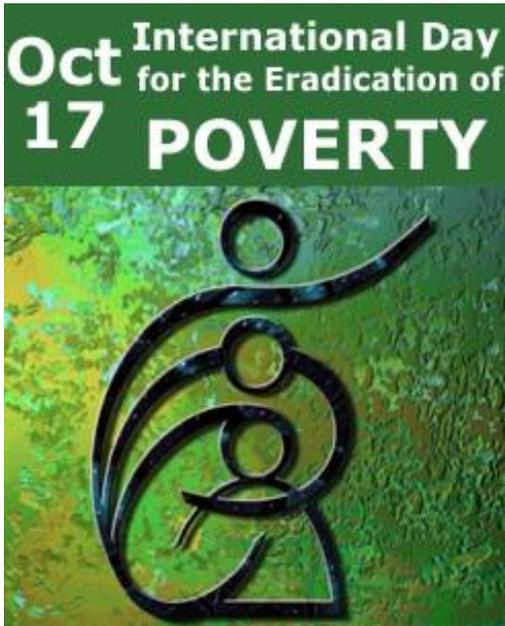


## International Presentation Association



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Each year, the United Nations marks October 17 as International Day for the Observance of the Eradication of Poverty. The day offers a time to recognize the struggles and efforts of those living in poverty as well as give them a chance to make their concerns heard. The goal of eradicating poverty aligns with the heart of our Presentation charism.

The theme for this year's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is "***Dignity for all in practice: the commitments we make together for social justice, peace, and the planet.***" For more information on this theme, please visit

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/international-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty-homepage/2022-2.html>

Every year, the International Presentation Association (IPA) does an "Eradication of Poverty Collection" and identifies projects that will be the recipients of the funds collected. For this year's collection, we invite contributions to support two projects in North India Santal region covering the north-eastern part of Jharkhand, including twelve villages in Saraiyahat and Ramgarh, and in Kaoma, located in the northeast corner of Western Province, Zambia. Please find more information about these two projects in the following pages.

Supporting these projects strengthens the IPA mission of speaking and acting in partnership with others for global justice. It further assists our IPA Membership and Presentation People in fulfilling our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



## **Presentation Schools Kaoma, Zambia – IPA Eradication of Poverty Project 2022**



On the edge of the Kalahari Desert, the Western Province of Zambia is the least developed part of the country. With a population of over 100,000 people, about 75% of residents live below the poverty line based on \$1 per day.

The Presentation School, located in Kaoma in the North-East corner of Western Province, Zambia, began as a community school in 1998 and gradually developed into a Primary and now a Secondary School under the trusteeship of the Presentation Sisters Zambia. The current enrolment in the school is 811 pupils in Primary and 438 pupils in Secondary. While the past few years have seen significant structural development in upgrading the school, there are still so many urgent needs that need our immediate attention.



First among these is the school's urgent need for new toilets. In recent times, the town council visited the school and claimed that the toilets previously built were constructed on land marked for the road. Therefore, they are being demolished without compensation.

The demolition of the existing toilets without the resources to construct new ones will be devastating to the current and future students. Currently, only three (3) toilets will be usable for all 811 pupils in the primary school. This has escalated concerns among students and teachers alike. Providing toilets is an emergent need for safeguarding the health of children in the school.



**North India IPA Eradication of Poverty Project 2022**  
**Sustainable Living Through Capacity Building**



The Santal region, in which the North India project will be implemented, is in the north-eastern part of Jharkhand and includes the six districts of Sahibganj, Pakur, Dumka, Deogarh, Jamtara, and Godda. One district, Dumka, is one of the poorest and least developed regions of Jharkhand. Poverty is widespread and most of the population resides in rural areas. As agriculture is the main occupation of the majority, they fully depend on seasonal crops.

The Presentation Sisters have great influence in providing primary education in this area to the tribal children for over 30 years. Most of the people are unskilled and untrained. The primary focus of the project is capacity building and community development. Through this project they



will be directly involved in education, care for the vulnerable (women), respond creatively and foster the values of the people. It will improve and enhance the living condition of the women, youth, and family as a whole. Through capacity building we envisage to equip women with skills training on income generation and literacy classes, youth with vocational trainings of different kinds, and men with adequate knowledge of available Government schemes.

The target beneficiaries are the Indigenous people (Santal tribe) of this region. Mainly they would be working with Women, youth, children and men from 12 villages. We also hope to educate 10 students for higher education (2+3 years).

Side by side, they will be trained in different income generation skills (creation of bags, purses, wall hangers, door hangers and key chains with wool and macrame) which will enable them to become self-sufficient.

