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**ZAMBIA**  
A member of the CMMB community



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# ACRONYMS

AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
ANC	Antenatal Care
CCG	Community Care Giver
CHW	Community Health Worker
CIF	Children in Families
CMI	Count Me In
A2HealthZ	Access to Health Zambia
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
CWD	Children with Disabilities
CYCW	Community Youth and Childcare Worker
DHO	District Health Office
DREAMS	Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe
DQA	Data Quality Assessment
EmONC	Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care
HTS	HIV Testing Services
IPC	Integration of infection Prevention and Control
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
OSAW	Own Savings and Wealth Creation
P&G	Proctor and Gamble
PP_PREV	Priority Population Prevention
SASA!	Start, Awareness, Support, Action
TOT	Training of Trainers
ZAPD	Zambia Agency for People with Disabilities



# INTRODUCTION



## ABOUT ACCESS TO HEALTH ZAMBIA

Access to Health Zambia A2HealthZ is a Zambian non-governmental organisation (NGO) and is part of the Global Community of CMMB, with CMMB Inc in the USA. It is an autonomous entity focused on improving the lives of women, mothers, adolescents, and children in Zambia.

A2HealthZ's flagship approach is the Children and Mothers Partnership (CHAMPS) Model, a Maternal Neonatal Child Health (MNCH) model that has proved to be an effective, efficient, context-response method to improving the health and well-being of the most vulnerable and marginalized mothers, children, and their families. A2HealthZ's focus on deploying context-specific assets to improve maternal and child well-being catalyses community ownership to fighting life-threatening poverty and disease, including malnutrition, diarrhoea, pneumonia, malaria, and HIV/AIDS.



# MISSION/VISION

At Access to Health Zambia, our work is guided by a strong foundation of core values that shape every decision, action, and relationship. These values inspire us to deliver meaningful and sustainable health solutions while fostering a culture of respect and accountability:



## VISION

Every human life is valued, and health and human dignity are shared by all.

## MISSION

Inspired by the example of Jesus, A2HealthZ works in partnership countrywide to deliver locally sustainable, quality health solutions to women, children, and their communities.

## VISION

- **Collaboration:** To work in partnership for locally sustainable solutions
- **Love:** To embrace and be compassionate towards all people
- **Excellence:** To deliver sustainable, quality, and impactful results
- **Accountability:** To use our resources efficiently to deliver on our mission of healthier lives worldwide
- **Respect:** To act always with integrity, and to value and honour the dignity of all

# A2HEALTHZ'S OPERATIONAL AREAS



## Program Areas Includes

- CHAMPS
- Domestic and international volunteers
- Gender-based violence prevention
- HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment, including prevention of mother-to-child transmission
- Medical donations.
- Child protection, including support for orphans and vulnerable children

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - FOREWARD

I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for the goodness we experienced in financial year 2024 in various areas that made the organization continue to contribute to saving or indeed making lives better in the communities we serve. The achievements shared in this report are in line with our strategy for 2022 to 2026, which focuses on contributing to the improvement of health outcomes for children, mothers and adolescents through partnerships, child protection, support for the empowerment of orphans and vulnerable children and adolescents and their families, prevention of gender-based violence, addressing HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment, including that in regards to mother-to-child transmission, supporting national and international volunteers, and providing medicines and medical donations to the Ministry of Health and other partners in the health service industry.

I thank all our stakeholders for believing in our work as we strive to serve.

**Batuke Walusiku-Mwewa**  
*Chief Executive Officer – A2HealthZ*



# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

I wish to express my gratitude to our various donors, supporters, and cooperating partners for the confidence that they continue to have in A2HealthZ and for their support to A2HealthZ's programmes during the financial year 2024.

I also commend A2HealthZ's management and staff for their exemplary and excellent performance in the recently ended FY24. In 2024, the organization managed to get registered as a local organization and this marked a new era for the organization.

On the programme front, a lot of successes were scored with over 179,730 people reached with health and social services through the different projects that A2HealthZ implemented across the country.

