

## Interim Chairperson's Statement

We wish to warmly welcome all our visitors to our **Zambian Interactive Homeschool (ZAIHS)** Facebook page.

It is with great pleasure that I write a few words to introduce, 'our' **Co-operative Interactive Homeschool (ZAIHS)** which falls under the auspices of the **Zambian Interactive Homeschool Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Limited (ZAIHMCSL)**.

**The purpose of** **Zambian Interactive Homeschool (ZAIHS)** is to help members of the Co-operative to join efforts with many other individuals, locally and internationally, who are grappling with the impact of current global issues (including the Covid-19 pandemic) on education and learning. ZAIHS wishes to take advantage of the technological advancements in the fields of information and communications processes which help to reach out to many learners even under the confines of their homes or localities. ZAIHS endeavours to respond to the needs of our current world in the hope of making a difference however small.

**Why the Co-operative route?** We have felt that teamwork is an important and effective tool to get the world working together. It is our hope that we shall succeed in bringing on board many, who like ourselves feel that on their own they can do very little and yet so much more as a group.

**Who qualifies to be a member?** Membership is open to all those living in Zambia at the moment. Following our strategic direction, we shall commence locally in Zambia first and upgrade as we go and begin to open doors to all around the globe. Being a Co-operative school, we are guided by Co-operatives by-laws and our constitution. Our journey has just begun and there are regulatory guidelines and systems to be put in place yet.

**What is our driving force?** We are driven by the passion to make a difference in our country first, no matter how insignificant it may appear now.

**Our Facebook platform is intended** to bring awareness to the public about who we are and to invite those who are interested in working as a Co-operative in order to realize their dreams as well as give a service to others in their communities. We invite all those who wish to join as members or to support our work to come onboard.

**How do we intend to offer our services?** The homeschooling concept for our school is mainly web-based. The tag 'interactive' indicates that it will be an online learning platform adapting technologies that enable learners to interact, and learn ubiquitously in synchronous and asynchronous modes.

**Why are we excited?** There are many reasons to be excited about the kind of arrangements and opportunities this Co-operative homeschool's programmes are likely to offer, namely:

- opportunities for the learners to access education at the various levels of their learning programmes almost virtually;
- opportunities for the engagement of teachers, educationists, technocrats in the ICTs who wish to share their expertise through the Co-operative spirit;
- opportunities for wealth creation for the members through the many other Co-operative activities likely to emerge when talented people decide to work together for the common good of society;
- possibilities for a multi-sectoral approach to draw support from all areas of society as education embodies all areas of life. This will be possible because our Co-operative society is multi-purpose and membership is open to all;
- Opportunities for competing and interacting with the best globally;

We warmly welcome all those that will feel the call to join us as members or those who would like to generously donate to our noble cause to do so.

**Lilian Lumba Mushota (Mrs)**

**Interim Chairperson**