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GRZ GIVES 10 000 CHICKENS TO CLIMATE STRESSED CHIRUNDU VILLAGERS

Government has given out 10 000 chickens to villagers in Chirundu District, Southern Province, as part of the provision of alternative livelihoods to climate stressed communities.

Chirundu District Community Development Officer Moffat Ng'uni said Government has further given out 166 goats to four communities for people to avoid cutting trees.

Mr. Ng'uni said Government is further promoting smart Agriculture to avoid reliance on chemical fertilizers to organic one.

He adds that Government is promoting Irrigation Development in Musaya Ward and currently running a bigger scheme in Mushungu which has three tiers in Chirundu District.

On resource management, Mr. Ng'uni said the Department of Forestry has established nursery tree seedlings to plant in different parts of Chirundu especially in the valley.

He said Government has intensified Protection of existing forests such as Mutulanganga Bird Sanctuary between Chirundu and Siavonga District.

"Government established Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS) Committees to teach people on good environmental practices. Government has intensified the Keep Zambia Clean Campaign every Friday. The Local Authority has placed dust bins in all Strategic areas to keep Chirundu clean while segregating solid waste in order to promote recycling," he said.

Mr. Ng'uni was speaking on behalf of Government and the Local Authority on what Government was doing on Environmental and Climate Action in Chirundu District during a Multi Stakeholder Training organised by Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) which is implementing a project dubbed "Strengthening Civil Society Voices for Climate Advocacy in Zambia", funded by United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), covering five districts namely Lusaka, Chirundu, Luangwa, Chongwe and Rufunsa.

Meanwhile, Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) Executive Director Maggie Mwape was happy to note that Government has put in place early warning systems such as two

automated and eight manually operated Rain Gauges to guide farmers on the amount of rain received per year.

Ms Mwape said the success of Zambia's National Adaptation Planning (NAP) processes and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) implementation in the country hinges on the participation of several stakeholders including the Civil society movement.

She said the transformative initiative aims to empower Civil Society Organizations in Zambia to play a pivotal role in advocating for climate action and environmental sustainability.

"It is for this reason that CEJ is building the capacity of CSOs in climate adaptation and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions," she said.

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