



## **CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ZIMBABWE (CCJPZ)**



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#### **Journeying Together: Leaving No one Behind**

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## CCJPZ BISHOP CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present to you Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ) 2022 annual report. The theme for this report is *Journeying Together in Solidarity* which calls on all people of goodwill to work for the common good as we are reminded that, *“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.” (1 Peter 3:8)*. As you will go through the report you will see major milestones that have been achieved by the commission in promoting justice and peace in Zimbabwe.

The work of CCJPZ across the country go beyond the Catholic jurisdiction and engages all the people regardless of their religion, creed or political affiliation. This is in fulfilment of His Excellency, President Mnangagwa's philosophy of “leaving no one and no place behind” as a policy guide to the Second Republic's thrust of inclusive development, while ensuring that marginalised communities actively participate in democratic and developmental processes such as the Devolution agenda.

CCJPZ for the first time managed to engage with the Zimbabwe Media Commission (ZMC) which is one of the Chapter 12 Commission, with a focus on the role of media in electoral processes in Zimbabwe. CCJPZ at a diocesan level continue to promote social cohesion programs that help communities to actively participate in local decision-making platforms. It

is also helping communities to work together for the common good and to peacefully co-exist for the greater glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the year unfolded, CCJPZ went on to engage with other Chapter 12 commissions, Parliament, government ministries and other like-minded civil society organizations and stakeholders. CCJPZ has collaborated with Chapter 12 Commissions; Security services; government ministries and Churches in promoting peace and development. The collaborations directly contribute towards attainment of National Development Strategy (NDS1) objective VI, that is, Promote Good Governance and Corporate Social investment with particular focus on Devolution and decentralisation agenda. This will be underpinned with inclusive governance and socio-economic development through; enhanced democratic participation of people in decision-making and maintaining Zimbabwe as a unitary peaceful state through community-led peace building initiatives. The strategies focused on promoting dialogue between citizens and government on conflict issues as part of NDS1 strategy to promote an informed nation and international community.

As we look forward to the year where we will have the General Harmonised Elections, we pray for peace and urge all political parties to campaign and vote peacefully.

It will be remiss if I do not thank our valued partners who have generously provided financial and material resources for the justice and peace work of God to be possible.

I thank you all!

May God bless you all.

## CCJPZ NATIONAL COORDINATORS MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

This annual report outlines the work of the CCJPZ family in 2022. The CCJPZ National Office work is supported by its diocesan commissions whose evidence based situational reports inform our national level advocacy and lobbying efforts. As CCJPZ, we achieved a lot including participating in the 2022 By- Elections, supporting diocesan commissions to resuscitate dominant justice and peace structures as well developing together project proposals to support our ongoing justice and peace work. CCJPZ diocesan commissions collaborated with State and other non-state actors doing similar peace building work in communities.

This report, as you shall see, outlines how the CCJPZ also collaborated with Zimbabwe Heads of Christian Denominations (ZHOCD) in implementing a project that focused on raising awareness on the need for the Church leaders, women, youth and people living with disabilities to actively participate in peaceful and non-violent elections. In the spirit of Synodality, the holy scriptures remind us that, “to journey together is to take your own experience of life's challenges and turn them into a gift of support and care for others around you. (**2 Corinthians 1:4**).

The CCJPZ will continue developing Social Teachings of the Church (STC) voter education related messaging, working with diocesan commissions to encourage citizens to register to vote for the upcoming 2023 Harmonised Elections. This is in direct response to the Proposition 26 of the Second Special Africa Synod on *Moving Forward: The Second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa: Reconciliation, Justice and Peace. You are the Light of the World, you are the salt of the earth*'. The local Church, through justice and peace commissions, is inviting all citizens to respect the principles of fair elections (electoral transparency, respect for one's political opponents, the Constitution, the ballot and the impartiality of the various observers as well as accepting legitimate defeat), so that they be credible, free, fair, transparent and secure.

The CCJPZ will continue to network, fund raise and capacitate its commissions to effectively implement peace and governance programs at all levels.

Enjoy reading!

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN IN ZIMBABWE

### Political Situation

Zimbabwe had By-elections on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 for 28 National Assembly Constituencies and 122 Local Authority Wards. CCJPZ managed to observe the By-elections, and published statements of the operating environment before, during and after the By-elections. They were conducted peacefully and serious voter apathy across the country was noted. CCJPZ also received reports of intimidation, partisan food distribution, hate speech which turned into violence in Kwekwe prior to the by-elections, and some incidents of violence in Matobo Ward 2 and Insiza Ward 4.

The current Private Voluntary Organisation (PVO) Amendment Bill seeks to enable the state to have absolute powers to control the work of private voluntary organizations. The Bill seeks to ban non-governmental organisations from engaging in activities construed as anti-government. This means organizations that engage in civic education and advocacy may be seen to be anti-government yet they work to raise awareness and dissemination of the constitution on Section 7 (c) which urges all agencies to disseminate the constitution. This will compromise the watchdog role of private voluntary organizations in the promotion and protection of human rights. PVOs have been standing with the people in cases where the state may be seen to have violated citizens' rights. The PVO Bill was passed by the National Assembly on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2022, and which is now awaiting approval by the country's Senate and assent by President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

### Socio-Economic Situation

Socially, the CCJPZ has observed a surge in early child marriages and girls who fall pregnant and give birth at very young age, as well as gender-based violence cases. In response to this, the CCJPZ is mainstreaming and creating a women's voice forum to raise awareness and discuss ways in which such cases can be put to an end/reduced. The CCJPZ developed a Church position paper on *Child Ritual Murders and Early Marriages* which sought to contribute to the Child Justice Amendment Bill and Guardianship of Minors Amendment Bill. The CCJPZ also noted high prevalent of drug and substance abuse especially among the youths both in rural and urban communities. In some cases, the substances that are being abused are unimaginable and can range from Mutoriro, Mbanje, Njemani, Njengu and liquid from diapers. The CCJPZ joined and will continue to complement governments' effort in responding to such social ill as it has serious effects on upcoming generations.

CCJP Masvingo in 2022 implemented a project in Mwenezi and Beitbridge, it is saddening that it noted quite a big number of people suffering everyday as they struggle to look for 'greener pastures' in South Africa. The engagements depicted that migration on the part of Zimbabweans is usually motivated by discrimination, insecurity, socio-political turmoil, lack of economic opportunities, drought and perennial crop failure. The journey and future of people on the move are often also dramatic with high poverty levels, limited access to identity documents, and limited opportunities to receive legal protection in case of human rights abuses. Despite the prevailing challenges, the project is making gradual progress through capacitating communities to be more receptive to migrants as well as affording the migrants opportunities to speak out and tell their stories especially after being deported from South Africa.

**Economic instability** was exacerbated by the strain on the economy caused by the Covid-19 pandemic as well as Russia and Ukraine war. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has triggered one of the biggest human displacement crises and exacted a heavy toll on human and economic life. Resultantly, the nation experienced high inflation which led to the increase of fuel and

basic commodities prices. Community members' distress is buttressed by the fact that most are unemployed, some are in the informal sector and those that are employed hardly receive salary increments to match the price hikes. Some of the examples raised by community members include the increase in energy tariffs by the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA), water charges and rates by various rural and urban councils and as well as fluctuations in the transport fares.

### **Environment Situation**

The CCJPZ has noted with concern that mining activities in Zimbabwe have exposed communities to environmental degradation, water pollution, forced displacements, silting up rivers, and irreversibly damaging biodiversity. Artisanal miners often make use of mercury in their operations which is lethal both to wildlife and people. The CCJPZ is continuously mainstreaming the issue of environment protection for example CCJP Mutare through strategic engagement with the Environmental Management Agency (EMA), members of the National Army and other stakeholders managed to conduct clean-up campaigns to raise awareness on the matter.

## **NATIONAL COORDINATING OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT**

### **Introduction**

The National Office coordinates the CCJPZ activities throughout the country and largely depends on advice and input from the country's eight dioceses. As mandated by the ZCBC; the CCJPZ national coordinating office integrates its work in line with the ZCBC and the CCJPZ strategic plan. Diocesan offices (equivalent to provinces although some dioceses are bigger than provinces) implement the work of justice and peace in the communities. Specifically, the CCJPZ National Office is responsible for:

- Coordinating and integrating the CCJPZ work in line with the strategic plan.
- Institutional capacity building and strengthening of the CCJPZ Diocesan commissions.
- Developing generic civic education training manual and gospel oriented information, educational and communication (IEC) materials.
- Evidence based national policy advocacy and liaisons as informed by diocesan commissions.
- Consolidating, publishing and disseminating justice and peace issues, including the CCJPZ work.
- Advising and informing the ZCBC on pertinent justice and peace issues for high level engagements.
- Representing the CCJPZ nationally, regionally and internationally.
- Resource mobilization.

