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## MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR


I am honored to share with you the Centre for Environment Justice's 2019 Annual Report. Thanks to you, for your philanthropic support! As you read the following highlights of the important work you made possible, I hope you catch a glimpse of the excitement and gratitude we have for you our Corporating partners. You're Investment. You're Impact.

In line with CEJ's 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, and strategic plan 2015–2020, CEJ promote community access to quality and accurate information on extractive industries, environmental protection, sustainable energy, climate change, agriculture and water access with the ultimate aim of enhancing accountability for better decision making and sustainable development. In doing so, and in close collaboration with government and partners, including local and international civil society organisations, CEJ helps build the resilience of communities and the sustainability natural resources and management. It also includes environmental sustainability, through innovative initiatives and promote the use of clean energy.

The programmes includes enabling Lusaka City Council and community structures increase awareness on rights and duties regarding local governance and community development to support water security, mining community voices and alternative livelihoods, and providing of consultancy services.

Thank you for being part of our mission and journey and for your continued prayers and support. Together we will be able to offer a better solution for vulnerable communities. A Remarkable Year 2019 was a year full of many blessings for rural and urban. On behalf of the communities we saved this year as a result of your support, and indeed CEJ, we say "thank you!

*Vincent Ziba, Board Chairperson  
Centre for Environment Justice*



!!The **EARTH** is all  
that we have in  
**COMMON.**!! -  
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## 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 protection, sustainable energy, climate change, water access and agriculture 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.

**Work Focus Area:** Extractives, Sustainable Energy, Environmental protection, Climate Change, Water Access & Agriculture



## PROGRAMMES



**Mining Community Voices and alternative livelihoods preparedness.**

The Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) with support from the Bread for the World (BftW) launched a 5-year project titled Mining Community Voices and Alternative Livelihoods to be implemented in Sinazongwe, Southern Province. The project is being implemented in Senior Chief Mweemba and Chief Sinazongwe with focus sustainable management of natural resources and alternative livelihoods.



Sinazongwe is endowed with mineral resources and the official 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.



The activities for 2019 focused on developing the community CSER Priorities, Training of community auditors in tracking government and mining companies' investments in the district, engagement of community traditional leaders' engagements in natural resources management and alternative livelihoods preparedness.



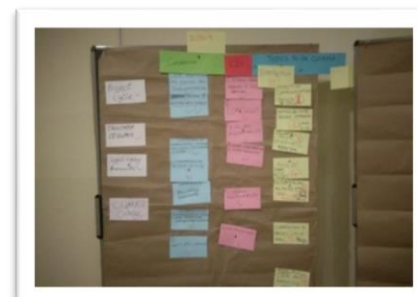
The project was officially launched by the District administration and urged CEJ to work closely with the district structures and all affected communities in the mining zones.

## 2019 Project Activities Impact:

1. CEJ facilitated for the Sinazongwe Community Development Strategy (SCDS) - CSER Priorities after the multi-stakeholder consultations and engagements meant to amplify the voices of people living around and around the mining areas using the true and tested CSER model and promoting sustainable alternative livelihoods practices in order to guarantee food sufficiency at household level and contribute to economic development of the district.
2. The communities have been capacity built with skills of social accountability audit tool to track government mining investment in the district.
3. Traditional leaders, communities, government heads and mining companies have welcomed the project and participated actively in the project activities.
4. The targeted project sites which are 14 wards in Sinazongwe have had inclusive representation in all the activities implementation.

## Water Security Action and Investment Plan (WSAIP – CEE)

The Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) was engaged by GIZ to supporting LCC with the implementation of the Community Engagement and Empowerment component under the Water Security Action and Investment Plan (WSAIP – CEE) program in Lusaka. The consultancy was entitled *“enabling Lusaka City Council and community structures increase awareness on rights and duties regarding local governance and community development to support water security.”* Additionally, the program was support to Lusaka City Council(LCC) in formulating both a CEE Communication Strategy and roll out plans for dissemination of information around the Water Security Action and Investment Plan with specific focus on community engagement and empowerment process. In the same vein, the project was to support local structures and LCC to mobilize capacity of specialized organisations towards provision of support in aspects of local governance, planning development, advocacy, influencing social inclusion and resource mobilization for improved local governance and implementation of their local area plan.



The assignment aimed at mobilizing and raising awareness of the community around their rights and duties, and in particularly those with regard to local level governance development and planning issues in the 12 wards of Lusaka district.

The main objectives were to support LCC in the implementation of the CEE Program by:

- i. Creating awareness and mobilizing communities in 12 wards in Lusaka district
- ii. Assessing and mapping organizations offering specialized services to support community structures and LCC
- iii. Providing quality control of LCC Reports and facilitation LCC meetings and workshops
- iv. Providing knowledge management and quality management of processes and products generated from the Community engagement and empowerment process of WSAIP.

- **Creating awareness and mobilizing communities in 12 wards in Lusaka district**

CEJ supported LCC with formulation of the training manual content during the LCC Retreat which was held in Chilanga. After the retreat, topics were shared between CEJ and LCC to develop the PowerPoint presentations which were to be used during Community Facilitator Trainings. About 250 community Facilitators from 12 wards in Lusaka district were trained a number of topics to empower them with necessary knowledge and skills needed for them to spearhead the community development and governance in their respective zones and wards. The topics covered included; Communication Skills; Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA); Governance; Social Inclusion and Gender Mainstreaming (SIGM); Situation Analysis; Risk Management; Community Resilience; Project Cycle and Local Area Planning and Implementation. CEJ documented all the deliberations based on the respective wards which were present.



