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BY LIFE CONNECTED

2021

ABSTRACT

This report gives an overview of all the activities that have been performed by the NGO By Life Connected since January 2021. By Life Connected's main location is based in Nalusanga, Mumbwa district next to the gate into Kafue National Park. Focus of the activities implemented by the NGO are landscape restoration and conservation through inclusive community development projects and community based natural resource management.

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WHAT WE DO

By Life Connected (BLC) is a not for profit organisation that focusses on empowering communities next to protected nature conservation landscapes in Zambia. The NGO partners with communities to create alternative sustainable livelihoods that are supported by a nature conservation and wildlife economy. In this way By Life Connected and partners create an active link between wildlife and communities such that engagement between nature conservation and the adjacent communities is direct, strong and sustainable over the long term. As a result, communities are empowered to refrain from using the natural resources unsustainably and have the opportunity to actively participate in its preservation and restoration.

Social: Community Development

Our projects aim to create sustainable livelihoods. Collaboration with local communities is at the heart of what we do, and we pride ourselves on working with them on projects that they identify as necessary. We always strive to give the local community ownership over the projects and for them to become (in time), self-sufficient.

Environmental: Food Security & Land Restoration

Nature has a solution for everything. With farming being the major activity in rural Zambia, the best way to help land restoration and conservation is by bringing (small-scale) farming back to natural, sustainable methods. Other approaches are through the catchment of water for slower irrigation and reforestation to help battle climate change. We are supporting mother nature's own processes, and making them work for increased food security and sustainability.

Governance: Education and Training

Conservation efforts rely heavily on local leadership and the capacity of Zambian organizations and individuals to successfully research and manage wildlife and their habitats, as well as on local community support. This is why a core pillar in our approach to conservation is engaging with people from local communities to educate, raise awareness and build capacity that contributes not only to the protection of Zambia's wildlife but also to the empowerment of its people. One cannot happen successfully without the other and education is the first step in this process.

Our mission is to contribute to preserving African wildlife areas in active partnership and collaboration with the communities next to the nature areas. We try to achieve this through inclusive development projects that focus on improving sustainable livelihoods, conservation and education.



A SUMMARY OF 2021

The NGO By Life Connected Ltd. (BLC) was registered in Zambia in May 2019. In December 2019 a crowdfunding campaign was initiated that ensured the start of activities in Nalusanga in February 2020. During 2020 a collaboration with Green Safaris Conservation Foundation was started, that over time developed into the Foundation becoming the biggest partner of By Life Connected.

Challenges with the local traditional leadership in Nalusanga at the start of 2021 found the NGO able to focus on a new project site in collaboration with Green Safaris Conservation Foundation: Livingstone. While trying to solve the issues in Nalusanga, the team also developed several amazing projects in both Mukuni chiefdom and Simonga village in Livingstone area, fully sponsored by the Green Safaris Foundation and Tongabezi Lodge.

After several months of trying to get the projects in Nalusanga to restart, it was decided that a collaboration with the new, neighbouring chief would be for the best. This turned out to be a strong next step, as this Chief Mulendema is a vivid protector of the natural resources and a very educated, smart man that wants to develop his community the best he can.

A new site was appointed, drilling of a borehole (two attempts) and building of a new camp commenced at the end of 2021. This site will be used as a base camp for the NGO, with a kitchen, office and several tents for staff. It will also be turned into a new organic community farm and learning centre.

In summary, the projects that have been implemented and developed during 2021 are:

- Kafue National Park
 - Greenway Smart Stove project
 - Building of Lukanga Secondary School
 - Mulendema: new location for base camp and organic farm
 - Asset-Based Community Development
- Livingstone
 - Mukuni Organic Community Farm
 - Chicken Coop Simonga
 - Reforestation & Greenway Smart Stove Project

Looking Ahead

The new year will bring us exciting developments with several ideas for new projects and expansions in Livingstone. Our teams will grow, with already having found two Zambian interns, that will probably join the team full-time in 2022. The opportunity to start afresh in chiefdom Mulendema has given us a chance to develop a whole new model, based on the previous experiences and lessons. In short, we are going very positively into the new year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Budget 2020

Starting Balance	€ 33
Greenway Stoves project	€ 12,920
GSCF	€ 21,648
Third Party Donations	€ 282
<u>Total Budget 2020</u>	<u>€34,883</u>

