

# The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

## Friends of Monze

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### 1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Friends of Monze (FoM) is seeking funding to:-

Establish a community forest, an innovation suggested by our Monze based partners Zambia Women and Girls Foundation (ZaWGF). Buy gardening tools.

Fence a large school garden to:-

- a) produce tree saplings.
- b) sustainably improve food security.

Provide education and practice for a school and community in Zambia on methods to mitigate the impact of climate change in co-operation with Traditional Leaders.

### 1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

Our project:- We plan a school garden at Lumba-Moonya School (LMS) and a protected community forest.

Progress so far:- FoM provided 5 days training to teach community elders, teachers and children how to mitigate the impact of climate change and grow food in a sustainable manner by:-

Planting trees, digging water harvesting ditches and swales to raise the underground water table and reduce soil erosion.

Growing indigenous drought resistant crops e.g. sorghum, cassava.

Using mulching and mandala gardens reducing evaporation so plants need less water.

Designing paths, leaving leaf litter so that soil is soft and porous, preventing flooding.

Making compost and bokashi instead of expensive chemical fertiliser.

Repelling pests naturally.

We are impressed that LMS has started planting tree saplings, however they need protection from wandering animals.

Project activities needing funds:-

1. In order for LMS to use gardening knowledge to grow crops during climate change the school needs a large area of garden to be fenced to keep wandering oxen and hungry goats from destroying crops. Once the fence is in place LMS can also start growing vegetables.

2. A meeting will be held with the village Headmen to establish the forest. They will identify traditional communal land or a sacred area where in the past it was forbidden to cut down trees, but trees are now being cut down for firewood. This area will be designated as community forest where trees can not be cut down. The area will be protected by agreement with the Headmen and Chief. A meeting will be held with the villagers.

3. Two gardening trainers from ZaWGF will deliver a half day training in identifying local seeds and planting a tree nursery. Children will be instructed how to collect seeds to grow in the tree nursery.

4. Hundreds of trees will be planted in a tree nursery at LMS school garden.

5. Saplings from the tree nursery will be planted in the designated forest area.

Those the project aims to help LMS which is in a rural area on an unmade road 18 miles from Monze town. 456 children, 13 orphans, 73 are very poor. 35% of Zambian children's growth is stunted because of poor nutrition.

Villagers are subsistence farmers growing maize that needs 4 months uninterrupted rainfall, which is unreliable due to climate change.

Expected impact on those the project aims to help

Children and the community will learn gardening skills. The garden will produce nutritious foods for

children and be a model to teach the community, preventing future food insecurity. We expect improved nutrition to improve health and enable education.

The sale of garden produce and tree saplings will generate income to buy school equipment.

The nursery will also grow firewood trees. (FoM has a project promoting fuel efficient stoves).

The underground water table will rise making the work of pumping water less heavy for women. Bore holes will not dry up forcing women to walk long distances to collect contaminated water from unsafe water holes.

Why the approach is innovative

The approach of turning a defunct sacred restricted area into a community forest was proposed by our partners ZaWGF, which involves the village elders sharing their traditional knowledge about indigenous drought resistant crops.

The forest will grow trees used for firewood, medicines, soap, ointments, fruit and nuts.

This project is innovative because we do not know of other projects using this approach.

The approach will be a flagship enterprise for FoM to demonstrate a method of managing trees to combat climate change.

Photos and reports of LMS forest success will encourage other communities to start forests.

### **1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?**

A - Quaker work and witness

D - Climate change mitigation

#### **1.3a Quaker work and witness**

Inequality in the world is increasing due to climate change causing subsistence farmers to suffer from failed harvests, hunger and poverty.

This project works with the nature to combat climate change in a sustainable manner, aligning with current climate justice Quaker work for a more just and fairer world.

FoM is a Concern of, and supported by, Bridgend Quaker Meeting.

#### **1.3d Climate change mitigation**

Climate change causes drought and flooding causing soil erosion, failed harvests, food and water insecurity, lowered water table.

To mitigate this our project will:-

Grow indigenous drought resistant crops.

Prevent soil drying by mulching and companion planting.

Prevent soil erosion by growing trees, roots stabilise soil and funnel water underground.

Raise underground water table by digging swales and ditches.

### **1.4 Which country is the project based in?**

Zambia (ZM)

### **1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?**

Yes

#### **1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended**

LMS teachers have already demonstrated their commitment by planting trees and to continue to individually fence fruit trees.

Work in the school garden and forest will be organised by a permaculture committee.

LMS will be incentivised to continue the garden as sale of food and tree saplings will generate income.

LMS will have advice e.g. pest control, seed and cutting sharing, from a local WhatsApp group and the gardening trainers.

### **1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?**

FoM will pay for monitoring visits by the gardening trainers to the garden and forest to ensure maintenance of the forest principles by the community.

Gardening trainers will provide photo evidence and reports to ZaWGF and FoM.

FoM accesses the relevant WhatsApp groups.

ZaWGF treasurer emails details of project expenditure and quarterly financial reports to FoM.

## 2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Transport to buy and deliver fencing wire, gate	£299	wire has to be purchased in the capital Lusaka
Fencing wire and gates.	£1,376	
Labour for erecting fence Lumba-Moonya School	£177	
ZaWGF garden trainers meeting with Traditional Leaders	£32	
ZaWGF garden trainers meeting with community	£51	
Garden equipment, wheelbarrows, picks, hoes, shovels, pots	£277	
Training, 2 trainers	£44	
Contingency.	£194	Price increases in Zambia. Fluctuation in exchange rate
TOTALS	£2,450	

## 2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Friends of monze contribution to project	£94	£94	
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£94	£94	

### 2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£2,350

### 2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

### 2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

9.6.2021

### 2.4c Was this previous application successful?

No

### 2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£139,098

### 2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

No

### 2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

Barclays

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**3.1 Your name**

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**3.2 Your contact telephone number**

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**3.3 Your position within the organisation**

Chair of Trustees

**3.4 Your email address**

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**3.5 Organisation name**

Friends of Monze

**3.6 Please state the status of your organisation**

UK Charity

**3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does**

FoM works with partners in Monze, Zambia where many children suffer deprivation, about 10% are orphans.

To keep girls in school we teach women's legal rights and menstrual hygiene management.

To improve education we have built 15 schools equipping them with reading and text books, IT equipment and teacher's houses.

To improve health we drilled or repaired 29 bore holes providing clean water.

We endeavour to combat climate change and improve nutrition by establishing school gardens.

**3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation**

Quaker Meeting House

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**3.9 UK telephone number**

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**3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)**

1154762

**3.11 Year established**

2012

**3.12 Website (if applicable)**

<http://www.friendsofmonze.org>

**3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)**

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**4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?**

Charity Commission website

Quakers

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust