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Josephine Takundwa

CEO, Sesame for Life (SFL)

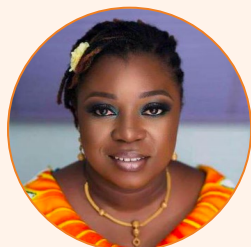


Zimbabwe

Josephine Takundwa is the founder and CEO of Sesame for Life Private Limited. A visionary entrepreneur, she has a post graduate qualification in business administration, a bachelor's degree, and various professional qualifications in different fields. After working in the electrical engineering space for more than 20 years where she founded another company called Earthlink Technologies, she decided to follow her heart and work in a space that touches and transforms the lives of the less privileged and less empowered in Zimbabwe's marginalized and rural communities. She is a business leader who has been recognized for various achievements in the business landscape. She has a specific agenda to transform lives and livelihoods of rural communities in a tangible and positive way, improving food security, health and nutrition.

Sesame for Life (SFL)

Is a company working in the drought prone regions of Zimbabwe, fostering resilience to climate change and alleviating poverty through the farming and export of sesame, a scavenger crop that is drought resistant. The company works predominantly with smallholder farmers with more than 5000 smallholders engaged by 2024. The company is for profit, but has a strong social impact in its operations, focusing on gender equity and economic empowerment. SFL recruits, contracts, supplies inputs and trains smallholder farmers in sustainable and smart agriculture methods related to sesame farming. We employ a system of tracking impact on the farmers lives through specific activities and their results. SFL also partners various development organizations to bring financial inclusion to the farmers by first training them on how to do farming as a business, then providing access to finance. The company also trains on conservation and regenerative agriculture. The company's overall goal is to improve lives and livelihoods



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