



**Equitable, Sustainable & Viable Development  
KEEPERS ZAMBIA FOUNDATION**

**January to December 2017  
Thematic Report**



*Caption: Field monitoring visits feedback meeting in Katete with KZF, KDWA and Mannheim University*

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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, Irish Concern, SIDA, Aid, & GRZ	MoH, ColaLife, CARE International and Pharmanova	December 2017	Provision of strategically packaged ORS and Zinc packs for the treatment of diarrhoea in Children Under 5years	460,000 Kyts distributed through Public Sector and 25000 private sector as at December 2017 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 2017, 55,400 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	Ended in 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	Ended in 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 at least 700 households with clean energy by April 2017
5	Kit Yamoyo Transition to Scale in Lusaka (KYTS - Lusaka)	DfID and ColaLife	ColaLife	2018 March	Provision of strategically packaged ORS and	30,000 Kits through private sector only-Up

No.	Project Title	Donor	Partners	End Date	Objectives	Achieved
					Zinc packs for the treatment of diarrhoea in Children Under 5years in peri-urban areas of Lusaka and through cooperating partners i.e Shoprite, Coca-Cola,	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	12,600 people reached 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 at least 200 women savings groups and link at least 100 to Formal Financial Services	189 mobilised with linkages discussion still under way

## 2. Introduction

Established in 1996, Keepers Zambia Foundation is a not for profit Non-Governmental Organisation with 21 plus years of active participation in implementation of alternative livelihoods aimed at improving living standards of people in rural and peri-urban areas. In so doing, KZF employs innovative and holistic approaches as means of complementing government's poverty reduction strategies aimed at achieving socio-economic development for all. And our strategic focus is aligned to vision 2030 and SDGs 1 to 7, 13 and 17. KZF has evolved over the period to attain a national status and implemented over 50 development projects reaching out to 217,000 families or 1,300,000 people (representing nearly 10% of Zambia's population: COSO 2010). This has been in the field of agriculture, environment, energy, health, water and sanitation and advocacy and enterprise development. Along this journey, KZF has collaborated and partnered with wider range of partners 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 internal means of communicating among members and management on the progress made by individual projects. It captures outcomes at Programme level or institution focusing on the six thematic areas and not at project level. The period under review covers January to December 2017 and it attempts to highlight some of the milestones during the past 12 months focusing more on the outcomes as well as some of immediate impact.

## 3. Progress towards Strategic Thematic Objectives

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



Agriculture remains the mainstream for the livelihood of the majority of people in Zambia and also provides employment to many even unskilled labours. However, the sector is under huge threats due to climate change as well as high cost of inputs. Hence Keepers Zambia Foundation collaborated with various stakeholders in the promotion of conservation farming. And more 15,000 farmers were trained in conservation farming and use of green manure. 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 increased income flows. SDG 1 and 2



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

KZF addressed value chain challenges by 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 farmers’ skills have been enhanced to engage in climate smart agriculture and value addition. The most promoted is cooking oil production from oil seeds such as groundnuts and sunflower.

**3.2 Increase access to safe water, basic sanitation services and improved hygiene among target households**

KZF collaborated with likeminded stakeholders in promoting access to clean and safe water, improved sanitation facilities hygiene and health. Some modeling were conducted to show case



that its possible for community members to have access to clean and safe water, improved sanitation facilities and improved hygiene. KZF also joined the fight against diarrhea among U5s by promoting access to new anti-Diarrhea kit; ‘Kit Yamoyo’ specifically designed for home use among children under5 containing Oral Rehydration Salts and Zinc (ORSZ). 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 Strengthen capabilities of poor people to prevent, mitigate and recover from disasters



KZF has been working with rural farmers to build their capacities in climate resilience; this has seen improved approaches towards climate related risks and hazards. People are able to diversify in order to enhance survival chances in times of crop failure. Over 4500 households were reached and assisted to develop coping 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.

### 3.4 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 has exposed the lives of all living organisms to high risk. 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. KZF has been working with 50,000 beneficiaries on sustainable use of natural resource through climate SMART agriculture. 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 towards the achievement of SDGs# 7 through the Sustainable Energy For All (SE4All) Programme under UNDP, the Zambian government and other development partners.

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

KZF sees community based financial institutions as key to generation of financial capital for the rural population without access to commercial banks. And KZF targeted women in promoting savings groups as they are easily organized and are committed towards ending household income



poverty. 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). The women are trained in financial literacy and how to mobilise their own resources for onward lending within themselves 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 12,000 women have been mobilized and are currently lending. More than US\$75, 000 is in circulation. This action fits in well with SDGs 1 & 2.

### **Conclusion**

KZF's interventions attach a holistic approach in design, development and implementation so as to bring out meaningful development to people and also attract wider participation among different actors. Hence KZF did record some successes in human development during 2017 besides some challenges associated with the country's economic performance. We were able to apply the limited resources in an effective and efficient way.