The CCJPZ programs are informed by the two key result areas in the reviewed **ZCBC Strategic Plan 2021-2022**, in which the ZCBC has specifically tasked the CCJPZ National Office to take a lead in the attainment of the two goals namely, ***Goal 1: Evangelism that meets the spiritual needs of the Society*** and, ***Goal 2: Ensure effective & efficient service delivery to meet the physical needs of society***. The CCJPZ 2022 activities were also informed by the four main themes as illustrated in the CCJPZ Strategic Plan for 2018-2022: ***1. Civic Education; 2. Research, Advocacy and Publications; 3. Social Teachings of the Church (STC) and 4. Organisational Development.***

## CCJPZ Programs/projects Implemented in 2022

NAME AND FOCUS OF PROGRAM	PARTICIPATING DIOCESES	FUNDING PARTNERS
<b>CCJPZ Institutional Support Program to dioceses titled</b> - National Civic Engagement Program for Peace, Good Governance and Accountability in Zimbabwe	Bulawayo – Fort Rixon Hwange - Lupane Gweru - Mvuma Gokwe - Nembudziya	TROCAIRE, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)
<b>Devolution and Advocacy program titled</b> - Strengthening the role of the Church in promoting social cohesion and civic participation within devolution processes	Gweru Gokwe Masvingo Mutare	European Union (EU) - TROCAIRE
<b>Conflict Mitigation and Management project titled:</b> <i>Asikhulumbe</i>	Bulawayo - Tsholotsho Hwange - Lupane	CRS
<b>Pre-election activities - Promoting the ecumenical Voice for Credible, Free and Fair Elections in Zimbabwe</b>	ZHOCD - (EFZ, UDACIZA, ZCC, ZCBC)	CAFOD
<b>Churches Convergence on Conflict and Peace (CCCOP)</b>	Masvingo Mutare	Danish Church Aid (DCA)
<b>Enhancing the Sustainability and Visibility of Justice and Peace Work in Zimbabwe during the Covid-19 Pandemic</b>	Harare Bulawayo Gokwe Gweru	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
<b>By-Elections Observation</b>	ALL Dioceses	CAFOD

**What we did in line with ZCBC Strategic Plan 2021-2022 (and CCJPZ Strategic Plan 2018-2022)?**

**a) Provision of civic education [on, but not limited to human rights, peace building, voting, election observation, democratic governance etc]**

- The CCJPZ supported diocesan offices with resources and capacity building to effectively promote justice and peace work in dioceses.
- The CCJPZ developed fliers, booklets, and voter education materials to support justice and peace education and reflection meetings in communities.
- Developing training manuals for election observers and facilitated accreditation of local observers/ animators.
- The CCJPZ successfully deployed 208 election observers across the country in the National Assembly and Local authority By-elections on 26 March 2022.
- The CCJPZ worked closely with the ZHOCD in promoting **the ecumenical voice for credible, free and fair elections in Zimbabwe**. Several peace capacity building workshops were convened with Youths, Women, Persons Living with disabilities (PLWDs) and

religious leaders encouraging them to actively participate in peaceful and nonviolent manner as the nation gears towards the 2023 harmonised elections.

#### **b) Conducting Research and Publications**

- Citizens security sector engagements culminated in the development of the policy brief titled: *“The role of security sector in Electoral Processes in Zimbabwe”*. The document is being used to engage with various relevant stakeholders.
- The CCJPZ developed and published a Position paper on *Child marriages and ritual murders*.
- On 26 March 2022 By-elections; The CCJPZ using information obtained from dioceses on the pre By-election situation released a statement on 24 March 2022, which was published in the Newsday. On the polling day the CCJPZ released a midday statement, which detailed how the elections were conducted. Generally based on our observations the elections were relatively peaceful with few incidents being reported; Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) showed impartially and were friendly when dealing with citizens at the polling stations. The ZEC managed to display names of voters outside polling stations. The Pre and Post By-election observation statements were shared on various social media platforms for wider circulation and dissemination.

#### **c) Advocacy and liaisons for service delivery, good governance, respect of human rights, responsiveness, and accountability from parliamentarians, government departments and constitutional commissions.**

- The CCJPZ made contributions towards the formulation of the 2023 National Budget to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.
- The CCJPZ had several engagements with Security Sector institutions- the Zimbabwe Defence Forces (ZDF); the Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS); the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) and the Central Intelligence Organization also known as the President's Department.
- Engagements with the Chapter 12 Commissions namely- the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC); the Zimbabwe Gender Commission (ZGC); the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC); the Zimbabwe Media Commission (ZMC), the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC).
- Other engagements with Constitutional Commissions- the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC).
- The Parliament of Zimbabwe through the Speaker and relevant Parliamentary Portfolio Committees.
- The CCJPZ worked hand in glove with the Zimbabwe Heads of Christian Denominations (ZHOCD) as a unifying voice promoting a just and peaceful Zimbabwe.

#### **d) CCJPZ achieved organizational development through:**

- Mobilising resources to support diocesan animators' formation in remote parishes (Archdiocese of Harare and Bulawayo, Gokwe, Gweru).
- Supporting dioceses without running justice and peace activities (Asikhulume project for Hwange and Archdiocese of Bulawayo).
- Supporting ongoing justice and peace work in dioceses through the Institutional Project (Dioceses of Gokwe, Gweru, Bulawayo and Hwange).
- Linking and facilitating funding of peace building projects in dioceses (Diocese of Mutare, Masvingo and Gweru- through EU social Cohesion project as well as Dan Church Aid supported projects in Mutare and Masvingo).
- Convening bi-monthly National Coordination and Information sharing meetings with dioceses to receive reports on the obtaining justice and peace situation to inform the ZCBC for national advocacy and lobbying work,



- **Standardisation of policies facilitated by CRS:** During the course of the year 2022, CRS embarked on an exercise to assist its implementing partners to standardise their policies by having them implement safeguarding regulations to their policies. It is said that it is of paramount importance for local organisations to standardise their policies by adding and implementing safeguarding policies which will be demanded by funding organisations upon requesting for funding. The standardisation exercise conducted by CRS is currently in session.

## DIOCESAN REPORTS

### ARCHDIOCESE OF BULAWAYO

#### Introduction.

**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 Bulawayo in 2022 implemented the project titled "Enhancing CCJP in the Metropolitan Diocese of Bulawayo". This project sought to revive the CCJP within the diocese since its closure in the year 2013. For three years the commission has been inactive until the local ordinary appointed Mariannahill Missionaries as custodians of the commission. Despite its effects the Mariannahill Missionaries established the office from which operations were carried out and are still in effect. Fifteen parishes welcomed the commission and as a result the CCJP parish groups were fully established. Upon capacitating its animators in peace building, civic education and environmental conservation, CCJP Bulawayo has been training its members guided by the social teachings of the church.

#### Main activities.

In the year 2022 CCJP Bulawayo has ventured into the following activities.

- **Lobbying & Advocacy:** Under the Misereor program, CCJP Bulawayo has carried out activities on a deanery level capacitating its animators on lobbying and advocacy.
- **Gender based violence and human rights:** This activity was mainly carried out on a deanery level for the youth during the campaign against gender based violence.
- **Asikhulume program:** The partnership project of CCJP Bulawayo and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been effectively taking its course in interactions between the local people of Tsholotsho and Lupane and local authorities, as well as other stakeholders to facilitate change in service delivery.
- **By-elections:** CCJP Bulawayo observed the By-elections in parts of Bulawayo city on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, namely Nkulumane, Pumula. According to the information gathered by the CCJP team and observers, the turnout of registered voters at this event was very low. The By-elections were relatively peaceful, however, as the year progressed citing of violence were reported on social media in Matobo district as well as Mzingwane district of voters who have been allegedly assaulted by the ZANU PF youth league members during By-elections..

- Earlier in the year 2022, the CCJPZ facilitated two events in the Archdiocese of Bulawayo. The first called all residents associations to share their views in the development and implementation of laws at Pumula South at Our Lady of Fatima. The Residents' Associations presented their experiences of community life by listing their challenges and seeking solutions to their problems. The second event invited organisations that support people living with disabilities to share their point of view on the government policies that have been put in place to support people living with disabilities. The general feeling from the participants present was that, despite the lack of effective implementation of the policies, the prescription on paper is excellent. Therefore, dialogue with the necessary ministry should take place to facilitate the proper implementation of the policy supporting people with disabilities.
- The CCJP animators have been capacitated with conflict resolution skills that will assist them both on parish as well as community level to fully engage in justice and peace issues.

### **Financials**

CCJP Bulawayo project began in the year 2020 and ended last year December 2022. This was a three year program consisting of peace building and civic education sponsored by Misereor. However, Misereor has invited CCJP Bulawayo to apply for an extension after which another application for a three year program dating July 2023 to June 2025 will be processed and submitted. On the other hand CCJP Bulawayo is currently working in partnership with CRS in implementing the Asikhulume program which will be coming to an end this year June 2023. Many thanks go to CRS for the capacitation they have offered CCJP Bulawayo.

### **Conclusion.**

The year 2022 has been full of activities as well as a year of witnessing events such as the By-elections that took place in various provinces of the country of Zimbabwe. The witnessing of By-elections give a foretaste of the mood and elections that are to take place sometime this year. Already reports of political violence and By-elections and political campaigns such rallies indicate that Zimbabwe is headed for a tough time. As the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in our dioceses we are called not only to be activists but also to be faith based. Perhaps a recommendation could be passed for the ZCBC to declare this year 2023 to pray for peace as it moves towards elections.

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF HARARE**

**CCJP Spiritual Advisor:** Fr. Mark Jaya

**Diocesan Coordinator:** Dr. Locardia Shayamunda

**Area:** 63555 square kilometres

**Population:** 4,250,000

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

### **Introduction**

The Commission concluded the “*Political Education and Advocacy Work*” project on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. This was a three year project funded by Misereor, implemented in 20 parishes. This project set the ground for the “*Strengthening Social Cohesion through Community Participation in Development Processes*”, a three (3) year project that was scheduled to begin

in April 2022. While the project was set to begin in April, activity implementation began in June. The project is ongoing (ending March 2025) and is being implemented in 20 parishes spread across the Archdiocese of Harare. The Commission continues to make reference to the Social Teachings of the Church and how they are reflected in the Zimbabwean Constitution. The Commission also takes into account the mission of the Archdiocese of Harare to evangelize and this is done through its day to day work with various communities reached out to, giving access to information and hope that safer communities are achievable.

## **Main Activities**

### **1. Strengthening Social Cohesion through Community Participation in Development Processes Project Activities**

- **Training women to establish savings groups at community level**

CCJP Harare successfully reached out to more than 200 women drawn from different parishes (both urban and rural). The purpose of the workshops was to enhance women's economic decision making capacity and participation in households through establishing savings groups. Through these trainings, women shared ideas on how they are saving, the benefits, challenges, income generating projects they are undertaking and how these are helping them to cope.

