**ZAMBIA**



**BASIC COUNTRY DATA**

Total Population: 12,926,409

Population 0-14 years: 46%

Rural population: 64%

Population living under USD 1.25 a day: no data

Population living under the national poverty line: 59.3%

Income status: Lower middle income economy

Ranking:Low human development (ranking 164)

Per capita total expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US dollar): 61

Life expectancy at birth (years): 48

Healthy life expectancy at birth (years): 35

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The first two parasitologically proven *cases* of VL were reported in 1973, from a village near Chip Ata (eastern area), and in 1976 [1], from southern Zambia (Katete). Both had cutaneous manifestations, with generalized macules, papules and nodules, without ulceration and both also had coexisting tuberculosis. No more cases have been documented. CL is unknown.

In 1997, the first case of canine leishmaniasis was reported, which necessitates further investigation of the dog as a suspect reservoir for VL in Zambia [2].

**PARASITOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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| ***Leishmania* species**  | **Clinical form** | **Vector species** | **Reservoirs** |
| Unknown | VL | Unknown | Unknown |

No further information available on distribution, control, case management, access to care or drugs.

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