2020 Per Category

Environmental	€8,015
Social	€4,023
Governance	€11,873
Overhead	€4,420
<u>Total</u>	<u>€28,331</u>

Balance 2020 €6,552

Budget 2021

Starting Balance	€6,552
Greenway Stoves project	€5,285
By Life Connected NL	€3,957
GSCF	€11,766
<u>Total Budget 2021</u>	<u>€27,561</u>

2021 Per Category

Environmental	€8,433
Social	€3,229
Governance	€6,466
Overhead	€8,767
<u>Total</u>	<u>€26,895</u>

Balance 2021 €666



1. BEING CONNECTED

One of our most important core values is to collaborate and connect. We can accomplish more when we work together. So since By Life Connected's origin, we have been focusing on establishing solid formal and informal relationships with all stakeholder groups in and around Kafue National Park.

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”

- African Proverb -

Being the only Community-Based NGO in Nalusanga enables By Life Connected to take on the role of facilitator for community development projects of other organizations who don't have the time or local connections to implement them. It also enables By Life Connected to search for skilled labourers in the area, that can work for the tourism operators. As a whole, By Life Connected's presence in Nalusanga empowers organizations in Kafue National Park to participate more in local community development.

1.1 Green Safaris Conservation Foundation

By far the biggest impact on community development and our organization as a whole, has been the collaboration between By Life Connected and Green Safaris Conservation Foundation (GSCF). This foundation is part of Green Safaris, a safari operator with several ecolodges in Zambia and Malawi, including Ila Safari Lodge and Chisa Busanga Camp in Kafue National Park, and Tongabezi and Sindabezi Lodge in Livingstone.

GSCF has a strong commitment to actively support a variety of conservation organizations and community development projects. By Life Connected has functioned as their local coordinating partner for the community development projects. In 2020 BLC was already implementing projects in Kafue NP area. Since the end of 2020/start of 2021 there has been a new collaboration between the two organizations in the Livingstone location. With the expansion of this collaboration and the challenges at the start of 2021 (see next chapter), the majority of By Life Connected's efforts in 2021 have gone to projects supported and developed together with Green Safaris.

Green Safaris
Conservation Foundation



1.2 Other organizations

Other local organizations By Life Connected collaborated with are Musekese Camp and Saba Safaris, both lodges in Kafue National Park. Musekese Camp has asked to find skilled local staff for several jobs including someone who could construct Tsetse traps. Tsetse's are large biting flies that are abundant in the park and can form a disturbance for tourists during game or self-drives. By Life Connected facilitated Saba Safaris with determining suitable and - according to the community - desired locations for the drilling of two boreholes.



2. CHALLENGES OF THE YEAR

The first months of 2021 the projects in chieftdom Kabulwebulwe were in a state of limbo. Going into a new year of community development projects, we were kept back by some structural challenges typically faced in African countries. After time spend on trying to solve the challenges, we realized the options were limited if we stayed in the same area. While still trying to solve the challenge, we also started looking for a new place to continue the great community work we are doing in a different environment.

Projects left behind

Ila Community Farm was very close to becoming self-sustaining with the investments made in 2020. The Bamboo Landscape Restoration Program had only just started at the end of 2020. Due to the challenges described above, GSCF decided to donate the borehole, solar panels and other materials that were invested in the farm, to the chieftainess. Fortunately, Kebby, the manager of the farm and son of the chieftainess, has restarted the farm after some months without activities. We are happy to hear it is not being wasted, although unfortunately not with the organic approach.



3. KAFUE NATIONAL PARK

3.1 Greenway Smart Stove project



One of the biggest threats to the Zambian nature is the vast consumption of wood and charcoal for cooking. The Greenway Smart stoves are alternative stoves which are 2/3 more effective than traditional charcoal stoves. This means two litres of water boils between 5 to 7 minutes. They produce 70% less smoke and, most importantly, you can only put small pieces of dead wood in it. There is no need to cut entire trees for firewood, so these stoves prevent deforestation.

Collaboration with Greenway for the distribution of the sustainable jumbo cooking stoves had started in 2020. In 2021 there were three final consignments. 2072 stoves were distributed in Ithezi thezi and Nangoma. Another 2072 were brought to Livingstone and distributed around Simonga village area. The final consignment was brought to Kasempa where 2072 stoves were distributed over three different locations: Kasempa town, Nselauke School in chiefdom Ingwe and Mufumbwe.

