

**ACTION ON HIV**

# St Francis' Hospital, Zambia

*Vital health outreach to a rural population*

**In their own words**

*'The support we receive from overseas is incredible and the hospital just wouldn't be what is without it. USPG has supported the hospital since the beginning.'*  
 Ian Parkinson, Administration Manager, St Francis' Hospital.



**Zambia factfile**

**Capital:** Lusaka  
**Languages:** English (official), Bemba, Lozi, Nyanja, Tonga  
**Religion:** Christianity, indigenous beliefs, Hinduism, Islam  
**Export:** Copper, minerals, tobacco  
**Population:** 11.9 million  
**Life expectancy:** 42 years  
**Further reading:**  
<http://www.zambia.co.zm/>,  
<http://www.saintfrancishospital.net/>

**USPG in Zambia**

Universities Mission to Central Africa (now part of USPG) began to explore outreach work in Zambia in 1907. Today USPG gives over £127,000 towards grassroots projects across the province of Central Africa.

## About this Project...

▶ **Target: £51,300 / €68,400 | Project 129**

In Zambia, malaria, AIDS and TB have decimated the working population and left many orphaned children. Church-run St Francis' Hospital in Katete is the only source of healthcare for a large rural population in Eastern Zambia where most people live a subsistence way of life. The intervention of the church is vital because its broad network means it can reach remote rural areas that are frequently overlooked by other charitable agencies. Through Project 129, you can help enable St Francis' to reach out to the community of Katete in Eastern Zambia. This is a very busy 350-bed hospital,

servicing a population of 157,000, which comprises mostly of poor subsistence farming communities. The hospital runs a network of 14 rural clinics, offering access to healthcare to marginalised people. As well as being the most important local source of medical treatment, the hospital runs a community education programme that teaches people how to prevent disease and hospital staff are trying to challenge the stigma attached to HIV and AIDS that frequently prevents people from coming forward for testing and possible help.

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