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### **CEJ COMMERCE BOREHOLE DRILLING FOR PRODUCTIVE USE IN NYIMBA AND PETAUKE IN EASTERN PROVINCE**

With support from We Effect, through the Zambia Climate Change Network, the Centre for Environment Justice has commenced drilling boreholes for productive use under the Agriculture, Water and Livelihoods initiative. The solar powered boreholes will benefit Kamono camp in Nyimba and Kasusu camp in Petauke.

Under this initiative, CEJ has already trained farmers in agroecology practices, equipping them with sustainable and climate-smart farming methods that are suitable for the changing environment. With water now secured, the project has entered its next phase — the installation of solar-powered water systems, followed by the establishment of irrigation systems on one-hectare plots in both districts.

The project aims to directly benefit over 100 people, including persons with disabilities, elderly women, and youths, and is expected to indirectly benefit over 1,000 people across the two districts. The provision of water and irrigation infrastructure will enable these communities to increase their agricultural productivity, adapt to changing weather patterns, and secure their livelihoods in the face of increasing climate-related challenges.

Eastern Province, particularly agroecological zones 1 and 2a, has been one of the hardest-hit regions in Zambia due to the recent El Niño phenomenon. Once a dependable food basket for the nation, the area has suffered significant agricultural losses as a result of erratic rainfall and prolonged dry spells.

The successful drilling of water in Kamono Camp is therefore not just a technical achievement but a critical lifeline for the community, offering renewed hope for improved food security and economic empowerment.

The Centre for Environment Justice expresses its sincere gratitude to We Effect and ZCCN for their unwavering support and partnership. CEJ also commends the local communities for their resilience, commitment, and active participation in making this project a success. With Kamono now having access to water, the focus shifts to Petauke, where the team will

continue efforts to provide sustainable water access and agricultural support, further strengthening the foundation for climate justice and food system transformation in Eastern Province.

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