- **Participatory production of guidelines for protection against GBV, sexual violence, abuse and child marriages**

The workshops were driven by the goal to empower leaders to implement preventive strategies against GBV, sexual violence, abuse and child marriages taking into account that recent reports have shown rampant rises in these cases in different communities. The trainings aimed at promoting the protection of women against sexual violence, forced marriages and GBV as well as children against early and forced marriages under the hashtag **#letthembechildren**. Religious (different church leaders Catholic and non-Catholics), traditional (village heads and chiefs) and political leaders joined these discussions giving recommendations on what they can do as leaders to encourage safeguarding of all victims in communities. Continued engagements have shown generally that in relation to the above mentioned issues, some community members are not aware of what it means to be raped for instance or the age of consent thus there is need to increase awareness raising to remote communities.



### **International Day of Peace 2022**

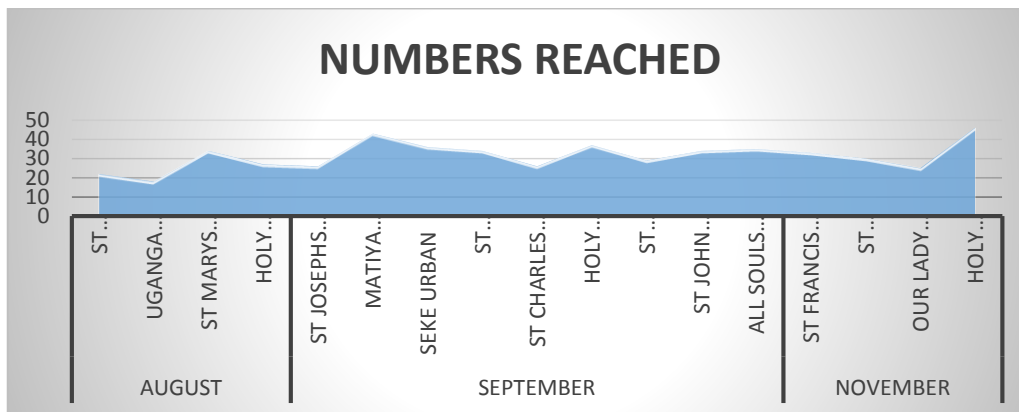
The Secretariat joined the international community in commemorating the International Day of Peace under the theme, **“End racism. Build peace.”** Joined by CCJP Board representatives, other Commissions in the Archdiocese, the Archbishops' Secretary, CCJPZ representatives and the general Archdiocese of Harare family, all present shared peace messages in relation to the current Zimbabwean context. The picture below shows the peace sign created by those present during the commemoration,

coming together with hands joined in a show of solidarity and presenting unity. Each member present was asked to sing a peace pledge, pledging to play their part in peace building and in creating safe spaces for all in the different communities and commissions they came to

represent. The commemoration reminded all present that true peace is yet to be attained and this can only be possible when different people come together and work for the common good.

## Statistics

Activity implementation for the Misereor project began in August till the end of the year with no activities being carried out in December. The total cumulative reach was at 90%, with only 3 out of the 20 parishes for project implementation not being reached. A total of 535 participants were engaged in the project activities during the period between August and December 2022. The graphs below shows parishes visited and the numbers reached through the Misereor supported project during the year.



*Numbers reached through the Misereor project in 2022 across all objectives*

## 2. Social Cohesion and Resilience Building through Optimal Use of Climate Information

Awareness raising campaign was carried out through a road show with various stakeholders sharing the importance of climate smart activities at local level.

- **Establishing communication networks for scientific and indigenous information/data for climate/weather information.** This activity was carried out at Rutanhira and Mangoro Primary Schools, targeting local authorities, government agencies, traditional leaders, meteorological department, schools, churches, CBOs and farmer groups training them on climate data packaging, handling and coding along with establishing communication networks in the district. One key issue raised in relation to accessibility of information was setting up weather stations at local schools. This would enable both students to learn practically and community members to have access to reliable, context based information on time.
- **Establishing Environmental community-based clubs in schools, churches, CBOs and farmers clubs that will continue engaging communities on climate adaptation and resilience.** School environmental clubs were formulated in the following schools; Zvamatobwe Primary, Mutekedza Secondary, Chivhu Primary, Rutanhira Primary and Secondary, Mangoro Primary and Chivenga Secondary with community members from these areas sending in their community based environmental club members to join. Training was conducted with students and various stakeholders from different governmental departments. The objective of formulating environmental clubs was to empower students towards environmental management championship in the communities and to support schools in innovation towards climate change adaptive behaviours. Participants shared their experiences of climate change realities and the mitigation measures in their local context paying attention to the effects of both Cyclone Idai and Anna that affected Chikomba in recent years.

- **Learning & Documentation-(A case Study of Chikomba District – Wards Affected by Cyclone Anna).** The Commission and Caritas visited Govere village, Chavhunduka 3 and Zvichemo (all in ward 20) village shops which were mainly affected by the cyclone. The study revealed that Cyclone Anna caused overall minimal damage, losses, and disruption in the movement of people to access health facilities and schools due to the collapse of Nyokanhete, Mutede and Jordan bridges. There was limited access to warning messages, vague messages and there was a lack of strategy and initiatives to effectively inform communities of the forthcoming danger. As such, there was no intervention of the government, stakeholders and NGOs to address the emergency, plan structural rebuilding, and organised assistance. The reflections helped to share recommendations to the local council and stakeholders in relation to future disasters.

#### School Environmental Clubs established in 2022

Name of school	No. of students	M	F
Kwenda High	10	4	6
Chivhu Primary	10	3	7
Mutekedza Secondary	20	6	14
Zvamatobwe Primary	21	10	11
Rutanhira Primary	10	5	5
Rutanhira Secondary	10	5	5
Man`oro Primary	10	3	7
Chivenga Secondary	10	6	4

#### Community-based Environmental Clubs Trainings

Venue	Number of people trained
Chikomba Rural District	65
Mutekedza Secondary	57
Rutanhira Primary	58
Mangoro Primary	56

#### Stories of Significant change

**1. Activity title: Establishing women’s savings groups-Matiya Kalemba Norton Parish**  
Emelda is a 55 year old mother of 5 and is a retired council worker. Since her retirement, Emelda has not had any income generating project and fully depends on her husband who is a teacher and takes sole control of the household's income and financial decisions.

*“I have never had any savings, I struggled with impulse buying and my children would constantly complain about my spending. One time I tried joining a savings group but I was discouraged by my friends who had been cheated on and had a terrible experience with other groups”.*

When CCJP Harare held a training workshop in Norton, Emelda attended with her neighbour and church mates and resultantly loved the idea of establishing a women’s savings group to which they drafted their own constitution and agreed on the terms and conditions. Their group “Wonders of Women Club” was the first to emerge from the parish group, Themed “Shanda munhukadzi shanda”. She narrated that;

*“After joining mukando, I have begun to see improvement in my finances and my husband is impressed”.*

Emelda’s husband and children have grown much more confident in Emelda’s financial prowess like never before. Her spending and financial choices have changed so much that she has received compliments from her older children who also contribute to her household income, “I feel empowered for the first time ever since I got retrenched and I can see myself going far if our group remains organised, all thanks to CCJP”.

**2. Activity title-Training leaders on gender justice issues, gender discrimination and women empowerment St Dominic’s Ruwa Parish.** CCJP Harare conducted a workshop on gender justice, gender discrimination and gender based violence at St Dominic’s Ruwa Parish. The debate also highlighted the effects of gender discrimination, conflicts surrounding gender justice, importance of gender empowerment, dynamics of gender justice (ideal versus reality debate), role of leaders in creating safe spaces for all, preventing gender justice disparities and filing complaints and case referrals. The issue of drug and substance abuse was also discussed which revealed the need for recreational facilities to help young people to focus their energy on sport, reduce idleness and stay away from drugs.

As a result of barely a fortnight after the workshop convened on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, the local board represented by Councillor of Ward 9 handed over a piece of land to the parish that will be developed into a sporting arena for the youth in the area. The grounds are set to be used to promote unity and social cohesion in the Ruwa community through sport. The focal person of CCJP St Dominc’s Ruwa said;

*“CCJP Archdiocese of Harare has been very active in educating people on the need to promote gender mainstreaming at all levels of society as well as championing the fight against all forms of violence and child abuse and we are happy to witness the outcomes of this project already. The land has been cleared and is ready for use”.*



Honorable Chairman of Ruwa Local Board, Councillor Kizito Chivafa officially opening the grounds.

<p><b>Effectiveness</b></p>	<p>The new project has been successfully established in 18 parishes with a good attendance for scheduled activities and parishes have started taking initiatives to act upon agreed action plans. Feedback received has shown that the project is effective. The two ended projects reflected effectiveness through the continuation process reflected in the current running project, based on issues raised and documented in the previous projects.</p>
<p><b>Efficiency</b></p>	<p>Efficiency has been highly noted in community efforts to cascade information and participants’ mobilization has been accelerated in this manner. Community based interventions have also reflected the efficiency of the groups worked with.</p>
<p><b>Relevance</b></p>	<p>Through continuous pre &amp; post training assessments, participants have highlighted that topics are relevant to their everyday lives in communities and they have even asked for extension of some processes to allow for longer discussion times given the importance of the issues tabled.</p>
<p><b>Sustainability</b></p>	<p>Activities where government departments and various other stakeholders are represented are opening avenues for improved access and quality of service delivery and inform participants on port of calls and case referrals. This could speak to the possibility of improved case handling at parish level giving sustenance to this practice.</p>

## Financials

The Commission received financial support mainly from Misereor during the year. CAFOD also supported the Commission through the climate change project which was concluded and the CCJPZ equally resourced the Commission for some interventions during the year.

