



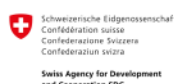
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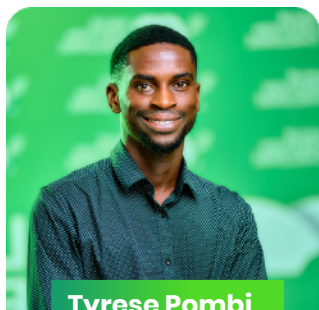


Startup name : Viazi Vitamu Brands
Pillar: Emerging Industries

Vision: To become Africa's leading producer of nutritious sweet potato based food products, improving health, food security and livelihoods through sustainable agro-processing.

Mission: To transform orange-fleshed sweet potatoes into affordable, nutritious food products that improve community health, create markets for rural farmers, and drive sustainable livelihoods.

Values: Nutrition, Sustainability, Empowerment, Integrity, Innovation



Tyrese Pombi
Founder: Viazi Vitamu Brands

About Founder

Co-founder Tyrese Munashe, a visionary agripreneur with a track record of scaling agricultural ventures, drives operations as a data-driven builder of agro-processing systems. Together, they're turning Zimbabwe's orange-fleshed sweet potatoes into nutritious, market-ready foods that empower farmers and families alike.

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The Problem We Solve

Zimbabwe faces widespread Vitamin A deficiency, food insecurity, and post-harvest losses, while smallholder farmers lack reliable markets and households lack affordable, nutritious convenience foods

Solution

We turn orange-fleshed sweet potatoes into nutritious, ready-in-minutes products, instant porridge and sweet potato flour, delivering affordable nutrition while creating sustainable markets for rural farmers.



Key Offering

Instant porridge and sweet potato flour from orange-fleshed sweet potatoes, nutritious, Vitamin A-rich, ready in minutes.

The Value We Create

Better household nutrition, fewer post-harvest losses, and new income for smallholder farmers, plus jobs and opportunities for women and youth.

Our Unique Edge

Nutritious, Vitamin A-rich, locally sourced, and affordable, impact-driven from farm to family, improving nutrition, incomes, and livelihoods



Key Highlights

Product formulations and prototypes tested with positive consumer feedback; early customer orders secured and bulk buyer discussions underway.

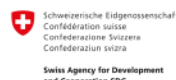
The Future We Envision

To lead Africa's sweet potato agro-processing sector, expanding into baby food, supplements, and bakery premixes while scaling farmer partnerships and regional exports.

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Startup name : Rotvim Designs
Pillar: Emerging Industries

Vision: To become Africa's leading agricultural technology company, empowering farmers and agribusinesses with innovative post harvest solutions.

Mission: To design and deliver affordable, reliable post harvest technologies that reduce losses, improve product quality, extend shelf life and increase profitability for farmers and agribusinesses.

Values: Innovation • Reliability • Sustainability • Integrity • Customer Focus • Impact



Tapiwa Rangwani
Founder: Rotvim Designs

About Founder

Tapiwa Rangwani is the Founder and Operations & Mechanical Systems Lead at Rotvim Designs. A Mechanical Design Technologist with over 15 years of experience in manufacturing, engineering design, systems integration, and project leadership, he is passionate about developing innovative agricultural technologies that reduce losses, improve productivity, and create value for farmers and agribusinesses across Africa.

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The Problem We Solve

Agricultural producers lose income due to poor post harvest handling, curing, drying, and storage. These challenges cause spoilage, quality deterioration, reduced market value, and significant economic losses across agricultural value chains.

Solution

We develop innovative post harvest technologies that enable efficient curing, drying, and preservation of agricultural produce, reducing losses, improving quality, extending shelf life, and increasing value for farmers and agribusinesses.



Key Offering

CureCore is a smart post harvest curing and drying system that helps farmers and agribusinesses preserve agricultural produce, improve quality, extend shelf life, reduce losses, and increase market value through controlled environmental conditions.

The Value We Create

We help farmers and agribusinesses reduce post harvest losses, improve product quality, extend shelf life, access higher value markets, and increase profitability through affordable, reliable, and sustainable agricultural curing and drying technologies.

Our Unique Edge

Unlike imported systems and traditional methods, CureCore is affordable, solar powered, locally manufactured, and designed specifically for African farming conditions.



Key Highlights

Registered and operational company with US\$24,000+ revenue from engineering consultancy. Completed CureCore Lite and Cooperative designs, built a 5kg prototype, interviewed 20 farmers for market validation, and are conducting product testing to refine the solution for commercialization.

