



PROJECT ACTIVITY REPORT

Rescue Operation of Trafficked Girls – Lusaka Central (2025)

Location:

Lusaka Central District, Lusaka Province, Zambia

Date: June 2025

Implementing Organization:

LUSCEIY Youth Multipurpose Society

1. Activity Overview

In June 2025, LUSCEIY Youth Multipurpose Society, in collaboration with law enforcement and the Department of Social Welfare, conducted a targeted rescue operation in Lusaka Central following multiple reports of underage girls being subjected to forced domestic labor.

The operation was informed by community informants who identified households where young girls were being exploited as unpaid house helps under restrictive and abusive conditions.

2. Key Outcomes

- **22 underage girls successfully rescued**
- All victims removed from exploitative environments
- Immediate referral to Social Welfare for protection services
- Temporary safe accommodation arranged



- Psychosocial assessments conducted for all survivors
 - Case files opened for legal follow-up
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3. Nature of Exploitation Identified

The rescued girls, aged between 11 and 17, had been trafficked from rural districts under false promises of education. Instead, they were subjected to:

- Long working hours without pay
 - Denial of education
 - Restricted movement and communication
 - Emotional and, in some cases, physical abuse
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4. Post-Rescue Support

Following the operation:

- Survivors received trauma-informed counseling
 - Family tracing processes were initiated
 - Education reintegration plans were developed
 - Some survivors were placed in boarding schools and vocational programs
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5. Stakeholder Collaboration

The success of the operation was made possible through collaboration with:

- Zambia Police Service
 - Department of Social Welfare
 - Community informant networks
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6. Testimonial – Social Welfare Office

Ms. Nalukui Mutumba

Social Welfare Officer

“This operation highlighted a deeply hidden form of child exploitation that often goes unnoticed because it occurs within households. The coordinated approach taken by LUSCEIY Youth Multipurpose Society ensured that these children were not only rescued but also placed on a path toward recovery and reintegration.

The condition in which some of the girls were found was concerning, particularly the psychological distress and deprivation of basic rights such as education. Through this intervention, we have been able to restore hope and dignity to these young girls.

Continued collaboration between civil society, law enforcement, and social welfare is critical in addressing such cases effectively.”

7. Conclusion

This rescue operation demonstrates the effectiveness of coordinated, community-informed interventions in addressing urban child trafficking. The successful rescue of 22 girls represents a significant step toward dismantling networks of domestic exploitation and restoring the rights and futures of vulnerable children.

Survivors engaging with facilitators during a post-rescue support session

