



# PRINCESS CONNECT



CONNECTING THE PRINCESS IN EVERY WOMAN TO  
THE KING OF KINGS

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Princess Connect Celebration in Bournemouth

## Our 2019 CELEBRATIONS

Wolverhampton, UK - 17 May  
Bournemouth, UK - 06 July  
Harare, ZW - 12 Oct

## About Princess Connect

### Who we are

PRINCESS CONNECT is a social interest entity duly registered as a Community Interest Company with Companies House in England and Wales under registration number 9490612.

The organisation was registered in 2014 but started operating in pursuit of its vision and goals as early as 2009. Princess Connect was established to bring hope, faith and transformation of women through networking.

The networking of different women has led to individual growth and development and rediscovery of faith. Princess Connect aspires to promote women to value their relationships with their families, communities and society.

### Our Vision

We want all women to become women of integrity, women of faith, and women of high self-esteem for the betterment of local communities to create a better society with moral values and faith.

Princess Connect is an international sisterhood of girls and women from all walks of life that serves to inspire, connect and revive the passion that God has placed in each of us. Together we're a huge force that can cause real and lasting change in people's lives and ultimately in the world.

### Our Mission

To inspire women from all walks of life to become better women for a better world.

## Our Objectives

- To promote women development and empowerment;
- To foster community development and cohesion;
- To support the marginalised and economically disadvantaged women;
- To provide family support and counselling services;
- To engage in activities for supporting the development of women.

## What do we do?

Princess Connect is involved in a wide range of social activities, conferences and social projects. We work as women to support other women and in need as well vulnerable and underprivileged children.

The resources donated from members and well-wishers are allocated to funding projects focused on developing, improving and furthering the future of the organisation to impact communities in the United Kingdom and beyond. Currently Princess Connect has established operations through various projects and partnerships running in the England, Kenya, South Africa Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

We have regular meetings for women all in several of the above mentioned countries where we spend time together to worship, share a meal and hear God's word from gifted speakers.

## Our Projects

### Princess Dorcas Project

This project is being run in England, South Africa, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was developed with the aim of helping disadvantaged and marginalised children spread across the country. The project has four main areas of focus which are: education, shelter, clothing and healthcare support.

#### EDUCATION

The Princess Dorcas Project began in 1997 when the first beneficiary of the project who was a young boy who came from a marginalised and disadvantaged family had his school fees paid for by a donor. In the following year two college students had their college fees paid for by the same donor and that led to the birth of Princess Dorcas Project eventually.

Over the years over 200f marginalised and disadvantaged children have been beneficiaries of the project through payment of school fees and educational support.



Tanyaradzwa Mlambo a student accommodation beneficiary celebrates with Princess Connect director having graduated with a Masters, in London.



Diane Dhodhodho and Deldrey Dhodhodho in Zimbabwe are education beneficiaries. The brother and sister lost their father when they were 4 year olds and they received school fees from Princess Connect from when they were Grade 3 up to completion of their O levels exams.





Diane with Joshua on their wedding day celebrating with Princess Connect Director Ivy Kapofu and Reverend Emmanuel Kapofu. She is now a qualified engineer pictured at Zvishavane in May 2019.

#### *SHELTER - ENGLAND | ZIMBABWE*

Princess Dorcas Project is currently running two (2) orphanages which are home(s) to twenty two (22) orphans. The two orphanages are located in Chitungwiza and the city of Kwekwe which are providing secure shelter, toiletries and hot meals consistently to the marginalised and disadvantaged children. The two shelters are cleaned and maintained by two matrons who are employed full time by the Princess Dorcas Project. One of the shelters is rented accommodation whose bills, and maintenance costs are met every month by the Project.



Character and Tatenda beneficiaries at the orphanage with the Matron Mrs Mlauzi for the Kwekwe orphanage with Princess Connect Director Ivy Kapofu.

#### *CLOTHING - ZIMBABWE*

As a result of the economic challenges being experienced in Zimbabwe marginalized and disadvantaged households cannot afford to buy protective and warm clothing for both adults and children. Some children and some of their parents go without shoes or without warm clothing in harsh weather conditions. More than 500 adults and children have benefited from donated clothing items that have been sent to Zimbabwe from donors in the United Kingdom. Princess Dorcas Project continues with its focus to provide clothing both new and recycled to both children and adults from disadvantaged households.



A birthday celebration at a Princess Connect orphanage in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe



Two Princesses sorting clothes as Princess Connect Zimbabwe Director Naome Thakataka looks on at Kwekwe.

## HEALTHCARE SUPPORT - ZIMBABWE

Princess Connect through Princess Dorcas Project has partnered with two (2) clinics in Kwekwe which are Amaveni Clinic and Mbizo Clinic. The clinics face acute shortages of drugs, consumables and medical equipment like many others across the country. Through the Princess Dorcas Project the clinics have managed to receive consumables and equipment donations amounting to over GBP 1,000.00. The Amaveni Clinic has had its maternity ward renovated as new beds and bedding as well as money for consumables were donated. This has positively impacted the communities which are served by these clinics; a huge difference has been made in people's lives in these communities.

