



## Heifer International

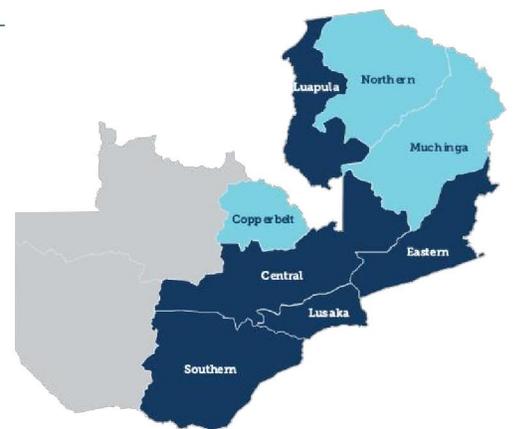
Heifer International is a global development organization on a mission to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way. Working with farmers and their communities to identify and invest in business opportunities that deliver living incomes, Heifer International creates solutions to local challenges designed to build inclusive, resilient economies. Since launching in 1944, Heifer International has assisted more than 35 million people, with millions more now on a pathway to living incomes.



## Heifer Zambia

In 1988, Heifer International started work in Zambia, delivering livestock and training to communities in need. Today, Heifer Zambia's work has expanded to include food security, sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation, gender equity and HIV/AIDS prevention. Heifer Zambia has supported more than 352,000 farming families across the country, working with them to build businesses that deliver sustainable livelihoods. Farmers join producer groups and cooperatives, learning new skills to grow their businesses, accessing finance and technology such as treadle pumps, enabling them to quickly increase the amount of land under cultivation.

Heifer International's community-development model encourages communities to strengthen their social connections and build inclusive markets. All of Heifer Zambia's projects include a commitment to protecting the environment and local resources. Farmers receive technical assistance on zero-grazing, waste management and renewable energy systems, which helps ensure the businesses they build are both economically and environmentally sustainable.



**Community-Led Development Project  
(2019-2023)**

**Donors include:  
The Global Hunger Project**

**Total Value:  
\$1 million**

This project was designed to support 3,200 farming families in the Eastern province to improve their food security and incomes. In a co-creation partnership with the Global Hunger Project, Heifer Zambia is working to strengthen social cohesion among community members, empower women and girls, and enhance access to health, clean water and sanitation services. The project also aims to improve literacy and education for youth and adults, while increasing the number of farmers adopting climate-smart agriculture practices. Youth participating in this project are actively engaged in community-led development. Since the program launched, key stakeholders and local leaders have convened to define partner roles and agree on a toolkit used for implementation.

**Agriculture Productivity and  
Markets Enhancement Project  
(2018-2019)**

**Donors include:  
African Development  
Bank-Global Agriculture & Food  
Security Program (GAFSP)**

**Total Value:  
\$259,696**

Implemented in four districts in Central, Lusaka and Southern provinces, this project provided technical assistance to 1,117 women and youth, connecting them to the poultry value chain and improving rural economic growth, food security, nutrition and incomes. Participants received technical assistance to improve animal management practices and develop business skills such as record keeping. They were also linked to markets to sell their poultry and dairy products through the formation of business hubs. Project partners included the Ministries of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Community Development and Social Services and Commerce, Trade and Industry.



**Increasing Women Smallholder Farmers'  
Agency in Leadership & Rural Livelihoods  
(2015-2018)**

**Donors include:  
DFID**

**Total Value:  
\$1.7 million**

Implemented in two districts of the Copperbelt province, this project reached 4,258 smallholder farmers of which 83% were women, enabling them to increase their incomes through the dairy and soya value chains. Farmers mobilized into local groups, receiving technical assistance to improve production quality and quantity, and adopted sustainable farming practices. Participants increased resilience to drought by preserving crop residues to feed their animals in the dry season and invested in poultry and goat production, trading, gardening and pasture for dairy groups. Women in producer groups and cooperatives took up key leadership positions. Two milk collection centers were also constructed with tank capacities of 2,500 liters. Farmers are now selling their milk through the cooperative to Parmalat, a multinational dairy and food company, giving them a reliable source of income.

**The Copperbelt Rural Livelihood  
Enhancement Support Project  
(2010-2015)**

**Donors include:  
Elanco Animal Health**

**Total Value:  
\$1 million**

This project supported 106,999 farming families in four districts of the Copperbelt province to diversify their farms and increase production. They received technical assistance and support to apply sustainable agricultural practices and to set up and expand businesses focused on dairy and draft cattle, goat meat and vegetables. By the end of the project, 83% of participants reported they had year-round food security. Diets also improved, with families able to access chicken meat, eggs, fish, fresh and preserved vegetables, goat meat, milk, sugar, oil and yogurt, as a result of increased local production and incomes. Sales from vegetables, milk, animals, manure and leasing draft animals improved income for 90% of participants, enabling more farmers to invest in their children's education. Partners in this project included the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the Ministry of Community Development Mother and Child Health and the National Food and Nutrition Commission, as well as Village Water Zambia.

