

CASHEW GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Government of the Republic of Zambia is currently implementing the Eighth National Development Plan in which a key objective is to achieve strong economic growth as a prerequisite for poverty reduction through sustainable utilization of natural resources. The growth is expected from Agriculture, Tourism, Manufacturing and Mining. In all these sectors, the engine for growth is through increased productivity, sustainable use of natural resources, value adding and increased competitiveness at local, regional and global levels. The Ministries of Agriculture, Green economy and Environment and The Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise Development are currently implementing policies aimed at promoting sustainable agricultural production and sustainable use of natural resources in order to ensure food ,income and nutrition security, creation of employment opportunities, wealth creation, reduction in poverty levels and environmental protection.

In accordance with the Governments policies, the Cashew Growers Association of Zambia (CGAZ), and the above Ministries have jointly formed a partnership to empower local communities to create wealth, reduce poverty and promote environmental protection through the development of a sustainable and value-added cashew commodity chain. Cashew production has the potential to create significant economic, environmental and social impact in the uplands, which are heavily degraded and covered with a mantle of the infertile Kalahari sands. The Kalahari sands are ideal for good growth and yield of Cashew trees. The evergreen

cashew trees play an important role in rehabilitating the heavily degraded pieces of land, while providing a sustainable and alternative source of livelihood.

The Cashew Growers Association of Zambia (CGAZ) was established in 2007 under the laws of Zambia (Societies Act) with certificate of registration No. ORS/101/06/176 and has its registered office at Mongu in the Western Province of the Republic of Zambia.

CGAZ is a non partisan and non profit making organisation that derives its membership from Cashew producers and other stakeholders engaged in Agricultural production, Processing and marketing of Agricultural produce. The Association has the mandate to protect the interests of its members as producers of agricultural products.

2.0 MISSION/ OBJECTIVES/ GOALS

To enhance the adaptive capacity and livelihood systems of vulnerable communities through environmental protection, promoting sustainable use of natural resources and improving the income generation efficiency/ effectiveness of the targeted communities. The main thrust of the project is to build the capacity of the rural communities thus enabling them to actively and meaningfully participate in the environmental protection, wealth creation and poverty reduction at national, regional and community levels.

The core objective of CGAZ is to rehabilitate the degraded pieces land in the affected communities through planting and rejuvenating cashew trees and to build and strengthen capacities of vulnerable communities thereby enabling them to deal with environmental issues and manage cashew orchards in a productive, profitable and sustainable manner.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP BASE

