

## **About ZOPPA**

**Name and Acronym:** Zimbabwe Organic Producers' and Processors' Association (ZOPPA)

**Country of activity:** Zimbabwe

**Date of Creation:** 1987

### **Mission and objectives:**

**Vision:** An association that makes contribution to a nation committed to using natural means of agriculture to ensure a healthy future for the land and its people.

**Mission:** To work as an apex organization that lobbies and advocates for the growth of Organic agriculture in Zimbabwe by coordinating activities of members, sourcing and providing information on markets and certification.

### **Objectives:**

- Coordinate Organic Agriculture initiatives in the country for the growth of an agriculture movement in Zimbabwe.
- Provide Organic Agriculture related information to members.
- Accreditation of training programs for Organic Agriculture.
- Arrange and coordinate inspection programs for members in order to facilitate costs sharing and thus reduction of costs.
- Coordinate marketing of produce to markets.
- Work on standards for a successful Organic Agriculture movement in Zimbabwe.
- Lobbying and Advocating for an Organic Agriculture policy in Zimbabwe.

**Membership:** 100 member organizations and individuals

**Members of staff:** 2 full-time members

### **Achievements in the country or region:**

- Looked at possible organic products to push for marketing.
- ZOPPA is developing local organic standards in Zimbabwe.
- ZOPPA member AffoRest has developed systems for the production of organic vegetables and cotton without any significant drop in yield by smallholder farmers who had previously been heavily dependent on conventional pesticides.
- ZOPPA plans to set up a website.

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