

# Marie Stopes International Zambia Organisation Profile



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# About Marie Stopes International Zambia

## Our Goal, Mission & Vision

### Goal

The Prevention of Unwanted Births and Sexual & Reproductive Diseases.

### Mission

To ensure the individual's fundamental human right to have Children by Choice not Chance.

### Vision

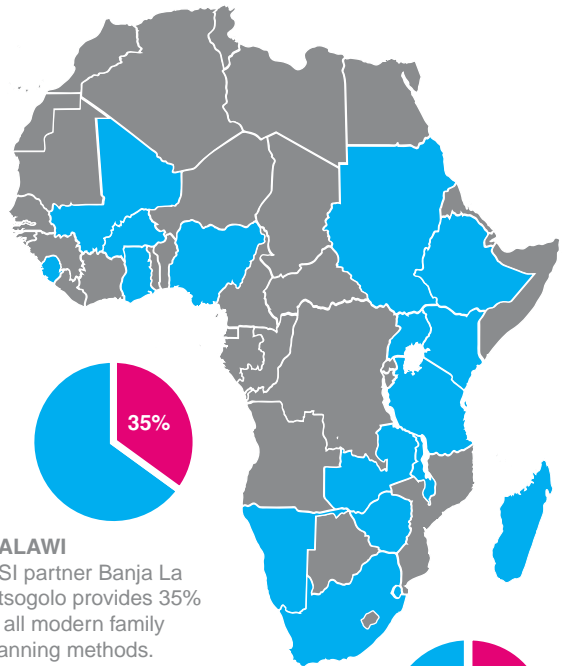
In pursuit of MSIZ's Goal and Mission, MSIZ strives to work in partnership to:

- Respond to **unmet need** for family planning services and supplies;
- Expand the capacities of the **Zambian health system** in hard-to-reach areas;
- Build **sustainable** programmes;
- Integrate family planning and safe motherhood services with **comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care**;
- Achieve **financial sustainability** through an appropriate combination of cost-recovery and donor support;
- Set a standard in facilities and quality of care to increase client satisfaction and **improve standards across the reproductive health sector**.

## Client-Centred Care

Clients come first and are the only VIPs. They are entitled to: confidential services, non-judgemental and non-directive advice and straight facts about their sexual and reproductive health. We not only want to meet clients' expectations but exceed them.

## Marie Stopes International in Africa



MSI works in 17 countries in Africa, providing family planning, HIV and STI prevention and maternal healthcare

## Who was Marie Stopes?



Marie Stopes was a Scottish family planning pioneer and women's rights campaigner. In 1921 she opened the first dedicated reproductive health clinic in Europe offering free services to women and gathering scientific data for the development of contraceptive technology. The clinic marked the start of a new era in which couples, for the first time, could attempt to take control over their fertility.

Since the first clinic opened in London, Marie Stopes' mission has been taken across the world to 42 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and Australasia with over 6 million clients visiting us in 2008.

# Our Core Services

## Contraception



Our work will centre around **improving choice and access to contraception** in poor urban and rural areas.

MSI is a global leader in long-term contraception including tubal ligation and vasectomy. Our experience across Africa has shown that once women are given information on all of their choices and provided with services in poor and hard-to-reach areas use of long-term reversible and permanent methods of contraception vastly increases.

Through our urban and rural outreach and our integrated clinic over 1200 women have chosen long-term reversible contraception in our first twelve months working in partnership with the MoH and Kara Counselling in Lusaka and Central Province.

## Male Circumcision



As a major partner in the Male Circumcision Partnership we plan to make a significant impact on controlling the Zambian HIV epidemic. Since December 2008 hundreds of men have visited our integrated clinics and urban outreach sites to access safe circumcision services.

This isn't only about reducing men's HIV risk. We see incredible potential in male circumcision to **involve men** in the health of their families, partners and fellow men. Bringing young men into sexual and reproductive health clinics offers the chance to make them comfortable with discussing their sexual health and giving our counsellors the opportunity to provide information on family planning, STI and HIV prevention. This can multiply the positive effect of male circumcision on the sexual and reproductive health of Zambians.

## Young People's Services



We are committed to providing youth-friendly services in every area of our work and creating **youth-focused** clinical services.

Each MSIZ clinic welcomes under-25s and we have developed IEC materials to spread knowledge and build trust in service providers amongst young people. In Mutendere, Lusaka, we are working in partnership with Africa Directions to provide **youth-focused** access to integrated sexual and reproductive health services. We train their medical staff, provide supplies and ensure quality of care, then Africa Directions mobilise young people through peer education and drama. We feel that this is an important model for the future of **youth-focused** services.

