

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Fiwila Rural Health Centre, Zambia

Improving health conditions for rural communities in Fiwila

In their own words

'This Project is a mission priority because if interventions are not put in place the whole community will be affected and hence not able to participate in the life of the church.'
 The Rt Revd Derek Kamukwamba,
 Bishop of Central Zambia.



Zambia factfile

Capital: Lusaka
Languages: English (official), Bemba, Lozi, Nyanja, Tonga
Religion: Christianity, Hinduism, indigenous beliefs
Population: 12.9 million
Life expectancy: 42 years
Export: Copper, minerals, tobacco
Further reading:
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zambia

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About this Project...

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Fiwila Rural Health Centre, in central Zambia, is a focal point for rural communities to get involved in innovative projects that improve health.

Communities in Fiwila mostly survive through subsistence farming. This is an area where 15 per cent of the population is living with HIV. The health centre was set up by the Diocese of Central Zambia, in 2005, to address issues such as HIV, as well as malaria and tuberculosis. With the help of community volunteers the health centre provides a range of services, such as HIV testing and counselling, antiretroviral

therapy and nutritional support. The health centre also assists orphans and vulnerable children, enabling them to go to school.

An integral aspect of the health centre's work is raising community awareness about these issues through drama. This work is already improving health conditions, with the malaria rate dropping from 40 per cent in 2005 to 10 per cent in 2009.

The health centre is starting to give training in income generating activities and is training caregivers to help people living with HIV to look after their families and be active within the community.

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