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## MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

The overwhelming scientific evidence is that we are running out of time to address the climate crisis, in response CEJ and may others are increasing their efforts to both significantly help communities adapt to changing climate. Many communities are already seeing consequences of climate change, but most will not be severely affected for 10-30years. So, how do you inspire people to take action now for something that is a significant threat in the future? One way is to find climate solutions that also address more immediate threats.


In 2018, CEJ tirelessly worked promoting solar water, energy and agriculture technology to address community challenges of access to clean and safe water for human consumption, livestock and irrigation. Also, worked with communities that are highly affected by air and water pollution; and displaced communities as a result of mining activities, with the aim to solve the social issues that communities face by creating social value through the realization of a society aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Also One such goal is to solve global environmental issues by working to achieve a “Sustainable Earth” and placing “Environmental action with a particular focus on environmental responsibility, climate change and sustainable energy” as one of the top priority themes.

At CEJ, we strive to reduce environmental burden by actively offering solutions to environmentally challenged communities and contribute to the reduction of social environmental burden. We are also committed to systematically promote the shift towards renewable energies.

CEJ will continue to dedicate efforts to achieving mid-term targets, while developing measures towards achieving our long-term 2018/2022 targets and reporting on achievements. We will also continue our efforts to deliver outstanding results through our environmental management activities.

Change is renewal and we look forward to welcoming new partners, communities and human resource. Everything we do at CEJ is because of you. You give your time, your money, your voice, your passion, and with us share your hopes, dreams and visions. It is you who inspires us. Our achievements are your achievements. Own them, be proud of them.

*Vincent Ziba, Board Chairperson  
Centre for Environment Justice*



Let's Create a  
**TOMORROW** that is  
**BRIGHTER** than  
today



## WHO WE ARE - CEJ

Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) is a registered non-governmental organization whose mandate is to create platforms and processes that:

- (i) promote community access to quality and accurate information on extractive industries, environmental conservation, agriculture, sustainable energy, climate change, Child labor and Human Rights with the ultimate aim of enhancing accountability for better decision making and sustainable development.
- (ii) support safe and adaptive environment as basic fundamental human rights to having a better and prosperous livelihood.

Therefore, we actively mobilise public support through information collection and dissemination, advocating for policy development and implementation, consultations, assessments and monitoring; lobby and advocacy, campaigns, awareness and sensitization.

### **Vision**

To become a "Centre for Environmental Justice" and action for sustainable development at Community, District and National level.

### **Mission**

To empower, enhance and strengthen environmentally challenged communities, youth, children, women and men by involving them in promoting environmental justice and sustainable management of natural resources.



# PROGRAMMES



## Mining Community Voices

The Centre for Environment Justice(CEJ) with support from the Bread for the World (BfW) was implementing a one-year pilot project with focus on Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility(CSER) in Sinazongwe, Southern Province. Sinazongwe is endowed with mineral resources and the official and legal coal mining started in the year 2000 with current operations being two major coal mines namely; Mamba Collieries Limited (MCL) in Mamba and Collum Coal Mine in Sinazongwe, both in Southern Province. Maamba Collieries Limited (MCL) is the largest coal mining company in Zambia. It is a subsidiary of Nava Bharat (Singapore) Pte Limited which holds a majority equity stake. The Company's Works and Head Office are located at Maamba town in Sinazongwe district of Southern Province which is about 350 km from Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia and maintains its Corporate Office in Lusaka.

CSER is increasingly being used by many corporate entities involved in large scale industries as part of corporate governance aimed at supporting local communities within and around these industries, socially, environmentally and economically to mitigate negative impacts that arise from these investments. However, the quality and impact of CSER programs delivered by corporate entities in the extractive sector has continued to draw widespread debate with many social organizations holding a view that the positive impacts of many CSR programs do not outweigh the negative impacts caused by the extractive industries especially in the mining sector. The argument is that most of the CSER programs are not responsive to the real needs of affected communities because of limited to no community engagement; inadequate investment and limited reach of the CSER programs in terms of number of beneficiaries and quality of programs implemented. It is for this reason that Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) has embarked on an initiative to strengthen corporate accountability in the delivery of CSER.

The project was officially launched by the District administration and gave urged CEJ to work closely with the district structures and all affected communities in the mining zones. The key stakeholders

included Chiefs, Headmen, Community leaders, Civic leaders, Church leaders, government representatives and the media. The activities namely; Multi-stakeholder Meeting (first Meeting), CSER Design, Planning & Review Meeting-Mine & Community Leaders Community Meeting to Plan and Consult on CSER Programmes, CSER System Development, Training and Implementation, Capacity Building of CSO, Traditional Leaders & Local Churches; and Investment Agreement and CSER Matrix, Project Process & Monitoring Document. The activities were designed to influence the common fact that majority of both women and men, including youth have not been benefiting adequately from the investment currently taking place in Zambia more so in the extractive sector. In addition, the Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility (CSER) programs being implemented by the mining firms in cushioning poverty levels in their working areas lack participation and community engagement as they tend to not address community needs. Further, the women and girls have greatly been affected by the mining activities without taking their plight into consideration during the planning process of CSER activities as evidenced from various programs lacking women participation such as walking long distances to fetch water and firewood for cooking as well as teenage pregnancies. Hence, the need to effectively explore and strengthen (community monitoring) of investment agreements and CSER programs of extractive sector by devising a platform for collaboration between communities and company for joint CSER planning.



### **Project Impact:**

1. CEJ has created a government committee on CSER as a result of this project which is meant to strengthen regular cooperation and influencing the stakeholders Collum coal and community. The government committee on CSER comprises all head of department at the District including the District Commissioner and local Council.
2. CEJ has created a sustainable development relationship between the local communities and the company 'Collum Coal Mine' through corporate accountability and the delivery of investment agreements and CSER programmes.
3. CEJ has trained Community members as CSER Monitors to monitor mining companies thereby being able to voice out if things are done in/not relation to these agreements.
4. Collum Coal Mine has agreed to address community needs in consultation with them and respond to environmental mitigation initiatives
5. Communities identified areas of urgent intervention as CSER Priority in 2019 for five (5) communities namely; **Chamukwapulo, Siamajele, Sinazeze** and **Siamungande** (*Water and Sanitation; and Health Posts*).
6. CEJ has developed a CSER Tool that can be used and utilized by communities, CSOs in monitoring mining CSER Responses and mitigations.



## Senior Experten Service (SES)

SES is the Foundation of German Industry for International Cooperation. It is the largest German volunteer placement organization for retired skilled and management professionals. It is a non-profit organization providing help for self-help since 1983, mainly in developing and transition countries, but also within Germany. SES Experts can draw on many years of professional experience. They pass on their knowledge on a voluntary basis and train fellow workers in their subject fields all over the world. They come equipped with knowhow from around 50 branches of industry, along with good social skills, readiness to adapt to the conditions prevailing in the assignment country, and, in many cases, good foreign language skills.

The SES provided CEJ with an expert to ensure that resource mobilisation capacity is increased for the organisation and see to it that CEJ is having a resource mobilisation strategy that the staff will be able to adopt and use it for future resource mobilisation. The resources to be mobilised should show impact on the ground that benefit communities directly and develop project strategies and approaches that can be shared at local, regional and international level

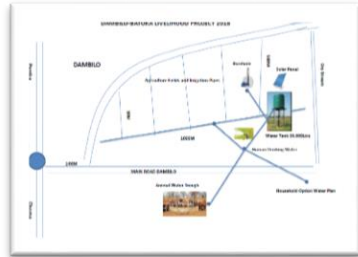
Dr. N. Goetz was assigned to work with CEJ between October 2018 to November 2018. During this period, his work was focused on resource mobilization, management and utilization. Dr. Goetz has vast experience and knowledge especially that he worked in Africa for over 5 years with an international development organization. This gave CEJ staff an opportunity to learn the experience and knowledge. Secondly, CEJ was given honest feedback by an outsider working within and we also looked at appreciating the development of management systems and the power of linkage and negotiation skills as we work with communities and private entities.

