

ACADEMIC WORK AND RESPONSE NETWORK COLLABORATION IN SIAKABANZE COMMUNITY

VERY good jobs require better education for children and adults all throughout life, says Academic Work's Michael Broms. And District Educational Zone Head James Nanjame says without the support of Sweden's Academic Work the community of Siakabanze would not have managed to have a teacher's house constructed at the school.

Speaking when a delegation of 11 Academic Work visitors handed over a teacher's house at Siakabanze Community School in Zambia last week with the collaboration with Response Network, Broms said his delegation was happy with the participation of the community in the construction of the house.



Response Network, a non-governmental organization based in Livingstone, also works inimba, and Kazungula districts. "To have very good jobs we believe that it is very important to have very good education for children and adults all throughout life. We are here to visit you and hand over the house because of the very good collaboration we have with Response Network," Broms said. He said it was pleasing to see that the school also built through financial assistance from Academic Work through Response Network was in good shape and the children of Siakabanze were very happy and accessing the much-needed education. Siakabanze Community School is located 50 kilometers east of Kalomo district.

And Nanjame also appealed for more support from Academic Work so as to complete a classroom block extension. "We have a lot of work that needs to be done," he said.

Chawila councilor Roy Sialubala appealed to Academic Work to build more teachers houses in the area. He said building a school and a house was an expensive undertaking and thanked Academic Work for the financial support. Sialubala appealed to parents and Siakabanze community to work hard and develop the school saying government does not help those who don't help themselves. "We need more houses so that we can have more teachers," Sialubala said. Siakabanze Community School head teacher Wilton Chifuwe told the delegation that spent a night in camping tents at the school that the institution catered for over 300 children sharing two classrooms. The delegation also visited Siamwaamvwa Community



School and presented footballs and skipping ropes. The delegation on Saturday had lunch with vulnerable girls who are receiving 100 per cent financial support for their education in Livingstone. The Swedish-based organization funds the vulnerable girls all their educational requirements until they complete university or college, while those who don't make it to university or collage are paid for skills training.