

# PROFILE OF RENATO

## ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

New Renato Community Society was founded in 1987 as a community based non-governmental organisation (NGO). In 1996 the organisation was registered under the registrar of societies' rules (ORS/102/78/16) of the Ministry of Home Affairs in Zambia, in Kapiri Mposhi District, under Chief Nkole.

The name '**RENATO**' is Italian and means **Born Again, New Life** or **Start Afresh**. The organisation's name commemorates Fr. Renato Kizitom Sesana, an Italian, who encouraged the idea of a community society<sup>1</sup>.

## PHYSICAL LOCATION

The main offices of New Renato Community Society are situated near Kashitu, which is 36km from Kapiri Mposhi town and 88km from Ndola, The offices are adjacent to some Zambia Railway buildings, 4km east off the high way road between Ndola and Kapiri Mposhi. This is on the edge of the Copperbelt and the central provincial boundaries where three Chiefs meet: Nkole, Mushili and Chieftainess Malembeka.



The New RENATO centre

## DEMOGRAPHY

New Renato operates within a 30km radius from its main offices. The area covers a population of approximately 34,000 people who live in mixed tribes and suffer crippling poverty, although the majority are Lamba speaking people.

## VISION / AIM

New Renato aims to contribute towards:

- the provision of quality education to rural orphans and vulnerable children (OVC).
- Ensuring that the livelihoods of the orphans and vulnerable children are sustainable.

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<sup>1</sup> See Acts 4:32-44 or Acts 2:42-49. To work as a community enables the best of a group and it is easier to overcome some difficulties as one.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

With the help of all stakeholders we aim to enhance rural development through the provision of community service through hardworking perseverance, integrity, love and sharing.

## **TARGET POPULATIONS**

- Rural orphans and vulnerable children.
- The parents and guardians of orphans and vulnerable children.
- Youth.
- Chronically ill and people living with HIV and aids (PLWHA).
- Aged rural women & men.



A child is weighed as part of RENATO's under 5;s feeding programme

## **EDUCATION SUPPORT**

- Establishment of community schools in our catchment area, where government schools are distant or ineffective.
- Resourcing for construction of environments conducive to learning in community schools to replace temporary structures.
- Advocacy for government trained teachers and learning material.
- Resourcing and promoting school nutrition in established OVC community schools.

**NOTE:** Four community schools are under New Renato Community Society management, as follows:

- Renato Community School
- Kebamba Community School
- Nabobantu Community School
- Nyenyezi Community School

### **Secondary Schools**

- Resourcing for provision of education fees and learning materials for OVC pupils.
- Promotion of education for girls.
- Education Awareness Support to OVC pupils and guardians/parents.

### **Nursery Schools**

- Resource Establishment and Construction of Nursery Schools in prone areas.
- Resource for learning material and teachers.
- Provision of social support to OVC pupils at Nursery (2 Nurseries) = 83 Pupils.

## **AGRICULTURE SUPPORT**

- Over 300 women are Registered Members.
- Micro Loans for:
  - Empowering OVC guardians and parents by providing seeds (e.g. Maize, Beans, Soya) and fertilizer
  - Provision of crop management – resources to twin track ie mealie meal, cash for weeding.
  - Empowering Agro-beneficiaries through training in Agricultural skills/techniques.
  - Revolving resources – loans for seeds etc are repaid from the sales or through produce from harvest.

### **Track Record**

Five years' experience in loan allocation for OVC guardians/parents.

## **NUTRITION FOR UNDER 5 SUPPORT**

- Provision nutrition food supplement to malnourished children (OVC) under five.
- Facilitation for nutrition, family life and planning.
- Advocacy for standard medical care to malnourished sick children.
- Promotion of vaccination against the preventable seven killer diseases.

### **TRACK RECORD:**

- Three years' experience in OVC under five years malnutrition food support.
- 127 malnourished children have gone through the programme.

## **HIV/AIDS INTEGRATED PROGRAMME**

- Conducting awareness in the community on HIV/AIDS.
- Promotion and resourcing for voluntary counselling treatment and care.
- Formation of support groups (currently 4 groups of 20 members each PLWHA)
- PLWHA food supplements support.

## **TARGETS TO BE REACHED BY 2010 = 3000**

- Advocacy and support in skills training.
- Resourcing and empowering rural youth in agriculture.
- Sensitisation and awareness in HIV/AIDS.
- Development Education programmes.

**REGISTRY** = 150 Youth in Three centres.

**EXPERIENCE** = 5 Years in Youth Support.

**Child's Rights Club**

- Promotion of children's rights according to the UN convention on Right of a child.
- Sensitisation and awareness on Children's Rights & HIV and AIDS.
- Soliciting on abused rights of a child i.e. early marriage, defilement, property grabbing etc.

**Child-headed Household**

- Research on child head households.
- Identification and support to CHH.
- Advocacy for Girl Child Education in CHH.
- Facilitation on Psycho Social & Counselling.

**TARGET TO BE REACHED = 62 (Three centres)  
NUMBER ON PROGRAMME (RESEARCH 6, 12, 21+)**

- Carpentry training for youth.
- Tailoring and knitting tailoring for youth & women.

**CATCHMENT CENTRES**

- Kashitu Renato Centre - Main
- Nyenyeshi Renato Centre - Sub
- Kebamba Renato Centre - Sub
- Chola Renato Centre - Sub
- Fifungo Renato Centre - Sub

**EXECUTIVE TEAM**

**SECRETARIATE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
1	Bornface Mamfunda	M	Co-ordinator
2	Esther Mwanza	F	Assistant Co-ordinator
3	Stanley Banda	M	Admin Secretary
4	Thomas Kafula	M	Programmes Officer

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
1	Regina Mainza	F	Chairperson
2	Fallesy Mwanza	F	V-Chairperson

3	Sylvester Luchele	M	Secretary
4	Nelly Gondwe	F	V-Secretary
5	Joseph Kafwembe	M	Treasurer
6	Margaret Mateyo	F	Committee
7	James Kangwe	M	Committee
8	Mathew Ngosa	M	Trustee
9	Albert Chali	M	Spiritual Director
10	Fr. Kizito Sesana	M	Trustee

### **CONSTRAINTS**

- Limited capacity to fully implement projects.
- Low financial stability resources.
- Bigger clientele verse one organization in the area.