



GREEN LIVING MOVEMENT



*“Learn from the community, build on their knowledge and allow them to be masters of their own destiny.”*

Clive Chibule

# Community-owned, gender-just agroecological systems: a pillar of climate adaptation

Project start: 2014, Award year: 2018

GLM promotes exemplary climate-resilience in rural areas by implementing gender-responsive agroecological systems designed together with 10 communities of Mumbwa, Monze and Luanshya districts. Based on their success, GLM is advocating for the integration of agroecological strategies in Zambia’s national agricultural and climate adaptation policy. Thanks to new strategic partnerships with the government and the private sector for the adoption of solar stoves, GLM has helped prevent deforestation and reduce women’s burden of domestic work. With women now in leading roles, gender equality has become a strong pillar of this conservation agriculture scheme, alongside community’s knowledge.



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### UNIQUE VALUE

#### What’s special about this project

- ▶ GLM promotes agroecology as a successful social movement, conducting storytelling and photo-debate campaigns in traditional languages, showcasing "Climate Change Champion Farmers" on local radio and markets. This prompts gender justice and women’s economic empowerment.
- ▶ The community-owned approach integrates women farmers’ needs in the development of sustainable food systems. They participate in decision-making on access to and management of natural resources, food sovereignty, rural employment and a safe environment.



### AWARD IMPACTS

- ▶ The grant was used to purchase small-livestock in order to diversify women farmer’s income sources. This ensured greater financial independence and a suitable adaptation strategy for communities in dry regions.
- ▶ The GJCS mentoring program strengthened GLM’s capacities on monitoring and evaluation and allowed them to expand their network, establish new partnerships and secure more funding.

### TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

-  **6,000 women and men are directly benefiting from the project**
-  **50 households adopted solar stoves for cooking, lighting their homes and charging small appliances**
-  **4 marketing cooperatives created to enhance product sales, competitiveness and income security**
-  **25 women leaders elected as treasurers in development committees, positions traditionally occupied by men**
-  **35,000 community members increased their knowledge on climate mitigation and adaptation**

