

Sinazongwe Community Development Strategy (SCDS)

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the Sinazongwe Community Development Strategy (SCDS) is to guide the preparation of the Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility Plans by the Business Community Operating in Sinazongwe District. The Sinazongwe Community Development Strategy (SCDS) which has been prepared by the Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) was supported by the Bread for the World Germany (BftW) under the Three Year project Mining Community Voices and Alternative Livelihoods Prepared. The project is facilitating the amplification of voices of people living in and around the mining areas using the true and tested Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility (CSER) model, promoting sustainable alternative livelihoods practices in order to guarantee food sufficiency at household level and contribute to economic development of the district.

The SCDS, through a consultation process with the sinazongwe heads of government department, local authority, traditional leaders, community members, civil society organisation, youth & women organisations, church leaders, business entities and the sinazongwe district platform on environment and extractives (SiDPE) has identified strategic actions and interventions that will support, enhance and improve the lives and well-being of people living in the district. The SCDS focuses on empowering and increasing people's participation and access to opportunities and initiating activities aimed at (i) supporting and influencing the processes and outcomes of local social and economic development and (ii) creating an enabling environment for long-term growth and sustainability in the area through corporate social and environmental responsibility budgets by the business entities in sinazongwe district.

The key objective of the Sinazongwe Community Development Strategy (SCDS) is to contribute to enhancing and catalyzing socio-economic development in the district through key program interventions as prioritised by the mult-stakeholders during the consultation process and highlighted in this strategy. The SCDS aims to ensure that actions and Intervations are carried out in a way that is participatory, socially and gender sensitive and inclusive. This process also aims to empower socio-economically vulnerable segments of society, including women, ensuring these groups are provided with opportunities for making decisions and choices affecting their lives.

During the mult-stakeholder consultation process, nine (9) needs of intervention where prioritised to support the fourteen wards in the district. The priorities and needs includes; water access, health facility, agriculture support, security, recreation facilities, education services, road network and environmental protection.

Program planning and activities will be driven by community needs, priorities and concerns and a bottom up approach will be used to develop the implementation plan.

This will create the basis for the scope of support, training and entrepreneurship opportunities offered to the communities. Capacity building will be another significant method employed to empower the community with knowledge, information and skills under the SCDS. Community members will be exposed to capacity building programs to enhance their skills and understanding of community development issues and opportunities and ways to further improve participation.

Lastly, CEJ calls upon all local business entities in Sinzongwe and other funding agencies to support the CSER Prioritised Community Development Plans.

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2. Sinazongwe District

Sinazongwe District is one of the three Gwembe rural valley districts located in Southern Province of Zambia. It lies in the South-Eastern border of Zambia along Lake Kariba in the Zambezi valley on latitude 26 43` E to 27 45` E and longitude 16 50` S to 18 00` S. The district lies between 300m and 900m above sea level and cover a total area 4,964 square Kilometre. It shares boundaries with four districts; Zimba and Kalomo in the South West, Choma and Pemba in the West and Gwembe in the North-East and Zimbabwe in the south-east.

Sinazongwe lies in Zambia's agro-ecological Region I and its climate is generally hot and dry with daily mean temperature varying between 20- 25 degrees Celsius although temperatures can rise up to 40 degrees Celsius during the summer. Rainfall patterns follow an uneven distribution, with more than 70% probability of drought which exposes the district to extreme and adverse effects of climate change compared to others in Zambia.

Traditionally, Sinazongwe is divided into two Chiefdoms, Sinazongwe and Mweemba. The prominent ethnic group are the Valley Tonga's. The population distribution follows the physical characteristics of the District.

Records from the 2010 census shows the district has a total population of 121,405 disaggregated as 51.6% female and 48.4% male. The population density is at 26 persons per Kilometre squared. Annual growth rate was estimated at 2.4%. Total number of district households was 19,721 and total number of farming households was 15,800 (CSO 2010).

Politically, the district is a politico-administrative unit that is headed by the District Commissioner who is appointed by the Republican President. After the 2016 General Elections, civic affairs are headed by the Council Chairperson who is directly elected by the electorates while the civil affairs remain in the hands of the District Commissioner. The district is made up of one Parliamentary Constituency and 14 ward¹.