Overall, this brings us to a total of 20,248 stoves distributed in six of the nine GMAs around the Kafue National Park and in Livingstone over the past two years. Each Jumbo stove reduces 2.4 tons of CO₂ equivalent emissions annually. If all of them have been in use for a year, than there is a total reductions of at least 48,595.2 tons of CO₂! This number will keep increasing over time. To put this in perspective, we have a few examples:

- The carbon footprint of the average Dutch person is 9.6 tons per year. That means through the distribution of these stoves, we compensated the carbon footprint for 5,062 people in the Netherlands.
- The main impact of these stoves is that we decrease deforestation. So looking at trees – and for this we will take adult trees with a lifespan of 100 years – on average they will capture one ton of carbon in their lifetime. With this assumption, we saved over 48,600 adult trees in one year time.

3.2 A New Location





As mentioned in Chapter 2, the first months of 2021 the projects in chiefdom Kabulwebulwe – in particular the Ila Community Farm – were in a state of limbo, due to an unforeseen lack of local support. After many attempts trying to resolve the challenges, we realized the options were limited and GSCF decided to hand-over the Ila Community Farm – 5 years after its inception – to the local Chieftainess, in the hope she will continue using the assets and trainings on eco-farming provided, to the benefit of her community.

BLC has subsequently reached out to the neighboring chief Mulendema (see picture), who has welcomed both organizations with open arms. He has appointed us a new place in the vicinity of the Kafue National Park, where we have started the projects from scratch with all the previously gained experience and lessons. We are thrilled to move to an area where the traditional leadership truly wants their community to develop and thrive.



3.3 Asset-Based-Community Development



In this new chiefdom, we had the chance to start afresh with a different, innovative and very promising sustainable community-driven development approach: Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). In summary, this approach looks at the assets instead of the needs that are in a community and to build on that. But even more importantly, it is about mobilizing the community to start developing themselves, thereby ensuring ownership and long-term sustainability of the projects. Our role is facilitating their plans, instead of leading with our 'own' plans.

In October 2021 we started this approach with the seniority of Headman Mponda in chiefdom Mulendema. This area includes 12 villages and about 360 families. Estimated population size of this area is around 2400 people. This process takes longer than 'normal', but it empowers the entire community. It starts with motivated and interested community members, from which a core group was elected to represent the different community groups, e.g. children, elderly, farmers, business man, church etc. A total of 24 people are now representing the community in the process to find and own the projects supported by GSCF and BLC.

After several months of weekly meetings with these 24 core community leaders, they came up with a project plan that would help their entire community. The organization helped them through information in the form of a baseline survey of the area where we interviewed 20% of the 360 families (if interested, you can find the resulting booklet on our website: [Mponda Booklet](#)).

By following this approach, full ownership over the developmental programs lies with the community. The role of GSCF/BLC is solely to facilitate.

3.4 Mulendema Community Farm



With the previous experience of the Ila Community farm and the success of the Mukuni Community farm as started in 2020 in Livingstone (see chapter 4 for details), a fresh start has been made to create a similar organic learning farm in the new



Mulendema chiefdom. From the baseline survey done in this chiefdom we concluded that 98% of the people are subsistence farmers. This means there is always a need for people to learn how to farm more sustainably and efficiently.

3.5 Lukanga Secondary School – Nalusanga



The building of the Lukanga Secondary School, completely funded by the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation, is mostly finished with some finishing touches like painting and glass for the windows. The school has been built entirely using the extremely sustainable sandbag-building method, which significantly reduces the carbon footprint. Unfortunately the school hasn't been handed over yet, as the (local) government needs to provide housing for the teachers and some additional facilities like furniture.