## Conclusion

CCJP Harare will continue to work for justice and peace through different initiatives that are already being planned for in the coming year. CCJP Harare seeks to take up a more proactive role in the coming year equally taking into account the information gathered during the year and recurring justice and peace situations from time to time. Our target continues to extend outside the catholic community for a holistic approach that brings together both young and old people for development processes.

## GWERU DIOCESE

### Introduction

**CCJP Spiritual Advisor/Diocesan Coordinator:** Fr. A. Dzingai

**Area:** 29 158 square kilometres

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

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

### Main Activities

**1. Strengthening the role of the church in promoting social cohesion and civic participation within the devolution process:** The project was implemented with the ZHOCD supported by Trocaire - EU. The following activities were conducted throughout the course of the year to discuss the landscape of the devolution policy and implementation. These included; peer review, monitoring and mentoring systems, the meetings conducted by the ZHOCD provincial leaders forum, the ZHOCD Focal persons trained in communication strategies and tools, District level leaders trained on communication strategies, IEC materials incl. social media developed, Church-based Provincial Information Hubs capacitated to source and disseminate information, Community meetings held on women and youth platforms.



### 2. By - elections training of observers and monitoring

CCJP Gweru observed the By-elections on 26 March 2022 for Members of Assembly and Local Authorities. The observers were trained by the CCJP Office and accredited by the ZEC.

The deaneries that had Members of Assembly representatives who had been recalled were Mberengwa, Kwekwe Central, Kwekwe Mbizo and Mkoba Gweru. Due to limited funds the CCJP national Office managed to avail funds for only 32 members to observe.

### **3. National Civic, Engagement Program for Peace, Governance and Accountability in Zimbabwe**

CCJP Gweru conducted a meeting in May where the NPRC raised awareness for their mandate to Mvuma Residents. The commission also conducted a feedback meeting on 28 September with a total attendance of 18 CCJP animators, 2 NPRC Midlands Province Committee members and 4 CCJP staff. The goal of the project was to ensure: National Peace and Reconciliation Processes that effectively address the negative effects for past and present violence. The main focus was to track and monitor progress by the NPRC structures in dealing with conflicts arising from the communities.



### **4. Capacity Building: Enhancing sustainability and visibility of justice and peace work in Zimbabwe**

The Commission held a workshop for the three parishes; St Gabriel, St Pius and St Kizito in Chiundura area. The training workshop successfully resuscitated the CCJP structures and equipped the animators with knowledge and skills to be able to gather information, actions, decisions or tradition that undermine the STCs, human rights and peace for informed intervention, advocacy and lobby processes.

### **5. International Day of Peace**

CCJP Gweru joined the world to commemorate International Day of Peace around September 2022. Commemorations were done at the Civic Centre which were planned by the NPRC. CCJP gave its solidarity message on the day and proffered recommendations on could be done to ensure peace.

### **6. Security Sector - Duty Bearer engagements**

On 27 May 2022, the CCJPZ and Gweru Diocese in collaboration with Zimbabwe Christian Alliance who are in consortium of Churches working for Justice and Peace convened a Midlands Provincial Citizen-Security Sector engagement. The meeting discussed conflict issues disturbing peace in communities and related problems being caused by these conflicts, proffered recommendations on how the security services (ZRP, ZDF and ZPCS) can effectively promote peace in communities and to map ways in which the communities, can collaborate to promote peace and development.





### **7. Draft manual making with Counselling Service Unit**

CCJP Gweru, as the lead of human rights sector in Midlands, hosted the Counselling Service Unit (CSU) from Harare with the attendance of various Human Rights Organisations, Health Representatives and the Police Victims Friendly Unit for the brainstorming of a draft manual. The draft manuals would be used by organisations and health department to refer victims of domestic violence to the relevant stakeholders that are expected in the field. The workshop sensitized organisations on various platforms which provide primary counselling and psychological rehabilitation to all victims. The CSU came back again in December to present the draft manual which was approved by human rights organisations present.

### **8. Strong Governance Institutions and Inclusive Participation – Silveira House**

In November CCJP Gweru had project development engagements with Silveira House representatives. The main thrust of the discussions was to map out how we will be able to conduct a project with them titled: *Strong Governance and Inclusive Participation*. These project intends to support the participation of youth church leaders. The project intends to solve youth problems by capacitating them on entrepreneurship and civic education. Gweru Diocese is in the process of recruiting 25 youths that will undergo a training package to respond to their needs.

### **9. ZEC Stakeholder Meetings**

CCJP Gweru has been moving with the ZEC from their planning meetings since 2020 up to date. The Diocesan office has also given the ZEC their views on voter registration and delimitation, electoral boundaries, polling process as well as the role of women in elections.

### **Impact of Programming / Nature of Contribution to the Diocese**

*The following impacts were recorded from the Devolution project in Mvuma*

- a) A male youth mentioned that through participation in the project, they gained courage and wisdom to engage Rural District Council personnel so that he may get a residential stand on credit where a payment plan can be made.
- b) The second participant noted that there was a pending issue between the Rural District Council and the community over payment of street lights which were not working. By doing so, engagement with the authorities on one of the duty bearer forums brushed away the payment of non-functioning street lights. In cases where some households were mandated to pay sewer

charges for a service that was not available to their disposal, they were exempted by authorities and many other issues were resolved in duty bearers' engagement platforms.

c) The participant extended gratitude to the ZHOCD for coming up with a program of this kind as they were thoroughly taught the Rural District Councils Act with specific reference to allocation of residential and commercial stands for youths. The participant acquired a commercial stand paying in local currency through engagement with the Rural District Council.

d) A youth male pointed out that the project managed to boost their confidence to approach local authorities on the issue of recreational facilities which is one of the major responsibilities of Rural and Urban local Councils to offer the services. The youth also approached the Member of Parliament on that issue and the result was the revamping of the soccer and netball pitches, to date there was the establishment of the Mvuma Social League which has reduced the rate of delinquency in the Mvuma community.

e) A female adult living with disability revealed that they have been imparted knowledge on their rights to education, right to benefit from devolution funds as well as other government subsidies. Through the women advocacy and training received from the Ministry of Women Affairs, the people living with disability are now recognised in community projects and are proud beneficiaries of fully funded poultry projects for their sustenance. The participant noted that they have exposed some duty bearers who used to fundraise and solicit donations claiming to be helping the disabled yet they pocketed the proceeds.

f) Multi-party Liaison Committees have been established in Mvuma town as a result of the issues raised to the NPRC as electoral violence gets nasty around the elections we are approaching.

g) CCJP meetings have increased participation of community members on community development meetings. In Chiundura, there is improved public debate of the animators, engaging with local leaders (Chief, headman, councillors, MP) and the Parish Priest expressing their opinions. The animator's participation in the community has been enhanced as seen by their pursuit of the clinic and hospital project to the local leadership. About 90 % have shown positive attitudes towards the proposed project.

### **Recommendations**

- Workshops on Action for Better Governance should be done so that the animators may be aware of what they will be advocating for.
- There is need for Institutional funding to cater for office logistics on funding advocacy activities around the Diocese which arises from situational reports.
- There is need for a Commission vehicle for transport logistics around the Diocese.

### **Financials**

We would like to extend our gratitude to our funding partners, Trocaire, European Union and the the CCJP National Office who made all these programs a success through their support financially and morally.

## **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*

### **Introduction**

The information in this report was gathered from various reports that were sent by the CCJP animators in various parishes, monitoring activities that are carried out by the diocesan office as it implements the activities, as well as analysis done by the facilitators and the interactions they do with the participants. Most of the activities in the Commission at diocesan level are guided by the availability of funds, and the funds are from donors largely. CCJP-Gokwe works in the whole geographical area covered by the Diocese of Gokwe namely: Nkayi district (Matebeleland North Province), Gokwe South, Gokwe North (both in Midlands province), and Nyaminyami/Kariba District (Mashonaland West province).

### **Activities**

- 1) Strengthening the Structures of CCJP at Grassroots Levels and Capacity Building:**  
22 workshops were conducted in the diocese throughout the year 2022, with more than 800 people benefiting from the capacity building workshops conducted supported by Misereor and will run until 2024.

**1.1 Youth:** CCJP Gokwe conducted five leadership training workshops for the youth in May 2022, with the aim of encouraging the youth to participate in civil activities. Deanery steering committees were set up to assist the youth whenever deanery activities are conducted. The Commission gave talks to the youth in their deanery congresses in August and December. The deaneries include: Central, Western and Northern.



*Youth planning meetings at St John's and Sengwa Mission. Their T-shirts carry the following message: "Building our future through our participation".*

**1.2 Women:** In the light of gender mainstreaming, CCJP has activities that are specific to women and workshops have been conducted in Nyaradza (Central Deanery) which was attended by 146 women, 68 women in Marapira (Southern Deanery), 38 women in Chevecheve (Eastern Deanery), 46 women in Chireya (Western Deanery) and 114 women in Nembudziya (Northern Deanery). These workshops encouraged women to take up leadership roles, to participate in civil activities and also created dialogue platforms that will enable the women to engage and share their problems, as well as to come up with solutions that will build a community which is peaceful and friendly to the girl child.

**1.3 Traditional Leader:** The engagement aimed at helping Traditional leaders to be Non-Partisan in the execution of their tasks guided by the Constitution of Zimbabwe and the Traditional Leaders Act. Four (4) Chief were selected; Chief Nemangwe of Gokwe South District, Headman Huchu of Gokwe South, Chief Mola of Nyaminyami District and Chief Madliwa of Nkayi District.

