

Factsheet: Building livelihood resilience to climate change in Kalomo district, Zambia

Background

This is a four-years project funded by the Czech Development Cooperation through CARE Czech. The project will run from 2020 to 2023 at a total cost of CZK 20,000,000 is being implemented in five wards of Kalomo district, southern province. The project will support communities in five targeted wards in Kalomo district engaging in alternative and complementary climate smart and regenerative agriculture activities that will increase their resilience and capacity to withstand food security, climate and economic shocks.

Approach



In this project, CARE is using a comprehensive intervention model called the Farmer Field and Business Schools (FFBS), where farmer and community-led learning and action is the basis of capacity strengthening and improved livelihoods. CARE is working in collaboration with government line ministries/department and has formed 126 FFBS groups each comprising of 25 to 30 smallholder farmers and led by trained community facilitators and is targeting 3,750 vulnerable

households (22,500 individuals).

Key outputs and achievements to date

CARE has trained 196 government and community facilitators on FFBS methodology to organise and facilitated FFBS regular meetings together with the 181 community facilitators trained on climate smart and regenerative Agricultural practices. Also 112 community health workers trained on preparation of nutritious meal and establishment of home gardens. Not only that, the project has trained 8 government community facilitators on gender dialogues and 126 gender peer educators to support community gender dialogues by engaging men and women in identifying opportunities and facilitating community action planning. CARE has trained 13 Community Score Card (CSC) facilitators and this activity is being used to inform community members about available services and their entitlements and to solicit their opinions about the accessibility and quality of these services. By providing a media for direct dialogue between service providers and the community, the CSC process empowers the public to voice their opinion and demand improved service delivery. In order to ensure sufficient amount of planting materials, CARE is establishing 11 tree nurseries to support afforestation as a mitigation measure to climate change.