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*Orphans and Vulnerables Organisation
Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund
CHY 17485*

SPIRITAN ZAMBIA ORPHAN FUND
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1st January to 31st December 2014

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About Our Charity

Our charity was first set up in Ireland in 2006. Our main aim is to raise funds to support the work of the Orphans and Vulnerables Organisation (OVO), Zambia. Most of the funds we raise are collected through church gate collections. We occasionally raise funds by holding raffles, table quizzes etc. Two such fundraisers were held in 2014, with substantial amounts raised from raffling of a signed Kilkenny Hurling Jersey and a signed Lions Jersey. OVO also receives generous support from Midland Grain Growers and the people of Kinnitty Parish in Co. Offaly, where Fr. Michael Walsh grew up. Generous donations are also received from a few individuals in the USA who are familiar with the valuable work being done by the OVO with orphaned children in Zambia.

The OVO uses these funds to improve the plight of Zambian children orphaned through HIV and AIDS, mostly through payment of school fees. Without our help, these children would not have the means to attend school. This would deny them the chance to receive education which is a basic human right.

The work of this organisation is coordinated by Fr. Michael Walsh, C.S.Sp., a native of Kinnitty, Co. Offaly, Ireland. Fr. Walsh has been working with children orphaned by HIV and AIDS in Zambia for over 30 years.

The Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund (SZOF) received charity status (CHY 17485) in 2007. Our Registered Charity Number is 20065171. The charity is currently funded mostly by donors in Ireland.

Our partner organisation in Zambia, the Orphans and Vulnerables Organisation (OVO) was registered by the registrar of societies in Zambia in May 2011. Its registration number is ORS/102/47/841.

Our organisation is a signatory on the Dochas website. Dochas is an umbrella group of international development, humanitarian and global justice not-for-profit organisations who share a commitment to tackle poverty and inequality in the world. We are committed to ensuring that we adhere to all the principles associated with [Dochas' Code of Conduct on Images and Messages](#).

Our Vision

The Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund is a small organisation with a big vision. All of our members work totally on a voluntary basis and we have no paid employees. Our work aims to provide as many orphaned and vulnerable children as possible with the opportunity to attend school. With the benefit of education, it is envisaged that they will improve their chances of finding employment and of ultimately achieving financial independence. This will facilitate them in bringing back some prosperity to their families and communities. It will also give them some control over their lives through informing them of the dignity and basic human rights to which every person has an entitlement. We aim to raise awareness of individual responsibilities and of issues related to culture, ethnicity, gender and religion.

In the course of our work, we place great emphasis on the importance of accountability and traceability. Since we were set up, we have published all our account details on our website, www.ovozeambia.com in

the “Documentation” section. Each year, we are provided with audited accounts by OVO which indicate how funds were used by them during the course of the year. It should be noted that OVO’s accounts include funds which are donated from other sources in addition to money transferred from the Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund account.

The following excerpt from the minutes of the AGM which took place on 13th December 2014, detailing an address from OVO’s managing director, Fr. Michael Walsh, encapsulates the mission of our partner organization -

“The Managing Director, started his report by greeting and thanking the members for coming to the 2014 AGM.

The director went further to say it was a pleasure to see all the members still so committed and faithful to attend the AGM, for this is a very important meeting in which as an organization we look back on the work and achievements of the past year. He said it was also very important for the solidarity the members manifested by coming together in the manner they did.

The director said this was a very important time to listen, interact and share with each other our successes and our failures in the work that we did with the orphans and vulnerable children and other people, in particular the aged the lonely and in some cases the abandoned, those whose lives we touch. In the spirit of peace and love for our work and those we serve,” I invite you to feel free to participate in this AGM as one family striving for the same mission, values and ethics that we all share in order to show the loving face of Jesus to those whose lives we touch especially the children remembering the words of Jesus himself who said “let the little children come to me” and in his words on the last Sunday of the liturgical year meriting the sure reward of him who said “come you blessed of my father for I was hungry and you gave me food to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was naked and you clothed me.”

The director said that the AGM provides an opportunity to look at different issues in order to build up the organization and to have focus in what we are doing and what we plan to do in the future. He also gave an update on particular developments in the organization and encouraged the members to get much more involved in the fundraising efforts at center level, that actually means taking much more responsibility for our orphans at center level.”