4. LIVINGSTONE

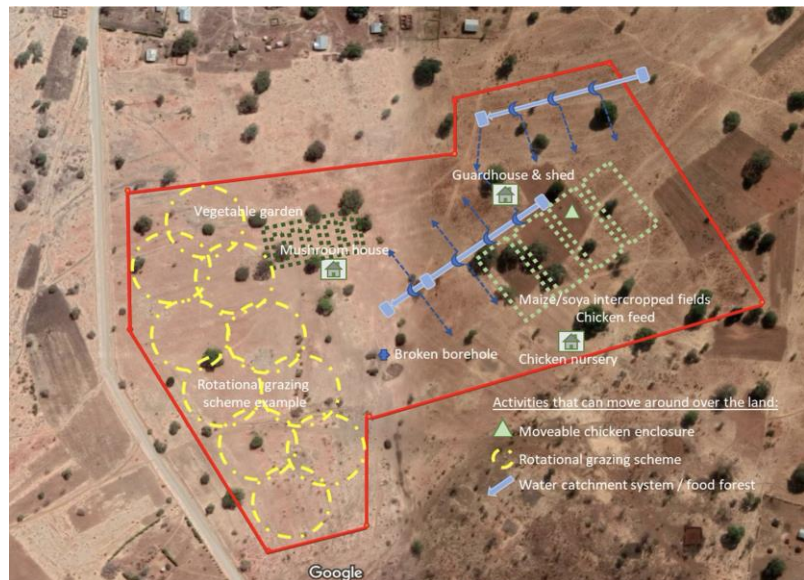
At the end of 2020 Green Safaris Conservation Foundation reached out to see if By Life Connected could help them start several community development projects in Livingstone. After close collaboration in Kafue NP, it was decided that a joint expansion to the Livingstone area would increase our impact as an NGO. We have launched three new projects to create both alternative employment opportunities and actively contribute to conservation and community development.

4.1 Mukuni Community Farm



At the end of 2020, Green Safaris Conservation Foundation and By Life Connected initiated the establishment of a new organic community farm in the Livingstone area in collaboration with Chief Mukuni. The 12.74 ha of land on the hillside of Mukuni, lay open for public grazing and was degraded by previous farming. The land consists of sweetveld, which means that the plants are highly palatable, but also very sensitive for overgrazing.

The mission is to achieve a fully sustainable, organic farm that can be self-sufficient after about three years. The second goal is to turn Mukuni Organic Farm into a learning centre for the people of the Mukuni Chiefdom and to supply lodges in the area with organic produce. Mukuni Community Farm is managed in a sustainable way by recovering the natural water and nutrient cycles and implementing holistic grazing to rehabilitate the land and plant life. This also involves empowering people with knowledge and practical experience of organic farming, establishing a food forest, raising chickens, rotational grazing areas and mushroom growing.



The first full year of activity for the Green Safaris and By Life Connected collaboration in Livingstone can be claimed as a success with the development and running of the Mukuni Community Farm. The Mukuni farm has already developed into a sustainable organic farm and with the long term goal of providing fresh produce to the community and lodges whilst generating income for the local people.

We have established an irrigation system by attaching the farm to the electricity network and installing a pump in an existing community borehole, with the goal to secure water for an organic vegetable garden that will grow the whole year around. Next fixed and mobile chicken coops have been introduced, which serves as a manure and ground preparation method for the organic vegetable garden. We have also started a



rotational grazing project with 148 cattle from local pastoralists. We gather them together in a moveable kraal, and herd them into weekly quadrants to prepare and work the soil. The effects of this have already been visible with more grass growing and the manure being used for other crops.

The first round of crops during the rainy season of '20-'21, were maize and soya beans as organic chicken feed, and sweet potatoes for sales. The chicken coops have provided the bulk of the revenue in 2021, with 250 chickens sold to the local community and > 3000 to a professional wholesaler in the area, creating the farm's first income stream.

Throughout 2021 the Mukuni farm has provided employment for over 50 people and by the end of the year it has provided permanent work for a team of 20 people from the Mukuni community. Proceeds earned from the farm through the selling of chickens and vegetables, have enabled to cover the salaries of all 20 community members.

4.2 Chicken Coop at Tongabezi and Simonga



With the successful experiment with creating chicken coops in 2020, including one at Tongabezi run by former staff members, we have expanded the project with a new setup in the closest community near Tongabezi, Simonga village. 18 people from the community received a training, after which a team of 9 have formed a cooperative. With an initial investment from GSCF, we are now at a stage where the salaries and further investments will be paid for by the income of selling the chickens. Remaining profits will first be put into a savings account, out of which more chicken coops will be funded.



4.3 Reforestation & Greenway Smart Stove project



A tree nursery was set up on the premises of Tongabezi lodge (Green Safaris) as part of a reforestation program. With the population in the area increasing, so does the deforestation, mostly caused by charcoal burning. In 2021, there is one active nursery with 2500 seedlings taken care of by two former Tongabezi employees.

This year's seedlings will be planted at Mukuni farm in a special area demoted for this purpose. For 2022, the Simonga and Sinda community members will be sensitized and involved to expand the program and find out together if we can reforest some areas in the village.

