



“I came to the Coady to gain knowledge and have a better understanding of development and leadership practices, and also to improve and acquire specialized skills for my field of work. I will transfer and apply these skills to my community and organization and continue to contribute effectively to development work in Zambia.”

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My work focuses on promoting good governance, as well as development and education at the community level in the central province of Zambia. I am working with local authorities in two districts to promote local democratic governance through capacity building, lobbying and advocacy. I am also involved in the delivery of economic literacy programs in which we try to sensitize rural communities to the decision-making process and how these decisions affect their lives. This initiative has led local authorities to improve community health services, such as water supply the indoor spray exercise and garbage collection.

The main goals of my organization are to take an active role in combatting hunger, poverty, illiteracy, gender inequity and economic injustices among the less privileged rural populations of Zambia. My organization is also focused on the prevention of the HIV and AIDS pandemic. We work to mitigate its effects and help rural communities attain improved health. Through our interventions, communities in specific catchment areas have started holding their civic leaders accountable for their decisions that have negatively impacted on the rural poor people of Zambia.

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