OVO Work in Zambia

Zambia has seen the deaths of thousands of people from AIDS, leaving in their wake a generation of orphaned children and vulnerable adults. OVO’s main aim is to try and help as many orphans and vulnerable people as possible. OVO is involved in projects in various parts of Southern Province, Zambia, with bases at seven different locations: Zimba; Fumbo; Kasiya; Pemba; Linda; Makunka; Mwapona Basic School, Choma. Each district is administered by a volunteer living in that area. Funds are made available to the various centres on presentation of clear budgets and depending on the amount of money available in the main OVO account

OVO has a number of programmes in place as follows:

Education: We have identified the provision of financial support for education as the most effective way of helping these children achieve financial independence. This support includes the provision of school fees, exam fees, books, etc. We also provide funding for third level education for a limited number of children.

A lack of security is one of the biggest problems facing these children. We believe that this programme supplies part of the security that every child needs. The children need to apply on a yearly basis for support with school fees. We try to subsidise these fees for children from Grade 1 to Grade 12. However, we can only guarantee funding on a yearly basis because we cannot predict from year to year the availability of sufficient funds in the charity's account.

Similar to most other charities, our funding has been affected by the recession. This has resulted in a situation where many children who have shown great promise to date may have to be denied funding in the coming years due to lack of resources. Any financial assistance which will help these children continue in education is being urgently sought.

In many cases, the children have no school books and the only set of books in a classroom is that held by the teacher. Also, even basic sports equipment such as basketball rings, basketballs or footballs are not available. We aim to provide funding for these basic provisions.

The lack of provision of basic housing for teachers has also been identified as a problem. In cases where teachers' homes are located long distances from schools, the availability of basic housing can be vitally important to attracting teachers to remote areas.

Counselling/Training in Capacity Building: The OVO set up a programme for the training of counsellors (13 trained to date) to support children who have emotional and psychological problems. The work carried out by these councillors has been of enormous benefit to the children. These services are being provided in seven centres throughout Southern Province, Zambia. The 2014 AGM reported that, *"our OVO representative attended a forum for NGO'S workshop in Choma. It dealt with relationships with social welfare. OVO were honored by being chosen to represent NGO's on Para –social training with a view to train other groups. OVO project Manager Sr.Macrina Lyaunda will report on this."*

Food: Food aid is provided to vulnerable individuals. This has been found to be very effective in improving school attendance as the children no longer have to trade and work to provide sustenance for themselves.

Our food programme is based in Mwapona Basic School (Choma) and Pemba Postulancy. A meal is provided three times a week at lunchtime in Mwapona Basic School. This programme has brought about a considerable increase in school attendance and has raised the pupils level of concentration during school. Before the food programme was introduced, pupils did not attend school because of the need to forage for food. The Pemba food programme is essentially for destitute adults.

Projects: We try to source funding from other organisations to improve school facilities such as water and sanitation, provision of schoolbooks and sports facilities etc.

OVO PROJECTS in 2014

Garda Third World Fund - Chali Community and Multi-Purpose Building:

In March 2014, we received photographs of the new community building which was constructed with funds received from the Garda Third World Fund during 2013. Painting of the building had just been completed and the local people were very proud of it. There was lots of activity happening in the new community building including capacity building initiatives. We received a report which said that, *“The new community building at Chali is proving to be a great asset to the local people. They are very proud of their fine new building. Some community members walk or travel long distances on bicycles to learn about their basic human rights. The Parish Development Animator (Alpher Michelo) from the neighbouring diocese of Monze travels on her motorbike to “the most beautiful building in the village of Chali” once every week to educate the community on issues such as development, human rights, advocacy, gender-based violence etc. She uses the internal walls to display posters during her lectures. The local men and women are delighted to have the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and learn together, guided by their facilitator. Sometimes, children attend with their parents and they look forward to the opportunity to play together.”*



INTO Solidarity Fund – Construction of Double Pit Latrines at Mwapona School:

This school, which is attended by 886 pupils, many of whom are orphaned, is located in a very deprived part of Zambia. OVO operates a food programme in the school for children who live in child-headed homes. The existing toilet accommodation at the school, which consisted of two very old and very basic pit latrines, was totally inadequate for the large number of pupils in attendance. Apart from the obvious problems with enormous queues to use the toilets, infection control was a significant problem. The latrines were unventilated and were not easily cleanable so conditions tended to be extremely unsanitary. Because conditions were so bad, OVO decided to top up the €2,000 grant donated by the INTO Solidarity Grant by a further €1,654 to enable construction of a second double pit latrine. The new latrines were built to the specification recommended by the Ministry of Education. They are far superior to the older latrines and the fact that they are ventilated is a big bonus. The internal finishes are smoother and this facilitates cleaning. For this reason, infection control is greatly improved. The new pit latrines have made a big difference to the school and the children all wanted to use them. However, priority was given to the younger children, especially those attending the pre-school and grades one, two and three. This is because they are more vulnerable to infection.



