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FOREWORD

2025 was a year of consolidation and maturation for the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation (GSCF). Across Zambia and Malawi, initiatives that began as pilots or partnerships moved further into structured implementation, local ownership and measurable expansion.

From long-term wildlife research and ranger support to regenerative livelihoods and community-led governance, the Foundation continued to invest in systems that strengthen conservation from multiple angles.

The year also reinforced an important principle: durable conservation depends not only on protecting wildlife, but on supporting the people, institutions and livelihoods that surround it.

Whether through training programmes, community partnerships, or practical infrastructure such as water systems and sustainable energy solutions, 2025 focused on building foundations that endure. This report outlines the progress made, the lessons learned, and the partnerships that made it possible.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES

Budget 2025

Opening balance / reserve carried forward from 2024	€ 30,298
Green Safaris Fund donation 2024 Reserve	€ 152,571
Green Safaris Fund donation 2025 Received	€ 273,699
Third party donations received 2025	€ 17,411
Total Budget 2025	€ 473,979

2025 Donations provided		Per Category	
Likoma Island	€ 89,198	Community-	
Livingstone	€ 81,924	Development	€ 233,182
Kafue National Park	€ 64,570	Conservation	€ 113,792
Lower Zambezi	€ 49,658	Overhead	€ 7,423 (2%)
South Luangwa	€ 33,501		
Generic	€ 28,565		
Overhead	€ 7,423		
Total	€ 354,839	Total	€ 354,838

Reserve **€ 138,419**

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ZAMBIA

In 2025, the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation supported frontline anti-poaching efforts and scientific research, invested in local conservation leadership, strengthened governance systems, and expanded environmental education across multiple Zambian landscapes. Each initiative addresses a different layer of the same challenge: How do we protect wildlife, whilst creating conditions in which people and nature can thrive together?

Some efforts are immediate and visible, such as anti-poaching efforts or wildlife rescues. Others unfold more quietly: training women conservationists, strengthening local decision-making structures, or helping farmers develop sustainable livelihoods.

RESEARCH AND PROTECTION

KAFUE AND SOUTH LUANGWA: ZAMBIAN CARNIVORE PROGRAMME (ZCP)

Across Zambia's key wildlife landscapes, 2025 was a year in which research and protection worked hand in hand. The Foundation continued to support ZCP, whose work is grounded in robust, long-term research. Carnivores such as lions, wild dogs and cheetahs are slow to reproduce and highly sensitive to disturbance. Understanding their survival, movement patterns and mortality risks requires consistent data collection across many years.

Through GPS collaring, demographic monitoring and genetic research, ZCP tracks population trends and identifies emerging threats. This information feeds directly into law enforcement strategies. By linking collar data to control rooms and field teams, areas of heightened risk can be prioritised, creating what ZCP describes as a "halo" of protection around vulnerable groups.

Field-based protection teams and veterinarians work alongside researchers to check for snares, respond to injuries and monitor pride dynamics. De-snaring efforts over the past decade have demonstrated measurable long-term impact: individual animals saved from wire snares continue to reproduce and contribute to stable population growth. In Luangwa, statistical analysis confirmed that consistent de-snaring positively influences lion population trends over time.

This kind of work depends on continuity. It cannot be switched on and off without consequence. GSCF's multi-year support has enabled ZCP to maintain this consistency, even in a challenging global funding climate.

SOUTH LUANGWA: K9 ANTI-POACHING UNIT

In South Luangwa, GSCF continued to support the K9 Anti-Poaching Unit of Conservation South Luangwa (CSL). Many NGOs experienced challenges due to the suspension of U.S. government foreign aid funding (USAID), as did CSL. Despite these challenges, the South Luangwa K9 Unit still increased its overall operational output compared to 2024 and 2023. Across 2025, the Unit:

Conducted 201
targeted
operations

Screened 24,000
vehicles and
transport routes

Had 27 wildlife
crime arrests

Recovered 23
firearms



GSCF support has not only enabled operational deployment but also long-term K9 welfare. Veterinary oversight, responsible retirement and the training of new detection dogs ensure that frontline protection is carried out ethically and sustainably. The dogs are trained to detect bushmeat, firearms and other contraband, and are a vital contribution to active anti-poaching efforts.



