



Zambia

October 25 - November 1, 2026



Seeds of Opportunity: Advancing Early Childhood Education

Join CARE on a journey to Zambia to witness how transforming early childhood education expands opportunities for entire communities. We'll dive deep into a program that strengthens school readiness, literacy, parenting support, and lifelong learning opportunities.

By investing in a child's earliest years, we build the foundation for stronger educational outcomes, greater resilience, and long-term economic opportunity.

You will learn alongside CARE leaders, educators, families, and community partners, engaging with those closest to the challenges and solutions. Local leaders will share how evidence-based approaches are changing the lives of children and their families across Zambia.

Hotel Highlights

Lusaka – [Neelkanth Sarovar Premiere Hotels](#)

Chipata & Livingstone – [Protea Hotels](#)



Itinerary

Sunday, October 25 – Lusaka

- Arrive in Lusaka and transfer to the Neelkanth Sarovar Premiere Hotel.
- Rest and settle in ahead of the journey.

Monday, October 26 – Lusaka

- **Morning:** Orientation hosted by the CARE Zambia team. Receive an overview of the early childhood education program Nyenyezi Plus and Zambia's education landscape.
- **Lunch:** Meet with representatives from the Ministry of Education and key leaders in the education sector to discuss national priorities and the role of early childhood investment in shaping long-term educational outcomes.
- **Evening:** Welcome dinner.

Tuesday, October 27 – Lusaka/ Chipata

- **Morning:** Depart for Chipata via domestic flight.
- **Afternoon:** Transfer to the Protea Hotel and attend an introductory briefing on the Nyenyezi Plus project, including its integrated approach to early childhood development, literacy, and adolescent support.

Wednesday, October 28 – Chipata

- **Morning:** Travel to Chipangali District for visits with government and district officials. Visit local schools and early learning centers, learn about the integration of mobile libraries into foundational learning, and participate in a savings group meeting with caregivers and community members.
- **Lunch:** Return to Chipata with the project team.
- **Afternoon:** Engage with researchers and program staff to learn more about the longitudinal study evaluating the impact of early education and school readiness interventions.
- **Evening:** Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Thursday, October 29 – Chipata/ Lusaka

- **Morning:** Visit students and young professionals who participated in earlier phases of the CARE initiative to hear their personal educational journeys and learn how the program contributed to their paths toward becoming teachers and community leaders.
- Enjoy a meal with the CARE project team.
- **Afternoon:** Depart for Lusaka.
- **Evening:** Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Friday, October 30 – Lusaka/ Monze

- **Morning:** Travel to Monze.
- **Lunch:** Enjoy a meal with the CARE project team.
- **Afternoon:** Visit local schools and community learning spaces to engage with students, teachers, school administrators, and parents about the opportunities and challenges facing early childhood and primary education in the region.

Saturday, October 31, 2026 – Monze/Livingstone

- **Morning:** Depart for Livingstone and check into the Protea Hotel.
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy an excursion to Victoria Falls, one of the world's great natural wonders.
- **Evening:** Dinner with the CARE Zambia team, including reflections on the visit and the future of education investment in the country.

Sunday, November 1 – Livingstone

- Departures to the United States.

**Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.*



CARE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Early Education in Zambia

The SOAR (Strengthening Opportunities for Adolescent Resilience) III Nyenyezi Plus initiative — made possible by our hosts, Mary Jan and Paul Bancroft — is an innovative investment in early childhood education and family resilience designed to help children build a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success. Across Eastern and Southern Zambia, the program is reaching more than 92,000 children, adolescents, parents, and caregivers through early learning, literacy, parenting support, and community-based education initiatives. By combining locally led solutions with groundbreaking longitudinal research, Nyenyezi Plus is helping shape the future of school readiness and educational opportunity for children across Zambia.



ZAMBIA HIGHLIGHT

Victoria Falls

Experience the awe-inspiring beauty of Victoria Falls — one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya, “The Smoke That Thunders.” As the Zambezi River plunges dramatically into the gorge below, enjoy time to take in the sweeping views, mist-covered rainforest paths, and extraordinary natural landscape that has drawn travelers to Zambia for generations.

What’s included:

- Comprehensive pre-departure planning and dedicated travel support
- All in-country transportation (domestic flights and ground transfers)
- Premier accommodations and group meals
- Cultural visits & private excursions
- English-speaking tour leaders
- Gratuities
- Security and Medical Planning
- Access to CARE Zambia leadership and on-the-ground experts
- Pre-departure learning materials, including suggested readings and travel information

Pricing:

- Price per person: \$8,000

Please note:

Program pricing does not include international airfare, travel insurance, passport/visa fees, personal purchases, or additional hotel services outside the scheduled program.

To reserve your place or learn more, please email travelwithcare@care.org. Participation is intentionally limited to ensure a highly personalized and meaningful experience. **RSVP deadline is Friday, September 11, 2026.**