



Miller Center

for Social Entrepreneurship

Name of social enterprise: Lakefarms & Fishing Lodge Limited

Mission statement: Develop the promising fishing industry in the Gwembe Valley and create opportunities for women and youth empowerment.

Webpage of business affiliate:

<https://www.facebook.com/SeafoodfisheriesandLakeFarmsLtd>

Headquarters location: Zambia

Location(s) of research: Lake Kariba, Zambia

Background: This enterprise links fifty cooperatives of fishermen and fish farmers to ten cooperatives of women who process and resell fish (tilapia and crayfish), enhancing income for all. It wishes to better understand how it creates social impact for women fish traders and their families and help fishermen access modern fishing gear. In addition, it seeks to design an innovative approach to make available fish preservation technologies, such as solar powered refrigeration, to off-grid fishing communities.

The challenge: To better understand the social impact of its enterprise, and better serve local fishing and fish processing cooperatives.

Action research products needed:

1. A refined social impact model with an updated social impact reporting system.
2. A plan to help its fishing cooperatives access modern fishing gear.
3. A strategy to acquire and install fish preservation technologies to off-grid fishing communities.

Student skills needed: social impact assessment, value chain assessment, technology assessment, financial planning, cross-cultural communication.

Keywords: Fish farming, sustainable fisheries, women's cooperatives, value chains, food preservation.

Regardless of the pandemic, the fellowship will run in 2022, with or without international travel. We have designed 2022 action research projects to be conducted via remote engagement (e.g., via Zoom) without the immersive component of travel to the field. All applicants should enter and proceed through the application process with the assumption that no international field placements are currently planned. For more information, please attend a fellowship info session.