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Rhoda Bianca Mkumbwa

Secretary General of the African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFishNet) Malawi Chapter and a member of Chibvala Cooperative

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Rhoda Bianca Mkumbwa is the Secretary General of the African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFishNet) Malawi Chapter. She holds MA in Women, Leadership and Governance in Africa from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. She is a gender researcher and analyst with vast experience in project management. She is a leader and a feminist with a strong passion in advancing economic rights of women and girls. She is a fish trader with passion of becoming a fish farmer, producing tilapia and cat fish. Rhoda started the Chibvala Cooperative started in 2015 and it has 106 members, 80 males and 26 females. With the help from world fish they started constructing fish ponds. They have been able to harvest fish from the ponds process and sell them through groups/clubs. The main off takers are supermarkets within the Lilongwe city. She is currently out of the Chibvala Cooperative and working on registering another new cooperative that she formed with another group of women in the Capital City of Lilongwe. Rhoda is an agripreneur, and also grows cereals and legumes, including yellow and white maize, groundnuts, beans, soya. She also has an afforestation venture which she started three years ago, mainly growing pine trees.

“The program has allowed me to connect with an extensive network of agripreneurs and professionals. This high-level connection will continue to pay off through sharing experiences and business opportunities. The courses provided a vibrant learning experience that has given me a roadmap and tools to channel my ambitions and grow my business. Overall, the courses were very interesting and valuable.”

~ Rhoda Mkumbwa ~

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