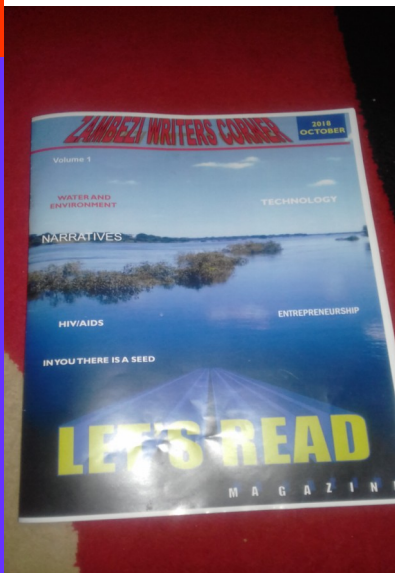


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# ZAMBEZI WRITERS CORNER LAUNCHES LETS READ MAGAZINE

BY: NG'OMBE ANDREW

Zambezi Writers Corner launched the LETS READ magazine at a colourful event held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 in Zambezi district. The launch was graced by the District Administrative Officer who was representing the District Commissioner. The launch was also attended by the DACA Zambezi and a representative from the District Education Board Secretary's Office. Various partners of Zambezi Writers Corner also attended the launch of the pupil – oriented magazine. These partners included ZAMTEL, Zambezi Electronic Library (ZEL), and Microfinance.

The event included a host of educative entertainment activities of which the highlight was the debate and spelling bee competition. The interesting debate was between Zambezi Boarding Secondary School and Zambezi Day Secondary School, and the captivating spelling bee competition included pupils from various primary schools in the district. The debate was ultimately won by the Zambezi Day Secondary School Debate Team which scored 110 points to beat the Zambezi Boarding Secondary School Debate Team which scored 104 points. The spelling bee competition was very captivating as the primary school pupils showed their capabilities to spell different words.



The Zambezi DAO launching LETS READ Magazine

The winner of the spelling bee competition was Kakoma Hellen, a pupil from Lwampungwa Primary School. This was after only two pupils remained in the final round and the spelling bee competition went to sudden death. Hellen was able to spell her word after Choza Wisdom failed to spell his.

The launch was also a time for Zambezi Writers Corner to award the best young writers, poets, spellers and debaters. Various stakeholders came on board to provide awards to be given to the learners. These stakeholders included Legacy Wide Trade, ZAMTEL, Chitokoloki Mission and the DACA Zambezi. These awards were given to deserving writers in a bid to motivate them to continue working hard and also to motivate other learners to participate in the writing competitions so that they can also be awarded next year when such an award ceremony is held. The awards were mainly school related items which included school bags, pens, exercise books, faith books, and novels. Zambezi Writers Corners remains forever indebted to the various stakeholders for the wonderful gesture shown in providing the awards. On behalf of the pupils, ZWC says " THANK YOU!"

## IMPACT OF THE LAUNCH OF THE MAGAZINE

By Emily Machayi K.  
Headteacher, Zambezi Day Secondary School

A magazine is one of the important documents which become an important tool for disseminating vital and educative information in any given community. "Lets Read Magazine" is a newly launched document in Zambezi district. It has been initiated by vibrant men and women whose vision is to improve on education and awareness among communities.

### HOW THE DOCUMENT HAS IMPACTED ON THE YOUTHS

For those who have contributed in terms of writing articles, they have become models for the rest of the other young generation to copy from. They have been admired by their fellow youths and that alone is going to attract massive competition among them. As an end result, more youths will participate and in turn improve literacy in the communities. The article writers have also developed self esteem which will encourage them to do much more than they did previously. Hence, the objective of developing writers becoming a reality.



Zambezi Day Secondary School Headteacher, Madam Machayi



Sneak peak into the magazine!

## IMPACT OF THE DOCUMENT ON THE COMMUNITY

The publication has various articles, comprising of different educative information which will bring about awareness amongst people and improve on best ways of approaching life

### RECOMMENDATIONS

As schools, we need to encourage and support the young teachers who came up with this initiative so that they can put in more efforts to improve on the project, especially that it will be a good platform for improving literacy levels among pupils of all grades in various schools and districts.



# LAUNCH OF LETS READ MAGAZINE IN PICTURES



A pupil brings the magazine for launching



A portion of the audience at the launch



ZWC Director Mr Phiri conducting the spelling bee



Zambezi Boarding Secondary School Headteacher Mr Mate



ZEL staff at the launch



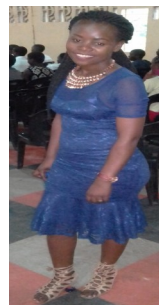
The DAO (left) and Councillor Michelo



Spelling Bee Competition in process



Judges for debate at the launch



ZWC Treasurer Mrs Simuyemba



Media (ZANIS) covering the launch



The corporate world was present at the launch



Winners of the Spelling bee competition with their teacher



ZWC Secretary Mr Ng'ombe at the launch



Those who couldn't find space inside but didn't want to miss the event

## ZWC Director Asks All Stake holders to be committed

During his speech, the Director first stressed the importance of literacy in the community. The Director said the importance of literacy cannot be overemphasized. He stated that literacy is key to social and national development. He said this during the launch of the first ever magazine written by pupils called 'Let's Read' magazine.