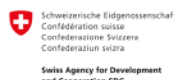
The Future We Envision

We envision becoming Africa's leading agricultural technology company, empowering farmers and agribusinesses with innovative solutions that reduce losses, increase incomes, strengthen food security, create jobs, and build sustainable agricultural value chains across the continent.

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Startup name :Bako Emergency Technologies
Pillar:Innovative Tech

Vision: A future where no call for help goes unheard and every person can access fast, coordinated emergency assistance regardless of their location or circumstances.

Mission: To build Africa's emergency response infrastructure by connecting citizens, communities, responders, and governments through technology that saves lives, improves safety, and strengthens resilience.

Values: Humanity · Innovation · Reliability · Integrity · Collaboration · Accountability · Community Impact



About Founder

Bako was founded by Munashe Kamuche, a Telecommunications Engineer and innovator driven by a simple belief: no one should be left without help during an emergency.

Together with a multidisciplinary team in telecommunications, software engineering, and infrastructure, he has transformed Bako from an idea into a nationally recognized platform with the potential to reshape emergency response across Africa

Key Highlights

Bako was presented at the ITU SADC Emergency Telecommunications and Early Warning for All (EW4All) Regional Capacity Development Workshop, showcasing our innovation to regional leaders and stakeholders focused on emergency response, disaster preparedness, and public safety.

The Future We Envision

A continent where technology makes emergency assistance accessible to everyone, communities are safer, disasters are better managed, and help is never more than a single action away.

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   bako emergency technologies

The Problem We Solve

Millions of people face emergencies every day, yet emergency response remains fragmented. Citizens often rely on phone calls, personal contacts, and WhatsApp groups instead of a coordinated system, causing dangerous delays when every second matters.

Solution

Bako is a national emergency response, early warning, and community safety platform that connects citizens, responders, communities, and government through one coordinated ecosystem, enabling faster response, better preparedness, and safer communities.



Key Offering

A digital platform that provides SOS emergency reporting, responder coordination, community safety networks, missing persons alerts, disaster early warnings, and real time emergency management through mobile and web

The Value We Create

We reduce response times, improve public safety, strengthen disaster preparedness, empower communities, and provide institutions with the tools needed to coordinate emergencies more effectively and save lives.

Our Unique Edge

Bako does not just respond to emergencies, it connects citizens, communities, responders, and government into one coordinated emergency ecosystem.



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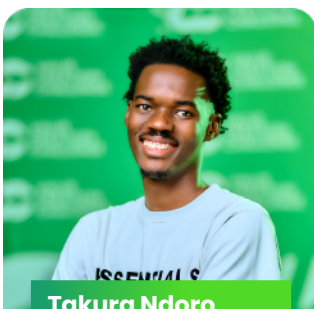


Startup name :Nardopay
Pillar:Innovative Tech

Vision: We envision a world where all payments are cashless, and moving money is as easy as sending a text message. We envision a continent without borders and fragmentation.

Mission: Our mission at NardoPay is to ensure every seller can receive payments in any currency, through any payment method, from any country, and spend those funds instantly on the same day.

Values: Speed, Innovation , Grit , Execution , Integrity



Takura Ndoro
Founder, Nardopay

About Founder

Takura is a second-time founder. His previous startup was backed by Google, the UN, the World Food Programme, and other leading organisations. He successfully expanded Smartel from Nigeria across West Africa and into East Africa.

Key Highlights

NardoPay is gaining traction across Africa, with 1,500+ users, over \$600 in transactions processed daily, and a growing presence across 8 countries.

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The Problem We Solve

Africa has a 1 trillion dollar problem of fragmentation. People in Zimbabwe are not able to receive money from Kenya, Nigeria, or any other country for their businesses, and vice versa.

Solution

NardoPay is a social commerce fintech enabling digital sellers across Africa to receive payments from any country, in any currency, through any wallet or payment method. We're building continental payment interoperability, making it easier for African businesses to sell, get paid, and transact across borders. We're building the next Visa and Stripe for Africa.



Key Offering

We are a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) company. Our core offering is payment links that enable businesses and individuals to accept payments for donations, e-commerce, event tickets, digital products, subscriptions, and more.

