Welcome to the much-awaited time of the year - HARVEST TIME! In Zambia, where the farming season spans from October to April, we are now entering the harvest period, which runs from June to July. During August and September, we focus on shelling and selling the harvested crops.

At our project site, it's the women who lead the way in harvesting the Natural Agriculture maize field. This maize serves a dual purpose: it is saved as seed to be replanted on the project site’s Natural Agriculture field, and it also serves as a vital source of food during the cooperative leader meetings.

We take great pride in showcasing the harvested maize at the NA show, where farmers can witness first-hand that Natural Agriculture truly works. As they say, seeing is believing, and by displaying the maize, we can provide tangible evidence of the effectiveness of our agricultural practices.

Through our collective efforts, we not only ensure a sustainable supply of maize for future planting but also inspire other farmers to adopt Natural Agriculture. Together, we are paving the way for a greener and more prosperous future.

Join us as we celebrate this bountiful harvest and the invaluable contributions of our dedicated farmers. Let's continue to nurture the earth and reap the rewards of our commitment to sustainable agriculture.

Happy harvesting!
The agricultural sector in Zambia serves as the cornerstone of the rural economy and plays a crucial role in the country's poverty reduction strategy. With 80% of Zambia's population relying on agriculture as the primary support for the rural economy, it becomes essential to facilitate agricultural land and rural development while promoting private sector investment. Block shows have emerged as a valuable platform for achieving these objectives by fostering knowledge sharing and facilitating experiences through interactive engagements.

In 2019, the agricultural community block shows were temporarily discontinued due to drought conditions, leading to crop failure and the unavailability of produce for exhibition. However, since their reinstatement, our dedicated members from the Natural Agriculture community have been actively participating in these block shows. Their presence aims to showcase the remarkable success achieved through Natural Agriculture practices and share their valuable experiences, highlighting the rewards and benefits of adopting eco-friendly agricultural methods.

One of the key advantages of utilizing block shows and similar community events is the ability to effectively communicate the advantages of Natural Agriculture to a broader audience. By witnessing the achievements of fellow community members firsthand, farmers are increasingly inspired to embrace Natural Agriculture and adopt sustainable farming techniques. These events serve as powerful platforms for creating awareness, promoting knowledge exchange, and encouraging the wider adoption of eco-friendly practices throughout the farming community.

By participating in block shows, our Natural Agriculture members not only demonstrate their success but also act as ambassadors for sustainable farming practices. Their involvement helps to strengthen the bond within the community, foster collaboration between farmers and agro dealers, and ultimately contribute to the overall development of the agricultural sector.

In conclusion, the revival of agricultural block shows has played a pivotal role in promoting rural development and encouraging private sector investment in Zambia. Through these events, the Natural Agriculture community has been able to showcase their accomplishments, share their experiences, and inspire others to adopt sustainable farming practices. By continuing to prioritise knowledge sharing and community engagement, we can pave the way for a more prosperous and eco-friendly agricultural future in Zambia.
The Kabeta Technical Training Centre, established in January 2020, has been making a significant impact on the lives of out-of-school youth aged 18 to 25. This vocational training centre aims to equip young individuals with valuable skills such as carpentry, welding, sewing, cooking, and more. By providing these skills, the centre empowers students to generate income for themselves and their families while emphasizing the importance of environmental awareness and personal growth.

Meet 25-year-old Fedelis Muchimba, a married father of four who resides in the neighbouring Kabeta village. Fedelis, along with his brother, became orphans after the passing of their parents and have been living in the family village. Born and raised in Kabeta, Fedelis has been tirelessly searching for ways to support his brother, wife, and children.

In January 2022, Fedelis's life took a positive turn when his aunt, a member of the Natural Agriculture community, recommended that he enrol in the Kabeta Technical Training Centre. Intrigued by the opportunity, Fedelis took her advice and enrolled in the one-year carpentry course. With determination and hard work, he successfully completed the program and graduated in 2022.

Impressed by Fedelis's work ethic and the number of bed orders he had to fulfill for local customers, our project caretaker captured pictures of him crafting beds. While Fedelis acknowledges that his business experiences fluctuations in demand, the few orders he receives enable him to earn money to support his family. He ensures that his loved ones have clothing and food on the table by growing a small Natural Agriculture vegetable garden with his wife. His wife takes the produce to the local market near the Macha turn, where she sells the fresh vegetables.

When asked about the advice he would give to other young people facing similar challenges, Fedelis offers words of wisdom, saying, "Never give up. It is better to be positively busy than to bury yourself in a negative environment. God rewards those who work hard." His resilience and determination serve as an inspiration to others, demonstrating the transformative power of embracing opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Fedelis Muchimba's success story is just one example of how the Kabeta Technical Training Centre is making a significant difference in the lives of young individuals. By providing vocational skills training and fostering environmental awareness, the center empowers students to become self-sufficient and contribute to their communities. The Training Centre continues to change lives, one success story at a time, and we are proud to witness the positive impact it has had on Fedelis and many others like him.