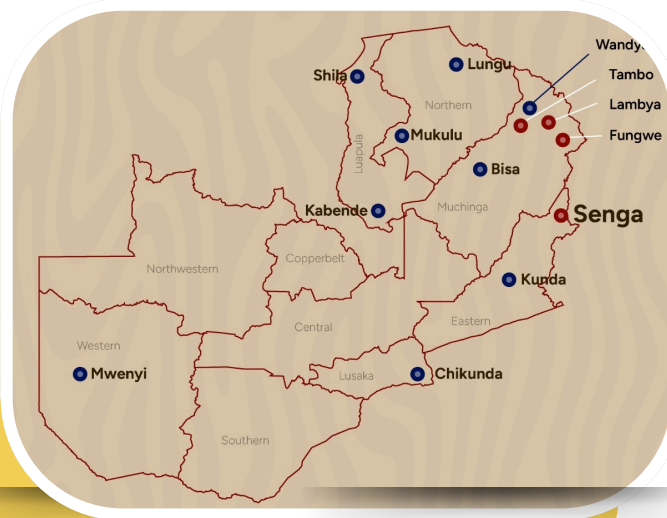


About BiLTA

BiLTA (Bible and Literature Translation Association), founded in 2019, is dedicated to translating the Bible and important literary works into local Zambian languages. Its mission is to make sacred and culturally significant texts accessible in heart languages, fostering faith, understanding, and cultural appreciation.



Since its establishment in 2019, BiLTA has expanded to include 12 local languages currently undergoing New Testament translation, as illustrated on the map.

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The BiLTA–SIL Global Partnership

On December 17, 2024, BiLTA and SIL International signed a landmark agreement in Lusaka to collaborate on various translating programmes into Zambian languages through BiLTA. This initiative goes beyond institutional partnership, it's a commitment to cultural identity and linguistic inclusion. The effort begins with sociolinguistic surveys to assess language vitality and community readiness, laying the groundwork to bring Scripture to people in their native tongues and honor Zambia's rich linguistic heritage.

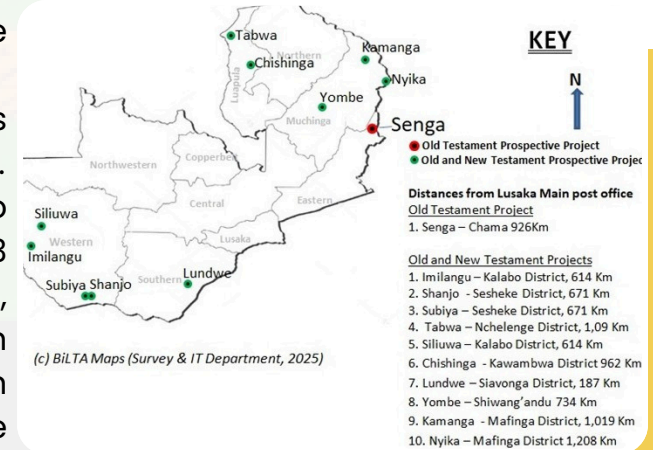


The partnership has elevated BiLTA to global recognition and significantly enhanced staff capacity across various disciplines, including ICT. Additionally, the installation of Starlink and solar energy systems has eliminated power outages and improved internet connectivity at the Headquarters.



Ten Languages, Ten Landscapes

Through its Global Partnerships, SIL Global has initiated translation projects for ten prospective local Zambian languages, distributed across various regions of the country under the BiLTA–SIL collaboration as showed in the map. Zambia is home to approximately 73 local languages, many of which have been assimilated into the country's major languages.



Exchange Visit Between BiLTA–SIL and SIL–Ethiopia

Following its designation as a Small Community Organization (SCO) for SIL, BiLTA undertook a two-day working visit to SIL Ethiopia to gain insights into operational structures and learn best practices in Bible translation, literacy, and related areas. During the visit, both organizations agreed to collaborate on a range of programs in the near future.