The local authority provides a three-tier administration system in accordance with the Local Government Act (CAP 281 of the Laws of Zambia). The Local authority is pivotal in spearheading, planning and implementing civic affairs and developmental projects/programmes in an integrated approach.

¹ Sinazongwe Chiefdom: Nkandabwe, Mweezya, Sinenge, Sinazongwe & Malima; Mweemba Chiefdom: Maamba, Mweenda, Mweemba, Muuka, Tekelo, Muchekwa, Mabinga& Namazambwe

There are two main forms of land tenure in the District. These are Trust (or state land) and Traditional Land tenure systems. The Traditional Land tenure is the dominant system in the district with Chiefs allocating occupancy and user rights.

Agriculture and fisheries are the main livelihood activities and basis of the economy. However, following the displacement of communities from the fertile land along the Zambezi River to pave way to the Kariba dam, they now live and cultivate on marginal and less fertile land on the edges of the valley. The district has agriculture potential for economic development.

Sinazongwe is endowed with mineral resources and official coal mining started in the year 2000 and currently with active coal mining activities by Maamba Collieries Limited (MCL) in Mamba and Collum Coal Mine (CCM) in Sinazeze. The district has potential for more mining investment due to its rich resources.

2.1. Total National Coal extract

Although Zambia is currently the smallest coal producer in the region, the coal output is estimated to grow from 281,000 tons in 2014 to more than 2 million tons by 2017 and 3.5 million tonnes by 2018².

2.2. Challenges of the District

The most critical challenges being faced are;

- (1) Harsh Climatic conditions and resultant poverty levels due to low food production levels;
- (2) Social-economic pressures on families leading to risk taking behavior; and
- (3) Excessive and unsustainable mining activities which have exacerbated displacements of people, loss of traditional livelihoods and environmental degradation.

These challenges are not only a threat to peace but are also endangering the safety of local communities.

2.3. Climatic Conditions and effects on poverty levels

Sinazongwe lies in Zambia's agro-ecological Region I and its climate is generally hot and dry with daily mean temperature varying between 20- 25 degrees Celsius although temperatures can rise up to 40 degrees Celsius during the summer. Rainfall patterns follow an uneven distribution, with more than 70% probability of drought which exposes the district to extreme and adverse effects of climate change compared to others in Zambia. It is very likely that in an event of continued degradation and abuse of the environment particularly as the coal mining continue to expand, the changes in the

² https://www.zambiainvest.com/mining

global and national climate will have negative effects on both Fiona and flora in the surrounding communities, if the biodiversity system is not effectively protected and managed. This is further compounded by the lack of security of tenure amongst most of the displaced families which exposes them to loss of traditional land, and may in the long run endanger the quality of natural resources and environmental rights, a situation which negative climatic conditions are likely to escalate.

2.4. Socio-Economic Pressures on Families leading to risk taking behaviour

Both men and women are not spared from the effects of the challenges outlined above, although, women and girls are the most affected when displacements due to mining activities take place. They travel further to fetch water and search for cultivation land. They bear the biggest burden for children up keep and girls withdraw from schools due to long distance and cultural beliefs that do not prioritise education of girls. Men are under pressure too. They have to carry the burden of proving for their family through new income streams. These include temporary migration to other districts of being absent from home for longer periods of time thereby placing burden of raising children on women in their absence. Furthermore, increased criminal activities by men and boys who do not have much to do and in addition, the community targets the mine as the enemy and therefore, making it difficult to operate and creating a vicious circle for discontent and unresolved conflicts.

2.5. Excessive and Unsustainable Mining Activities

Sinazongwe has experienced numerous changes in the socio-economic that have significantly affected people's lives. Sinazongwe agro-ecological position makes it disadvantaged and worsened Climatic conditions has aggravated the poverty levels. The people of Sinazongwe have suffered continuous displacement from the time of the construction of Kariba Dam. The government's desire to create jobs at all cost, sees minerals such as coal as one way of revenue earning and power generation thus pushing the agenda towards increased investment in the sector.

2.6. Business Entities in Sinazongwe

The District has agriculture and mining business enties that contribute to economic development of the district. Currently has two (2) active coal mining companies namely; Maamba Collieries Limited and Collum Coal mine. Then five (5) stable agriculture entities namely, Zambeef, Zongwe Farm, Maza Holdings and Bill Mudders Company.

