



*I came to Coady to improve my leadership abilities to improve service delivery as we expand our rural coverage.*

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As executive director, I lead efforts to focus on rural women, children and youth and to fight and lobby for their rights from policy makers. The organization takes leadership in helping in the following areas of development: providing opportunities for girls to get an education by providing school requisites; and lobbying for government to provide clean and safe water for rural communities. We also sensitize communities on gender-based violence and how they can report occurrences to the authorities.

We are a community-based organization located in three districts of Luapula province, namely Mansa, Mwense and Samfya. Our main goals are to reduce poverty and its effects in Luapula and Zambia, to implement and provide capacity building and empowerment activities for rural communities and to be a leading organization in shaping effective responses to the impact of poverty. The organization feels that poverty can only be reduced by advocating for economic, social and cultural rights for disadvantaged groups.

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