

# MOTHERS OF AFRICA

Monaco Newsletter, July 2021



*Students at Shiyala Primary School*

Once again huge thanks are due to all our supporters, fundraisers and donors! It has been an interesting & challenging time since our last newsletter in May 2020.

Due to Covid we were restricted with our normal fundraising activities, but that has not deterred us from continuing to support our local community in Zambia. The crisis also brought our teams in the UK and Monaco as well as our collaborators in Zambia frequently together by Zoom. Lots of discussions, celebrations and brainstorming led to a very productive year !

Here is a little run-down!



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# INTERNS

We said goodbye to our wonderful Intern Meg Harris in May last year. Check out her blog about her experience on our website : <https://mothers-of-africa.org/post/meg-harris-reflections-of-my-internship-at-moa>

Meg went on to work for Julian Lennon's White Feather Foundation which supports MoA.

Lauren Carroll superseded Meg as our Intern from SciencesPo from May 2020 to May 2021. She has been an asset to our team even though we only met via Zoom!

Now, we are looking forward to working with Kaoutar Laklalech from Sciences Po who has just joined our team.

## EVERGREEN SCHOOL AND ARCHDAILY

Our Mothers of Africa build at Evergreen School, Zambia by Caukin Studios was published Live on ArchDaily! We are proud of the difference our charity can make!! Check out the link below;

[https://www.archdaily.com/939053/evergreen-school-caukin-studio?ad\\_source=search&ad\\_medium=search\\_result\\_projects](https://www.archdaily.com/939053/evergreen-school-caukin-studio?ad_source=search&ad_medium=search_result_projects)



## MOTHERS OF AFRICA HELPING FIGHT COVID-19 IN ZAMBIA

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, Mothers of Africa raised funds and provided soap and PPE for the doctors and nurses at Chongwe District Hospital.

Mothers of Africa has supported the hospital, which serves a population of around 140,000, in various ways since 2012.



Pictured in the bottom left image are Mothers of Africa's Zambia-based Trustee, Dr Job Mwanza (left) with Her Royal Highness Senior Chieftainess Nkomeshya Mukamambo II (centre) handing over a box of soap to Mrs Mable Changala from the district health office (left). The donation was accepted by a delighted Mrs Changala who said it would go a long way to protect the frontline health workers and community from Covid-19.

Janome sewing machines were loaned to the community in Shiyala in 2014. These very same sewing machines were re-loaned to Noriah Buleya in Zambia's fight against COVID-19.

300 facemasks were sewn by Noriah and her ladies circle and delivered by Job Mwanza to Evergreen & Shiyala Schools in time for year 7 & 9 school opening 1st June 2020. The local women are being educated in sewing skills at the same time. A real legacy for the future !



One award helped the Chongwe District Hospital start taking non-emergency patients again. The pandemic had made the community of around 250,000 people reluctant to attend the hospital for fear of catching the virus. The project funded notices and directional signs guiding patients to COVID safe areas, as well as funding training for all the staff in the hospital, and COVID-19 testing for patients. Routine, elective surgery finally restarted January 12th 2021 at CDH.



In July & August, we were lucky to receive two grants from the Welsh Government's Wales and Africa Hub Cymru Africa WCVA Grant Scheme.

The second grant was used to support 2,000 children return to classes at three schools in the Chongwe District of Zambia. Mothers of Africa provided bars of soap for the three schools, and two face masks for each child. The Welsh Government's grant also allowed the charity to buy 6 sewing machines which were given to the sewing ladies in Chongwe.

## ENDING PERIOD POVERTY IN CHONGWE

The sewing team started making reusable sanitary pads for the girls of menstruating age at Evergreen Primary! This led to our latest project 'Ending Period Poverty in Chongwe' which will provide protection for approx. 16,000 girls. Noriah and her team completed the first delivery in November 2020. This project is ongoing and all donations are very welcome.

## NO FINISH LINE

We took part in the virtual No Finish Line from 14th to 22nd November walking and running to raise money for #childrenandfuture. This was our 4th year and we owe a huge thanks to the whole team of 31! We came 31st out of 213 teams with 1691.82 kms. Participants in South of France, Wales, Dublin and New York! Please think about joining our team this year !



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

We ran a competition with students at Cardiff School of Art & Design. Thanks to Chris Glynn and Jo Spicer, the result was fantastic and we ended up with 5 new designs. A big thanks to everyone who helped us sell them and to all who purchased them. We hugely appreciate the Post Office in Monaco for their continued support in the sale of our cards! Don't forget to look for our cards there again this year!

## NURSERY SCHOOL PROJECT

Our Nursery School Project was placed on hold in the summer of 2020 but we were able to continue planning discussions with Caukin Studio. The school for 60, with toilets and a storeroom will be built next to Shiyala Primary School but looks like it will not be able to take place until Summer 2022. We are very grateful to have been awarded a substantial grant from Monaco to aid with financing this.

## JOURNÉE INTERNATIONALE DES DROITS DE L'ENFANT

The Journée Internationale des Droits de l'Enfant could not take place in November 2020. We offer our assistance each year and are hopeful that it will be possible on 30th November and 1st December this year. There are many activities for children in Monaco and everyone has a lot of fun for a great cause.

## LIGHTING UP HOMEWORK TIME

We are delighted continue working with the Philanthropy Club at International School of Monaco.

This year, the children in the Early Years classes also raised funds for us by doing chores, and were able to donate 105 Little Sun lamps to children at Shiyala Primary School. The Little Sun Lamps are small personal solar devices, which will allow the children to study after darkness descends on this rural Zambian village, where the homes have no mains electricity.



Shiyala's headmistress, Mrs Chilinda, and her team of teachers distributed them to children Grade 7, 8 and 9. In a vote of thanks, given by the learners, they said: "The lamps that we have received today have added value to our lives and education.....we have been given a chance to study even at night."

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We celebrated International Women's Day with a joyful and fun evening of African Dance on Zoom. Thanks to all who participated. Hope you learned new steps, danced your heart out, felt alive and energised by this wonderful dance workshop led by Rachel Wajiha Butler.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

We hope this newsletter has found you and your loved ones safe and healthy. During these difficult times, we send you love and a special message of thanks for your continued support. We remain committed to our mission and goals as always! This crisis has highlighted the importance of education, good health, and proper medical practices.

We look forward to be able to organise some live events in the very near future. Watch this space!

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