**2. Strengthening the Role of the Church in Enhancing Civil Participation in the Devolution Process:** This program is aimed at equipping the communities with tools to hold the duty bearers accountable for the Devolution funds that are allocated to the constituencies. This program was implemented in Chireya ward 4 and 5 supported by Trocaire and European Union. Information hubs were set up at Chireya High School Library and Zumba Primary School which are important sources of information for the communities.

**3. Elections Observation:** CCJP-Gokwe managed to observe the By-elections which were conducted in Gokwe Central Constituency in March 2022 and in Gokwe-Kabuyuni Constituency held in August 2022. This program was funded through the CCJP National office. The following were reports reveal that:

- **There is a lot of intimidation and violence in the communities:** CCJP Gokwe gave a comprehensive report which highlighted the cases of violence which occurred in Gokwe Kabuyuni constituency towards the By-elections held in August 2022. A policeman was beaten, journalists were beaten and members of CCC were beaten as well.
- **High numbers of assisted voters:** Gokwe Kabuyuni Constituency had more than 800 people who were assisted to vote, with Zumba Primary school polling station totalling to 110 assisted voters. These numbers are worrying since they reflect deep seated community intimidation or lack of voter education.
- **Lower voter turn-out in the town:** *When mobile observers visited tents A and B at Gokwe terminus at 10:30 am there was no one who had cast his vote, yet there was a*

*total of 580 registered voters on that polling station. At the close of the polling station only 186 people had cast their ballots. This was just one case of low vote turn out, but as for the whole of Gokwe Central, the number of registered voters who did not turn up on the voting day can be estimated to 35 %.*



*Team of By-elections Observers and a small group of Volunteers who assisted during the 26 March 2022 By-elections*

**4. The Role of NPRC in the Communities:** The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC) is an independent commission set up by the government to work with communities in establishing dialogue and peace. This Commission has to work with already established NGOs, Faith Based Organisations and community leaders. However, the Commission has not done anything in our diocese in the past five years and they site the problem of limited resources. The survey that was done in Gokwe North revealed that:

- 25 out of 40 participants have not heard about the NPRC and do not know anything about this Commission (62% are ignorant about NPRC).
- 40 out of 40 participants have not encountered the NPRC members at any activity (100% have not encountered NPRC representatives).
- 10 out of 40 participants have not seen any materials on the NPRC (25% have not seen any materials on NPRC).

#### **Achievements**

- **Every mission now has a CCJP-Peace Committee:** The Diocese of Gokwe has 24 Missions and these are equally distributed within the geographical area covered by the Diocese. Peace committees are formed at mission level, but they are composed of members (representatives) from Small Christian Communities which are the small cells just above the family. Those elected in the Mission Peace Committee are also eligible to be elected into the CCJP deanery structure and Gokwe Diocese has five Deaneries. Those in the deanery structure are legible to be elected into the Diocesan Committee. The Diocesan Committee holds two formal meetings per year and constantly interact via social media platforms whenever it is necessary.
- **Information dissemination:** There are a number of platforms that have been created to make sure that this process is efficient, these include; WhatsApp groups, Facebook page and the diocesan website. Bulk SMS system is also used where there are internet challenges.
- **Report writing:** Every two (2) months every mission submit a situational report to the Diocesan office. These reports help the diocese to have an overview of the situation in the diocese and also compile a report to submit to the National Office.
- **Unity among members of different denominations:** The program on devolution has assisted CCJP-Gokwe to network with other denominations in the work of civic

participation. This has created platforms for CCJP Gokwe to reach out to more people especially non-Catholics. The Commissions also learnt how the other denominations operate and shared their world view in the area of civic education.

### Plans

- **Capacity Building Workshops for CCJP Members:** In 2023 there will be 24 workshop which will be conducted in all the missions in the Diocese. These workshops are aimed at sensitising the communities on Human Rights abuses that may occur and how to report them.
- **Networking with other Denominations and Commissions:** From the fruits harvested through the devolution program, CCJP-Gokwe has plans to have more programs that will be implemented through the network of Churches (Religious Denominations). CCJP-Gokwe has many possibilities of Networking with Caritas-Gokwe, Education Commission, Orphans and Vulnerable Children-Gokwe and Social Communications Commission since all these commissions are under the Catholic Church.
- **General Elections Observation:** CCJP Gokwe is going to carry out voter education in all the Deaneries and will train observers for the national elections. The number of observers per mission will be determined by the funds which would have been secured.

### Conclusion

The commission is working hard to fulfil its mandate in the diocese regardless of the challenges and limitation of resources that it may face. As the country moves into election mode more work lies ahead and CCJP Gokwe is applying for more funds in order to carry out this task ahead. The grass root structures need more support from the priests so that they may submit situational reports on time and so that they may report critical cases on time. The Commission is grateful to the Funding partners, the Diocese and the CCJP National office for the support they are offering to enable the Commission to fulfil its objectives.

## DIOCESE OF MASVINGO

**CCJP Spiritual Advisor:** Fr. Cleophas. Magundani

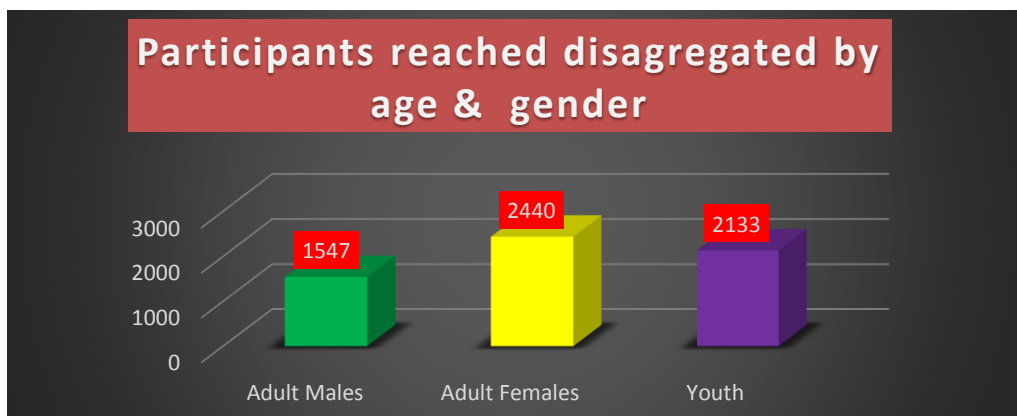
**Diocesan Coordinator:** Mr. Simon Parwaringira

**Area:** 70,000 square kilometres

**Population:** 1, 863 650

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

The below graph shows the total number of participants reached by CCJP in 2022



The table below depicts the geographical coverage for CCJP projects in 2022

#	Funding Partner	Name of Project	Deanery	Target Parishes/Communities
1	Trocaire (Trace/DFID)	Enhancing the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in Zimbabwe	Bikita, Chivi and Gutu	St Alphonse Nyika, St Monica Chikuku, St Simon Zhara, St Luke's Chivi, St Xavier Gono, St Philip Munjanja, St Martin Rumhizha, St Michael's Nerupiri and St Bruno Mutema
2	Misereor	Civic Education on electoral processes and conflict management and mitigation in relation to the Social Teachings of the Church in the Diocese of Masvingo	Masvingo, Masvingo South, Zaka, Bikita, Gutu, Lowveld, Southern, Chivi and Mwenezi	St Barbra Mashava, Mandini, Silveira, Maranda, St Alex Ndanga, Chingwizi, Maraire Matiore, Bhakita, Luthumba, Makura, St Philip Dare, Good Shepherd, Berejena, Makambe, St Anthony, Bondolfi, Ss Peter & Paul, Don Bosco, St Theresa Rujeko
3	Trocaire (FCDO/SIDA)	Enhancing the Promotion of Civil and Political Rights in Zimbabwe	Bikita, Chivi, Gutu, Masvingo South, Lowveld, Mwenezi, Zaka	St Alphonse Nyika, St Monica Chikuku, St Simon Zhara, St Luke's Chivi, St Xavier Gono, St Philip Munjanja, St Martin Rumhizha, St Michael's Nerupiri, St Bruno Mutema, St James Chivamba, St Ambrose Matibi, Muteyo and Mapanzure
4	Trocaire (EU)	Strengthening the role of the church in promoting social cohesion and civic participation within devolution processes	Gutu	Mutero Mission (Mushayavanhu), Mukaro Mission and Holy Innocent Mpandawana
5	Dan Church Aid (EU)	Churches convergence on conflict and peace	Gutu and Masvingo central	Mapanzure (Bondolfi), Nyamafufu (Bondolfi), Mpandawana, Mutero, Chiguhune, Mazanhi, Cheninga (Mukaro) , Gono, Masarasara and Chibaya
6	American Friends Services Committee (AFSC)	Supporting Vulnerable People on the Move and their communities in Zimbabwe and South Africa	Mwenezi and Beitbridge	St Joseph Beitbridge urban, Luthumba, St Vitalis Neshuro, and Chingwizi (Holy Trinity Triangle)

### Project activities highlights

- The Human Rights Project funded by Trocaire (FCDO/SIDA) reached a total 1225 participants with a target of 1310 participants translating to a 94% achievement rate. Through project monitoring and evaluation, it was observed that community project participants were fully aware of human rights as evidenced by their ability to document, report and refer cases of human rights violation. It was however noted that there were some participants that were not clear of the difference between STCs and Human Rights.
- The Social Cohesion project funded by the European Union (EU) through Trocaire reached a total of 315 participants with a target of 319 participants. Following the effective implementation of various project activities it was noted that there were a number of positive changes in target communities. For instance, in Mushayavanhu ward 35 of Gutu district, participants managed to come up with a disaster management plan

for veld fires at a CCJP facilitated meeting which was held at Mupandawana ward 33. This shows that community members were proactive as evidenced by the said practice.