In 2025, the Unit welcomed Sherman (middle), a rescued detection dog recruited through CSL's ethical sourcing approach. After specialised training in the United States, Sherman relocated to Zambia in September 2025 and began structured daily training under the supervision of the Deputy Head of the K9 Unit. He is expected to complete his training and join operational deployments in 2026.



LEADERSHIP & CAPACITY

SOUTH LUANGWA: ZCP WOMEN IN WILDLIFE

Wildlife conservation is often described in terms of animals saved, snares removed or operations conducted. Yet behind every collar deployed and every response call answered stands a person. In 2025, a central focus of support in Zambia was strengthening local leadership within conservation.

Therefore, GSCF committed to advance Women in Wildlife leadership development, supporting field capacity, mentoring, and operational access to remote sites. Trainees do not learn conservation in a classroom alone. They participate in carnivore monitoring, veterinary response, community engagement and data management alongside experienced mentors. This hands-on model builds technical competence while also developing confidence and leadership.

One example of this long-term investment is the journey of **Mercy Njobvu** (left), who joined as one of the programme's early female trainees and has since qualified as a wildlife veterinarian in Kafue. Her progression reflects the broader ambition of the programme: not only to train, but to enable women to hold senior, decision-making roles within Zambia's conservation landscape.



EDUCATION & EARLY STEWARDSHIP

Leadership development does not begin in the field. Rather, it begins much earlier: in classrooms, communities and conversations about the value of wildlife and natural resources. While enforcement and research address immediate threats, education shapes the attitudes and decisions that determine the future of wildlife and natural resources.

LOWER ZAMBEZI: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Through its partnership with Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ), GSCF supported The Environmental Education Programme (EEP) as the prime donor.

Through their programme, CLZ reaches a total of 71 schools. In 2025, they have done multiple school visits, hosting a total of 154 pupils. One of the key activities funded by GSCF was the Chongwe School Visit Programme. Through this support, 25 pupils and four teachers were hosted at CLZ basecamp for immersive environmental education learning. The impact of such lessons is best understood through the pupils themselves.

For example, Grace Banda from Nangombe School shared that her father relies heavily on charcoal production to support their family. After learning about deforestation and climate change, she committed to explaining these impacts to her father in their local language to ensure he fully understood the long-term consequences. She also expressed her intention to encourage conservation farming and gardening as alternatives.

CLZ's EEP combines classroom learning with experiential visits to the national park. In 2025, GSCF support also enabled teacher training workshops and the distribution of over 2,500 curriculum booklets, strengthening both student engagement and teacher capacity.



KAFUE: CONSERVATION EDUCATION CLUBS

Education efforts were further reinforced through Conservation Education Clubs co-developed with By Life Connected (BLC), a long-term partner of GSCF focused on strengthening local governance, livelihoods and environmental stewardship. Throughout 2025, 6th grade pupils continued to receive conservation education across four different schools in the Greater Kafue Ecosystem. A total of 280 students have been reached since the start of the programme in 2020.

Over the course of 15 weeks, pupils explore core conservation themes including climate change, poaching, and the importance of sustainable land use. A defining feature of the programme is experiential learning. Through partnership with Ila Safari Lodge, pupils join field trips into Kafue National Park. Guided by professional safari guides, they encounter elephants, lions, and sometimes even cheetahs, transforming conservation from a classroom concept into lived experience.

While each organisation brings its own approach, there is growing recognition that conservation education efforts across Zambia can be strengthened through closer alignment. For example, the Zambian Carnivore Programme also operates conservation clubs in its landscapes, and a shared ambition for the coming years is to streamline methodologies and curricula across partners. Green Safaris Conservation Foundation hopes to support this coordination by encouraging collaboration and knowledge-sharing between partners.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION

LOWER ZAMBEZI: RUBATANO SPORTS DAY

In the Lower Zambezi, GSCF supported the annual Rubatano Sports Day, organised by Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ). "Rubatano," meaning unity in the local Goba language, brings together local football and netball teams for a day of friendly but competitive sport. The event is about more than determining the strongest or fastest team. It creates a space where community members, the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW), conservation partners, and lodge staff engage with one another outside the context of law enforcement.

