

**No. 23 of 1975 National Food and
Nutrition Commission (Amendment)**

Government of Zambia

ACT

No. 23 of 1975

Date of Assent: 23rd December 1975

An Act to amend the National Food and Nutrition Commission Act,
1975 23rd December,

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

1. The Act of parliament may be cited as the National Food and Nutrition Commission (Amendment) Act, 1975, and shall be read as one with the National Food and Nutrition Commission Act hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

short title

2. Section two of the principal Act is amended

Amendment
of section 2

- by the deletion of the full stop and the substitution thereof of a semicolon; and
- by the insertion after the definition of "members" of the following definition:

"Nutrition Group" means a voluntary, non-profit making organization concerned with combating malnutrition, The constitution whereof has been approved by the Commission.

23. The principal act is amended by the insertion
after section eleven of the following new section:

Insertion of
new section
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12. (1) The Commission shall keep and maintain in such
form as may be prescribed, a register wherein shall be
registered , all Nutrition Groups formed in Zambia.

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- (2) Every Nutrition Group shall operate with directions of the Commission, which shall oversee and guide their activities, and submit report relating thereto the Minister, as and when it thinks it desirable, or it is required by the Minister to do so
- (3) A Nutrition Group shall not receive or request for any contribution, Financial aid or any other assistance from any source within or outside Zambia, except through or with the approval in writing of the Commission
- (4) Any contribution, financial aid or other assistance received By or through the Commission for the purpose of Nutrition Groups shall be acknowledged by the Commission, by the means of an official receipt or acknowledgement in writing.
- (5) The Commission may, at any time, with the approval of the Minister, dissolve any Nutrition Group, without assigning any reason therefore, and when any Nutrition Group is dissolved, its name shall be struck off the register kept and maintained under subsection (1)

For carrying into effect the provisions of this enactment the Minister may, by statutory instrument, make regulations.

STANDARD DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR NUTRITION GROUPS

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the organisation shall be Nutrition group (hereafter referred to as "The Group").

ARTICLE 11 DEFINITION

The group shall be a voluntary, non-profit making organization whose concern is to contribute to the reduction of malnutrition, the constitution whereof has been approved by and which has been registered with the National Food and Nutrition commission (hereafter referred to as "The Commission").

ARTICLE 111 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) To empower the community in solving local nutrition and food security problems through capacity building in problem identification, causes and selection and implementation of nutrition interventions
- b) To contribute to the reduction of mortality due (or indirectly) to malnutrition in children and focus public attention on the nutritional status of vulnerable groups (mothers, infants, pre-school and school going children).
- c) To create community interest in better nutrition, to arouse public awareness of the serious impact of malnutrition and to instill public confidence in the solutions to the problems.
- d) To cooperate with other institutions in facilitating the implementation of programme relating to food and Nutrition.
- e) To reduce the incidence of malnutrition by providing highly nourishing food and by encouraging production and utilisation of locally produced foods.
- f) To promote nutrition education and training in food and nutrition.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership shall be open to any person who is interested in fostering the objectives of the group.
- b) Members will be provided with a membership card and will pay an annual fee of
- c) Membership of the group may be terminated by:-
 - Written resignation by a member.
 - Expulsion by the executive committee if in its opinion continued membership is considered prejudicial to the aims and objectives of the group.
- d) The executive committee shall have the power to invite any member of the public to be a patron.

ARTICLE V OFFICE BEARERS AND ORGANISATION

- a) Executive Committee

The group shall have an Executive Committee composed of the following honorary members:-

- 1. Chairman
- 2. Vice Chairman
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer
- 5. Four other elected members
- 6. Two opted members

- b) The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Committee before the next general meeting. One- half of the Executive Committee members shall form a quorum.
- c) Non-attendance of an Executive Committee member for three consecutive committee meetings without due cause may lead to a member expulsion from the Executive Committee.
- d) The Executive Committee may revoke, alter or make rules and regulations of the group subject to rectification by the general meeting.

- c) Once elected, the Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the group.
- f) The simple majority shall make decisions of the Executive Committee.
- g) The Chairman or any pro- tempera presiding officer shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote.
- h) The Executive Committee may appoint such sub- committees, as it deems necessary for the benefit of the group.
- i) The full time coordinator will be a member of the Committee without voting rights.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

The office bearers and other elected members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

- a) The group shall hold an annual general meeting within three months after the end of each financial year, and such other meetings as the Executive Committee may deem necessary.
- b) At a general Meeting on ^{or} quarter of the membership of the group shall ~~be~~ ^{form} a quorum.
- c) Voting at any general meeting shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is requested by one half of those present and voting.
- d) Voting shall be personally or by proxy provided;
 - 1. The person voting shall be a member of the group for at least 48 hours, before the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting.
 - 2. Any proxy shall have been handed to the Honorary Secretary before the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting.

3. Notice of the Annual general meeting and the agenda items shall be circulated to all members not less than two weeks before the fixed date of the meeting.

4. The Chairman in his absence, the vice-chairman shall preside at a general meeting. In the event that both are unable to attend the Executive Committee shall choose one member amongst themselves to act as ad hoc chairperson.

ARTICLE VI11

FINANCE AND AUDIT

- a) The financial year shall run from January 1st to December 31st
- b) All monies raised by the group, regardless of the source shall be kept in the Bank Account and the treasurer shall issue a receipt thereof.
- c) With the approval of the Commission, the Executive Committee of the group shall be empowered to seek donation and other fund raising activities for the purpose of achieving the aims and objectives of the group section 12 (3) of the Act of parliament No 23 of 1975.
- d) The authorised income and property of the group shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the group, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment of a proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the group nor the gratuities distributed among or sale at discount to such persons approved by the group of any literature, visual aid materials, or food within the purpose of the group.
- e) Auditors shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Group to make annual reports for circulation to all members and for consideration at the general meeting.
- f) The funds and properties of the group shall be vested in the Executive committee of the Group, for whom the Commission shall be appointed Trustees.