



Equitable, Sustainable & Viable Development
KEEPERS ZAMBIA FOUNDATION

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Thematic Report**



Community members participating in resource map sketching during PPCR Risk Assessment

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1.0 Project initiatives during the year

The following projects and programmes were active during the period:

No.	Project Title	Donor	Partners	End Date	Objectives	Achieved
1	Kit Yamoyo Transition to Scale Adapting to Challenging Environments (KYTS - ACE) Project	DfID, SIDA, Irish Aid, Concern & GRZ	MoH, ColaLife, CARE International and Pharamanova	June 2016 and renewed up to 2018	Provision of strategically packaged ORS and Zinc packs for the treatment of diarrhoea in Children Under 5years	125,000 Kyts distributed through Public Sector and 15000 private sector as at December 2015 in 14 districts of Zambia.
2	Lukulu Household Empowerment Project (LHEP)	ActionAid International in Zambia (AAIZ)	None	Current contract geos up December 2020 with possibility of renewal	Poverty reduction project through the promotion of local rights, gender inclusion and Youth Development targeting 57,471 beneficiaries (13 wards)	As at December 2016, 53,400 Beneficiaries were mobilized and capacity enhanced in advocating for basic human rights, HIV/AIDS sensitization and Gender inclusion
3	Partnership with the United States African development Foundation (USADF) to provide technical support services to USADF grantees in Zambia	United States Government (USG) through the USADF	None	Five years Cooperative agreement (But renewable yearly up 2017	To provide technical support services to a portfolio of over 45 grantees across Zambia in Enterprise Development, Finance and Business Management as well as Governance	45 grantees have been reached
4	USADF Power Africa Off – Grid Challenge	United States Government (USG) through the USADF & American private sector players	None	Five years Cooperative agreement (But renewable yearly up 2017	To provide technical support to local Zambian owned entrepreneurs in the development and implementation of climate smart off-grid alternatives	3 grantees identified and funded with the target of reaching atleast 700 households with clean energy by April 2017
5	Kit Yamoyo Transition to Scale in Lusaka	DfID and ColaLife	ColaLife	2018 March	Provision of strategically	10,000 Kits through private

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	(KYTS - Lusaka)				packaged ORS and Zinc packs for the treatment of diarrhoea in Children Under 5years in peri-urban areas of Lusaka and through cooperating partners i.e shoprite, cocacola,	sector only-Up scaling has just started
6	Innovation Grant Programme for Pro-poor Service Delivery	United States Government through the Millennium Challenge Account Zambia	ZEMA, LCC,WDC's , MLGH	March 2018	Transformation of service into a business by attaching value to waste through recycling and engagement of already established networks and partnerships at all levels	To reach 12,600 people by March 2018 in Ng'ombe and Chipata Compounds of Lusaka districts
7	Rural Finance Expansion Programme	IFAD and Ministry of Finance	RUFEP, Ecobank and Natsave	December 2018	To build the capacity of atleast 200 women savings groups and link atleast 100 to Formal Financial Services	To link at least 100 savings groups to formal financial services in Mongu, Chipata and Katete districts by 2018

2. Introduction

Keepers Zambia Foundation has for the past 21 years been an actively involved in the design and implementation of key initiatives which have and still continue to improve living standards of people in rural and peri-urban areas. KZF employs innovative and holistic approaches in all its initiatives so as to effectively complement government's poverty reduction strategies aimed at achieving socio-economic development for all. The strategic focus of the institutions work aligns with vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals mostly SDGs 1 to 7, 13 and 17. The Organization has evolved to attain a national status with a coverage of over 50 development projects designed and implemented and reaching out to 217,000 families or 1,300,000 people (representing nearly 10% of Zambia's population: COSO 2010) in the field of agriculture, environment, energy, health, water and sanitation and advocacy and Private Sector development. As a result, KZF has partnered up with several partners ranging from local NGOs, Private Sector, international NGOs, UN agencies and Government in implementing various activities across Zambia. All the initiatives are guided by the following six core thematic areas;

1. Improve the livelihoods of target households through increased food and income security
2. To increase access to safe water, basic sanitation services and improved hygiene among target households
3. To strengthen capabilities of poor people to prevent, mitigate and recover from disasters
4. To promote sustainable management and utilisation of the environment and natural resources
5. Contribute to creation of an environment supportive of smallholders and the rural economy
6. Strengthen the capacity of KZF to meet current and future challenges

Thematic report is used as an internal means of communicating among members and management on the progress made by individual projects. The difference is that thematic report captures outcome at Programme level or institution focusing on the six thematic areas. Hence this report covering January to December attempts to highlight some of the activities implemented during the past 12 months focusing more on the outcomes as well as some of immediate impact interventions conducted.