- The Civic education project funded by Misereor reached a total of 2315 participants against a target of 2455 meaning that the target was missed by 140 participants translating 94.2%. The monitoring visits conducted in that project, observed that participants managed to grasp what they were taught during workshops like Social Teachings of the Church, causes of conflicts, and types of conflicts and how to solve conflicts. In Makambe community ward 10 of Chiredzi District, the project recorded great inroads in engaging local key stakeholders like traditional leaders, Church Leaders, and government departments representatives like Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Agritex, ZRP and chapter 12 commissions such as the Zimbabwe ZEC. One of the police officers who attended the activity highlighted that,

***“As police officers we are very glad with the work that you are doing which compliments government’s efforts in building social cohesion and peaceful co-existence. We have noted that the trainings of conflict management and constitution awareness are gradually reducing crime rates since sometimes the crimes are as a result of ignorance of law. The most outstanding thing you are doing as an organization is that you conduct your activities in peripheral and marginalised communities”.***

- The American Friends Services Committee (AFSC) funded project focusing on supporting vulnerable people on the move in Mwenezi and Beitbridge managed to execute all planned activities and reached a total of 1402 participants with a target of 1310 participants (107%). During Tracer Studies conducted in Beitbridge and Mwenezi the participants managed to express their gratitude over key achievements that were attributed to the project activities. According to the findings of Tracer studies conducted in March 2022, 90 % of the respondents acknowledged that dialogues are useful in promoting safe migration. In Chingwizi, participants appreciated CCJP Masvingo facilitated dialogues pointing out that these created unique opportunities that brought leaders together to look at issues that have been affecting the community since the 2014 displacements from Chivi. A respondent in Chingwizi said,

***“Since we were dumped here in 2014; no organization has managed to bring us together as a community to engage in purposeful development the way done by CCJP.”***

- The Churches Convergence on Conflict and Peace (CCCOP) managed to complete all planned activities in December 2021 and in 2022 the team concentrated on closeout processes such as reporting and coordinating an external evaluation that was initiated by the DCA. As per the peace plans earlier developed by local peace committees, the CCJP office managed to procure chicks and feed for communities to start chicken rearing projects. By December 2022, communities such as Gono ward 27 of Gutu and Mapanzure ward 16 of Masvingo districts, were looking after their fifth batch of chickens and had divided the initial groups into smaller ones which were easily manageable.

## **Significant Change and Impact of Programming**

### **Success Story 1: Supporting Vulnerable People on the Move in Zimbabwe and South Africa**



My name is Lameck Urayai from Beitbridge ward 5. I remember some time ago when I was still at my parent's homestead in Maringire community Chivi District. Life was okay but when I got married life was difficult because I had to meet my family responsibility. I decided to go to South Africa in search of green pastures leaving my pregnant women at home with my parents. I had no passport at that moment then I decided to cross illegally. We were 5 people 3 women and 2 men. We find the smugglers to assist us to cross. The people who assisted us to cross charged me 400 Rands. We crossed the River by foot at an area called PaNyamupanza which was maybe a kilometer from Zimbabwean border. We did not know of the misfortune ahead of us after walking 100m from the river in South African side. Three people holding 3 knives forcing us to lay down, who stole everything we had including cellphones. They raped 3 women in front of us and it was traumatizing. After that the robbers escaped. As a result, the three women decided to surrender themselves to the South African Police Officers. That is the time we departed. I went to the fuel attendant I begged him 20 Rand so that I can go to Musina and I went there. I went and looked for the job at one of the shop and they gave me the job. Unfortunately we did not agree on the monthly salary but I worked though because I had no option to select. Due to the hardships I faced at that workplace I decided to leave the job and look for peace job so that I came back home. I managed to get some peace jobs and came back home. Life in South Africa was not favorable for me it was the worst decision I did to cross illegally. Since this happening I did not managed to share my experience with anyone even my wife I did not. I am glad with project of Internally Displaced People and Migrants, because during the activities I managed to understand that it was crucial for me to have required documents before I crossed the border. Also, during the Healing Circle activity I managed to share my experience in order to clear my mind. This issue was traumatizing me because it was so embracing to share it with my wife. As of now I feel relieved because I managed to say it out and share the hardships that I faced as a migrant.

**Story Title: Women able to hold duty bearers to be accountable.**

**Story teller:** CCJP Masvingo Women Participants Mupandawana

**Background:** Mupandawana community ward 33 is in Gutu district. People in this area are known to be Shona speaking language (Vakaranga). These people strongly follow their culture of respecting norms and values of the society and male dominance was everywhere.

**Beginning (Situation before change):** Indeed, prior to the project implementation, there were a lot of problems in Mupandawana. Firstly a lot of people weren't aware of their rights particularly women since it was the most disadvantaged group. Every developmental aspect in the area was seen to be partisan and the ZANU-PF party was taken as a sponsor by community members. Community members even choose to wear ZANU-PF regalia so as to enjoy governmental benefits. Absence of women in decision making and participating in developmental aspects was the normal way of life. In Mupandawana it was seen as a taboo for a woman to take part in developmental aspects of the area. Women were taken as child bearing machines and their duties were attributed to be home-centred. Almost every governmental post or leadership role was for men and for women to climb the social ladder their status was closed. There were also water shortages in the area. Shortage of market places was also another challenge in the area. Vendors were always in trouble with the city council due to market place problems.

**Middle (What happened):** CCJP Masvingo through the devolution project titled "**Strengthening the role of the church in promoting social cohesion and civic participation within devolution process**" empowers women to be able to open up and empowers them to be involved in decision making processes. CCJP Masvingo facilitated activities like Women Voices Forums whereby they promoted the rights of women and

capacitated women to be at the center of devolution processes and able to hold duty bearers to be accountable. During the project implementation a number of meetings and training has been conducted like communication training and advocacy training. In these activities the women participants have been equipped with knowledge about their role in the society, their importance in decision making, where to report issues as well as the importance of taking part in developmental aspects.

**End (Situation after the change):** After knowledge has been equipped to participants in Mupandawana about the devolution process and their role in the process (specifically women). A lot of changes have been observed. Firstly, women started to participate in almost every meeting in the community. For example in CCJP meetings the number of women participating has increased as compared from the beginning of the project. The social ladder status which was closed for women started to be ascribed and women are now able to hold duty bearers to be accountable. For instance during the Women Voices Forum women raised some issues to the councilor like the issue of Tower Lights which are not functioning, the issue of tapes at the borehole which are not functioning as well as the issue of poor maintenance of roads. Women highlighted that the devolution project which is facilitated by CCJP Masvingo enables them to be involved in decision making processes at ward level. Women participants highlighted that they are very happy with the work of CCJP because water shortages have been resolved as people advocate for safe and clean water during CCJP Platforms. They further alluded that now we are aware that the devolution funds are not part of council funds because before CCJP's initiatives it was not clear. One women narrated that

*As a result of CCJP Masvingo that facilitated activities like Women Voices Forums I am now able to stand my ground as a woman not only waiting for my husband to provide food on the table, I am able to say my views even at the ward level because I have been empowered. My request is that the council should also consider us as women to put aside a certain amount of devolution funds that caters for women projects like nutrition gardens so that it improves our livelihood.*

### **Lesson Learnt**

- ✓ There is need to maintain good working relations with key stakeholders especially as we heard towards the 2023 harmonized elections.
- ✓ Collaborations and partnerships with strategic institutions such as relevant ministries and other respectable civil society organizations is sustainable in the implementation of projects.
- ✓ There is need to advocate for the participation of minority groups in local governance platforms given that they are usually left out on decision making.
- ✓ For evidence based advocacy, it is important to strengthen monitoring, documentation, reporting and advocacy skills for CCJP animators to curb human rights violations being swept under the carpet.
- ✓ It was noted that making periodic follow ups with duty bearers increases chances of getting positive responses to challenges presented and provide tangible results
- ✓ The response, feedback and participation of community members during duty bearers' engagements have created a hub for flagging out key areas to be improved, and duty bearers giving updates and responding to concerns effectively.
- ✓ There is need to continue engaging communities providing information on how they can continue to demand improvement on social service delivery from responsible authorities.

- ✓ There is need to continuously monitor service delivery in the communities to track progress towards efficiency, effectiveness and quality of services delivered by office bearers in communities.
- ✓ To maintain and improve the image of the organization, it is essential to ensure that CCJP members receive reliable and authentic information concerning justice and peace issues through official organizational platforms.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, CCJP strongly believes that a God-fearing, democratic and prosperous Zimbabwe is possible in our lifetime and that all people should have access to quality services across all aspects of life. In particular, the marginalized groups that are in the society look up to the Church to deliver access to justice, joy, hope, peace, and the fruition of their dreams. The year 2022 had its own fair share of challenges but through commitment and dedication from all concerned people, quite a lot was achieved. In light of the year 2023, CCJP calls on all CSOs, partners and stakeholders to ensure that all Government institutions perform their work to the best of their capacities, and that they are autonomous as this is key to enhancing service delivery across all aspects of life for citizens and communities. As guided by the Gospel values and the Catholic Social Teaching, the commission remains committed to ensuring justice, tolerance and peaceful coexistence exists especially as the country heads towards the potentially explosive harmonised elections to be held in 2023.



*Caption of Community dialogue at St Philip Dare, Ngundu, Chivi*



*Caption of CCJP facilitator addressing people during a safe migration campaign in Beitbridge urban.*

## DIOCESE OF MUTARE

**CCJP Spiritual Advisor:** Fr. Tarzen Nyanga

**Diocesan Coordinator:** Mr. E. Vengesa

**Area:** 32,202 square kilometres

**Population:** 1, 675,000

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

### 1. Main Activities

CCJP-M came up with a strategic plan for the year 2022-2025 and the Commission will be focusing on the following 5 pillars which are *Constitutionalism and Civic engagement, Community Resilience Building, Environment and Climate Justice, Gender and Social*

**Inclusion and Institutional Development Pillar.** A number of activities have been carried out under the above-mentioned pillars for the year 2022.

