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CEJ AWARDS GRANTS RANGING FROM K15,000 TO K50,000 TO BOOST COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN SINAZONGWE

The Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) has awarded grants to support Sinazongwe cooperatives and savings groups ranging from K15,000 to K50,000.

The savings groups received K15000 and the cooperatives K50000.

This came to light in Sinazongwe District, Southern Province, during the Resilient Initiatives for Sustainable Environment (RISE) Project Grants Award Ceremony powered by Bread for the World Germany.

CEJ Executive Director Maggie Mapalo Mwape emphasized the organization's commitment to fostering community-led solutions that promote sustainability and resilience.

Ms Mwape highlighted the importance of empowering rural communities to become drivers of environmental protection and economic empowerment.

She applauded the awardees—four cooperatives and three savings groups—for their innovation and perseverance in tackling environmental challenges.

Ms Mwape noted that the RISE Project is not just about financial aid, but about building stronger, self-reliant communities.

Meanwhile, Sinazongwe District Administrative Officer Brian Siwelwa, speaking on behalf of District Commissioner Nchimunya Siakole, said the RISE Project showcases the strength of collective action and community-driven solutions.

He said the initiatives align with national goals for inclusive growth and resource conservation.

At the same function, Sinazongwe Town Council Advocate Brian Nsombo, delivering a speech on behalf of the Council Secretary Choolwe Maunga, commended the cooperatives and

savings groups for their inspiring work in promoting sustainability and community empowerment.

Earlier, Chieftainess Sinazongwe emphasized that the grants are more than financial support as they symbolize belief in a shared future rooted in unity, heritage, and responsible land stewardship.

She encouraged the awardees to continue inspiring change and called on all stakeholders to walk together in nurturing a stronger, greener Sinazongwe.

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