Parallel to the planting schemes, this project involved the introduction of a smart stove project, to change the demand for energy from an unsustainable to a sustainable source of fuel. This involved the distribution of the same Greenway stoves that are distributed around Kafue NP. In total 2072 stoves were distributed in Simonga and its surrounding villages. For more detail on these stoves, find paragraph 3.1.



5. GOING INTO 2022

5.1 Expanding existing projects

Kafue National Park

GSCF/BLC Base Camp

To build trust between the community and GSCF/BLC it is essential to live where we work. Therefore, a camp will be built in Chiefdom Mulendema, under Senior Headmen Mponda. Four 'old' canvas tents were donated by Konkamoya lodge to establish the camp. A foundation, protective roofing for the tents, a borehole, a kitchen, vermicomposting toilets, a small organic garden and an exercise field will need to be build. This camp will enable us to also host interns and volunteers.

Conservation Education Program

With the challenges faced at Lukanga school for the Conservation Club, we are exploring the option of continuing the club at Nalusanga Primary school and Lusekelo School.

The students receive lessons from field professionals, including safari guides from Ila Safari Lodge, researchers from the Zambian Carnivore Program, Panthera and officers from the DNPW.

Part of the Conservation Club is the opportunity for students to experience the bush. From a game drive to a boat tour and a well prepared 'tourist lunch', an experience they won't soon forget. Most of these students have never seen wildlife, despite living on the borders of the national park. Connecting them with the nature and wildlife around them, helps these children realize the importance of protecting nature for themselves and future generations.

Livingstone

Mukuni Farm Learning Centre

For Mukuni Farm to succeed and be self-sufficient, it is vital that farmers know how to run the farm as a business by gaining skills like financial management, planning, market research, relations, communication etc.

With the completion of the community workshop building on the farm at the start of 2022, community members can be involved and trained in farming and business skills. During the transition from a supported to a self-sustained farm, farmers showing promise and

Chicken Coop

As explained before, the chicken coop is currently self-sustaining after the initial investments by GSCF. We are now saving money to start building a next chicken coop that will be run by the same group.

They will become better at rearing chickens after time and will be able to split their time. Agreed is that once there will be a third chicken coop, they will find new people they can train so that the cooperation can keep growing and more people in the community will benefit.

Reforestation Program

Tree nurseries will be expanded into the community, based on their willingness.

If there's enough incentive, we will follow the same model as Likoma Island where we'll keep some tree species in the nursery for a couple of years so they are big enough to be safe for goats. Other species, like the fruits and nuts, we'll hand out each year to community



dedication will receive further training in management and value-adding.		members who will take care of them at their own houses.
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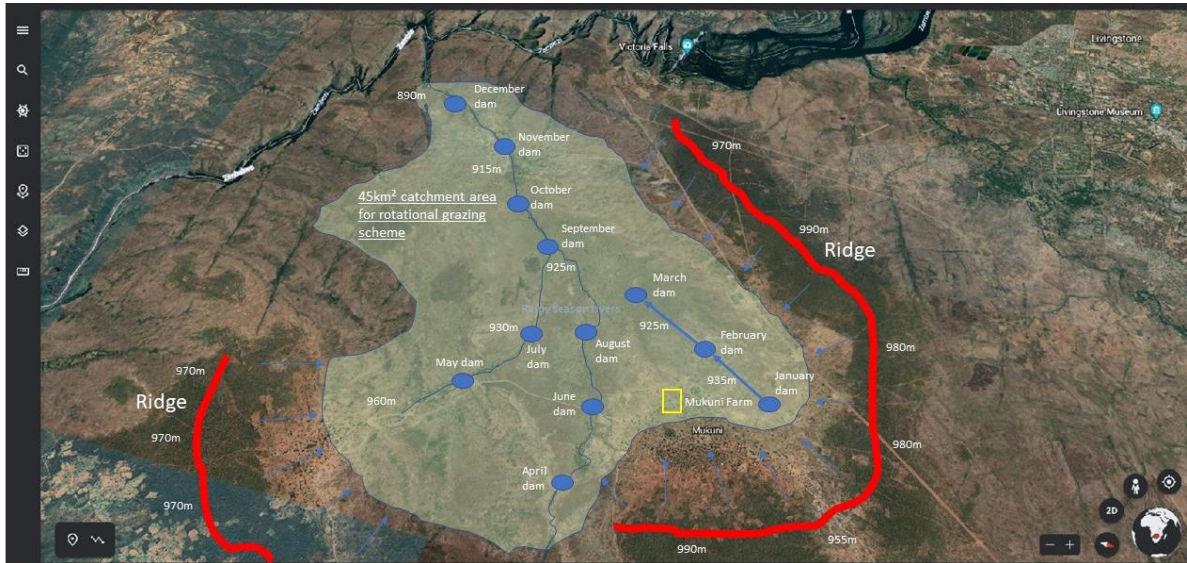
5.2 New projects