The Value We Create

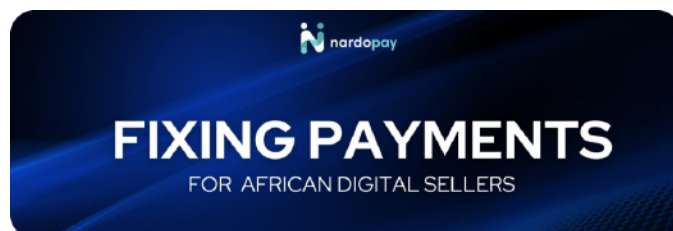
We enable people in the informal sector, many of whom have been underserved or excluded by traditional banking systems, to participate in the digital economy. For governments, one of our greatest advantages is our ability to help formalise the informal sector by serving as the merchant of record.

Our Unique Edge

NardoPay is the only fintech company on the continent that requires zero KYC, uses zero passwords, and allows users to transact in the currency they are most familiar with.

The Future We Envision

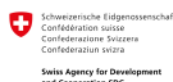
We envision a world where payments are entirely cashless and moving money is as easy as sending a text message. We envision an Africa without borders or financial fragmentation, where anyone can transact seamlessly across the continent.



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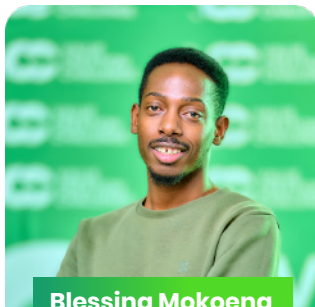


Startup name :Thunzi AI
Pillar:Innovative Tech

Vision: To become Africa's leading customer trust intelligence platform, helping businesses, and institutions understand, protect and grow trust across every market, language and customer touchpoint.

Mission: To help African organisations detect reputational risks early, understand public sentiment in local context, resolve customer issues faster, and make better decisions using AI powered intelligence.

Values: : Innovation. Trust. African Context. Excellence. Accountability. Customer Protection. Data Driven Decision Making.



Blessing Mokoena

Founder: : Thunzi AI

About Founder

Blessing Mokoena is a Zimbabwean technology entrepreneur and Founder & CEO of Bakoena Technologies Group. He has over 13 years of experience in ICT, product development, digital strategy and AI driven platforms. He has led marketplace, media, training and technology ventures across Africa and is passionate about building systems that help African businesses compete globally.

The Problem We Solve

African businesses are losing revenue, trust and customer loyalty because they do not see reputational threats early enough. Complaints happen across social media, reviews and local language conversations, but most brands lack the tools to detect, understand and respond before the damage spreads.

Solution

Thunzi AI is an AI powered reputation and customer trust intelligence platform. It monitors public conversations, analyses sentiment, detects risk, tracks brand health, and uses AI voice agents to help businesses resolve customer complaints in local languages before they become public crises.



Key Offering

Thunzi AI provides real time reputation monitoring, sentiment analysis, brand health scoring, AI visibility tracking, customer complaint intelligence, local language analysis and AI voice agents that can call customers, support them, resolve issues and escalate complex cases to human teams.

The Value We Create

We help businesses protect revenue, retain customers, respond faster, reduce reputational risk and understand what customers are really saying. For SMEs, Thunzi AI acts as an affordable reputation intelligence team. For larger organisations, it serves as an early warning system for brand, customer and public trust.

Our Unique Edge

Thunzi AI is built for African realities. Unlike generic global tools, it understands local languages, informal channels, public narratives and reputation risks across African markets.

Key Highlights

Operating in the Zimbabwe, United States of America, South Africa and Rwanda

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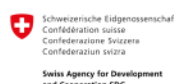
The Future We Envision

We envision a future where every African business, SME, institution and public facing brand can protect trust in real time. Thunzi AI will serve as an intelligence layer that helps organisations detect emerging risks, understand customers in local context, respond faster and serve people in local languages. By making reputation intelligence more accessible across African markets, we aim to help organisations build stronger customer relationships and compete confidently in the global digital economy.

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Daily Brand

Startup name : Daily Brand
Pillar: Creative Industries

Vision: To become Africa's go to business intelligence platform for Gen Z and millennials, transforming how African youths learn about business, entrepreneurship, and opportunity.

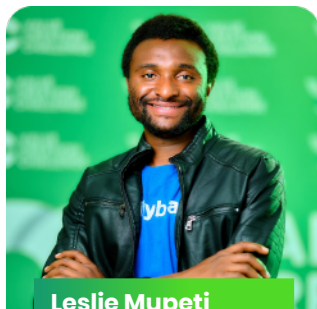
Mission: We deliver accessible and engaging business intelligence to Africa's young entrepreneurs and professionals with a passion to inspire enterprise, expand opportunity, and empower the next generation to build, invest, and grow.

