



Press Release

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Give the Children of Mpongwe a Future (GCMF) wins competition for promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in education and confronting youth unemployment in Africa.

UK-based charity 'Teach a Man to Fish' has announced GCMF as country winner of the 2014 Saville Foundation Pan-African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education. The competition has awarded organisations from 38 different countries with a total of \$50,000 in prizes.

The competition was established to reward organisations in Africa that are taking an innovative, entrepreneurial and sustainable approach to education. Over 500 different organisations from across the continent, from Sudan to South Africa, Nigeria to Namibia and Burkina Faso to Burundi, took part in the competition.

"All the evidence shows that programs which are innovative and sustainable are the most effective way to address educational challenges. This competition draws international attention to organisations' achievements so others can learn from their success and imitate their approach" commented Nik Kafka, Director of 'Teach a Man to Fish'

GCMF is a Zambian non-governmental organization, based in Mpongwe and registered under the Non-Governmental Organizations' Act. The main goal of GCMF is to advance education, health care and economic development in the Mpongwe district, in particularly for orphans, vulnerable children, youth and women.

Their project 'The sustainable and self-sufficient Vocational Training College: Learning by doing and Earning' (VTC) has been awarded the country prize for Zambia in the 2014 Pan African Awards For Entrepreneurship in Education.

GCMF is constructing a college that is entirely self-sufficient in its water, electricity, food and material needs. Business units will serve as a learning entity that prepares students for becoming entrepreneurs and will generate income for the VTC (e.g. carpentry workshop, plastic waste recycling, limestone processing, organic farming and food processing, auto mechanics and car repair, catering and hospitality, tailoring and design). The college stimulates entrepreneurship and creates economic development and independency. The concept of 'sustainability in construction and education' is integrated in the theory and practical courses for the students.

Anthony Kalima, chairperson of GCMF Zambia in his reaction: *"Words fail me as chairman of GCMF to appreciate this award. This award will strengthen us in our resolve to complete this ambitious project"*.

Mrs. Ton Korsten-Korenromp, founder of the foundation in the Netherlands in her reaction: *"I congratulate GCMF with this wonderful prize. It encourages us to continue our work, even in a more vigorous way"*.

Notes for Editors

The competition:

1. This competition was open to organisations working in Africa at all levels of education from primary to non-formal education.
2. Entrants took part in the competition by submitting an 1000 word application form online
3. Applications were judged by a panel of international business and development experts on the merit of entrepreneurship, sustainability, and impact.
4. The competition is run by **Teach a Man to Fish**, an international education charity based in the UK, and sponsored by **The Saville Foundation**, an African-based foundation supporting education work across the continent. *For more details on both organizations see below.*
5. A full list of country winners and information about all winners can be found at www.teachamantofish.org.uk/pan-african-awards

About the competition organizers:

Teach a Man to Fish is an international non-profit organisation that promotes entrepreneurial schools in developing countries. The organisation's goal is to make a long-term impact on global poverty by supporting education projects that give young people the skills to care for themselves. In order to do this, it uses the financially self-sufficient school model to teach entrepreneurship and livelihood skills. This model allows schools to generate additional income, which improves their financial sustainability and teaches them work skills that they can utilise in the future. In addition, the model encourages schools to offer a more relevant and higher quality education that provides students with the capabilities to successfully manage their own businesses. For more information visit: www.teachamantofish.org.uk

The Saville Foundation is a private foundation that enables significant and relevant social change. It seeks and engages with projects or institutions that provide innovative and appropriate alternatives to current challenges in education, entrepreneurship and community development. The foundation also promotes awareness and action with donors, corporations and governments to engage and invest with more understanding, to assess each intervention, to ensure project resilience and ultimately to replicate successful solutions. For more information visit: <http://www.tsf.bm/>

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