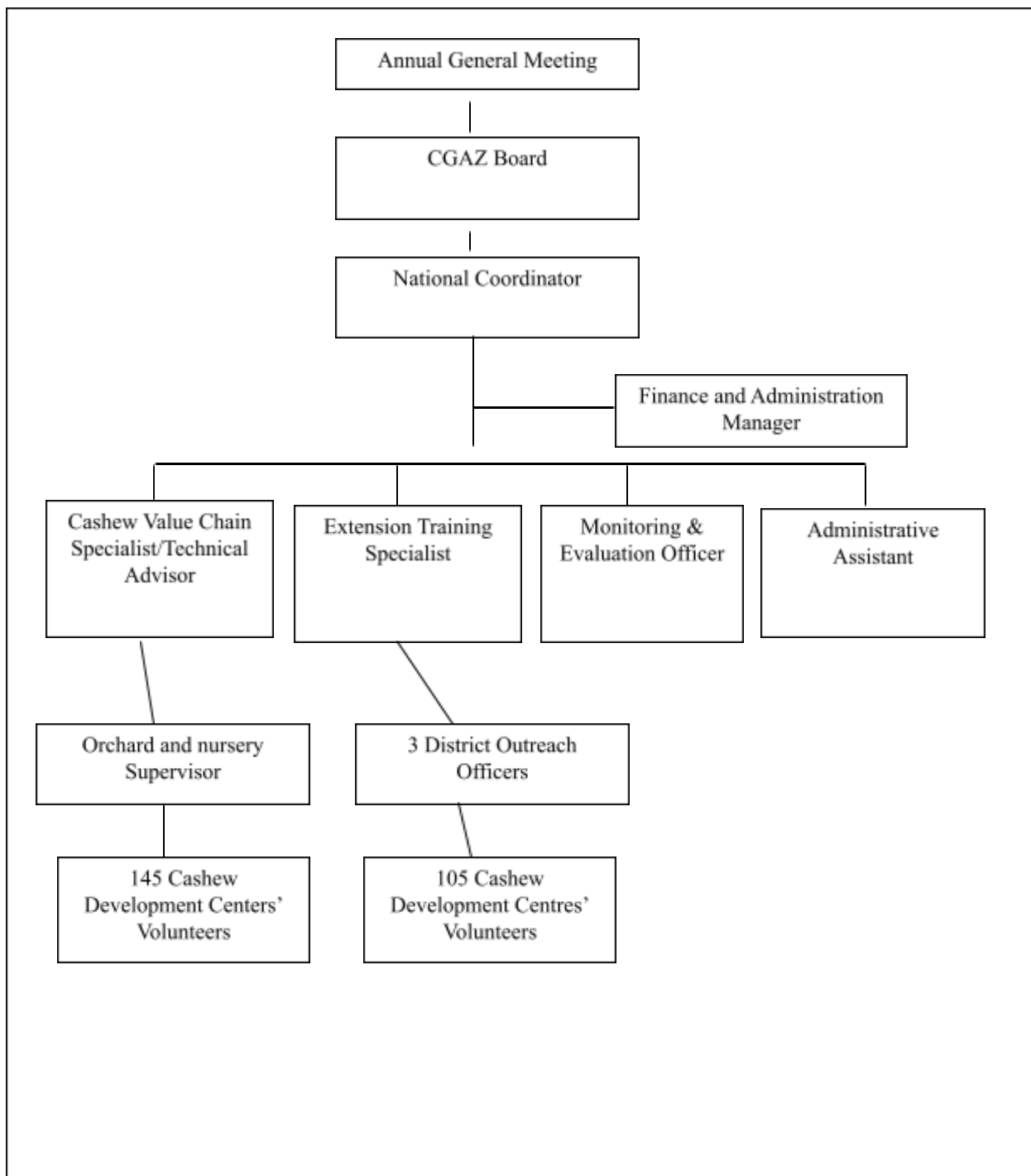
CGAZ derives its strength from the general membership that has steadily grown over the last few years and currently stands at a total of 22,490 belonging to 145 Cashew Development Centers (CDC) in the Western Province as indicated in the table below:

**CASHEW GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WESTERN PROVINCE**

S/N	District	Male Members	%	Female Members	%	Total Membership
1	Sikongo	1304	57.9	948	42.1	2252
2	Kalabo	1638	65	882	35	2520
3	Limulunga	2306	59.6	1563	40.4	3869
4	Lukulu	1316	47.82	1437	52.18	2753
5	Mitete	724	45.56	865	54.4	1589
6	Mongu	1438	50.4	1415	49.6	2853
7	Nalolo	664	62.7	395	37.3	1059
8	Senanga	1203	55.25	977	44.75	2180
9	Sioma	1018	47.8	1112	52.2	2130
10	Shangombo	661	51.4	624	48.6	1285
	Total	12272	54.36	10218	45.43	22490

4.0 The Organizational set-up of Cashew Growers Association of Zambia

The highest decision making body is the AGM which elects 10 Board of Directors. The board of directors employ the management team comprising the Coordinator, M&E, Accounts Officer and Admin Officer. At community level the association has cashew development centres comprising between 30 – 50 farmers. There is regular feed back through scheduled quarterly meetings.



