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CHIRUNDU OFFICE, DMMU & DC PARTICIPATE IN RELIEF, DISASTER MGT PLANNING



Chirundu District Stakeholders Consultative Meeting

As Parliament, through its Parliamentary Constituency Offices, seeks to get closer to the people, there is a demand for the Office to take part in the coordination and planning of activities together with other stakeholders.

Such activities include taking part in health or educational programmes, social economic activities or disaster mitigation activities among others.

In this regard, the Chirundu Parliamentary Constituency Office, in conjunction with the District Commissioner's office which

chairs the District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), has been instrumental in making sure residents who were impacted by catastrophes during the year were cared for in each of the district's 12 wards.

The DDMC resolved to create new Satellite Disaster Management Committees (SDMC) whose mandate is to identify and select the vulnerable people in the communities to receive relief.

The DDMC, which includes the Chirundu Parliamentary Constituency Office as a member, resolved to work with Councillors, Ward Development Committees, and traditional leaders to build the SDMC by dividing them into three groups that would visit each ward.

place from December 28, 2022 to January 6, 2023; and was attended by the Constituency Office's Professional Assistant (PA).

KANTANSHI BEST PERFORMING PUPILS AWARDED

Kantanshi Parliamentarian, Honourable Anthony C Mumba, MP, in January, 2023 awarded 26 pupils from different schools in his constituency who scored 500 marks and above during the 2022 Grade 9 Examinations.

The lawmaker, who invited the 26 pupils and their parents; Head Teachers; and Deputy Head Teachers of their respective schools for a breakfast meeting, awarded each pupil with a new pair of shoes, socks, uniform and school bag.

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Honourable Mumba

Addressing the audience, Honourable Mumba encouraged the pupils to continue working hard as in a few years they would be sitting for Grade 12 examinations.

The MP also told the pupils that education was the best equalizer, noting that if they concentrated on their studies, they would have the future they longed for and this would make their families proud.

The schools where the new Grade 10s came from were complimented for making Mufulira proud as the district was the best performing at Grade 9 level on the Copperbelt.

With Mufulira Secondary School having 18 pupils who scored 500 and above, the Member of Parliament also praised the parents for their contribution to their children's performance.

HON MTAYACHALO INSPECTS CDF PROJECT

Chama North Area Member of Parliament, Hon Yotam Mtayachalo, says he will not allow a situation where pupils are being subjected to a learning environment which is not conducive whilst Constituency Development Fund (CDF) money was available.

Hon. Mtayachalo said this last month at Kaozi Primary School where he went to check on a 1X2 classroom block which is being constructed under CDF.

The MP, who expressed happiness with the works being done, noted that CDF was going to change the landscape of his constituency provided people work in harmony with his office.

And Kaozi Primary School Headteacher, Ms Hildah M Lungu Chisi, said that the construction of extra

classrooms would cushion the challenge of school places. The Headteacher said that the school, which runs from Pre-Grade to Grade 7, only has 4 classrooms and 35 desks against 397 learners.

And in response, Hon. Mutayachalo stated that funds for desks in his Constituency was available and there was, therefore, need to contract people or groups to supply desks.

In this regard, Hon. Mtayachalo called on local people who were able to make desks to utilize the opportunity and have desks made for distribution to different schools in the district. He said it was not right for the district or the constituency to import desks which could be made locally.*****

Celebrate what you've accomplished, but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed.

— Mia Hamm

**Kabwe Central MP
Hands Over Classroom
Block**

As She Promotes Tree Planting

Kabwe Central Member of Parliament, Hon. Chrizoster Halwiindi Phiri, last month handed over a 1X3 Classroom Block at Natuseko 'C' Primary School which was constructed using the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Speaking during the hand-over ceremony, the Honourable Member of Parliament said that all the new classrooms would be fully furnished with new desks.

She said that free education would not be effective without desks for the learners.

Meanwhile Hon. Phiri also launched the tree planting exercise at Natuseko 'C' Primary School premises.

The exercise which is aimed at fighting climate change is a mitigating measure against deforestation. The Kabwe Central Parliamentarian said that tree planting was one of the ways of fighting deforestation and climate change.