3. The Sinazongwe Community CSER Development Strategy

The Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) engaged into a consultative process in identifying the gaps, challenges and priority of needs of the fourteen (14) wards in Sinazongwe district by holding consultation dialogues with Sinazongwe Heads of Government Department, Local Authority, Traditional Leaders, Community Members, Civil Society Organisation, Youth Organisations, Church Leaders, business entities and

the Sinazongwe District Platform on Environment and Extractives (SiDPE). This CSER community development strategy has been developed under the project: Mining Community Voices and livelihoods Preparedness with support from the Bread for the World (BftW) Germany.

3.1. Identified Priority needs of the Sinazongwe Community Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility (CSER)

3.1.1. Sinazongwe Chiefdom

| S/N | Ward | Priority Need | Area | Description |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 1 | Nkandabwe | Water Access | Sikalabula Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water |
| | | | Muzuma Village | for household use. |
| | | | Siankumba Village | |
| | | | Sindebuka Village | |
| | | | Mazyamuna Village | |
| | | Health Facility | Chamukwapulo | Health post rehabilitation and stocking of medical equipment's and medicines. |
| | | Agriculture | Vwavwa Irrigation | Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock and farming. |
| 2 | Sinenge | Water Access | Siavwemu Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water |
| | | | Simwela Village | for household use. |
| | | | Chilele Village | |
| | | | Sinanjola Village | |

| | | Recreation facility | Munyati Village | Establishment of a Youth and Women Craft Centre that should be linked to local & international market. |
|---|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | Health facility | Sinanjola village | Upgrading of the Health post to be a Health Centre, procure medical equipment's and medicines. |
| | | | Sinachilundu Village | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to mortality rates. |
| 3 | Mweezya | Water Access | Luchinze | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | | Sinachikuyu | Ior nousenoid use. |
| | | | Nambisya | |
| | | | Mujunda | |
| | | | Kagwamina | |
| | | Health Facility | Dambwa | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to mortality rates. |
| | | Agriculture | Maila Village | Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock and farming. |
| 4 | Sinazongwe | Water Access | Maiya village Siangwinda village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |

| | | | Kampamu village | |
|---|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | | | Siamambo Village | |
| | | Recreation Facilities | Civic Centre Township | Construction of the Community Skills Training Centre. |
| | | Security | Local Court Area | Construction of Holding Cells for the Police Station. |
| 5 | Nangombe | Water Access | Lusinga Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | | Sinangwali Village | |
| | | | Siazwela B Village | |
| | | Agriculture | Kasanse Village | Support with irrigation systems and create farm blocks for both livestock rearing and farming for youth, women and men. |
| | | Health facility | Muntuwamasiku | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to mortality rates. |
| 6 | Malima | Water Access | Lutuwa Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water |
| | | | Mubbike Village | for household use. |
| | | | Chilele Village | |
| | | Security | Chinkumbe Village | Construction of Police post to provide sanity in the area. |
| | | Agriculture | Sinalilongwe Village | Provide skills training for farming. Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with |

| | | farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock and farming. |
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| Education facility | Chitumbi Village | Construction of a high school for it is central place that would benefit more than four villages. |
| Health facility | Siankwazi Village | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |

3.1.2. Mweemba Chiefdom

| S/N | Ward | Priority Need | Area | Description |
|-----|---------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 1 | Maamba | Water Access | Mweela Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | Agriculture | Masikili Village | Provide skills training for farming. |
| | | | Mweela Village | Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with |
| | | | Chunga Village | farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock |
| | | | Siachoona Village | rearing and farming. |
| | | | Spumina Village | |
| | | Health facility | Siankodobo Village | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |
| | | Education | Kabula Village | Construction of school that will provide education for the community. |
| 2 | Mweemba | Water Access | Muchumba Village | Provision of domestic safe clean |
| | | | Mvulula Village | water for household use. |
| | | | Ndolo Village | |
| | | | Matambo Village | |
| | | | Nzambale Village | |

