

LIFESONG ZAMBIA BUSINESS UPDATE FOR APRIL 2026

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

LIFESONG NURSERY UPDATE

Broccoli Production

With the rainy season coming to an end, broccoli production was increased to better meet growing client demand.

Lettuce Production

Lettuce production in the month of May was relatively low, and as a result, we were unable to fully meet client demand.

Banana Production

Improvements in ripening procedures and enhanced security measures have led to better banana availability.

Herb Production

In April, herb production remained consistent, even as demand continued to rise.



COFFEE FARM UPDATE

Coffee Farm Update

1. The coffee harvest has now begun, with the first ripe cherries being picked.
2. The pulping machine has been serviced and calibrated in preparation for processing.
3. The reservoir has been cleaned, and irrigation systems are ready for the dry season.
4. With the rainy season now finished, conditions are improving for harvesting and drying of coffee.
5. The crop remains in good condition following strong rains and effective fertilizer and spray programs.

Challenges:

1. Increased fire risk during the dry season; firebreaks are being established across the farm to prevent potential damage.

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COFFEE FARM UPDATE



BERRY FARM UPDATE

Overview

Farm operations this period focused on planting, crop maintenance, and post-harvest management across strawberries, blueberries, gooseberries, and raspberries. Expansion targets remain on track, though strawberry performance is below expectation due to seasonal transition and disease pressure

Operational Activities

1. Strawberry Planting — 30,000 seedlings planted. This marks the start of the new strawberry season.
2. Strawberry Production Performance — Yields are below target. Production was impacted by disease incidence and the overlap of the previous season ending and the new season beginning.
3. Gooseberry Replanting — Selected beds of gooseberries were replanted to replace weak or unproductive plants.
4. Raspberry Handling — Selected plants were moved to the chiller for root dormancy to improve establishment and future productivity.
5. Blueberry Harvest & Pruning — Major harvest completed. Post-harvest pruning has been carried out. A temporary yield reduction is expected during the regeneration phase.
6. Blueberry Planting — Planting is ongoing and scheduled for completion by May 7, 2026.

Challenges

- Low Strawberry Productivity: Reduced yields due to disease pressure and seasonal changeover.
- Reduced Blueberry Output: Temporary decline expected post-pruning as plants regenerate.
- Reduced Gooseberry Production: Impacted by replanting activities in selected beds.

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BRRY FARM OTHER PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT

What went well:

1. Good Quality -We checked all produce well. Customers were happy and returns were very low.
2. Supplier Payments Done We paid suppliers on time. This helped us get more stock.
3. Good Relationships with Suppliers – We talked to farmers often. Some who had stopped are now supplying again. We got our key performing items such as Colored peppers, Cucumbers and Cherry tomatoes.
4. Introduction of New Products- We introduced new prepacked product; trio peppers and are exploring new packaging to maximize the sales.

What we'll do in May:

1. Keep the same quality checks.
2. Keep paying suppliers on time.
3. Plan ahead with farmers using 4-week forecasts.
4. Try to add more products where customers are asking.

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ROAST CAFE & LODGE UPDATE

Lifesong Lodge

The lodge business performance during the month of April has been fair and stable. We have continued to experience frequent room occupancy, with several rooms being consistently occupied throughout the month. This has contributed positively towards the lodge operations and overall business flow.

We remain optimistic and are looking forward to increased bookings, more returning guests, and improved occupancy levels in the coming weeks and months. Efforts are continuously being made to maintain high standards of hospitality, cleanliness, customer service, and guest satisfaction in order to strengthen the lodge's reputation and attract more clients.

Roast Café

Business at Roast Café during the month of April has been relatively slow, mainly due to the recent adjustment in menu prices. However, the price increase was necessary to align with operational costs and maintain the quality of our food and services.

Despite the current slowdown, we remain positive and hopeful that the changes implemented will bring about improved business performance in the near future. Roast Café continues to focus on delivering quality meals, excellent customer service, and a welcoming environment for all customers.

We are confident that with consistency, proper marketing, customer satisfaction, and maintaining our high standards, the café will experience positive growth and increased customer traffic moving forward.

Conclusion

Overall, both businesses continue to operate steadily with room for growth and improvement. The focus remains on maintaining quality service, customer satisfaction, and implementing strategies that will contribute to long-term sustainability and business growth.



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LIFESONG OPTICIANS UPDATE

- Lifesong opticians opened the month with a week long eye screening camp in all the lifesong Harmony schools. During the screening a 198 children were screened, out of which 68 were prescribed spectacles and other treated for various eye conditions.
- Community screening programs have continued. Screening was conducted at the copperbelt university and other residential areas.
- we've noted a steady increase in walk in clients however, the sales are not at optimum.
- We continue to work towards making lifesong opticians a household name through active community screenings and referrals.



AUTOSHOP UPDATE

April has been quite a busy month, keeping us all on our toes. We will begin recruiting our new customer service and sales team members for the spare part shop, as we wait to stock up in the coming weeks.



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LIGHTCON UPDATE

Executive Summary

April marked a transition toward stabilization and completion activities across both projects. While residual impacts from prolonged rainfall and high groundwater levels persisted, improved site management and mitigation measures supported continued progress. Northrise Solar has moved closer to full operational status, while Unity School continues advancing structural and preparatory works.

Unity School

- Progress continued with a focus on overcoming ground-related challenges and advancing new work fronts.
- Groundwater management systems, including previously installed eco drains, are now contributing positively to improved site conditions.
- Some localized delays remain due to earlier high water table levels; however, work continuity has improved.
- Construction of hostel buildings is progressing steadily, with ongoing preparation for additional units.
- Classroom block set-outs have progressed, with initial works advancing into early construction stages.
- General site productivity has improved slightly as rainfall begins to reduce, although conditions remain variable.

Northrise Solar

- Significant strides have been made toward finalization and operational readiness.
- The solar plant continues to generate power, with increasing stability and performance as system optimization progresses.
- Commissioning activities are largely complete, with final system checks and performance verification ongoing.
- The main plant and associated infrastructure are now in the final stages of completion.
- Roadworks, fencing, and security installations have commenced as planned and are progressing well.
- Minor outstanding works remain on final terminations and system integration, expected to be concluded shortly.

Challenges

- Residual groundwater and soil condition issues at Unity School.
- Lingering effects of the rainy season impacting certain work areas.
- Coordination of finishing works alongside ongoing operations at Northrise.

Summary

April has shown continued and stabilizing progress across both projects. Unity School is steadily advancing despite earlier environmental challenges, with mitigation measures proving effective. Northrise Solar is nearing full completion and operational handover, with the plant already contributing energy and only final finishing works remaining. Overall, both projects remain on track, with May expected to focus on completion, handover preparation, and final optimization.

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