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SINAZONGWE'S KANZINZE STREAM POLLUTED

HEADMAN Sikalonzo of Mweemba Chiefdom in Sinazongwe District, Southern Province, is dismayed that Kanzinze Stream in his area has been polluted by mining firms operating in Maamba area.

The Traditional Leader says Siggebbo Stream and Chitinti Stream which flow into Kanzinze stream have also been polluted.

Headman Sikalonzo said the development has denied local communities of the Right to access water for livestock and domestic use.

He called on Government to expedite on remedial measures to alleviate the challenges facing communities in the mining area.

This came to light at the Fifth Sinazongwe District Mining Indaba in held under the theme "Coal Mining amidst Energy Transition: What is the way forward for Sinazongwe?"

The Annual event is convened by the Council of Churches in Zambia - CCZ, Centre for Trade Policy and Development - CTPD, Centre for Environment Justice - CEJ, Joint Country Programme - JCP, Diakonia, Zambia Land Alliance - ZLA, Family Development Initiatives- FDI and Publish What to Pay, all advocating for transparency and accountability in the management of mineral resources in Zambia.

And Council of Churches in Zambia - CCZ Programmes Officer - Social and Economic Justice, Andisen Zulu, said stakeholders last year recommended that Government develops a Policy to protect the environment and put in place a mechanism of recovery in case of damage to the environment due to mining.

Mr. Zulu said follow up action by stakeholders this year shows that Government is still working on the policy as work in progress.

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