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ELGF Zambia

# Quarter 1 Progress Report

*January – March 2026*

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## INTRODUCTION

### Overview

This report covers the first quarter of the ELGF Zambia project, spanning January to March 2026. It includes a summary of all beneficiaries since 2023, achievements during this quarter, financial details, the Quarter 2 plan, challenges encountered, key suggestions, and prayer requests.

## CUMULATIVE IMPACT SINCE 2023

### Summary of Beneficiaries (2023–2025)

Since the inception of the ELGF Zambia project in 2023, a total of 476 livestock have been distributed, benefiting 94 church leaders across multiple Annual Conferences. The table below summarises the full breakdown by animal type:

Livestock	Number	Beneficiaries
Goats	220	44
Chicken	247	47
Pigs	9	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>94</b>

## Q1 ACHIEVEMENTS

### Achievements in Quarter One

- Since 2023, ELGFZ has received 476 livestock in total — Goats (220), Chickens (247), and Pigs (9) — benefitting 94 church leaders across Zambia.
- February 18th–22nd, 2026: The coordinator visited the Luapula Annual Conference and personally encouraged 6 pastors who are beneficiaries of the ELGF Zambia project.
- March 12th–15th, 2026: The Copperbelt Annual Conference was visited. Leaders expressed happiness with the project, particularly those who have already benefited. The impact of the programme continues to encourage both participants and observers.

- The coordinator presented the project report to the Southern Annual Conference held on April 9th–12th, 2026.
- A virtual prayer meeting was held on Wednesday, 15th April. This was an encouraging and team-building opportunity for pastors who participated, strengthening bonds across the programme.
- On 16th April, church leaders participated in a poultry training session. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions and engage with facilitators who shared PowerPoint presentations in advance and followed up with feeding formulas.
- Several beneficiaries have completed their Pay-It-Forward commitments, passing on animals to others in their communities — a deeply encouraging sign for the long-term sustainability and spirit of the programme.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

# Finances

In this quarter, the project received income from two sources: support from Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) and bank interest. Funds were allocated across three agreed areas: coordinator support, provincial monitoring visits, and bank services and charges. Bank statements from INDO BANK and ABSA are attached separately along with the full reconciliation.

## Financial Summary

Balance Brought Forward (January 2026)	K 61,075.53
CVM Transfer	K 139,870.30
Interest from Bank	K 260.70
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>K 201,206.50</b>

Bank / Church Services	K 4,870.27
Project Used Funds	K 69,900.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>K 74,770.27</b>

<b>BANK BALANCE (End of March 2026)</b>	<b>K 126,436.23</b>
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## Cash Disbursement Details

Date	Description	Amount (K)
07-Feb-26	Starlink – Luapula	20,000
16-Feb-26	January & Feb Support (x2)	24,800
16–22 Feb	Monitoring Visit – Luapula	3,330
11–15 Mar	Monitoring Visit – Copperbelt	2,770

27-Mar-26	Starlink – National Office	4,000
27-Mar-26	March Support	13,000
Mar (Balance)	Cash Balance Carried Forward	2,000
	<b>TOTAL DISBURSED</b>	<b>69,900</b>

**Note:** The remaining balance of K126,436.23 held in the ABSA bank account at end of March 2026 will support planned activities in Quarter Two.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Quarter 2 Plan: April – June 2026

The following key activities are proposed for the second quarter, to be funded from the carried-forward balance of K128,436.23 (bank balance plus cash on hand):

#	Activity	Qty	Unit (K)	Total (K)
1	Support for Coordinator	3	12,000	36,000
2	Limited Expansion – Pigs	20	17,940	17,940
3a	Visit & Monitoring – Meheba	1	2,500	2,500
3b	Visit & Monitoring – Kasama	1	2,500	2,500
4	Training, Materials & Vet Service	1	3,652	3,652
5	Starlink / Internet	3	5,500	16,500
6	Bookkeeper	3	700	2,100
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (Apr–Jun)</b>			<b>81,192</b>
	<b>Balance by June 2026</b>			<b>47,244</b>

## CHALLENGES & SUGGESTIONS

### Challenges Encountered

#### Banking Reconciliation

Reconciling two bank accounts has presented administrative complexity. It is suggested that all ELGF funds be deposited directly to the ABSA account, which was opened specifically for the animal project and Starlink connectivity. The current process requires a transfer from one bank to the other, which creates additional steps and potential for error.

#### Language Barrier in Training

While virtual training sessions have been highly beneficial, some local farmers and pastors struggle with English. It is recommended that, in addition to virtual training, local veterinarians be invited to conduct in-person sessions using local languages. This would significantly increase comprehension and practical application.

## Leadership Development

Leaders selected at both conference and national levels would benefit from dedicated leadership training to better understand the ELGF goals, mission, and objectives. A minimum of two meetings per year is recommended to strengthen alignment across the programme.

### CONCLUSION

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We are grateful to the national committee and conference committees who continue to work together to improve the policies that make a positive impact on this project. The first quarter of 2026 has been a season of encouragement, growth, and faithful stewardship. As we move into Quarter Two, we carry forward both the momentum of what has been accomplished and the lessons learned along the way. To God be the glory.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

## Join Us in Prayer

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- Good health and full recovery for Coordinator F.F. Murekezi from flu and cough.
- Traveling mercy for visits to Meheba and Kasama in May.
- That Pay-It-Forward commitments in May–August 2026 are fulfilled with integrity.
- Wisdom and integrity in choosing and distributing pigs to deserving pastors.
- That ELGF continues to be an instrument for evangelism and spreading the Good News across Zambia.

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*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

**Numbers 6:24–26**