

# encounter LENT 2017

## CRS speaker



## Margaret Mwenya

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Margaret Mwenya, a native of the northern part of Zambia, joined Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in 2009 as a Project Manager and has since worked in a wide array of capacities with the agency.

Margaret and her four children reside in Zambia, where she currently serves as Senior Director of the Nutrition and Food Security sector of CRS Zambia. In her role, she is leading a project that is meant to improve the nutritional status of pregnant women and children under the age of two, through the consumption of nutrient rich diets and the adoption of proper hygiene practices among the populations that are at risk.

When asked what she enjoys most about her role, she said “When I visit partners and see how the faces of the beneficiaries light up when they see you. In my 7 years with CRS there are many people who have been touched by our work and their lives have changed”.

As a dedicated specialist in the agriculture and nutrition field, Margaret was drawn to the work of CRS through personal experience witnessing the life saving measures taking place in her home country because of CRS. Margaret stated that, “I saw how dedicated the people worked, moving food, risking their lives. What surprised me most was that despite being a Catholic organization, they did not discriminate as to who works at CRS and who they help through their work”.