

Our People

Working Together

Individuals

Families

Grandparents

Charitable Foundations

Societies

Service Clubs

Non-government Organizations

interested in development

Environmental Groups

Local governments

Politicians and Administrators

Library

Police

Recreation Organizations

Provincial ministries

Federal ministries

Health networks & societies

Hospitals & Health units

Health service organizations

Physicians & surgeons

Nurses and therapists

Care providers

Communities:

Cultural

Arts

Faith & Interfaith

Aboriginal

Environmental

Industries:

Engineering

Construction

Tourism

Agriculture

Manufacturing

Transportation

Businesses

Corporations

Chambers of Commerce

Business Networks

Media Organizations

Schools

Universities

Colleges

Faculty and staff

Students

Researchers

Vision:

We envisage a future where our people enjoy the best possible health and quality of life. We see them living in safe, sustainable communities that promote the well-being of individuals, families and groups. Our organizations will work well together – with trust, respect and reciprocity. Our economic bases and natural environments will be stable and health-promoting as well.

Beliefs:

The keys to realizing our vision include . . .

- building friendships with people of another community
- engaging all sectors and all people
- building mutualistic, sustainable relationships between organizations
- creative and critical thinking
- local people identifying local needs and resources
- sharing ideas and resources
- addressing determinants of health and well-being
- creating new ways to overcome old barriers to genuine progress
- creating opportunities for expanding partnering in future

Mission:

We will work together to bring about genuine progress and improve health and quality of life for our Canadian and Zambian people and communities.

Commitments:

We agree to work together to . . .

- advocate and act to make our communities the best possible places to live – physically, emotionally, intellectually, socially, spiritually
- create environments that are health-promoting and sustainable
- facilitate exchange of ideas and people
- evaluate and improve effectiveness and appropriateness of efforts
- demonstrate our commitments in our policies, practices, relationships
- ensure that 100% of donated funds go directly to projects in Zambia

Model:

We will shape our model of partnering to be effective and ethical in creating positive, sustainable change. It will enable us to engage diverse partners and accommodate differences in our contexts and counterparts.

Our model must support development of relationships between individuals and groups, community development (bottom-up), advocacy & policy development (top-down), and training and exchange of ideas (sideways).

While we have many common interests, we must also recognize differences in needs, social structures, resources, scopes of influence and ways of doing things. We will need to be sensitive, creative and flexible.

As we engage people in Kelowna and Senanga (our partner city-district), we will also work with others that are outside these communities, such as the following:

- VIDEA - our sponsoring agency in Canada
- Women for Change - our organizational partner in Zambia
- CIDA - our start-up funding agency

Timeframe:

In 2007, we officially launched KaZ by establishing an action group, articulating community needs and interests, and exchanging ideas regarding projects for partnering. By 2010, we hope to have several projects underway, and to have established relationships and organizational capacity for sustaining action. Assessment in 2009, 2012 and 2015 will align with evaluation of the UN Millennium Development Goals (2015).

We will continue and grow this collaborative movement and realize our vision within a generation (25 years).