During his work, he had an opportunity to visit CEJ project sites. His feedback on this was that CEJ has too much potential to excel, however, it needed to have committed human resource that should understand the organizations vision, mission and desired achievement. He further emphasized on CEJ to begin having long term projects that can be measureable with impact and sustainable for both the organization establishment and human resource.



*“You can have the best strategy and best building in the world, but if you do not have the hearts and minds of people who*



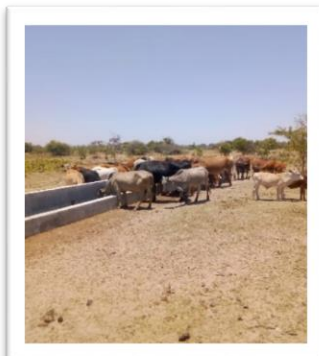


## Sustainable Water, Energy and Agriculture

CEJ has partnered with a private company named Baba Group of Companies. Baba Water and Energy Solutions Ltd is a Zambian based company providing sustainable water and energy technologies and solution such as solar water system -pumps, generators & solar panels with distribution lines for human consumption, livestock and irrigation for farming. The overall objective of the project is to provide effective and affordable water, energy and agriculture systems, technologies and practices that enhances people's livelihoods and development contributing to Zambia's vision 2030. The projects is providing water systems using solar technologies meant for human consumption, livestock and agriculture targeting 10,000 direct people, 20,000 livestock and 1000 farmers. Further, to promote and provide sustainable agriculture practices using biotechnology and organic fertilizers to atleast 250,000 farmers.