She also encouraged the people in her constituency to follow her example by planting fruit trees which would not only aid the fight against deforestation, but are also a source vitamins. The tree planting exercise is in line with the

call by Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, The Right Honourable Nelly B.K. Mutti, MP, who directed Members of Parliament to plant 1000 trees in each of the Constituencies.

The Honourable Madam Speaker demonstrated this noble cause by launching the tree planting and distributing pine trees to all Members of Parliament to plant in their constituencies. She further encouraged Members of Parliament to show leadership by taking a leading role in issues of climate change.

"ONE CHILD ONE TREE" DECLARES CHIKANKATA MP

Chikankata Area Member of Parliament, Hon. Jacqueline Sabao, has noted that Climate Change knows no boundaries as it affects everyone.

In this regard, the MP has said that her office would involve everyone in her constituency including children in the fight against Climate Change.



Hon. Sabao planting a pine tree after handing over a classroom block

The law maker said this at Nansenga Secondary School when she launched a tree planting project recently as a mitigation measure against climate change following the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) resolution.

The "One Child, One tree" declaration comes as a result of the involvement of the young people in the project. The MP further said that this would help children learn the importance of taking care of the environment and encouraged parents to do the same.

Hon. Sabao urged teachers and parents to have an interest in tree planting in order to mitigate climate change. ****



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Lusaka.....	92.5FM	Mansa.....	91.5FM
Pemba.....	105.5FM	Chipata.....	95.7FM
Livingstone.....	100.5FM	Chinsali.....	90.5FM
Kapiri Mposhi.....	91.3FM	Mapatizia.....	93.1FM
Kitwe.....	94.1FM	Petauke.....	96.1FM
Solwezi.....	93.1FM	Chadiza.....	95.3FM
Mongu.....	98.2FM	Kalabo.....	96.5FM
Kasama.....	91.5FM	Chembe.....	94.7FM
Mansa.....	91.5FM	Mporokoso.....	91.3FM

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EDITORIAL

During the February and March meeting, also referred to as the Legislative Meeting, the main focus for the National Assembly is the consideration of Bills which are later enacted into Law.

The public is expected to participate in this process by engaging both the Executive and the Legislature on matters that need new legislation or amendment of existing legislation.

The parliamentary reforms implemented in the last 10 years have created an opportunity for increased citizenry participation through various Parliamentary media platforms including Parliament Television, Parliament Radio, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The Parliamentary Reforms Programme (Programme Management) Department will follow the February/March meeting with much interest.

Apart from the practice by every department of the National Assembly of following Parliamentary proceedings, the department follows the proceedings because it coordinates the operations of Constituency Offices through which members of the public interact with their representatives.

At constituency level, the National Assembly is represented by Constituency Offices which are meeting places for Members of Parliament and their constituents.

In this regard, it is expected that the people in the constituencies will also take keen interest in this meeting as they follow the debates in the House.

As Members of Parliament debate on possible laws, they represent the wishes of the people they represent in all the 156 constituencies.

Our Parliamentary staff in Constituency Offices will also need to follow the deliberations of the House in order to provide information to constituents that may seek clarity or wish to engage their elected leadership on some of the Bills under consideration.

As noted above and in past editorials, one of the ways the PRP (Programme Management) Department contributes to the core values of the

Legislature is by coordinating the work of the 156 Parliamentary Constituency Offices.

In this regard, the Institution has prioritised information sharing and capacity building for our staff in all offices.

We also want to ensure that our staff in the Parliamentary Constituency Offices understand that their work is critical to supporting the representative and legislative roles of Members of Parliament, hence the need for more research on the bills under consideration.

More research accompanied with the zeal to enhance capacity building means Parliamentarians and the National Assembly of Zambia will be well represented.

In her recent working visit to India, the Speaker of the National Assembly, Right Honourable Nelly B K Mutti, MP, highlighted the importance of capacity building and training.

Speaker Mutti pointed out that there was need to revive the training and capacity building credentials among Zambian Parliamentarians.

She said that this was going to enable Members of Parliament keep abreast with best practices and procedures for the smooth running of the House.

Apart from the consideration of Bills, the current meeting of the House will continue with other business including oversight over government policies and programmes.

Other business may include issues surrounding the Constituency Development Fund, gender matters and the fight against Climate Change.