“There is great joy and jubilation among the children when they first saw the new toilets. Our school is indebted to the INTO donors for their generosity in providing us with this new facility.”

Ideally, the school should have 16 double latrines and it is hoped that in time, more will be built. In the meantime, the situation at the school has been greatly relieved.

Simwami Primary School Books and Sports Equipment Project:

On 1st August 2014, we were overjoyed when a cheque for €5,000 was presented to our charity by the executor for Rose Tighe’s estate, Kells, Co. Meath. This money was used to fund books and some basic sports equipment for Simwami Primary School, Southern Province, Zambia.

Simwami Primary School has 15 teachers and 484 pupils. The school serves a rural population where there is a high level of poverty. Many of the pupils have been orphaned by HIV and AIDS. The lack of books among the school children made learning very difficult. The very few books which were available were shared among the staff and pupils. Prior to receipt of the donation, there was no sports equipment in the school.

This project enabled us to provide a number of books which could be shared among the children at each level. The money also enabled us to buy some basic sports equipment so that recreation time will be more enjoyable for the children. This has made an enormous difference to the school, by greatly improving the learning environment and also by raising the morale of both pupils and teachers.



Combined Services Third World Fund (CSTWF) – Construction of 4 new Double Pit Latrines at Mwapona School:

Our organisation was delighted to receive funding from the Combined Services Third World Fund (CSTWF) in 2014 for construction of four new double pit latrines at Mwapona Primary School. In addition to the two old sub-standard pit latrines, this project would see the number of pit latrines increase from the two recently constructed double pit latrines to a total of six on completion of the project.

The excavation and construction of the four double pit latrine commenced in November 2014. The rainy season then started in December 2014 and construction work had to be stalled for a number of months as the holes filled with water. It was therefore impossible for the builder to continue until the rainy season would end in the spring of 2015.



School Fees Project - Midland Grain Growers and Kinnitty Parish:

OVO receives very generous support from Midland Grain Growers and the people of Kinnitty Parish in Co. Offaly on an ongoing basis. Collection of monies among these groups is coordinated by Ger Coughlan at harvest time of each year. A total of €10,000 was donated by this group in 2014. This money subsidises school fees throughout a wide catchment area, which includes Zimba, Fumbo, Kasiya, Pemba, Mazunka, Linda and Choma. The support of these groups enables countless orphaned and vulnerable Zambian children to access education. Education is vital to ensuring a brighter future for these children and for Zambia. The educational and social benefits of education will empower them for generations.

Garda Third World Fund – Borehole Water Supply at Chali:

The Garda Third World Fund awarded a grant of €4,825 to fund drilling a borehole to supply water to serve the Syamulunga West Community at Chali, a remote area which was in dire need of a source of drinking water. A borehole was urgently needed to serve a population of 164 made up of 26 households. The local people currently depend on water from a stream. However, this goes dry in June each year, and the resulting shortage of water causes great hardship. It is particularly difficult for old people and pregnant women, people who are HIV positive or those living with disabilities, such as those who are crippled or blind. When the stream goes dry, the local people must travel 8km to reach the nearest water source. This water source is located at a dam. It is unsafe to drink as animals such as cows, pigs, goats and other wild animals also drink from the same dam, resulting in pollution by animal faecal matter. The same dam is used for washing clothes, bathing and gardening. Apart from the water quality problems, there is a very high risk of being attacked by crocodiles and drowning has also been a problem.