SOUTH LUANGWA: DSHAMBE AND MALAMBO UNITED SOCCER TEAMS

In South Luangwa, GSCF supported the Dushambe and Malambo United Soccer Teams. Financial assistance enabled the teams to travel to matches and remain active throughout the season. Beyond competition, the Dushambe team was welcomed to Shawa Camp for several days, where players contributed to small projects and gained exposure to camp operations and conservation-linked work environments. As Camp Manager Chipasha reflected:



"It was wonderful to welcome them into camp for a few days as well, where they pitched in with helpful projects and got a taste of work experience with us."

KAFUE: THE WILD TRAIL

GSCF once again supported the Kafue Wild Trail Run in 2025, held in honour of World Ranger Day. With over 500 participants - the largest turnout to date - runners took on the 11km and 21km routes alongside the rangers who work daily to protect Zambia's conservation areas.

By supporting the Trail Run, GSCF helps raise visibility for the vital work of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) and Greater Kafue Landscape Limited (GKLL), while creating a rare opportunity for the public to stand, quite literally, alongside those safeguarding the landscape.

REGENERATIVE LIVELIHOODS

KAFUE: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE CHECK DAM MODEL

Water management remained a central focus in 2025. Since 2022, in the Mulendema Chiefdom adjoining the Kafue National Park, four cascading check dams have been constructed by By Life Connected (BLC) with support from GSCF, forming the foundation of a regenerative water strategy in the Greater Kafue Ecosystem. A check dam is a small, semi-permeable structure built across seasonal waterways. During the rainy season, water flows over and through the structure; as flow slows, water is retained and gradually infiltrates the surrounding soil, recharging the groundwater table.

Low-cost water pumps were introduced as an alternative to boreholes, which had proven expensive and increasingly unreliable under prolonged dry conditions. Drawing from improved groundwater retention, these pumps offer a more adaptable and financially accessible solution.

GSCF's support has enabled both the initial experimentation with check dams and their continued refinement and scaling through 2025.



KAFUE: DEMONSTRATION FARMS & COMMUNITY GARDENS

Improved water access from the check dams supported the expansion of regenerative agriculture. Four communal gardens are now active, having moved from pilot phase into productive scaling during 2025. The Mulendema demonstration farm remained important in providing the local community with workshops, where participants learned how to grow vegetables organically using composting and home-made pesticides. What began as a supported experiment is now increasingly self-sustaining. The gardens have diversified to include approximately 360 beehives, strengthening income streams beyond crop production. The long-term objective is full diversification: integrating fish-ponds and other complementary systems to create self-sufficient community production hubs.

A key development in 2025 was the strengthening of supply chain linkages to lodges. Agricultural production is no longer conceptual; it is now connected to real market pathways, enabling 'farm to table' food at Ila Safari Lodge and Chisa Busanga Camp in Kafue National Park.



LIVINGSTONE: HANDOVER OF THE MUKUNI COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Mukuni Community Farm near Livingstone was originally started during the pandemic, as a project to keep our staff busy whilst no guests were visiting, and as a means to provide food security.

Back in 2020 we engaged By Life Connected to turn this 12 ha land handed to us by Chief Mukuni into a productive organic farm. Initially the land was dire, with just mostly sand and some trees. GSCF donated the funds to get the land fenced, install boreholes and solar power and provide skilled management.

Over time, large parts of the farm have been turned into fertile and productive land, providing many of the herbs and vegetables served at Livingstone island, as well as most of the chicken. After 5 years of active support by GSCF and BLC, 2025 marked the official handover of the farm to the Mukuni Development Trust, who will manage the Mukuni farm going forward as an agricultural collective.