3. Progress towards Strategic Thematic Objectives

3.1 Improve the livelihoods of target households through increased food and income security

Agriculture has remained the mainstream for the livelihood of the majority of people in Zambia and with ever dwindling employment levels, many have been pushed into agriculture. However, besides agriculture being a mainstay of many people, the production costs are beyond the reach of the majority small-scale farmers. Low yields experienced by many small-scale farmers are as a result lack of inputs informal of quality seeds as well as chemical fertilizer. Keepers Zambia Foundation collaborated and partnered relevant stakeholders in the promotion of conservation farming which requires minimum fertilizer application or use of organic



fertilizer and green manure. 10,000 farmers were trained in conservation farming and use of green manure. And the Programme has continued to roll-out conservation farming. The period under review, witnessed improved food security among community members with some being able to have two meals during lean period. As a result of improved conservation farming technology, diversification and engaging in off-season farming such as vegetable production, most rural farmers have been able to realize increased and consistent income flows. SDG 1 and 2



Initiation and planning meetings for rural savings groups of Katete & Chipata district of Eastern Province

Beside low yields is poor prices for the farm product, KZF has addressed this through value chain, working with farmers groups and associations. KZF has facilitated access to capacity enhancement and finances enabling these organizations to engage in value chains. As a result, most of the farmer's skills have been enhanced to engage in climate smart agriculture and value addition of their produce as a means to increase productivity, nutrition, employment creation and income. The most promoted is cooking oil production from oil seeds such as groundnuts and sunflower.

3.2 To increase access to safe water, basic sanitation services and improved hygiene among target households

KZF has been working with different partners and stakeholders to contribute towards reduced child death partly due to water related disease such as diarrhea by increasing access to safe and clean



water as well as promoting early treatment of diarrhea in children. KZF facilitated the design, testing packaging and marketing of the ColaLife Operational Trail project for a new anti-Diarrhoea kit 'Kit Yamoyo' which works to improve access to essential health solutions, through private and public sector, complementing GRZ policies and health services. The new anti-Diarrhoea kit, 'Kit Yamoyo' is specifically designed for home use among children under 5 containing Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) and Zinc as well as a small Bar of hand soap and

Instructional leaflet. The Kits are produced locally by Pharmanova and being distributed via Medical Stores Limited in the 14 intensive districts.

Also as a way of promoting clean environment, KZF is spearheading a solid waste management project in Ng'ombe and Chipata Compounds of Lusaka district with the intention of transforming a service into a business entity with value addition to waste and stakeholder engagement and development of relevant business linkages. These actions directly contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 4 and 6.



3.3 To strengthen capabilities of poor people to prevent, mitigate and recover from disasters

Negative effect of climate change has severe bearing on the livelihood initiatives carried out by



people. Therefore, there is need to negate its effects or developing mechanism that would assist to negate the effects. KZF has been instrumental in climate change fight for the past 6 years and has continued to do so with different partners and is currently working with GRZ in developing adaptive climate resilience projects in some of the working areas. Over 3500 households have been reached and assisted to develop copying

mechanisms in response to climate change through adaptive initiatives such as growing early maturing crops in the event of short rain period and engaging in small-livestock production. KZF has been working with the target groups in developing their skills to plan, to asses and prepare for any possible hazards as a result of climate change.

3.4 To promote sustainable management and utilisation of the environment and natural resources

Zambia's economy is predominantly based on exploitation of the country's natural resources. The adverse effect of climate conditions to which the country is exposed affects these resources.



Climate-induced changes to physical and biological systems are already being felt and exerting considerable stress on the country's vulnerable sectors. About 88% of households in Zambia depend on natural resources to meet their food and basic energy needs which justifies the need for innovations that endeavour to commercialise and sustainably manage the natural resource base.

In view of this, KZF has been working with 45,000 beneficiaries on sustainable use of natural resource through climate SMART agriculture. Further it has also built

capacity among traditional leaders to jointly work with the government to preserve nature. The organization also facilitated the establishment of Community Resource Boards (CRBS).

KZF is also coordinating 3 initiatives that seek to drive economic growth by increasing access to reliable, affordable and sustainable power to unserved and underserved communities by helping to ensure responsible, transparent and effective management of energy resources. Based on this substantial experience attained overtime, KZF effectively continues to advocate and support growth of this important sub - sector and hence contribute and complement the efforts and objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) number 7 through the Sustainable Energy For All (SE4All) Programme under UNDP, the Zambian government and other development partners.





Solar Micro grid project in Sinda district of Eastern Province

3.5 Contribute to creation of an environment supportive of smallholders and the rural economy

Access to production capital is still beyond the reach of many Zambians, especially women despite their pivotal role they play in an economy. The mushrooming of MFIs has not very much helped as



their demands still remain beyond ordinary Zambian. Keepers Zambia Foundation works with the underprivileged in society in developing self-managed financial services institutions where people are organized into Self Help Groups (SHGs). They are trained on financial literacy and how to mobilise their own resources for onward lending to members for small-scale businesses. This has worked very well and has empowered a lot of women. Many are on course of becoming economically viable. More than 10,500 women have been mobilized and are currently lending each other funds as may be requested from time to time. KZF is in the

process of undertaking a Randomized Control Trial and has also fostered linkages of savings groups across the country to formal financial institutions as a means of enhancing financial inclusion of the majority of Zambians living in rural areas. Apart from being trained in resource mobilization, the organization also trained women in skill of tie and dye to enhance diversification in income generating activities. This action fit in well with MDG 3.

Conclusion

All KZF's interventions attach a holistic approach in design, development and implementation to ensure active participation into governments development efforts and initiatives. The various interventions put KZF at the confluence of activities aimed at improving the economy at grass root and national level. As a result, KZF has been consulted by Government and other development actors in the realization of various Sustainable Development Goals and strategy papers that Zambia is signatory to.