



My name is Anna Caprile, I was born in Spain but I kept the Italian nationality received at birth from my parents. My professional life has always been related to development cooperation and international relations, and has led me to live in several countries (Russia, Ukraine, Belgium, Tanzania and now Zambia). Since I decided to follow my husband in his deployment to Tanzania, six years ago, I took a long-term break from my job as official of the European Parliament and have been devoting my energies to different assignments, most of

them as volunteer in development related projects. A breakthrough in my life happened three years ago when we decided to adopt our youngest son, born in Tanzania, at a relatively late age of 4.5 years. This experience, apart from keeping me 150 % busy for the last three years, changed for ever our way to understand love, family bonds and affection, and left behind an impending desire to do more and more.

We arrived to Lusaka one year ago, in October 2016, and settled relatively quickly. I started to become acquainted to the local reality through different channels, including a school research on girls' right to education, done by my daughter, and my sporadic volunteer job in the Bauleni compound. Both experiences were really eye-opening for me, and contributed to put faces and feelings in what so far were just numbers for me. Behind every child deprived from education there might be a mother who suffers to see the future of her child mutilated for ever, but can't do anything to prevent it. In front of every child deprived from education there are new future-born children, likely also deprived from education and trapped in the perpetual poverty vicious cycle.

Now, just after I passed my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary, I find myself with the time, energy and inspiration to start this new journey, Chance4all, together with my partners and beloved friends Jane, Veronique and Carmen. We decided that we can and we want to break this vicious cycle; that we can and we want to change lives, one child at a time. I hope some of those who are reading these lines now can contribute in a way or another in this life-changing project.

It is not charity, it is justice. And it is not only their lives you are changing, it is also yours.