

Zambia Sugar social initiatives

Zambia Sugar employs 1,848 permanent and 3,530 seasonal employees. In the 2011/12 season ZMK33 billion (£3.94million) was spent on social initiatives. The company has active social investment programmes to address the specific needs in the wider community. These initiatives include:

- a. Health
 1. Rehabilitation of two wards at Mazabuka District Hospital
 2. Construction of a maternity ward at Mazabuka District Hospital
 3. Supply of a generator set to Monze Mission Hospital to safeguard lives of those undergoing operations and premature babies in the neonatal units as well as for the critical patients on life support systems
 4. Provision of laundry equipment for the Monze Mission Hospital to ensure hygiene and patient care especially during the rainy season when drying linen in the sun is a major challenge
 5. Provision of serviced pumps at Mazabuka District Hospital to ensure supply of water
- b. Education
 1. Supported feeding programme at three local community schools for orphaned and vulnerable children
 2. Sunk three boreholes at Rusangu Secondary School
 3. Roofed a classroom block at St Edmunds Secondary School
 4. Sunk a borehole and provided water tank at Shimungalu Community School
 5. Electrified Kabanje Basic School
 6. Construction of a modern three classroom block at Mazabuka Girls Secondary School
 7. Donated an industrial stove for benefit of disabled children at the Lusaka Baptist Church run school for the hearing and speech impaired
- c. Administration of a large estate (over 2,900 housing units in six townships, accommodating 16,000 people), providing and supporting municipal-type services such as water supply, sewerage treatment, road maintenance, recreation facilities, refuse removal, security, schooling and medical services for employees and family members
- d. Providing bulk raw water to the Water Utility firm for distribution to the town of Mazabuka which has more than 250,000 residents. In addition, Zambia Sugar provides potable water to the 16,000 residents of Nakambala Estates
- e. The enhancement of social welfare amenities on the estate is ongoing. A total of 287 houses and 111 ablution blocks were refurbished during the 2011/12 season
- f. Annually participates in a major clean-up campaign in the townships aimed at reducing the risk of malaria and other waterborne diseases during the rainy season
- g. Ongoing participation in local school feeding programmes
- h. Completion of housing electrification programme in 2011/12 season
- i. A new potable water treatment plant for the Misale township was installed and upgraded to secure a reliable water supply to residents
- j. Supported the Mazabuka Municipal Council by constructing a pedestrian road and bridge, excavating and rehabilitating the main drains in two high-density townships adjacent to the estate
- k. Support the local business empowerment by actively collaborating with the Mazabuka District Business Association. In excess of the 80% of the procurement spend is in Zambia. The fulcrum of the GDP of Mazabuka is Zambia Sugar. The company is the largest employer and rate payer in addition to providing business opportunities

- l. Assisted small-scale cane growers through the creation of the Mazabuka Sugarcane Growers Trust with a contribution of ZMK 7.5 billion from Zambia Sugar. To date there are around 250 families growing cane who contribute 10% of the cane supplied to Zambia Sugar
- m. Sponsored a phased upgrade of the Mazabuka Community Radio Station, a non-profit service to the local community
- n. Continued to sponsor schools athletics, traditional and cultural ceremonies, football clubs and a number of community projects