I wish to also thank my colleagues on the board sincerely for their support during the year which made it possible for us to provide oversight on management in a professional way.

Our greatest challenge during the year was the fluctuation of our local currency against the dollar and this affected the price of fuel as well the power deficit that increased the cost of doing business. This in turn affected programmes and there was a need to constantly review the operations.

*Mr. Fresher Maphiri*



# MEET OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Batuke Walusiku-Mwewa**  
*Chief Executive Director*



**Songiso Hamusonde**  
*Technical Director*



**Charles Mwamba**  
*Finance & Administration Director*



**Emmanuel K. Nyundu**  
*Monitoring &  
Evaluation Manager*



**Charity Lombe-Tembo**  
*Finance Manager*



**Henry Mshoka**  
*Communication &  
Business Development  
Manager*



**Brenda Phiri**  
*Technical Advisor-MNCH*



## FY 2024 - COUNTRY OFFICE REACH

In FY24, the country reached 179,730 people with health and social services as shown below.

**ZM Cholera response  
(UNICEF & UNHCR)  
3,130**

**Kusamala III  
44,573**

**CHAMPS  
33,050**

**ECAP I  
89,977**

**Total Reach  
179,730**

# FY24 PROJECT REACH CHAMPS



During the financial year 2024, under our CHAMPS project , 1,398 pregnant women received 1st ANC visit, 884 pregnant women had of their 1st ANC Visit before 14 weeks and 1,707 pregnant women registered 4+ ANC Visit. A total of 1,052 institutional deliveries were recorded out of which 1,028 were skilled institutional deliveries representing 99% of deliveries attended to by skilled labour. The country office recorded a continued improvement of first ANC before 14 weeks, currently at 61% from 37% in 2020.

The project contributed to reduction in home deliveries to 7 in 2024 from a high of 57 in 2021. Furthermore, 1,059 newborns who received neonatal care within 2 days of birth compared to 1,083 newborns received neonatal care within two days of birth in FY2023. 1,961 children were fully immunized at 12 months.

In addition, in FY 2024, construction of a health centre at Simungoma was completed and handed over to the government, permanent mothers' shelter at Sankolonga Health Post and the setting up of a rainwater harvesting system at Magumwi Rural Health Post were also completed.

# FY2024 PROJECT REACH KUSAMALA III



Kusama III project, a child protection project 2,208 Cases Identified of children at risk of family separation with 1,735 Cases Referred and 1,465 of the cases having Completed Referrals and 45 Children were reunified in FY 2024. Furthermore 37 VSLA Groups were formed in Lusaka and Kabwe. The groups in Lusaka saved approximately K1,182,948 (\$ 45,498) and the groups in Kabwe saved approximately K472,448 (\$18,171.08).

## Project's Impact



**2,208**

Cases Identified of children at risk of family separation



**1,735**

Cases Referred and **1,465** of the cases having Completed Referrals



**45**

Children were reunified in their families in FY 2024



**37**

VSLA Groups were formed in Lusaka and Kabwe

# FY24 PROJECT REACH - ECAP I



The country office through the USAID ECAP I project served 98,977 beneficiaries (i.e., vulnerable children, adolescents, and caregivers) (OVC\_SERV), against an annual target of 92,742 under the OVC Comprehensive and OVC Preventive programs representing 106.7% achievement. 2,944 HIV-exposed infants (HEIs) were enrolled on the OVC comprehensive program and provided with OVC comprehensive services, including Early Infant Diagnosis (EID), Dry Blood Spot (DBS) sample facilitation jointly with the PEPFAR clinical partners (along the DBS cascade) and other health and social services. 95.0% (or 60,833) vulnerable children and adolescents (VCA) under the age of 21 served on the OVC comprehensive program had known HIV status reported to USAID ECAP I, out of which 16.9% (or 10,304) were HIV positive while 82.8% (or 50,384) were HIV negative.

