

Project 2: Secondary and Tertiary Education Scholarship program, Lusaka, Zambia

Overview

“University is one of the keys that can open the door to the future of our nation and help us to overcome the persisting evils of poverty, ignorance and diseases; without such an institution we cannot hope to become the nation we want to be” Dr Kenneth Kaunda

Dr Kenneth Kaunda the first president of Zambia made this quote during his inaugural ceremony as the chancellor of the University of Zambia in 1966. The same sentiment was echoed in a speech by Gabonese President Omar Bongo in 2006 in which he stated that:

“Effective learning institutions are powerful ‘weapons’ against most of the continents’ challenges these include poverty, ignorance, diseases and illiteracy” Mr Omar Bongo

To overcome the challenges that were stated by Dr Kenneth Kaunda and Mr Omar Bongo, Zambia requires dedicated and committed trained graduates to inspire and advance the cause of the people, future hope lies in graduates who are able to transform the dreams and visions of the nation into realities.

Across the world, it is acknowledged that the University is a premier center of excellence for research and training aimed at offering practical and workable answers to the challenges mankind faces, as a result the university occupies a critical position in any nation.

In Zambia statistics of figures of secondary school leavers show that only six per cent of the total number of pupils who complete Grade 12 are able to access a tertiary education, only three per cent of this six per cent access technical, educational, vocational and entrepreneurship training, two per cent go to universities and one per cent pursue other tertiary programmes, so this leaves 94 per cent of school leavers in limbo, waiting to see where the wind will take them.

Funding for tertiary education is not easy for the average Zambian and there are a number of young men and women who have failed to access tertiary education, not because they least qualify for it, but because fees can be prohibitive.

Project

2.1. By providing Zambian youth with tertiary education opportunities it enables them to effectively contribute to society and thus in turn they are able to apply their skills to contribute to economic growth.

The objectives of this project are to:

- Provide a student from a disadvantaged background with a scholarship to a tertiary education institution.
- The scholarship will cover tuition fees, teaching aid fees, examination fees and living costs.

2.2. By providing Zambian youth with secondary education opportunities it enables them to complete their lower education so they are able to progress onto tertiary education as a means of making their mark on this world and Zambian national development.

The objectives of this project are to:

- Provide a student from a disadvantaged background (especially orphans and vulnerable children) with a scholarship to a secondary education institution.
- The scholarship will cover school tuition fees, teaching aid fees and examination fees.