

Supporting entrepreneurs continued



Supporting women entrepreneurs in Zambia

GBA is a global consortium of financial institutions dedicated to supporting banks to **better serve women**

Building programmes specifically for **women in business**



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MEMBERS



135
COUNTRIES

PROVIDING ACCESS TO:

CAPITAL INFORMATION EDUCATION MARKETS



Developing young entrepreneurs

Standard Bank's Youth Accelerator Programme, in collaboration with the National Youth Development Agency, held 15 boot camps for potential young entrepreneurs in 2017. The programme focuses on the mining and construction sectors.

In Olievenhoutbosch, the Giving Wings Youth Development Programme enabled us to encourage entrepreneurial thinking among 100 Grade 10 and Grade 11 learners.

In 2017, Stanbic hosted Africa's first All-Stars Academy, which guides financial institutions in building services and products specifically for women. Stanbic's Anakazi Banking Programme offers specialised training, coaching and mentorship to Zambian women SME owners, as well as access to capital and markets.

Anakazi focuses particularly on **Zambian agriculture**

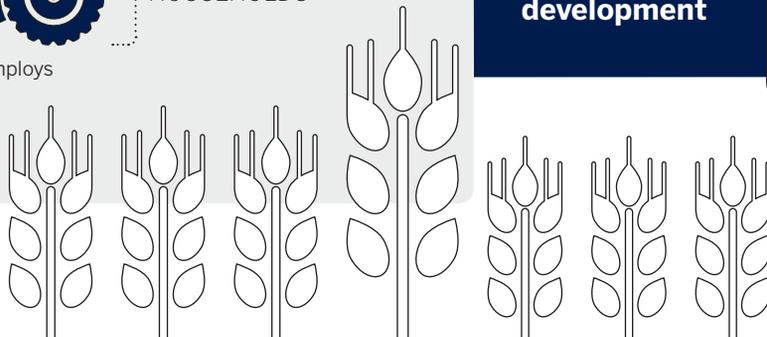


Zambian agriculture employs mainly women

AGRICULTURE SUPPORTS MORE THAN **70%** OF ZAMBIAN HOUSEHOLDS

Township economic development

In 2017, we hosted our first township accelerator in partnership with AmaVerkykers and Liberty.





Innovation,
entrepreneurship and
enterprise development

Access to supply chains

We're working to improve entrepreneurs' access to supply chains, through preferential procurement initiatives and partnerships with our corporate clients. We are also engaging with government entities to explore job creating consortia and support black businesses within the value chains of larger businesses. Our partnership with the Liberty Blue Skies Enterprise and Supplier Development Programme actively supports transformation by helping SMEs link into corporate supply chains. Over 100 women-owned businesses have become participants.

Nurturing business skills

'Threads Stitched by Standard Bank' is specifically tailored for fashion professionals. It aims to help South Africa's up-and-coming fashion designers develop into fashion chief executives, with profitable businesses capable of competing in international fashion. This initiative aims to create jobs and grow the South African economy. A 12-week, part-time programme is taught simultaneously in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, and Port Elizabeth. Its curriculum takes participants through the business operations of a fashion enterprise – from financing and retaining employees, to lean manufacturing and eCommerce, logistics, procurement and marketing techniques. Threads Stitched by Standard Bank is presented in partnership with NONZ RO, the E4Impact Foundation and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan, corporate partner Mercedes Benz, and learning and development partners EOH and Mecer. Learn more about this programme by visiting



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This pilot project was aimed at growing small enterprises in and around Mamelodi in Gauteng.

We conducted two boot camps to enhance entrepreneurial skills, provide practical tools to assess business ideas and accelerate existing products or services.

The 15 most promising entrepreneurs were selected for an intensive five-day accelerator programme delivered by industry experts.

This programme imparted practical skills and the confidence to grow their businesses.

These participants were invited to exhibit at business events to increase their visibility, and will receive ongoing mentorship with AmaVerkykers.

Standard Bank is moving on to localise enterprise development in the form of incubators and industrial parks using green technology. Initial developments are planned for Bushbuck Ridge in Mpumalanga, Umtata in the Eastern Cape, Vilakazi Street in Soweto, and Sol Plaatje University in the Northern Cape.