The remaining 5.0% with unknown HIV status were mainly HEI whose status will be known at age 24 months with final DBS outcome. The project continued to sustain improvement in health outcomes for C/ALHIV on ART, with 96.9 % viral suppression rate achieved among C/ALHIV on ART eligible for viral load (VL) testing, with valid results on file. 585 out-of-school VCA were taken back to school, and 1,383 VCA were supported with school materials (i.e., shoes, uniforms, and exercise books). This represents 27.9% of all out-of-school VCA that the project facilitated re-enrollment into school.

The project ended FY2024 with 317 functional WORTH groups—a massive reach against the annual target of 70 groups. Participation attained a good level, with WORTH membership closing at 4,488 members. The cumulative total savings for all groups across the project was K5,046,015 (approx. \$190,000) and the outstanding loan value was K6,965,750 (approx. \$262,000). The available social funds set apart to respond to emergencies was K637,268 (approx. \$24,000).

# FY2024 REACH - UNICEF& UNHCR PROJECT /MPD

## Medical donations programmes:

Access to Health Zambia under the MDP program procured and donated essential drugs, medicines and medical supplies work costing \$5,477,464.59. These medical and non-medical supplies include Kirk Chewable Children's Vitamins, Prenatal Vitamins for pregnant and lactating mothers, diabetic drugs, water purification sachets (P&G), surgical gloves, and many others. With these donations, we have impacted over thirteen (13) health facilities in Mwandia district under the Ministry of Health which accounted for over 43,700 patients in the FY24, and five (5) level 2 mission hospitals and twenty-one level 1 mission hospitals under the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops (ZCCB) which accounted for over 500,000 patients.

Access to Health Zambia also procure and donated over US\$200K worth water purification sachets from Procter and Gamble (P&G) to the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit under the office of the Vice President of Zambia. This was a response to the Disaster Risk Reduction policy and framework and an intervention towards the fight against Cholera a pandemic that claimed hundreds of lives in Zambia.

Furthermore, 124,440 were reached with social protection messages and GBV awareness through drama, household visits and counseling. 135 CHWs and 20 community health committees (CWACs) were trained as part of the social protection mechanism.



## UNICEF& UNHCR Project :

The country office also implemented a cholera emergency response with support from UNICEF and UNHCR in Lusaka. The Cholera response project was implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (MCDSS), Ministry of Health (MoH), and other partners with support from UNICEF.

The project aimed to address the consequences of the cholera outbreak and prevent such outbreaks in the future. The project's focus was on protection, community-based protection, and leveraging community education and support. The project conducted case management and referring 3,130 (497 M, 825 F) cases to available services

# Donated Medical Supplies

In the last quarter of the financial year, Access to Health Zambia also made a mammoth donation worth USD\$2,201,660.00 worth of drugs as a contribution towards the fight against mental health. These drugs were handed over to our cooperating partners and beneficiary ZCCB which has a huge network of level 1 hospitals which provide such programs that promote and support mental health.

