

ZDSF secures K3m for Chipulukusu library

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THE Zambia Development Support Foundation (ZDSF) has secured about K3 million to construct a library in Ndola's Chipulukusu area to help improve literacy levels.

The organisation has also trained more than 130 community teachers in computer, teacher and financial literacy.

ZDSF fundraiser Michael Nugent said the organisation had managed to organise more than K3 million to

construct a library in Ndola.

He said with the transparent running of affairs by the New Dawn Government, donors now had more confidence in Zambia and were more willing to donate funds.

Mr Nugent said when

he called on Copperbelt Permanent Secretary Augustine Kasongo that all the requirements to construct the library had been met but the signing of a Memorandum Organisation Understanding (MoU) between the organisation and the ministry of Education had delayed the commencement of the project.

He appealed to Copperbelt provincial administration to help expedite the commencement of the project saying all the formalities have been meant the only thing remaining was the signing of a MoU.

"Some of the community schools do not have the facility to hold books because they do not have classes and

so we have been brainstorming for new initiative to build a library in Chipulukusu where we are going to have more than 146 computer lab, books, furniture so that school that do not have rooms to hold books can come to that library. We intend to have more that 70 children visit the library every day," he said.

Mr Nugent said apart from assisting in the education sector, the organisation had other initiatives to alleviate poverty, where small micro finance projects to assist widows with capital to start small business.

And Mr Kasongo assured that his office would ensure that the project came to fruition.

He said he was going to engage the Ministry of Education to see how they could expedite the signing of a MoU.

"I am happy that many people have benefited from this project from Chipulukusu and other areas. The Government will support this project because the Government cannot do

everything alone. We depend on partners like yourselves so that you can make life easier for our people.

"We have a very bad reading culture so with you bringing the library closer to the people it will encourage our young ones to improve on the culture of reading," he said.

