### **COMPANY PROFILE**



# SISABELO SAKA INCLUSIVE SCHOOL

Transforming Lives Through Inclusive Education

## **CONTENTS**

- About Us
- Our Mission, Vision and Values
- Services Offered
- Extra Activities
- The Blind-A-Thon
- Testimonials
- Enrollment
- Meet The Team
- Board of Directors
- Appreciation Corner; Donations
- Partner With us
- Contact Us

#### **About Us**

Sisabelo Saka Inclusive School (SSIS) is a not-for-profit pioneering educational institution located in Lusaka, Zambia whose sole purpose is to empower and transform the lives of children with visual impairments by giving them access to quality inclusive education. Founded in January 2019 by Ms. Mulambwa Gondwe, SSIS was born out of a deep-seated desire to break down the barriers that prevented these extraordinary children from accessing the education they deserved. Through this vision, SSIS has become a beacon of hope and opportunity for children with visual impairments in Lusaka. Every corner of the school resonates with passion, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to nurturing the potential within each child. Under the leadership of Ms. Gondwe, a visionary and advocate for inclusivity, SSIS has thrived, providing a safe and inclusive environment where students can flourish. Our dedicated team of educators and staff work tirelessly to create an atmosphere of excellence, promoting academic growth, fostering creativity, and instilling a lifelong love for learning.

#### **Our Mission**

To transform the lives of visually impaired children through the provision of quality inclusive education embracing a broad-based curriculum where every child, regardless of ability can have access to a comprehensive education that nurtures their talents, fosters personal growth, and equips them with the skills needed to succeed in life.

#### **Our Vision**

To be a model school for quality inclusive education for children with visual impairments in Zambia.

#### **Our Core Values**

- 1. Dignity: We recognize and uphold the inherent worth and value of every individual, fostering an environment of respect and dignity.
- 2. Equality: We strive to create a level playing field, ensuring equal opportunities and access to education for all children.
- 3. Equity: We are committed to fairness and justice, providing resources and support tailored to meet the unique needs of each student.
- 4. Respect for Diversity: We celebrate the richness of diversity and embrace the unique strengths and talents of every student, fostering a culture of inclusivity and acceptance.

#### Services Offered

SSIS offers a comprehensive range of services to support the holistic development of visually impaired children. These include:

- **Early Childhood Education:** We provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for young learners, focusing on their cognitive, social, and emotional development.
- Primary School Education: Our inclusive curriculum is tailored to meet the specific needs of children with visual impairment, ensuring they receive quality education in a supportive and inclusive setting.
- 'Scholarships for Tuition: We offer scholarships to economically disadvantaged families, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to education for children with visual impairment.
- 'Assistive Devices: We equip our students with essential assistive devices, such as Braille materials, magnifiers, and adaptive technologies, to enhance their learning experience and promote independence.
- 'Transportation Support: To ensure seamless access to education, we provide transportation support, covering the costs of the children commuting to and from school.
- 'Uniforms: We supply school uniforms to promote a sense of identity, equality, and pride among our students.

Feeding Program: We believe that nourishment is vital for academic success. Our feeding program provides nutritious meals to support the overall well-being and development of our students.



#### **Extra Activities**

SSIS goes beyond the standard curriculum to provide enriching experiences for our students:

'Activities for Daily Living: We offer specialized training and support to help students develop essential life skills, empowering them for independent living.

'Computer Literacy is a life skill: We provide computer literacy classes, equipping students with digital skills necessary for their educational and professional growth in the digital age.



- \*With the provision of tactile teaching aids, the pupils are able to participate in science lessons and will not be left behind in society.
- 'Music: Our vibrant music program enables students to explore their artistic talents, fostering creativity, self-expression, and a love for music thereby setting a solid foundation for those that want to build a career in Music.





# Awareness and fundraising walk for equipment for Science, Music and Art Classroom





#### The Blind-A-Thon

The Blind-A-thon is a fundraising and advocacy walk that SSIS holds annually to raise awareness on inclusive education for the learners with visual impairments. Every year the pupils of SSIS together with other volunteers from the public match to advocate for an inclusive education system. Since its inception in 2021, the Blind-a-thon has received tremendous support not only in Zambia but all across the world.



#### **Testimonials**

Sanana was one of SSIS' first students. She was not born blind but following a short illness she lost her sight. Through dedication and an eagerness to keep learning, Sanana graduated from SSIS in the year 2022 and was successfully enrolled into secondary school.

#### **Enrollment**

Currently, SSIS provides education to 9 learners with visual impairments. With our spacious and well-equipped facilities, we have the capacity to accommodate up to 50 children, ensuring personalized attention and a supportive learning environment.



#### **Meet the Team**

SSIS has a team of dedicated and qualified professionals who are passionate about empowering children with visual impairments. Our staff members include:



ECE Teacher



John Mwape Music Teacher



Lwizer Kasapi Class Teacher



Robert Chirwa Class Teacher

Head Teacher
Robert Chirwa
Diploma in Special Education
(Braille and Mathematics)

Class Teacher
Lwizer Kasapi
Long Distance Student Degree in Special Education

ECE Teacher

Mumba Mushota

Early Childhood Diploma with Special Education

**Music Teacher John Mwape** 









Wendy & Brendon Morris















**Board of Directors** 

SSIS is guided by a competent and visionary Board of Directors.

#### The Board consists of

Chairman: Dr. Mweemba Muungo Vice Chairman: Chitalu Chipili **Secretary & CEO: Mulambwa Gondwe Vice Secretary: Wendy Morris Treasurer: Nakaluba Gondwe Vice Treasurer: David Pollock Dr. Mwenya Mwamba Mathews Kaoma Lubinda Gondwe Brendon Morris** 

**Nsofwa Sampa Nawa Manda** 

#### **Appreciation Corner; Donations**

SSIS has been privileged to receive various donations from different organizations that have come on board to support the cause of the school. These donations have contributed largely to the effective running and continuity of SSIS.

#### -Micmar

During the course of the year 2023, we received a visit from Micmar that have come on board to support the cause of SSIS. Micmar painted the premises of SSIS and ensured the school surrounding looks beautiful.

#### -Love In Action

The Love in Action was another group that visited SSIS and donated food stuffs and school uniforms.

#### -City Bank

City Bank Zambia also came on Board and donated food stuffs that lasted SSIS a whole year. All these donations greatly supported SSIS feeding program and all the children were well nourished through-out the year.

#### -Miracle Life Family Church

Miracle life also gives monthly financial support to the school. We have also had a visit from one of the Church's connection Groups that donated groceries and other supplies.

#### -Doha Fellowship

Makes a monthly contribution towards our operation costs.

#### -Barloworld Zambia

Barloworld Zambia Limited have donated a total of \$8,000.00 to Blind-A-Thons in 2021 and 2022

The Board and Management of SSIS are so grateful to all these organizations that came on board to support the cause of SSIS.



#### Partner with us

Your support can make a difference!

Join us in creating a brighter future for children with visual impairments. Together, we can empower them with quality education and unlock their potential.

Contact us today to learn more

Contact Us

Address: Private Bag E891, Suite 733, Manda Hill Shopping Mall,
Plot 3717/3 Mulobezi Road, Olympia Park, Lusaka



Email: sisabelosaka.inclusivesch@gmail.com



Phone: +260973843551



Website: www.sisabelosakaschool.org



Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Sisabelo-Saka-Inclusive-School-107569695531526