Values :

Accessibility: We believe business knowledge should be understandable and available to every young African, not just a privileged few.

Relevance: We create content that reflects the realities, ambitions and opportunities shaping young entrepreneurs and professionals today.

Empowerment: We use business intelligence and storytelling to equip our audience to build, invest and grow.



Leslie Mupeti
Founder: Daily Brand

About Founder

Leslie Mupeti is the founder of Daily Brand, a Zimbabwean business media platform helping Gen Z and millennials engage with business and entrepreneurship. A former Zimpapers Business Weekly columnist, he built his voice through business case studies and brand analysis. Leslie launched Daily Brand as a WhatsApp group sharing case studies in text, and has since grown it into a video driven platform making business intelligence accessible to young Africans.

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The Problem We Solve

75% of African Youth aspire to start businesses, yet most of them face significant barriers such as limited access to business information and insights needed to turn ideas into viable ventures.

Solution

Daily Brand solves the problem of inaccessible and overly complex business information by turning it into clear, engaging, and actionable video content for African youth, where over 80% already spend most of their time online.



Key Offering

Daily Brand is a digital media platform that produces short form, video based business storytelling content. We transform business news, case studies, and entrepreneurial journeys into engaging, easy to understand video content tailored for Gen Z and millennial audiences in Africa.

The Value We Create

We turn complex business information into clear, relatable, and engaging video content that young Africans can easily understand and apply. We bridge the gap between business knowledge and opportunity, helping youths learn from real business case studies in formats that match their digital habits.

Our Unique Edge

Daily Brand stands out by focusing on short form video business storytelling tailored for African Gen Z and millennials, unlike traditional business media that is text heavy, global, and complex.

Daily Brand
Intelligence

Daily Brand
Perspectives

Daily Brand
Leaders



Key Highlights

We have amassed over 3 million lifetime views and we do an average of 300,000 monthly views across all our digital platforms. We have also been able to complete the construction of a broadcast studio where we record our shows from.

The Future We Envision

We envision an Africa where every youth has access to clear and actionable business knowledge through digital media. In this future, business understanding is no longer limited to elites, but is part of everyday culture, empowering youth to innovate and participate meaningfully in the economy.

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Startup name : Wakazi Fitness Studio
Pillar: Creative Industries

Vision: To develop a continental network of women-centred, inclusive fitness spaces, for women, by women.

Mission: Exercise for women within a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space while fostering communal wellness activities designed for their unique physiological needs, whilst providing flexible scheduling that integrates into their daily lives, making fitness an attainable lifestyle at every life stage..

Values: Inclusivity & Community:

A non-judgmental sisterhood that welcomes all bodies and sizes.

Women-Centred Fitness: A women friendly environment and regimens built specifically for female physiology at every life stage.

Consistency & Professionalism: Memorable class execution, certified coaching, and reliable team and business standards every single day.

Growth: Empowering members and upskilling talent to constantly challenge their limits and take life a step further.



Stephanie Kapfunde
Founder: Wakazi Fitness Studio

About Founder

Steph Kapfunde is a serial entrepreneur who founded Wakazi having inspired by her own journey of navigating fitness as a plus size woman. After experiencing the gaps within traditional fitness spaces, she created an inclusive community where women can pursue fitness as a lifestyle. With a background in communications, creative entrepreneurship, and community building, Stephanie combines strategy, lived experience, and purpose to build a solutions that creates lasting impact.

Key Highlights

90+ recurring monthly members, \$70,000+ in revenue to date, a database of 500+ women, 1 branch

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The Problem We Solve

Urban women in Zimbabwe face a critical public health and access challenge. With 97% of gyms reportedly being male-dominated and intimidating spaces, many fail to account for female physiology and the needs of women. This creates barriers for conservative, religious, and self-conscious women, particularly as Zimbabwe faces a growing urban non-communicable disease crisis.

Solution

We offer fitness for women within safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces while fostering communal wellness activities designed for their unique physiological needs, whilst providing flexible scheduling that integrates into their daily lives, making fitness an attainable lifestyle.



Key Offering

Tiered Subscription that offers access to a variety of Group Fitness Classes 2-3 times a day, Monday to Friday.

