

# Zambia: Sisters of Child Jesus Farms

## LOAN DETAILS

LOAN AMOUNT \$184,262

INITIAL INVESTMENT 12/2018

## INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

### ENTERPRISES

#### Crops -

Maize, soybeans, sunflower seeds, pigeon peas, bananas, cassava, orange sweet potatoes

#### Livestock -

Poultry, beef cattle, goats, pigs, quails

#### Aquaculture -

28 fishponds

#### Apiary - 65 hives

### USE OF LOAN

- **Capex:** fishponds, livestock, chicken pens, fencing
- **Sustainable infrastructure:** drip irrigation system

### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Well-established, diversified** farm looking to expand current production and add new enterprises (aquaculture)
- Project Leader with **20 years' farming experience**
- Sustainable water source from **perennial streams** onsite
- **Potential to improve food security** in rural area - no other farms in Kasama operate at this scale

## SISTERS OF CHILD JESUS FARMS

Location:  
Kasama, Northern Province, Zambia

Size: 687 acres



Project Leader -  
Sister Mary Chilengwe



Sister monitoring the fishponds



## IMPACT



### SHARED PROSPERITY

- **30+** permanent employees, including **20 women**
- **300 casual workers** per year
- **Training for 250 farmers** from 5 cooperatives, **50 women** and **20 youths**



### RESILIENCE / LAUDATO SI'

- **2,000+** trees planted per year
- **Solar powered lighting** system
- **Water conservation** strategies including drip irrigation



### FOOD SECURITY

- Providing affordable **food** to **300 households**
- **Improved nutrition** at the congregation's schools, orphanages, healthcare facilities, and homes for the elderly



### STRENGTHENED CHURCH ENTITIES

- Farm income will support subsidized tuition for up to **900 students** at the congregation's schools
- Farm supports the congregation's **15 schools** and **6 healthcare facilities** educating **5,000 students** and serving **50,000 patients** annually



### MISSIO INVEST ADVISORY & SUPPORT

- Experienced **aquaculture consultant** has provided the farm with technical advisory and market linkages since project inception