

Zambia National Action Plan for the Protection of Persons with Albinism (2026–2030)

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To ensure the protection of persons with albinism through coordinated, inclusive and sustainable interventions that eliminate discrimination, prevent violence and harmful practices, and promote equal participation in all spheres of national life.

WHY THE NAP

The NAP responds to persistent challenges faced by persons with albinism in Zambia, including:

-  Violence, abductions, mutilation and killings linked to myths and misconceptions
-  Stigma, discrimination and social exclusion
-  Limited access to dermatological and ophthalmological services
-  Barriers to inclusive education
-  Weak coordination, accountability and data systems
-  Limited livelihood opportunities

ZAMBIA AT A GLANCE



Population
64,026 persons with albinism, 2022 Census
(Population: 19,693,423)



Duration
2026-2030
(5 Years)



Lead Institution
Ministry of Community Development and Social Services

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Human Dignity

Equality, Equity and Social Justice

Accessibility

Participation

Non-Discrimination

Freedom from Exploitation

Good Governance

Patriotism and National Unity

Morality and Ethics

THE FOUR PRIORITY AREAS



PRIORITY AREA 1

Prevention of Human Rights Violations

KEY ACTIONS:

- Eliminate harmful myths and misconceptions
- Strengthen early warning systems
- Improve child protection mechanisms
- Prevent trafficking and related crimes
- Promote dignity, privacy and bodily integrity
- Focus on protection of women and children with albinism



PRIORITY AREA 2

Protection of Fundamental Rights to Life, Health and Education

PROTECT:

- Right to Life
- Right to Health
- Right to Education
- Personal Security
- Adequate Standard of Living



PRIORITY AREA 3

Accountability for Human Rights Protections

STRENGTHEN:

- Investigation
- Prosecution
- Access to justice
- Victim supportMonitoring and reporting systems



PRIORITY AREA 4

Equality and Non-Discrimination

PROMOTE:

- Equal opportunities
- Inclusion in public life
- Participation in development
- Freedom from discrimination
- Exercise of rights on an equal basis with others

HEALTH RIGHTS AND WELLBEING

The NAP Commits to Improving Access to:



SKIN HEALTH

- Sunscreen and skin protection commodities
- Dermatological care
- Skin cancer prevention
- Regular screening and early detection services



EYE HEALTH

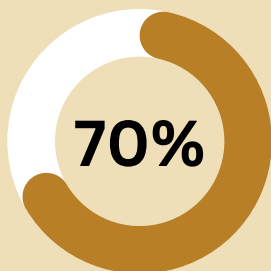
- Ophthalmological services
- Routine eye examinations
- Visual support services
- Assistive devices for low vision



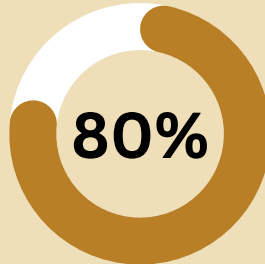
SOCIAL PROTECTION

- Social security services
- Health education
- Adequate nutrition support
- Integration into national health programmes

2030 TARGET



Of persons with albinism accessing dermatological care



Screened for skin cancer



100,000

assistive devices provided

SAFETY, SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION



Key Risks Identified by the NAP

Violence

Trafficking

Abductions

Harmful practices

Cross-border crimes

Discrimination

Exploitation and abuse

NAP PROTECTION MEASURES



Community-based early warning systems



Community surveillance mechanisms



Safe havens for persons at risk



Confidential reporting mechanisms



Strengthened law enforcement response



Enhanced victim support services



Training for police, prosecutors and judicial officers



Community awareness on preventing violence and trafficking

2030 TARGET

50%

Reduction in violence and harmful practices against persons with albinism.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION

What the NAP promotes and supports across education, public life and livelihoods:



EDUCATION COMMITMENTS

- ✓ Inclusive education
- ✓ Reasonable accommodation
- ✓ Teacher training
- ✓ Visual aids and assistive devices
- ✓ Anti-bullying measures
- ✓ Accessible learning materials
- ✓ Protection from discrimination in schools



PARTICIPATION & INCLUSION

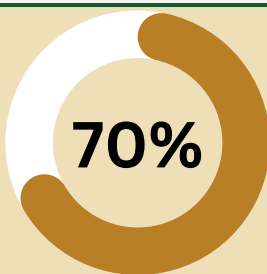
- ✓ Political life
- ✓ Social life
- ✓ Economic activities
- ✓ Cultural activities
- ✓ Community leadership
- ✓ Decision-making structures



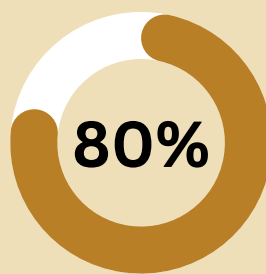
ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- ✓ Skills development
- ✓ Entrepreneurship training
- ✓ Inclusive employment practices in public and private sectors
- ✓ Access to financial services
- ✓ Community leadership

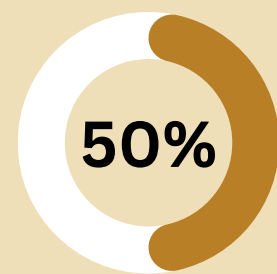
2030 TARGET



of schools
implementing
inclusive policies



of learners with
albinism accessing
inclusive education



reduction in school-
based discrimination
cases

RESULTS ZAMBIA AIMS TO ACHIEVE BY 2030



IMPACT GOAL

Enhanced protection of human rights and improved quality of life for persons with albinism.

NATIONAL TARGETS

50%

Reduction in violence and harmful practices

70%

of persons with albinism accessing essential services

60%

Positive public perception on inclusion

70%

Access to dermatological services

80%

Access to inclusive education

70%

Access to legal aid services

80%

of victims receiving comprehensive support services

75%

of cases investigated and prosecuted

60%

of justice facilities accessible to persons with disabilities and persons with



KEY MESSAGE

Zambia's National Action Plan for the Protection of Persons with Albinism (2026-2030) provides a coordinated national framework to prevent violence, protect rights, strengthen accountability, and promote equality and full participation of persons with albinism in national development.



Access the Zambia National Action Plan (2026-2030).