

GESN: Organisation Profile for Operation Young Vote (OYV)

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Organisations Background	<p>Operation Young Vote (OYV) was established in 1999 as a voter registration campaign project by young people to target their peers across Zambia.</p> <p>The goal was to increase youth participation in governance and democratic processes, as they were underrepresented despite being the majority. OYV aimed to create a critical mass of young people across the country, organized at national, sub-national, and community levels.</p> <p>The organization designed program delivery systems to respond to the needs of young people in different communities and provinces. OYV was formally registered in 2000 and has since created a network of chapters in all provinces and most districts. These chapters are democratically formed structures that have been enhanced over the years, leading up to various elections. Since its inception, OYV has recruited over 96,700 members from local communities, institutions, and churches.</p> <p>The organization takes pride in its success in mobilizing and enhancing young people's participation in elections, from 2001 to 2021. OYV's mission is to ensure that young people contribute meaningfully to Zambia's development, with a focus on political and democratic governance, economic governance, corporate governance, socio-economic development, and resilience to shocks.</p>	
Mission	<p>In order to transform this vision into reality OYV has set out on a mission to establish itself into “A Young people focused NGO, working in partnership with Young People across the country and sectors (urban and rural, with disabilities and without, female and male, in-school and out of school affiliated politically and not, employed and not employed including all other young people) in order to ignite and enhance their involvement in life endeavours and improve their livelihood (through engagement in wealth creation as a means to fight poverty) and ensure their participation in decision-making at all levels; through advocacy and lobbying, leadership development and capacity building, research and policy analysis, mobilization and information dissemination.”</p>	
Vision	<p>Operation Young Vote’s envisioned end is “ A generation of empowered, motivated and patriotic young people fully participating in governance and the electoral, leadership and decision making with passion and love for green environment in a just, equal and poverty and HIV/AIDS free society”.</p>	
Aims/Goals	<p>"Empowering Zambia's citizens, especially the youth and children, to fully participate in the country's decision-making processes and development, while advocating for their rights and well-being, to drive positive change and inclusive governance."</p>	
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To urge, encourage and assist young people and children acquire Nation Registration Cards (NRC); 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To urge young people to register to vote and cast their vote; 3. To lobby political leaders and institutions of governance to address the inequality of opportunities, discrimination and vulnerability faced by young people; 4. To ignite and enhance the participation of Young People and Children in political, socio-economic, ecologic and all other matters that affect their livelihood; 5. To broaden and enhance the participation of young people in decision making positions; 6. To advocate and lobby for the creation of conditions conducive (policy and legal including practicalities) for the upholding of fundamental human rights and democracy and good governance; and 7. To engage in governance of critical cross cutting and immerging issues (i.e. Information Communication Technology – ICT, Environment/Climate Change, HIV and AIDS and Covid 19).
Scope of work and target	<p>Overall, the OYV aims to create a supportive environment for young people to participate in Zambia's development, address the challenges they face, and promote their rights and well-being while its programmes and activities benefits the entire spectrum and categories of citizens.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Civic engagement and voter participation; 2. Advocacy and lobbying for policy change; 3. Leadership development and capacity building; 4. Human rights and democracy promotion; and 5. Socio-economic and ecological issues affecting young people <p>The OYV's scope encompasses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Target audience: Young people and children in Zambia; 2. Geographic scope: National, with potential for local and international partnerships; 3. Programmatic scope: Voter registration, advocacy, leadership development, research, and community engagement; and 4. Policy scope: National and local policies affecting young people, including human rights, democracy, and governance.
Geographic Coverage	Countrywide
Team members	Annual General Meeting (AGM); Governing Board; OYV Trustees; Advisory Board; Secretariat; Specialized Committees; OYV Community Groups (Chapter) Ms. Catherine Malisawa
Key Activities	<p>Main Areas of Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections and Electoral Process; • Constitutionalism and Constitution Building; • Democratic and Political and economic governance; • Leadership development; • Poverty reduction programmes; • Human Rights; • Information communication technology; • Civic and Voter Education; • Youth Participating and Conflict Management and Resolution; • Environment and Climate Change;

- Capacity Development and Cooperative Formation around CDF;
- Advocacy, Policy Analysis and Mentorship.

ACTIVITIES

- Elections and Electoral Process Monitoring;
- Voter registration drives and NRC acquisition assistance;
- Voter education and mobilization campaigns;
- Lobbying and advocacy efforts;
- Capacity building and training programs;
- Mentorship and leadership development programs;
- Policy analysis and advocacy;
- Research and awareness-raising campaigns;
- Collaboration and partnerships;
- Community outreach and engagement activities; and
- Monitoring and evaluation

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