

## Young trees donated by the widow of the first Namwala principal

Lydia Maonde, a teacher at Namwala Secondary School from 1966 to 1975 and widow of the first principal of Namwala Secondary School, already felt responsible for the planting of the school grounds. She now lives in Lilayi, a suburb of Lusaka, where she and her husband founded Twitti Primary School (pictured right). Gardening is still her passion, even as an 85-year-old. For her old school, Lydia raised 140 young trees. At the end of November, Joseph Chipindi and Brian Chilala collected the young trees. In Namwala, students helped with the unloading.





On Tuesday, December 2, the first trees were planted during a ceremony. The beginning was made with a prayer by a student as it is usual in Zambia. Afterwards there were speeches by the deputy principal Mr. Mulope, the deputy vice principal Mr. Muzyamba and the head boy. Before the first trees were planted, the school's Traditional Dance Group performed a few dances with singing.





Supervisor and parent council member Joseph Chipindi (yellow shirt) also lent a hand. Under the direction of teacher Fred Chikwana, the remaining plants were then distributed throughout the school grounds.





The young trees on the left were planted two years ago and are now strong enough to survive without protective grids. The grids are now being used for the second time on the newly planted young trees. In order to protect all the trees, 60 additional cages were ordered from Brian Chilala.



Teacher Fred Chikwanu bottom left. On the right, a young tree after three months.





The creation of 60 additional protective grids in the workshop of Brian Chilala.