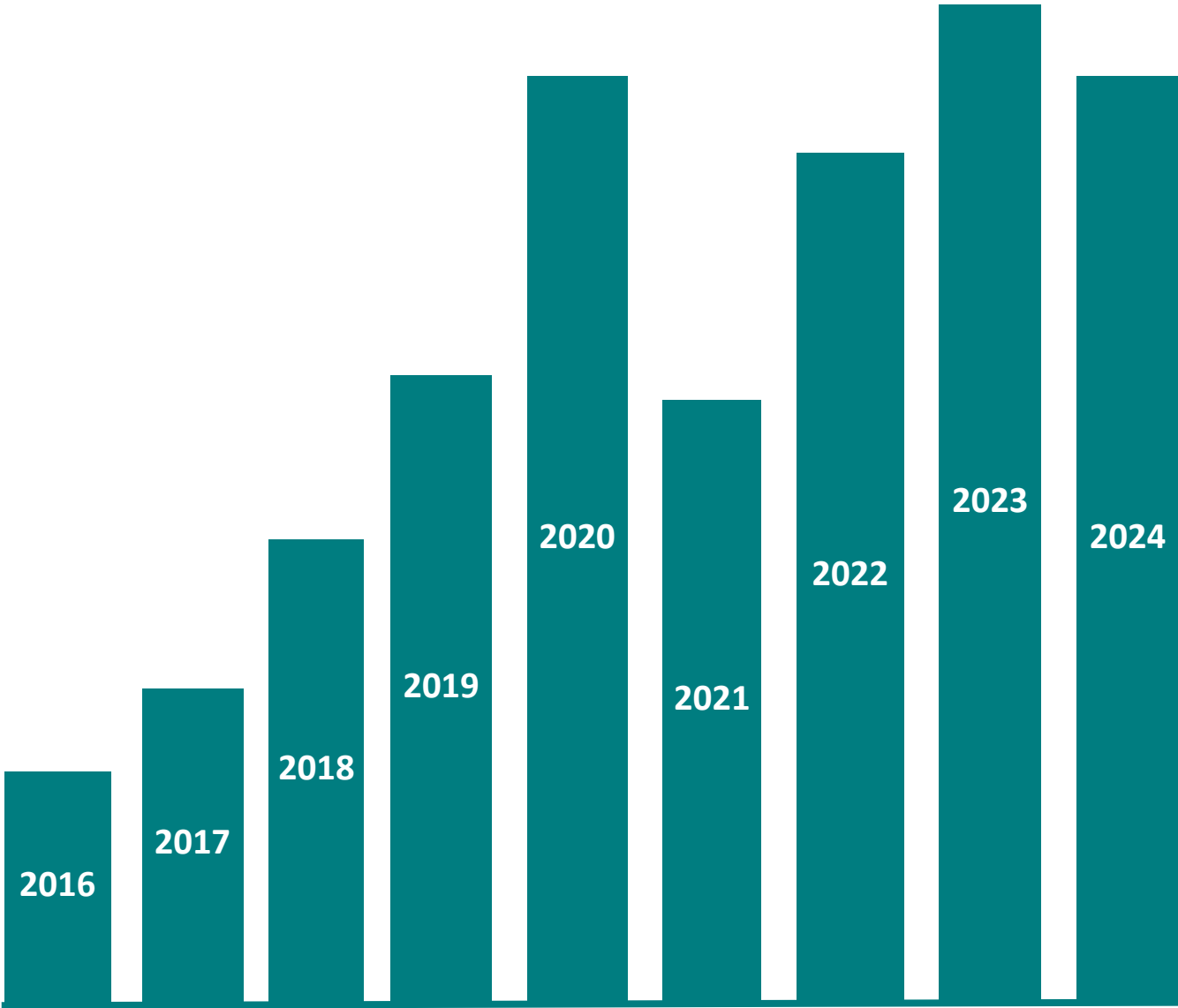
Table : Shipments breakdown received and delivered items

Description	Amount (USD\$)	Beneficiary
Syringes Assorted	\$2,201,660.00	ZCCB & MOH
Assorted Drugs (Diabetics &Antibiotics)	\$305,799.20	ZCCB & MOH
Kirk Shipment - Assorted Drugs	\$169,857.98	ZCCB & MOH
Bridion 100MG/1ML 2ML 10PER	\$666,900.00	ZCCB
Vitamins - Kirk Humanitarian	\$4,858.17	Mwandi Mwandi Mission Hospital
P&G	\$210,920.00	DMMU/ZCCB/MMH
INVEGA	\$1,917,469.24	ZCCB
Grand Total	\$5,477,464.59	

# Financial Summary

During the period under review , a total of USD 5,646,572 With support from the sponsors and donors, was used to reach the children, Orphan Vulnerable children, Pregnant women, adolescent boys and girls, women, and men in the communities we work.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cash Income USD	1,302,395	2,429,801	3,666,583	4,678,098	7,021,493	3,513,242	6,399,953	7,987,958	7,295,782



