



**MENTEE**

**Thokozani Chimasula**

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Thokozani founded and leads Tac-Maz Sustainable Ventures, a biodiversity enterprise that addresses food insecurity and lack of nutritious food in the face of climate change. With over a decade of experience in the development sector, she witnessed the dire effects of annual food insecurity and malnutrition on Malawian communities, particularly among women and children. Tac-Maz Sustainable Ventures aims to promote sustainable living and excellent health by offering communities a range of high-quality, affordable, and nutritious products. The enterprise empowers women farmers by involving them in the production and supply systems, providing them with training in sustainable agriculture, and granting them access to profitable markets. Tac-Maz adopts sustainable agricultural methods to grow horticultural products and raise different livestock breeds that are adaptable to the changing environment and produce more within a given timeframe. Currently, the enterprise is expanding into the processing of low-cost products with high value under the brand name of Maziko Sustainable Foods.

*"I am privileged to have been paired to a wonderful, amazing woman as my mentor. Ms. Edith is a trailblazer in the poultry production industry in Ghana. The woman is inspirational. As busy as she gets, whenever I need some guidance, she shows up to help me even with the tiny things. I remember how I used to experience high mortality in my chick brooder rooms. She showed up and she taught me the basics of how I can control this and the tactics she shared with me worked wonders. We are experiencing low mortality rates now. When I look at her, I see the world's next big thing in poultry production, but she assures me that she started so small and that she is growing with time. She assures me that challenges are bound to happen, but I must keep going and learn from her as she has been in a similar situation. I am glad I was paired with the best mentor. And am glad I have been given this opportunity to learn through the accelerator program."*

*~ Thokozani Amanda Chimasula ~*



**MENTOR**

**Edith Wheatland**

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