

LIFESONG ZAMBIA BUSINESS UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Steady progress continues across all businesses, with a strong focus on improvement and readiness for the months ahead.

The Coffee Farm has begun planting **8,000** new coffee seedlings in the replanted sections, and the coffee parchment has been sent to Lusaka for processing. This development marks a significant milestone in our coffee production journey.



Twalima Farm has continued harvesting both red and white onions, while broccoli production slowed down due to the hot season. However, our sweet corn production has received a positive response from customers, prompting us to increase the planting schedule to meet growing demand. Our major customer has also increased their weekly order quantities for spring onions, which is welcome news. Green beans harvesting has been consistent, with approximately three tonnes sold per week, and we anticipate harvesting four to five tonnes per week in October. We are grateful for the support from our Lifesong leaders, which enabled us to assemble farm equipment and start building a wall fence along the farm boundary.



The Berry Farm's strawberry harvest has increased in the Charlotte variety, and we have completed replanting old San Andreas tunnels with Charlotte runners. We are also resorting and replanting empty bags in Splendor tunnels to enhance harvest yields. Blueberry harvesting is ongoing, with test varieties performing well, and we plan to prune the first set of blueberries in late October to encourage a new harvest during a less competitive season. Raspberry plants are growing well, and we are providing fertigation to support strong growth. Gooseberry harvest levels have improved, and we have successfully planted new sections. Blackberry growth remains steady, with three varieties showing early fruiting.



At the Nursery we are clearing and preparing land for a new banana field, and herbs production is yielding better results after improving packaging. Our test project for baby marrow production has shown huge potential, and banana production has shown a steady harvest. However, broccoli production was affected by excessive heat due to limited tunnel space. All farms report progress in harvests and plantings, while addressing challenges for future growth and productivity.



Lightcon Zambia continued to make steady and meaningful progress across multiple key construction and engineering projects in support of Lifesong for Orphans Zambia’s mission. The ongoing developments—including the Unity secondary school complex, boarding facilities, multipurpose building, sports fields, and Northrise Phase 1 15 MW solar power plant in Ndola—remain on track and are advancing according to schedule.



Under UNITY Secondary School, significant progress was made on the construction of the secondary school, boarding facilities, and multipurpose building. Structural works advanced steadily throughout September. The visiting professional building team from the USA and Canada, who joined from mid-September through to the end of the month, made substantial contributions to the construction process. Work on the sports fields continued according to plan. Site preparation, drainage systems, and foundational work proceeded smoothly, laying the groundwork for upcoming phases in October.

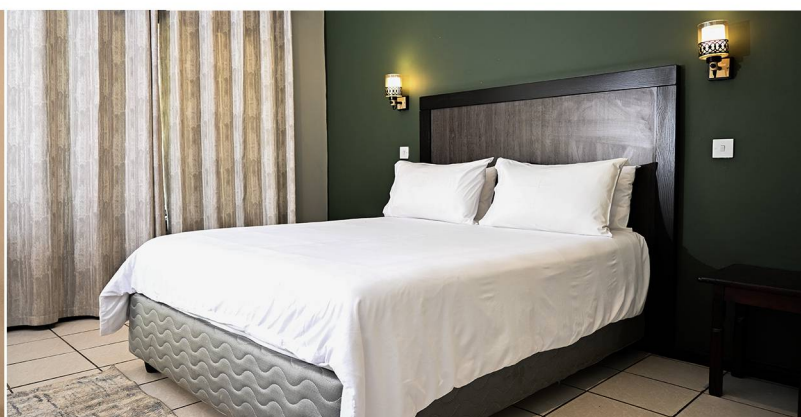


The Northrise solar power plant in Ndola remains a major milestone project aimed at improving sustainability and energy independence for Lifesong operations. Ground-mount structure installations are progressing ahead of schedule, and the solar panel installation began in late September, marking a significant step forward toward project completion. The project continues to maintain high standards of quality and safety while adhering to planned timelines.



Business performance at **Roast Café** has been fluctuating, primarily due to the relocation of many of our consistent clients from the Copperbelt to other cities. However, we anticipate an upswing in activity for both the café and the lodge as we approach the festive season, which is traditionally a peak period for customer traffic.

Additionally, with the establishment of the **Lifesong Media Department**, we are optimistic about achieving greater visibility and engagement across all our social media platforms. This initiative is expected to contribute significantly to our overall growth and brand awareness.



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