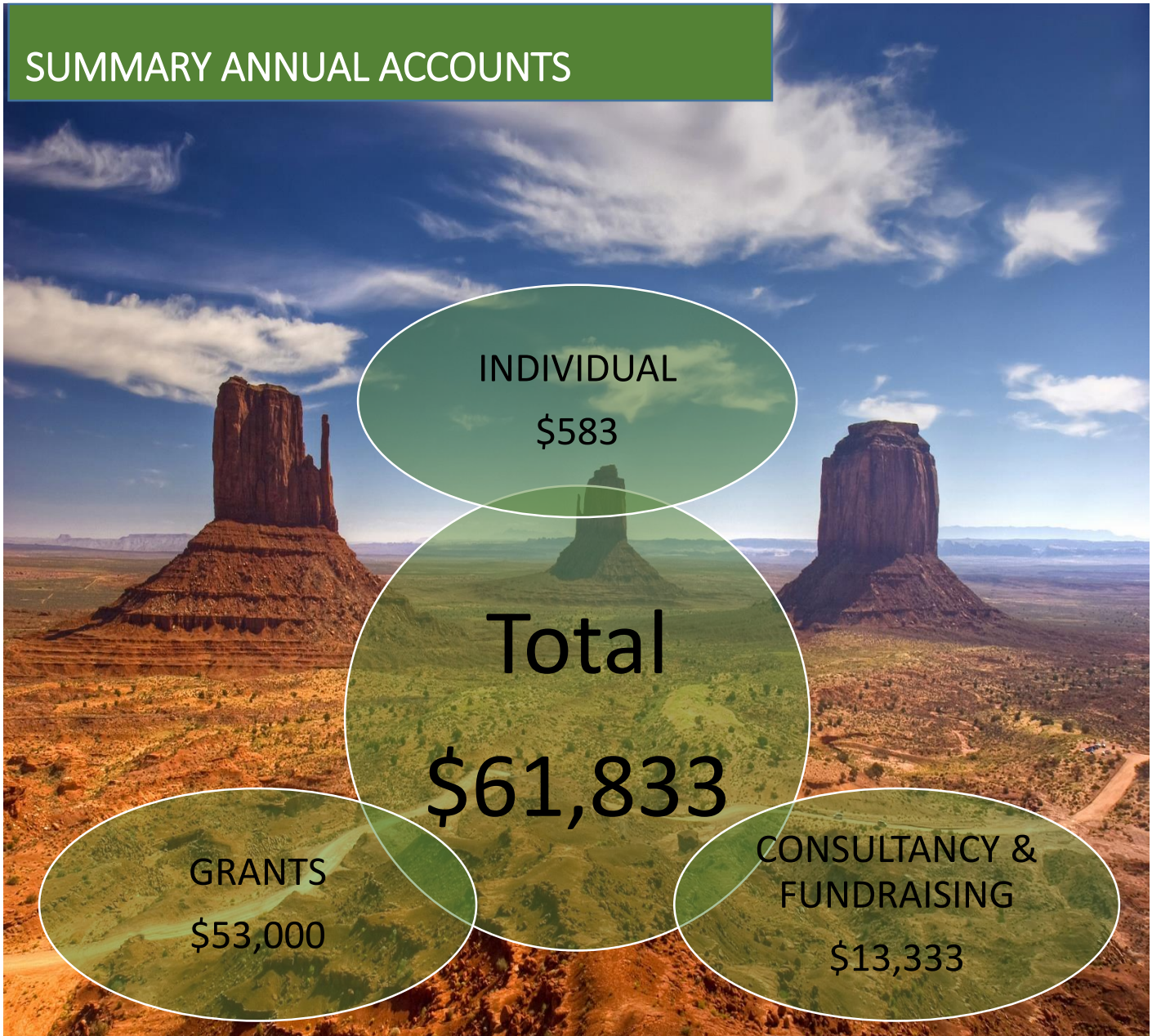
What this means is that the water system powered by solar will bring clean water close to the people and within their areas increase the production of the agriculture produce such as assorted vegetables which will create an income for the community members. The community will be able to irrigate their crop and in order to help have good soil for high yields and preserve it for generation to come, bio fertilizer will be used. Furthermore, the projects address water line for livestock which means that communities will feed and make their livestock have water within their vicinity other than going far areas fetching for water.

The project is on-going; hence, we call upon more stakeholders to partner with us to reach other affected communities in Zambia. The effects of climate change have had a serious negative impact on Zambia's water resources availability, mainly due to inadequate water resources infrastructure. Water scarcity is becoming a reality. The 7NDP furthermore, notes that Zambia's inability to adequately harness its vast water resources is a binding constraint to growth in a number of sectors, such as agriculture. There, the country plans to improve water resources development and management. Lack of access to safe and clean drinking water especially in rural areas is a major contributor to the burden of water borne disease, low productivity and increased poverty. While the 47% in rural areas are said to have access to water, most of them have to walk many kilometers before they could fetch water for drinking and use. This alone shows the desperate situation for rural communities to access water for drinking and productive purposes.





# SUMMARY ANNUAL ACCOUNTS



## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS

The Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) would like to thank our donors, partners, supporters and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our cause. Our NGO is devoted to **promote community access to quality and accurate information** on extractive industries, environmental conservation, agriculture, sustainable energy, climate change, Child labor and Human Rights **with the ultimate aim of enhancing accountability for better decision making and sustainable development.**

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your support to our organization 'CEJ'. It is a significant contribution to bridge the gap between the fortunate in life and the less fortunate. Your support goes a long way to inspire the people who are putting in their best efforts to help the environmentally challenged communities.

It is the donors and partners like you who are assisting to bring the services closer to the people. Your one step will help the many communities to acquire environmental justice. Thank you once again for your support towards a noble cause.

Our chance to get enough funds for the project was possible only because of all your hard work. We are grateful to you for extending your support to us at our time of need. Thank You!

*Our Impact: We advocate for Change  
and Change takes Time. The way  
forward is a challenging path. But  
Together we've achieved  
great outcomes*







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