KAFUE: SUSTAINABLE STOVES

In 2025, sustainable stove distribution expanded significantly within Mulendema chiefdom.

Approximately 180 households now use improved cookstoves, which reduce wood consumption and lower household fuel demand while decreasing carbon output.

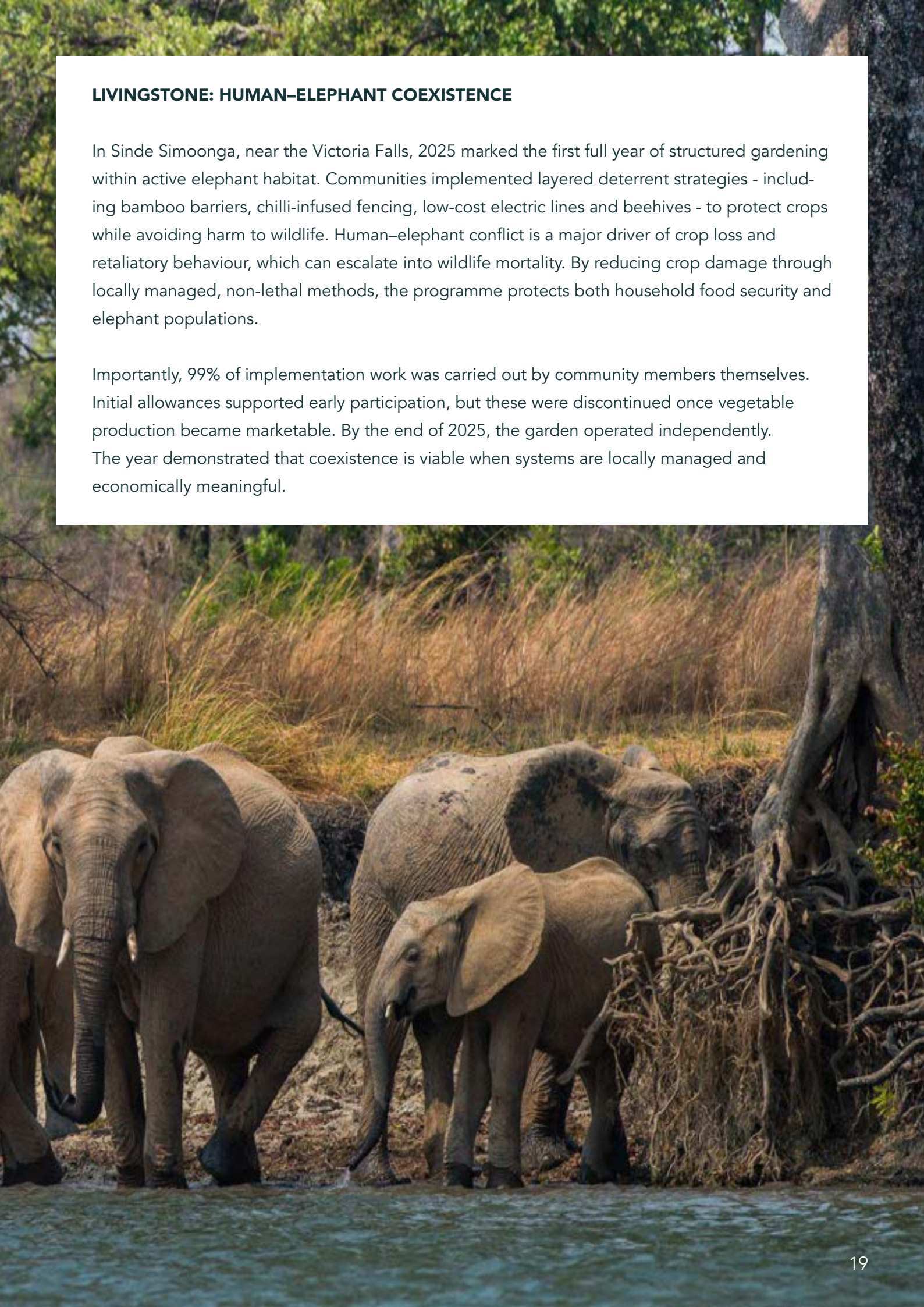
By addressing energy use at household level, the programme directly reduces pressure on surrounding forests and contributes to climate resilience at landscape scale. The 2025 focus was on scaling adoption following a successful pilot phase, with uptake driven through community engagement.



