# **Zambia: Sisters of Child Jesus Farms**

#### **LOAN DETAILS**

**LOAN AMOUNT** \$102,565

**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

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### **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



## FOODSEGURITY

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



### STRENGTHENED SOCIAL 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

