



Our Vision

Sanctuary Retreats Philanthropy (SRP) builds long lasting relationships with the rural communities in the areas in which we operate. Our goal is to identify and sponsor long-term, viable and self-sustaining projects that will have the support of both our visitors and our staff. We work closely with the communities to determine their needs and improve their general well-being through empowerment, improved infrastructure, skill development and the overall enhancement of health, education and welfare for the future.

We are pleased to introduce you to Nakatindi Village, on the outskirts of Livingstone, which is a flagship project for Sanctuary Retreats in Zambia.

About Nakatindi Village and Community School

Nakatindi Village is located in the Livingstone area approximately five kilometres from Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma and six kilometres from Livingstone Town. Divided into three zones, each with its own headmen and elders' committee, the community is viewed as a 'whole' with the elders working closely together. The total population of the village is estimated at 2,700 people with 1,500 households. The average household earns the equivalent of up to US\$80 per month.

Along the northern edge of the village lies Nakatindi Community School. Almost two-thirds of the 442 children currently attending are orphaned or considered vulnerable. Hence they are dependent on the one meal a day provided by the school.

As its name implies, the school is heavily supported by the members of the community. Their spirit and willingness to give are evident throughout the many volunteer roles they fill to support the school's success. These include five qualified teachers who work on a voluntary basis, receiving only an occasional small honorarium to award them for their exceptional efforts. It is important to realize the school receives only minimal support from the Zambian government, in the form of books and the provision of seven government teachers.

Nakatindi Community School has eight classes from pre-school through grade 7. There are only four classrooms to accommodate the 442 students. The school day is divided, with half the students attending morning classes and the other half attending in the afternoon.

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The First Steps

SRP began working with the community and school at Nakatindi in July 2010 when we initiated dialogue with the headmaster of the school as well as the Community Elders in order to identify their immediate needs.

Next we structured a work plan and time table for the following projects.

Vegetable Garden

The school has a small vegetable garden which is cared for by the students, teachers and a community 'Garden Committee'. In order to make the garden a viable resource and income producing project, we have implemented several improvements. We extended the size of the garden from 13 meters x 26.5 meters to 16 meters x 54.5 meters. This area has now been fully fenced. Seed, compost and natural fertilizer have been provided. In addition, we purchased and installed a permanent water tank to be sure that the garden is correctly irrigated.

These improvements were made possible with the donations and support of Sanctuary Retreats. Several of the youth in the community assisted with the labour. Additional gardening equipment and supplies have been provided by the generous donations of a number of our guests.

The garden produce will be used by the school to supplement the children's feeding program. When sufficient amounts are available, Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma will purchase vegetables from the garden at the going market price, and surplus produce will be sold by the school to markets in Livingston. These revenues will be clearly recorded and accounted for with profits being donated back into the school.

Hammer Mill Shelter

Some time ago the school received the donation of a small hammer mill for grinding maize meal, the staple food of the area. Whilst they had a potentially valuable asset, without a building to 'house' the mill, it was useless. With the aid of contributions from SRP, a shelter for the hammer mill has been built. The purpose of the hammer mill is to help the school generate sufficient income to become self-sustaining as well as contribute towards the children's feeding program.

Child Feeding Program

With the limited supply of food currently available for the school, there is a need to ensure a more reliable source in order to provide the children with a more balanced and nourishing lunch – often their only meal of the day. It is hoped that a consistent food supply will ensure the children's attendance at school. At the moment a number of children are forced to miss classes when meals are not provided in order to look for food elsewhere. Once the vegetable garden and the hammer mill are fully operational, it is hoped through the revenues generated, as well as the produce from the garden, we will make this goal a reality.

Water for Zone 3

Through the generous contributions of our guests we have been able to install a much needed borehole providing clean and safe water to the people of Zone 3 in Nakatindi Village. Prior to this the inhabitants of Zone 3 were dependent on collecting and carrying their water from Zones 1 and 2.

Village and School Tours

As part of our included activities offered at Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, we welcome you to visit the village and school during your stay. This will allow you to meet and interact with this wonderful and proud community and will give you an opportunity to see these projects first hand. Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma contributes a donation for each guest who visits the village. These funds go towards paying the Community Guides a small fee and the balance is utilised in the various projects for the benefit of the greater community.

