

ZAFEMU Quarterly Report

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Introduction

Alhamdulillah, all praise is due to Allah Ta'ala for granting the Zambia Federation of Muslim Organisations (ZAFEMU) another productive quarter in serving the Muslim community of Zambia. During the period under review, the Federation continued to strengthen unity among affiliate organisations, enhance engagement with government institutions, diplomatic missions and stakeholders, while promoting cooperation for the betterment of the Ummah.

The following is a summary of the major activities undertaken during the period of April to June 2026.

Addendum to the Previous Quarterly Report (January – March 2026)

One important activity was inadvertently omitted from the previous quarterly report and is hereby officially recorded.

3rd March 2026 – Borehole Commissioning at Mwembeshi Correctional Facility

On 3rd March 2026, Al Ihsaan Trust, in collaboration with its Youth Volunteers, completed the drilling and commissioning of a borehole at the Mwembeshi Correctional Facility.

During the programme, the Zambia Federation of Muslim Organisations (ZAFEMU) was formally recognised as the umbrella body representing Muslim organisations in Zambia, reaffirming the Federation's growing role in coordinating and representing the interests of the Muslim community nationwide.

1. Courtesy Visit by H.E. Duncan Mulema

On 20th April 2026, the ZAFEMU Secretariat was honoured to receive His Excellency Duncan Mulema, Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the Federation offices.

The visit provided an opportunity for discussions on matters affecting the Muslim community, the objectives and activities of ZAFEMU, and possible areas of cooperation. The meeting further strengthened relations between the Federation and national stakeholders and reaffirmed the importance of dialogue and collaboration in serving the nation.

2. Courtesy Visit to the Somali Community

On 27th April 2026, a delegation from ZAFEMU paid a courtesy visit to the Somali Community at the Al Ummah Centre in Lusaka.

The delegation was received by representatives from:

- Al Ummah Muslim Society
- Al Ummah Basic School
- Rowdah Charity Trust

The visit commenced with a guided tour of the facilities available at the Al Ummah Centre before proceeding to a meeting held in the boardroom.

During the meeting, an update on the institution's activities was presented. Among the highlights were:

- Al Ummah School currently provides education up to Grade 12.
- The institution successfully held its 11th Graduation Ceremony during the previous academic year.
- Approximately 30–35 students graduate annually.
- The school currently has approximately 560 learners.
- The Madrasah currently has approximately 208 students.
- The institution operates seven outstations through which approximately 750 students benefit from Islamic education.
- The institution enjoys cordial relations with other Madaris across Zambia.
- A significant number of graduates proceed to further their Islamic studies at Jamiah Islamiyyah.
- During the month of Ramadan, 42 students led Taraweeh prayers in different Masaajid throughout the country.

The meeting also focused on strengthening unity among Muslim organisations and exploring opportunities for future collaboration.

3. Hajj 1447H / 2026

During this quarter, Allah Ta'ala blessed the Chairman of ZAFEMU, Moulana Afzal Ahmed Itowala, together with the Secretary General, Mufti Ikram Sanaullah, with the opportunity to perform the sacred pilgrimage of Hajj.

The Federation expresses gratitude to Allah Ta'ala for granting them this noble opportunity and makes du'a that He accepts their Hajj and enables them to continue serving the Ummah with sincerity and dedication.

4. Visit to Jamiatut Dawah wal Irshad – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

While in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Hajj, on 1st June 2026, the Federation's delegation, together with Ulama, was invited by Jamiatut Dawah wal Irshad to visit its offices.

The delegation was given an overview of the organisation's activities and programmes. A productive meeting followed during which areas of mutual interest were discussed, particularly opportunities for collaboration in Da'wah, Islamic education and future joint initiatives.

The organisation also graciously hosted the visiting scholars for a meal, further strengthening the relationship between the two institutions.

5. Courtesy Visit to the Director General of Immigration

On 10th June 2026, a delegation from ZAFEMU paid a courtesy visit to the Director General of Immigration.

The Federation formally introduced ZAFEMU, presented its objectives, current activities and future vision, and explored possible areas of cooperation with the Department of Immigration on matters affecting the Muslim community.

The discussions were cordial and laid a positive foundation for future collaboration between the two institutions.

6. Condolence Visit Following the Passing of Chief Mpezeni IV

On 10th June 2026, the Zambia Federation of Muslim Organisations (ZAFEMU), on behalf of the Muslim community in Zambia, conveyed its heartfelt condolences following the passing of Chief Mpezeni IV.

A delegation from the Federation visited the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, where the official Book of Condolence had been opened, to express sympathy and solidarity with the bereaved family, the people of Chief Mpezeni's Chieftdom, and the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

The Federation reaffirmed its commitment to standing with the nation during times of grief and prayed that the Almighty grants comfort and strength to the bereaved family and all those affected by this loss.

7. Courtesy Visit to the High Commission of India

On 18th June 2026, representatives of ZAFEMU paid a courtesy visit to the High Commissioner of India in Zambia, His Excellency Alok Ranjan Jha.

The delegation introduced the Federation, outlined its objectives and activities, and discussed possible areas of cooperation.

His Excellency the High Commissioner expressed his appreciation for the establishment of a unified representative body for the Muslim community in Zambia and welcomed future engagement with the Federation.

During the discussions, issues relating to citizenship documentation for children were also raised, and guidance was sought regarding the applicable procedures.

8. Meeting with FENZA Centre

During the reporting period, the ZAFEMU Secretariat welcomed Mr. Rodrigue Kasereka, Coordinator for Inter-Religious Dialogue and Ecumenism at the FENZA Centre.

The meeting focused on strengthening coordination between the two institutions, promoting peaceful coexistence, encouraging constructive interfaith dialogue and exploring opportunities for future collaboration on programmes of mutual interest.

9. New Affiliate Organisations

Alhamdulillah, the Federation continued to grow during the reporting period.

The Executive Committee approved the affiliation applications of the following organisations:

- Mumbwa Muslim Society
- Zambian Muslim Youth Foundation
- Hajj and Umrah Council of Zambia

These organisations will officially appear in the next edition of the ZAFEMU brochure and membership directory.

Conclusion

Alhamdulillah, the second quarter of 2026 witnessed continued progress in strengthening relationships with affiliate organisations, government institutions, diplomatic missions and development partners.

The Federation also continued to expand its membership while promoting unity, cooperation and service to the Muslim community across Zambia.

ZAFEMU expresses its sincere appreciation to all affiliate organisations, scholars, community leaders, volunteers and partners for their continued support and cooperation. The Federation remains committed to working collectively for the advancement of the Muslim community and the nation at large.

May Allah Ta'ala continue to unite our hearts, bless our efforts, accept our services and grant the Federation continued success in fulfilling its objectives. Ameen.



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