# Financial Expenditure

## Expenditure of CASH Income in FY 2024

Project	ANNUAL BUDGET (US\$)	YTD EXPENDITURE (US\$)	BALANCE (US\$)	BURN RATE (%)
UNR-CORE	325,566	304,882	20,684	94%
Innovation Grant	17,460	17,458	2	100%
UNR-CHAMPS	300,000	260,568	39,432	87%
Operational Research -ANC	11,917	10,091	1,826	85%
GHR-Kusamala	283,440	255,381	28,059	90%
Empowered Children and Adolescents Program 1(ECAP1)	5,760,000	4,325,642	1,434,358	75%
CHAMPS Plus	200,356	174,670	25,685	87%
Becton Dickinson(BD)	204,801	125,555	79,246	61%
UNICEF-Strengthening Child Protection Systems	101,611	101,611		100%
Adams Foundation	28,980	28,865	115	100%
Proctor and Gamble -Cholera emergency	34,252	14,462	19,790	42%
EU-Stop Gender Based Violence	27,400	27,387	13	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,295,782</b>	<b>5,646,572</b>	<b>1,649,210</b>	<b>77%</b>

# 2024 Projects in Pictures



A2HealthZ Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Batuke Walusiku-Mwewa (right), with Mwandi District Commissioner, Mrs. Sikuka Mwitumwa, during the official handover of the newly constructed Sankolonga Mother's Shelter and Simungoma Rural Health Centre to the government of Zambia in Mwandi District.

Four USAID ECAP I-supported adolescents proudly graduated among the 777 graduands at Luanshya Technical and Business College



Access to Health Zambia hosted its inaugural Medical Donation Program Stakeholder Engagement Workshop to enhance collaboration for improved healthcare access and stronger health systems. The workshop focused on developing engagement strategies and incorporating stakeholder input into program design and implementation.



Memory Mulenga (23), a beneficiary of Access to Health Zambia's Kusamala Project, was reintegrated into her family in 2021 after spending four years in a childcare facility. Through the support of the Kusamala Project, she was sponsored to pursue a one-year course in General Hospitality at Lusaka Business College and graduated on November 1, 2024.



# Story of Transformation



## IMPROVING HEALTHCARE AT CLEAN WATER AT SANKOLONGA RURAL HEALTH POST

For some communities, access to clean and safe drinking water remains a distant dream. This was the harsh reality for Sankolonga Rural Health Post and the surrounding communities. The facility relied on shallow wells that would run dry during the dry season and become contaminated during the rainy season. These conditions led to frequent outbreaks of waterborne diseases, primarily affecting children under five.

Lucky, the in-charge at Sankolonga Rural Health Post, recalls, “Even simple tasks like cleaning the facility or disinfecting equipment were difficult to manage.”

The turning point came in 2023 when Access to Health Zambia’s Children and Mothers Partnership (CHAMPS) project constructed a water harvesting system consisting of three tanks, 10,000-liter each. The system is designed to store rainwater, ensuring a sustainable water supply to support the facility’s operations.

“One of the most significant changes is the construction of the water harvesting system,” Lucky shares. “Even with the limited rainfall we received in 2023-2024, we managed to harvest enough water to fill two tanks. These tanks have sustained us through the dry months and will last until the next rainy season. It’s been a game-changer for both the facility and the community.”

The impact of the water harvesting system extends far beyond the health post. It has significantly improved hygiene standards, leading to a reduction in waterborne disease outbreaks. The stored water supports various needs, including cleaning, handwashing, and drinking, benefiting both staff and patients.

“Thank you to Access to Health Zambia for providing the community of Sankolonga with clean and safe drinking water,” Lucky says. “It might seem simple, but access to water has brought more than just cleanliness—it has restored dignity and enabled us to provide quality care to those who need it most. Water is life, and we are now able to focus fully on saving lives without the constant worry of where our next drop of water will come from.”

