

"Community for good"

Albinism Multipurpose Cooperative Economic Project in Zambia

Overview

Zambia and Africa at large faces an unprecedented crisis for people living with albinism – security, extreme shortage of skin protection cream, no proper empowerment schemes, and discrimination among many other things. Poor families with persons living with albinism spend most of their income on food and cannot afford to provide security, education or of skin protection creams. In rural Zambia, 10% of children living with albinism die before reaching age 15 with more than half of deaths related to skin cancer, hunger and kidnapping. People in villages at one point believed that people living with albinism don't die the just disappear but in the actual sense they are kidnapped for ritual purpose.

The only permanent solution to address the crisis faced by people living with albinism is to ascertain the number of people living with albinism in Zambia, design a sustainable increased access to sun

protection creams, sustainable empowerment schemes, increased security and better education for them.

It's against this background that Albino Multipurpose Cooperative was founded with an objective to attack the crisis and problems faced by people living with albinism not through food handouts, but by investing in different sectors of our economy and working with different stakeholders. In every investment 5% of the profits is given toward addressing the crisis faced by people living with albinism. Through different investment schemes we are able to employ them, create opportunity for them, educate them and increase access to sun protection cream.

Albino Multipurpose Cooperative this year partnered with the Government of Zambia to distribute sun protection cream to people living with albinism in Lusaka and surrounded areas in order to increase accessibility.

FACT SHEET

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Membership: Provinces:





- 40% women



- 60% women











North Western Province:

Economic activities: Beekeepig, Cattle, soyabeans and citrus (pineapples)

Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.



Western Province:

Economic activities: Rice, cassava and honey

Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.



Copperbelt Province

Economic activities: Dairy, Rice and Sunflower.

Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.



Luapula Province

Economic activities: Aqua-culture, Rice and Sunflower.

Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.



Central Province

Economic activities: Horticulture(Chilies), Sunnhemp and lime.

Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.



Southern Province

Economic activities: Piggery / dairy, groundnuts, oranges and onions.

Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.



Lusaka Province

Economic Activities: Horticulture (chillies), pig farming and citrus, Sunnhemp, and Hass Avocados-Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.



Eastern Province

Economic activities: Poultry, groundnuts, citrus, and horticulture

Goals: Training support, technical assistance, land assessment and market linkages.