



**Mustard Seed
Fund
Zambia**

FUTURE IN OUR HANDS NETWORK

“Building A Brighter Tomorrow Today”

A Mustard Seed Fund Fundraising Network

Our Profile

“ What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?” asked Jesus. “What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A Man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade.” Mark 4:30-32

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Our History:

Mustard Seed Fund was founded by Francis Mbewe in 2013, in Eastern Province following his visit to 3 shanty compounds in Chipata town. He met with 15 women in Navutika, Magazine and Mchini shanty compounds and had an opportunity to hear from them how best they could work their way out of poverty. One thing that came out very clear was their willingness for a hand Up not hand Out!

He also met with local church pastors who shared the vision of empowering women and youths with small loans and training to enable them get a start in life.

Many organizations were formed in the communities visited but true economic transformation was not felt by community members.

Mr. Mbewe, from his visit with a strong drive to find a solution . He plunged into research and eventually discovered the concept of microfinance (providing small loans to women entrepreneurs in Chipata shanty compounds. He applied this tool with great success in Magazine and Mchini township. Mustard Seed Fund was borne of this effort. As Mr. Mbewe realized the enormous impact this could have on the poor through microfinance, he founded Future In Our Hands Network to share the vision with like minded people worldwide and partner with them to reach 100,000 families with a microloan by 2020!

Our Mission:

To Invest in the dreams of the poor as we proclaim and live the Gospel in the world's underserved communities.

Our Method:

We share the hope of Christ as we provide biblically based training, savings services, and loans that restore dignity and break the cycle of poverty.

Our Motivation:

The love of Jesus Christ motivates us to identify with those living in poverty and be His hands and feet as we strive to glorify God

Our Vision:

In community with the local church, we envision the most vulnerable people transformed, economically, socially, and spiritually

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Our Principles:

Christ and His Kingdom: The gospel of Jesus Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom are central to all what we do.

Local Church:

We recognize the church as God’s primary representative in this world.

Individuals in Community.

We believe that God endows individuals with the passions and gifts needed to further the work of His Kingdom.

Small Beginnings

The Biblical parable of the Mustard Seed Fund reminds us that great things often have small beginnings

Our Passion:

P:	Prayer-	On Our knees, Please
A:	Allegiance:	Mustard Seed Fund by Choice
S:	Service:	We’ll wash feet (John 13:14)
S:	Stewardship	To whom much is given..... (Luke 12:48)
I:	Innovation	We find solution
O:	Optimism	A Cheerful heart is good medicine (Proverbs 17:22)
N:	Nurturing	Love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34)

Our Calling:

How shall we picture the Kingdom of God? Its like a Mustard Seed Mark 4:30-32

What We Do

WHAT IS CHRIST –CENTERED MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT?

Much of the world faces an ongoing job crisis, with significant unemployment and underemployment limiting productive capacity and contributing to elevated national poverty levels. Many who wish to work are denied the opportunity, instead confronting the stress and shame of being unable to provide for their families.

At Mustard Seed Fund, we believe that work is God’s primary plan for provision. We have found that most who live in poverty are eager to generate income and employ their God-given skills to add value to their communities. Unemployment robs individuals of that opportunity, but Christ-centered microenterprise development restores it by helping men and women create jobs for themselves and

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others in their community. Mustard Seed Fund is working on providing the much needed microloan to address the pervasive employment gap faced by the world’s poor.

Spiritual Integration:

At Mustard Seed Fund, our efforts to love and serve the poor are rooted in allegiance to our Lord and Savior and our desire to see His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Believing that true transformation can only come from a relationship with Jesus Christ, Mustard Seed Fund engages in culturally appropriate evangelism and discipleship in each of the communities we are working. Mustard Seed Fund is committed to hiring Christian staff and equipping them to be disciple makers in their communities, and seek to partner with local churches in each of our areas of operation to provide client ongoing discipleship and support.



