

SUMMARY

Thank you for your support of THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) in Zambia.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a contracting economy, and inflation, the project is equipping smallholder farmers with tools to break the cycle of poverty.

Access to financial services

Since the project began, 9,955 THRIVE producers have participated in a savings group. Of those, 73% have taken loans to access capital for their farms and small businesses, and 94% have participated in financial education, gaining knowledge of fiscal management, business growth, and digital platforms and services.

Natural resource management

More than 10,000 people received training in natural resource management, with over half saying they have implemented at least one conservation principle. With local support, 115,534 acres of land have

been protected, rehabilitated, and sustainably managed.

Improved agricultural technology

More than 14,300 producers (including 8,306 women) used improved seeds. Via Community Markets for Conservation (COMACO), farmers enriched their soil by planting 4,063,469 Gliricidia seedlings.

Access to markets

Two centers with capacity to store 100 tons of produce were built to facilitate community bulking, which secures better prices for farmers' goods.

Resilience to shocks and stresses

New radio broadcasts with weather updates helped 1,075 producers make timely and informed farming decisions.

Empowered Worldview (EWV)

More than 11,800 farmers have been trained in EWV, inviting them to move from a mindset of dependency toward empowerment.

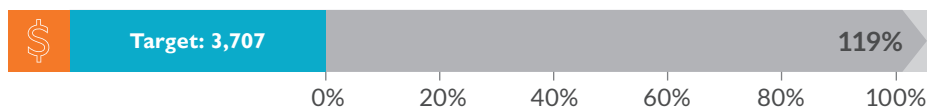


“I don’t just rely on farming alone. I have also started a business with the money I borrowed from the savings group. ... Now, I can boast of moving from one meal to three meals a day! It’s a great achievement.”

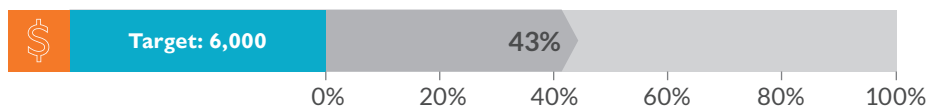
—Memory Ndoweli, Zambia

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY17-FY23)

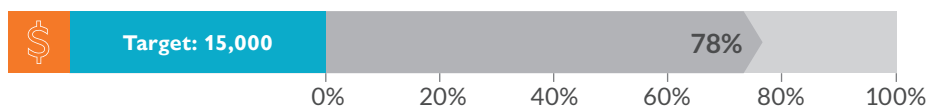
4,413 acres of farmland with irrigation systems



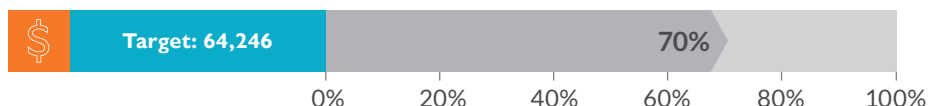
2,585 producers (including 1,282 women) accessed loans through VisionFund*



11,739 farmers joined a commercial producer group (farming co-op)



45,200 acres of land reclaimed for agriculture



KEY LEARNINGS

Families face malnutrition, food insecurity, and poverty when they depend on rain-fed agriculture alone. Water infrastructure enables year-round livestock production and high-value horticulture, which boost income and improve nutrition.

Through THRIVE, construction is underway on 1.1 miles of canal connecting to the recently rehabilitated Vulamukoko dam. More than 1,800 farmers across 37 acres of land will gain access to irrigation once the project is completed. Additionally, with the conclusion of construction on the Ntamba Luena dam and 1.86 miles of canal, more than 600 families living across 198 acres now have water access.



LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE (FY17-FY23)



“We are seeing farmers better organized and able to meet marketable volume through the bulking of their products to attract better buyers. This excites us, as it translates into more income and resilient households.”

*—Moffat Mtonga
THRIVE program manager,
Zambia (not pictured)*

PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

1. Conduct a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) assessment to evaluate the project’s reach and impact on marginalized community members, including women and those who are elderly or disabled.
2. In collaboration with COMACO, facilitate opportunities for improved and sustainable market linkages among the 78 lead farmers (including 33 women) who completed training on creating trade relationships.
3. Continue to offer horticulture production training to producers preparing for irrigation farming.
4. Coach farmers as they implement EWW learnings and work from the knowledge that they are valued by God and created to play an active role in their own futures.

THANK YOU

Your support of the Zambia THRIVE program is helping to bring transformation to families and entire communities. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to empowering men, women, and children to flourish.

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FINANCIALS

Program-to-Date (FY 2017 through FY 2021 Semiannual)

Summary	Program-to-Date Spending	Program-to-Date Funding	Program-to-Date Spending Rate
Increased household incomes and productive assets	\$ 2,494,888	\$ 4,308,314	58%
Improved management of natural resources for resilience to climate change	2,603,963	3,984,286	65%
Increased resilience of livelihoods to shocks and disasters	409,905	692,454	59%
Smallholder farmers and their families transformed from a dependence mindset to an empowered worldview	1,134,409	1,339,909	85%
Management and fundraising	2,214,388	3,441,654	64%
TOTAL	\$ 8,857,553	\$ 13,766,617	64%