



SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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1 TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS

1.1 Strategic Highlights

The Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) is currently operating with a Five (5) years [Strategic Plan](#) which is coming to an end in December of 2022. The key highlights of CEJ secretariat in delivering quality service to communities in Zambia in the year 2021 was mainly focusing on Five (5) strategic goals, and these are:

1. To promote innovate energy technologies, citizen energy justice and security, environmental quality, community access to renewable energy, civil society/private sector participation in the SEA4ALL process and monitor energy investment with emphasis on implementation of the Zambia Action Agenda (AA) and Investment Prospectus (IP).
2. To promote accountability and transparency in Extractive Industries governance; community mineral benefit, engagement and participation; and Corporate Social and environmental responsibility at community, district, national and international level.
3. To promote and contribute to protected area governance systems that are inclusive, empowering, equitable and responsive to shifting realities in order to enhance the contribution of PA's to livelihoods, forest resource and biodiversity conservation for and by current and future generations.
4. To achieve food security and better livelihoods in the agricultural sector and ecosystems need to remain in a productive state; resulting in sustainably agricultural productivity, and building resilience to climate change.
5. To achieve increased access and protection of all-natural freshwater resources and bodies for communities in Zambia as a human right to safe, quality, clean water, and sanitation that is secured from the dangers of pollution and depletion as part of people's human rights and livelihoods.

1.2 Financial Highlights

CEJ remains grateful to the all the donors and partners who rendered support through institutional and financial capacity. Cognizant of the impacts of COVID-19 on financial mobilization in the civil society space, CEJ holds to a high esteem the support received from her all-weather partners including:

- i. Bread for the World (BftW) - Germany.
- ii. World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature Zambia country office.

1.3 Operating Highlights

With support from BftW, CEJ has managed to develop a web-based mobile application under the project “Mining Community Voices and Alternative Livelihood Preparedness”. This application is one of its kind in Zambia. The App is aimed at capturing Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility (CSER) activity by mining firms. The App further envisions to work as a platform where community members can share some of the environmental issues in their respective communities.

“The CEJApp is novel digital tool that will facilitate tracking of best CSER practices and Environmental issues in Zambia.”

1.4 Looking Ahead

We are looking forward to strengthened sustainable partnerships with all our partners and still remain hopeful in growing our target reach. CEJ has strongly established her position in the environmental sector and has become a credible partner to the government in addressing environmental challenges in Zambia. In our fourth coming strategic plan, it is CEJ’s wish in ensuring that grass root societies and the marginalized groups are reached and empowered with knowledge and skills in climate change adaption and mitigation.



Maggie Mapalo Mwape (Ms.)

Executive Director

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2 WHO WE ARE

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

- 1) 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.
- 2) support safe and adaptive environment as basic fundamental human rights to having a better and prosperous livelihood.

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

2.1 Vision

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

2.2 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.

2.3 Work Focus Area

Extractives, Sustainable Energy, Environmental protection, Climate Change, Water Access & Agriculture

2.4 Our Role as Civil Society

To be a driving force behind greater achievements through the active mobilization of public support through information collection and dissemination, advocating for policy development and implementation, research and measurement, community awareness and campaigns.

3 PROGRAMMES

3.1 Environmental Protection Dialogue (EPD)

3.1.1 Background

The Centre for Environment Justice is the Primary Convener of the Environmental Protection Dialogue (EPD) and as a result of the project being implemented in Southern province with support of the Bread for the World (BftW) - Germany.

The Environmental Protection Dialogue (EPD) was tailored to operate as an annual platform for multi-stakeholders to;

- i. Create an action-oriented platform for engagement of government, traditional leaders, communities, cooperating partners, civil society organizations, academia, youth and women to inform development of initiatives to protect nature and people;
- ii. Deliberate upon issues surrounding environmental policy, plans, mechanisms and frameworks, as well as capacity to attain set national objectives and implement actions on environmental protection in the extractives sector and its impact on communities living around and within their vicinity;
- iii. Focus on finding win-win solutions that can address both environmental challenges and wellbeing of our communities and sustained exchange of experiences and information on how we can safeguard the environment while enhancing people's livelihoods.

The 2021 EPD dubbed '[EPD2021](https://cejzambia.com/epd-2021/)', was the sequel of the inaugural dialogue held in 2020¹. The main theme of the 2nd EPD was "**Better Policy Decisions for Ecosystem Restoration, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change**". The objectives of the dialogue were to:

1. Promote ecosystem restoration and sustainable use through human interventions.
2. Promote sustainable renewable energy technologies for communities in Zambia.
3. Promote climate change adaptation actions for community resilience recovery.