## Safe Abortion

Abortion will always generate controversy and moral debate, but what all sides can agree on is that when a woman chooses abortion it has to be **safe**. Yet, the reality is that thousands of Zambian women have an induced abortion every year. Most turn to untrained providers or self-administer putting their lives at risk and threatening their future health and fertility.

**We want to end unsafe abortions** through extending access to contraception and comprehensive abortion care within the legal framework. Where a woman has no safe options we will deal with the consequences of unsafe abortion by providing post-abortion care services to limit the damage to her health.

Through our pregnancy crisis counselling services women can talk to a non-judgemental, non-directive counsellor who will make sure she has access to the right care, within the legal framework, whether she chooses to continue her pregnancy or not. Our post-abortion care services provide emergency care for women who have undergone an unsafe abortion. We work to prevent her going through the trauma again by providing comprehensive counselling and provision of contraception.

# Health System Strengthening

## Integrated Health Centres



The bedrock of our organization is our health centre network. Our centres provide specialized sexual and reproductive healthcare, screening and disease prevention services including family planning, STI treatment and prevention, HIV screening, cervical cancer screening, gynaecological check-ups, pregnancy crisis counseling, post-abortion care and male circumcision alongside primary general medicine. Our aim is that all our clinics can become self-sustaining through cost-recovery, allowing for cross-subsidisation of our core sexual and reproductive health services.

We currently operate one clinic in **Lusaka** and plan to open another in **Copperbelt** in 2009.

## Urban Outreach

Our clinic-based outreach teams will enhance the capacities of MoH and community-based clinical services to provide more choices in family planning and skilled male circumcision services. Our expertise in long-term contraception including tubal ligation, vasectomy and male circumcision, delivered at MoH facilities, has the potential to make a rapid impact on meeting the unmet contraceptive needs of Zambian women and men and addressing the HIV epidemic.

We currently operate outreach programmes in **Lusaka** and **Kabwe** and plan to expand into **Copperbelt Province** and **Southern Province** in 2009/2010.

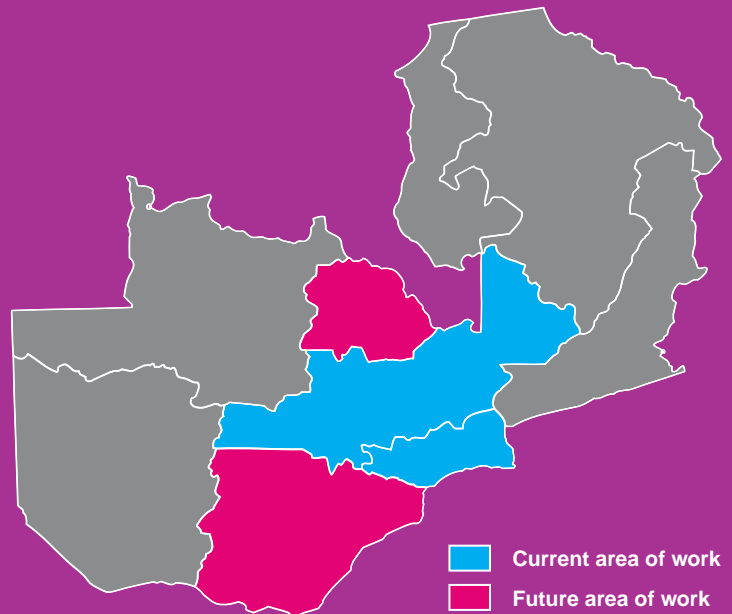
## Rural Outreach



By building the capacities of health care partners who work deep in hard-to-reach areas we are able to take our services to rural clients who

have the greatest need for family planning. Where partners do not exist, our outreach teams of trained providers and logistical support, based at Marie Stopes centres, will work in partnership with facilities run by MoH and community based organizations to deliver a wide range of family planning choices and male circumcision services.

We currently operate outreach programmes in **Central Province** and plan to expand into **Copperbelt** and **Southern Province** in 2009/2010.



## Network Partnership

We believe the private sector has an important role to play in meeting family planning needs and tackling HIV. Our Partnership Network will ensure that participating private clinics and pharmacies provide the right information to clients about their sexual health and provide high quality services. When a private sector partner joins our network we also insist that prices are made accessible to poor clients. This often means bringing prices down whilst taking clinical and advisory standards up.

Our network currently includes organisations from **Lusaka** and **Central Province**. As well as expanding our network in these provinces we will form further partnerships in **Copperbelt Province** and **Southern Province** in 2009/2010.