



2013 Annual Report, Introducing Lubuto Library Partners, Mumuni, and LubutoLiteracy and mEducation



## Lubuto Library Partners

*Bringing knowledge and enlightenment to Africa's street kids, orphans and other vulnerable children and youth*



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## Our 2013 Annual Report is now available

Our 2013 annual report highlights an often-noted benefit of Lubuto libraries to the society they serve: their reach. Reaching vulnerable youth, especially those who are not in school, and their communities has always been our top priority. Now we are extending that reach to rural areas, and the annual report shows how we are doing it and who is helping us.

Get the report at

[http://www.lubuto.org/Annual\\_Report\\_2013.pdf](http://www.lubuto.org/Annual_Report_2013.pdf).

## **Introducing Lubuto Library Partners**

You may have noticed something new with our October newsletter; we have changed our name! We chose to make this change because partnerships are essential to our very existence. The new name especially signifies Lubuto's pioneering partnerships with the Zambia Library Service and the library profession in Zambia and worldwide. We have long felt that the word 'project' implied that our work is short-term, but clearly our commitments to the communities we serve are long-term.

## **Finishing touches on Mumuni**

The end of October will be very busy for everyone at Lubuto as we prepare for the official opening of the Mumuni Library on November 6th. We will once again have as our honored guest Dr. Kenneth Kaunda the first Republican President of Zambia. We feel so blessed that President Kaunda will join us during Zambia's Jubilee Celebration! There has been an exceptional amount of community involvement for our first rural library. We have been told to expect about five thousand people from the three Chieftaincies that Mumuni will serve. Members of the community have helped with the construction of the facilities by, for example, gathering grass for the thatched roofs, and their plan for the opening event will entail slaughtering a cow to feed the community!

Just as Lubuto does in Bemba, Mumuni means "enlightenment" in Chitonga, the indigenous language in this part of Zambia. The community ownership of and enthusiasm for their Mumuni Library has been thrilling and humbling. People have been drawn from all directions to see their library buildings during the construction, but the grand opening will be the first time to experience how the

whole facility will work together to meet the needs of this rural community.

## **Lubuto *Literacy* and mEducation**

We were happy that our Program Manager, Imanga Kayama, could come to DC from our Zambian office to join Lubuto's team at USAID's mEducation Alliance Symposium. Lubuto has participated in this annual symposium each year and we are happy this year to share the nearly finished Lubuto *Literacy* lessons produced under our All Children Reading grant.

## **New members of our Board of Directors and Advisory Board**

Lubuto has been very fortunate to add several new members to our Boards.

**Elena Michaels** who works at the International Monetary Fund has joined Lubuto as Board Secretary.

**Doris Ross** who works at the International Monetary Fund has joined Lubuto as Board Treasurer.

Additionally we have just added the following individuals to our Advisory Board:

**Dr. Paul Sturges OBE**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Information Science, Loughborough University

**Richard Reyes-Gavilan**, Executive Director, DC Public Library

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## Volunteer of the Month

Our October Volunteer of the Month is Marc Haseltine. Marc became our newsletter coordinator in 2012.

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