| | | | Chikoyo Village | |
|---|---------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|
| 4 | Muuka | Water Access | Sinakoba Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | | Zyamunga community school | |
| | | | Simukole community school | |
| | | | Chinego community school | |
| | | | school | for the school going children. |
| | | | Mandonda community | educational materials and furniture |
| | | Education | Simonga community school | Rehabilitation of the community schools and procure necessary |
| | | Health facility | Nyanga Village | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |
| | | | Dengeza Village | cooperatives to be supported with farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock rearing and farming. |
| 3 | Mweenda | Agriculture | Siameja | Provide skills training for farming. Establishment of youth & women |
| | | | Chigonko Village | and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |
| | | Health facility | Ndolo Village | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post |
| | | Security | Mweemba Village | Construction of Police post to provide sanity in the area. |

| | | | Siamusale Village Chikandula Village Muuka Village | |
|---|--------|-----------------|--|---|
| | | Agriculture | Maimba Village | Provide skills training for farming. Establishment of youth & women |
| | | | Siamuvwele Village | cooperatives to be supported with |
| | | | Choopele Village | farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock rearing and farming. |
| | | Health facility | Kateka Village | Construction of a health post. The |
| | | | Maiba Village | village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |
| | | Education | Chikoyo community school | Rehabilitation of the community |
| | | | Mashapi community school | schools and procure necessary educational materials and furniture |
| | | | Nalubuyi community school | for the school going children. |
| 5 | Tekelo | Water Access | Shamatobo Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | | Chinakumbi Central | |
| | | | Chisuku Village | |
| | | | Sulwegonde Village | |
| | | | Siapubwe Village | Provision of water for animals |

| | | Agriculture | Syamusiye Village Sinankumbi central | Provide skills training for farming. Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock rearing and farming. |
|---|----------|-----------------|---|--|
| | | Health facility | Siapubwe Village | Construction of a health post. The village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |
| 6 | Muchekwa | Water Access | Simankawa Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | | Siavuwa Village | |
| | | Health facility | Sigombela Village | Construction of a health post. The |
| | | | Chikoka Village | village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |
| | | Agriculture | Sigombela Village | Provide skills training for farming. Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock rearing and farming. |
| | | Security | Muchekwa central | Construction of Police post to provide sanity in the area. |
| 7 | Mabinga | Water | Siampondo Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | Health facility | Kalilambizi Village | Construction of a health post. The |

| | | | | village has no nearby health post and this has contributed to high mortality rates. |
|---|------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| | | Security | Siampondo Village | Construction of Police post to provide sanity in the area. |
| | | Agriculture | Kalilambizi Village | Provide skills training for farming. Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock rearing and farming. |
| 8 | Namazambwe | Water | Siakwale Village | Provision of domestic safe clean water for household use. |
| | | | Kafwambila Village | |
| | | Road Network | Kabula Village | Construction of the road for the will open opportunities for business |
| | | | Kafwambila Village | entities and investment. |
| | | Security | Kafwambila Village | Construction of Police post to provide sanity in the area. |
| | | Agriculture | Siakwale Village | Provide skills training for farming. Establishment of youth & women cooperatives to be supported with farming skills, inputs and linkages to offtakers. To be engaged in livestock rearing and farming. |

3.1.3. Sinazongwe District Administration

| S/N | Priority Need | Area | Description |
|-----|----------------------------|----------|--|
| 1 | Education | District | Construction of Sinazongwe Boarding School |
| 2 | Recreation facility | District | Community Skills Training Centre |
| 3 | Environmental Protection | District | - Tree Planting - Solid Waste Management |
| 4 | Infrastructure Development | District | Construction of Sinazongwe road network Construction of Sinazongwe Prisons Construction of Housing Units |
| 5 | Health | District | Procurement of health equipment's for renal, gynea, x-rays etc |

4. CSER Community Development Consultation Process (Pictoral Report)

4.1. Mult-stakeholder dialogue (Sinazongwe Heads of Government Department, Local Authority, Traditional Leaders, Community Members, Civil Society Organisation, Youth Organisations, Church Leaders, business entities and the Sinazongwe District Platform on Environment and Extractives - SiDPE).





4.2. Traditional Leaders and community representatives of Sinazongwe and Mweemba Chiefdom

4.3. Local Authority Meeting led by Council Chair Person and District Administration Office. The meeting was attended by twelve ward councilors held at Richland lodge.

