



PRODUCER PROFILE



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Name:

Kaleya Small Holders Farmers Association

Country: Zambia

FLO ID: 4366

Certification Since:
2007

Type of Organization:
SPO

Number of Certified Members:

154 Farmers 38% women



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Introduction

Kaleya Smallholders Farmers Association (KASFA) is located in Southern Province, Mazabuka district of Zambia. Directionally, it is located approximately 145 KM South-West of Lusaka.

The association was established on 10th October 1990 and has about 1047ha under cultivation. The core business of the association is growing sugarcane for domestic market and sells to Zambia Sugar. Sugar ane growing and being a certified Fairtrade member has changed and improved the livelihoods of the small-scale farmers and brought development to the community.

Mission: To promote and defend the interest of the members of the association.

Core Values: Transparency and Integrity, Innovation, Teamwork and Community Responsibility, Excellence and Environmental Sustainability



The objects of the Society are to promote the economic and social interest of its members in accordance with co-operative principles and more particularly:

- To provide loans for production of agricultural produce, more specifically for sugarcane and other essential purposes at reasonable rate of interest.
- To market, sell or dispose agricultural produce of members.
- To make payments to members from sugar earnings, crop insurance, and other associated proceeds.
- To supply good quality fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides and other agricultural tools and equipment .
- To encourage improved methods of agricultural production in line with research and development in the sugarcane industry.
- To support member growers from planting to harvest.
- To meet all key Fairtrade standards compliances by encouraging farming techniques that best contribute to climate change mitigation at the farm level for the preservation of environment and the sector's viability.
- Developing excellent labour practices, preventing and eliminating forced labour and eliminating gender-based violence.



Benefits of Fairtrade

Good Governance

The association is implementing Fairtrade standards to promote good corporate governance by training the association leadership in corporate governance. Through utilization of Fairtrade premiums to train the leaders of the association, rights of both the workers and the member farmers have been promoted.

Sustainability

To combat climate change, the association has implemented several sustainable sugarcane initiatives such as pest management and irrigation techniques which in turn have minimized the usage of pesticides, herbicides, and soil erosion in the sugarcane fields.

Premium Projects

The association through the Fairtrade Premium Committee from 2021 to 2022, has successfully:

- Bought a 22 -seater Rosa bus to benefit and support the Kaleya community.
- Reinvested the 10% of the premiums to increase production quantity and quality by procuring hand hoes, slushers, shovels and protective equipment for the members.
- Supported members with a Covid -19 resilience food package of ZMK2000 per farmer.
- Contributed to a recurring project of investing in KASCOL shares procurement for the association to own some shares in the company (KASCOL).
- Allocated some funds to procure an additional community school bus to support learners from the association members that travel 10-15km to their nearest school.

Challenges

Some of the challenges experienced by the association are:

- Climate change
- Difficulties in having AGM and planning meetings during Covid 19 pandemic
- Delays and high cost of farming inputs due to movement restrictions during covid 19
- No Market access to certified Fairtrade buyers
- Low availability of water

Solutions

- The producer needs to increase water sources by sinking a number of industrial boreholes to address the climate change and water challenges.
- There is urgent need to find ways of reducing the producers cost of fertilisers and irrigation water. Water resources are increasingly becoming more expensive to procure.
- The local clinic needs extensive expansion to be able to meet the community demand for medical services.
- Returning Kaleya on Mass Balance Agreement with Illovo Malawi. There is urgent need to be put back on Mass Balance Agreement because removing Kaleya on mass balance means Kaleya is being removed from the Fairtrade system because the current trader Zambia Sugar does not export its sugar to the European countries where most certified Fairtrade certified buyers are.

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