



## Zambia Country Report 2015

### Highlights

Partnerships have benefitted more than 30,000 people indirectly and more than 15,000 people directly from January 2013 to December 2015

Nearing the completion of the Itawa Springs Protection Project, with a \$850,000 total private sector commitment

Establishment and rapid growth in membership of the Lusaka Water Security Initiative, a city-wide multi-stakeholder approach to improving water security for Lusaka's residents and businesses through improved water management, land use and urban planning

A new partnership between the Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA), OLAM and other partners, with contributions already topping \$2m, will be launched in April 2016

The partnership will help WARMA to implement the Water Resources Management Act and will build catchment governance structures, while improving catchment conservation and corporate water stewardship



Representatives of partner organisations signing a Memorandum of Understanding to address local water security challenges.

### Context, Approach and Objectives

Zambia is relatively water-rich compared to other countries in southern Africa. However, water availability varies considerably between different regions of the country, seasons and years. As Zambia's economy and population are rapidly growing there are increasing demands for water from multiple sectors. In addition, the government's National Development Plan has identified energy and food production as priorities and both are heavily dependent on water availability, allocation and quality.

In Zambia, the [International Water Stewardship Programme \(IWaSP\)](#) aims to improve water security for 184,000 people, with a focus on partnerships with the beverage, agricultural and hydropower sectors. IWaSP is implemented by the long-standing [Reform of the Water Sector Programme](#) of the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\)](#) GmbH, which has been partnering with the government of Zambia in the water sector for the last 45 years.

### IWaSP Partnerships in Zambia

Partnership name	Sector/ thematic area	Duration
Itawa Springs Protection Project	Water resource protection	2012 to 2016
Lusaka Water Security Initiative (LuWSI)	Holistic multi-stakeholder approach to improving urban water security	2016 to 2018

The **Itawa Springs Protection Project** (2012-2016) in Ndola aims to protect a critical water source for **Zambian Breweries**, the local water utility, and the community which is under threat from pollution and unsustainable land use. Projects covered by the partnership include building water

kiosks, washing slabs and drainage, restoring the ecology of a water spring and legally protecting it, developing alternative livelihoods and safely relocating informally settled houses which are impacting the spring. It is a partnership of seven public sector organisations, [Zambian Breweries](#), 11 elected community representatives and IWaSP.

**Lusaka Water Security Initiative (LuWSI)** (2016-2018) aims to improve water security for Lusaka's residents and businesses through multi-stakeholder engagement, coordination and action. The partnership covers the assessment of water security threats and solutions for the city and implements projects to improve the situation, focusing on groundwater pollution prevention, sustainable groundwater exploitation, a healthy Kafue River and improved water supply and sanitation access. It is in the process of being initiated by five public authorities, [Zambian Breweries](#), the [Zambian Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry](#), [UNICEF](#), the [Nature Conservancy](#), [World Wide Fund for Nature \(WWF\)](#), three civil society organisations and IWaSP.

### Achievements to Date

From January 2013 to December 2015 these partnerships benefitted more than 30,000 people indirectly and more than 15,000 people directly. IWaSP in Zambia managed to secure more than EUR250,000 from the private sector and more than EUR70,000 from the public sector to support the ongoing partnerships.

### Country Set-up

In Zambia, IWaSP is anchored in the bilateral and GIZ-implemented [Reform of the Water Sector \(RWS\) Programme](#), a joint programme of the German and Zambian governments.

IWaSP partners in Zambia include the [Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company](#), the Water Resources Management Authority, the [Lusaka](#) and [Ndola](#) city councils, the [Zambian Environmental Management Agency](#),

[Zambian Breweries](#) and the [Zambian Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#).

IWaSP is an international water security programme which combines global best practices in water stewardship with local know-how. Currently active in seven countries, the six-year programme (2013-2018) facilitates partnerships between the public sector, the private sector and civil society to address shared water risks, while improving stakeholders' use and management of water and building their capacity to develop their own solutions. GIZ manages IWaSP on behalf of the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#) and the [UK Department for International Development \(DfID\)](#).



A local tree nursery is managed by women from the community under the ecological restoration component of the Itawa Springs partnership.

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