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### **ERRATIC WATER SUPPLY HITS SIAZWEELA, MUNGULU VILLAGES IN SINAZONGWE**

Siazweela and Mungulu are grappling with an erratic water supply.

Patrick Shakalumbwe, the Headman of Mungulu Village, reported that residents are forced to share a shallow well with animals, posing health risks.

Jane Mavweele expressed her heightened concern due to the water scarcity.

This came to light during a site visit by Centre for Environment Justice - CEJ which is executing a Resilient Initiatives for Sustainable Environment - RISE Project in Sinazongwe and Serenje with support from Bread for the World.

And CEJ Executive Director Maggie Mwape assured that her organization is collaborating with other stakeholders to find a solution to this pressing issue.

Ms Mwape emphasized that the Government has reallocated resources from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to address climate change effects, including drought.

Ms Mwape appealed to the development sector, including the donor community, to support the Government's efforts in enhancing water supply.

Notably, this situation disproportionately affects vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly, visually impaired, and physically challenged.

And CEJ's Head of Research and Studies, Freeman Mubanga, highlighted their partnership with Bread for the World (Germany) to assess water security in mining communities.

He also pointed out that water scarcity exacerbates gender inequality, as girls spend more time fetching water instead of attending school.

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