

SOF'S FACT FINDING MISSION TO ZAMBIA FOR PROMOTING SKILLS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN YOUTH TO ERADICATE UN-EMPLOYMENT AND PROMOTE SELF EMPLOYMENT, 2017

Further to the seed grant approved by African Development Bank through **the** Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nigeria) for **Sidi Osho Foundation (SOF)** to **Promote Skills, Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development in Zambian youth to Eradicate Un-employment and promote Self -Employment;** the Staff of SOF went on a fact finding mission in Lusaka, Zambia from 17th – 24th March 2017.

The Team Members



- Prof Sidi Osho (CEO)
- Osho Oluwasegun (Project Field Manager)
- Fadare Olakunle (Program Field Manager)

➤ On Monday the 20th of March, the Team had a meeting African development Bank AfDB Zambia office; where we met with Mr Domoni Kitabire, the Resident Representative and other

staff of AfDB including Philip Boahen; Principal Country Program Officer and members to announce our presence in the country and also to state our mission. We gave a detailed presentation using 46 Slides and more. A detailed presentation was given by the **SOF** team to give them insight into the project mission and vision in Zambia. The meeting was very successful and productive certain issues where raise and keen areas

of interest were noted. AfDB helped to pave way to the offices and staff to meet with while in Zambia.

- On Tuesday the 21st of March 2017, we had a meeting with the Mr Owen Mugemezulu, Permanent Secretary of Higher education. A detailed presentation was given by the **SOF** team to give them insight into the project mission and vision in Zambia. The Permanent Secretary was happy about the project and also gave us more information regarding the educational system in the country. He recommended that we have a chat with the technical educational, vocational and entrepreneurship training authority (TEVETA). He facilitated the meeting with an official letter of introduction to the DG TEVETA.

➤ We met with Mr David Chakonta, the Director General of **TEVETA**, and also at the meeting was Mr Cleophas Takaiza, Director Training Standards; who

were also happy about the project and was willing the assist in certain areas of interest especially with Vocational Training Institutions across Zambia.

- We then went ahead to the first institution which was the Open University of Zambia. We had a meeting the Prof Yerokun Olusegun, Vice Chancellor, Mr Frank W. Chikange, the Registrar and other key members of staff. A detailed presentation was given by the SOF team to give them insight into the project mission and vision in Zambia. The Vice chancellor was glad as he confirmed to us that the project will go a long way in helping the youths in Zambia. Various issues were raised and also verified and with the possibility of an MOU.
- On Wednesday the 22nd of March 2017, we had a meeting with Stanbic bank. A detailed presentation was given by the SOF team to give them insight into the project mission and vision in Zambia. It was necessary to discuss with a Bank in the Country due to the Enterprise nature of the project. The Stanbic Bank were pleased about the project and showed support by informing us to inform them when the Training Program starts.
- On Wednesday the 22nd of March 2017 also we then went ahead to visit the University of Zambia where we met with the Prof Enala Tembo – Mwase; Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dr Benson Chishala, Dean of School of

Agricultural Sciences and other members of Staff of the School of Agricultural Sciences. A detailed presentation was given by the SOF team to give them insight into the project mission and vision in Zambia. We were able to gather more information about the university which included the total number of students in the university. The meeting was a productive one and the university agreed to work with SOF.

➤ On Thursday, the 23rd of March we went back to visit the **Zambian Open university** where we clarified issues raised from the previous meeting and we reached an agreement with respect to the MoU

➤ The Team Presentations focused on the following:

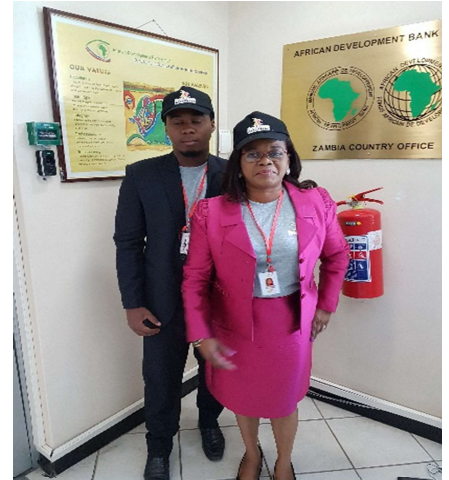
- About SOF
- Information about the population and the imports dependent economy of Zambia, the ten provinces of Zambia with an average population of over 13 Million people.
- The Un-employment situation of Zambia as presented in World Bank studies.
- Activity Management of SOF project in Zambia
- Plan of Action for SOF in Zambia.
- Project strategy and activities in Zambia
- Benefits of this project in Zambia
- Anticipated Results of this project in Zambia

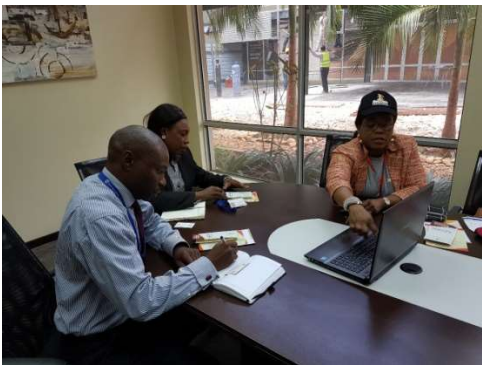
- The type of Enterprises Hubs that can be created by Youth in Zambia.

Appreciation

We express our gratitude to the DTCT and AfDB for approving this project. We are very grateful for the hospitality we received from the **Zambian Government** here in Nigeria through **Dr Solomon Jere** the **Zambian Ambassador to Nigeria** and his staff who paved the way for visa and those to meet with in Zambia.

We were well received in Zambia and we are very happy that our project will be successful as all people we meet showed high interest and made our stay very pleasant.







LIST OF PROVINCES IN ZAMBIA

Provinces	Capital	Area (km ²)	Population	Density (people /km ²)	Districts
1. Central	Kabwe	94,394	1,307,111	13.4	11
2. Copperbelt	Ndola	31,328	1,972,317	62.5	10
3. Eastern	Chipata	51,476	1,592,661	24.7	9
4. Luapula	Mansa	50,567	991,927	19.0	11
5. Lusaka	Lusaka	21,896	2,191,225	100.4	8
6. Muchinga	Chinsali	87,806	711,657	8.1	7
7. North-Western	Solwezi	125,826	727,044	5.6	9
8. Northern	Kasama	77,650	1,105,824	14.2	9
9. Southern	Choma	85,283	1,589,926	18.8	13
10. Western	Mongu	126,386	902,974	7.0	16
Zambia	Lusaka	752,612	13,092,666	17.3	103

Total Unemployment Rate – Zambia	13.30%
Female Unemployment Rate – Zambia	11.40%
Male Unemployment Rate – Zambia	11.40%
Total Youth Unemployment Rate - Zambia	24.60%