

Malimba Community School Mfuwe

I am Daniel Banda . I am 23 years old and am the fifth child in a family of eight. My eldest brother worked for as a safari guide for 12 years. I stay at Chitakla village, near Malimba School. I am single and my father died in 2000, I learnt how to farm from my mother and was one of the first pupils to be educated at Malimba School. The first classroom , the one I was taught in, was a thatched building ; I passed my grade 7 exams in 2007 and was selected to go to Chassa boarding school but unfortunately I failed to go due to financial constraints. Instead I went to Matula Primary School and I wrote grade 9 exams. I was selected to go to Mambwe High School however again funding to go to school was a problem.

In 2011 I started grade 10 at Mfuwe Day School and while I was there I was chosen as a conservation prefect because of the interest which I had in the Conservation Club. After completing school I began organising the Chongololo Clubs at Malimba Community School and I also introduced the club to Matula Secondary, Chutika and Matula Primary Schools.

I went to Chimpembele Wildlife Education Trust to ask for resources to help me with teaching , they also trained me on how to teach the children about wildlife and the environment.

I now teach the club 2 hours a day and I am also involved in tree planting for the school and I also get involved in litter picking projects and educating local people about the goodness of natural resources and wildlife that we have in the Luangwa Valley.

This has helped pupils in the Mnkhanya area to learn to conserve nature and they are now developing their own ideas to conserve wildlife and plants and the ecosystem. My dream is to build the message of conservation and develop my Career in Environmental Education and Conservation .

