

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN CHOMA DISTRICT, SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF ZAMBIA.

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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Community participation
- Local development planning
- Institutional setting
- Youth empowerment
- Photo sessions
- Lessons learnt
- Conclusion



- The focus of programmes undertaken on local development planning in the district was to;
“To improve the well-being of vulnerable people in Choma district, particularly through increased citizen engagement in governance processes”

Get an in- depth understanding of attitudes among the local communities as well as establish a baseline for ongoing local development planning.

Empower the youth with what to do to earn a living.



Approach

Participation approach was used to involve community members in local development.

According to Agere (2000:9), participation is defined as “a process whereby stakeholders exercise influence over public policy decisions and share control over resources.

In the context of governance participation is focused on the empowerment of citizens including women and addressing the interplay between the broad range of civil societies, actors and actions.”



This implies that all men and women should have a voice in decision making either directly or through legitimate intermediate institutions that represent their interests at grass root level.

Such broad participation is built on freedom of association and speech, as well as capabilities for them to participate constructively in development.




Local Development Planning

Planning process according to Flanagan (1995) enables local communities in a given locality to prepare and plan a shared future vision for that area based on identified needs.

It is about initiating changes that addresses causes of underdevelopment.

Planning process ought to be open to everyone who has an interest in the development of the local area. In this regard, an action plan becomes a means of ensuring that the people living in the area develop a shared and informed approach to planning their destiny.



Institutional setting

Choma district has 25 wards; 11 in Mbabala and 14 in Choma Central Constituencies. The Council initially formed and trained 12 ward development committees out of 25.

Purpose of WDCs is to assist community members to participate in local development at grass root levels.

After formation of the committees the district trained them into Planning, Budgeting and Monitoring.



Planning

Community members identified projects at ward level through participatory approach and projects prioritized were submitted to district planning office for inclusion in the Council Strategic Plan (2018 to 2021) from which the yearly budget are prepared.

Budgeting

The WDCs were taught realistic budgeting for projects to be manageable by the local authority.



Monitoring and Evaluation

Each WDC has a responsibility to monitor all projects that are in their ward and ensure that they are implemented within scheduled time.

WDCs cooperate with district staff that monitor projects in the local area just to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the way projects are carried out.



Projects implemented so far

- Upgrading of Macha to Kamunza road to standard gravel
- Provision and improvement of ablution blocks in unplanned settlements (in Kulundana and Simacheche wards)
- Shampande and Green markets rehabilitations
- Improvement of two health posts in Mbabala, New Kabanana of Mubula Ward



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

- ▶ SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, A BUSINESS INNOVATION TO CREATE JOBS AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT OF A YOUTH GROUP IN CHOMA



SITUATION

- ▶ The town and district of Choma as the provincial capital of Southern Province is the commercial hub in the province.
- ▶ The population of Choma district was at 247,860 as in the 2010 census and the subsequent estimated number of households in urban and peri-urban at that time was sixteen thousand One Hundred, without much consideration for the rural areas.
- ▶ Therefore, the generation rate of solid waste in Choma district was bordering on two major factors:
 - ▶ (i) The influx of people from other districts due to transformation of Choma district into the provincial capital of Southern Province.
 - ▶ (ii) The increasing scale of wholesale and retail trading which attracted street vending, leading to an increasing amount of waste generation.





SWM Progress

- ▶ Three (3) Private Enterprises contracted by August 2018.
- ▶ Approximately 4,000 customers (private, business, institutional) are served by waste collectors.
- ▶ Upgrade of the CMC collection fleet 2 to 6 vehicles. (Purchase of a 20 ton Tipper truck through CDF budget support).
- ▶ Ongoing roll out of waste collection services into high density townships in cooperation with CBE's.
- ▶ Encouraging young people in Jobs through engagement of organizations like "Youth Power Africa" as part of the franchise contractors group.



ZONING OF FRANCHISE OPERATIONS

Waste Collection Zones are divided as follows:

- ▶ **Zone 1:** Airport, Police, Chandamali and Mukasa
- ▶ **Zone 2:** Adastra, Riverside, Macha Road, Kamunza and Njase
- ▶ **Zone 3:** Hospital, Showgrounds, Choma Secondary, Nahumba, Mawagali, Prisons and Famarama.
- ▶ **Zone 4:** Kabanana, Q metro, ZSIC Complex, UCZ
- ▶ **Zone 5:** Faithwood School, Zamtel, Makalanguzu Market, ZNS Club House, Industrial Area, Mount Gomali and Mwapona
- ▶ **Zone 6:** Shampande, Sha, Kalukungu Market, Humba Area and Zambia Compound.



