

## **Celebrating International Day for Biological Diversity 2026**

At **Nutrition Action Zimbabwe (NAZ)**, we believe that the health of communities we save is inseparable from the health of our environment. As we commemorate the **International Day for Biological Diversity** under the theme "**Acting locally for global impact,**" we celebrate the power of sustainable local solutions in building a resilient global future.

Biodiversity is the foundation of food and nutrition security. In collaboration with our partners (Action Contre La Faim, PORET and MyTrees), NAZ continues to champion agroecological practices that honor the delicate balance of our ecosystems. Through the REDAA supported 'Community-led adaptation of Farming with Alternative Pollinators (FAP) as an approach for ecosystem restoration, improved household nutrition outcomes and climate resilience' project in Gokwe North and Kariba districts we are:

- **Reducing pesticide dependency:** Transitioning to natural pest management to protect our groundwater, beneficial insects, and soil health.
- **Boosting yields and resilience:** Helping farmers work with nature, rather than against it, to ensure consistent harvests even in a changing climate.
- **Enhancing dietary diversity:** Encouraging the cultivation of diverse, indigenous crops that provide the essential micronutrients needed for healthy families.
- **Reclamation of degraded land:** Promoting biodiversity, reforestation and pollinator habitat enhancement through establishment of community tree nurseries and planting of multipurpose climate resilient indigenous trees.

### **Why Local Action Matters**

Every seed planted without harmful chemicals and every local variety preserved is a step toward global environmental restoration. When we protect our local biodiversity, we are not just farming, we are safeguarding the nutritional future of Zimbabwe and contributing to a healthier, more biodiverse world.

*Join us in acting locally. Let's protect our nature, improve our yields, and nourish our nation.*