The EPD2021 partners included; Bread for the World (BftW), First Quantum Minerals Ltd, ActionAid Zambia, World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature - Zambia country Office, United Nations

¹ <https://cejzambia.com/epd-2020/>

Development Programme (UNDP), Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF), Imperial Part Ltd and the Zambia Government.

3.1.2 Key Highlights

- The event's guest of honored was the first ever Minister of Green Economy & Environment - Hon. Collins Nzovu who was delegated to represent the Vice President - Ms. Mutale Nalumango.
- Speeches from foreign dignitaries included; the Us Ambassador, Chief of Missions, Mr. Martin Dale, and the German Ambassador - Dr Anne Wagner-Mitchell.
- Overwhelming support from delegates who followed the event via Zoom a video conference platform.

3.2 Mining Community Voices and Alternative Livelihoods Preparedness.

3.2.1 Background

As you may be aware, the Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) has been working in Sinazongwe District since 2018 under the Mining Community Voices and Alternative Livelihoods Preparedness project in partnership with Bread for the World (BftW) of Germany. This project seeks among other things to strengthen mutually respectful relationships between Coal mining companies and the community around the mine using the model of Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility (CSER).

Since the pilot phase, successful and mutually respectful relationships have been encouraged between the mining companies and the community in the interest of the environment and welfare of the people through improved Corporate Social and Environment Responsibility (CSER). This has further been made possible by the establishment of a co-operation platform, namely the called Sinazongwe District Platform on Environment and Extractives (SiDEP) which brings together district heads of government, community representatives and private sector.

Following the development of the community CSER Priorities, Training of Community Auditors in tracking government and mining companies' investments in the district, engagement of community traditional leaders in natural resources management and alternative livelihoods preparedness. CEJ continued engaging the mining communities, government stakeholder and the mining companies on ensuring deliberate engagement meetings that focuses on

addressing the raising cases of displacement and resettlement, poor CSER implantation, and unfair compensations.

3.2.2 Key Highlights

Among the key major outcomes of 2021, was to develop a first ever Sinazongwe Community Development Strategy (SCDS). This document reflects the community prioritized CSER plans and development needs which was developed through a thorough consultative process with different stakeholders at district level. CEJ has been working closely with mining companies to ensure that the needs addressed in the strategy are implemented. Additionally, as part of ensuring that mining companies are stimulated to implement the SCDS, the prioritized community CSER plans and development needs are to be incorporated on the updated version of CEJApp in tandem with the corresponding mining company CSER plans.

It is important to mention that though CEJ has managed to create an engaging environment for mining companies and communities, several needs still remain and these include among others:

- Challenges of displacements of local people from their traditional lands and the subsequent poor compensation mechanisms.
- Follow up on investment agreements and CSER implementation.
- Environmental degradation and pollution.
- Strengthening alternative livelihoods.
- Harnessing mutually beneficial relationships among community members, government and private sector investments in Sinazongwe district.
- Increased influx of mining companies in the district.

CEJ conducted Community Symposiums and Multi-stakeholder Dialogues to focus and reflect on the impact and benefits of mining activities on the local communities including women, children, youth and other vulnerable marginalized groups. The meeting will further contextualize and track the effects and contribution of the project's intervention on the livelihoods and welfare of the local people vis-à-vis profiling existing CSER plans and the way forward.

CEJ is aiming at taking advantage of the environmental protection receptiveness of the new government administration in Zambia in fostering mining companies to comply to the environmental laws and ensuring that host communities benefit from the land-based investments in the areas. Therefore, the Environmental Protection Dialogue (EPD) has proven

to be a grand stage national multi-stakeholder dialogue on environmental protection and policy dialogue.

3.3 Disability Inclusion Climate Action (DiCA) Project

3.3.1 Project Background

The Disability Inclusion Climate Action (DiCA) project is a five-year project being implemented by Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) with support from World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and its alliance partners which include HIVOS, South-South North, Akina Mama Wa Afrika and Slum Dwellers International.

DiCA is part of the Amplifying Voices for Just Climate Action (AVJCA), a 5-year programme (2021-2025) supported by the Dutch government under the Power of Voices framework. The programme aims to scale up Zambia Climate Action. This action recognizes that climate change is not only an environmental problem but also a societal challenge that brings in ethical and human rights issues.

The project seeks to drive-locally shaped climate change solutions to climate change challenges by empowering local civil society groups and citizens to have their voices heard and be advocates and co-creators in finding solutions. With this background CEJ is implementing DiCA project in Chirundu to deliver locally driven solutions to climate challenges that will benefit people with disabilities in the community and nature as part of a local and global response to the climate crisis. The DiCA project realizes that people with disabilities are the most impacted by the effects of climate change.