The staff at Sanctuary Retreats have, together with the generous donations from our guests, been able to make the first exciting steps towards a better future for Nakatindi. Through these donations and our commitment, the village and school are already experiencing positive changes.

JOIN US IN TAKING THE NEXT STEP!

The Next Step

Sanctuary Retreats has pledged to make a contribution towards the various projects at Nakatindi for every night a guest stays at any one of our properties in Zambia. This pledge has so far made projects such as the building of the hammer mill shelter possible. In time our 'Nakatindi' model will be introduced into the other areas where we operate in Zambia in order to support rural communities.

The vision for future projects in the village includes:

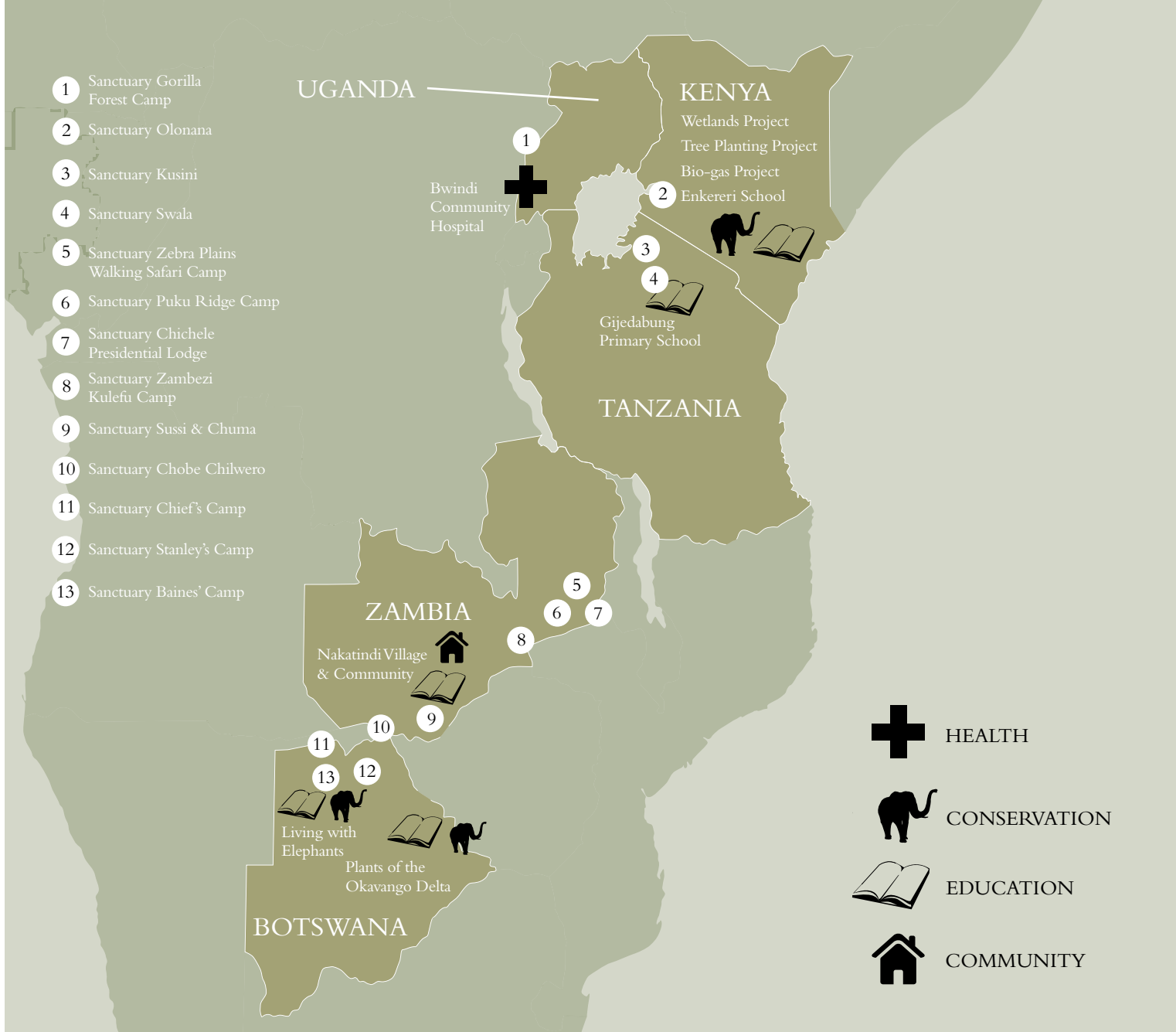
- The building of a health clinic which will provide health care for those suffering from HIV/AIDS, for pregnant women as well as providing basic health care for the community.
- The building of two new classrooms at Nakatindi Community School including an ablution block. This will allow the school to offer Grade 8 and 9 classes to the village children who successfully graduate from Primary School. Currently they are unable to continue with their studies due to lack of places available in the surrounding villages for Middle School education.
- Improvement of the sewerage and water reticulation systems to ensure that all the community has access to clean water. This will reduce illness and disease.
- To develop an adults skills training centre for the community.

