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*'If you want peace, work for justice'
Pope Paul VI.*



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CCJPZ BISHOP CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am happy to present to you the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ) Annual Report for the year 2020. The year presented a number challenges for our justice and peace work, considering the fact that most of our work is outreach in remote communities. The lockdown restrictions aimed at reducing the spread of virus, meant that we could no longer frequent communities as we used to do before the onset of the pandemic. Special mention goes to community based justice and peace animators, who have been disseminating COVID-19 related information in their local communities. Fittingly the theme for this report, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in distress,” (Psalm 46:2) is a reminder to trust and hope in the Lord in the midst of this devastating global pandemic.

Indeed, this has been a year of unprecedented challenges, daunting disruptions, and transformational change for all of us working in the justice and peace ministry. It's a moment that is having a huge impact on every sector and every community. During the course of the year we also received disturbing reports from across the country of a number of human rights violations taking place during the lockdown. Of concern was closing of democratic space under the cover of lockdown regulations. The global

spread of COVID-19 has served as a powerful reminder to all of us on the importance of our collective effort as justice and peace family, as strive for the well-being of the communities we serve. Since 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to dramatic social and economic changes in our great nation which has seen a lot of people losing lives and livelihoods. Despite all these challenges, the Lord reminds us to trust him in Isaiah 41:13, “For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.”

On 27 February 2020, I commissioned the thematic working groups or resource persons to advise CCJPZ on context and policy advocacy. I am pleased to report that the CCJPZ resources persons from the three thematic areas namely (i) *National Peace and Reconciliation*; (ii) *Primary Justice, Inclusive Participation and Cohesion*; (iii) *Resource Governance, Economic Justice and Stewardship of Creation* are working with the National Office to develop policy briefs using information generated from dioceses for engagement with relevant stakeholders.

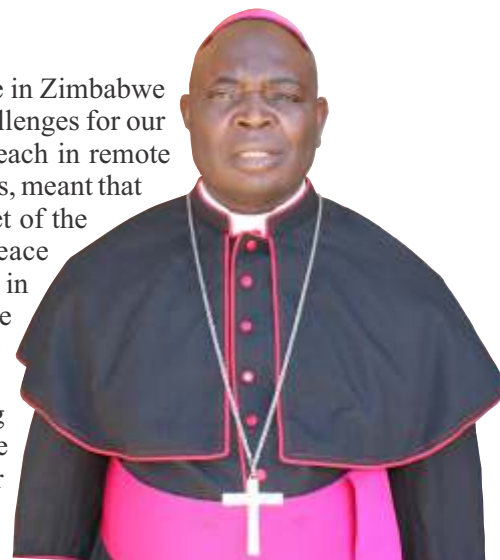
I would like to urge CCJPZ family to continue working hard in our quest for a just and peaceful Zimbabwe. Pope Francis in his encyclical titled: *Fratelli Tutti*, challenges us as Justice and Peace promoters through our work, to respond to critical questions of life, regarding the purpose and meaning of life during the lockdowns as an opportunity to reset a pattern of catastrophic systemic failures that has created an unequal and polarised world. I quote paragraph 33 which urges us to endure, **“the pain, uncertainty and fear, and the realisation of our own limitations, brought on by the pandemic have only made it all the more urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our relationships, the organisation of our societies, and, above all, the meaning of our existence.”**

As you go through the report, you will see the great strides made in promoting justice and peace work throughout Zimbabwe. The report in short summarizes the work of CCJPZ from the National to Diocesan offices. We look forward to receiving your feedback, guidance and support for justice and peace work.

On behalf of the CCJPZ and the ZCBC, I would like to thank all our funding partners who continue to support justice and peace work at both Diocesan and National during this difficult period when the world and our nation in particular is facing the devastating effects of the pandemic on the economy.

May God Bless You All.

Right Rev. Bishop Rudolf Nyandoro,
CCJPZ Bishop Chairman



Rt. Rev. Rudolf Nyandoro



CCJPZ NATIONAL COORDINATORS MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to share with you, the great work that CCJPZ family has carried out in the year 2020 albeit the Covid-19 situation which almost brought to stand still all our justice and peace activities throughout the country. Let me applaud all the dioceses for working hard under very difficult conditions. In March 2020, Zimbabwe recorded, its first confirmed case of COVID-19 and on 27 March 2020, His Excellency, the President ED Mnangagwa, made an announcement that effectively placed the nation under lockdown to minimize the spread of the virus. Following this pronouncement, CCJPs across the country had to adjust to the new normal, which meant we had to re-adjust the way we conducted justice and peace activities in communities. CCJPZ working with diocesan commission provided Hygiene kits for staff and Information Education Communication (IEC) materials to raise awareness on the COVID-19 pandemic, as part of effort to compliment government efforts to minimize the spread of the virus.

CCJPZ National Coordinating Office (or National Office) provides Zimbabwe's justice and peace network with guidance and advice on carrying out justice and peace work as instructed by the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference (ZCBC). It merges emerging voice and concern of Zimbabwean men and women from the ongoing Diocesan activities to the attention and consideration of policy makers. This is based on the lived experience that sustainability of a community activity hinges on relevant policy framework. The National Office supports Diocesan commissions with relevant skills and capacity to effectively facilitate civic education and reflection and to generate information for national policy advocacy and liaisons. Through the Bishop Chairman, the National Office provides advice to the ZCBC on how the Church could respond to arising justice and peace issues. The National Office also makes national connections and develop rapport with organisation doing similar work to grow the circle of influence.

The unprecedented times we are living in this new normal have shed new light on the necessity to redouble our efforts for just and peaceful Zimbabwe. The 2020 was very difficult year in our justice and peace work due to covid-19 pandemic related restrictions, making it very difficult to conduct outreach activities. I am pleased to announce that CCJPZ National Office during the year made positive steps including presenting a policy position paper on the citizens' ideas on the ECONOMY THEY WANT (Socioeconomic rights) to the Speaker of Parliament on 03 December 2020. As you see as you go through the report, a lot work was done by the National Office to support ongoing justice and peace activities.

CCJPZ managed to conduct all the planned activities successfully despite the covid-19 situation. Some of the major highlights as will see as go through the report include, CCJPZ statement on the covid-19 pandemic released on the 25 April 2020 released after the end of first two weeks of lockdown. The statement highlighted issues to do with lockdown compliance by the citizens and impact of the lockdown on people's lives and livelihoods. The statement ended by proffering recommendations on what could be done to address injustices that were happening during the lockdown. On 14 August 2020 our Shepard's, the Bishops released a pastoral letter titled: ***The March is not ended***, whose message was appropriate and relevant to Zimbabwe's real life experiences. The message of the bishops was to call for a deeper reflection and action for all the people, particularly those entrusted to promote justice and peace. Allow me to quote the scriptures, Isaiah 55:9-11 *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it."* These encouraging words should inspire us in our commitment to fight poverty and promote justice in Zimbabwe. We are being challenged by the bishops to popularise their message and ensure that issues raised help us to have a deeper reflection in our justice and peace work.

In response to call by the bishops, CCJPZ mobilized resources for translation of the constitution into Ndebele and Shona for wider circulation and popularization of the message of the bishops for deeper reflection. All dioceses have since received copies of pastoral letter in English and Shona or Ndebele for deeper reflection on the message of the bishops.

- Currently CCJPZ National office is implementing an institutional program titled: **National Peace, Resource Governance, Economic Justice, Steward of Creation and Policy Advocacy Program**. The goal of the project



is to ensure that: **Zimbabwe society enjoys sustainable justice, peace, harmony and development.** This project is being implemented to support ongoing Diocesan Commissions justice and peace activities with the support of the national office. The focus is to continuously persuade the leaders to make directives that do not undermine justice and peace. These include leaders of political parties, legislature, executive, constitutional commissions, security sector, war veterans, directors and heads of state institutions. Evidence based information generated from dioceses under this project will be used by CCJPZ national office, together with Catholic Parliament Liaison Office (CPLO), to build national advocacy and liaisons in four mutually existing thematic areas namely (i) *National Peace and Reconciliation*; (ii) *Primary Justice, Inclusive Participation and Cohesion*; (iii) *Resource Governance, Economic Justice and Stewardship of Creation and* (iv) *Policy Engagement and Development*. Therefore, this programme is aimed at ensuring that communities and their leaders work together to promote peace and development as the broader aim of promoting common good for all the members.

- The national office during the year under review facilitated a number of projects to support ongoing justice and peace in the Archdiocese of Bulawayo, dioceses of Gweru, Gokwe, Hwange, Masvingo and Mutare. CCJPZ will continue to mobilize resources to support justice and peace activities.

I would like to thank CCJP Diocesan commissions for great work in the year 2020.

Mr. Paul Muchena
CCJPZ National Coordinator

CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS IN ZIMBABWE

An overall synopsis for the year 2020 clearly shows that the operating context was at its worst compared to the previous years because of political, economic, social and legal challenges that were exacerbated by the deadly Covid-19 global pandemic. Public gatherings and activities had to be suspended following the enactment of Statutory Instrument (SI) 2020-083 Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) to curb the spread of Coronavirus as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC).

Political

The political situation in Zimbabwe presented some challenges which directly and indirectly affected the work of justice and peace Commission throughout the nation. To mention just a few, the landmark Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) Constitutional Court ruling which ordered the party to return to its 2014 structures resulted in massive recall of Members of Parliament (MPs) and ward councilors across the country. This resulted in polarization of MDC supporters along factional lines and in some cases disrupted effective service delivery as office bearers had to concentrate on retaining their positions.

The failed demonstrations of 31 July 2020 which saw the arrest of prominent figures such as Hopewell Chin'ono, Godfrey Kurauone (Masvingo ward councilor), Jacob Ngarivhume and Job Sikhala, was another political development that occurred during the year. These demonstrations were alleged to have been planned to protest against corruption and deteriorating socio-economic situation in the country. In July 2020 Zimbabwe had a number of economic hardships, which included increases in the rate of inflation, increased prices of basic commodities, poor health care facilities and frequent strikes by civil servants. Due to these issues a demonstration against corruption was planned for the 31 July 2020. The demonstrations were however countered as the presence of the security sector was increased in towns and cities. The presence of the security sector was heavily felt in throughout the country especially in urban areas for example some of CCJP animators reported that members of the army were harassing and sometimes beating community members.

Due to the above numerous challenges and crisis (human rights violation, economic hardships) affecting citizens, the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference (ZCBC) issued a Pastoral Letter titled, *“The march is not ended”*. The letter highlighted the challenges that Zimbabweans were facing and the need for a responsive government. The government of Zimbabwe through the minister of Information and publicity attacked the Bishops and singled out the Archbishop Ndlovu with hurtful genocidal speech. The diocese of Chinhoyi has been experiencing some backlash from the Presidents and Minister of state office because of the pastoral letter. This have greatly affected CCJPs work as the solution holders now think that the project has some political motivations behind and refusal of councilors to work with the commission.

Socio-economic

During the year 2020 Zimbabwe received its first positive cases of Covid-19. This led to the pronouncement of the national lockdown and its enforcement with strict measures. Socially, some of the challenges depicted across the nation included those well pronounced in the health and education sectors. In the health sector, communities were extremely worried about the lack of medication at many health centers. In some cases, it was reported that the health personnel claimed that they were incapacitated and could not attend to patients resulting in patients being turned away without receiving treatment. Some participants even noted that they were facing challenges in accessing face masks which were gazetted to be mandatory when one is in a public place. Some even claimed that there were cases where people would exchange masks to avoid being arrested yet exposing each other to infection. As for parents and guardians with school going children, it became more difficult as they had to provide their children with the necessary safety kits against Covid-19. In addition it was reported that most teachers did not report for work when schools were opened for exam classes. Such a situation is thus a cause for concern in light of the Catholic Social Teaching on dignity of the human person, promotion of the



common good and participation.

The justice and peace committees continued to monitor the situation countrywide. There were also a number of social issues that were considered as working against the Social Teachings of the Church. Of particular note were cases of teenage pregnancies and early marriages that were reportedly on the increase in communities. Some of the victims were said to be primary school going children. An inquiry into the matter showed that residents of that community pointed the causes of this disturbing development to poverty emanating from the perennial drought, harsh economy, scarcity of income flows and idleness amongst school going students. Instances like dioceses of Masvingo, the Dare community of Ngundu in Chivi, reported an increase in cases of child labor where school going children were forced or decide to join artisanal mining that became common in the area. In addition, the year 2020 recorded highest number of domestic violence, human rights violation by uniformed forces during the lockdown period.

Environment

There has been an increase in land degradation and deforestation in Zimbabwe. CCJPZ, with support from the Caritas Internationalis (IC) members, has raised awareness in communities on resource governance, economic justice and stewardship of creation how to take care of the environment for the present and future generations. In Hwange diocese, reports have shown serious environmental degradation caused by the Chinese mining companies. This has not benefited the general communities in enjoying the resources available. Reports from other Dioceses have shown that the environmental degradation is mainly caused by extraction of pit sand, river sand and illegal mining. In responding to the growing environmental degradation and deforestation, CCJPZ has come up with programmes to raise awareness on the importance of the care for the environment, identify resources available in the their communities, identify corporate companies extraction the resources and hold them accountable in order to reclaim or conserve the land for the present and future generation.

CCJPZ PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES DONE IN 2020

(i)TRACE PHASE II PROJECT

CCJPZ is a consortia member of a TRACE-TROCAIRE supported program that seeks to empower communities to demand their rights and holding duty bearers accountable. Other consortium members are CCJP-Masvingo, CCJP-Mutare, Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP), Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) and Masakhaneni Project Trust. The project responded to the 1 August 2018, 14 January 2019 and 16 August 2019 incidents where some citizens lost lives and limbs during demonstrations. Whilst not condoning violence, the Church has been morally mandated to ensure citizens' exercise their fundamental rights responsibly. CCJPZ conducted the activity when the nation was still experiencing COVID-19 pandemic lockdown restrictions. CCJPZ took strict consideration to the adherence of COVID-19 regulations such as practicing social distance and reduced the number of participants during the meetings. During the year 2020, this project conducted the following activities:

a) Electoral Reform Meeting

CCJPZ conducted a church led dialogue on the role of security sector in Zimbabwe electoral processes. The objective of the meeting was to enhance the execution of the Security Sector's role in the Zimbabwe Electoral processes through security sector reforms. CCJPZ key stakeholders from Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR), Zimbabwe Electoral Support Network (ZESN), Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO forum, CCJPZ resource persons/expert, Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office (CPLO), Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) were given a platform to present on various topics in order to compile recommendations on ways of enhancing the execution of the security sector role in Zimbabwe electoral processes through security sector reforms. Recommendation



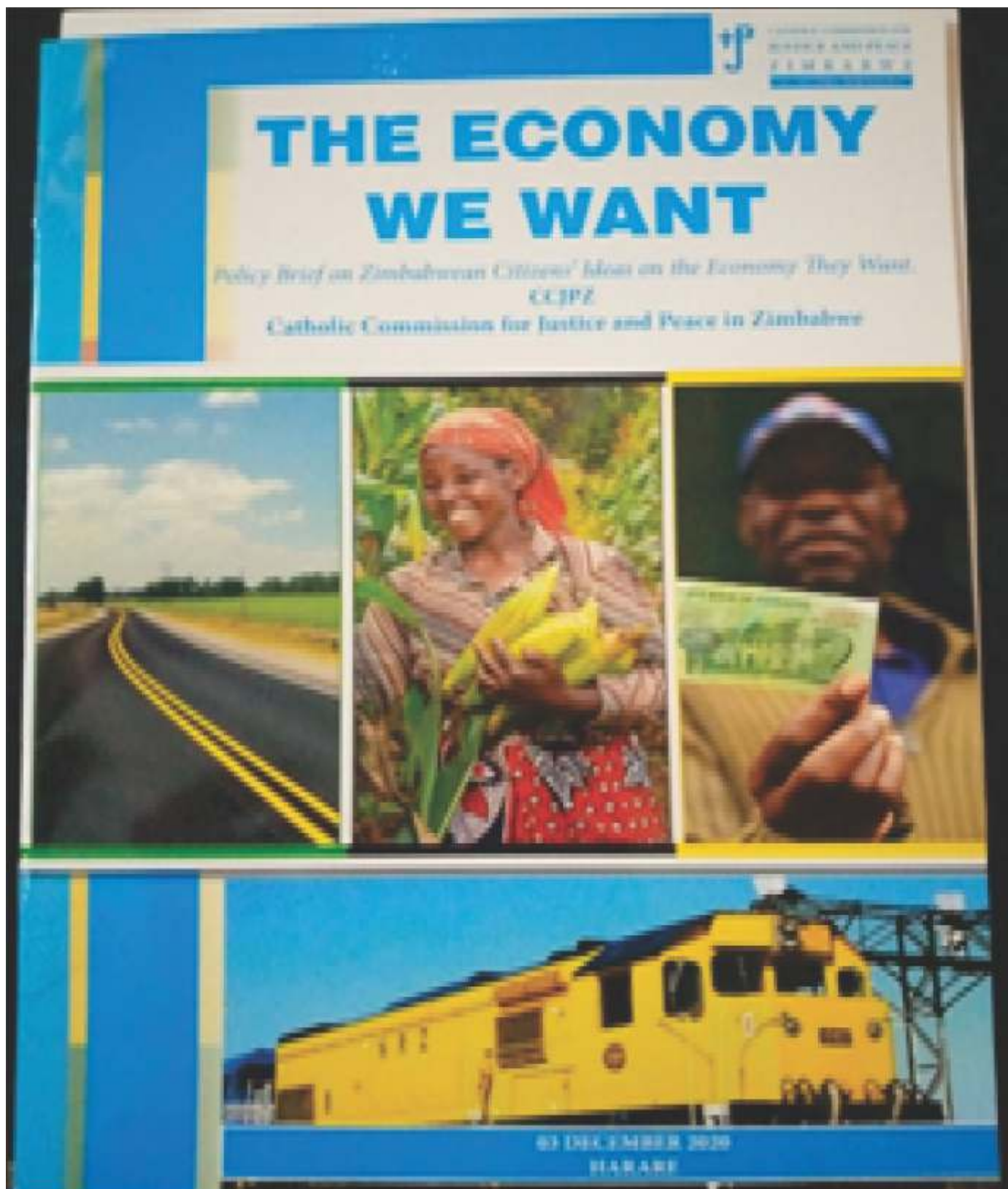
Participants paying attention to the stakeholders' presentation during the Electoral Reform Meeting.

b) Socio-economic rights meeting

CCJPZ as the social arm of the ZCBC engaged different communities at provincial levels (Diocese of Hwange, Archdiocese of Bulawayo, Diocese of Gokwe and Diocese of Masvingo) to collect their views on the economy they wish would enhance their lives. The engagements were based on the Social Teachings of the Church (STCs). This was done through structured information gathering meetings and engagement workshops facilitated by CCJP Diocesan Commissions and the Zimbabwe Heads of Christian Denominations (ZHOCD).

The key issues discussed were equality and non – discrimination, labour rights, right to education, right to health care, right to food and water, right of persons with disabilities, housing, employment, public transport system and road infrastructure. CCJPZ findings of the citizens' ideas on the economy they want, came at a time when the National Budget and the National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1) were presented by the government. The issues raised in the NDS1 and the National budget were almost the same as CCJPZ findings even though some of the concerns were missing. CCJPZ used its findings from citizens to analyse the NDS1 and the National budget statement in coming up with the policy brief. Thus CCJPZ managed to analyze the NDS1 and the National Budget and came up with proposed policy options and recommendations on the issues which seemed lagging and not clearly articulated in budget statement and NDS1.

It is against this backdrop that CCJPZ compiled a policy document on citizen driven policy options and recommendations on the aforementioned socio – economic issues for the enhancement of national development strategies and budget allocations. The policy document on “ECONOMY WE WANT” was presented to the Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda. The policy document made several recommendations to the government and Parliament. CCJPZ through the CPLO used the document to engage with the relevant parliamentary portfolio committees and other relevant stakeholders. On the other hand the Speaker of National Assembly gave a number of recommendations to the CPLO and CCJPZ in order to come up with a hybrid document for further engagements with various parliamentary portfolio committees.



The Economy We Want Policy Document



Speaker of the National Assembly paused for a picture holding the Policy document

c) CCJPZ Covid-19 National Response

With the support from the EU – Trocaire, CCJPZ responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by procuring re-usable face masks, sanitizer for CCJPZ staff and all the meetings conducted in the year 2020 in adherence to Covid-19 restrictions. In addition to that, CCJPZ developed IEC materials which were shared with diocesan offices to distribute in all communities. The fliers and posters included COVID-19 information and were in English, Shona and Ndebele to allow citizens understanding of the information.

See an example of poster produced.

COVID-19 is REAL

Slowing the spread of Corona Virus

Stay safe and reduce the risk of being infected and spreading the disease/virus

**God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in distress**

Psalm 46:2

- ▶ Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap under running water or use alcohol based sanitizer.
- ▶ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- ▶ Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue paper or bent elbow.
- ▶ Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has a cold or flu-like symptoms.
- ▶ Seek early medical care if you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing.
- ▶ Get information from trusted sources – Ministry of Health and Child Care, World Health Organisation.
- ▶ Report to the nearest health facility any person who has been to affected countries if he/she has flu-like symptoms.
- ▶ For general assistance and enquiries call toll free line 2019



#PracticeSocialDistance



(ii) INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

CCJPZ National Office supported CCJP Diocesan offices to implement activities on National Peace and Reconciliation Initiative (NPRI). The activities aimed at raising community awareness on the mandate of NPRC Commission, exploring strategies for citizens and local duty bearers to participate in the national peace and reconciliation process and strengthening human rights monitoring and reporting mechanisms for evidence based advocacy at National level. The project has four themes as follows; **Theme 1: Advocacy and liaison for a victim centered national peace and reconciliation (NPRC) process.** **Theme 2: Primary Justice, Inclusive Participation and Cohesion.** **Theme 3: Resource Governance, Economic Justice and Stewardship of Creation.** **Theme 4: Policy Engagement and Development.** CCJPZ through the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer conducted a gap analysis on the activities done visa-vi the project thematic areas. The analysis posed great gap on Theme 2 and 3. By so doing, CCJPZ focused on these themes throughout the year.

Programme achievements

CCJPZ accompanied the Archdiocese of Bulawayo, Diocese of Gokwe, Diocese of Hwange, and Diocese of Chinhoyi in conducting **Theme 2: Primary Justice, Inclusive Participation and Cohesion** a) to assist community elected and appointed leaders to build comprehensive discussion on statutory and moral leadership requirements b) to reflect on leadership challenges and strategies. On **Theme 3: Resource governance, Economic Justice and Stewardship of Creation.** The objectives of the meetings were: a) to assist community elected and appointed leaders, youth and women to reflect on the resources they have in their communities; b) to draw an action plan to approach the corporate companies and take action to conserve and reclaim the environment. CCJPZ representatives were present in most of the workshops conducted in the dioceses. Diocesan coordinators successfully mobilized the participants at local level leadership structures such as Chiefs, headmen, village heads, villagers; community based stakeholders, CCJP animators and representatives of other Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) were present in almost all the workshops conducted in the dioceses. **Theme 2:** The dioceses managed to gather local leadership and using the STCs statutory and moral requirement as outlined by the Constitution of Zimbabwe sections 280-282.

Theme 3: The 4 dioceses mentioned above, successfully conducted resource mapping meetings in their respective dioceses. The meeting participants in the 4 dioceses were able to identify resources available in their communities, did stakeholder analysis in order to identify companies exploiting the resources, identified allies who they can join to reclaim or conserve their environment and lastly drew action plan on what to be done after the meeting.

Dioceses	Mission/Parishes
Archdiocese of Bulawayo	Lupane, Fort Rixon, Pumula South
Diocese of Gokwe	Siakobvu, Cheve-Cheve, Marapira
Diocese of Hwange	Hwange town, Dandanda, Jotsholo
Diocese of Chinhoyi	Chinhoyi town, Guruve

Theme 4: On the 28th of February 2020, a group of resource persons were officially commissioned by CCJPZ Bishop Chair Bishop Rudolf Nyandoro in Harare. The purpose of the resource people was highlighted as assisting the Church to use evidence based information from the CCJPZ and come up with policy documents for advocacy and lobbying with the government and relevant stakeholders.

(iii) EU-TROCAIRE PROGRAMME

CCJPZ in partnership with other ZHOCD structures supported by Trocaire-EU is implementing a programme titled **“Strengthening the role of the church in promoting social cohesion and civic participation within the devolution process”**. The programme aims to strengthen the Church capacity at the community, district and provincial levels to contribute to the Devolution and Decentralisation Framework, which has the objective to empower communities to manage their own affairs through participatory and inclusive governance as



envisaged in the Constitution of Zimbabwe amendment (No 20) Act 2013. The programme is implemented in the Diocese of Gokwe, Diocese of Mutare, Diocese of Masvingo and the Diocese of Gweru.

(iv) DANISH CHURCH AID PEACE PROGRAMME

Churches Convergence on Conflict and Peace (CCCOP) Project is supported by the DanChurch Aid. The project is aimed at contributing towards national peace, reconciliation and community social cohesion against politically motivated violence in conflict affected contexts. This will strengthen the capacities of local peace structures to peacefully respond to emerging conflicts and strengthen the church preparedness to address violent tensions and build peace. The project is being implemented in selected wards of the Diocese of Mutare and the Diocese of Masvingo whilst other wards are implemented by other church bodies. The project has also enhanced the capacity local based justice and peace animators to effectively facilitate community based engagement aimed at promoting peaceful coexistence amongst people of different cultural and political persuasions.

(v) CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON OFFICE (CPLO) PROGRAMMES

The CPLO and CCJPZ are ZCBC social concerns cluster who meet and share activity progress on the work done in order to play advocacy and lobbying issues. The role of the CPLO in National Policy Engagement and Development are as follows:

- CPLO is an official office that is between the Bishops and the Parliament and that facilitates ways of dialogue on legislature issues and then gives feedback to the concerned parties.
- CPLO represent all citizens regardless of different denomination/background.
- Interacts with honourable Members of Parliament based on Social Teachings of the Church.
- CPLO works hand in hand with CCJPZ which links the Bishops with the People of God.
- CPLO is the vehicle of the ZCBC established for Consultative process:
 - a) **Advocacy, Peace and Reconciliation**
 - b) **Primary Justice, inclusive participation and cohesion.**
 - Inclusive participation by all stakeholders
 - Bottom-up approach
 - Ensuring restorative justice rather than retributive justice
 - c) **Resource Governance, Economic Justice and Stewardship of creation,**

CPLO office has accompanied CCJPZ in 2020 activities, such as the commissioning of the expert groups/resource persons. To add on, the office has assisted the ZCBC in coming up with different pastoral letter such as the March is not ended, The Political Situation in the past 40 years and assisted CCJPZ in drafting the Economy we want document' which was presented to the Speaker of the National Assembly. The office also participated in the Presidential call for nation day of prayer and fasting. CPLO has visited the Refugees camp in Zimbabwe while assessing the situation taking place during the Covid-19 national lockdown, visited the quarantine centres:

- a. Jamaica Inn Training centre where there are internally displaced people;
- b. Belvedere Teachers College, where there are migrant or returnees.
- c. Vuti Secondary School in Chinhoyi Diocese near Makuti.



The kitchen set up at Vuti Quarantine Centre

2020-2021 Plans and Objectives of CPLO

1. To create a one on one dialogue platform between the Conference and the Legislatures focusing on the political and economic situation of the country.
2. To encourage the Truth and Reconciliation process to take off.
3. To link other Church institutions like the Catholic University in Zimbabwe etc. to the Parliament, as requested by the Speaker.
4. Celebration of Sacraments with Parliamentarians and provide regular reflections on parliament platforms.
5. Organise a retreat or a day of recollection with parliamentarians.
6. To lobby for a stop to police and army brutality, harassment and corrupt practices witnessed by the office during the lockdown.
7. To keep abreast with the issue on the Refugees and Migrants and lobby for them to the relevant offices.

(v) SILVEIRA HOUSE

The year 2020, CCJPZ conducted activities with the Silveira House. One of the programme conducted was provincial engagement meeting with youths on how to participate in Law making processes in Zimbabwe. The programme reached youths in arch/dioceses of Harare, Bulawayo, Masvingo Hwange, Gokwe and Gweru. The youths constitute large percentage of the population in Zimbabwe and are considered as the future of the nations, henceforth, the programme created enthusiasm and empowered the youth in understand processes involved in law making process.



CCJPZ COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

CCJPZ has closely collaborated with different organisations; such as Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Faith Based Organisations (FBOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Government institutions, the security sector and the Chapter 12 Commissions.

Stakeholder Analysis

Stakeholder/Organisations	Where we engaged/specific project engaged
1. Faith Based Organisations: UDACIZA ZCC EFZ ZCBC	CCJPZ worked with other Church bodies' member in all the projects held in 2020
2. Community Based Organisations Masakhaneni Project Trust (MPT) Resident Association in Masvingo/Bulawayo Jairos Jiri Association	CBOs fully participated in our projects such as Trace Phase 2 project and Institutional Support Programme The projects increased and expanded outreach through community based monitors and watchdogs from marginalized communities, rural men, women and youths as well as people living with disabilities fully responsible for monitoring human rights issues in different communities.
3. Civil Society Organisations Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights) Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights	CCJPZ activities took consideration of inviting CSOs in order to share their experiences and lessons during the year 2020.
4. Government Institutions Ministry of Child and Health Care Ministry of Finance and Economic Development Committee Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs (MoJLPA) Office of President and Cabinet Parliament of Zimbabwe Security Sector: Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) Zimbabwe Defense Forces (ZDF) Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS) Local Leadership Chiefs Councillors Members of Parliaments Political parties	The Trace Phase 2 project improved relationship between citizens and security sector, through CCJPZ facilitation of dialogue meetings on how to peacefully coexist in harmony. In addition to that, the project also empowered CCJPZ in advocating for Socio-Economic Rights. By so doing, CCJPZ collaborate with relevant government ministries and stakeholders who deals with Socio-economic development. Local leadership has been present in most of CCJPZ projects in 2020
5. Chapter 12 Commissions NPRC ZEC ZHRC	CCJPZ has involved all the chapter 12 commissions in all the projects implemented in the dioceses.



<p>6. Media Newsday Daily News Mirror SOCCOM JESCOM</p>	<p>CCJPZ's work were visible in 2020 as different media state media/church media covered some of the activities.</p>
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SOCIAL INCLUSION

The principles of Social Teachings of the Church (STCs) guided CCJPZ's work throughout 2020. The option for the poor principle intends to correct the moral mistakes where the poor and the marginalised have been largely left out to benefit from the common good. It is through this principle that the CCJPZ prioritized social inclusion in all the programs carried out in 2020. The mobilization strategy for all dioceses was that diocesan commissions and ZHOCD to target members from marginalized communities so that they would attend the meetings.

Highlight of Achievements

- Marginalized community members were given copies of the constitution in vernacular in all CCJPZ activities conducted which they will share with members from their community, thereby increasing constitutional awareness as well helping people to discuss and reflect so that they can demand their rights to relevant stakeholders.
- People living with disabilities had the opportunity to present their challenges through group presentations and drama which helped other citizens and relevant stakeholders to know the needs and aspirations of the PWDs.
- Women from rural communities had the opportunity learn from other successful and influential women which will also boost their confidence to take up influential leadership positions going forward.
- Marginalised groups had the opportunity to contribute their ideas on the **Economy We Want** policy document which sought to advocate for socio-economic development rights.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND IMPACTS OF CCJPZ PROGRAMMES

The CCJPZ 2020 programs strengthened collaboration with the Government institutions such as the MoJLPA, security sector such as the ZRP, ZDF, ZPCS and Office of President and Cabinet at National Level and in few provinces where TRACE project was conducted. By so doing, CCJPZ relationship with the above stakeholders has opened smooth links and effectiveness in its advocacy and lobbying. For instance, CCJPZ managed to make an official presentation of the policy brief document on the **Economy We Want** to the Hon. Advocate Jacob Mudenda, the Speaker of Parliament.

CCJPZ programs targeted women, youths and PWDs in all dioceses, hence improved strong relationship and trust in its work. CCJPZ has gained trust and confidence from the citizens as they freely express their deep concerns in workshops which mostly are done at church premises. During the 14th to 16th of January 2019, civil and political unrest, citizens lost confidence in the security sector. The church was morally mandated to ensure citizens' exercise their fundamental rights responsibly.

DIOCESAN REPORTS

(I) ARCHDIOCESE OF HARARE

CCJP Spiritual Advisor:	Fr. Mark Jaya
Diocesan Coordinator:	TBA
Area:	63555 square kilometres
Population:	4,250,000

Districts: *Mazowe, Bindura, Shamva, Murewa, Rushinga, Mutoko, Kadoma, Chegutu, Harare, Goromonzi, Marondera, Chivhu, Wedza and Buhera*

The Archdiocese of Harare is implementing a project titled *Political Education and Advocacy Work* in the Archdiocese of Harare covering 20 parishes for 3 years supported by Misereor from April 2019 to March 2021. The thrust of the project is to have communities actively participating in promoting cohesion and reconciliation in their areas through: *Actively addressing the disintegration and polarization in their communities and empowering local church, political and traditional leaders to implement strategies that promote community cohesion.*

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Activity implementation was greatly affected during the year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which led to the call for a national shutdown by the Government of Zimbabwe from the 30th of March 2020. This put a hold on most activities planned by the office for the most of the year.
- The coordination of Justice and Peace activities is done through the Archdiocese Executive Council (AEC) body which is constituted by Deanery Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons and Secretaries. The AEC group helps to disseminate information between the office and the deaneries and parishes and from the deaneries and parishes to the office. During the pandemic, the AEC played a pivotal role in sharing details of what was happening in various communities and these reports were shared with the National Office.
- Virtual meetings were carried out during the period and towards the end of the year physical meetings were carried out as lockdown regulations began to ease out. In both the closed and new project cycle these meetings have remained as they are a key information point.
- The office worked closely with the NPRC during the year. Various workshops were carried out with the Commission in trying to bring awareness on the Constitutional Commission and share with communities what they can benefit from them in the push for social cohesion. Through working with the NPRC in the different communities and pushing towards community cohesion the achievement of the common goal can be realised.



Chief Gorongo and 2 Village Heads during a "Know Your NPRC" Workshop in Mutoko before the pandemic



'Know Your NPRC' training workshops have been carried out in line with the current project and more communities will receive this program in the next year with the relaxation of lockdown. In the parishes that have begun the role out of the project, identification processes of community issues that need the NPRC to come in and play their role has already started and the presence of key community stakeholders during these meetings has helped in insuring that all affected individuals are heard. The presence of various church representatives, traditional leaders, political leaders, government institution representatives and youth leaders helped to start mapping a way forward in terms of addressing the disintegration that is there currently.

Integration and Collaboration with other Commissions, Partners, Government

- The Commission has been working closely with the NPRC in trying to integrate their peace-building initiatives.
- The Commission worked with Tree of Life (ToL) at the beginning of the year as they responded to the stay away and post stay away effects and the organisation was roped in to offer counselling and psychosocial support to the victims. The opportunity was also taken to equip CCJP animators with basic counselling and psycho-social support skills to apply when they interact with victims in their work.
- CCJP partnered with Caritas in developing a project proposal that was submitted to CAFOD. The "Social Cohesion and Resilience Building Through Optimal use of Climate Information" project was approved and was supposed to begin in March 2020 however as a result of the pandemic it was postponed and the 2 offices met with CAFOD to work on resuming the project given the importance of the project and also in time for the current farming session.

Challenges and Recommendations

- The current project has resources that can only reach out to 20 parishes while the Archdiocese has over 50 parishes. This has posed a challenge that other parishes may receive little direct contact from the project and it may affect structures that have not been fully strengthened.
- Engagements with Government bodies are not as simple as there is a lot that needs to be done justifying why they should partner with us in our projects. As such the first 2 Know Your NPRC workshops were carried out in the absence of the Commission as they were still working out the partnership modalities.
- The commission faced the challenge of being asked to apply for permission to operate in provinces from the provincial ministers of state and have this then cascaded down to the district offices. This process took a lot of time and to date only Mashonaland West province has granted the permission for operation. This essentially means the Church Commission is being asked to operate in a similar manner as NGOs operating.
- The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in a postponement of most activities planned by the office during the year. The regulations stopped gatherings and only allowed for "essential" services and this affected project implementation. While conditions were relaxed with time, not all people felt safe to participate as they feared for their lives due to exposure to the virus.

FINANCIALS:

The project was receiving both financial and technical support from Misereor a partnership which has been growing from strength to strength since 2007.

(ii) ARCHDIOCESE OF BULAWAYO

CCJP Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Christopher Ngwarai

Diocesan Coordinator: Rev Deacon E. Mpofu

Area: 69,456 square kilometres

Population: 140.000

Districts: *Bulilima, Mangwe, Nyamandhlovu, Tsholotsho, Bubi, part of Lupane and Nkayi with Shangani River as boundary, Insiza, Umzingwane, Beitbridge and Gwanda West of Umzingwane River, Matobo.*



CCJP Mariannahill is currently implementing Misereor programme for the period of 3 years in 14 parishes of the Archdiocese of Bulawayo. The Catholic Commission for Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation in the Metropolitan diocese of Bulawayo took ground in 2020 through the assistance of funding donor Misereor. The aim of the program is to engage CCJP Parish groups in issues affecting them and the society by using the Social Teachings of the Church as criteria.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Social Teachings of the Church:

CCJP Mariannahill started off the 2020 with establishing CCJP structure in the 14 parishes of the Archdiocese of Bulawayo. Following was the instruction of what CCJP is about and its working criteria, the Social Teachings of the Church. During the process of imparting the STC's, a Peace manual was developed to guide CCJP Parish groups as they carry out their justice and peace work.

The distribution of COVID-19 awareness material:

The advent of the coronavirus brought about a restructuring in CCJP Mariannahill work. With the initiation of lockdowns some of the activities had to be suspended. CCJPZ initiated a program of distributing COVID-19 awareness material, and CCJP Mariannahill took part in this awareness campaign by distributing reading material such as posters and leaflets to Parishes, schools and police stations. Sanitizers were also distributed although there was a complication of distributing at health centres that involved bureaucracy. The relaxation of lockdown rules brought about the continuation of CCJP Mariannahill program.

Peace building & the peace manual:

As the lockdown rules relaxed CCJP Mariannahill commenced its programs by continuing the STC's by applying the principles to peace related issues. With the aid of the peace manual CCJP parish groups were able to meet during the lockdown and keep themselves abreast with peace building skills by use of the peace manual that had been distributed to them.

Constitution awareness:

CCJP Mariannahill delved into the aspect of civic engagement by kicking off with instruction on the bill of rights as provided by the Zimbabwe 2013 constitution. As a result, two law specialists were solicited to help CCJP parish groups to understand the bill of rights. This activity was carried out at deanery level with an exception of rural missions that called for special arrangement due to their situation.

CCJPZ, Silveira House and CCJP Mariannahill joint program:

Silveira house in conjunction with CCJPZ engaged CCJP Mariannahill to implement a program for the youth of the Archdiocese of Bulawayo. The aim of the program was to bring knowledge to the youths on how they can participate in law making processes. For the program to be effective a law specialist was invited to journey with young people in showing them how law making processes are conducted. The youth were then tasked to participate in such activities beginning with the pending parliamentary activity of the petition of availing of reproductive health care to minors.

Resource mapping, profiling and traditional leadership program:

A program was initiated in three parishes. The aim of this program was to engage locals in locating resources within their communities and coming up with a way forward on how they can benefit from their resources. CCJPZ with CCJP Mariannahill took the program to St. Teresa in Fort Rixon, St. Paul's Lupane and Our Lady of Fatima to help people come up with solutions to the crisis they are facing their communities.

Collaboration and partnership

CCJP Mariannahill has made sure to be in touch with its working partners. The NPRC, a government commission has been working with CCJP Mariannahill in making itself known to CCJP Mariannahill's coverage places, and



also to come together as a united front in pursuing issues of peace in part of Matabeleland North and South and Bulawayo Province at large. As a result of that, virtual meetings have been held with NPRC and other stakeholders in coming up with clusters that will assist in looking at various areas of necessity that will help in pursuing and promoting peace in the mentioned regions. CCJP Mariannhill has been volunteered to work with other partners in the Environment cluster.

Challenges & recommendations

- CCJP Mariannhill's primary challenge was the outbreak of the coronavirus which dithered CCJP Mariannhill's work. Part of the programs could not be implemented due to the restrictions on gatherings.
- In relation to programming with working partners a request is hereby being put forward to communicate on time. This helps with making adjustments and proper organisation of programs to be implemented.

(iii) DIOCESE OF GWERU

CCJP Spiritual Advisor/Diocesan Coordinator: Fr. J.Ngun'u

Area: 29 158 square kilometres

Population: 1 521 000 people of which 381 659 are Catholics

Districts: *Gweru, Shurugwi, Zvishavane, Mberengwa, Kwekwe and Chirumhanzu.*

CCJP Gweru is partnering with the Zimbabwe Heads of Christian Denominations (ZHOCD) Midlands in collaboration with TROCAIRE – EU is conducting a project titled, *“Strengthening the role of the church in promoting social cohesion and civic participation within the devolution process”* as envisaged in the Constitution of Zimbabwe amendment (no 20) Act 2013. The project intends to strengthen the church capacity at the community, district and provincial levels to contribute to the Devolution and Decentralization Framework, which has the objective to empower communities to manage their own affairs through participatory and inclusive governance. The project came after CCJP Gweru has already laid ground on Governance Trainings in 2019 on a project whose main objective was to train community and religious leader's good governance, leadership and Social Teachings of the Church i.e. (Solidarity, participation, association and subsidiarity.)

CCJP Gweru is also partnered with Research Consultants from the Midlands State University on a project titled "Decolonising Peace Education" which was conducted in two Parishes/Wards i.e. Loreto Mission and Zhombe Mission for six months starting from June – December 2020. The project aimed to create learning materials with a clear understanding of causes of conflicts in Africa as well as various peace initiatives within the African Culture since most learning material has Eurocentric perspectives of conflicts and peace.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **Provincial and District Training of Trainers (ToT) on Devolution, Citizen Monitoring and Advocacy:** The Secretariat hosted a Provincial TOT from 3-6 September 2020 at Regina Mundi High School in Gweru and District TOT in Mvuma Ward 20. The participants from entire 4 church bodies ZCBC, EFZ, UDACIZA and ZCC attended the workshop. The main aim of the training was to raise awareness on devolution, decentralisation, citizen monitoring and advocacy. CCJP Gweru managed to invite the Midlands Development Coordinator to present on the Midlands Devolution Framework which he laid before the participants. The Mvuma ZHOCD partners proposed an action plan to hold proper engagements with the local authorities through creating Mvuma Residents Ratepayers Association.



Participants during the Provincial TOT on Devolution, Citizen Monitoring and Advocacy

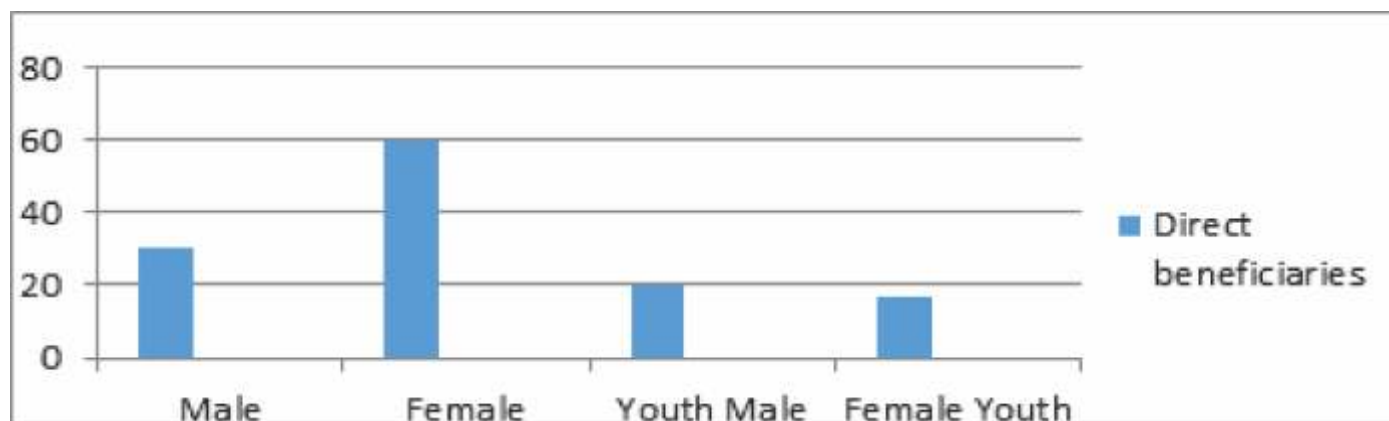


Figure shows the number of male and female participants who were trained on the Devolution Project.

- Provincial and District ToT on Corporate Governance and Financial Management:**
 CCJP Gweru hosted a Provincial TOT at the Catholic Cathedral Hall in Gweru from the 23rd to the 25th of September 2020. The main aim of the workshop was to enhance the internal capacities of church leaders to model and adhere to shared standards of good governance, accountability, transparency and social cohesion within church structures. The participants highlighted that there was need for a Provincial ZHOCD Board that would deal with matters of Corporate Governance. CCJP conducted a District TOT in Mvuma and Driefontein on 1-2 October. The main aim of the workshops was to enhance the internal capacities of church leaders to model and adhere to shared standards of good governance, accountability, transparency and social cohesion within church structures. There were committees elected to deal with the issue of social corporate responsibility in the two areas. In Mvuma the committee proposed to have a meeting with Chicken Slice administration so that they address the issue of litter of their products around the town. The Driefontein Committee proposed to persuade the Mteo forest administration so that they may sponsor sporting activities in the area.



Meeting Participants during the Provincial and District TOT

- Women Dialogue Platforms:** CCJP Gweru conducted women's dialogue meeting on 8 and 9 September 2020 at Driefontein Mission and Mvuma Mission. The main aim of the workshops was to raise awareness on Chapter 29.13 Rural District Councils Act and to create a platform where women raise their concerns on development. The facilitator and the participants analysed the trend of Driefontein Ward 20 challenges and agreed that there was need to renovate tailoring and bakery workshops. The decisions to start the project rolling are now in the hands of the Parish Priest. The women in Mvuma elected a committee to advocate for fair distribution of government inputs. The Ward 14 women planned to go and see their councillor and the Rural District Council staff so that they may discuss the matter. They planned to organise a meeting on the 25th of September. Their meeting was successful as the councillor has now considered known opposition party activists on their beneficiary list.



Mrs Chirwa Facilitating at a women's Dialogue platform In Mvuma ward 14

- **Youth Dialogue Platforms:** The main aim of the workshop was to raise awareness on Chapter 29.13 Rural District Councils Act and to create a platform where youths raise their concerns on development. The youths in Driefontein need the resuscitation of recreational facilities at the Mission, funding for youth projects such as poultry, public WIFI's and innovation hubs as data are too expensive and employment. They highlighted that the vocational college in the Mission should have ICT programmes so that graduates may be computer literate.
- **Covid-19 Education campaigns:** The first phase of the lockdown was so tight that the administration office was closed for about 6 weeks. The administration opened office on 11 May conducting limited activities. With the limited resources the administration office received from the CCJP National Office, the distribution of posters, pamphlets, face masks and sanitizers were done from 25 May to June to 37 parishes around the Dioceses. The posters are on Church entrances and shopping centres of these respective Wards.



Mr Sibanda distributing Covid materials in Mkoba, Mambo and Ascot

- **Peace Education Dialogues:** CCJP Gweru collaborated with research fellows from the Midlands State University on a project called Contextualizing Peace Education. The project sought to discuss the root causes of conflict in order to create a mind-set and a local perspective of peace.

% of elected leaders



- Political violence
- Gender based violence
- Workplace Disputes

Percentage of causes of conflicts on 10 participant's experience

Impact of Programming

Training	Challenge encountered	Action Plan Mvuma	Action Plan Driefontein
Devolution, Citizen Monitoring and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dysfunctional recreational facilities. • Lack of funding for projects. 	Request for the servicing of Recreational facilities, funding of youth projects from the Rural District Council.	Request for the servicing of Recreational facilities, funding of youth projects and upgrading of the technical college from the Parish Priest.
Corporate Governance and Financial Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies not practising Social Corporate responsibility. 	Elected team met with Chicken Slice administration so that they address the issue of litter of their products around the town.	Elected team persuaded the Mteo forest administration so that they may sponsor sporting activities in the area.
Youth Dialogue Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of recreational facilities. • Lack of funding for sustenance problems. • Lack of technological hubs. 	Youths in Mvuma advocated for the issue of recreational facilities and funding for projects at the Rural District Council through a face to face meeting.	Youths in Driefontein advocated for the resuscitation of recreational facilities, funding for projects and upgrading of the technical college into a technological hub from the Parish Priest.
Women Dialogue Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfair distribution of Government/Ngo inputs. 	The Ward 14 women planned to go and see their councillor and the Rural District Council staff so that they may discuss the matter of unfair distribution of resources. Their meeting was successful as the councillor has now considered known opposition party activists on their beneficiary list.	The women in Driefontein elected a projects committee that will be spear heading development projects. Five women volunteered to meet Fr Matingwina the Driefontein Priest in Charge.



FINANCIALS

CCJP Gweru is currently funded by Trocaire, European Union and the CCJP National Office who contributed to the program success through their support financially and morally.

Challenges on the Devolution Project

- Setting Devolution and Decentralisation a key government priority.
- There is low level of awareness and appreciation by policy makers as well as community about devolution.
- Poor sectorial coordination and poor transport boundary cooperation.
- Low level of capacity to make analysis on devolution frameworks as well as technical, institutional and human capacities.
- Lack of statistical data and sharing.
- Information at national level not reaching local levels which poses challenges when making follow ups.
- Translation of jargon into community languages.

Recommendations

- Supporting the implementation of existing devolution and decentralisation related policies and strategies.
- Working with the local government units and other national structures existing in Zimbabwe.
- Working with Provincial Development Coordinators, District Development Coordinators and other Focal points.
- Working with already informed media groups.
Activation of institutional formulation (dialogue and education)
- Creating IEC materials for devolution.
- Human resources expertise.

(IV) DIOCESE OF GOKWE

CCJP Spiritual Advisor/Diocesan Coordinator: Fr. C. Wusiku



Area: 26 000 square kilometres

Population: 600 000 of which 76 284 are Catholics – participating beneficiaries are both Catholics and non-Catholics

Districts: Gokwe North, Gokwe South, area of Omayi between Sengwa and Sanyati River in Kariba Districts

Diocese of Gokwe is in the Midlands Province and is made up of five (5) deaneries which are further divided into 20 missions. It covers Gokwe North and Gokwe South and part of Omayi Nyaminyami district and Nesigwe part of Matabeleland North. In 2018 we noticed the growing of diocese as it opened two (2) missions and two (2) more in 2020. Gokwe is largely rural with only three (3) Parishes in Gokwe central.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMME	ACTIVITY
Social Teachings of the Church (STCs)	This program is aimed at strengthening and empowering people of Gokwe to participate in all democratic processes in the community. A total number of 840 people in the workshops which were conducted in 17 venues.
COVID-19 Awareness	<p>Dissemination of PEP material and information on COVID 19 in local languages. (Tonga, Ndebele, and Shona).Rising awareness on how to reduce the spread of the pandemic. Awareness at chief Chireya homestead with his traditional leaders, waiting mothers at Chireya mission hospital and visited Huch u area with the COVID 19 task force.</p>  <p>CCJP Gokwe posed for a picture after distribution of COVID -19 materials to the clinic</p>
Resource governance ,economic justice and stewardship of creation	<p>Resource mapping and profiling Siakobvu: Zambezi river ,national parks and natural reserves Cheve-Cheve: cotton growing ,Gold claims and Gravel Marapira: cotton growing and national parks</p>  <p>Participants during the resource mapping meeting.</p>
ZHOCD: Strengthening the role of the Church in governance, with the devolution context.	<p>Workshops on Introduction to devolution and the roll of the ZHOCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses issues of excluded groups(women and youth) • Good governance <p>This program is being conducted in Chireya Mission and it will end in 2023.</p>



Challenges and Lessons

- **Technological:** Poor and no network connections in some part of the diocese which results in high prices on communication platform.
- **Lockdown:** The movements and gatherings were controlled, which resulted in cancellation of all the planned workshops
- **Personnel:** Due to limited funding, CCJP Gokwe only has 2 full-time staff which is a limiting factor to the office operations. The office depends largely on voluntary staff who may be committed to their formal duties.
- **Road and infrastructure:** Gokwe is largely rural with poor roads. Some areas cannot be accessed during the rainy season and that limit the work of the commission as they cannot conduct workshops in some missions during the rainy season.
- **Economic:** With the lock down restrictions, it was difficult to access cash as banks were opened on certain day and the bank limit for the day was not enough to cover transport cost to travel to the bank. Digital money was not accessible in some areas due to network challenges and some traders were charging extra if you buy using digital money like swipe and Ecocash.
- **Social:** There was increase in reported cases of domestic violence and child abuse. In other instances some cases of human rights violation by uniformed forces during the lockdown period were reported. CCJP Gokwe engaged traditional leaders and church leaders to help in conflict resolution as tension was mounting much rural community.

Out-standing Issues

- **Cotton Farming:** The people of Gokwe depend on farming, especially cotton and for years they have been getting unfair prices for their farm produce. The 2020 selling season took farmers by surprise as they were given groceries and some building materials instead of cash for their cotton. The cotton companies told the farmers that they do not have access to cash so they will give them the items. Mr Ndlovu one of the farmers said: *“handina kumboziva kuti butter trade ingaitwe at National level”, I did not know that butter trade can be done at National Level.* The prices of these commodities were higher than their market price for example a 2 liter bottle of cooking oil was sold for \$4.20 while in ordinary shops it was going for \$3.60. These farmers had no choice of the groceries they wanted but they had to choose from what was available on that particular day and these goods came in small quantities such that some farmers still had not yet received a full payment of their produce up to December 2020 yet cotton was taken in June 2020. In 2014 CCJP Gokwe led a campaign against the growing of cotton as it benefited a few capitalists. However the problem of the people is that they have no alternative cash crop if they stop growing cotton. CCJP Gokwe is engaging the traditional leaders and the community members to find other sources of income better than cotton growing.
- **Early marriages:** CCJP Gokwe has recorded a total number of 218 girls who got married during the lockdown period. 60% of these were under the age of 15 years and were still school. Moreover, 80% of the cases they have the blessing of the parents and such parents do not cooperate with our staff when we try to make enquiries about their daughters. Early marriages are a big problem in Gokwe and more education has to be done in the communities.
- **Violence:** The issue of violence in the areas where mining is carried out is a big worry for the people of Gokwe. Artisanal mining is now associated with violence. Gokwe has a lot of gold deposits where this kind of mining is done: along the Munyati River, Zenda, Chireya and some areas of Tongwe. Cases of fights, rape and murder have been normalised as a way of survival in these areas.

Funders and Partners

- **Misereor:** CCJP Gokwe is mainly funded by Misereor for the daily running of the office namely, staff salaries, allowances office rent and utilities. However the three year contract ended this year 2020 and the office is in the process of signing a new contract which was delayed by the lockdown and could not allow the auditor to close our project on time.
- **CCJPZ National Office:** There are some programs that came through the National office which CCJP Gokwe will implement, these will be indirectly funded by EU or the CRS.
- **Silveira House:** These have come up as partners in a program with youths and are operating in 1 urban parish (Uganda Martyrs).

(V) DIOCESE OF MASVINGO

CCJP Spiritual Advisor: Fr. C. Magundani

Diocesan Coordinator: Mr. S. Parwaringira

Area: 70,000 square kilometres

Population: 1, 863 650

Districts: Beitbridge, Chiredzi, Chivi, Bikita, Masvingo, Mwenezi and Zaka

The impact of this deadly novel pandemic has been largely negative as governments, organizations, families and individuals struggled to adjust to the 'new normal.' New work approaches such as working from home and utilizing virtual platforms had to be adopted despite the scarcity of resources for internet bundles and technical skills to work utilizing new platforms such as zoom, skype, Microsoft teams and google meet. In order to meet set targets, the CCJP Masvingo had to strictly follow laid down regulations to prevent the spread of the viral disease. These included recording body temperature before meetings, washing of hands, continuous sanitization throughout meetings, proper wearing of face masks and maintaining physical distance during CCJP workshops. All these measures were in line with the CCJP Safeguarding policy which emphasize on the 'do-no-harm' principle.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Project Name	Activity Title	Activity Target	Achieved Activities	%
1. Strengthening Church - Driven Democratic Accountability (SCDDA). Funded by Pact	Training on monitoring and documenting constitution implementation	8	8	100
	Women and Youth service delivery score card	8	8	100
	Online Constitutional literacy	2	2	100
	Meet your leader Forum	8	8	100
	Participatory Ward Budget Consultations	8	8	100
Total		34	34	100
2. Enhancing the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in Zimbabwe funded by Trocaire (Trace - DFID)	Citizen duty bearers engagement forum	6	6	100



	Intra-consortium exchange visit	2	2	100
	Community learning and exchange forum	4	4	100
	Mobile legal aid clinic	6	6	100
	Women voice forum	3	3	100
	Feedback meetings	8	8	100
	Youth Voices Forum	3	3	100
	Total	32	32	100
3. Civic Engagement for Effective Governance (CEEG) funded by Misereor	Community Exchange forums	3	4	75
	Project support visits	13	14	93
	Meet your leader forums	4	4	100
	Training session on effective leadership	2	2	100
	Training of Trainers	1	1	100
	Monitoring Visits	4	4	100
	Total	27	31	87
4. Strengthening the role of the church in promoting social cohesion and civic participation within devolution processes. Funded by Trocaire (EU)	District training on devolution	1	1	100
	Youth Voices Forums	2	4	50
	Women Voices Forums	2	4	50
	Total	5	9	56
5. Churches convergence on conflict and peace (CCCOP) funded by Dan Church Aid (DCA-EU)	District Inception Meetings	2	2	100
	District Coordination Meetings	2	2	100
	Community Dialogues with NPRC	2	2	100
	Technical meetings with NPRC	2	2	100
	Stakeholder Engagements	4	4	100
	Total	12	12	100
Grant Total for the five projects		110	116	94.83%



A graph showing participants reached by CCJP Masvingo in 2020

- CCJP reached a total of 5629 against a target of 5020
- Women and youth are more than adult men because there are projects that deliberate target them as key participants.

Collaborations and Partnerships

Through experience of implementing justice and peace projects over the years, CCJP has come to value collaborations and partnerships with other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), other Catholic organizations, Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) as well as various government departments.

- Funding partners for 2020 include Trocaire, Misereor, Pact and Dan Church Aid (DCA).
- CCJP Masvingo have also benefited from the consortium members who include ZLHR, Masakhaneni Trust, ZPP, ZCA and ZDD.
- The commission have also benefited from collaboration with the Masvingo United Residents and Rate Payers Alliance (MURRA), Tellzim and Center for Gender and Community Development in Zimbabwe (CGCDZ) and Legal Resource Foundation (LRF).
- CCJP Masvingo has also worked closely with two Independent commissions namely the NPRC and ZHRC.
- As for fellow Catholic organizations, CCJP Masvingo has benefited a lot from Caritas Masvingo, SOCCOM, Silveira House, CPLO, CCJP Mutare and CCJPZ National office.

Social Inclusion /Working with Vulnerable Groups

Guided by its policies of Safeguarding, antidiscrimination, Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching, CCJP has strived to mainstream individuals and groups that are often isolated in society. Such groups include PWDs, women, youth and those located in far-to-reach communities. The organization has made deliberate efforts to locate these people through appointing focal point persons in every committee who are responsible for ensuring inclusivity.

Significant Change and Impact of Programming

✓ **Most Significant Change Stories:**

Information is power: Tendai, a young married woman from ward 27 in Gutu district said she could not thank CCJP enough after being enlightened that even a married woman can register properties in her own name. She pointed out that she used to strongly believe that it was not religiously and culturally correct to own or claim property whilst one's husband was alive. In other words it was a sign of disrespect to the 'head of the house' who solely reserved the 'right' to own and control valuable properties and assets. After several sessions on Human rights and ultimately having access to directly interact with a lawyer during a mobile legal aid clinic, Tendai decided to approach her husband who initially refused to buy the new idea. When the husband decided to attend CCJP workshops he finally conceded to let her wife own and



register property and assets in her name. Tendai now claims that she has cattle registered in her name.

Transforming traditional norms and beliefs: “Even as we grew up, we knew that traditional courts are reserved for men, but after encountering CCJP teachings, I have since changed that and now allow women to freely participate,” said a village head from Chivi ward 20. He noted that previously he was one of those who believed that women were lesser humans and could not be allowed to speak at the traditional court. He even confessed that he would use his political muscles to toss people around and sometimes force them to chant party slogans at his court. In certain cases he reiterated that he could even punish or overstate what was to be paid because he had the power and no one would dare ask him. After attending a number of CCJP workshops that focused on Human rights, social accountability, good governance and conflict management, the village head claimed that he was a transformed man who even appointed female assessors to his traditional court.

Opting for the needy: Mrs Mapanda of ward 33 in Gutu highlighted that, in their ward there was a family of two blind people who were coming from Bikita. As a result, they were not benefiting from any development that were taking place in their area since since they were considered to be outsiders. She stated that, since she learnt about social accountability and understand the concept of advocacy, she managed to approach the councillor in order to help them to benefit since they are disabled. She alluded that, the councillor refused to help them basing on the point that, they were supposed to go back to Bikita if they were to benefit from food aid not in Gutu. She did not give up as she went to the District Development Coordinator where she got a written letter addressed to village head and councillor. As a result, she stated that, they are now benefiting from food distribution programs. Mrs Mapanda, highlighted that, CCJP workshops manage to open up her mind to such an extent they now confident to approach office bearers and demand transparency and accountability, something they feared very well before the CCJP project on social accountability.

Mrs Nhanho of Ward 30 Chivi stated that, there was a problem of public toilets at Growth Point which were not cleaned. There was no one who managed to approach the Environmental Health Officer and the Chivi Rural District Council to discuss the issue. However, she stated that,

“I learnt that, in our communities we are supposed to hold duty bearers of each and every department to be accountable in order to initiate development and solve some of the challenges we are facing.”

She further elaborated that, as a CCJP member she managed to get courage to approach the Environmental Health Officer and the council in April 2020 in order to discuss the issue of toilets in the Growth Point. By so doing, she stated that, the council stated that, from that day onwards it is going to monitor the toilet cleaner each and every time. As a result, she stated that, there was a great improvement on the issue of toilets. She alluded that, the teachings of CCJP are vital to those who live in remote areas because now they were able to demand their rights and could hold duty bearers to account without fear of being victimized as they now knew where they could refer or report their cases.



Challenges	How it Impacted CCJP Work	Mitigation Measure
Risking Staff and project participants to Covid 19 infection	Some prospective participants failed to attend meeting due to regulations. Potential beneficiaries did not get the crucial knowledge. Some sessions/topics were shortened to avoid long gatherings.	Adhered to laid down regulations. Masks were given to every participant and worn throughout the workshops. Ensured that every participants washed and sanitized hands before and after meetings. Cooking was suspended.
Some duty bearers used Covid-19 and the lockdown as a scapegoat to abdicate their roles and responsibilities	Some participants lost confidence in the duty bearers and some felt that they needed stop coming to CCJP since results were not coming fast enough for them.	Continuous engagement of both the citizens and duty bearers on the benefits of good governance and citizen participation.
Limited Vehicles	By year end the organization had five projects and at times needed to implement activities concurrently to meet laid down deadlines yet only one vehicle was on the road.	Planned in such a way that activities will be held in along the same route. At times staff members sacrificed their own vehicles.
Partisan distribution of government handouts including maize grain and agriculture inputs	Infringed people's rights and if not addressed in time some lose confidence in peaceful engagements and contemplate opting for violence or withdrawing from participating	Continue to advocate for peaceful non-violent ways of resolving conflicts, engage authorities, refer cases to ZHRC, ZLHR and CPLO
Overshadowing and bypassing of elected officials	The organization was associated with the party of elected officials (councilor) and those aligned to the other party snubbed our meetings.	Utilize peace committees to solicit for other strategies to convince them to attend meetings where they are taken through STCs that focus on respect, dignity and common good
Acquisition of exemption letters to travel to work during the lock down.	Planned activities had to be postponed as the team waited for clearance from the police	Utilized relations build during previous activities with the office of the Provincial Chaplain to access the travel letter.

Lessons Learnt and Recommendations

- It is vital to involve all concerned community members in all stages of development from problem identification, planning, implementation, monitoring, feedback and evaluation as it gives them a sense of ownership thereby increasing their commitment which ultimately translates to sustainability.
- It is important to mainstream and ensure equitable representation at CCJP platforms ensuring that no one is left behind.
- It is essential to encourage youth to participate in oversight roles and make follow ups with duty bearers such as ward councilors and other stakeholders on service delivery demands.
- It is crucial to assess the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of services offered by duty bearers as it ensures improvement of the standard of living
- The number of citizens who are vulnerable to food and water shortages continue to rise unabated. There is need to teach people coping skills and resilience building.
- For evidence based advocacy, it is important to strengthen monitoring, documentation and reporting skills for

CCJP animators to curb human rights violations

- It is central to continue advocating for programs that respond to the needs of vulnerable people such as PWDs as they are often forgotten in crises.
- Collaborations and partnerships with other organizations and relevant government ministries is important in the implementation and success of projects.

FINANCIALS

PERIOD	TROCAIRE (TRACE)	PACT	MISEREOR	TROCAIRE (EU)	DCA	Total
Jan-Dec 2020	70 000	60000	51447	16838	25949	224,234.00
Percentage	31.24%	26.75%	22.94%	7.50%	11.57%	100%

Pictures



One of the fliers distributed during the Covid 19 awareness raising project in June 2020



A picture taken in Ward 5 during the Budget Consultation Meeting at Makuvaza Bikita District.



Meeting participants taken a photo during a District leader's forum on devolution held at Bethany House



A staff member from the Ministry of Health was taken picture while addressing participants on Covid 19 in Ward 20

(VI) DIOCESE OF MUTARE

CCJP Spiritual Advisor: Fr. A Nemaisa

Diocesan Coordinator: Mr. E. Vengesa

Area: 32,202 square kilometres

Population: 1, 675,000

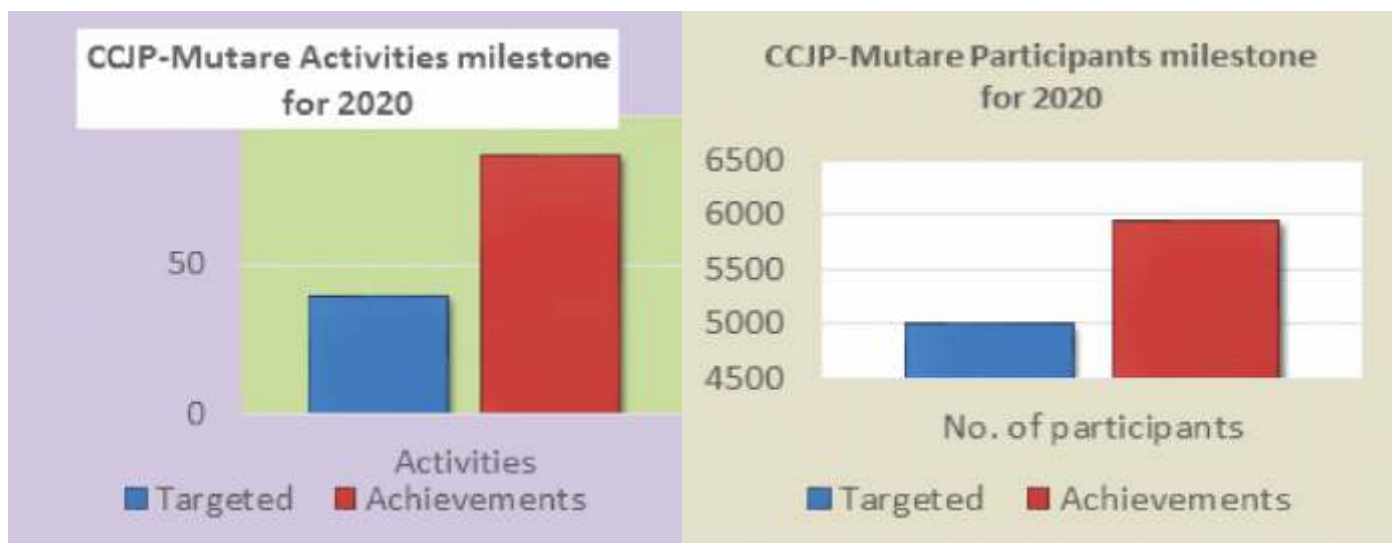
Districts: Maungwe, Mutasa, Mutare, Nyanga, Chimanimani and Chipinge

CCJP-Mutare is in its second year of implementing the three year strategic plan for the period 2019-2021 in the Diocese of Mutare. The Commission continue to spearhead its vision and mission guided by gospel values STC. The annual report highlights the journey walked so far in all the four thematic areas namely Constitutionalism, Environmental Protection, Resilience Building and Institutional development which then feed into the overall CCJPZ National Strategic Plan.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

1. Constitutionalism Pillar

- a) Human Rights Protection Project funded by TRACE: CCJP-Mutare is collaborating with fellow consortium partners (ZPP, CCJP-Masvingo, ZLHR, CCJP-Z and CCJP-Mutare) in raising awareness on human rights and legal remedies available as well as holding duty bearers to account. This project targets selected wards in Mutasa and Mutare Rural. During year 2020 a total number of 64 activities were conducted. The main activities were citizen duty bearer engagement that focused on creating a platform for citizens to interact with duty bearers regarding their constitutional rights.
- b) ZHOCD Devolution Project funded by EU: CCJP-Mutare on behalf of ZCBC is collaborating with EFZ, UDACIZA and ZCC in raising awareness on devolution and empowering citizens to participate in the national devolution and decentralization process. CCJP-M implemented a total of 14 activities that includes Provincial Leaders Forum, Provincial Training of trainers, District training of trainers and Community Dialogues during year 2020. CCJP-Mutare has been coordinating activities by the ZHOCD partners in Manicaland province. The project is being implemented in ward 18, 21 and 24 of Mutasa District.
- c) Land & Property Rights Project funded by Konrad Adeneur Foundation: The project focuses on strengthening gender equality in land ownership and land use rights through civic education, human rights monitoring, empowering traditional leaders and engaging with policy makers. The project is being implemented in selected wards Mutasa District. A total of 9 activities were carried out and these are the women and youth voice forums, citizen duty bearer engagement session whereby the citizens can meet and discuss with their local leaders on land use, control, access and ownership.



The graphs below show the targets versus the actual reach for 2020 for this pillar

2. Resilience Building Pillar

- a) **Churches Convergence for Conflict and Peace (CCCOP) Project:** The project is aimed at contributing towards national peace, reconciliation and community social cohesion against politically motivated violence in conflict affected contexts. This will strengthen the capacities of local peace structures to peacefully respond to emerging conflicts and strengthen the church preparedness to address violent tensions and build peace. The project is being implemented in selected wards in Makoni West, Mutare South and Mutasa South constituencies. A total of 9 activities have been carried out so far reaching a total of 275 people (153 females and 122 Males).
- b) **Peace Ambassador Movement:** This initiative is being supported by the Misereor project objective 1 which is aimed at enhancing the capacity of Peace Ambassadors to mediate in local conflicts that include politically motivated conflicts, land conflicts, legal dispute. This project targets the whole Diocese of Mutare focusing on strengthening the justice and peace structures at deanery, parish and outstation level. Through monitoring we have been able to recorded success stories of 250 conflicts have been resolved by the trained peace Ambassadors. The activities carried so far included provincial stakeholders and the social accountability session.
- c) **Cyclone Idai Response:** CCJPM has been assisting the victims of Cyclone Idai in Koppa, Ndima and Mafumise under Chimanimani District. These were disaster response and recovery stages where the commission provided the building materials, food, and stationery to the school children and clothing to cyclone Idai survivors through the support of Dominican Sisters.
- d) **COVID-19 Fund:** CCJP-Mutare has been raising awareness on Covid-19, monitoring compliance by citizens to preventative measures, engagement with duty bearers and donating material to 8 Quarantine centres in Manicaland province.



Bishop Paul Horan handing over donations for quarantine centres to the Minister of State Manicaland

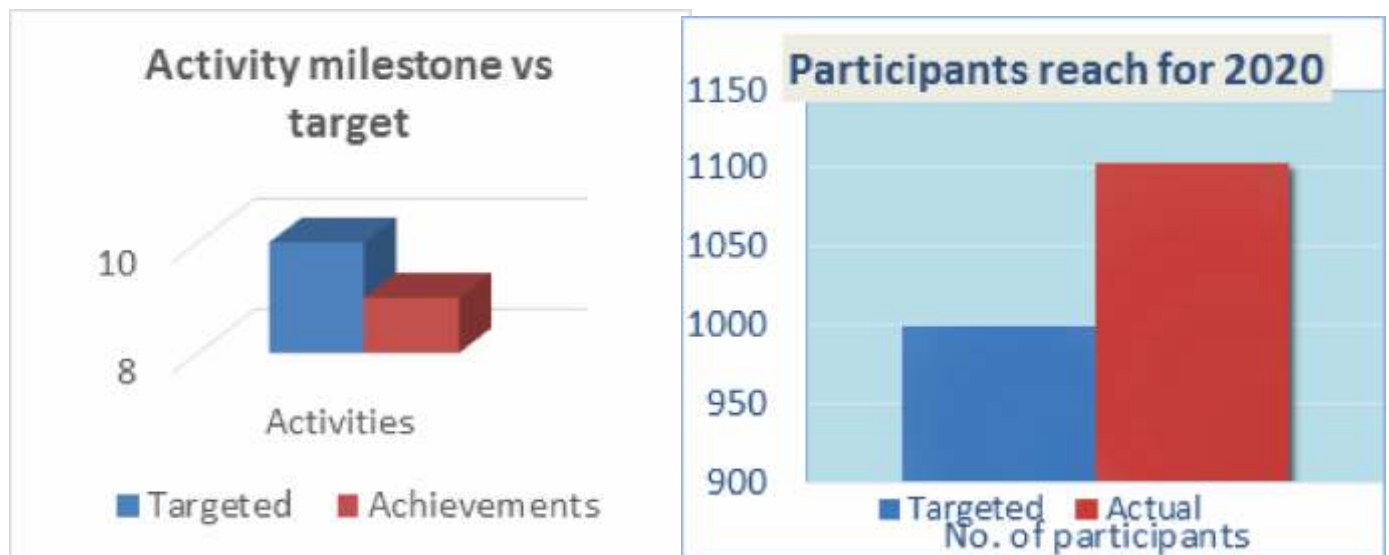
Justice and Peace matrix for 2020

Deanery	No. of parishes	No. of outstations	No. of Justice and Committees	Strengthened
Nyanga	4	38	24	10
Marange-Nyanyadzi	3	28	27	15
Southern	4	53	18	9
Mutare	8	39	20	13
Mutasa	5	48	30	23
Makoni-Headlands	5	78	52	34
Buhera	1	5	3	0
TOTAL	30	289	173	104

So far we have a total of 173 established Justice and Peace committees as at 4 December 2020

3. Environment Protection Pillar

- a) **Environment Protection Movement:** This pillar is being supported by the Misereor Project objective 2 aimed at promoting social and environmental rights of citizens. The objective points out that by the end of 2021 women and youth in Mutare Diocese have been capacitated to identify and articulate at least 1 environmental concerns each in mining communities with responsible authorities. Four Environmental Sessions were carried out in 2020. A total of 263 trees were planted in 2020 across Manicaland Diocese. Environmental Action sessions were carried out at community level whereby citizens and their local leaders discussed on environmental violations in their areas and the way forward in overcoming these environmental degradations.



The graphs below show the targets versus the actual reach for 2020 for this pillar

1. implementing the devolution project.
 - **Dominican sisters.** In responding to Cyclone Idai, they have been assisting survivors in Ndima, Kopa and Mafumise.
 - d) **NGOs-** CCJP-Mutare continue to engage with Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) in conducting joint facilitation in some session. CCJP has been making **Institutional Development Pillar** This pillar focuses on improving the management capacity of the commission so that it is adaptive to the changing context and meets its mandate. Different actions were done towards strengthening the finance, programmes, MEAL, visibility and communication capacity of the commission.
 - **Staff development:** The staff members were encouraged to pursue different professional courses that include project monitoring, disaster management, applied research and leadership so as to enhance their performance. Currently 4 staff members are studying Master Degrees whereas 2 staff members are pursuing their PHDs.
 - **Capacity Building Trainings:** The staff members were exposed to trainings on Covid-19 Management, Devolution, Social Inclusion, Digital Data Collection and report writing.
 - **Adoption of good finance practices.** Such as installation of Belina Software and implementations of recommendations by auditors.
 - **Audits:** All projects were audited. Voucher reviews were done.
 - **Comprehensive Institutional Capacity Assessment.** DCA carried out a capacity assessment. Trocaire carried out a capacity assessment. This comprehensive initiatives helped the commission in identifying its gaps and recommending good practises and international standards.

Collaboration and Partnerships

- a) **Government Institutions**
 - **National Peace and Reconciliation Commission:** CCJP Mutare has been working with the NPRC through joint facilitation of activities, sharing information and sharing human rights situation reports.
 - **Ministry of Defence:** CCJP Mutare has been continuously engaging the security sector in addressing human rights violations caused by the junior security personnel.
 - **Ministry of Health and Childcare:** CCJP Mutare staff were trained by Ministry of health on doing business during the Covid-19 pandemic era. At community level, CCJP-Mutare has been engaging with Environment Health Technicians and nurses in raising awareness on Covid-19 prevention.
 - **Ministry of local Government:** CCJP-Mutare has been working with the Ministry through the traditional leaders, councillor and district authorities. The traditional leaders as custodians have been instrumental in cascading information through traditional structures such as VIDCOs and Village Assemblies.
- b) **Development Agencies**
 - **Misereor-CCJP-M** is getting assistance from the partner contributing towards the resilience building pillar and environmental protection pillar, the funding ends December 2021. The project targeted areas is the whole Diocese and focusing on justice and peace issues.
 - **Trocaire-** The funding partner is contributing towards the constitutionalism pillar, the project is ending in June 2021 targeting Mutasa and Mutare Deaneries. The focus of the project is on human rights protection.
 - **EU-(ZHOCOD)-**The project is supporting towards the Constitutionalism pillar covering 3 specific wards which are 18, 21 and 22 in Mutasa South Constituency (Mutasa Deanery).
 - **DCA-** It is supporting the resilience pillar till January 2022 covering three Constituencies namely; Mutasa South, Mutare South and Makoni West Constituencies.
 - **KAS:** It is providing activity based funding for the land and property rights protection project.
- c) **Faith Based Institutions**
 - **CCJP-Masvingo** has continued to exchange good practices and lessons with CCJP-Mutare in programming, Monitoring and Evaluation and Finance departments. There was sharing of educational materials and tools to strengthen the operations of the Commissions. The relationships continue to strengthen the sister institutions.
 - **ZHOCOD** is a consortium where various church bodies namely ZCC, UDACIZA, EFZ and ZCBC are referral to the institutions for litigation and utilisation of Legal remedies available.

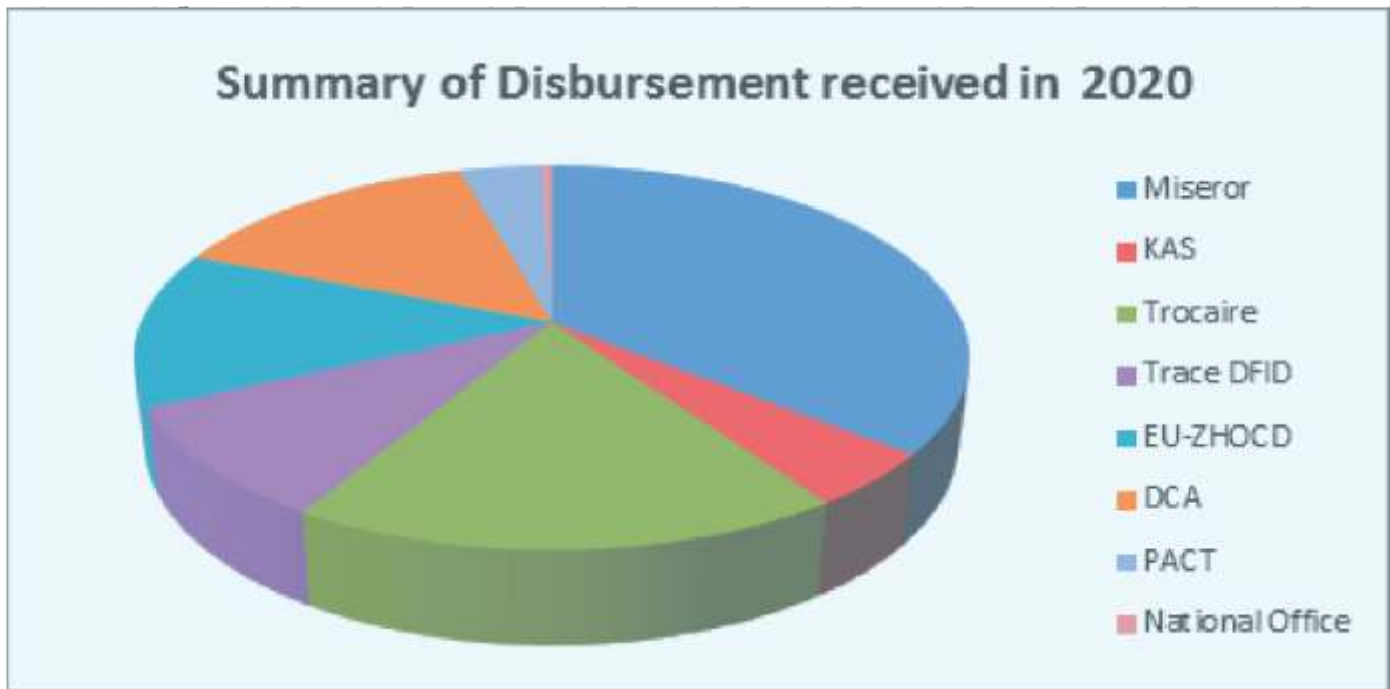


Challenges	Mitigations
Closure of Churches due to national lockdown so as to curb the spread of Corona virus.	We managed to use the house hold approach and also to reduce the number of participants from 20 to 25.
The Reduction of number of participants from 60 to 25 had implications on the target to reach 5000 people	More activities were implemented so as to reach the target.
Participants Fearing to attend CCJP-M activities	The Commission engaged EHTs to raise awareness on C ovid-19 and preventative measures that include temperature testing and hand washing were also put in place. CCJP-M continues to conduct activities guided by the MoHCC guidelines.
Limitation of time people should be gathered	CCJP-M adapted by carrying its dialogues between 2hrs and 2hrs 30mins
Misconceptions by a councilor and the police in Penhalonga due to the ZCBC pastoral letter	Engagement of the councilor and the police and informing them on the work of CCJP that they are guided by STCs and they are non-political.
Failure of the youth to attend community activities	Continuous use of the youth church leaders to mobilize fellow youth
Recalls of MDC Alliance MPs and councilor in the constituencies and wards that CCJP are operating under	CCJP-M is monitoring the situation closely and will sensitize the community and the incoming leaders.
The Change of the National Political situation significantly which has affected the operation of CSOs	CCJP-M conducting frequent situational and scenario mapping so as to understand the operating context

Lessons learnt

- Engagement of the local duty bearers in our dialogues is helpful since they can be able to address issues aired by the citizens.
- Participation of the special groups in our community activities like the PWD and women is essential.
- The use of social media (tweeter, Facebook, WhatsApp, websites) in disseminating the information is very effective.
- It's important to inform the police when having activities in hot spot areas.
- The use of the justice and peace committee members and focal point persons in mobilizing for community activities is effective since they identify key strategic people to attend the activities.
- The use of the church structures avoids the disruption of activities by the security sector.

Financial updates



VII) DIOCESE OF CHINHOYI

CCJP Spiritual Advisor/Diocesan Coordinator:

Fr. K. Mapanda

Area:

56000 square kilometres

Population:

2000,000

Districts:

Makonde, Hurungwe, Kariba (East of Sanyati River), Guruve, Centenary, Mount Darwin and Rushinga (North of Mazowe River)

CCJP-Chinhoyi is currently working on three projects that are;

1. Working for Improved Governance and Accountable Leadership-(**WIGAL**) that is funded by PACT.
2. Youth Voices Forums- Building Resilient Initiatives for Development; Good Governance – (**YVF BRIDGE**) that is funded by CAFOD.
3. Spotlight Initiative Pillar 6 project that is funded by **UN WOMEN** which is a consortium project with 3 members Caritas Chinhoyi, Education commission and CCJP.

CCJP Chinhoyi had to move to virtual meetings and online meetings due to Covid-19 restrictions by the government in curbing the spread of coronavirus. However, it was difficult to hold virtual meetings as most of the participants complained of poor network coverage.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Organisational Capacity Building: CCJP Chnhoyi engaged Mr. Madzivazhira, to facilitate Risk Management course for the organization. The workshop ensured that the officers gained understanding of the risks, ways of mitigating risks and also a comprehensive organizational Risk Management matrix which informed how the organization will address risks as they arise during day to day operations. Another noteworthy deliverable of the workshop was the identification of the fact that CCJP Chinhoyi has no Strategic plan and organisational sustainability/ resource mobilisation strategy. With these risk identified, the commission has started seeking financial support from other partners on the above mentioned strategies.

Capacity Building Forums for Local Leaders: CCJP-Chinhoyi conducted capacity building workshops for local leaders within all the project. These platforms were held under both projects, of which under project WIGAL, the forum sought to discuss constitutional provisions relating to their roles, responsibilities and conduct in general, good governance and social accountability. While under project YVF BRIDGE, the forum sought to discuss and iron out issues standing

between effective youth and local leadership structures so that there can be active youth and leadership engagements moving forward the development agenda of the communities.

Women Social Accountability Forums: CCJP Chinhoyi held Women Social Accountability Forums which focused mainly with female participants. These insightful workshops sought to discuss social accountability within the context of female roles as wives, mothers, women leaders and the like. These activities took a closer look at the social roles ascribed to women, and the need for accountability that cascades even to female leaders and their discharge of their leadership roles. These sessions also highlighted some gender imbalances and the discussions also empowered women with constitutional provisions, acts of parliament, regional and international instruments that promote gender equality.

Constitutional Awareness sessions: CCJP Chinhoyi conducted Constitutional Awareness sessions which sought to discuss constitutional provisions which speak to democracy, good governance, social accountability and other like democracy-related topics. These sessions also linked these constitutional provisions with The Social Teachings of the Church (STCs), acts of parliament, regional and international instruments that promote democracy and good governance vis-a-vis the perceptions and practices that were on the ground. The sessions also went as far as discussing how the project communities can domesticate the concepts of democracy and good governance in their conduct in the family, churches, social and ISAL clubs, communities, all the way to the national stage.

Youth Social Accountability Forums: CCJP Chinhoyi held Youth Social Accountability Forums. These insightful



Youths Voices Forum in St Boniface received constitutions after attending a constitutional awareness training conducted by CCJP- Chinhoyi

Youth Social Accountability Forums: CCJP Chinhoyi held Youth Social Accountability Forums. These insightful workshops sought to discuss social accountability within the context of youths and the role they play within society as a futuristic concern. This segment of the projects recognise the youth as the tomorrow of the land, hence the drive sought to introduce discussion and provoke thought on constitutional provisions acts of parliament, regional and international instruments that which speak to democracy, good governance and social accountability.



Youth Voices Forums in Nyamupamire attending a ward based planning meeting

Social Accountability workshops: CCJP Chinhoyi conducted Social Accountability workshops which were structured to discuss on the constitutional provisions which encourage transparency and accountability from public office holders and to discuss the numerous ways citizens can demand or solicit accountability from their leaders, which include petitions, attending council meetings and, in open instances asking, feedback meetings and budget tracking.



CCJP coordinator taking youths through the Catholic social teachings and their relation to the concept of social accountability

Budget and budgeting processes workshops: CCJP Chinhoyi held Budget and budgeting processes workshops in all four YVF BRIDGE communities. These were an effort to conscientize the communities of the principles of budgeting, the consultative local government budgeting process and the citizen role in the formulation and tracking of local government budgets. These sessions were thematically in line with the concepts of social accountability, informed citizenry, representative (consensual) governance and participatory democracy.

UN Women-Spotlight initiatives: The project focused on Pillar 6 of the Spotlight Initiative focusing on Building Awareness and collectivism and to end Violence against women, sexual Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Harmful Practices (HP) and promote Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). CCJP Chinhoyi conducted district inception meeting, key community stakeholder inception meeting and established of interdenominational women forum to raise awareness of the pillar 6 spotlight initiatives.



Chinhoyi Diocese staff commemorating 16 days of Activism against GBV

Covid-19 Response and Gender Based Violence Awareness Campaign: Road Show: Together with stakeholders that included the Ministry of Women Affairs Small and Medium Enterprises Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe Republic police and Ward Councillors embarked on a two-week awareness raising campaign. Information against Gender Based Violence was disseminated in the form of sexual assault and rape of women and girls, physical violence against women and girls, emotional abuse of girls and how these can be reduced and prevented in the communities and households. Masks and PPEs, sanitation materials, stickers and T-Shirts bearing messages against COVID 19 and Gender Based Violence and Harmful practices were distributed to the local communities.

Collaboration with other Commissions, Partners and Government

- The nature of governance issues are highly volatile and sensitive issues in as far as the Zimbabwean socio-political arena is concerned. It thus is important that CCJP Chinhoyi works with state ministries, parties and commissions in cohorts in an attempt have easier penetration into the field.



- CCJP-Chinhoyi partnered with MoHCC to conduct Covid-19 awareness in Hurungwe and Makonde Districts together with stakeholders that included the Ministry of Women Affairs Small and Medium Enterprises, ZRP and Ward Councilors.
- CCJP partnered with Women Coalition of Zimbabwe and Zimbabwe Women's lawyers association in conducting constitutional awareness of the amendment bill number 2.
- CCJP also collaborated with the national office on resource governance meetings in Guruve and Chinhoyi.

Challenges

- Covid -19 pandemic affected planned activities, and the national lockdown restrictions such as travelling ban made it difficult for the CCJP team to travel and reach out to the communities where projects are being implemented.
- Complaints were raised by participants that police officers are not responding positively to issue of GBV.
- Covid-19 lockdown led to the suspension of physical meetings and the commission had to use other means of communications such as virtual meetings and bulk SMS but this was not effective as some areas such as Kanyaga, Zvipani, Chipfuwamiti and Guruve have poor network connections.
- Politicization of CCJP Chinhoyi work remained a huge threat with some individuals with their own agendas trying to sway the image of the organisation away from its real mandate in the eyes of the stakeholders.
- Internal conflicts within stakeholders such as Councils have also made communication very difficult in some communities as work place politics took over centre stage.
- Lack of resources and vehicles still remain a challenge in programme implementation as the commission is operating in very hard to reach areas which have difficult terrains and roads.
- Due to limited funds we are not able to reach out all the parishes in the diocese our coverage remains very small even though our services are required in the whole diocese.
- The issue of shifting donor priorities remains a challenge as fundraising is now very difficult due to high competition and less funding partners.

Lessons learnt

The increased intake of youths into leadership is laying the foundation for an in-built succession planning in community level institutions. The local leadership are positively supporting youth initiatives and youths are now being invited to participate in the village and ward planning meetings they are now acknowledging the role of youths in community development. Youths in all target communities have been given leadership roles in community structures such Health Committees, Ward Development Committees, School Development committees, Child Protection Committees etc. This has also improved youth participation in community programs such as construction of school blocks in St Boniface and construction of a Mothers shelter in Guruve.

There is a lot of information gaps especially on the corona virus in the areas of operation due to impassability of roads, settlements arrangements where people are staying distances apart, the in-availability of livelihood options, basic amenities such as water and sewage services in the communities we are working in has made it very difficult to maintain basic hygienic practices. Most people are also going to lose lives due to inaccessibility of health centres to acquire basic information on the impact of the virus. The project will continue to get updates from local authorities on what they are doing to lessen the impact of Coronavirus as this is vital and animators within our communities are also pushing their responsible stakeholders to respond to the needs of the people.



Recommendations

- There is need to form community gender clubs, so as to enable adolescents and youths to speak openly against all forms of gender based violence
- There is need for more staff capacity building trainings so as to continuously mould CCJP staff to speak to the changing operating environment such as the recent abductions and demonstration sprees.
- It would also be a good thing to have capacity development in areas of resource mobilisation and strategic planning. The commission would also learn a lot from the funding partner's support in the field so that they appreciate the environment and also how the work is being done for any recommendation or suggestions.
- There is need for capacity development/strengthening of the project staff as well as organising partner learning and sharing meetings for example those implementing similar projects.
- The CCJP team should hold trainings for duty bearers enlightening them on the good work they are doing in the community.
- Training of youth to uptake projects and implement them.
- There should be outreach visits to other CCJP communities to share experiences and ideas.
- CCJP should invite interdenominational church leaders to join the meetings/workshop.

(VII) DIOCESE OF HWANGE

Spiritual Advisor/Coordinator: Fr. S.W. Lumano (swamlum@gmail.com)

Area: 43, 427 square kilometres

Population: 373, 900

Districts: *Hwange, Binga, Lupane (North of Shabula River) – It is bounded on the North by Zambezi River, on the West by Botswana on the East by the civil districts of Omay, Gokwe, Lupane and on the South by Nyamandlovu.*

Introduction

The report mainly focused on meetings on coal as the backbone of the country's economy, natural resource governance and moral leadership which were held in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTIVITIES

- Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, outreach programmes could not be carried out since our services were not shortlisted as part of the “essential services”. Yet even so, it emerged in the long run that, a lot more was going on in relationship to human rights violations like domestic violence.
- Furthermore, the restrictions made it difficult for animators to monitor and document the situation.

Meetings

- Despite the negative impact of the pandemic in general and on CCJP's activities in particular, the context ushered in opportunities to interact with various like-minded organizations on zoom platforms. Some of the meetings include, “The March Has Not Ended”, “Coal and the Zimbabwean Economy” and “Budget Consultation”.
- The pastoral letter – “The March Has Not Ended” was well received and translated into Nambya and Tonga; two of the three languages widely used in the Diocese. However, it was not made into hardcopies due to lack of resources. Nonetheless, there is need for a broader dialogue at various levels – ward, district and provincial on the matters raised by the pastoral so that it doesn't remain an event and just a document.
- Unfortunately, most of our members could not afford to attend Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, CCJP's outreach activities were since CCJP was not listed as part of the essential service. However few activities were conducted during the year such as resource mapping meetings and statutory and moral leadership.

Resource mapping Meeting

The dioceses held 2 resource mapping meeting in Jostholo and Hwange town. The objective of the meeting was to assist community elected and appointed leaders, youth and women to reflect on the resources they have in their communities.

To draw an action plan to approach the corporate companies and take action to conserve and reclaim the environment guided by the STCs and Constitution of Zimbabwe.



Participants during the resource mapping meeting in Jotsholo



The Headman, Chief of Hwange, District Development Coordinator-(DDC) and Member of Parliament office attended the Resource governance and corporate social responsibility stakeholders meeting

Statutory and Moral Leadership Meeting

CCJP Hwange managed to hold a meeting with village heads, chief representative and headman on Statutory and moral leadership in Dandanda. The meeting objective were to assist community elected and appointed leaders to build compressive discussion on statutory and moral leadership requirements as well as to reflect on leadership's challenges and strategies.



Participants in Dandanda paused for a picture during the Statutory and moral leadership meeting

- d) With the climate change and global warming, generation of hydro-electricity faces a challenge bearing in mind the proposed Batoka Gorge Hydro – Electric Scheme.
- e) It was recommended then that, with the growing global lobby against the use of “the once super energy which is now a super polluter” – the “black stone that burns”, Zimbabwe needs to embrace clean coal technologies like; circulating coal combustion, integrated coal gasification and underground coal gasification.
- f) This therefore sets the tone for the year 2021 on the occasion of celebrating the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and embracing the encyclical as part of the major justice and peace mission.

Site visits in Hwange Dioceses

CCJPZ together with CCJP Hwange visited 3 river streams (Chilota River, Sikabala River and Chilota –Sikabala Confluence) which intersects and flows into Dheka River. The pH system readings were shocking and showed that there is severe air, land and water pollution due to coal mining and power generation in Hwange.



CCJP Hwange Animator fetching water for further testing in laboratory



Large un-rehabilitated open cast with some left over bricks



Un-rehabilitated open cast at Coal Brick Mine

CCJPZ CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CCJPZ Project in 2020 were mainly affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The pandemic resulted in National lockdown so as to curb the spread of coronavirus.

- **Covid-19 pandemic** - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, CCJPZ had limited participants in all the meeting conducted at provinces since gatherings were limited to 100 participants. Some of the challenges encountered by the participants were public transport to attend the meetings and passage letter to travel from rural areas. By so doing, CCJPZ only managed to mobilize participants around urban areas with a maximum of 60 participants per meeting.
- **Timeline of planned activities** - There was little time to mobilize participants due to COVID 19 restrictions which were later on relaxed when the year was almost coming to an end. Therefore, CCJPZ activities need to be timed in order to suit and contribute significantly to the national processes. For instance, CCJPZ conducted provincial meetings to gather citizens' ideas on the economy they want when the National Budget and the National Development Strategy 1 were a step ahead as compared with the CCJPZ activity.

CCJPZ realized a need to source for more resources/funds which will assist in responding to emergencies such as COVID-19 pandemic, cyclones that occurs and be in a position of supporting all the dioceses.

Social and Economic rights are not widely covered by many developmental organizations. There is need to address/cover and advocate more issues on social and economic rights.

CCJPZ also learnt that when developing a policy brief, there is need to focus on singular/one policy issue at a time rather than compiling multiple issues on a policy document. In this case for example, CCJPZ produced a policy document which tackled 9 issues of the social-economic rights rather than focusing to one specific issue.



Decentralization and more action from Chapter 12 Commissions – ZEC, ZHRC, ZGC, ZMC and NPRC in poor and marginalized communities where their services are highly demanded.

Share and allocate the social, economic and political power of Harare Metropolitan Province to include the generality of citizens in national policy formulation and implementation, especially those from the periphery in line with Section 13 of the Constitution as they are desperate for

- Better roads, and bridges; critical infrastructure and services for rural communities. The only noticeable “development” players in poor and marginalized “minority” language speaking areas are usually a local Priest and non-governmental organizations. Many asked; “Where is our government?”
- Local employment and empowerment for the young people in line with Section 14 to restrain them from indulging in drugs. Development of backyard industries and resuscitation of the Growth Point development initiative and the District Development Fund was strongly recommended.
- Access to basic needs such as education, healthcare (especially COVID-19 awareness, provision of PPEs' to community members and health workers) and water in line with Sections 75, 76 and 77 of the Constitution respectively.

References were made on public consultation and other national processes that Parliament and Portfolio Committees should move beyond Provincial Centers and go deeper into communities so that “we move together as a nation.”

Communities strongly requested more public awareness of the Constitution in vernacular languages. Specific targeting for Traditional Leaders was emotionally recommended - and translation of Traditional Leaders' Act (Chapter 29:17) into local languages. Sometimes, its ignorance that causes conflicts and disrespect of human rights in our communities. Prophet Hosea says it clearly that “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6)

There is need for more civic education to inform citizens so that they can participate effectively in the national peace and reconciliation process and resource governance issues. There is need to continuous analysis of traditional reconciliation strategies as well as church based reconciliation initiatives so that they are strengthened by the NPRC commission.

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- Finally the **Trocaire - European Union (EU)** funded CCJPZ on devolution and empowering citizens to participate in the national devolution and decentralization process.

FUTURE PLANS

CCJPZ looks forward for more national engagements and dialogues with critical stakeholders such as political, traditional leaders, security sector and chapter 12 commission.

What happens in communities usually comes from the 'Above'. It is therefore critical to consistently engage the 'above'. In addition to that, Evidence based policy advocacy remains critical - a lot is being done in the communities by Diocesan Commissions, but the impacts could be quickly eroded due to lack of supporting legislation or policies.



Therefore, CCJPZ look forward to continuously come up with policy documents which will strengthen advocacy and lobbying for Citizens rights with the help from expert groups/resource persons.
More coordination and feedback meetings with CCJP Diocesan offices will be convened in future in order to appraise the hard work done by the programs implementers.



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