The project is being implemented in Musaya, Ng'ombe Ilede, Njame and Sikoongo Wards. The overall objective of the project is to ensure enhanced livelihoods through multi-sectorial locally driven responses to climate change by targeting grass root communities in water access and food systems innovations to protect the natural resources and reduced effects of Climate Change.

3.3.2 Key Highlights

- CEJ has successfully managed to engaged Chirundu district local government offices on the DiCA project and has since the inception of the project conducted several capacity building training programmes aimed at strengthening climate resilient food systems.
- CEJ has facilitated the development an Advocacy Strategy aimed at guiding the work of DiCA in engaging with communities and the general public, persons with disabilities and

their representative organizations, policy makers, civic leaders, traditional leaders, legislators and the media to support measures for disability inclusion in the response to climate change and its impacts.

3.4 Sustainable Renewable Energy for Communities in Zambia Project

3.4.1 Background

The Sustainable Renewable Energy for Communities in Zambia Project was a Three (3) months campaign supported by the World-Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature - Zambia country office.

The project's anticipated greater knowledge of and support for non-hydro renewables within communities, with specific target on community engagement drawing attention to the changes in the free-flowing status of rivers such as Luangwa, and the significant impacts on livelihoods, food security and settlements surrounding it. The project was carried out in order to achieve three main objectives, these included;

- i. The private sector actors and the government of Zambia have set ambitious targets and made public and private sector commitments on solar and other renewable.
- ii. Support government in the development of an Integrated Resource Plan for electricity, and in the setting of policies and targets for its power system for the next decade.
- iii. Provide technical expertise and convening for other players in the sector, such as the World Bank, GIZ, and USAID Power Africa, providing opportunities to set ambitious targets for wind and solar generation.

Lusaka district was selected in the project for being a hub of government ministries and key decision makers in Zambia's energy sector, policy setting, and business chain. The Ministry of Energy (MOE), Energy Regulation Board (ERB), Rural Electrification Authority (REA), Zambia Environmental Agency (ZEMA), and Ministry of General Education (Curriculum Development) took part in the CSO and Stakeholder Symposium and Training Workshop, SRE Campaign Music and Poetry Meeting, and the Television and Radio Discussions on Muvi television, and Millennium radio. The Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DNPW), and Forestry Department took part in the Radio Explorer Discussion Programme.

3.4.2 Key Highlights

- Development of a documentary whose objective was to exemplify content and narratives of practices and conditions in local communities of Luangwa district, thereby highlighting the current state of SREs and Off grid Systems development in rural communities, and

connecting practice among solutions to address the irreversible dangers to ecosystems of unsustainable energy sources.

- A successful CSOs Energy Symposium and Training on Sustainable Renewable Energy for Communities in Zambia, tailored to operate as a platform for knowledge and information sharing among CSOs and Stakeholders with mandates that involved energy. The meeting was officially opened by the Ministry of Energy Acting Director, Mr. Arnold Simwamba. Other stakeholders included Dr. Steven Mudenda the Head of Department of the Physics Department at the University of Zambia and an expert in Solar Energy and Research at the University of Zambia Solar Energy Centre who facilitated the Training in SRE. The Energy Regulations Board (ERB), Rural Electrification Authority (REA), Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA), Caritas Zambia, Plan Zambia International, and Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR), were among organizations that took part

4 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income Summary

4.1.1 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Income	K'
Grant	
Project - Mining Community Voices (Jan 2021 - Dec 2021)	1,394,273
Project -Sustainable Renewable Energy Project (Jan 2021 - April 2021)	-
Project - Promotion and Protection of Civil Society Voices	316,860
Project - Disability Inclusion and Climate Action Project (Dec 2021)	350,000
Other Income	
Project -CEJ Own Contributions & Interest Received (Jan 2021 - Dec 2021)	435,590
Expenditure	
Mining Community Voices Project Activities	555,720
Promotion and Protection of Civil Society human rights Voices Project Activities	-
Sustainable Renewable Energy Project	270,977
Human Water Rights Awareness Project	-
Disability Inclusion and Climate Action Project	108,637
Administrative Expenses	365,407
Human Resource Expenses	617,338
IGA Activity Expenses	21,000
Total Expenditure	2,021,464
Surplus	475,259

Statement of Accumulated Funds

31st December 2021

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At 1 st January 2021	0
Surplus/Deficit for the Year 2021	<u>475,259</u>
At 31 st December 2021	<u>475,259</u>

This Financial Summary was approved by the Board of Trustees 28/03/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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5 OUR PARTNERS

