

Event: TV Interview with ZANIS on Urban Food Systems and Nutrition Security

Venue: ZANIS Studios, Lusaka

Date: 10th September 2025

Time: 09:00 – 11:00 Hours

Organized by: Zambia News and Information Services (ZANIS)

On 10 September 2025, CUTS participated in a televised interview hosted by Zambia News and Information Services (ZANIS), focusing on food and nutrition security, urban agriculture, and inclusive governance under the AfriFOODlinks Project. The interview was conducted by Mr. Mweemba, a journalist from ZANIS, and will be aired on Saturday 16 September 2025, on ZANIS TV.

The segment provided an opportunity to highlight the importance of food and nutrition security in Zambia, particularly in urban settings where access to diverse and nutritious food remains a challenge. Emphasis was placed on the role of community-driven solutions such as kitchen gardens, post-harvest innovations, and youth-led food preservation initiatives.



Discussions also covered ongoing efforts by CUTS International Lusaka and AfriFOODlinks to strengthen food governance through the Lusaka Food Policy Council, pilot interventions in informal markets, and strategic collaborations with government bodies and academic institutions. The interview displayed how inclusive planning and climate-resilient practices can empower families, vendors, and policymakers to build healthier, more sustainable urban food systems.

The interview further underscored the need for policy reform in areas such as urban agriculture, nutrition-sensitive farming, and youth inclusion. Viewers were encouraged to take practical steps at household and community levels to improve food access and resilience.

Following the ZANIS TV interview, the team expressed interest in collaborating with CUTS for ongoing media coverage of the AfriFOODlinks Project. A follow-up meeting with ZANIS' marketing department is being considered to explore formal collaboration either through a strategic partnership or by engaging ZANIS as a media support provider throughout the project. This proposed approach is under internal review and will be shared with donors and implementing collaborates to align media involvement with stakeholder engagements and upcoming pilot activities in Chilenje Market.

In conclusion, the interview served as a powerful platform to amplify CUTS' advocacy work through the Afrifoodlink Project and inspire public engagement around food systems transformation. The upcoming broadcast scheduled to air this Saturday 16 September 2025 is expected to reach a wide audience and reinforce the message that food and nutrition security begins at home but thrives through collective action.

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