It is expected that members of the public will submit issues through the Constituency Offices for consideration by the House through questions, motions and matters of urgent public importance.

Thokozani Kamanga

Principal Clerk Parliamentary Reform Programme (Programme Management)



MUNALI MP, CDF COMMITTEE MEET

...Hon. Mposha Thanks Committee, Encourages Continuous Hard Work...

Munali Member of Parliament, Honourable Mike Elton Mposha, has encouraged the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Committee to "keep up the good work."

The Member of Parliament said this in January, 2023, during a CDF committee meeting at Munali Parliamentary Constituency Office.

Hon Mposha noted that the people of Munali were very expectant and hence encouraged the committee to continue working hard.

The Parliamentarian also emphasized the need for continued collaboration among all stakeholders especially the constituents.

He pointed out how projects proposed by the local people had been implemented and that the implementation would continue in 2023.

Honourable Mposha mentioned that he wanted the various stakeholders to use the 2023 CDF allocation to do more roads in all the wards; build more classes; mitigate security issues by building police posts; and making sure all projects being worked on were finished.



Hon Mposha in white shirt attending a CDF Committee Meeting at the Parliamentary Constituency Office

The MP said during community meetings in 2022, proposals were made to work on some of the roads and the work had since commenced.

This work was in addition to on-going projects.

The roads in the Constituency included the road connecting the Presidential Housing Initiative (PHI) and M'tendere road through Mahatma Gandhi Primary School and the road around M'tendere Catholic Church/ Old M'tendere (Church Road) into M'tendere Road near Vera Chiluba Primary School in M'tendere Ward.

Other roads included the road between M'tendere East and NRDC in Kalikiliki Ward; Lubwa Road (from Zambia National Service (ZNS) Chamba Valley gate through Mwananshiku Farm all the way to Kabwiku into District Road).

The people of Chakunkula Ward would also see

roads worked on in Chelston and the road leading to Madimba Bridge area among others.

Honourable Mposha further asked the CDF Committee, civil leaders and the Ward Development Committees (WDCs) in his constituency to encourage constituents to continue submitting projects they wanted to be worked on in 2023 through the Ward Development Committee (WDC) offices within the constituency.

HON. CHONYA COMMITS TO WORK ON KAFUE POLICE STATION USING CDF

Kafue Member of Parliament, Hon. Mirriam Chinyama Chonya, has said that a number of projects would be worked on this year in her constituency.

The MP said this at the Kafue Police "End of Year Social Gathering" held at Kutwingi Lodge in Kafue Estates in January, 2023.

Honourable Chonya, who was the Guest of Honour at the event, stated that a few programmes and projects, including the police station, in Kafue would be completed using the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

She further mentioned that the government, through the CDF, had allocated K2.4 million to build a

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and modern police station in the constituency which would benefit the people of Kafue District and surrounding areas.

"We recently handed over Mungu Police Post, which was constructed at a total cost of K 211, 283.06 from CDF and Ward Development Fund (WDF)." she said

The MP said that this was a demonstration of government's efforts and commitment to improving public service delivery.

HON SIACHISUMO DISTRIBUTES DESKS PURCHASED UNDER CDF.

Lufwanyama Member of Parliament, Hon. Kenny Siachisumo, has stated that there is need for full accountability by the various suppliers under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Hon Siachisumo said this last month at Lufwanyama Town Council Lodge when he handed over desks procured through CDF.



Hon Siachisumo left with some invited guests having a feel of the new desks

The Member of Parliament was addressing stakeholders, members of staff, and pupils of Pwele Primary School and others from the constituency and Lufwanyama who included the media and Heads of Departments who came to witness the distribution of 1,340 desks that were locally made to 19 schools.

The Honourable MP sent a strong message to the suppliers through the media saying that his office would not entertain the supply of sub-standard desks to the schools.

He stated that his team had allocated K2.6 million to go towards the purchasing of desks and

assured the gathering that no child would sit on the floor by the end of the year 2023 as directed by the Republican President, Mr Hakainde Hichilema.

He also urged schools that received the desks to guard and attend to them quickly when damaged. Meanwhile, pupils and management from different schools in the constituency expressed happiness and noted that having more desks in schools would improve the sitting arrangement of learners at the schools and help the learners perform better.



Pupils' representative giving a vote of thanks