Sinking a borehole in Syamulunga West Community would bring many benefits to local households as follows –

- Easy access to water supply, with particular benefits for the ill and disabled
- Reliable water source which will not run dry each Summer
- Safe water quality so less water bourne illness
- Potential for those living close to the borehole to grow their own vegetables

- No longer at risk of drowning or attack by crocodiles

OVO hired a well-established drilling company, with excellent credentials, to do the work. The company, United Drilling & Exploration Co. Ltd., undertook attempts at drilling in three separate locations identified by experts as the most likely to yield water. However, we were destined to be bitterly disappointed when we did not succeed in finding a suitable aquifer capable of supplying the area with water. The drilling for water in Zambia can be problematic due to the hydrogeological make-up of the ground. Many experienced hydrogeologists were consulted as part of the process. The following is quoted from an email from one of them. *“Meanwhile, I did manage to dig up a relatively recent (and readable!) review of the groundwater resources in Southern Province (which I attach) and if nothing else, it does confirm the likelihood of a poor success rate in your area (24% of boreholes fail which is almost certainly an underestimate!). Unfortunately, the geology there suggests that the alluvium is likely to be rich in clay material overlying granitic and poorly productive 'hard' rocks - which you have already confirmed with your dry holes! From experience, I sympathize that accessing groundwater in Zambia can be a frustrating and protracted business - but don't give up! “*

However, after three failed attempts at drilling, we abandoned the project. This caused major disappointment in the community whose members had been so hopeful of success and all of the possibilities it would have opened up for them.

Income and Expenditure during 2014

In 2014, the Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund transferred €34,506.29 to our partner's charity's account in Zambia. A breakdown of where this money was sourced is contained in our Income and Expenditure account on page 11. Also contained in this account are details of the amounts received in grant payments from organisations towards projects. Reports were sent in all cases to the donor organisations, with evidence of payments made in respect of the projects.

A further breakdown of how the money was distributed among the various centres is contained in the OVO Allocations And Expenditures spreadsheet on page 13.

Case Study:

Hi From Pemba . Nice to hear from Ireland. I am a young Zambian citizen aged (31) thirty one. Tracy Singoma is my name. I am the second born in a family of five (5), four (4) girls and one boy. The first born died, therefore we are now four of which I am the eldest in the family.

My father died a long time ago and when we needed him most. I used to stay with my mother who is a widow. We have had financial problems throughout our school days and it was at this time we came in contact with Father Michael Walsh and his programme for supporting vulnerable children and old people. I used to repair shoes at school for my school requirements because I come from a humble family (poor). I became a laughing stock for people who were rich. I accepted my problems because it was not my mistake to be born into a poor family. I put all my problems in God's hands and worked extra hard at college.

The OVO used to pay half the cost for me at teaching college and poor mother used to struggle with the other half. The arrangement was that as soon as I start working, I should start paying back this money to help someone else in appreciation for what this programme has done to help me. Now that I am working as a teacher, I was given the task to sponsor my younger brother with half of his college fees and the other half is paid from OVO . He is doing a teaching course and very soon he will complete his course and become a full time teacher like me.

My young sister Violet Singoma who is doing mechanics is also receiving half support from OVO through Father Michael Walsh and others. It is difficult for me to source the other half as I am the the oldest in my family and the only member working at the moment.

I have completed a Primary Diploma and I still looking forward to being supported by OVO again to complete my degree in Primary Education either this year or next year depending on OVO support. I help my family with food and other requirements but it is not easy. I also keep an orphan. We have a plot in Monze and the aim is to build houses for rent so that we can rely on rentals for survival especially for my mother who is doing voluntary work. We are looking for well wishers to support us in building these houses.

Finally, I am looking forward to OVO opening a regular school in Zambia where I personally will teach in appreciation for what Father Michael Walsh and his group is doing to assist me and my family and other families. My phone number is provided.

Thank You

The trustees of this charity wish to sincerely thank all of our generous donors and also all those who have gone out in all weathers to help with church gate collections and other fund raising activities. Our work would be impossible without this the support of all these people and we are eternally grateful for their willingness to help us in achieving our mission to help improve the lives of those less fortunate than us.

The income and expenditure account for the Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund for 2014 is shown in the table below. Anyone who would like to see full details of the fundraising accounts throughout the year will find them in the Documentation section of our website, www.ovozeambia.com.

