## **REFORMED CHURCH IN ZAMBIA - DIACONIA**

#### **WHO WE ARE**

RCZ Diaconia Department (RCZDD) is a development wing of the Reformed Church in Zambia. Our primary mandate is to contribute towards fulfilling the RCZ mission statement which focuses on "educating all God's people for personal growth and service", and "serving one another and the needy in society with justice and compassion".

### **STRUCTURE**

RCZDD works with defined structures: Local and Traditional community leaders, Community established committees, Volunteer workers for Agriculture and Health (AVW/CHW).

# **GOVERNANCE**

RCZDD is governed through a Board of Directors comprised of professionals from strategic fields. It is administered by Development facilitators, Program Coordinators, Accountants, Executive Director, The Diaconia Board and the Office of the RCZ General Secretary.



The Director Rev. Chiundaponde addresses a consultative focus group of community leaders in Kalindawalo Chiefdom in Petauke

# **OBJECTIVES**

Our primary objective is to increase the Food Security of Subsistence farming Households in rural Provinces of Zambia through integrated community development.

- To help rural but viable populations improve their agriculture technics.
- To promote primary health care among rural communities
- To advocating for and promote human rights for all especially children and people living with

- disabilities for the development of their full potential.
- To support rural establishments build resilient sustainable livelihoods.
- a) To promote village savings and Income Generating activities among rural community group members, enabling them save and access loans for their economic wellbeing.

#### **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

We build the capacity of households through the following activities;

- (i) Conservation farming:
  - Soil improvement
  - Soil conservation
  - Gardening
  - Crop diversification
  - Improved seed varieties
  - Improved Storage
  - Use of cover crops and green manure
  - Promoting off season crops





technology as opposed to chemical fertilisers.

- (iv) We encourage Children participation in all our programs:

  Diaconia believes that every Child has a right to education, good health, balanced diet and speak freely on anything that affects him/her.
- (v) Village Savings and Loan Associations: Through our staffs – lessons are presented how this activity can be implemented.
- (vi) HIV/AIDS sensitizations in the targeted communities. We encourage communities to seek VCT and zero rating stigma

PARTNERS

- Transform Aid International
- Tear Australia
- RCZ congregations
- Partners World Wide(PWW)
- World Renew

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(ii) Health education though the support of under 5 Children. We teach mothers how to prepare nutritious food for their babies.



(iii) We promote the use of livestock manure for Conservation farming