

ZAFEMU Quarterly And Operations Report

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1. Executive Summary

The period from January to March 2026 reflects a phase of steady institutional growth, increased national visibility, and strengthened coordination within the Zambia Federation of Muslim Organisations (ZAFEMU).

During this quarter, the Federation expanded engagement with government institutions, strengthened diplomatic relations, and enhanced coordination with affiliate organisations in the implementation of national and community-based initiatives. Parallel to this, internal processes continued toward the development of a long-term strategic framework aimed at ensuring sustainability and structured growth.

2. Institutional Engagements

2.1 Ministry of Home Affairs

In early February 2026, ZAFEMU held a courtesy meeting with the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs, during which the Federation was formally introduced. The engagement provided an opportunity to present ZAFEMU's mandate, operational structure, and its coordinating role among Muslim organisations in Zambia.

2.2 National Recognition – Office of the President

On 6th February 2026, ZAFEMU participated in a National Women's Day engagement meeting held under the Office of the President. The Federation's participation reflected its growing involvement in national platforms and commitment to inclusive civic engagement.

3. Diplomatic Engagements

3.1 Turkish Embassy

On 3rd February 2026, an official visit was conducted to the Turkish Embassy where ZAFEMU was formally acknowledged and recognised. The engagement strengthened bilateral relations and opened avenues for future cooperation.

3.2 Saudi Embassy

ZAFEMU's engagement with the Saudi Embassy included the invitation of the ZAFEMU Board to an official Iftaar programme on the 23rd of February 2026. Additionally, the federation was entrusted with the coordination of the nationwide distribution of 210 boxes of dates through its affiliate network. This reflected confidence in ZAFEMU's coordination capacity and its structured national network.

4. National Initiatives & Coordination Role

4.1 Distribution of Islamic Calendars

Between December 2025 and January 2026, ZAFEMU coordinated the distribution of 600 Islamic calendars through its affiliate network. The distribution reached government offices, public institutions, and affiliated organisations, strengthening institutional visibility and engagement across both state and community structures.

4.2 Coordination of Nationwide Dates Distribution

During the month of Ramadhan in March 2026, ZAFEMU facilitated the nationwide distribution of 210 boxes of dates over a period of 4–5 days. The programme was implemented through approximately 10 affiliates covering 72 Masajid, demonstrating effective national coordination and logistical mobilisation.

5. Affiliate Collaboration & Community Development

5.1 Masjid Development Projects

Two Masjid development initiatives were completed during the quarter:

- **Masjid Saad Ibn Waqqas (Bauleni)** was officially completed and opened on 2nd February 2026 through Datepalm Foundation in conjunction with MUSOWE
- **Masjid Bilal (6 Miles, Kabangwe)** was completed and opened on 15th March 2026 through Ibrahim Welfare Trust in conjunction with MUSOWE

These projects reflect growing unity and coordinated development among affiliate organisations.

5.2 Affiliate Expansion and Support

ZAFEMU continues to support organisational development and affiliation processes across the country.

Key developments include:

- Mumbwa Muslim Society affiliation request under review
- Kapiri Muslim Trust registration process initiated following institutional guidance
- Kafue Sunni Muslim Trust supported in compliance and documentation amendments

Additionally, multiple organisations requested formal recommendation letters, reflecting increasing institutional trust in ZAFEMU.

5.3 Affiliate-Led Prison Outreach Initiative – Kabwe Correctional Facility

On 17th February 2026, a structured outreach programme was conducted at Kabwe Correctional Facility.

The initiative focused on improving the spiritual environment within the facility through the provision of prayer mats, lighting support, clothing items, slippers, Islamic literature, and other essential materials for worship spaces.

The program aimed at supporting spiritual well-being and creating a conducive environment for religious observance and reflection among inmates.

5.4 Affiliate Engagement Visit – IK Charitable Trust

On 29th January 2026, ZAFEMU conducted an official engagement visit to IK Charitable Trust.

The visit included a presentation of ongoing programmes and provided an opportunity to strengthen coordination between the Federation and the affiliate. ZAFEMU commended the organisation's active role in community development and service delivery.

6. Hajj and Umrah Coordination

ZAFEMU supported the establishment of the Hajj and Umrah Council through a formal recommendation to HUCZA. The Council is now operational, marking progress toward structured coordination of pilgrimage affairs in Zambia.

7. Strategic Planning & Organisational Development

ZAFEMU initiated the development of a Future Strategic Plan aimed at:

- Strengthening institutional capacity
- Enhancing coordination among affiliates
- Defining long-term priorities
- Ensuring sustainable organisational growth

7.1 Website & Data Collection Progress

A national data collection initiative targeting Masajid and affiliated organisations was launched during the quarter.

Progress to date includes:

- Approximately 80 Masajid submitting their data
- 19 organisations submitting full profiles for the website and magazine

The Secretariat continues processing submissions while following up with remaining organisations to ensure complete national coverage.

8. Conclusion

The first quarter of 2026 demonstrates consistent progress in strengthening ZAFEMU's institutional presence, national engagement, and affiliate coordination network.

Through sustained engagement with government institutions, diplomatic missions, and community organisations, ZAFEMU continues to position itself as a credible and unifying national coordinating body for Muslim organisations in Zambia.

The Federation remains committed to unity, structured development, and long-term institutional sustainability.



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