

# BOOST Project

Zambia



Project Period: 2014 - 2017  
Total Project Budget: \$641,000



## Overview



### Sustainable Food Production

The BOOST Project is focusing on improving the livelihoods, market opportunities and incomes of 6,000 small-scale farmers and their families in Mambwe district in eastern Zambia. Through training, increased production and productivity, the goal is to contribute towards poverty reduction among small-scale farmers, their families and the wider community. Employment opportunities will also be created for selected farmers who will be trained as entrepreneurs to provide their services.

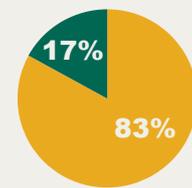


80% of Zambia's population is dependent on agriculture for livelihoods.

TWO THIRDS LIVE IN POVERTY



68% of the population lives below the national poverty line.



### PROJECT FUNDING

Government Funding  
Donations

ADRA Australia must raise \$1 to match every \$5 of Australian Government funding\* received for this project.

\*DFAT Australian NGO Cooperation Program

## Activities

- Delivering training workshops to build the existing capacity of 6,000 farmers and entrepreneurs
- Establishing fully functional irrigation systems for a three-hectare Commercial Community Garden (CCG) for 500 market gardening farmers
- Implementing new technologies to help farmers produce higher yields for crops such as tomatoes, onions and soya beans
- Establishing proper sanitation and hygiene systems and providing toilets to reduce open defecation at market centres and in their communities

## Impact

This project will benefit and positively impact the lives of 6,000 farmers and their families. These small-scale farmers will have improved livelihoods through farming as a business and will generate incomes to meet their basic needs. They will increase their incomes through improved production and productivity of high demand crops. Additionally, the health and wellbeing of community members will be improved by implementing sanitation and hygiene techniques.



## Noah's Story

For Noah\*, a 38-year-old father-of-three, life was difficult. "I did not have money," Noah says. "I was poor and unable to feed my family properly". This understandably made him quite discouraged. Noah joined and participated in the ADRA BOOST Project in June 2013. As part of this program he was taught and given training in areas of agriculture and marketing. Not only this, he also received training in livestock (goat) rearing, and education in healthy practices surrounding water and sanitation.

Noah is an entrepreneur, starting a transport service in his town of Chikowa. He hopes to see his business grow, using his profits to add more tricycles to his fleet. ADRA has also helped Noah with an irrigation system. This has enabled him to better grow vegetables and bananas, kick-starting a gardening business. Through this Noah has been able to generate an income and can now provide food for his family, as well as send his children to school.

*\* Name changed to protect privacy.*

## Join the Circle

You can partner with the BOOST Project by joining the Zambia Circle. You will receive regular updates from the field and see how you are helping Zambian communities plan and realise futures free from poverty.



### Donate

Your donation of \$30 per month will help ADRA Australia to provide vocational training to local Zambians wanting to start a business.



### Pray

Commit to praying regularly for the BOOST Project and for those suffering from poverty in Zambia.



### Advocate

Join the team of ADRA Church Leaders and Advocates raising their voices for justice across the globe in the church and community.

ADRA Australia is the official humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our mission is to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action. As a Christian aid and humanitarian agency, we believe our work is a natural expression of our faith, and a continuation of Christ's ministry of compassion.