

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we close the second quarter of 2025, I'm reflecting on what has been a period of significant growth and impact for People in Need Zambia. These past months have reinforced our commitment to working alongside communities as they build resilience, strengthen their voices, and create sustainable pathways to development.



This quarter has been marked by exciting new beginnings and the deepening of strategic partnerships. We've launched new climate-smart agriculture initiatives and continued to strengthen civil society organizations across multiple provinces through our ongoing programs. Each represents not just immediate impact, but an investment in long-term community capacity and leadership.

We've seen the power of community-driven approaches in action—through civil society organizations taking on stronger advocacy roles and through farming communities preparing for a more climate-resilient future.

Our role continues to be one of partnership and facilitation, ensuring communities have the tools, knowledge, and platforms they need to lead their own transformation.

Our partnerships remain the foundation of this work. Whether collaborating with government institutions, international donors, or grassroots organizations, we're reminded daily that the most effective development happens through genuine collaboration and shared ownership of both challenges and solutions.

As we move into the final quarter of the year, we remain committed to this community-centered approach, knowing that the foundations we're building today will continue to strengthen communities long after our direct involvement ends.

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With gratitude,

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# Media about PIN's work in Zambia



## EU Invests €110,000 in Zambian Civil Society Organizations

The European Union awarded €110,000 (ZMW 3 million) in grants to 20 local civil society organizations through PIN and JCTR's Civil Society LEADS Project. This milestone investment strengthens grassroots democracy by enhancing organizational capacity and empowering communities across five provinces to engage in governance and hold institutions accountable.

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## From drought to hope: How nutrition support is rebuilding lives in Zambia

When Zambia's worst drought in decades left 6.6 million people needing urgent aid, our Nutrition Emergency Response Project screened over 74,000 children and treated nearly 4,000 for malnutrition. Through community volunteers and sustainable agriculture support, we're transforming stories of despair into tales of recovery and building resilient communities for the future.

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## Bridging Zambia's Energy Gap: How Our Biogas Initiative Powers Rural Communities

In Zambia, only around 53.6% of households have access to electricity, as indicated by the 2023 National Energy Access Survey (NEAS). This translates to an estimated 2.2 million households with access to electricity, leaving nearly half the population without reliable power. The disparity is stark: while 80.3% of urban households have access to electricity, only 34.9% of rural households are connected to the grid.

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# Leadership Insights & Partnerships

**This quarter exemplifies our integrated approach to development: strengthening communities at the grassroots while amplifying their voices on national and international stages.**

## OUR INTEGRATED IMPACT APPROACH

At PIN Zambia, we believe lasting change happens when local action connects to larger systems. This quarter demonstrates this philosophy in action across three interconnected areas:

- Ground Level: Empowering farmers with climate-smart agriculture
- System Level: Strengthening civil society organizations as community advocates
- Global Level: Ensuring Zambian voices shape international climate policy

Together, these initiatives create a powerful cycle: stronger communities → stronger advocates → stronger global influence → better resources for communities.



## MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT: €110,000 EU INVESTMENT IN CIVIL SOCIETY

### The Foundation: Empowering Community Voices

Before communities can influence larger systems, they need strong, capable advocates. That's why we're celebrating this quarter's landmark achievement: the European Union's €110,000 investment in 20 local civil society organizations through PIN and JCTR's Civil Society LEADS Project.

#### Building Advocacy Capacity Across Zambia:

- 5 Provinces: Luapula, Lusaka, North-Western, Western, Southern
- 20 Organizations strengthened with grants from K98,000-K209,000
- Focus: Governance, management skills, strategic planning, advocacy capacity



"Civil society organizations are not only service providers, they are the voice of communities. They defend rights, promote accountability, and help ensure that development is inclusive and rooted in local realities."

— Stefania Lagonigro, PIN Country Director

**Why This Matters:** Strong civil society organizations become the bridge between community needs and policy solutions, exactly what's needed for effective climate adaptation and development.



Project launch in Choma, Southern Province, with Dr. Namani Moonze (Permanent Secretary), Czech Republic Embassy representatives, and implementing partners PIN, Impuls Africa, Musika and various stakeholders.

## NEW CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE PROJECT LAUNCHED

### Strengthening Climate-Resilient Agricultural Markets in Western and Southern Provinces (2025–2027)

People in Need has launched an ambitious new initiative that will transform how middle-scale farmers and producer groups build resilience and increase their incomes in climate-vulnerable communities.

#### 🍷 Strategic Partnership Approach:

Partners: Musika Zambia • Impuls Africa • Czech University of Life Sciences Prague  
Funder: Czech Development Agency

#### 📍 Target Communities & Impact Focus:

- Western Province: Limulunga, Mongu, Kaoma
- Southern Province: Choma
- Target Group: Middle-scale farmers and producer groups in communities vulnerable to climate impacts but rich in agricultural potential
- Core Areas: Climate-smart agriculture, clean energy solutions, financial inclusion, strengthened value chains

The project launched with significant stakeholder participation across both provinces:

Together, we are working for a future where farmers not only cope with the effects of climate change but thrive—moving from survival to prosperity through resilient agricultural systems.



