



OUR VISION

Empowering women and girls in rural areas through sustainable food production and natural resource management, while advocating for the rights of small-scale farmers.

Our Mission

To contribute to the empowerment of rural women in sustainable environmental management and good practices in land use that are resilient to climate change, which will culminate in food security/sovereignty and improved nutritional status



Established in 2013, WEZ is a community organization initiated by rural women's groups representing small-scale farmers engaged in sustainable agriculture in Zambia. Registered under the registrar of societies (ORS/102/35/4890), WEZ operates nationwide, with current activities focused in Southern, Lusaka, and Central provinces, based in Chongwe District.



Our Goals

Empower rural Zambian women by 2028, fostering food security and improved rights. This will be achieved through:

- Building resilience: women with climate-smart agricultural practices, income streams, and financial literacy.
- Land access and ownership: for secure land rights and ownership for women, equal access to resources.
- Market access and entrepreneurship: training and resources for women to connect to markets, businesses, gain economic independence.
- Education and leadership: girls' education, women in leadership roles within communities and agricultural cooperatives.

Nutrition and health: diverse diets, healthcare access, sanitation, and addressing gender-based health inequalities.



Community services

WEZ activities are carried out by community volunteers who offer leadership and services. They mobilize resources and support for sustainable agriculture at the grassroots level, engaging youth, women, and farmers to demonstrate effective food production practices.

Our Activities

- Lobbying & Advocacy - Advocating to government for agroecology in the Farmer Input Support Program.
- Policy Development - Developing policy briefs on sustainable rural livelihoods and agroecology.
- Stakeholder Engagement - Engaging district-level committees on seed rights and national/global agriculture alliances.
- Farmer Education - Empowering farmers on seed laws, agro-ecology, and climate-resilient practices.
- IEC Materials - Developing and disseminating information on agro-ecology and seed rights.
- Community Seed Banks - Establishing demo plots for indigenous seeds and community seed preservation.
- Awareness Raising - Conducting sensitization on seed laws and organizing rural community champions.
- Amplifying Women's Voices - Mass mobilization on land and agriculture policy gaps and climate justice.
- Community Sensitization - Disseminating summarized documents on land processes in Zambia.

Networking and Linkages

The women small-scale farmers are the major partners in building the voices in the defense of sustainable rural livelihoods. WEZ is in partnership with other networks that support agricultural, land, climate change, and human rights-related issues. In solidarity, WEZ joins and supports community, district, and country actions.



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