The Value We Create

40% of our 100+ active members use our regimens to manage non-communicable diseases. Economically, our community model drove a 150% monthly revenue trajectory, closing September 2025 at \$40,000. Institutionally, we have signed formal partnerships with First Mutual Health and Generation Health.

Our Unique Edge

A solid Founder Market Fit. As a plus size owner, I live our clients' journeys ensuring that our business merges female physiological programming with a community fabric that cannot be replicated.



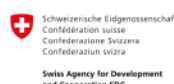
The Future We Envision

To be synonymous with women's fitness across Zimbabwe. We'll complement our group classes by including workout equipment, then launch the Wakazi Academy to train female coaches, and deploy mobile setups to high density areas to combat NCDs for CSR. We'll scale via regional and continental franchises.

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Startup name : Bakhar
Pillar: Creative Industries

Vision : To be recognised as one of Africa's leading luxury fashion and lifestyle brands in the next 10 years

Mission: At Bakhar we highlight heritage and culture, telling African stories through textiles and art, giving a modern perspective to a somewhat forgotten stories.

Values:

Integrity: We ensure our work remains authentic and conduct our business honestly and transparently with our clients.

Quality: We use durable, high quality materials and maintain rigorous standards throughout our production process.

Excellence: We pursue exceptional craftsmanship, attention to detail and a refined finish across every garment we create.

About Founder



Yolanda Ngwenya

Founder: Bakhar

Award nominated and youngest board member of the Fashion Council of Zimbabwe. Trained under Joyce Chimanye, mentored by Omoyemi Akerele (Founder, Lagos Fashion Week) and Jana Heinemann (Impari Moda, Berlin), AWEF alumni and Resident Artist (National Gallery in Bulawayo). Showcased in Durban, Washington DC, Santa Fe and New York. Work featured in GQ and Glamour SA.

Involved in programs with the British Council, UNESCO, and coordinated Matobo Goes Fashion project with the German Embassy

Key Highlights

Published and featured in distinguished media platforms, featured on GQ Magazine, Glamour Magazine SA, Independent News SA, ZBC, The Chronicle and Newsday.



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The Problem We Solve

There is a large disconnect and identity gap for modern clients who feel forced to choose between traditional heritage and a Eurocentric style in fashion.

Solution

Bakhar solves the problem of cultural invisibility in modern luxury by combining cultural research, sustainable materials and modern design to translate African Heritage in a globally relatable way, while maintaining a proud African identity.



Key Offering

Bespoke tailored coats and trousers built with precision fit. Haute Couture gowns with intricate detailing like beading and embroidery, avant garde art installations created from recycled and unconventional materials. Consulting services fashion projects, runway show planning and directing

The Value We Create

Each Bakhar piece is rooted in cultural research. Custom in house prints like the "Sibahle" Ndebele print and Matobo prints (created in collaboration with Matobo women hut painters) carry stories of identity and heritage.

Our Unique Edge

Bakhar uses high quality cottons, wools and upcycled materials. Techniques include hand painting, natural dyeing, weaving and use of fabric offcuts to maintain a zero waste production cycle.



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Startup name : Ceca Couture
Pillar: Creative Industries

Vision: To build a globally recognized African luxury fashion house that celebrates Zimbabwean heritage, creates jobs for women, and exports refined African craftsmanship to the world

Mission: CECA Couture creates made to measure luxury garments and limited retail collections rooted in Zimbabwean heritage, while empowering women through ethical production, skills development, and sustainable livelihoods.

Values: Heritage · Excellence · Craftsmanship · Empowerment · Innovation · Sustainability · Integrity · Inclusivity



Sibonginkosi Makaya
Founder: Ceca Couture

About Founder

Sibonginkosi Makaya is the Founder and Creative Director of CECA Couture. A second generation maker inspired by her mother, a seamstress, she combines inherited craftsmanship with years of corporate management experience. An award winning designer, she has been recognised by Edgars, the British Council Creative DNA Programme, UNDP, and COMESA. Her vision is to build a globally competitive African luxury brand that creates opportunities for women.

Key Highlights

Generated \$30,000–\$40,000 in annual revenue without external funding while training 20 women and securing recognition from Edgars, the British Council, UNDP, and COMESA.

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The Problem We Solve

Women seeking refined African luxury often settle for mass produced clothing that lacks cultural identity, proper fit, and personalization. Limited options exist between retail and bespoke, while many skilled women lack sustainable income opportunities.

