



# Annual Report

**Footprints foundation for children in Zambia**

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2022-30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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