Training: While Mustard Seed Fund’s clients are intelligent and resourceful, many have had limited opportunities for financial or business education. Biblically based business training helps clients understand the value of saving and record-keeping, giving to church and community, and running an ethical business. Topics of training include personal finances, preventative health, and business management. Loan clients also receive a clear explanation of interest rates and other terms they need to understand to make informed borrowing decisions.



Savings: Savings can help those in poverty start a business, send children to school, or invest in future goals. But first and most fundamentally, saving provide a safety net. Without this sum of money to fall back on, an illness, emergency, or temporary drop in income can quickly become a crisis. Mustard Seed Fund is facilitating the opening of saving accounts with local Banks in which loan clients have the opportunity to safely deposit their savings in a local Bank.



Small Loans: Mustard Seed Fund also invests in the dreams of our clients through small business loans of as little as \$100. Often our clients have the ideas and potential to start or expand a business but simply lack funds. A lump sum of capital can help clients run their businesses more efficiently or invest in productive assets, creating sustainable sources of income for one or more families. Clients are then freed to invest in what matters to them: better nutrition, education for their children, home improvements or charitable giving.

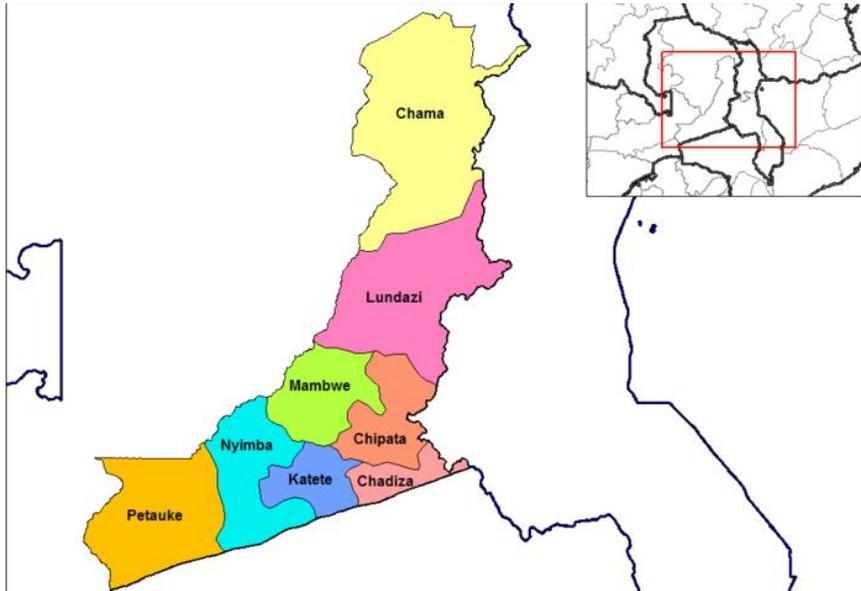
In Future Mustard Seed Fund envision to grow its loan base to grow businesses beyond micro-level. These loans will stimulate the development of a middle class by encouraging innovation and creating jobs in contexts of pervasive unemployment or underemployment.

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Where We Work:



Currently we are working in the Eastern Province of Zambia and have presence in Chipata, Katate, Petauke.

Our goal is to expand beyond the borders of Eastern Province into other nine provinces of Zambia

Get Involved:

MAKE AN IMPACT

Mustard Seed Fund through its Future In Our Hands Network is looking for individual to join with us in making a difference for families in Eastern Province who are trapped in the devastating cycle of poverty. The problem of poverty is enormous, but as we join together we can respond to Jesus Christ's mandate to care for the widow, orphan, and the forgotten in this world and to know that as we do so, we caring for Him

Whether your talent is spreading the message, praying for the ministry, raising funds to issue new loans, or consulting to strengthen Mustard Seed Fund organizational capacity, there is a need for your talent to be put to use in the fight against global poverty. Please contact Future In Our Hands Network for more information on how you can make an impact

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