Plaxedes Garikayi is a beneficiary of the Princess Dorcas Project healthcare support initiatives. She is a woman who is significantly disadvantaged and in need of continuing healthcare support. Her family had abandoned her at Ruwa Rehabilitation Clinic a few kilometres from Harare before she was identified by Princess Connect. She has no mobility in both legs and needs a nurse aide for help to get by every day. Princess Connect through Princess Dorcas Project managed to secure funding for her wheelchair which was delivered to her from the United Kingdom to Chitungwiza. Currently her food, clothing and healthcare bills are being funded by Princess Connect every month since April 2018 up to date.



Plaxedes Garikayi in bed with Princess Connect Director Ivy Kapofu and Matron at Ruwa Rehabilitation Centre, April 2018.



Takudzwa Uriga at Harare, October 2018.

Takudzwa Uriga is a beneficiary of the Princess Dorcas Project healthcare support initiatives. Takudzwa is now a 12 year old boy who was electrocuted in 2013 at a power substation in Norton. This led to Takudzwa incurring severe burns and the amputation of both his legs. The medical bills for the boy to get surgery for both limbs and new prosthetics stood at ZAR 110,000.00 at the end of 2018. Princess Connect through Princess Dorcas Project has so far managed to raise ZAR 32,000.00 (currently GBP 1,600.00) for him which is not yet enough to meet the medical bills.

## An African Dream - Uganda

An African Dream is a charity that is based in Western Uganda. Princess connect has been partnering with 'An African Dream' in working to supports St. Mark's Primary School in providing education of orphans. This is a key part of the vision their vision.

An African Dream exists to educate, equip and transform the community of East Kasese. It supports several projects in the Kasese district in Western Uganda, including St Mark's Primary School. It also provides sustainable micro-enterprise opportunities for the local community and supports the training of local church pastors.



### PASTORS TRAINING

An African Dream supports the training of Pastors who work in the East Kasese District of Uganda under the supervision of Pastor Lumika. The Pastors cover 21 topics over three years and at the end of it receive a certificate in Theology and a Bible. 21 Pastors graduated in 2012, 23 in 2015, and currently 28 have commenced training for the latest intake.



Group of graduates, who completed the course, 2015

## Neema Orphanage - Uganda

Ps Stephen Dhairawa, Senior Pastor at Bulange Methodist Church and his wife Maamaannie Nakato, currently work together in the running of Neema orphanage in Iganga in Uganda.

### NEEMA ORPHANAGE

The orphanage currently supports up to 300 children who are disadvantaged and marginalised. Some of the children are from the local community and stay with relatives who are facing challenges associated with poverty. Princess Connect has been partnering with Neema Orphanage to bring sustainable development to this community in Uganda.



A classroom block that is being built at Neema Orphanage. They currently have toilets for the girls, but there is still a need to build toilets for the boys at the facility.



Ps Stephen and some children at Neema Orphanage

## Mountains of Hope - Uganda

In Jan 2018 working with Mountains of Hope 15 people were trained in making antibacterial soap and mosquito repellent candles. We're currently working towards raising the funds to set up a co-operative so that these skills can be extended further and reach the community as a whole. Training in Jewellery making and tailoring began in September 2017. Currently 8 school leavers are developing their skills and starting to sell products locally.



Some pupils at the school in Uganda

## Loving Your Kids on Purpose

The Loving Your Kids on Purpose parenting course is a program as a parenting course currently being run by Roney as project coordinator. This has been targeted at the Winton, Poole, Bournemouth and Charminster communities in England. To date 2 course cycles have been completed successfully and over 15 families have been beneficiaries. The course is based on the work of Dany Silk and Gary Chapman.



Princess Connect supporters taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for Princess Connect and Takudzwa Uriga



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## FOOD - ENGLAND

Princess Connect prepared food parcels for the homeless and under privileged people in the Winton, Poole, Bournemouth and Charminster communities for the 2018 Christmas festivities. For the current year it is expected that a similar event will take place on 7 December 2019.



Parcels prepared by volunteers and ready to be handed out for christmas in 2018

Among the many charitable activities held in Wolverhampton by Princess Connect, of note is the Tea and Cake sale event held to raise funds towards Macmillan Cancer support - raising £200 for the cause. Another significant project entitled 'Secure' was held in Wolverhampton to provide women who are underprivileged and disadvantaged with toiletries.



## A message to our donors and supporters

The achievements listed in this report were only possible with the support of our corporate partners, friends and individual supporters. With their support and donations we have been able to achieve so much. In many occasions small efforts make a world of difference to someone's life. To our corporate partners, friends and supporters we say

Thank You!

## OUR PROMISE

To ensure that we are a well run and accountable organisation we are committed to investing in sustainable governance. This includes investing in internal systems development, quality assurance, planning and reporting. Therefore, for every £1 received we will spend no more than 12p on governance.

# GET INVOLVED

## WAYS TO GET IN ON THE ACTION WITH US

### GIVE

Participate in "Princess Dorcas Project" and donate money to help disadvantaged and marginalised children in Africa. Encourage others to participate by sharing your experience on the Princess Connect Facebook Group page or by emailing your story to the Director at [info@princessconnect.org](mailto:info@princessconnect.org)

### SPEAK UP

Share your story. If you have had a positive experience with adoption or helping a disadvantaged and or marginalised child, share your story on our Facebook page.

Challenge friends, family and local businesses, to match your donation to help children who are disadvantaged and marginalised.

Join our Facebook Group and encourage others to join as well.

### PARTNER

Consider adopting a child by committing to a monthly donation to meeting a child's needs starting from as little as GBP 12.00 per month.

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