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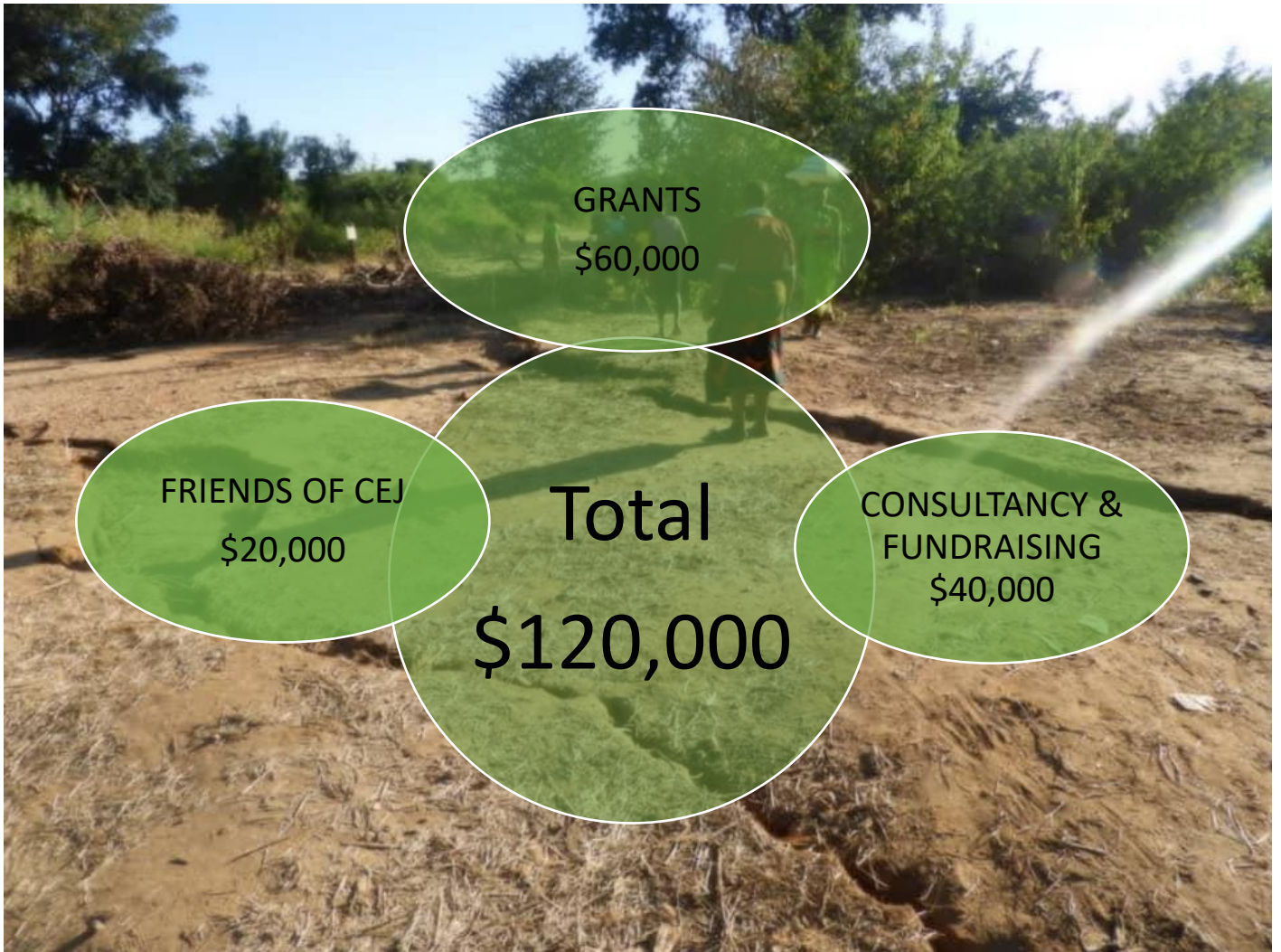
The project impact was that communities appreciated the initiative as a human right for all citizens and that they have the right to express their views on water security and to engage policy makers, civic leaders and civil society.

### **Consultancy support**

The Centre for Environment Justice undertook consultancy assignments that focused on capacity building, trainings, development of community strategy, project proposals and business plans. This included agri-business, water security and environment.



## SUMMARY ANNUAL ACCOUNTS



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## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS

Thank you for your generous support to the Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ). We are thrilled to have your support. Through your support, we have been able to accomplish and continue working towards the purpose of the organisation. You truly make a difference for us, and we are extremely grateful.

CEJ plays a crucial role in the safeguarding of our environment, natural resources management. CEJ is committed to developing life changing initiatives for our communities and we greatly appreciate the financial assistance and support so that two of our plans could become a reality.

Your continuous commitment to supporting environmental protection initiatives demonstrates the prime attention you give to conservation of natural resources with the view to enabling the country to benefit from the resources is a must to do issue.

Environmental challenges do not exist in isolation. Global warming, loss of biodiversity, air and water pollution, waste, recycling, management of resources and chemical management are among key greatest challenges.

Thank You!

***!! It is unthinkable to achieve sustainable economic development without giving due attention to environment and biodiversity conservation. !!***

*- CEJ Executive Director, Maggie M. Mwape*





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