5.0

GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA STAFF ESTABLISHMENT

S/N	NAME	POSITION	HIGHEST QUALIFICATION	NRC	REMARKS
1	Allan Chinambu	National Coordinator	MSc. Agric Sciences.	401368/11/1	
2	Collins Katungu	Finance & Admin. Manager	ACCA	252591/82/1	
3	Edgar Reed	Cashew Value Chain Development Officer	MSc. Agriculture	277386/82/1	
4	Wakunyambo Yeta	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Diploma in finance & Admin.	293810/82/1	
5	Mwenda Mukatimui	Outreach Officer	Certificate in general Agric.	195522/83/1	
7	Savior Indala	Orchard/Nursery Supervisor	Cert. in Nursery Management/ Grafting	151246/83/1	
8	Kaneta Kaneta	Driver	Grade XII	342766/82/1	
9	Brenda Mwanamwalye	Office Assistant	Grade VIII	189924/82/1	
11	Charles Mafulo	General Worker		176668/84/1	

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PREVIOUS PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

YEAR	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING URGENCY	MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS
2009	Mongu Cashew development and Environmental Protection Project	Ministry of Lands, Environment and Natural Resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained 357 men and 250 women from 5 communities in Mongu District in cashew production and environmental protection • Distributed 3500 cashew seedlings to the 5 communities
2011	Capacity Building Project	European Commission (EC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established working relationship with cashew promotion Institute (INCAJU) in Mozambique. • Imported improved planting material (5000 Scions) from Mozambique for grafting • Conducted trainings for grafting technicians.
2015 - 2020	Climate Risk Adaptation Facilitator under the Pilot Project for Climate Resilience (PPCR II)	World Bank Through the Ministry of Finance and National Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated the development of 250 Community Adaptation Projects to enhance the adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities to the effects of climate change
2017 -2023	Implementing partner to the Cashew Infrastructure	African Development Bank(AfDB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilised over 22000 farmers to plant cashew nut trees.

	Development Project (CIDP) – Ministry of Agriculture		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed the cashew Business model based on the warehouse receipt system
2018 - 2021	Empowering Women and Youth Through Cashew Production to Reduce Poverty Levels and Improve Democratic Governance in Mongu, Limulunga and Kalabo Districts	European Union (EU) through People in Need (Czech Republic) Strengthening Citizen Action to Improve Democratic Governance in Western and Luapula Provinces Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300 women, 100 female, 100 male youths and 100 men have access to 1ha of land with security of tenure to plant 100 cashew trees each and trained in cashew production during the 2021/22 Agricultural season. 12 farmer groups (4 per district) for mostly women and youth with women and youth in leadership positions (grass root networks) supported and meeting regularly to benefit from cashew business development
2023 - 2024	Expanding Water & Sanitation project	SNv Netherlands Development Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy for improved water Sanitation services in Nalolo district of Western Province
2024 - 2026	Nalolo Cashew Development & Climate Resilience Project	GIZ German Development Cooperation Co – Financed by the European Union EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilising 7000 beneficiaries (3500 women & 3500 youths to plant 100 cashew ut trees each.



Agriculture and Livestock Deputy Minister Greyford Monde being briefed on the Western Province Cashew Development initiative When he visited CGAZ premises in Mongu.



Former Western Province Permanent Secretary Emmanuel Mwamba during a courtesy call by the Cashew experts from Mozambique at his office in Mongu



Deputy secretary to the Cabinet Peter Kasanda being shown cashew processing technology that can be installed at village level when he visited the cashew factory in Mongu.

The Cashew Growers Association of Zambia at the invitation of Provincial Administration- Western Province, Participated in designing of a 5 year cashew investment plan to revamp the Cashew Industry in Western Province.



Former Minister of Finance and National Planning Hon. Alexander Chikwanda visits the CGAZ Cashew Nursery at Mabumbu Cashew plantation in Mongu



Former Finance and National Planning Minister Alexander Chikwanda visits the CGAZ Cashew Nursery in Mongu. Looking on is Western Province Permanent secretary- Emmanuel Mwamba.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock has since given the Cashew Growers Association of Zambia an opportunity to propose a policy statement to be included in the National Agricultural Policy. The proposed policy statement will provide an opportunity for CGAZ to establish the legal and regulatory framework that will help to promote, control and regulate all matters in the cashew industry in an efficient, effective and fair manner.



