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# IPA ERADICATION OF POVERTY PROJECT FUND

2025 RECIPIENTS

SELECTED BY THE UNION OF PRESENTATION SISTERS





# INTRODUCTION

**The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, observed globally on **17 October**, is dedicated to raising awareness about the ongoing fight against poverty and the need for **collective action** to eliminate this widespread issue. It serves as a reminder that poverty is not only a **global challenge** but also a barrier to achieving **social justice** and **sustainable development**.

This day encourages individuals, communities, and governments worldwide to take **concrete steps** to **alleviate poverty, empower marginalised communities**, and work towards a world where everyone can enjoy their **basic human rights**. It also offers a moment to recognise the struggles and efforts of those living in poverty, giving them a chance to make their **concerns heard**. The goal of eradicating poverty aligns deeply with the **Presentation Charism**, rooted in **compassion, justice, and solidarity** with the most vulnerable.

**The International Presentation Association (IPA)** commemorates this day each year by inviting **donations** from our global IPA network and partners. These funds **support projects** that directly contribute to the eradication of poverty, reflecting IPA's mission of speaking and acting in **partnership for global justice**. In doing so, IPA furthers its commitment to the United Nation's **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, particularly the goal to **end poverty in all its forms everywhere**.

The Conference, Society, and Union each take turns to identify a project as the designated beneficiary for that year's collection.

**The Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary have selected the designated beneficiary for 2025.**

Read below for more on this years incredible beneficiaries.

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# CHESHIRE HOME – MONGU, ZAMBIA

REQUEST FOR ANY CONTRIBUTION TO HELP FUND  
THE BUILDING OF A NEW DORMITORY.

**Cheshire Home** is a **rehabilitation centre** that provides **care** and **support** for some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in **Zambia's Western Province**. It serves families with children who have a range of **disabilities** and **limited access to healthcare**, offering **vital assistance** to those who might otherwise be forgotten, as few alternative services exist in the region.

The centre offers both **residential and outpatient care** for children aged from one month to 16 years. Its residential programme provides **holistic treatment through surgery, physiotherapy, education, and opportunities for social development**, helping children build **confidence and independence**.

Since its inception, Cheshire Home has relied entirely on support from a parish in England, as well as generous friends and NGO partners. However, due to the global economic downturn and reduced funding, **sustaining operations and responding to growing needs has become increasingly difficult**.

One of the most pressing current priorities is to expand the facility by building an **additional dormitory** to reduce **overcrowding**. At present, the centre accommodates between 75 and 85 children per school term, making the need for more space urgent to continue providing **safe and dignified care**.





# NANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL – KALUKUNDWE, KAOMA

## REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

This small school was established in **2023** to meet the **urgent need** for a **local learning space** for children who previously had to **walk over seven kilometres** along a busy road used by large copper and timber trucks to reach the nearest school – **a route where accidents often occur**.

The school currently accommodates around **35 children**, with classes held under a **simple shed**. Despite the limited conditions, the **children thrive** under the dedication of a **single teacher** who fosters a **joyful and encouraging learning environment**. However, there remains a **serious shortage of teaching and learning materials** to adequately support both the teacher and the students.



# WATER PROJECT, VUNA IN PEMBA PARISH

## REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR WATER PROJECT

The Pemba Parish Development Team, together with the Presentation Sisters, aim to install a **borehole, solar pump, and water tank** to provide the entire community of Pemba with **reliable access to water** for household use, livestock, and food production.

They have already purchased a solar pump kit and solar panels, but additional funds are needed to complete the project. The remaining requirements include:

- A small house for the caretaker to oversee the security of the project
- A wire fence to protect the solar pump and solar panels
- A secure elevated structure to house and control the solar system
- A 5,000-litre water tank for storage and distribution.