Kafue National Park

<i>Kafue Connected</i>	<i>Volunteer Program</i>
Starting phase of creating an umbrella organization that represents and includes all the stakeholders of Kafue National Park. This organization will promote collaboration on larger (conservation) issues, therefore creating a bigger impact compared to working individually. In 2022 a first sensing of the landscape will be done, with a resulting advisory report sponsored fully by a grant of Commonland.	Volunteers can help the community with projects that come out of the ABCD approach and go on affordable trips to Kafue National Park. We can use a volunteer program to find experts in certain fields based on what the community needs for certain projects. Besides extra, free help and expertise, the volunteer program can also provide extra income for the community development projects.
<i>Waste to Wealth</i>	<i>People of Zambia</i>
With the challenges in chiefdom Kabulwebulwe and African Parks not interested in collaborating for waste management inside the NP or GMA, the Waste to Wealth Initiative is forced to move to Mulendema chiefdom. One of the outcomes we hope will come from the ABCD approach is sustainable waste management. The Waste to Wealth initiative would be perfect for that. With the Waste to Wealth initiative we can provide a waste sorting systems in public areas, setting up a sensitization program for the impact of waste and sorting waste, organizing a half-yearly clean-up day, picking litter along the M9, collecting all the sorted waste and storing it, reusing and upcycling waste to high-quality products of which more than 50% of the profits go to the community. Currently BLC has already received €10.000 from the INNO-fund through WWF, which is currently on the By Life Connected bank account in the Netherlands. The remaining amount needed to	People of Zambia is a journalistic and more internationally focussed project. We must prevent a single story from placing people, countries, a whole continent in a stereotype, as this robs people of their dignity. With this initiative we want to tell moving and personal stories of people - the Zambian woman, man, child, elderly, widow, orphan, poacher, ranger, teacher, farmer, etc. The goal is to portray a realistic picture of these people for all stakeholders in the Greater Kafue Ecosystem, but also to the rest of the world. How are rural people affected by climate change? Why are some people poaching and encroaching? What do rural people think of Covid and how do they deal with other diseases like malaria, etc? In order to find the most authentic stories as possible, two residents will be trained in journalism (photography and interviews). Experts in photography and storytelling will be found to



make this program successful is budgeted at \$6,000 and will come from GSCF.	volunteer and train the Zambians. This can be done at any or all locations.
Livingstone	
<i>Mukuni Regenerative Water Catchment Scheme</i>	<i>Asset-Based Community Development in Simonga</i>
At the moment livestock in Mukuni cause a landscape that is completely overgrazed in certain areas that are now slowly turning into a desert, cows are being infected with ticks and all types of diseases are found among the cattle. A solution for this would be to create a communal rotational grazing scheme. In 2021 GSCF/BLC introduced the concept of rotational grazing to the area. Rotational grazing involves combining all the herds in an area to form a mega herd. Such a mega herd would mimic buffalo herds in the wild. What buffalo's do is move to a new grazing area every day to control (diseases from) ticks and counteract overgrazing. The biggest challenge of forming a mega herd is water. To enable water access throughout the year in every location we could set up a water catchment scheme in Mukuni area. In 2022 GSCF and BLC would like to prepare for this so that we can execute the plan in 2023. Preparation would involve forming an agreement with the community to form a mega herd and stop burning, doing hydrological and land surveys, setting up a proposal and finding funds for it. This plan could potentially regenerate 45 km² of grasslands, create biodiversity hotspots around the dams and turn herding livestock into a sustainable livelihood.	In 2021 we have started with the ABCD approach in chiefdom Mulendema. Depending on the success of this approach, we would like to follow the same method for Simonga village where we let the community decide what is the most important contribution that we can facilitate as GSCF/BLC. From the livelihood questionnaire we conducted in 2021 we already have some idea of what will come out of this approach, with most importantly the access to water. With this in the back of our mind, some plans are already in progress. Firstly, a borehole system that is present in the centre of the village can be improved at a lower cost than drilling a new borehole. This can be looked into for other areas as well. Secondly, we can help the village with water, but then attach a project to it based on the ABCD procedure. Any more ideas for projects, will have to come from the same ABCD procedure to ensure community ownership.