Solution

CECA Couture offers refined made to measure fashion and limited retail collections inspired by Zimbabwean heritage. Clients can personalize purchased pieces, while our women led production model creates sustainable economic opportunities.



Key Offering

Luxury made to measure womenswear, couture collections, occasion wear, and refined ready to wear inspired by Zimbabwean heritage.

The Value We Create

We create premium African luxury rooted in Zimbabwean heritage while delivering personalised fit, preserving craftsmanship, and generating sustainable livelihoods for women through skills development and ethical production.

Our Unique Edge

We blend Zimbabwean heritage with made to measure luxury and limited retail pieces that can be personalized, while empowering women through ethical, skilled production.



The Future We Envision

We envision a globally recognized African luxury brand that exports Zimbabwean craftsmanship, preserves cultural heritage, and creates sustainable livelihoods for women through ethical production and skills development. I'm



Startup name : Hekhani Seeds
Pillar:Sustainability

Vision: : To boost agricultural productivity and profitability for smallholder farmers

Mission: : Improve crop productivity and profitability for smallholder farmers through seed innovation for traditional grains, quality control and inclusive value chains.

Values: Integrity · Teamwork · Quality · Responsibility



Catherine Ziyomo

Founder: Hekhani Seeds

About Founder

Dr Cathrine Ziyomo is a dedicated and strategic Director with more than 10 years of experience in implementing high quality and successful agricultural research studies focusing on advanced biotechnology solutions for crop improvement and promoting climate smart agriculture in food systems.

She has been involved in the development and application of high end genomic resources for enhancing the productivity and performance of food crops under drought conditions.

Key Highlights

Produced 600 tons of seed in total for 2024 , with USD574, 000 revenue

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The Problem We Solve

Access to good quality seeds that match the growing conditions for farmers is the cornerstone of any successful agricultural system. Most of these farmers are in dry areas where they rely on rainfed systems and face frequent and persistent droughts

Solution

Through our integrated seed multiplication and contract grower scheme, we increase access to certified seed for traditional grains bred for drought tolerance, helping reduce smallholder farmers' vulnerability to climate change.



Key Offering

Improved crop varieties for traditional grains (sorghum, millets and cowpeas) , legumes (sugarbeans, soyabeans, Michigan beans and groundnuts) , and sunflower seeds

The Value We Create

An integrated approach to seed production through our contract grower scheme that links smallholder farmers to agroprocessors and markets

Our Unique Edge

Provision of climate smart seeds, Creating economic opportunities for smallholder farmers , focusing on neglected crops



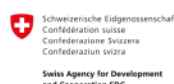
The Future We Envision

A diversified food system that offers climate resilience, better nutrition and food security through our traditional seeds that preserve our heritage

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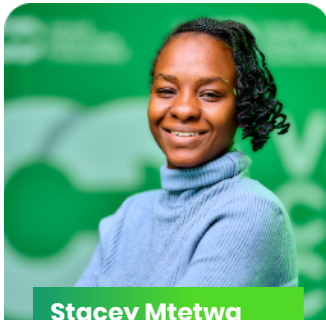


Startup name : SilverPure Waste Management
Pillar:Sustainability

Vision: : A future of cleaner communities with zero organic waste.

Mission: :Creating wealth through innovative waste solutions.

Values: :Integrity · Resilience · Sustainability · Wellbeing



Stacey Mtetwa

Founder: SilverPure Waste Management

About Founder

Stacey V Mtetwa is a Chemist and a Holder of BSc Honors Degree in Chemical Technology. She is currently pursuing her master in chemistry focusing on environmental science and climate resilience. She is also a Research Chemist at Midlands State University Research and Innovation Hub.

Key Highlights

ZITF 2025 pitch competition winner , CEO Africa Roundtable presented, Falling Walls Lab presented, the MVP is moving on to makert validation and scaling up

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The Problem We Solve

Organic waste mismanagement that contributes to pollution, environmental degradation and lost economic value.

Solution

Our solution transforms organic waste management by eliminating foul odours and speeding up waste drying, creating a cleaner, more convenient and sustainable waste disposal experience.



Key Offering

An innovative odour neutralising spray that accelerates the drying of organic waste, making waste management cleaner, more hygienic, user friendly and environmentally sustainable

The Value We Create

Transforming organic waste into value while reducing pollution, lowering methane emissions, strengthening climate resilience and creating cleaner, healthier communities.

