

Detailed Implementation & Financial Report

Community Education & School Gardens Project January – December 2024

1. Project Overview

- **Title:** Community Education & School Gardens Project
- **Location:** Nalolo & Kalabo Districts, Western Province, Zambia
- **Duration:** January – December 2024
- **Objective:** Strengthen nutrition and environmental education through establishment of school gardens and agroecology training for teachers and learners.

2. Background & Rationale

- Rural schools face food insecurity, leading to malnutrition and absenteeism among learners.
- Unsustainable farming practices degrade soil fertility, limiting food production.
- School gardens serve as both a source of supplementary nutrition and a living classroom for sustainable agriculture.
- This project aligns with Zambia's National School Health and Nutrition Program and SDG 2 (Zero Hunger).

3. Activity Components

- **School Garden Establishment:** Set up 6 vegetable gardens in schools.
- **Seedling Distribution:** 2,000 vegetable and fruit seedlings provided.
- **Teacher Training:** 12 teachers trained in agroecology and garden management.
- **Student Engagement:** Gardening clubs formed in each school to build knowledge and ownership.
- **Community Linkages:** Parents engaged to replicate gardens at household level.

4. Detailed Execution Phases

- **Phase 1 – Planning & Teacher Training (Jan – Mar 2024):** Teacher workshops held; garden sites prepared.
- **Phase 2 – Garden Setup & Seedling Distribution (Apr – Jun 2024):** Seeds and tools distributed; planting initiated.
- **Phase 3 – Student Engagement & Club Formation (Jul – Oct 2024):** Gardening clubs formed; awareness sessions conducted.
- **Phase 4 – Monitoring & Harvesting (Nov – Dec 2024):** Gardens harvested; survival rate and nutritional impact assessed.

5. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Planning & Teacher Training	Jan – Mar 2024
Garden Setup & Seedling Distribution	Apr – Jun 2024
Student Engagement & Clubs	Jul – Oct 2024
Monitoring & Harvesting	Nov – Dec 2024

6. Outcomes & Impact

- **Nutrition:** 1,500 students benefitted from improved school meals.
- **Capacity Building:** 12 teachers and 6 student garden clubs trained in agroecology.
- **Community Replication:** 30 households established home gardens.
- **Environment:** Soil fertility improved through composting and organic practices.

7. Key Partners

- **Ministry of Education:** Coordination with schools.
- **World Food Programme (WFP):** Technical support on school nutrition.
- **Local Councils:** Assisted with extension services.
- **Parent-Teacher Associations:** Supported household replication.

8. Youth/Community Testimonials

“Our school garden feeds us and teaches us how to grow food. I now help my parents make a garden at home.”

— Agness Namakau, Pupil

9. Financial Report – Donor Grant (\$70,000)

Budget Item	Amount (USD)	Description
Teacher Training & Materials	\$10,000	Training workshops, manuals, allowances



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Garden Establishment	\$20,000	Tools, fencing, irrigation, composting units
Seedling Procurement	\$10,000	2,000 seedlings (vegetables & fruit)
Student Clubs & Engagement	\$8,000	Club formation, awareness materials
Community Outreach	\$7,000	Parent sessions, replication support
Monitoring & Evaluation	\$10,000	Field visits, reporting, nutritional surveys
Administration & Contingency	\$5,000	Coordination, overhead
Total	\$70,000	

10. Summary

The Community Education & School Gardens Project combined nutrition, education, and conservation in Nalolo and Kalabo schools. By creating gardens and teaching sustainable farming, it improved student health, enhanced teacher capacity, and inspired community replication. The initiative demonstrates how education and conservation can jointly strengthen resilience in rural Zambia.

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