Guests at Sanctuary Retreats who wish to assist in supporting these projects are welcome to do so by contributing either monetary or in kind donations. The reverse of this leaflet has details of how monetary donations may be made if desired. In kind contributions should be given through the Sanctuary Retreats lodge management team.

Please note that we discourage the handing out of sweets, cash or gifts to individuals. We ask instead that all donations are channelled through Sanctuary Retreats so that they may directly benefit the school and be utilised to benefit the greater community.

Sanctuary Retreats Philanthropy Projects

SRP is committed to improving conservation, health, education and community sustainability in each of the regions in which we own and operate properties. In addition to the work being carried out in Nakatindi Village we have also successfully completed and continue to support other projects in Africa.



A Few of Our SRP Projects

Sanctuary Stanley's Camp and Sanctuary Baines' Camp: Living with Elephants

In Botswana, the Living with Elephants Foundation, run by Doug and Sandi Groves, allows guests at Sanctuary Stanley's and Sanctuary Baines' camps to take part in a very special learning adventure, a leisurely paced walk with a trio of semi-habituated elephants: Jabu, Thembi and Morula. The elephant interaction activity allows for a newfound appreciation of these gentle giants providing a deeper and more personal understanding of elephant. Every year, Living with Elephants runs an outreach project which affords children from neighbouring villages the opportunity to spend two days learning about, and interacting with Jabu, Thembi and Morula. Sanctuary Retreats is proud to sponsor Living with Elephants' and wildlife conservation.

Sanctuary Swala: Gijedabung Primary School

At Sanctuary Swala tented camp, as part of the commitment to the local community the staff and management team initiated a pioneering community conservation project that included building the Gijedabung Primary School in the nearby village of Mamire. The camp, which borders on Tarangire National Park, organised the construction of three classrooms and other facilities, employing local villagers to produce the concrete building blocks needed. In addition, Sanctuary Swala provides staples for a nutritious lunch for every student each day, supplemented with vegetables from the school's own garden. The camp also donated a 2000 litre water storage facility to provide clean drinking water. In 2000, the school opened with 90 students ranging from 6 to 13 years old – and today there are more than 600. Guests at Sanctuary Swala have the opportunity to learn more about this project and become involved with the camp's philanthropic efforts during their stay.

Sanctuary Chief's Camp: Plants of the Okavango Delta

SRP have supported the work of Alison and Roger Heath, acclaimed British botanists and authors, with the research for their book, 'The Plants of Northern Botswana including the Okavango Delta', in which they give a detailed guide of local flowers and plant life in Botswana. Whilst researching the book, Alison and Roger have a cabin at Sanctuary Chief's Camp which has enabled them to carry out their work in the area. Their research has discovered new species of plants which were sent to the National Museum and to the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew UK. Through dedication to their research, Alison and Roger have given Sanctuary Retreats' clients the exclusive opportunity to see the processes involved in the analysis of the plant life in Botswana's Okavango Delta.

Sanctuary Olonana: Wetlands Project

Sanctuary Olonana in Kenya's Masai Mara has designed an innovative wetland system which has enabled the camp to conserve water by treating grey and black wastewater in a unique system. Four different water treatment pools process the water at various stages and enable plant life to grow until eventually clean water can be released back into the Mara River. This method ensures that waste water is treated carefully and water levels are maintained. This 12-year old project continues to thrive and was among the conservation initiatives that helped Sanctuary Olonana earn the prestigious eco warrior award.