Project launch in Mongu, Western Province, featuring the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Barotse Royal Establishment, and implementing partners PIN, Impuls Africa, Musika and Czech University of Life Sciences.





# AMPLIFYING ZAMBIAN VOICES AT COP30

## From Local Experience to International Policy

Strong communities and effective local programs create credible voices for international advocacy. This quarter, PIN worked alongside a powerful consortium of leading Zambian civil society organizations to develop a comprehensive position paper for SB62 and COP30.

**Consortium Partners: People in Need (PIN) • Zambia Climate Change Network • Action Aid Zambia • Plan International • ZAAB • Care International • FIAN International • WWF**

Together, this consortium coordinated the voices of over 70 civil society organizations across Zambia to ensure authentic grassroots perspectives reach international climate negotiations.

### 🔑 **Zambian Priorities for Global Climate Action:**

#### **Climate Finance & Accountability**

- \$300 billion annual climate finance goal by 2035
- Enhanced Loss & Damage fund access with transparent reporting
- Accelerated emissions reduction by developed countries

#### **Adaptation & Local Knowledge**

- Measurable Global Goal on Adaptation with community-relevant indicators
- Early warning systems integrating indigenous knowledge
- Gender-responsive adaptation finance prioritizing vulnerable communities

#### **Just Transition Framework**

- Addressing the \$387 billion annual adaptation finance gap
- Comprehensive approach to mitigation, adaptation, and resilience
- Integration of human mobility in climate planning

The position paper was formally presented to the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment and UNDP, ensuring grassroots perspectives reach both national and international policy levels.



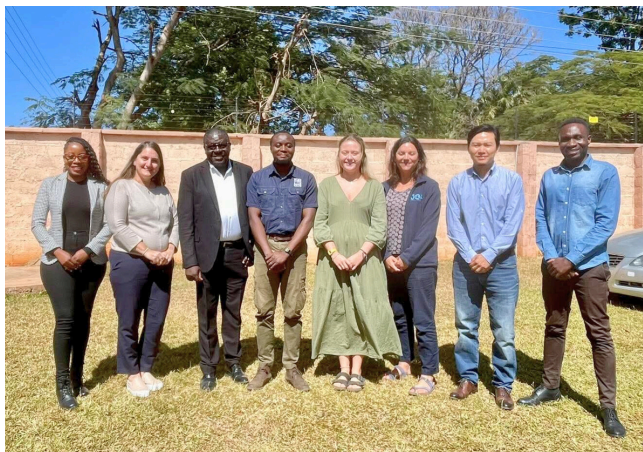


# PIN on the socials

There is a lot of information about our projects on PIN Zambia and PIN global social media page in English. See some highlights:

## @People in Need Zambia

A Jersey Overseas Aid delegation recently visited PIN Zambia's Lusaka office to review progress on the "Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities through Ecosystems Protection in the Barotse Floodplains" project. The 40-month initiative, delivered with WWF Zambia and now in its 23rd month, has achieved strengthened community governance, improved conservation outcomes, and increased clean energy adoption in climate-vulnerable communities. We thank JOA for their continued support of community-driven environmental solutions in Zambia's Barotse Floodplains.



## @People in Need Zambia

Simenda Mooyo, a lactating mother from Sioma District, recovered from malnutrition through High Energy Protein Supplements and support from local health facilities and community volunteers. The Nutrition Emergency Response Project, funded by Czech Republic's MFA, provided her family with farming inputs including millet, beans, and fertiliser to grow nutrient-rich crops for sustainable food security. Today, Simenda tends to her flourishing field, feeding her family and selling surplus at local markets—demonstrating how recovery is rooted in combining health interventions with livelihood support.



## @People in Need

PIN Zambia proudly participated in the Zambia Drought After-Action Review where government officials and stakeholders reviewed the Food Security Drought Response Plan implementation. National DMMU Coordinator Norman Chipakupaku emphasized the opportunity to capture lessons and translate them into actionable strategies for future disaster preparedness. The review aims to generate recommendations for enhancing coordination and strengthening capacity, building on the successful partnership that ensured no lives were lost to hunger during this challenging drought.



## @peopleinneedzm

In a remarkable 1-2% probability event, a heifer under Mr. Muindwa Mubita's care gave birth to identical twin calves in Mapungu, Kalabo District, reflecting improved animal care and breeding practices under PIN's Livestock Integrated Initiative. Through the Pass-On Scheme, farmers receive foundation breeding stock and share knowledge, with Mr. Mubita noting that six households now each have three cows compared to none at the project's start. This story illustrates how knowledge sharing drives community prosperity, with farmers also learning to convert manure into bio-slurry for sustainable farming and clean energy.







# PIN Team



## Humanitarian Aid Work Has Never Been More Dangerous

Humanitarian aid workers are facing the deadliest period in history. They are being killed, wounded, and kidnapped in places like Gaza Strip, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Tragically, over 95% of the victims are national staff. Every year on World Humanitarian Day (19 August), we remember our fallen colleagues and honour all aid workers who risk their lives to support others.

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## Our Annual Report 2024

 [Read the report here](#)

Read PIN's newly published 2024 Annual Report to discover stories of our global relief work and see how all our departments collaborate for greater impact.



## Big thanks to donors and partners



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