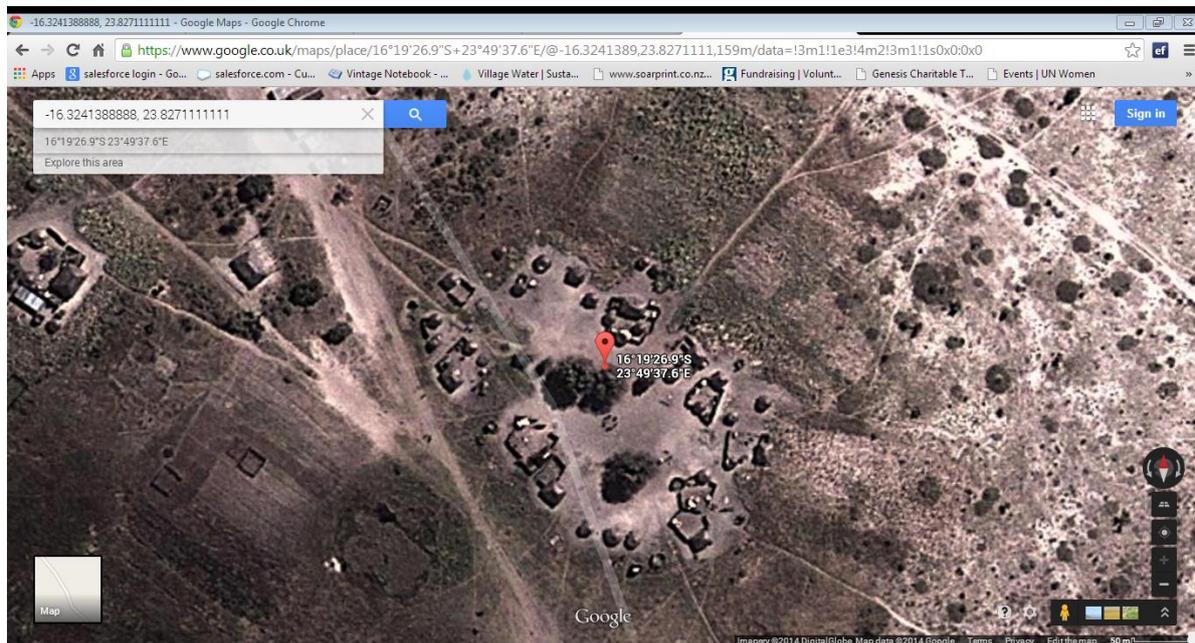


Tachimani Village, Senanga Progress Report

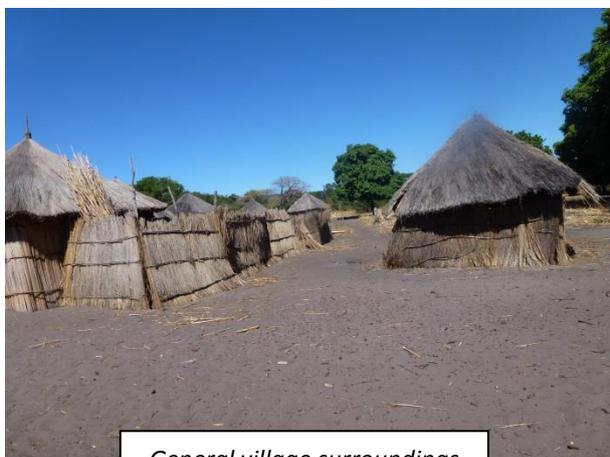
In 2013 Trade Aid UK Foundation kindly supported activities in Tachimani Village in Senanga, Western Province, Zambia. We are delighted to be able to update the Trustees on the progress of activities and on how your support has changed the lives of the community.

Tachimani Village

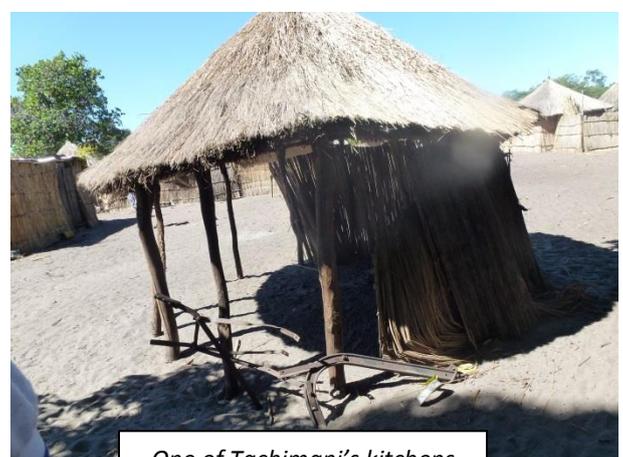
Tachimani is home to 133 people living in 29 households. There are 15 men, 29 women and 89 children in the village and the headman is Mr Sibukali Iiswaniso. The village's GPS coordinates are -16.324139, 23.827111. If you put these coordinates into Google Maps you will be able to see what the village looks like.



The community have a few assets such as ducks and cows and also grow crops in the rainy season including cassava, millet, maize and beans. However, the soils are poor so everything they grow is for consumption only. The community also brew beer to earn an income.



General village surroundings



One of Tachimani's kitchens

Common diseases in the village before activities started were diarrhoea and eye infection. Community members told Village Water Zambia field staff that they were tired of the diseases and they didn't know the source of them.

Hygiene and Sanitation

Before support started the village established a village committee to oversee the changes about to take place and to look after the new water point. Following this the community actively participated in hygiene and sanitation education sessions that covered disease prevention, food preparation and storage, and the importance of good hygiene practices, particularly hand washing. The community were trained in how to build simple sanitation facilities, including tippy taps and different members of the community had a go at building ones in the training.

Each household then built their own pit latrine, bath shelter, dish rack and rubbish pit, as well as the community building pestle and mortar stands.

When field staff first visited the community in May 2013 they already had 7 latrines. The community explained this was because earlier they had had some hygiene training from NORAD, the Norwegian government aid agency. NORAD had also put in a Blair water pump, but it had broken down in 2008 and no-one had fixed it. So, since then they have been drawing water from a scoop hole.



By January 2014 the community had built 21 latrines, 17 dish racks, 20 bath shelters and 9 rubbish pits. All 13 of the community's pestle and mortars were on stands. This is important because pestle and mortars are used every day in food preparation as staples such as cassava have to be ground down into flour before cooking.

Nakweti Liungu washing her pots and using her new dish rack

Water

Before being supported by Trade Aid the village were collecting water from an open scoop hole outside the village. Animals were also drinking from this scoop hole. By October, the scoop hole was always dry and the community would have to water to their Rural Health Centre to buy water from there at 5 kwacha for every 20 litres, once a day. 5 kwacha is roughly 62p, which is a lot of money when the community have few ways to earn money.



Likando Mubita collecting water from the scoop hole

Mrs Maloza Chinyema said “myself, I can’t afford to pay for water every day, so I have to carry more than two containers just to make sure I have enough for consumption and household. For me to manage I have to wake up in the early hours of the morning, like 4 o’clock or so. But, now with Village Water Zambia visiting us we now know there is hope for us to drink safe water throughout and every day and any time we feel like”.

The village are now drinking safe water as a new well has been installed. In January 2014 field staff tested the water and declared it fit for human consumption. The community have also started to build a roof and shelter around the water point, to protect it from animals and the elements, including being hit by lightning.

Two villagers will also receive Pump Minder training, so that they can carry out basic repairs and maintenance to the pump. This will mean if anything goes wrong, the pump will be repaired, so the community will not have to go back to drinking from the scoop hole.

Thank you for your support