



The FOYA 4-H Zambia Program OVERVIEW



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The 4-H stands for: Head, Heart, Hands and Health

- ✍ **Head** for clear thinking
- ✍ **Heart** for greater loyalty
- ✍ **Hands** for hard working and better service
- ✍ **Health** for better living, feeling both mentally and physically

The 4-H Zambia is a non-formal educational program for young people. It is the world's largest youth serving agricultural program with over eight million participants across the globe. It involves 82 countries worldwide and Zambia is one of them. The program works with young people ages 5-35 years. It offers more than 250 projects from community, primary, secondary and high schools. Currently the 4-H has selected 20 schools as pilot and demonstration for development at national and regional level.

The 4-H is multi disciplinary thus promotes agriculture, Health and Nutrition, (HIV/AIDS) Leadership and Regional integration program (COMESA) amongst young people in outlaid areas. The 4-H offers young people an opportunity to become practical orientated through demonstration plots called production units, where young people are challenged to participate in various agri-business enterprises such as animal husbandry, crop production and other management practices. With the help from 4-H co-operating partners, Young people are encouraged to come up with their own projects within the 4-H operational scope. The 4-H program has magnificent opportunities for adults too and parents can equally participate and act as mentors to mold the children.

The Aim

The programme aims at educating / training more young people with knowledge and practical skill so that they can appreciate their environment, work with the land and livestock to earn a descent and comfortable life. The program therefore, emphasizes agriculture as an alternative business and career option for the young people. The program has adopted an operational concept "Learning By Doing"

Objectives

The wider objectives of the 4-H Zambia program are:

- A) To promote environmentally friendly agriculture amongst young people.
- b) To offer hands-on practical training through demonstrations.
- c) To offer short courses in Agriculture, Leadership, Regional integration program and Healthy Living.

Expected results

- a) Young people will actively apply agricultural skills in helping their parents, the community, their Nation, their region, their Africa.
- b) Young people will be able to grow their own crops, raise animals, add value to their produce and be able to come with Agri-business enterprises.
- c) Young people will opt for agriculture as a career option and pursue it as a viable business.

Stakeholders

The 4-H Zambia partners with the following:

- a) Schools (Learning Institutions)
- b) Private Sector
- c) Non-governmental and Community based organization (NGOs / CBOs)
- d) Government, regional and diplomatic missions locally and internationally.

Conclusion

The 4-H program has proved to be one of the unique youth Agricultural programmes ever since 1900. FOYA saw the need for young people in Zambia to be integrated in 4-H worldwide program like any other country. The 4-H has proven and tested tools and techniques that will enable young people explore the agri-business world thus contributing to meeting national goals as well as the Millennium development Goals (MDGs).

It is envisioned that with the right attitude, support and commitment, the vision of the 4-H Zambia will become a reality. Government through the Ministry of Education has confidence that the 4-H programme will be able to deliver both product and service for a better Zambia, a better COMESA, a better Africa.



FOYA 4-H ZAMBIA IS A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING AGRICULTURE, TOURISM, KEY PERSONAL / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS, AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION