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THE FRUITS OF THE COMMUNITY

During the first phase of the project ‘BUILDING CULTURAL ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM’ -THBF trained Traditional leaders in the fight against corruption in Musokotwane and Mukuni Chiefdoms.



Senior Chief Musokotwane crowned as the Champion in the fight against corruption in his chiefdom .

Traditional leaders , women ,youths, schools and the community joined in the fight against corruption

A collaborative initiative between the Foundation and GIZ has yielded significant

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results in Chief Mukuni and Musokotwane areas. Through targeted capacity-building interventions, traditional leaders have been empowered to promote transparency and accountability within their jurisdictions. The comprehensive training program equipped participants with specialized social accountability tools, including the Community Score Card and the Service Charter. These instruments enable traditional leaders to effectively monitor and evaluate service delivery, thereby fostering a culture of good governance and accountability in their chiefdoms.

THE TRADITIONAL MODEL:

The Traditional Model is a visual aid designed to explain the concept of revenue collection and tax distribution to local traditional leaders in Zambia.



The model comprises 10 small pots, each representing one of the country's 10 provinces, where revenue is collected and taxes are remitted. At the center of the model is a large pot, symbolizing the Single Treasury Account (TSA), where all tax revenues from the provinces are

pooled and managed. This intuitive model helps illustrate the flow of revenue from the provinces to the central treasury, facilitating easy management and allocation of resources and ploughing back in form of development to the public.





In picture - Senior Chief Musokotwane in a traditional attire receiving an award from Sengupta [EnACT Head] as a testament of this stance against corruption in his Chieftdom



THE NETWORK

The Healing Balm Foundation has continued to expand its network through strategic collaborations with various stakeholders and institutions. Currently, the organization sits on the Division Committee and Ward



Development Committee in Livingstone, and is a registered Public Benefit Organisation. Notable partners and allies include the Anti-Corruption Commission, District Education Board, Zambia Governance Foundation, Restless Development Zambia, European Union, GIZ, Intergenerational Microgrant, and Livingstone City Council, Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection etc.

From September 24–27, 2024, We hosted the CADRE Project Knowledge Sharing Workshop in Lusaka, a four-day event organized by the International

Development Initiative (IDI) and Transparency International Zambia. The workshop focused on fostering collaboration between Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to enhance Public Financial Management (PFM). Bringing together over 40 participants including The Healing Balm Foundation, the workshop explored strategies for collaboration and information sharing to improve accountability and transparency in the management of public resources. The primary objective of the workshop was to deepen participants’ understanding of the roles CSOs can play in PFM and to identify practical ways in which CSOs can support Office of the Auditor General (OAG) in Zambia in safeguarding public resources. This dialogue was designed to explore how CSOs can strengthen their advocacy for SAI

independence and contribute to promoting good governance.



Key Takeaways from the Workshop

Alignment Between CSOs and SAIs

The workshop was structured around several critical themes and covered the following:

1. Enhanced Knowledge of PFM and CSO Roles

Participants gained a comprehensive understanding of PFM processes, including its key components and stakeholders. The sessions highlighted the importance of public accountability in financial management and covered how CSOs can actively contribute, such as through advocacy, monitoring public expenditure, and promoting transparency. The knowledge sharing sessions were a vital foundation for enhancing collaboration between CSOs and the OAG.

One of the workshop’s critical discussions centred on aligning CSOs’ objectives with the ambitions of the OAG. By developing strategies to harmonise



their activities, CSOs can work more effectively alongside the OAG to advance oversight of public funds. During the workshop, the participants identified opportunities for collaboration and practical ways to create synergies that promote good governance between these stakeholders.



Participants discussed regional case studies and best practices, resulting in the development of a collaborative action plan that enables CSOs to advocate effectively for the independence of SAIs, particularly the OAG in Zambia. Not only does this roadmap equip CSOs with tools to enhance their advocacy efforts; it also underscores the role CSOs can play in championing audit institutions to ensure they can operate without external influence and remain effective watchdogs over public resources.

The Healing Balm Foundation played a leading role in organizing Livingstone's civil society organizations (CSOs) to participate in the 2024 Africa Philanthropy Network (APN) Assembly. This year's conference focused on transforming philanthropy across Africa, driving equity and justice through systemic change.

3. A Roadmap for CSO Advocacy for SAI Independence

AFRICAN PHILANTHROPIST NETWORK

The Africa Philanthropy Network (APN) is a platform connecting African organizations and individuals to champion the growth of African philanthropy. APN provides a collaborative space for African and diaspora philanthropy support groups to address and influence the power dynamics affecting resource mobilization, distribution, and expenditure.



APN Assembly was about knowledge production and the stories we tell ourselves about African philanthropy. We reflected on how indigenous insights and wisdom contribute to research, decision-making, and development. We also looked at the importance of language—both vernacular and rhetoric—in fostering meaningful community participation as rightful investors in their development. Key discussions explored how philanthropy can counter inequalities, address power imbalances, and build solidarity around narratives that position African philanthropy as a transformative force for community-led change



AIM YOUTH POWER CLOSE OUT.



With support of Restless Development Zambia, we held a close out meeting in Senkobo, focused on empowering local champions particularly youth and women who will lead in promoting good governance and fighting corruption in their communities.

The meeting highlighted roles which these champions will play in monitoring, fighting against corruption and ensuring that community voices are heard in decision making. Through this The

Healing balm foundation team addressed issues of governance and corruption, strengthening local champions who will keep these efforts alive.



As part of this work, the Senkobo Youth Club has formed a cooperative that combines sporting activities and plans to start poultry farming, engaging youth in ways that build both community and financial support. To sustain this club, we outlined some steps for sustainability plans:- Champions will set up a WhatsApp group for easy communication and monitoring of activities.

- A monthly safe space for members to share ideas and strategize on issues affecting their community.

- Membership contributions to support the club's day-to-day activities, while also helping to build a sustainable fund for the future.

- Members are encouraged to pitch ideas for business and projects that align with their goals, aiming to attract funding from organisations and government partners. The Healing Balm Foundation Team also urged members to apply for CDF and government grants.

The Healing Balm Foundation is committed to providing ongoing mentorship, building a support network and partnering with local organizations so that these champions have the tools, resources and training they need to continue this important work. With local leaders stepping up, the fight for good governance and transparency in Senkobo is just the beginning.



Know us and Contact Us

The Healing Balm Foundation is a local non-governmental, not-for-profit and non-partisan organization based in Livingstone Next to Great North Road Academy, Gweembe street, Obote Raod. 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. 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 were 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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