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Our education programme has taken a quantum leap with the addition of Nelson Mzurabani who now regularly visits local schools with the dog message. Also the building programme continues with the first of the teachers houses already completed at Ngamo and all are so delighted by the development; it is worth the effort for this alone. However, we are certain that having such a positive impact on the lives of these influential people will have an equally beneficial impact on the lives of the dogs that inhabit the region.

Regular reports come in of packs in the area, a situation that was unheard of just a few years ago. Consequently, with the help of some safari operators, we now monitor six packs, totalling 87 individuals. Our wider monitoring encompasses a further five packs, totalling a minimum of 43 individuals. It is so encouraging to witness what appears to be an increase in numbers, pup survivorship is high at the moment and we are keeping our fingers crossed that it stays this way.