LIVINGSTONE: HUMAN-ELEPHANT COEXISTENCE

In Sinde Simoonga, near the Victoria Falls, 2025 marked the first full year of structured gardening within active elephant habitat. Communities implemented layered deterrent strategies - including bamboo barriers, chilli-infused fencing, low-cost electric lines and beehives - to protect crops while avoiding harm to wildlife. Human–elephant conflict is a major driver of crop loss and retaliatory behaviour, which can escalate into wildlife mortality. By reducing crop damage through locally managed, non-lethal methods, the programme protects both household food security and elephant populations.

Importantly, 99% of implementation work was carried out by community members themselves. Initial allowances supported early participation, but these were discontinued once vegetable production became marketable. By the end of 2025, the garden operated independently. The year demonstrated that coexistence is viable when systems are locally managed and economically meaningful.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Beyond conservation efforts and agricultural systems, 2025 reinforced broader community foundations. The Foundation supported the work of Project Luangwa in the Mfuwe area of the Luangwa Valley, contributing to programmes that strengthen education, gender equality, and local livelihoods in communities surrounding South Luangwa National Park. Through this partnership, support reached initiatives including secondary school sponsorships, menstrual health programmes, and vocational training opportunities.



MALAWI

In 2025, the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation continued its support for community-driven initiatives on Likoma Island in Malawi, focusing on health, education and local leadership. Working through the Likoma Conservation Foundation, programmes addressed immediate needs - from clinical support and school initiatives to social care - while strengthening the capacity of local professionals to lead and sustain these efforts.

On an island with limited access to services and infrastructure, practical support and long-term investment go hand in hand. The year reflected steady progress across health, education and community development initiatives that remain locally rooted.

STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS

MEDIC TO MEDIC

In 2025, the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation continued its support for healthcare development on Likoma Island through its partnership with Medic to Medic.

One medical student from Scotland was hosted at Mango Drift Lodge, fully supported by Green Safaris. During a three-week placement at St. Peter's Hospital, the student worked alongside local medical staff while also leading a focused community initiative.

As part of this project, 60 mother-baby care kits were distributed to new mothers on the island. Each kit included essential items such as diapers, baby clothing, blankets, soap, reusable sanitary pads and chitenge fabric, directly supporting maternal and newborn care.

The initiative combined practical service delivery with longer-term investment in health capacity, strengthening local systems while addressing immediate needs.



CHILD SUPPORT & EDUCATION

LIKOMA NURSERY SCHOOLS

The nursery school feeding programme operated at full capacity across all six nursery schools, providing daily nutritious porridge to young children. New cooking equipment was purchased to improve meal preparation, and each child now has their own plate, spoon and cup - removing the previous requirement for families to provide utensils, which was not feasible for many households.

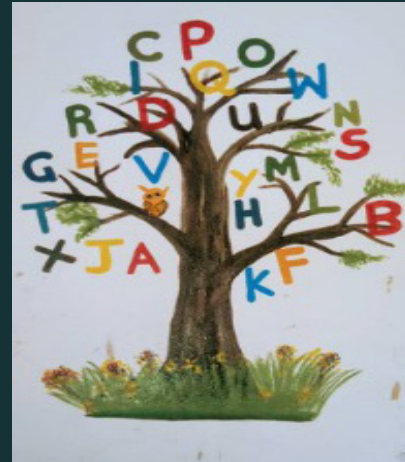
Educational wall paintings were added to classrooms, and wooden learning toys were produced using leftover wood from Kaya Mawa, reinforcing the connection between tourism infrastructure and community investment.

LIKOMA SCHOOLS UPLIFTMENT

For the Likoma Schools Upliftment programme, USD 5,000 was allocated for the Nkhwazi Primary School in 2025. Broken windows were replaced with durable, sustainable materials. In addition, all three primary schools received funding for teaching resources, and Kaya Mawa carpenters continued producing wooden toys that guests can purchase and donate directly to local schools.

