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Go Chipolopolo! Go Zambia!

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News update from: Elephant Orphanage Project

~To Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release orphaned elephants back into the wild~

A week to the day that Zambia's National Football team, the mighty Chipolopolo (Copper Bullets), won the Africa Cup another orphaned elephant was rescued in Zambia...

An abandoned young elephant calf walked into the village of Soweto, at the Mozambique border just days ago. ZAWA Officers at Luangwa Boma were called to the scene where rather than being afraid, the little ele was running up to people almost as if he was convinced he would find his mother. Led by Park Ranger Edward Musonda, the calf was relocated to the ZAWA HQ where the EOP team arrived to support him.



Sport Beattie, EOP Keepers and ZAWA officers support a weak and exhausted Chipolopolo as they lead him to the Toyota Landcruiser for transport to Lilayi

Chipololo was rescued thanks to the quick actions of the ZAWA Unit at Luangwa Boma, Feira. We like to say a big thank you to Area Warden Soloman Chidinuka, Park Ranger Edward Musonda, WPO's: Crispin Tembo, Luckson Phiri, Samson Banda, Paul Daka, Peter Mwanza, Mr Muluvela, Martin Nyambe and driver Jack Kachaka. Many Thanks also to veterinarian Dr Sue Clubb who volunteered technical support throughout the translocation.

He was incredibly skinny and dehydrated, and took to the bottle of life saving milk without hesitation. At approximately 9 months old he is well developed and can eat grass and browse with vigour, but this is not enough for him to survive, milk is essential. Yet against the odds this little elephant has survived for what looks like weeks without his mother! He is a real little fighter and so has been named 'Chipolopolo' in honour of the recent triumphs of Zambia's National Football team – who also fought their way to the top, against all the odds!

After a 7 hour road journey to Lusaka, little Chipolopolo was safely stabled and with milk in his belly he completely crashed out and enjoyed what must have been his first peaceful sleep for a very long time! He is already very friendly with the Keepers and has spent his first day here wandering through the bush with his new elephant family. We are very pleased with his progress so far!



Zambezi (front left) welcomes Chipolopolo and keeps him company while they fill up on the lush green grass

In the past six months the EOP has rescued FIVE orphaned elephant calves! With this sudden influx of needy elephant babies the EOP has had to expand and so a staging post for the youngest orphans is now being established at Lilayi, Lusaka. Here the calves will receive all the specialised nutrition, high level care and veterinary support they need for them to recover from their tragic experiences and regain full health before they will be transferred to join the older and 'wilder' EOP herd in Kafue National Park, and destined for a life back in the wild.

We invite you to come and visit Zambia's youngest elephant orphans...

Find us at Lilayi Lodge, Kafue Road, Lusaka. Elephant viewing is daily at 11:30hrs only.

For more information contact Rachael: 0978736025 or elephantorphanageproject@gmail.com

GRI is dedicated to wildlife conservation in Zambia through four vitally important projects: Conservation Awareness Programme, Park Protection & Training Support, Community Outreach Programme and the Elephant Orphanage Project. With the increase in our support to the communities bordering KNP and with **SEVEN** suckling orphans in our care we are in need of your support more than ever!

To help make a difference to Zambian wildlife with a cash or in-kind donation please email us at elephantorphanageproject@gmail.com or call Rachael on +260-978-736025 or donation's can be made online by clicking this link <http://www.davidshepherd.org/help-us/donate/> and choosing 'Zambia' from the drop down menu - 100% will go to the project.

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