## **1.1 Constitutionalism and civic engagement Pillar**

**1.1.1 Women and Youth voice Forum:** These platforms were created for women and youth to increase their voices and be able to participate in democratic spaces. These platforms also helped in identifying challenges on land and property rights on women. To protect the youths from risks arising from becoming more active citizens they were trained on citizen monitoring and advocacy skills including the use of social accountability tools such as score cards. The Commission also managed to engage the Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association in facilitating the community dialogues and referring of the issues that came out during the community dialogue.

**1.1.2 Citizen duty Bear engagement meetings:** Duty bear engagement platforms were held for an interactive engagement where citizens confronted the duty bearers on human rights being violated and seek redress. Women, men, youth and PWDS were being targeted in these activities so as to enable them to engage with duty bearers and prioritised issues were translated in community action plans to be presented and discussed with local duty bearers. During the Citizen Duty Bearer Engagement meetings, the Commission managed to engage Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights, and ZimRights for facilitation and reference of issues from the community.

**1.1.3 Provincial Training of Trainers:** Under the EU supported project, the Commission held a provincial Training of Trainers with the ZHOCD partners that is EFZ, ZCC and UDACIZA. During these dialogues the citizens were trained on Outcome harvesting, cooperate governance and communication strategies. Those who were trained at provincial level also cascaded the information to the district and ward level.

**1.1.4 Interprovincial exchange visits:** Interprovincial exchange visit between ZHOCD partners were also carried out. Manicaland partners visited Masvingo Province in August 2022 whilst the ZHOCD partners in Masvingo also visited Manicaland in October 2022. This helped the ZHOCD partners to share and exchange on the current operating context, activities carried out, lessons learned, challenges and mitigations, good practices, risk mitigations and the successes of the project.

## **2. Environment and climate justice**

**2.1 Tree planting:** The commission continues to plant trees after conducting community dialogues in line with the principle of Stewardship of God's creation and inspired by Laudato Si "care for our common home"

## **2.2 Clean Up Campaigns**

Under the DCA supported project through the Local Peace Plan CCJP-Mutare organised for a clean-up campaign in Makoni West Constituency and managed to engage the following stakeholders Rusape Town Council, Environmental Management Agency, the Army, the Police, and health workers.



*The pictures above is CCJP-Mutare staff and other stakeholders during the clean-up campaign in Makoni district.*

### **2.3 Climate Smart Agriculture training**

Through the support from the KAS project CCJP-Mutare 2 staff members and 30 community members were capacitated on climate smart agriculture techniques by Turning Matabeleland Green (TMG) in October 2022. The training helped in capacitating the community structures on climate smart agriculture so as to cope up with climate change and they were awarded the certificate of participation which they can use in future endeavours. After this training in Bulawayo the TMG and KAS team visited Manicaland Province to assess whether the trained participants have started implementing projects they have learnt in Matabeleland.

## **3. Community resilience building.**

### **3.1 Strengthening of Justice and Peace Committees**

CCJP-Mutare continues to strengthen its established Justice and Peace Committees throughout the Diocese. Out of 184 justice and peace committees, 50 of the Justice and Peace Committees have been strengthened through trainings on Human rights monitoring and documentation, outcome harvesting, security management, safeguarding, use of kobo survey software's and climate smart agriculture techniques.

**3.2 Social service delivery projects through the DCA Peace Plans:** Two Local Peace Committees managed to formulate a Peace Plan under the DCA supported project. The Local Peace Committee (LPC) in Mutasa South Constituency managed to identify a borehole that was not functioning in Mutasa ward 12 at Mutasa Primary School. CCJP-Mutare helped in installing the submissive pump such that citizens and the school pupils can access water on tape. Furthermore, in Mutare South Constituency the LPC managed to come up with a community garden and the community garden was fenced therefore contributing towards food security.

**3.3 District Engagements Sessions:** The activities were held to build the capacity of existing peace structures to involve women, youth and PWDs in identifying and prioritizing their issues and they managed to consolidate action plans and referred the issue to duty bearers. These were carried out under the Misereor supported project.

**3.4 Inter-communal Exchange Platforms:** The Commission managed to engage civic groups, community networks, peace structures and traditional structures to share and exchange good practices with regards to referral pathway and issue-based policy awareness and advocacy. Under the KAS project the trained community leaders (councillors and traditional leaders went to Lupane and Matobo's district in Matabeleland for the learning and exchange visits so as to have an appreciation of different cultural beliefs on the handling of land and property rights.

**3.5 Evidence Based Training:** This was held under the Misereor project and it targeted parish focal persons to capacitate them on issues of using digital collection tools, in particular Kobo. It also capacitated them on situational monitoring, documenting and reporting. Through this training CCJP-Mutare is now able to gather data from the community without necessarily travelling there, thus value for money.

**4. Gender and social inclusion.**

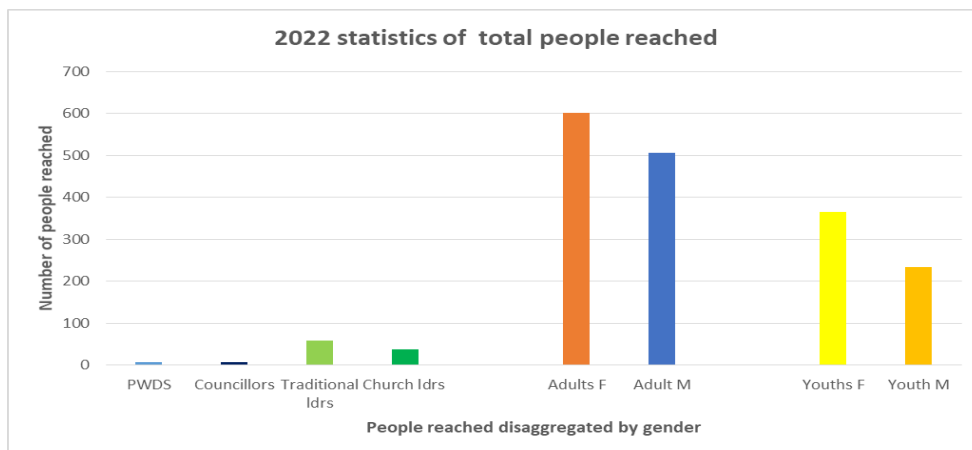
**4.1 Women Voice Forums:** With the Support from KAS, the project managed to carry Women Voice Forums so as to promote women access, control and ownership of land as informed by the constitution of Zimbabwe. However, gender and social inclusion has been mainstreamed in all the activities that the Commission has carried out as it has promoted the participation of women in all the activities.

**5. Institutional development pillar.** Below are the deliberations on the institutional development pillar

- 1 staff member pursuing PDHs, 2 pursuing Master’s degree, 2 pursuing special honours degree, 3 pursuing executive certificates in M&E. 7 staff meetings were held. Outcome harvesting training Trocaire. 1 Digital security training by Trocaire. Data Protection Training by DCA. Reviewing of the strategic plan for the period 2022-2025. Safeguarding training by Trocaire for both the board representative as well as the safeguarding focal person at secretariat level. Excel training by M & E Officer as well as the Kobo training for the staff members.

**6. Alignment with Church and CCJPZ Strategy:** CCJP-Mutare managed to come up with a strategic plan for the year 2022-2025. The Strategic plan is in line with the Diocesan Strategic plan. The Commission continues to use Social Teachings of the church to deliver on its mandates.

- **Statistics:** Graphs, Charts and Tables showing actual reach.



*The above is a graph of 2022 statistics of people reached for all projects*

**Significant Change and Impact of Programming**

- Under constitutionalism and civic engagement Pillar the key outcomes included the dissemination of the devolution information which led to the participation of citizens in the Development initiatives. (VIDCO and WADCO meetings in Mutasa ward 24 also contributed. Furthermore, duty bearers gave feedback to their citizens on issues that have been developed in the community for example in ward 21 Mutasa district

- In addition to the above, it was also noted that through the TRACE Phase 2 project community members have begun creating Child Protection Committees and there has been a reduction in cases of crimes against school children (Mutasa District ward 12)
- We have also noted that trained village heads in Mutare Rural ward 5 have been respecting the rights of citizens by distributing agricultural inputs and social welfare food without bias.
- Furthermore, the Provincial Level Breakfast Meeting with the Minister of State Hon Matsikenyeri was a success as the churches shared an update of their various activities in promoting citizen participation in Devolution. The government key stakeholders promised to support the church in its operation.



*From right is the Minister of state for Provincial affairs, devolution and development, the permanent secretary, ZCC church leader and Roman Catholic Bishop for Mutare Diocese.*

### **Lessons learnt**

- Top down engagement approach is helping in demystifying the misconceptions of councillors and district authorities about the CCJP-Mutare operations.
- The inclusion of all groups is important in programming and can help to address specific community marginalised groups concerns.
- Use of technology in gathering data using digital collection tools such as kobo survey is helpful to reach other communities which tend to be difficult to reach when the commission has limited funds.
- It is essential to continue creating platforms for the community to engage with duty bearers in community activities whereby community members demand the duty bearer to respect and protect their rights so as to come up with possible solutions to redress the challenges they are facing.
- Communities have trust in the Church hence sensitive issues are unpacked during the community activities

### **Conclusion**

- In the year 2022 CCJP-Mutare activities were conducted within the guidelines of the 2022 to 2025 Strategic Plan five Pillars, that is the Constitutionalism and Civic Engagement, Environmentalism and Climate Justice, Community Resilience, Gender and Social Inclusion and Institutional Development. The Commission continues to mainstream activities such as Voter education as the Country heads towards the 2023 Harmonized elections and information dissemination is key especially to the hardest to reach areas in the Diocese.

