

Lighter Learning Project Report



FACT FILE

SCHOOL	Myooye Primary School
ADDRESS	Mumbwa, Central Province, Zambia
HEAD TEACHER	Mr Kalangu
STUDENTS	1140: 573 boys, 567 girls ages 5 to 14 years
TEACHERS	18
GEO LOCATION	-15.218322°S, 27.342787°E
SUPPORTED BY	SoGo Solar



THANK YOU

Thanks to SoGo Solar's generous donation, the parents, teachers and wider community of Myooye Primary School have been given the opportunity to invest in a safer future for their families by purchasing safe solar lights.

MYOOYE SCHOOL

Myooye Primary School is located in the Central Province of Zambia, 170 km north-west of the capital city, Lusaka. Central Province contains some of the country's beautiful national parks but the Mumbwa region is reliant on growing cotton.



Myooye Primary School, Mumbwa, Zambia.



Grade 8 pupils at Myooye School.

Myooye School has 1140 students and 18 teachers. Myooye has 11 classrooms and lessons are split into 2 sessions a day. Although understaffed, the school has difficulty attracting new teachers because of the lack of accommodation.

Many of the students live in homes without electricity so the opportunity to take home a solar-powered study lamp is transforming lives. Previously relying on dangerous and expensive kerosene or candles, families can now use the power of the sun to light their homes.

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The community were very happy to learn about a safe alternative - the solar lamp (pictured below). Mr Kalangu, the Head Teacher of the school, said the lights are already helping the pupils with studying.

He explained that the school was meant to be electrified by a company that was building new classrooms but this was not completed, therefore the school is still in darkness. However, since the arrival of SolarAid in the area, there has been a transition in homes from candles and kerosene lamps to solar lamps.



One of the classrooms in Myooye School.



The S2: a solar study lamp



Nancy and Robin giving a solar light demonstration.

BENEFITS OF SOLAR

There are many benefits to owning a solar light for students and their families. With each light lasting 5 years, the lucky ones in their first year of school will get a solar light to see them through the whole of their education. Lights are also shared with brothers and sisters – many of whom, especially girls, would be unable to study because kerosene and candles are so expensive. The lights are also used by parents for cooking, socialising and working.

The savings families make from not buying kerosene and candles are spent on food, clothing, school fees and medicine. With clean, free light children are studying an extra 2 hours a night!

SOGO SOLAR'S DONATION

Thanks to your generous donation, the students of Myooye School have the chance to reap all these benefits from their solar lights. As more families purchase lights, more see the benefit and choose to purchase one themselves. This means your donation will have an even greater impact in the community over the years to come.



Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Njonkera in the library.