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### **CJC PROJECT TRAINS COMMUNITIES, HOLDS DIALOGUE IN LUANGWA**

Several communities in Luangwa District, Lusaka Province, have been empowered with social tools like budget tracking, citizen journalism, public expenditure tracking and community scorecards for greater participation in development processes and accountability.

This is under the Climate Just Communities (CJC) Project, supported by the Scottish Government through NIRAS Zambia.

Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist Haggai Nyambe explained that the CJC project is addressing climate challenges uniquely based on community-specific needs in four districts, including Luangwa, Sioma, Sinazongwe and Shangombo.

Speaking at a stakeholder dialogue in Luangwa, Mr Nyambe highlighted that CEJ is working alongside partners such as council of churches in Zambia, Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ), Green Living Movement (GLM), and Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) on the exercise.

He noted that the stakeholder dialogue provides a collaborative platform where communities and duty bearers can reflect on delays in service delivery and incomplete projects, seeking actionable solutions.

Mr Nyambe reaffirmed CJC's commitment to fostering transparency and strengthening partnerships that ensure improved service delivery.

Meanwhile, Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) Field Officer Webster Chubili underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in tackling climate challenges.

He explained that the Climate Just Communities (CJC) project empowers communities with advocacy and social accountability tools to improve service delivery.

Mr Chubili emphasised that the stakeholders' dialogue serves as a crucial platform for fostering cooperation and developing solutions to enhance climate resilience.

He urged all stakeholders to actively contribute to sustainable development and climate resilience in affected areas.

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