6. 2020 ILLUSTRATED

6.1 Project Progress Carbon Offset Overview

Activity	Carbon offset contribution?	
	Yes	No
Asset Based Community development		x
Handover Ila Community Farm	x	
Start of Mulendema Community Farm	x	
Conservation Education Club - Lukanga School	x	
Lukanga Secondary School building	x	
Solar panels Chunga Primary School	x	
Zambian Carnivore Program		x
Panthera Anti-Poaching project		x
Reforestation & Smart Stove project	x	
Chicken Coop		x
Mukuni Farm	x	
Mukuni Farm Employment and Learning Centre		x

6.2 The Sustainable Development Goals

	We will create job and market opportunities for local communities, and we are committed to reducing poverty in game management areas and areas surrounding the protected areas where we operate.
	Creation of jobs is the creation of an income and thus food. Additionally, we are committed to making eco-organic farming a widespread practice, ensuring food safety for years to come.
	We eliminate the use of pesticides in farming and providing sanitization stations during the pandemic, we contribute towards a good health in the communities.
	We support the building of schools and providing job and career development trainings is at the heart of the BLC projects.
	We will never create jobs that are exclusively available to one gender and all training and job creation is available to all. We encourage women to partake in the projects and to bring ideas forward.
	We teach farming without the use of any chemicals or pesticides and the effect of burning plastic on the ground water, which eliminates contamination. All areas of work have sanitization facilities.
	We promise to create a safe and open working environment for all to thrive and develop their careers. By producing or trading only environmentally sustainable products, we ensure the longevity of the jobs and growth of the project.



	We do not destroy nature for our own needs. We work with nature to create safe and eco-friendly buildings and structures, namely via our sandbag building technique.
	We will offer equal employment and career development opportunities and equal and fair pay or prices.
	We work with local chiefdoms and government to ensure any or all impact on the communities we operate within, has a minimal, net zero or negative carbon footprint.
	We will only produce crops or farm in a way that works with nature's own cycles and defense mechanisms, and only as much as is viable for the earth, and viable to be consumed. We will endeavor to recycle or upcycle any element of any production to ensure a circular production.
	We will ensure that to the best of our ability, our projects are all carbon neutral or negative, using renewable energy where possible and reducing any activity that might contribute to climate change.
	We are actively designing our projects to improve the habitat for all animals and plants, taking lifecycles, food chains and biodiversity into account.
	We will work with community leaders and international organizations to benefit from a wide range of ideas and opportunities. We will share our progress in annual reports, on traditional and non-traditional media as well as to the local communities. We will collaborate with public or private sector to reach our goals.



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We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all the people who have made a successful 2020 possible. A special thanks to all the friends and family that contributed through our crowdfunding campaign. Without this initial influx of funding, we would not have been able to do any activities. A special thanks goes to the AMU Rotary and several individual donors in the Netherlands for their significant contributions.

We would also like to acknowledge with much appreciation the crucial role of Green Safaris Conservation Foundation. They gave us the chance to help with the work that they have been doing in the Nalusanga community, while simultaneously developing our own NGO. Without their support, we would have struggled to come as far as we have now.

To the Rural Development Network (RDN) and chieftainess Kabulwebulwe our deepest gratitude for facilitating us on their land. We are especially grateful to RDN for the use of the buildings on this plot. We are also very grateful for the cooperation and collaboration with the Community Resource Board and the Ward Development Committee and their representatives CRB vice-chair Getrude Mwiba and Councillor Joseph Chinyama. Without their support we would not be able to reach out to the community in the same way.

We cannot express enough gratitude to all the stakeholders inside the Kafue National Park. Operators like Mukambi Safari Lodge, Pinnon Lodges, Ila Safari lodge, Kasabushi Camp, Musekese Camp, Saba Safaris and all the other operators that have made us feel welcome. If it wasn't for their support, friendship and enthusiasm, we would have had a harder time adapting to rural African village life.

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