

# Foundation Projects | 2024



## Projects in Khwai and Linyanti, Botswana

#### Khwai Pre-School

Through our partnership with the Khwai Private Reserve and Naletsana Foundation, we established the pre-school to provide early childhood development and education. The school supports learners between the ages of 1 and 5. Over the years we have made much-needed improvements to the school infrastructure to create a safe, warm, bright, and vibrant learning environment. ABCF has fixed the fence, installed a new playground and jungle gym and launched a nutrition program.

#### Kackikau Primary School Disability Unit

Kachikau Primary School Disability Unit provides schooling, accommodation, and daily meals to approximately 32 students with disabilities from villages in Chobe, Botswana. Our foundation has been actively investing in the school's infrastructure to ensure that the facilities are well equipped to assist and support learners with special needs. ABCF fixed the wheelchair ramps, paved the walkways and built a multipurpose dining facility.

#### The Female Guides Program

Our Female Guides program aims to develop female safari guides through skills training, mentorship, job shadowing, and rotations at African Bush Camps. Our Female Guides Program is a two-year program that offers theory, practical, and on-the-job training at ABC camps to become a safari guide. In 2023, we expanded the program into Zambia and launched the 4th cohort in Botswana. The Female Guides Program won the Regenerative Travel Impact Awards 2023 in the Education Category.





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#### **Vuche Vuche Basket Weaving Initiative**

The Vuche Vuche Basket Weaving Initiative aims to empower women from the local community through basket weaving. This initiative creates employment opportunities whilst displaying Botswana's heritage and culture through beautiful crafts. Baskets are available for sale at the ABC trading posts, and guests can visit Vuche Vuche to learn basket weaving and experience traditional dancing.

#### Bana Ba Letsatsi

Bana Ba Letsatsi Trust was established in December 2002 in response to the growing number of children at risk in Maun. The organisation endeavours to keep orphans and vulnerable children off the streets and away from negative influences such as glue sniffing and petty crime. ABCF is paying the salaries for social workers at BBL, providing sanitary products to girls and hosting health and awareness talks for the learners.

#### **The Annual CECT Sports Tournament**

This annual sports event brings together learners from the 5 schools in the CECT region to participate in a fun-filled day of sports and competition. Through this tournament, we are creating a platform to inspire the youth in Botswana through sports and fitness. This year, we hosted our second sports tournament with 150 learners participating.

### Projects in Zambia

#### Maunga Primary School

The Maunga Primary School is located in Maunga Village and currently accommodates 232 learners from ECE to grade 7. The school has 13 teachers including the principal. To date, ABCF has refurbished the school infrastructure, provided stationery and learning materials, started a nutrition program, and is providing sanitary pads to keep girls in school.

#### Maunga Health Centre

ABCF built a health care facility in Maunga Village. This clinic is fully equipped with a maternity ward, solar power, access to water, ablution facilities, and medical supplies and resources to serve the community. Additionally, we built nurses accommodation to provide much-needed housing for nurses working at the clinic.

#### **Conservation in Lower Zambezi**

We are a Platinum Member of Conservation Lower Zambezi, supporting their work in the greater Lower Zambezi region. As a result of this membership, CLZ is able to leverage significant additional donor funding and amplify their impact. Additionally, we are partnering with the Zambian Carnivore Programme, supporting their field-based conservation work focused on large carnivores and the landscapes they reside in.



## Projects in Mambanje and Dete, Zimbabwe

#### Mambanje Primary School and Garden

ABCF is supporting the Mambanje community in Hwange. We renovated the classrooms and teachers accommodation, installed solar power, boreholes, and launched a nutrition program at the school.

The Mambanje community garden is empowering and enabling the community to grow and produce crops that they can harvest to feed their families and sell to generate economic activity. The garden has 50 beds 3x3m that can support 50 families.

#### **Thandanani Sewing Group**

Thandanani, which means "love each other," is a local sewing group run by women in the community of Dete, in Hwange. They make beautiful African print placemats, bags, robes, travel wallets, and clothes. Everything they make is unique and made with love. Items are available for sale at the ABC trading post in our camps.

#### The Vukani Group

The Vukani Group is a community of women who are making beautiful, handcrafted necklaces, bracelets, and napkin rings out of recycled magazines. This project takes items that we typically throw away and repurposes them into something beautiful. Items are available for sale at the ABC trading post in our camps.





## Projects in Mola & Mana Pools, Zimbabwe

#### Mana Pools Ranger Program

Our Ranger Program is actively supporting the anti-poaching efforts in the Mana Pools National Park. Our ranger ration program is currently supplying 1080KG of beef meat to the community every month. We are actively contributing to the reduction of animal poaching in Mana Pools which will go a long way towards increasing the wildlife population in the area.

#### **Mangwara Primary School**

Mangwara Primary School supports an average of 300 learners from ECD to grade 7. We have made significant infrastructure investments in the school to ensure that learners have adequate learning facilities and resources. We built an additional classroom block, installed solar and a borehole for the school, purchased desks, chairs and textbooks to aid in the academic development of learners and to improve the school pass rate.

#### Lion Boma and Lion Guardian Project

The Lion bomas are used to protect the community's livestock from predators and lions. By protecting the community's livestock, we are reducing human-wildlife conflict in the area and retaliation killing of wildlife. The Lion Guardians alert the community of the presence of lions in the area, which prevents any human fatalities. Additionally, they conduct kraal and herd assessments and educate the community on conservation.



## **Conservation Implementation Partners**

#### **Conservation Wildlife Fund**

The Conservation and Wildlife Fund is a non-profit trust which was formed in 2017 after conservationists and stakeholders in the region of Hwange National Park decided to combine forces to address important conservation issues affecting the lands bordering the eastern boundary of Hwange.

ABCF partners with CWF to achieve our conservation goals in Hwange.

#### **Bumi Hills Anti-Poaching Unit**

The Bumi Hills Foundation provides protection and conservation of African wildlife in Zimbabwe through dedicated anti-poaching efforts, support of local communities in human-wildlife conflict, and wildlife research at Bumi Hills on the shores of Lake Kariba.

ABCF partners with Bumi Hills Anti-Poaching Unit, the operational arm of Bumi Hills Foundation, to achieve our conservation goals in Kariba.





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