Below Agriculture and Livestock Permanent Secretary Dr. David Shamulenge arrives to officiate at the National Cashew Consultative forum organised by CGAZ and ACF at Sandys Creations in Lusaka.



Participants at the National Cashew Consultative forum on the National Cashew Development Strategy (NCDS) organised by CGAZ and the Agricultural Consultative forum (ACF).

The Ministry of Lands Environment and Natural Resources has under the work plan included cashew as one of the tree species to be grown under the National Tree Planting Program (NTPP).

8.0 TRAINING/ CAPACITY BUILDING

SENSITIZATION TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR CAMP EXTENSION OFFICERS ON CASHEW PRODUCTION AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The CGAZ and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock conducted training workshops for Camp Extension Officers was held at Namushakendi Farm Training Institute from 6th - 9th November, 2012 in Mongu district. The sensitization training workshop was organized by the Ministry of Agricultural and Livestock and Cashew Growers Association of Zambia. Eleven (11) Camp Extension Officers

two (2) district staffs and 7 senior Agricultural staffs attended the sensitization training workshop. The meeting was formally opened by Dr. Simainga Simainga (Provincial Agricultural Coordinator). The main objective of the workshop was to train and sensitize camp extension officers on cashew production and its economic and environmental benefits as an alternative source of livelihood for the vulnerable communities along the cashew hub. The Training Workshop had a total number of four facilitators and these were Mr. Mwiya Mukungu (PAO), Mr. Moses Shimbilimbili (National Coordinator CGAZ), Mr Matauka Kumoyo (SAO) and Mr. Mutale Chrisantus (Senior Agricultural Research Officer)



Provincial Agricultural Co-ordinator (PACO) Dr. SimaingaSimainga standing next to the Principal Agricultural Officer at during the sensitisation workshop for camp extension officers at Namushakende Farm Institute in Mongu.



Participants at the training for Camp Extension Officers at Namushakende Farmer Training Institute in Mongu

8.1 SENSITIZATION TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR FARMERS

The Farmers Sensitisation Training Workshop was held at Namushakendi Farm Institute Centre Namushakendi in Mongu between the 6th and 7th of December 2012. This workshop was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cashew Growers Association CGAZ. The workshop was attended by thirty seven farmers (37) from Mongu and Senanga distract,

three (3) MAL Staffs and eight (8) CGAZ staff. The objective of the Workshop was to sensitise and train farmers in cashew production and its economic and environmental benefits as an alternative source of livelihood for the vulnerable communities along the cashew hub benefits. The total number of facilitators was four (4) and these included Mr Mwiya Mukungu (PAO) Mr Matauka Kumoyo (SAO), Mr S. Indala (CGAZ) and Mrs R. Subulwa



Training in Grafting techniques during the Farmer Training Workshop at Namushakende Farmer Training Institute in Mongu.



Cashew Growers Association of Zambia Nursery at Simulumbe research station in Mongu

Women Empowerment



Former Republican President H.E Edgar. Lungu and Gender Minister Professor Nandi Luo admires processed cashew nuts at the CGAZ stand during the women empowerment exhibition in Lusaka in May, 2015. CGAZ representative won 1st price as best woman entrepreneur.



