



# **CAMFED: Transition to Adulthood with Peer-Led Learning**

**March 2026 Featured Grant**



**TOGETHER WOMEN RISE**



# Zambia: A Precarious Time after Graduation

In Zambia, system poverty & gender inequality limit school access for girls.

Girls supported to graduation by CAMFED face financial & social barriers:

- Low income, often dependent on subsistence agriculture
- Lack knowledge about finances & rights
- Few female role models
- Lack capital, connections, assets.



# Featured Grantee: CAMFED

## \$50,000 Project Grant

### Expansion of the Transition Guide Program

- Supports Zambia's most vulnerable and marginalized young women in transition from secondary school to secure and productive livelihoods
- Young women become peer educators
- Provide mentoring and skills support to younger peers helping them develop economic independence and leadership

# Zambia

- Population: 22+ million
- Rich history with diverse cultures
- High levels of poverty & inequality
- Patriarchal society
- Large population of subsistence farmers – vulnerable to climate change



# Impact and Transformation

- Two-year project in Muchinga Province in Zambia: demand is high as more girls graduate each year
- Trains 109 Transition Guides who mentor 20 women each
- Structured curriculum covers wellbeing, sexual and reproductive health, financial education, core business skills, career pathways, and active citizenship

**Direct impact: 2,180 women & girls, Indirect impact: 23,000+ women and girls**

# Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Training	Training of Transition Guides	\$18,243
Monthly Expenses	Monthly expenses for Transition Guides, including transport and communication	\$11,471
Review	Transition Guide review meeting to bring guides together to reflect on achievements and challenges and make any program adjustments	\$11,330
Staff and Overhead	Program staff and overhead costs	\$7,579
Program resources	Transition Guide manuals for guides and school graduates; session resources	\$1,377
<b>Total</b>	Total project cost: \$220,561. Rise funding: \$50,000 (approx. 23%)	<b>\$50,000</b>

# Christina's Story



Christina was supported by CAMFED as she completed school. After graduation, Christina opened her own business – which is successful and allows her to have her own savings – and she joined CAMFED as a Transition Guide to help other young women follow suit.

“Being a Transition Guide is part of my plowing back as a member of the CAMFED Association. Giving back is our passion!”

**“When a girl child is educated in our communities, it’s a big deal. Like for example in my community, it’s known everywhere. My name is everywhere – ‘that girl has been educated and she put Mwanza on the map.’”**

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