SPIRITAN ZAMBIA ORPHAN FUND			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2014			
DETAILS	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE 31st December 2014
Balance forward from December 2013	€3,566.74		
Personal donations	€8,376.00		
Donations from organisations	€1,055.00		
Churchgate collections	€12,717.44		
Fundraiser - Kilkenny jersey raffle	€511.00		
INTO Solidarity Grant	€2,000.00		
Combined Services Third World Fund Grant	€7,200.00		
Fundraiser - Lions jersey raffle	€1,840.00		
Tax refund on donations received 2013	€2,490.78		
Rose Tighe Estate	€5,000.00		
Deposit interest	€40.96		
Money Transfers to Zambia		€34,506.29	
TOTAL	€44,797.92	€34,506.29	€10,291.63
<u>Funds sent separately on our behalf by other organisations to our charity's account in Zambia</u>			
Midland Grain Growers and Kinnity Parish	€10,000.00	€10,000.00	
Garda Third World Fund - transferred by An Garda Síochana for borehole at Chali	€4,825.00	€4,825.00	
Total Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund income sourced in Ireland in 2014	€59,622.92	€49,331.29	€10,291.63

Audited accounts for 2014 in respect of our partner organisation OVO Zambia are displayed in the following pages. These are followed by a report on the number of children who benefited from our charity in 2014.

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLES ORGANIZATION (OVO)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DOLLAR AND KWACHA ACCOUNT

2014

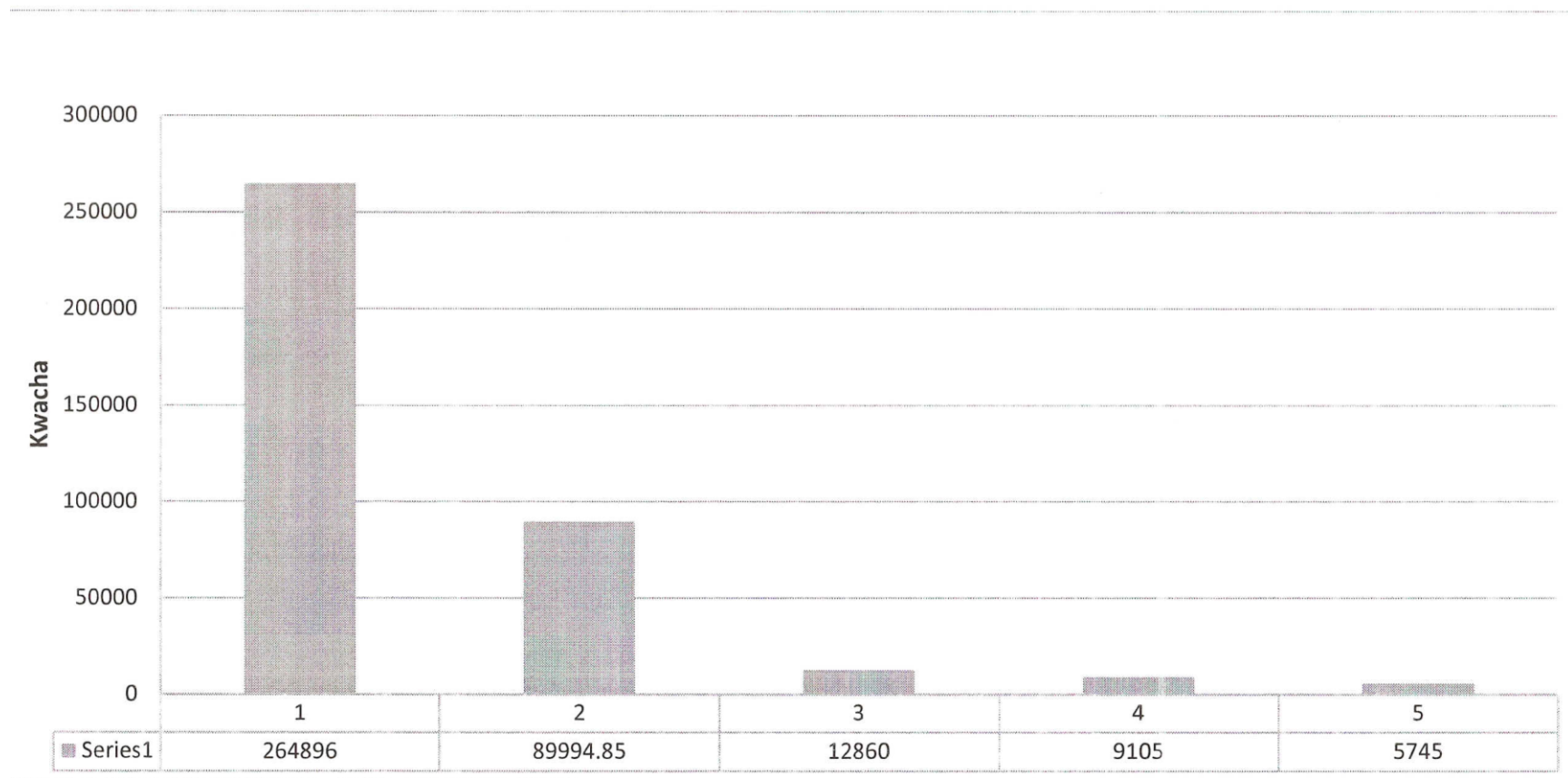
Total Opening Balance		Total Amount Received			Total Expenditure	Total Closing Balance	
US Dollar	Kwacha	Total US Dollars Received	Total US Dollar Converted	Kwacha	Kwacha	US Dollar	Kwacha
50,919.08	68,457.77	50,972.05	57,514.77	401,360.88	394,850.85	44,376.36	74,967.80

