**Graduate Women Zambia (GWZ)**
*Education for Progress*

**Who We Are**

Founded in **1985** as the **Zambia Association of University Women (ZAUW)**, Graduate Women Zambia (GWZ) has evolved over decades into a leading hub of university women and advocate for women’s education in Zambia. Rebranded in **2017** to reflect its expanded focus on grassroots advocacy and inclusivity, GWZ unites professionals, academics and change-makers to dismantle barriers and create opportunities for women and girls nationwide.

**Leadership Structure**

GWZ operates under a robust governance framework led by a **Board of Officers** and guided by a **Board of Trustees**, ensuring transparency, accountability and strategic direction.

1. **Board of Officers**:
	1. **President***:* Strategic leadership, primary contact in all external communications, advocacy and official representation.
	2. **Vice President**: Oversees logistics and performance of standing committees
	3. **Board Secretary**: Documentation, compliance and registrations, IT coordination and member engagement).
	4. **Treasurer**: Financial oversight and fundraising
	5. **Coordinator of International Relations**:  International networking, partnerships and grants acquisition.
	6. **Publicity Secretary**: Manages media relations and social media strategy.
	7. **Internal Auditor:**
	8. **Left Board Committee Member:**
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	10. **Ex-Officio Member**: Immediate Past President (Advisory role for continuity).
2. **Board of Trustees**:
	1. Provides strategic oversight and long-term guidance.
	2. Members include *Mrs. Patricia Mtonga Mkumbutu*, *Dr. Ntombi Mudenda*, and *Mrs. Victoria*.
3. **General Assembly**:
	1. Composed of all GWZ members.
	2. Meets annually to review progress, set agendas, and elect leaders.
4. **Committees**:
	1. **Standing Committees**: Media & Marketing, Projects & Outreach, Finance & Resource Mobilization.
	2. **Special Committees**: 2025 GWI Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), Governance & Legal Affairs.

**Our Mission**

To advance women’s education, leadership, and equity through *scholarships*, *mentorship*, and *community-driven initiatives*, fostering a Zambia where every woman can thrive.

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**What We Do**

**1. Scholarships & Education**

 **2. Mentorship & Skills Development**

* **School Programs**: Career talks and mental health workshops in 20+ secondary schools.
* **Digital Literacy**: Partner with tech giants to train women in coding, AI, and e-commerce.

**3. Community Empowerment**

* **WASH in Schools**: Provide hygiene kits and sanitation facilities to 10 rural districts by 2026.
* **Women in Agriculture**: Train 1,000+ women in sustainable farming with ZaWARD by 2027.
* **Empower leaders** in at least 10 women organizations with professional training on leadership skills by the end of 2026.

**4. Advocacy & Research**

* **GWZ Multidisciplinary Journal**: Publishing of peer-reviewed research on cross-cutting issues, gender equity and education.
* **Policy Influence**: Partner with government ministries to shape national gender policies.

**5. Flagship Events**

* **GWI Triennium Conference (2025)**: Host global leaders at Lusaka’s Mulungushi Centre to advance women’s rights.
* **Annual Excellence Awards**: Honor leaders in education, innovation, and advocacy.

**Strategic Vision (2025–2027)**

1. **Grassroots Expansion**: Establish **2 district branches** (Chongwe and Kabwe) to decentralise impact.
2. **Tech-Driven Solutions**: Launch a **digital member portal** for scholarships, events and real-time engagement.
3. **Sustainable Funding**: Secure partnerships with corporates (e.g., ZANACO) and global bodies (e.g., UNICEF).
4. **Policy Leadership**: Strengthen advocacy through alliances with SADC and the Division of Gender.
5. **Youth Empowerment**: Create STEM clubs and mentorship programs for secondary schoolgirls.
6. **Alumni Network**: Build a GWZ Alumni Association to drive lifelong collaboration and fundraising.
7. **Beyond 2027**: Expand to 10 district branches by 2030.

 **Strategic Pillars**

1. **Organizational Transformation**
	* Strengthen governance, leadership, and operational efficiency.
2. **Expanded Reach**
	* Broaden membership, partnerships, and geographic presence.
3. **Enhanced Impact**
	* Elevate program quality, advocacy, and community engagement.
4. **Sustainability**
	* Secure financial resilience and resource mobilization.

**Strategic Goals, Objectives, and Actions**

**1. Organizational Transformation**

* **Goal**: Build a robust, agile, and inclusive organizational structure.
	+ **Objectives**:
		- **1.1** Strengthen leadership and governance through training and policy reforms.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Launch annual leadership retreats for Board members (Q1 2025).
				+ Update GWZ constitution to reflect inclusivity and modern governance practices (Q2 2025).
		- **1.2** Enhance internal communication and member engagement.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Develop a member portal for real-time updates and feedback (Q3 2025).
				+ Conduct bi-annual town hall meetings with members.