ADZIWA ORPHANAGE

Support for the Adziwa Orphanage continued in 2025, with GSCF and dedicated guest donations contributing to staff salaries to ensure continuity of care. Looking ahead, efforts are focused on strengthening long-term sponsorship structures to enhance financial stability. Guests staying in Lilongwe are encouraged to visit, maintaining a direct connection between supporters and the community.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CLEAN UP LIKOMA

Through the Clean Up Likoma campaign, children actively participated in waste collection. For every ten plastic bottles filled with collected waste, a child received a pen. In total, 1,230 pens were distributed, resulting in the collection of approximately 12,300 plastic bottles filled with waste.

A local football team in Makungulu also participated and received a quality football in recognition of their involvement.



LIKOMA REFORESTATION

Under the Likoma Reforestation initiative, 20,000 tree seedlings were successfully grown in 2025. In January 2026, these seedlings were distributed to community members committed to planting and nurturing trees. Guests at Kaya Mawa can also participate through the "Plant a Tree, Grow a Future" initiative, linking tourism directly to reforestation efforts.



HOPE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Significant progress was made in 2025 at the Hope Community Garden. The full garden area is now actively cultivated, producing a variety of herbs, fruits and vegetables.

The project expanded to include 30 layer chickens, supporting egg production, and a mushroom-growing shelter was constructed and is expected to become operational shortly. These developments represent a steady move toward diversified, locally rooted food production.



THE STORY OF NYUMA

From Scholarship to Stewardship

One of the clearest examples of long-term impact on Likoma Island is the journey of **Nyuma Manda**, now Programmes Manager at Likoma Conservation Foundation (LCF), the Malawi-based arm of the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation. Nyuma first learned about the Likoma Conservation Foundation in 2018 when she arrived on Likoma Island. At the time, she was coordinating hospital and community programmes that focused on health, nutrition, and early childhood development.



"I was inspired by the Foundation's community development initiatives, which had noticeable positive impacts on the lives of islanders."

The Clean Likoma Project and the Reforestation Project were among the initiatives that stood out early on. Tree seedlings were planted for the future. Cleaner spaces. Healthier environments. Over time, she became aware of the full reach of LCF's work.

"I later realised that LCF also supports the hospital with essential resources and contributes to the education sector from early childhood development to university level."

When Nyuma started her Master's degree in Nursing and Midwifery Education, LCF supported 50% of her tuition fees for two years. As she reflects in the blog:

"The scholarship from Likoma Conservation Foundation did not only support my academic journey - it strengthened my confidence and belief that I could contribute meaningfully to my community."

Nyuma's appointment as Programs Manager represents a full-circle moment. She now oversees the very programmes that once supported her academic journey and professional growth.

"Through this program, we implemented various activities that improved the nutritional status and economic empowerment of many households."

Across the island, the impact of the Likoma Conservation Foundation is visible. Students have completed studies at colleges and universities through LCF sponsorship. Fruit and wood trees planted through afforestation initiatives now provide shade, food, and environmental benefits. Government forests have expanded through the provision of tree seedlings.

"At the health facility, improvements in infrastructure and resources have helped reduce infections and enhance the overall health of the island community."

Nyuma's journey reflects the heart of the Likoma Conservation Foundation and the wider Green Safaris ethos. Conservation here is not only about protecting landscapes, but about investing in people who belong to them. Sometimes, the most powerful outcomes come when opportunity returns as leadership.

LOOKING AHEAD

2026 marks the 10th Anniversary of Green Safaris and the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation. We are looking forward to continuing with our key focus areas in community development and conservation, whilst implementing the many lessons learned during the past 10 years.

We are excited to engage on a number of new projects, to further strengthen our impact. A key target going forward is to engage our guests at Green Safaris properties more, to create a better understanding of our key drivers and hopefully attract more guest donations for our work, to expand our reach and impact even further.

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