Orphans and Vulnerables Organisation
Allocations and Expenditures
1st January – 31st December 2014

Ref. NO:	Centre	Opening Balance 2014	Amount Received	Local Fundraising	Cash at Hand	Bank Charges	Expenditure	Account Balance
1.	Linda OVO Centre	2,793.80	27,250.00	-	443.14	-	26,941.00	2,659.66
2.	Makunka OVO Centre	4,204.40	25,546.00	-	1,635.40		24,205.00	3,910.00
3.	Zimba OVO Centre	2,457.20	103,550.00	390.00			102,200.00	4,197.20
4.	Mwaponi OVO Centre	1,693.80	27,250.00	910.00			27,250.00	2,603.80
5.	Pemba OVO Centre	2,500.80	27,250.00	6,965.00			34,180.00	2,535.80
6.	Kasiya OVO Centre	5,954.80	26,800.00	-	3,100.00	500	26,354.80	2,800.00
7.	Fumbo OVO Centre	1,718.80	27,250.00	-	6,326.00	500	21,574.00	568.80
8.	Mwaponi & Simwami Projects	-	89,994.85	-	-	-	89,994.85	-
9.	Capacity Building and Training	-	12,860.00	-	-	-	12,860.00	-
10.	Meetings + Transport Refund	-	9,105.00	-	-	-	9,105.00	-
11.	Administration	-	5,745.00	-	-	-	5,745.00	-
Total		<u>21,323.60</u>	<u>382,600.85</u>	<u>8,265.00</u>	<u>11,504.54</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>380,409.65</u>	<u>19,275.26</u>

KWACHA ACCOUNT ALLOCATION GRAPH

1. OVO Centres	264,896.00
2. Mwapona & Simwami Projects	89,994.85
3. Capacity Building & Training	12,860.00
4. Meetings + Transport Refund	9,105.00
5. Administration	5,745.00



THE ORPHANS AND VULNERABLES ORGANIZATION
P.O. BOX 123
ZIMBA

31/12/2014

The office of the registrar of the societies
P.O. Box 60098
LUSAKA.

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLES ORGANIZATION (OVO) 2014
Registration NO: ORS/102/47/841

See the attached financial report covering the period from January 1st 2014 to December 31st 2014. The fund used for the stated period came from the mother body in Ireland and other well-wishers and friends. The money was used to support orphans and vulnerables with school fees, construction of toilets at Mwapona Community School, buying of books in Simwami School and food assistance to the vulnerable. The demand had been so high and source of funds is very limited. In 2014 we were able to support the following number of children/people: Zimba 87, Makunka 28, Linda 33, Fumbo 21, Mwapona Community School 29, Kasiya 36 and Pemba 34. In addition, 826 pupils at Mwapona benefited from the construction of toilets and 400 at Simwami through the purchase of books. Total number of beneficiaries: 1 494.

We are glad to be able to cooperate with the register of societies and we look forward to work in collaboration in the future.

Please find the enclosed

1. Annual returns receipt for 2014
2. Annual returns for 2014.

Yours Sincerely,



Mutinta Eunia
OVO Treasurer

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Partner Organisation in Zambia	The Orphans and Vulnerables Organisation - registration number with the registrar of societies in Zambia is ORS/102/47/841.