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Anti-corruption commission and civil society organisation TAG TEAM in the fight against corruption .

Corruption in Zambia and worldwide necessitates concerted efforts. To address this, the Anti-Corruption Commission's Livingstone Regional Office and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Livingstone collaborated to combat corruption. Over 15 CSOs and media houses attended, including Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC), Play it Forward, and Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflections.

Supported by Restless Development Zambia and co-organized by ACC and The Healing Balm Foundation, the meeting aimed to foster collaboration between CSOs and ACC on corruption-related matters, provide a platform for anti-corruption and civil society partnerships on transparency and accountability, and enhance CSO capacity and confidence in combating corruption

The District Manager of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in Livingstone has taken a significant step towards fostering collaboration between the ACC and civil society organizations (CSOs) in the fight against corruption. By emphasizing the importance of partnership, the District Manager recognizes the critical role CSOs play in combating corruption, thanks to their extensive reach and strong relationships with local communities ¹.

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This partnership is vital for several reasons. CSOs can provide valuable insights into community needs and concerns, helping the ACC tailor its efforts to address specific corruption issues. Additionally, CSOs can mobilize community support and participation in anti-corruption initiatives, creating a groundswell of public demand for accountability.

Post meeting reflections .

“Liseli Initiative Representative: "We appreciated the opportunity to come. I have viewed ACC as an isolated institution, only interested in prosecuting individuals. However, I have discovered that integrity is the core business that drives their fight against

corruption.”

Daniel Ngoma, Executive Director - Tusole Youth Friendly Association, had this to say at the end of the meeting:

"Great and fruitful stakeholders' interaction. It was worth it; ACC's openness for partnerships and collaborations, particularly around CDF, was my key highlight for the day. My content creation around ACC and the fight against corruption has been enriched. Thank you."



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Restless Development Zambia and the THBF promoting Community Led-Development key to Sustainable Development.

While the phrase 'development doesn't happen overnight' holds true, it shouldn't be an excuse for stagnant and underdeveloped communities worldwide. Someone may ask: What is development without community involvement? Development entails what the community wants and prioritizes.

The Senkobo community of Chief Musokotwane in Kazungula has been empowered without number by The Healing Balm Foundation in various aspects, such as: Demanding accountability and transparency Governance, Gender equality, Alcohol abuse prevention and Disability education to mention but a few.



The foundation recently made a follow-up meeting to check on the community's progress in the projects they are involved in. Youths, women, and persons living with disabilities have been highly active in community projects. Youths have formed social clubs, such as football teams and community groups, to support their livelihoods. Women and persons with disabilities, previously

excluded from community engagement, now have a voice.

The community was grouped into youths, leaders, and community to have a proper and intensive interaction over the farewell of the community



"Young people are the backbone of any nation." – Nelson Mandela

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Community leaders(ward councillor, traditional leaders, Chief Musokotwane secretary , ward development committee during a focus group interactions .

Below in picture is the community during focus groups.



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PHILANTHROPIES

We Hosted the 5th African Philanthropy Conference Delegates. We had a rare privilege last week of hosting more than 200 Philanthropists, Think-tanks, Ministers, professors, Doctors, CEOs of different organizations from across the globe at the Zambia Governance Foundation Restless Development Zambia.



Notable delegates included Mama **Graça Machel**, a renowned international advocate for women's and children's rights, and the only woman in modern history to have served as First Lady of two countries, South Africa and Mozambique. Her presence underscored the conference's focus on shaping the continent's philanthropic landscape and was made an honorary Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997 for her humanitarian work.

The team visited The Healing Balm Foundation to explore potential collaboration opportunities. During their visit, various community groups under the foundation's umbrella showcased their diverse skills and handmade products. The showcase featured: Handicrafts, Local artwork, Traditional clothing, Food products and Other innovative creations.



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Local artwork by groups under the foundation



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Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT)

The Healing Balm Foundation recently hosted a delegation from Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT), a Canadian-based international non-profit organization, on September 19, 2024. The visit aimed to explore potential collaboration opportunities and assess the foundation's disability group programs.

DOT's mission aligns with The Healing Balm Foundation's objectives, focusing on enhancing digital skills for marginalized communities, fostering entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, and promoting social inclusion and equality. This potential partnership could amplify digital literacy initiatives, support entrepreneurship development, enhance disability inclusion programs, facilitate knowledge sharing, and foster sustainable community development.



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Zambia Revenue Authority

The foundation attained the public benefit certificate from Ministry of Finance and Zambia Revenue Authority. This is the reason why ZRA- Livingstone paid a visit at the foundation to check on the works around the foundation. The officers were impressed to learn that the foundation majorly educates and empowers citizens to hold duty bearers accountable using the **POT MODEL** - simple illustration used to communicate easily to the communities on the collection of taxes by the government from all citizens to the central government and its evenly distribution.



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Know us and Contact Us

The Healing Balm Foundation is a local nongovernmental, not-for-profit and non-partisan organization based in Livingstone along Gwembe street, House #38, next to Great North Road Academy . We are passionate and driven and we have a bigger heart for the community striving to improve their lives through poverty reduction among the marginalized, the youth, women, girls, persons with disabilities and the aged. We endeavor to bring long-term sustainability measures and let the locals take full ownership of the sustainability strategy that would see them throughout their lives thereby reducing the dependency syndrome in our communities. The organization is affiliated and registered with the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, it is also a partner with the Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities. The organization has also been nominated to sit on the Ward Development Committees under the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in more than four wards of Livingstone with its representation of marginalized groups and youths in more than eight wards. We are working in several areas of Livingstone like; Mulala, Dambwa sit, Highlands, Maramba, Simatobolo and Kazungula, Mukuni among others. We always use the community approach to bring about the desired change such as engaging traditional leaders, rural community churches, and rural community schools and create youth-friendly spaces so that youths especially can freely talk about certain pressing issues such as menstrual hygiene, sexual reproductive health and general sanitation.

VISION

To empower and attain an inclusive society where the marginalized youths, women and children including those with disabilities and the aged have equal access to social, economic, educational and moral benefits thus creating a self-sustaining generation.

MISSION

Empowering PWDs, aged, women, Other Vulnerable Children, and the youth out of social marginalization, isolation, and discrimination through income-generating initiatives, skills development activities and provision of access to education for better resource exploitation, management and control for improved quality of life which includes access to clean water and hygiene especially in rural areas. To improve the knowledge and rights of persons with disabilities by teaching them how to advocate for their rights and their inclusion in society through participating freely and enjoying equal rights and policy formulation contributions in a democratic country like Zambia .

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