**2. Expanded Reach**

* **Goal**: Increase GWZ’s visibility and membership base.
	+ **Objectives**:
		- **2.1** Grow membership by 40% by 2027.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Launch a "Bring a Sister" recruitment campaign (Q1 2025).
				+ Partner with universities to target student members.
		- **2.2** Strengthen global and local partnerships.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Formalize MOUs with 5 new partners (e.g., UNICEF, African Women Leaders Network) by 2026.
				+ Reactivate alumni networks for mentorship and fundraising.

**3. Enhanced Impact**

* **Goal**: Deliver high-impact programs that drive systemic change.
	+ **Objectives**:
		- **3.1** Scale mentorship and scholarship programs.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Double scholarship funding to ZMW 100,000 annually by 2026.
				+ Expand school mentorship programs to 10 rural districts (2025–2027).
		- **3.2** Amplify advocacy for gender equity.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Publish annual policy briefs on girls’ education and women’s rights (starting Q4 2025).
				+ Host a national summit on gender-based violence (2026).

**4. Sustainability**

* **Goal**: Ensure long-term financial and operational resilience.
	+ **Objectives**:
		- **4.1** Diversify funding sources.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Secure 3 major corporate sponsorships by 2026.
				+ Launch a crowdfunding platform for GWZ projects (Q2 2025).
		- **4.2** Optimize resource management.
			* *Actions*:
				+ Implement a digital financial management system (Q1 2025).
				+ Train staff in grant writing and donor reporting.

**Implementation Framework**

* **Timeline**: Phased rollout with quarterly milestones (see Appendix A).
* **Responsibility Matrix**:
	+ **Board of Officers**: Oversee strategic alignment.
	+ **Standing Committees**: Execute program-specific actions (e.g., Media & Marketing Committee leads recruitment campaigns).
	+ **Local Chapters**: Drive grassroots implementation.
* **Budget**: Allocate ZMW 2.5 million over three years, prioritized for scholarships, tech upgrades, and advocacy.

**Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL)**

* **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**:
	+ Membership growth rate, scholarship beneficiaries, policy changes influenced.
* **Reporting**:
	+ Quarterly progress reports to the Board.
	+ Annual impact assessment shared publicly.
* **Adaptive Management**:
	+ Biannual strategy reviews to address challenges and opportunities.

**Risk Management**

* **Potential Risks**: Funding gaps, low member participation, political instability.
* **Mitigation Strategies**:
	+ Reserve fund for critical projects.
	+ Member incentives (e.g., leadership roles, recognition awards).
	+ Advocacy alliances to safeguard GWZ’s operations.

 **Why Partner with GWZ?**

* **Proven Legacy**: 38+ years of impact—scholarships awarded and many women mentored.
* **Visibility**: Align with SDGs 4 (Education) and 5 (Gender Equality) through tailored sponsorships.
* **Credibility**: 15+ years of grassroots impact endorsed by UNZA, NGOCC, and GWI.
* **Visibility**: Reach 50,000+ Zambians through GWZ’s events, media, and branches.
* **Alignment**: Directly advance SDGs 4 (Education), 5 (Gender Equality), and 13 (Climate Action).
* **Custom Opportunities**:
	+ **Universities**: Co-brand scholarships or research grants.
	+ **Climate Orgs**: Fund eco-projects like solar-powered schools.
	+ **Tech Firms**: Sponsor coding bootcamps or digital hubs.

**Long-Term Strategic Partnerships**

**Benefits for Multi-Year Commitments**:

* **Exclusive Access**: Early invitations to GWZ events and pilot projects.
* **Custom Impact Dashboards**: Real-time tracking of funded initiatives.
* **Advisory Board Seat**: Influence GWZ’s strategic direction.
* **Media Spotlight**: Featured in GWZ’s annual documentary and press releases.

**How to Engage**

1. **Choose Your Industry Focus**.
2. **Select a Tier or Customize a Package**.
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**Testimonials**

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📊 **Transparency**: Access annual reports and financial statements here.

**Together, We Rise.**
*Graduate Women Zambia: Igniting progress through education, leadership, and unity.* 🌟

**Brand Colors**: Purple (wisdom), White (peace), Black (strength), Grey (inclusivity).
**Hashtags**: #GWZEmpowers #EducationForProgress #TogetherWeRise

*GWZ: Where every woman’s potential becomes progress.* 🚀