The launch took place on 2nd November, 2018 at Lords Mountain orphanage hall. The Director stressed the impotence of reading and writing among the learners in schools. He stated that, the publication of the magazine would act as a motivation to improve their reading and writing skills.

The Director also called on all stakeholders, to support the venture as its cause was noble. He said, "This project requires support from all stakeholders especially that it anchors on literacy which is the backbone of each and every nation.

Therefore, let us hold hands for the betterment of that child. Africa is unique from any other continent. The difference is, the unity which we uphold each day that comes and how we value one another."

The Director concluded his speech by calling on everyone to come on board and he also stressed the importance of working together as it leads to success.

### • Debate

There was also debate which was between Zambezi Boarding and Zambezi day Secondary Schools. The motion under discussion was; 'Local authorities have not done much to keep our environment clean'

The young boys and girls demonstrated their talent as they battled through speech.



ZWC Director Mr Phiri giving his keynote speech

The motion was very interesting that it made the debaters to bring out a lot of issues that affect them.

Finally, Zambezi Day Secondary school came out victorious. The winners walked away with a Certificate, and a phone with talk time worth k100 from our partners Zamtel.

### Social Media Buzz about the launch of LETS READ magazine

- "Congratulations for this great achievement. Such is what we want in our district and such is what we call development. God bless the organizers , you shall live long" George Solochi
- "Wow, congratulations Zambezi Writers. Wishing you the best in all your future endeavours." Chansa Mulemfwe
- "Zambezi district is happy for you, please keep on keeping on, all the best." Warren Fichite
- "This is a great achievement ZWC, continue with the same spirit. Together we can." Patrick Chilingo



## ZAMBEZI DC URGES SUPPORT FOR LETS READ MAGAZINE

BY: ZWC STAFFER

**The** District Commissioner for Zambezi district has implored stakeholders to support ventures intended at reducing illiteracy in the community. The DC said this through a speech read on his behalf by the District Administrative Officer (DAO) at the launch of LETS READ magazine held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2018 in Zambezi district.

The DC further underscored the importance of developing literacy in communities. *“The importance of having a literate citizenry cannot be over – emphasized. Therefore, it is very encouraging to government to note that there are individuals in our communities who are willing to put up such initiatives. This magazine will encourage our children to read, to research, to debate, to spell, and to write. Through these activities, illiteracy will surely reduce in the district and the province. It is, hence, imperative that such ventures are supported by all of us,”* he stated.



THE ZAMBEZI DAO

The District Commissioner congratulated the pupils for the wonderfully written magazine. *To the pupils, let me congratulate you on the many well written articles, poems and stories contained in the magazine. I urge you to continue working hard in such scholarly activities as these improve your performance in school. Continue reading hard, continue writing hard; I also urge the schools and parents to support our young writers. Give them all the support they need and encourage them to work hard,”* he stated.

The DC also had some words of appreciation to the Zambezi District Education Board Secretary’s office. *“To the DEBS office, let me thank you on behalf of Zambezi Writers Corner for the support and guidance you continue to render to the team. Let me also appreciate the local business community for coming to the aid of the organization. Let us continue with such noble acts,”* the speech read in part. The District Commissioner also had some encouraging words for Zambezi Writers Corner, *“I understand the challenges you are facing but my advice to you is to fight on. Continue on this venture and am assuring you that the fruits of your labour will surely be seen in the writers the district will produce. We as a district will continue giving you support because “iron sharpens iron” – therefore we will support your work because it complements the efforts of government in improving literacy in rural areas,”* he said.

Finally, the DC urged the community to support the magazine project as it was intended to help reduce illiteracy in the community. *“To the general community, I appeal to you to support this initiative. Let us work together to see to it that through LETS READ magazine, we can put our district on the national map, in fact on the international market. One good way to support this initiative is by ensuring that you buy yourself a copy of this magazine.”*

The launch was attended by people from all walks of life. Also in attendance were various partners of ZWC who included ZAM-TEL, Zambezi Electronic Library, the Zambezi DACA, and Microfinance Ltd.

### UPCOMING ZWC EVENTS

- Distribution of questions and topics for volume 2 of LETS READ magazine to schools—[January 2019](#)
- Invitation of schools (pupils) to participate in the writing competitions—[January 2019](#)
- Capacity building workshop for teachers—[February 2019](#)
- Debate and Spelling bee competition round one (I) - [March 2019](#)

## MORE ABOUT THE **DEVELOP A WRITER** PROJECT



*Pupils attending a ZWC event*

illiteracy levels among the learners. This will be done by engaging learners in writing competitions and other literacy activities. Therefore, we believe that this project will encourage learners to read and write as some topics selected for the writing competitions will require learners to research widely. This process will help learners to develop their reading and writing skills.

For this to be achieved it requires collective effort from all stakeholders who should participate fully in helping to develop the reading and the writing skills of our learners.

Therefore, we are asking the corporate world, donor partners, friends and well-

Develop a Writer is a project initiated by Zambezi Writers Corner with a view to develop writers in Zambezi district, as well as the province at large. With time, the organisation intends to expand the project to all parts of the country. The whole essence of the project is to help reduce the high

wishers to help in any way possible to make the project a success. Your donation and contribution will definitely help reduce the poor reading and writing in our learners and also develop writers in the country.

You can donate or contribute anything as this work is noble.

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