



## **Policy plan 2025 - 2027**

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## What is Zambridge Senanga?

The Mission Statement of the Foundation Zambridge Senanga is as follows:

*Promotion of health and well-being of the most disadvantaged groups among the inhabitants of Senanga District, Western Province, Zambia*

The Foundation was started in 2001 by Dutch people who have worked in Senanga as medical doctor or teacher and who now live and work in The Netherlands. In Senanga the Foundation is represented by a local board which operates in excellent agreement with the Dutch board.

## Senanga District

Senanga District is situated in the Western Province of Zambia on the river Zambezi, 700 km away from Lusaka, Zambia's Capital. With the exception of the river-beds the land is rather infertile. The local people live on selfsubsistent small scale agriculture, cattle breeding and fishing. There is not much tourism, commercial farming or forestry. Besides these poor economic circumstances the area suffers from the hiv/aids epidemics that badly hurts the population. Many children have become orphans and are being cared for by relatives. The government is not able to solve all the problems that are caused by this situation. The population takes own initiatives in order to structurally attack the problems and these initiatives deserve our support.

## What is Zambridge Senanga doing?

Zambridge Senanga supports the following local initiatives:

- **Maxanaedi Basic Community School** and the **Senanga Orphans Day Care Centre**, both of them educating (half-)orphans or otherwise disadvantaged children
- **Home Based Care**, home care and education for patients with communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, TBC Covid and malaria.

These are long term projects that started with the consent of the local government and have been supported by professionals from the beginning.

For both schools Zambridge Senanga contributes to the pupils feeding programmes and provides educational materials. Zambridge, together with third parties, also finances the maintenance and extension of these schools.

For the Home Based Care Programme and AIDS Education Zambridge Senanga contributes to the training activities of the group of volunteers.

## Activities of Zambridge Senanga in 2025 - 2027

### Maxanaedi Community school

Until 2012 the pupils were being taught in the first school building made of mud and wooden poles. Since then several brick buildings have been constructed, partly financed by the *Wilde Ganzen* ('Wild Geese'), that comply with the government requirements for school buildings. A staff house has also been constructed at the school premises. In 2014 the school was extended by another three classrooms, again with the support of *Wilde Ganzen*. In 2016 new toilets were built with the financial support of *Cordaid*. In 2018 a solar power unit has been installed. This has been made possible by the financial support of *Wilde Ganzen*, Our Energy Foundation and *Energie coöperatie Leur e.o.* Thanks to individual contributions books could be purchased for a library and tablets for ICT lessons. At present there are about 700 pupils at the school. All the teachers are being paid by the government. The teaching programme has been extended with two extra years, grade 8 and 9.

In 2021 it became clear that the present school building was too small to accommodate the growing number of pupils. Zambridge has decided to extend the school with a new building of three classrooms. This will be accomplished with the support of third parties. The campaign to acquire funds which had started in 2021 had to be continued in 2022 because the grant received in 2021 was not sufficient to pay the building costs which had increased a lot due to the worldwide inflation. As in 2021 *Wilde Ganzen* has borne one third of the costs. The extension has now been fully realized.

The Ministry of Education in Zambia has changed the education system from 2025. Maxanaedi school has been given permission to expand education by one year to an O-level Secondary School from 2025. This will mean an increase in the number of pupils. Apart from that Zambridge will, as in previous years, continue to pay for the school feeding.

#### Senanga Orphans Day Care Centre (SODC)

Also for this school the Ministry of Education pays the salaries of the teachers.

The construction of a staff house at the school compound has been completed. Again *Wilde Ganzen* has contributed to this project. The number of toilets has been increased. Because of the growing number of pupils the community started in 2020 to build a new classroom block with 3 classrooms which is now in full use. As with Maxanaedi this school has been provided with a solar energy unit. Thanks to individual contributions, also at SODC books for a library and tablets for ICT lessons could be purchased.

Mid 2021 Zambridge received the request to assist in the construction of yet another three classrooms for the increasing number of pupils. At the moment there are about 1200 pupils.

That same year the work started with the help of third parties including *Wilde Ganzen*.

Meanwhile the extension has been realized like at Maxanaedi, in two phases.

The SODC is also going to expand to an O-level Secondary School, which also means an increase in the number of students here.

Like in previous years Zambridge will contribute in 2024 to the extra costs of the school feeding.

#### Home Based Care (HBC)

This programme for home based care for aids patients started in 1996. In recent years the focus has been mainly on prevention of communicable diseases. In 2020 a Youth Friendly Corner was established for health education in collaboration with the schools. This facility could be realized with the support of *Wilde Ganzen*. In 2025 and subsequent years we shall continue to support the programme by means of a financial contribution destined for prevention activities and the training of the twenty volunteers who act as caregivers. The funding for the medicines for the AIDS patients is under pressure as a result of uncertain funding by foreign governments. That is a cause for concern.

**Apart from the ongoing attraction of new donors Zambridge plans to organize each year a benefit concert to raise funds for the proposed activities.**

#### **Vision for the future**

- At both schools there is a wish for a better watersupply than the hand pumps that are currently being used, especially now that the number of students will increase with the expansion to an O-level Secondary School. Although Zambridge Senanga had decided not to embark upon new large projects, we nevertheless are going to support the purchase of new water pumping installations by means of additional financial contributions.
- The Zambridge Senanga Foundation (Netherlands) is developing a vision for the future of its continued existence. The members of the board (and donors) are getting older and it appears to be quite difficult to find younger successors who have a bond with Senanga.

More detailed information and pictures of the projects are to be found on our website:  
[www.zambridgesenanga.org](http://www.zambridgesenanga.org).

## Composition of the boards of Zambridge Senanga

| Function  | In Netherlands     | In Senanga                                       |
|-----------|--------------------|--|
| Chair     | Elske van Zanden   | Mike Mutti                                       |
| Secretary | Wim Reimert        | Patrick Kozi                                     |
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| Member    | Jan de Waard       | Charles Samulaba ( <i>vice treasurer</i> )       |
|           |                    | Patrick Siyauya ( <i>HBC coordinator</i> )       |
|           |                    | Anna Sakala ( <i>SODC coordinator</i> )          |

*All board members, in the Netherlands as well as in Zambia, perform their duties voluntarily and do not get any financial compensation.*

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Elske van Zanden, Chair