Women working in a Cashew processing factory in Mongu

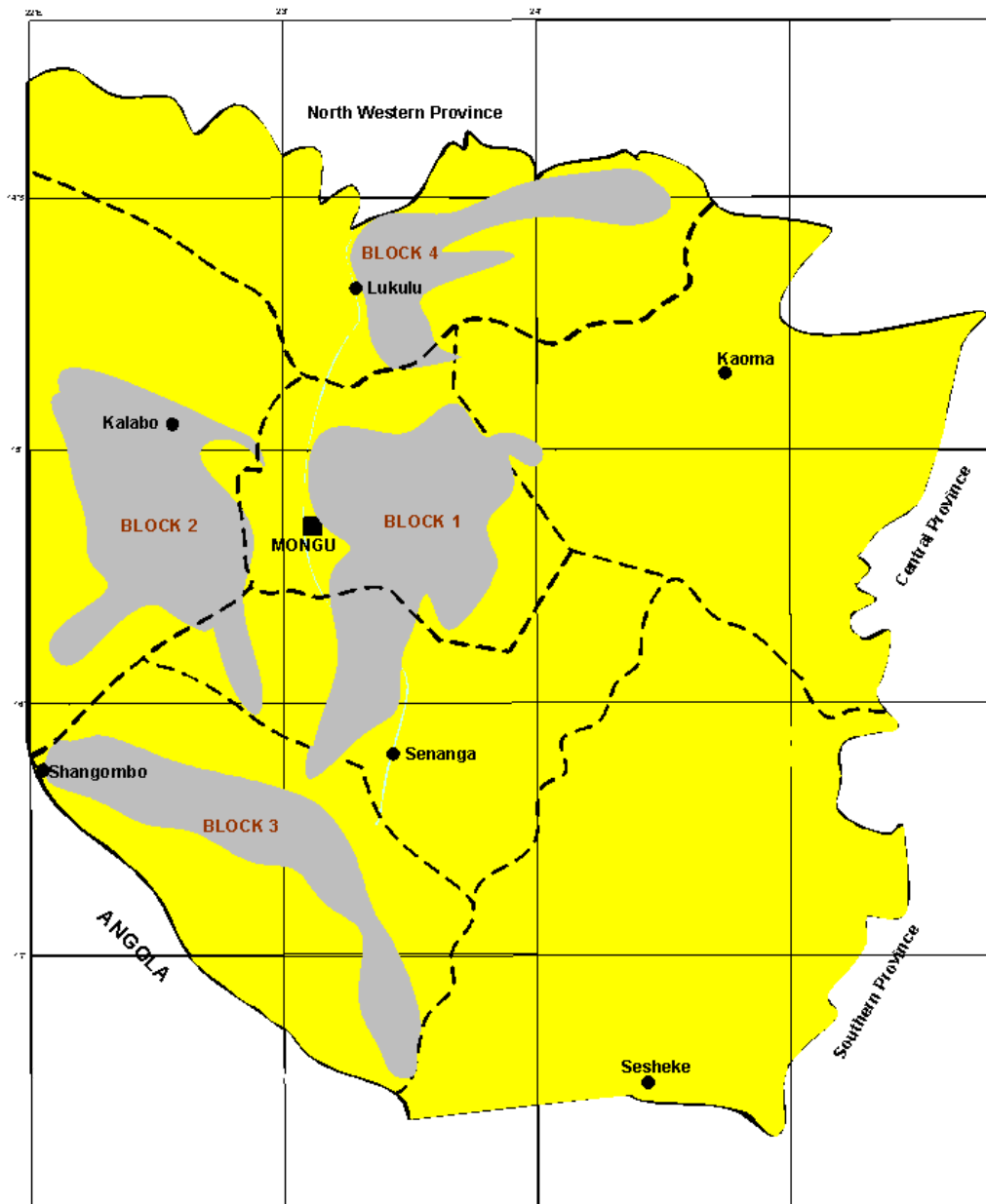
The Zambian Cashew Industry when fully harnessed will create over 10,000 factory Jobs opportunities, 50,000 on farm Jobs and support over 100,000 smallholder farmers that live along the Lukulu- Shangombo Cashew hub.

9.0 RECOMENDED AREAS FOR CASHEW PRODUCTION




Republic of Zambia
Recommended Cashew Growing
Areas In Western Province

0 25 50km



Hectareage

BLOCK 1....440,000Ha
BLOCK 2....457,000Ha
BLOCK 3....282,500Ha
BLOCK 4....136,000Ha

 Cashew growing areas

Republic of Zambia



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