

# Second chance: Lameck goes back to school



**Lameck being encouraged by Mr. Mulima as his mother looks on with excitement**

Lameck, 12 years' old was born with disability in both legs making him unable to walk and confined to a wheelchair. Unlike many children his age, Lameck was not able to do most of the things including getting access to basic quality education.

Sanga Area Development Program through sensitization meetings about equal access to education for all children changed the plight of many disabled and excluded children in the area. Tilitonse funds World Vision's Mankhambira Sambizga Mwana Project which promotes inclusive education and raises awareness of the educational needs and rights of children with disabilities. Through this project, World Vision has managed to train thirty four teachers in Special Needs Education (SNE).

One of the teachers who got trained in Special Needs Education to enable children with disabilities access education was the Head Teacher of Sanga Primary School, Mr. Mulima.

Motivated and energized by the training, Mr. Mulima visited Lameck's parents and convinced them to send their child back to school. Lameck could not contain his excitement to hear that he was going back to school with his friends. Bubbling with hope, he said, "It was sad for me to be at home when all my friends were going to school. Now I have hope that I will have a great future like everybody else." Lameck was one of the many children who faced a bleak future because of disability but thanks to the advocacy through citizen voice and action which has proved vital in changing the status quo.