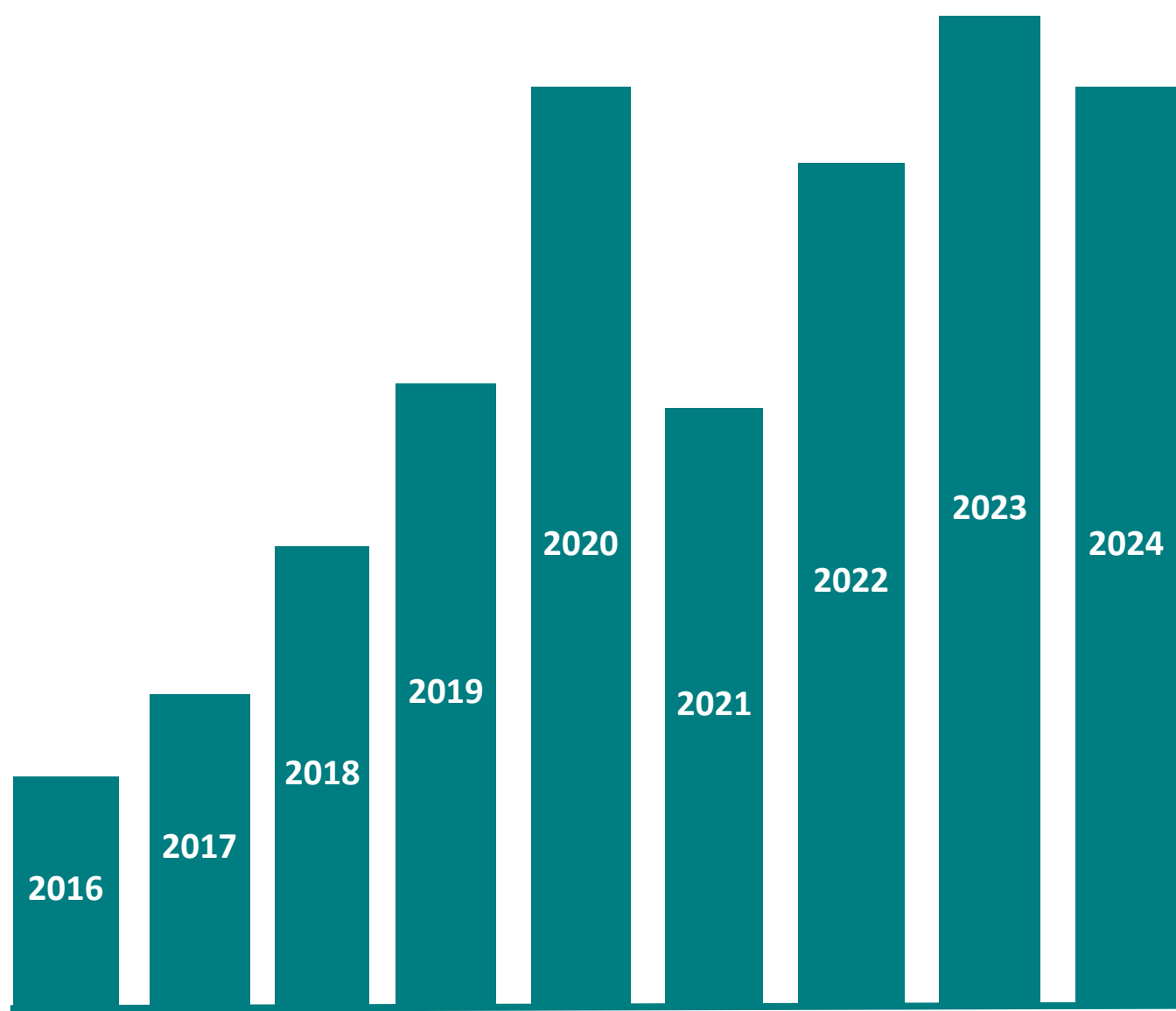
Through the CHAMPS project, Access to Health Zambia, with support from CMMB, has demonstrated the power of sustainable solutions. The water harvesting system at Sankolonga Rural Health Post is not only improving healthcare delivery but also helping children, mothers and communities to live healthier lives.



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