

# Profile



## Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science

### Empowering Women in Aquaculture



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Cecilia Mukuka leads the Aquaculture Seed Fund Project in Kaoma district, Zambia, and her work is focused on promoting economic diversification, food security and employment, particularly amongst women and youth.

Driven by a passion for creating a positive impact in her country, her current research focuses on the challenges faced by women in aquaculture in rural Zambia. "I strive to learn new things and answer different questions affecting the growth of the aquaculture industry in rural communities," she says.

The AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science has equipped her with the leadership, research writing, and strategic networking skills she needs to foster sustainable aquaculture development and promote gender equality in her community. "To a younger woman considering joining, I would say this program is an invaluable opportunity to develop essential skills, build a strong professional network and make a meaningful impact in your field and beyond," she adds.

**Cecilia Mukuka**  
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District Aquaculture  
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