



INTRODUCTION TO THE Yambasu Agriculture Initiative (YAI)

Presented by Lorraine Charinda
Regional Missionary
Mid-Africa Regional Conferences



GLOBAL MINISTRIES
General Board of Global Ministries

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Background- YAI

Food Insecurity in the Continent:

- 149 Million Africans Face Acute Food Insecurity. 12 Million more than 2022. East Africa(62.6 Million)
- Drivers include Yields, Climate Change, Food Price Inflation, Different Crisis (South Sudan, Somalia, Congo) etc.

Sustainability of the Church in Africa:

- Overreliance on the West
- Mutuality in Mission



Program Description: YAI

- **Intro:**
- YAI seeks to improve Food Security levels especially in rural communities in Africa while building sustainable Agro-enterprises to support the growth of the church.
- It was borne out of call to action made by African Bishops
“towards a sustainable and independent church through agriculture” ...
- GBGM, under the leadership of the General Secretary, Mr. Roland Fernandes, made this call a reality.

Three Tenets:

Ownership
Sustainability
Local Solutions



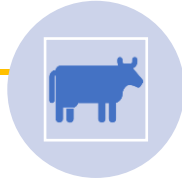
Mid-Africa Regional Conferences



CONGO, TANZANIA,
BRAZZAVILE, CAR,
ZAMBIA



TRAININGS TO
BENEFICIARIES



LIVESTOCK- PIGS, FISH,
COWS AND CHICKEN



CROPS- CASSAVA,
SEEDS, RICE, SOYBEANS,
CORN, PLANTAINS,
VEGETABLES



PROCESSING AND
MARKETING SITES

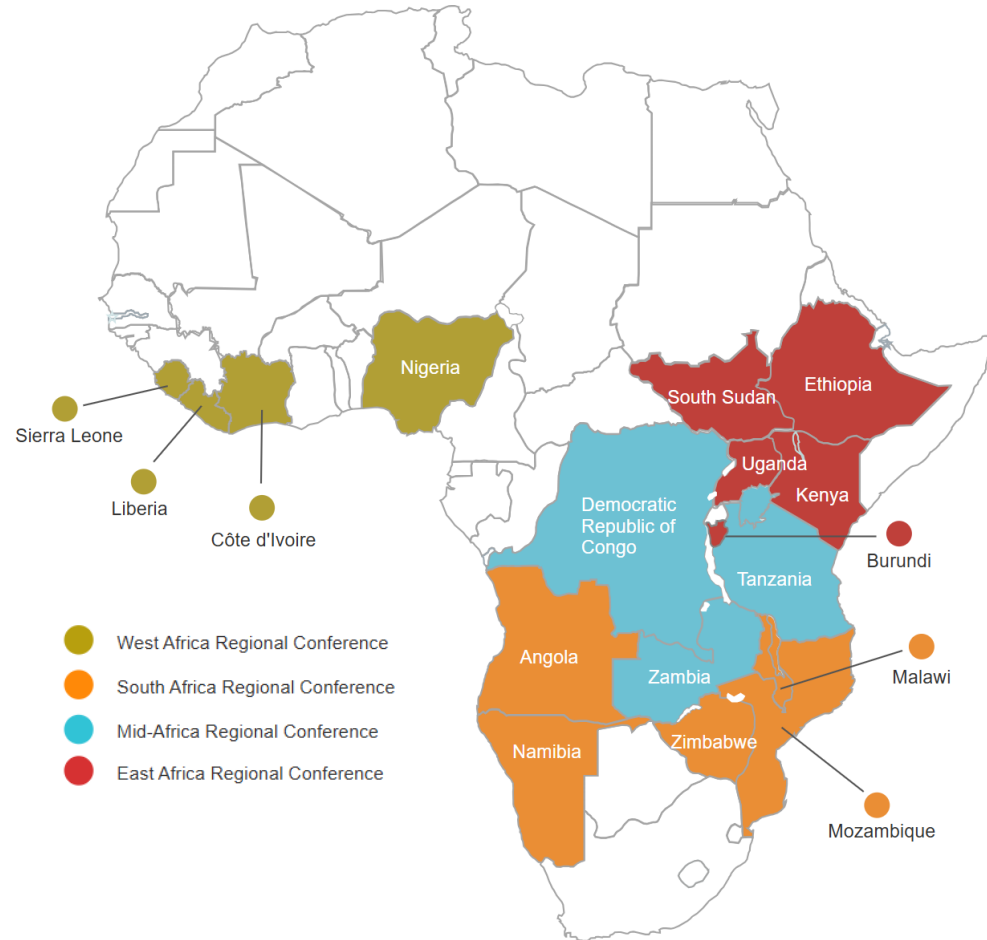


SOLAR ENERGY
SYSTEMS AND
IRRIGATION



YAI Partners

As of 4/21/26



4,525

Total beneficiaries
reached

26+2

Annual Conferences
+ institutions in 17 countries



1. North Katanga conference- Kamisamba Farm (YAI)

❖ Seed production (corn)



Photo by: Paulin Ngoy Male



Photo by: Kenzie Kuhn



❖ Chicken production



Photos by: Norman Yekeye

Solar Energy ➡ Irrigation ➡ Production



❖ Nutrition project (YAI/GH)



❖ Beneficiaries at training centre



2. East Congo (pigs, chicken and vegetables)



Photo by: Lorraine Charinda

3. South Congo (pigs, bananas, chicken and crops)



4. Central Congo (pigs, cassava and corn)



5. West Congo (cassava, corn and groundnuts)



6. Manono conference (chicken and crops)



“Areas of Growth”

- *Leadership: Management of Grants*
- *Reinvestment*
- *Oversight/Monitoring (In Mission Together)*
- *Partner Capacity Building*



How You Can Be Involved

- Through the exchange of resources and finances
- Building covenant relationships
- Mission Volunteers
- Prayers
- Goal per year \$25,000



Join Me!

1. COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS

- Give a monthly deductible amount direct from your account
- Through conference treasurer

2. MAIL CHECK

ADVANCE GCFA

P.O.Box 9068

New York, New York 10087

Memo: **3022397**



Join Me!

3. Go to my missionary bio

<https://gbhem-umc.my.site.com/hemgm/s/campaign/a3fPo000000D4BQIA0/charinda-lorraine>

Follow me on Social Media!

- Facebook @loe.charinda

