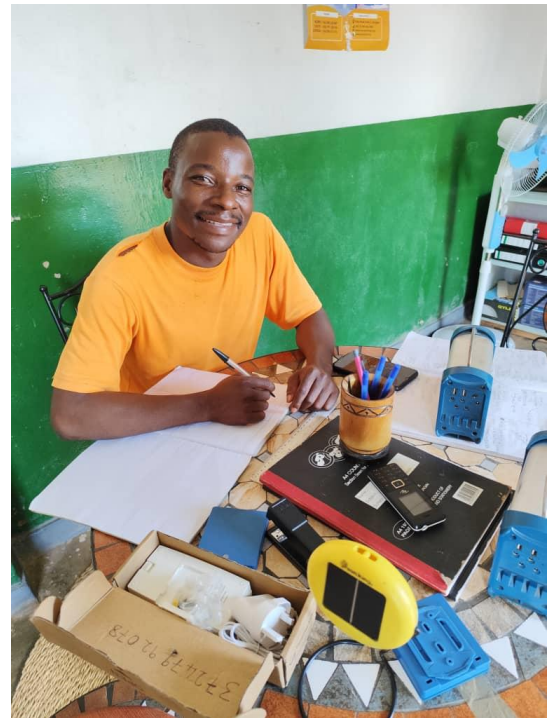


My name on is Aaron Chibalo. I started working with AfroGarden in November 2014 as a local translator. I joined my colleagues by then and mainly focusing on the programs like Kitchen Gardens, Social Care and so on.

I was the youngest guy in the team by then, and i enjoyed to interact with Swedish volunteers who used to come very often. One of my wishes was to learn how to speak English, so I could share knowledge and try to be part of the team. I wanted to help to develop our area, since I couldn't manage it by my own. AfroGarden has been a source of knowledge for us workers and the community and for me it has also been a good place to gain work experience in general.



Sometimes we could travel in rain from one village to another with Inga teaching kitchen garden knowledge. That was funny, but also to show our clean effort to make sure that the village people gain the knowledge so that one of the organization's missions should be fulfilled to make the poor to be self-dependent. By today most of them have benefited and can make kitchen gardens by themselves and have fruit trees around their houses and vegetables to eat.



Today I also work with Sunny Money, it's about helping solar home systems in our 17 villages, and it's 710 families together who are electrified. I enjoy to be one of the team in AfroGarden, because this has assisted a lot in education and living standard of people in our area.

Personally, AfroGarden it's a family, I have a network to day, and I can help with my friends to work in our area. And even sometimes I forget that it's work, I think first it's my family work. This is to say I work with my heart first. Thanks for letting me be part of it.