CMC PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUTH FRANCHISE

- ▶ Franchise contractors have pledged to support the waste management system by donating the installation and increment of additional public waste bins in townships.
- ▶ .The Franchise partnership has attracted would be donor support from the head of German development corporation who visited the youth group and assured them of support



Youth Power Africa(YPA)

- ▶ “Youth Power Africa,” like the name suggests is one of the franchise companies that was engaged due certain attributes, such as empowering of Youths co-operatives within the community as well as the ability to inculcate a sense of responsibility/sustainability in community.
- ▶ Started operating in April, 2018 and it has a membership of 18. its servicing about 600 households of about 2000 households in their zone (Zone 6).



OBJECTIVES OF YOUTH POWER AFRICA

- ▶ Promote mutuality beneficial linkages between large firms and SMEs through relationship.
- ▶ Facilitate interaction of youths / SMEs and improve youth ability to compete and be responsible citizens.
- ▶ Enhance integrity. Competence, high standards of products and quality control through youth training and capacity building .
- ▶ Promoting solid waste as a business in the changing environment.
- ▶ Undertake research for entrepreneur development, case studies and innovative ideas.





YOUH POWER AFRICA MISSION

The mission of YPS is to create a sustainable economic base and forum that ensure growth and development for youths and SMEs.

- ▶ Ensure equitable participation and benefit of the youth and gender groups in business while establishing the environment
- ▶ Establish a suitable, effective and efficient dialogue platform with all stakeholders



CURRENT ACTIVITIES

-operational-

- ▶ Following the implementation of Statutory Instrument instructions of Solid Waste Management, to built capacity within CMC and sensitising the public in waste collection and disposal, e.g.:
 - ▶ Sensitise the public through media information.
 - ▶ Ongoing exercise on households and premises to have a waste bin.
 - ▶ Removing historical Waste in their zone at a fee which in turn generate for youth pay.



YPA at work



OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Training of waste collectors.
- ▶ Share trade information on business opportunities.
- ▶ Facilitation in sensitisation and behavioural change of the Public in waste handling and disposal through media campaigns.
- ▶ Youth Power Africa aims at managing solid waste in a sustainable manner.



Public

**WASTE
BIN**

Please drop your litter here!

PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

- ▶ CMC Helping to link youth group to donors and financiers
- ▶ Link youth group to soft loans with CMC guarantee
- ▶ CMC Assisting the youth group with project proposal writing
- ▶ CMC assisting the group with technical support and community sensitization to pay for services .



ACHIEVEMENTS

- ▶ Clean township environment
- ▶ Increased donor support to upgrade squatters
- ▶ Provision of employment to the Youth.
- ▶ Improved service provision



Men at work















PICTORIAL REPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ABLUTION BLOCK IN CHOMA DISTRICT



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CONSTRUCTION OF REFUSE BAY AT MACHA ROAD MARKET



CREATION OF ACCESS ROADS IN KAMUNZA AREA IN CHOMA DISTRICT



REHABILITATION OF GREEN MARKET IN CHOMA TOWN OF CHOMA DISTRICT



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Lessons learnt by the Council from program

- Communities contributed positively on planning of activities and shown commitment for future programs.
- Structures for monitoring implementation of district activities exist and involved in implementation of gender activities.
- Built community capacity in undertaking participatory local development planning processes through application of participatory methodologies, tools and techniques.
- Strengthened community abilities to create linkages and synergies among stakeholders.



Lessons learnt continues

Community led development planning has contributed to women and men being active mobilizers, organizers and providing relevant information necessary to development of local plans that take into account gender and HIV/AIDS.

- Communities are now able to lobby resources from other partners within the ward and outside to support projects therefore improve living conditions.
 - Strengthened community analytical capacities through which development of local development plans are developed.
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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, involvement of local communities in local development planning, is important because;

- it helps communities to understand situations, how government works and accept partnerships
- utilize resources efficiently and effectively using communities
- apply knowledge on practical issues in community development



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FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!!!!