Our Unique Edge

A first to market solution that treats organic waste at source, transforming waste into value while reducing odours, pollution and methane emissions. Unlike traditional collect and dump systems, our scalable model creates environmental and economic impact from day one.



The Future We Envision

A world of clean air, cleaner communities, and smart, user-friendly waste management, where organic waste is no longer a problem but a valuable resource for a sustainable future.



Startup name : Makania Konaka
Pillar:Sustainability

Vision: To be Africa's leading integrated poultry and mushroom agribusiness, delivering sustainable nutrition and innovation.

Mission: To produce premium broiler chickens, mushrooms and value added foods through sustainable circular farming practices that promote quality, nutrition and environmental stewardship.

Values: Circular and Sustainable Farming, Innovation, Quality, Standards and Food Safety, Community Empowerment and Knowledge Sharing"



Michelle Mtetwa

About Founder

Michelle D. Mtetwa founded the enterprise as a backyard venture, balancing business with being a single mom of 3 girls. She holds a Master's in Food Science and Biological Engineering (2021), where she studied the nutritional benefits of mushrooms. She also holds certificates in Mushroom Value Addition (Kenya, 2024) and Advanced Button Mushroom Farming (Netherlands, 2025)

Key Highlights

High Margin Value Addition and Market Validation for the prototype mushroom cookies. They have proved to be on high demand and the training masterclasses validate the strong local market pull

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The Problem We Solve

Makania Konaka addresses the lack of consistent, affordable, local protein and food safety concerns from hormone use in meat. Around Mutare, it minimises environmental broiler waste, remedies the import dependency of mushrooms, and offers healthy snacks to consumers

Solution

Makania Konaka offers affordable, hormone free chicken and a consistent supply of fresh local mushrooms. We turn poultry waste into substrate, provide healthy snacks like mushroom cookies, and empower the Mutare community through agricultural training



Key Offering

Makania Konaka integrates broiler chicken farming with mushroom cultivation. We offer premium, hormone-free live/dressed chickens, fresh mushrooms, and value-added goods like soup powder and cookies. We also provide hands-on training services in mushroom and sausage production.

The Value We Create

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Our Unique Edge

A near zero waste, circular agricultural model run by a food scientist. We combine poultry and mushroom farming, capturing high margins via innovative value addition and certified training.



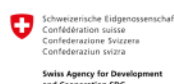
The Future We Envision

To become a regional leader in circular, climate smart agriculture across Southern Africa. We envision a fully integrated, zero waste food system that empowers smallholders through scalable agribusiness training and pioneers nutritious, innovative mushroom based food value addition

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Startup name : NanoPath
Pillar:Emerging Industries

Vision: : To become a leading African agri biotechnology company creating science based solutions that improve agriculture, support farmers, create jobs and expand beyond Zimbabwe.

Mission: :To develop affordable, science based agri biotechnology solutions that solve practical agricultural challenges, reduce losses, improve productivity, protect farmer income, create youth employment and strengthen sustainable food systems in Zimbabwe and beyond.

Values:

Scientific Integrity: We develop solutions grounded in scientific evidence, responsible research and transparent validation.

Innovation for Impact: We create practical biotechnology solutions that solve real agricultural and community challenges.

Sustainability: We promote environmentally responsible solutions that reduce waste and strengthen resilient food systems.

Farmer Success:We design products that protect farmer income, improve productivity and strengthen agricultural value chains.

Collaboration:We foster innovation through teamwork, strategic partnerships, mentorship and shared expertise.

Excellence and Leadership:We represent ambitious young scientists committed to building credible, professional and scalable African innovations.

Entrepreneurial Growth:We aim to build sustainable businesses that create jobs, expand markets and contribute to economic development.



Mark Rukanda

Founder: Nanopath

About Founder

Mark N. Rukanda is an emerging biotechnology entrepreneur passionate about transforming African agriculture through science based solutions. With training in Applied Biotechnology and hands on product validation experience, he leads FreshGuard's development and commercialisation, positioning NanoPath to reduce food losses, protect farmer income and build youth led innovation capacity.

The Problem We Solve

Farmers, vendors and fresh produce handlers lose income because horticultural produce spoils quickly after harvest due to limited preservation options, weak cold chain access, transport delays and short selling windows. NanoPath develops practical agri biotech solutions to reduce these losses

Solution

NanoPath develops science based agri biotechnology solutions, starting with FreshGuard, a proprietary postharvest preservation product designed to keep horticultural produce marketable for longer, reduce spoilage, protect farmer income and strengthen fresh produce value chains.

