



PRESS BIO FOR LISA CHIRISERI

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Lisa has over ten years' experience in nonprofit and CSI (Corporate Social Initiatives) work. She has emerged as an influential young leader and speaker; and an inspirational brand followed for her consistent hands-on commitment to making people's lives better through sustainable development.

As a CSI consultant she has led many corporate not-for-profit projects; driving sustainable partnerships for greater CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility), youth volunteerism, and collaborative local philanthropy. Most recently fundraising and facilitating for the construction of an 18-chamber girls' toilet block with a double capacity septic tank for a primary school in the peri-urban location of Epworth. This project was headline-sponsored by the giant insurance company ZIMNAT. Lisa has worked with the insurance, finance, energy, agriculture and IT industries as well as with various public offices managing both three-figure and six-figure projects with just as much dedication and zeal.

As a relentless, self-made social worker she has founded and often financed numerous initiatives benefiting not only her own projects, but taking under wing, mentoring and connecting many new or struggling local charities to empower them through her grassroots capacity building programs.

Her notable personal projects include FACEZ Education Fund (Fund A Child's Education Zimbabwe) established in 2012. FACEZ supports over 350 beneficiaries with school fees, mentorship and vocational and life skills. Her first social enterprise- the Women in Energy Group established in 2015 has delivered sustainable access to safe and clean energy in the form of cook stoves and explosion-proof LP gas tanks, with localized women-owned refill outlets to over 6000 households in Zimbabwe to date. The project is designed to economically empower women and youth throughout the entire business value chain.

Lisa is placed among the Top Ten African Youth in Philanthropy (African-Grantmakers-Network 2015); and named among Zimbabwe's Top 40 under 30 Emerging Leaders 2015. She was selected to participate in former USA president Obama's Mandela Washington Fellowship Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) in 2016. She is a Zimbabwe Global Youth Ambassador for Education for UN initiative A World At School (2014 - 2016).