Education is the focus of Raise a Smile’s work. It is the foundation of personal development. Raise a Smile works closely with schools, communities, and the local Ministry of Education to increase access to education and improve the standard of education at rural Zambian schools. To ensure sustainability, they provide people and communities with the tools to improve their own situation.

They achieve this through a variety of projects including: literacy supplies and training, school fee sponsorship, tree planting, malaria and HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, and much more. RAS’s latest project tackles the topic of School WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) to ensure pupils stay healthy and don’t miss school due to illness.

Zambia is one of the poorest countries in the world. Per capita GDP is $2.38 per day. In rural areas it is much less. The population is 13 million with more than 1 million orphans. One third of all children lose at least one parent before the age of 5, typically to HIV/AIDS.