

women empowerment through tailoring

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Project Implementation Report

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1. Executive Summary

This report presents progress made during the first quarter of implementation of the Women Empowerment Through Tailoring Training and Provision of Sewing Machines in the Diocese of Monze project funded by Fairhandeln and implemented by Caritas Monze. The project aims to empower women economically through tailoring skills training and provision of sewing machines, thereby improving household incomes and consequently, livelihoods.

During the reporting period, October to December 2025, the project successfully completed the inception phase including stakeholders engagement, procurement of sewing machines and training materials and delivery of the tailoring training to 18 women from the five targeted women groups. The project laid a strong foundation for sustainable economic empowerment for women and girls in the selected communities

2. Project Objective

The main objective of the project is to Empower rural women in the Diocese of Monze through sustainable income generation.

3. Target Areas and Beneficiaries

The project is being implemented in four districts of Monze, Mazabuka, Gwembe and Maamba from which the five targeted parishes of Magoye, Manungu, Chivuna, Fumbo and Maamba are located.

Target Groups

The participants of the project are members of the five women's groups; Demasnode women's group of Magoye, Our Lady of the Wayside women's group of Manungu, Mpilo women's group of Chivuna, Nsole women's group of Fumbo and Holy Cross women's group of Maamba.

4. Activities Implemented During the Reporting Period

Specific Objective	Key Indicator	Activities	Level of Implementation
1.To provide comprehensive trainings in tailoring and basic business management to 18 women from the 6 women groups by 2025.	At least 18 women of the 180 targets are trained in tailoring; garment production and sewing machines management	Engage with the Parishes and Conduct awareness campaigns to inform and encourage women to participate in the training programs of tailoring	Caritas Monze conducted the project sensitization meetings with the Parish teams of and the members of the five targeted women groups. The purpose of these meetings where to introduce and explain the project objective and scope, to clarify roles and responsibilities of stakeholders and to promote ownership and participation at parish and group levels. The sensitization meetings were well received and helped to build strong collaboration between Caritas Monze, Parish leaders and the women groups. They were also well attended with strong support from the parish leadership
		Conduct 1 * 4 days training in tailoring and sewing machine management to 18 selected women from the 6 women groups	The tailoring training was conducted to 18 women drawn from the five women groups of Maamba - 4, Chivuna - 4, Fumbo - 4, Magoye - 3 and Manungu – 3. The training focused on basic tailoring skills, und and handling of sewing machines and introduction to garment making. The women actively participated in

			the training session and demonstrated strong interest and commitment in acquiring the tailoring skills. This activity laid a strong foundation for skills development and future income generating activities and the women made their own dresses at the end of the training. The training also instilled confidence and technical capacity. Pictures appended
2. To support 6 women groups with 18 sewing machines – 3 per group by 2025 to enable them to start their income generating activities.	At least 18 women of the 180 targets are presented with a sewing machines each	Procure 18 sewing machines for presentation to the women upon the completion of the training.	During the reporting period, Caritas Monze successfully carried out the procurement of 18 sewing machines and training materials and accessories. The procurement marked a critical milestone in ensuring that all required resources for the training were available before the commencement of the training. The items purchased met the training specifications.

5. Key Achievements

The key achievements include the following:

- The Caritas Monze team successfully introduced the project to the relevant stakeholders; Parish teams and groups which was accepted.
- The five women groups were formally engaged in the project
- The sewing machines and tailoring materials procured
- 18 women trained in basic tailoring skills
- Strengthened collaboration between Caritas Monze and the Parish structures.

6. Challenges

The challenges included the following:

- Limited training time due to limited resources which could not allow that the training be conducted for at least two weeks and competing household responsibilities among the participants and it the training was conducted during the farming season.
- Variation in literacy and prior exposure to tailoring required additional coaching

7. Lessons Learnt

The lessons learnt include:

- Early engagement of parish teams enhances project ownership
- Combining practical training with immediate access to equipment increases the motivation of participants
- Structured supervision is important during the initial skills development phase

8. Planned Activities for the Next Reporting Period

- Training in Basic business management
- Facilitating the linkages of the women groups to community development and schools
- Conducting monitoring visits to assess the progress of the project

9. Summary of the Financial Statement – October to December 2025

Income	ZMW197,626.25
Expenses	ZMW125,950.50
Closing Balance	ZMW71,675.75

10. Conclusion

The project has made significant progress during the first quarter of implementation. The laid foundation was made success through the engagement of relevant stakeholders, procurement of essential training materials and equipment and the skills training to 18 women.

Caritas Monze remain grateful to Fairhandeln for the financial and solidarity support that is contributing to improving the dignity and livelihoods of the women in the Diocese of Monze

2025 Financial Statement

Date	Income	Actual ZMW	Total	Note
20/08/2025	Women Empowerment Grant	197,626.25		
	Total Income		197,626.25	1
	Expenses for 2025			
	Purchasing of Sewing Machines	61,200.00		2
	Project Sharing to parishes	6,970.00		2
	Women Empowerment travel costs	7,060.50		2
	Tailoring training food stuffs	21,700.00		2
	Tailoring Workshop-lodging	24,660.00		2
	DDO staff allow & BAL 1808 fuel	3,110.00		2
	Sewing machines Handles	1,250.00		2
	Total Expenditure		125,950.50	3
	Closing Balance as at 30th December 2025		71,675.75	4

Note to the Financial Statement:

No.	Explanation / Notes.
1	Total funds available for the year 2025.
2	These were amounts used for sharing of the women empowerment project to parishes, purchasing of machines and training materials and the tailoring training.
3	The total expenditure for the year 2025
4	The balance brought forward for the year 2026 after subtracting the expenses from the total incomes of funds available for the year 2025

Pictorial Appendices



Training sessions

Machine assembling



Women dressed in dresses
Made by themselves during
the training





Preparation of the group packages



Sewing machines, Cotton thread
and chitenges to be presented to
the women groups



Women received their certificates after the training