Key Offering

NanoPath has secured ZADT seed funding, qualified for the Top 18 at the ZITF Innovators Forum, been selected among the VCC6 Top 14, and was shortlisted for the Agri Forge Innovation Challenge 2026, demonstrating strong

The Value We Create

NanoPath helps farmers, vendors and fresh produce handlers reduce spoilage, retain produce quality, protect income and extend selling windows. Through FreshGuard, we create value by reducing waste, improving marketability, supporting food security and building youth led agri biotech enterprise

Our Unique Edge

NanoPath blends biotech expertise, local agricultural insight and hands on validation to build affordable, science based solutions designed for African fresh produce markets

Key Highlights

NanoPath has gained strong early recognition for FreshGuard, securing ZADT seed funding, placing among the Top 18 at the ZITF Innovators Forum, reaching the Top 20 in the Value Creation Challenge, and being shortlisted for the 2026 Agri Forge Innovation Challenge.

The Future We Envision

NanoPath envisions becoming a leading African agri biotechnology company developing practical, science based solutions that reduce agricultural losses, improve productivity, create jobs, support farmers and expand from Zimbabwe into regional and international markets.

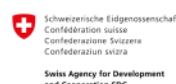
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Startup name : Grumium Engineering
Pillar:Innovative Tech

Vision: To become Africa's leading provider of smart grid and agritech solutions, delivering reliable energy and sustainable farming to every community.

Mission: To empower smallholder farmers with affordable, data driven agritech solutions that increase agricultural productivity, build climate resilience, and improve food security across Zimbabwe and beyond.

Values: Innovation, Integrity, Community Empowerment, Sustainability, and Inclusion.



Tafadzwa Wachenuka
Founder: Grumium Engineering

About Founder

Tafadzwa Wachenuka is the Founder and CEO of Grumium Engineering. He is an electronics engineer with an Earthshot Prize nomination. He is a YALI Top 100 Innovator, UNESCO Summit delegate, and Mercedes Benz Fellow. He has trained 15 youth technicians and represented Zimbabwe at UNESCO in Paris. Leticia Kativhu is Co Founder and Project Coordinator, holding a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture and an MBA.

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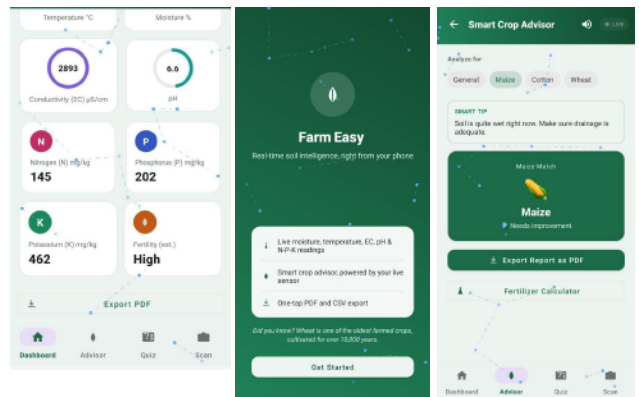
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The Problem We Solve

Smallholder farmers in Zimbabwe lack access to affordable soil data, early pest warnings, and precision irrigation guidance. They rely on guesswork, leading to wasted water, lost harvests, and reduced incomes.

Solution

We provide an affordable smart farming system with soil sensors, AI pest detection, and precision irrigation. Farmers receive real time data and recommendations via SMS, saving up to 30% water and reducing crop loss by 40%.



Key Offering

AI powered smart farming system combining soil sensors, AI pest detection, and precision irrigation. Farmers receive real time data and SMS advisories to increase yields, save water, and reduce crop losses.

The Value We Create

We help smallholder farmers increase yields, save water, and reduce crop losses through affordable AI powered sensors and precision irrigation, improving food security and incomes.

Our Unique Edge

Affordable AI powered smart farming with 5x cheaper hardware, AI pest detection, and SMS advisory for farmers without smartphones.

Key Highlights

Serving 700+ farmers on a waiting list, with three active pilot communities, 15 youth technicians trained, US\$10,000+ in revenue and an Earthshot Prize nomination.

The Future We Envision

A future where every smallholder farmer in Africa has access to affordable AI powered farming tools, reducing hunger, increasing incomes, and building climate resilient communities.



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