## **DIOCESE OF CHINHOYI**

**CCJP Spiritual Advisor/Diocesan Coordinator:** Fr. Samuel Nyadzayo

**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 implemented Bridge CAFOD project in 5 wards in Hurungwe, the human rights project in one ward in Chipfuwamiti Makonde district (ward 15) and Ending violence against women and girls UN project in 3 wards, ward 18, 20 and 21 Hurungwe district.

### **Main Activities**

#### ***Youth Based Clubs- ISALs***

- CCJP-Chinhoyi managed to establish youth based club in five wards in Hurungwe district to initiate income generating projects that would not only promote accountability and transparency but social cohesion, entrepreneurial drive and agitate youths to demand accountability from public officials who are charged with handling funds.
- Projects such as poultry farming, rearing of roadrunners, selling of carpenter and farming hardware had been opened.

#### ***Collaborating Projects / Youths Projects***

- The five communities received youth fund from the Bridge project was an effort to fuse in issues of peace building with livelihood projects as youths are targeted to be used to perpetrate violence during the election cycle.
- Therefore, through collaborating efforts, youths decided to build a waiting shed at Mwami Clinic. The project funds was used to purchase roofing materials but buildings bricks, water, sand and cement came from the community. Councillor of Mwami ward was impressed by the thought that it was done by youths who saw a need for a shed at the clinic as most mothers would wait outside the gate's clinic on sun waiting to get services at the clinic.
- In Kazangarare efforts have been made to construct a bridge along the dust road that link Kazangarare and Karoi. Through the youths fund, the group managed to start a poultry project and efforts were made to construct fowl run for the project.
- The kazangarare group clearly noted that the project created a platform for youth to meet and share constitutional provisions that promotes youths and women rights. The leader of the Kazangarare Youth Voice Forum (YVF) noted that the project created many avenues for youths to engage with the Constituency member of parliament to support youths on peace building sports .
- In Chipfuwamiti the YFV group had a look and learn of a goats and pig project which is being implemented by two groups in Chipfuwamiti, youths. This proved to be a successful look and learn as youths were clearly exchanging notes on different projects that are being implemented.





*Chipfuwamiti Poultry projects, goats and pig projects.*

- In Kanyaga the YVF group roofed a classroom block, to create more learning class room blocks for the children having noted that the school had only two class room blocks while the other two blocks had no roof. The village heads appreciated the efforts made in the community. This were efforts to build good relations with solution holders who are now confident that youths have community at heart.
- CCJP noted that the livelihood component successfully incentivised youths who were participating in BRIDGE project, and further boosted women participation.

**Capacity Building on Security and Risk Mitigation:** Given the nature of the work of CCJP in local communities, there are increased risks associated with discussing and conducting work that draws political interests and topics. With this reality in mind, there was a deliberate effort to train YVF members on security issues and identifying risks such as violence, intimidation, closing of the operating space, the looming PVO Bill and its impact on the work of CCJP and local people, rainfall induced natural disasters as well as poverty.

- CCJP trained participants on information handling, reporting, investigating a violation, citizen journalism, conflict resolution and prevention and creating sustainable relations with security officials.



*Caption of Kanyaga Youths in a group discussions.*

**Capacity Training on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse:** The capacity training on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse was conducted in conjunction with the security and risk mitigation trainings. The trainings identified cross cutting issues such as reporting of abuse, SADI-SADD principles, Gender Based Violence (GBV), early warning and early response.

- The Sexual Exploitation and Abuse training introduced Feedback and Complaints mechanisms to provide a platform for redress of violations among CCJP members when dealing with communities.

- Furthermore CCJP has a feedback and complaints handling policy which is being effectively used by participants to give feedback on sensitive and non-sensitive issues through using suggestion box. The commission is in a process of acquiring a toll free number for handling complaints.

***Capacity Building on Gender Responsive Governance:*** CCJP conducted gender responsive governance capacity building in Kanyaga, Chipfuwamiti, Kazangarare and Mwami. In terms of the composition of the YVF members, gender mainstreaming was achieved, which would make it easier for women to participate in other forums as leaders, representatives or agents of social change.

- Consequently, women participated in budget consultation meetings, pushing the agenda for the provision of gender specific requirements in the national budget.
- Community members, leaders, female and male youths appreciated the need to have women and girls effectively participating in governance related decision making processes. Men also participated gender responsive governance capacity building platforms meet to encourage HeForShe advocacy and lobbying mechanism when working to enhance good governance in the areas of operation.

## **UN WOMEN PROJECT**

- CCJP Chinhoyi successfully conducted Indaba meeting in Zvimba with 32 stakeholders in attendance. Discussion was on Child marriages which are prevalent in the area and been identified as the major GBV issue in the district. Poverty was identified as the major cause of child marriages with early indulgence in sex as another cause.
- The HeForShe Indaba model was unanimously approved as an effective model in coming up with solutions on ending violence in a multispectral approach from grass root level with men as gender champions.
- People with disabilities emphasized the importance of inclusiveness in projects implementation and commended the ‘leave no one behind approach’.
- In an effort to eradicate GBV and promoting peaceful communities, CCJP joined the global world in commemorating 16 days of activism against GBV convened a peaceful walkathon with other consortium members, Caritas Chinhoyi and Education Commission.

## **TROCAIRE**

- CCJP Chinhoyi received a grant focusing on advocacy and lobby of any human rights violation in the election cycle. CCJP conducted an inception meeting which targeted the key gate keepers in Chipfuwamiti and formed peace committees which will be used by community members to watch and monitor any human rights violations. The commission also, emphasized the use of the feedback and Complains mechanisms such as suggestion box for community to report on non-sensitive and sensitive complains.

## **Significant change from beneficiaries (the first person narrative)**

- *I learnt the aspect of leadership which encompass principles of good governance which are – participation, effectiveness, transparence, efficiency, responsiveness, consensus*

*and accountability, with all this, the community is supposed to have rights to follow up, ask for clarity and decides together on what needs to be done.*

- I was helped in understanding my rights. I came to know that as women, we have organizations that represents women. For one to be a leader you should have principles, now have knowledge of self-reliance in doing projects e.g. ISALS, to compete doing elections and through the trainings, community managed to have a great relationship with their leaders and councilors.*
- I used to be in fear and through CCJP; I managed to stand for myself. -self-reliance and -children rights*
- Learnt to do projects that can sustain our families, to promote peace in communities, understanding gender roles, take part in youth quota system and respect our leaders.*

### **Lessons learnt**

- There is need to have more livelihoods projects as this benefits young women and youths to actively participate.
- To have quarterly meetings with key stakeholders such as the president's office and ZRP is critical. CCJP - Chinhoyi learnt that it is important to share monthly reports with the social services in Makonde and invite them to our activities in order to maintain good working relations and reduce suspicions of our work.
- There is need to have a fundraising strategy to help the organisation in sourcing funds from different donors.

### **DIOCESE OF HWANGE**

**Spiritual Advisor/Coordinator:** Fr. S.W. Lumano

**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

### **Programmes**

As the name suggests – *Asikhulume*, that is, “Let’s Dialogue/Talk”, intentionally targeting ‘hotspot’ conflictual Lupane district (deanery), offers safer spaces in order to address unresolved historical and current socio-economic and political inequalities. To achieve its goal, the following activities conducted, connector events, community dialogue meetings and psycho-social awareness and coping skills workshops.



## Education and Reflection Meeting

An Education and Reflection Meeting on the mandate of the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC) supported by Trocaire and CCJPZ was held in Mzola and Dandanda Missions with forty-three (43) and thirty-seven (37) respectively. The main objectives of were to: enhance due diligence in the execution of the NPRC’s constitutional mandate; and, to increase victims and perpetrator’s engagement with the national peace and reconciliation processes. It was mainly targeting elected and appointed leadership like village heads, headmen, councilors, chiefs, members of parliament etc.



Dandanda Mission



Feedback plenary session in Mzola 55

## By-Election Observation Mission

Eight (8) short-term observers took part in the March 26, 2022 in Binga by-elections which were peaceful although notably there were an abnormal number of assisted voters, voter apathy especially among the youths to mention but a few issues.

## On-going Formation

CCJP participants from Lupane deanery attended a workshop titled “A Synodal Justice and Peace Commission” from 23 – 25 June 2022 at Dingindlela Pastoral Centre. The workshop reflected on inter-religious dialogue and ecumenism, effective and efficient leadership, *Asikhulume* and CCJP capacitation, for a synodal justice and peace commission, voter’s rights and responsibilities, communication skills and report writing and an analysis of CCJP. Below is the breakdown of the participants disaggregated according to Mission, gender and age.

MISSION	GENDER		AGE RANGE			TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE	18-35	36-60	61-80	
Dandanda	2	2	0	3	1	4
Gomoza	2	1	1	1	1	3
Jotsholo	0	3	0	3	1	4
Mzola	1	9	1	10	11	11
Tshongokwe	0	1	0	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>

## Prospects

The on-going synod on a synodal church is an opportunity for CCJP:

- In forming, reforming and transforming its members and structures at all levels, i.e., parish/mission, deanery and diocesan.
- To permeate all strata of humanity and register its visibility.

## CCJPZ PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

STAKEHOLDERS/ORGANISATIONS	WHERE WE ENGAGED/SPECIFIC PROJECTS ENGAGED
<p><b>Faith Based Organisations</b>            UDACIZA            ZCC            EFZ            ZCBC            ZCA            ECLF            ZDD            SILVEIRA HOUSE            ZCBC SISTER COMMISSIONS (CPLO,CARITAS, SOCCOM)</p>	<p>CCJPZ worked with other Church bodies' member in almost all the projects held in 2022 towards creating a just and peaceful societies and creating safe spaces for Zimbabwean citizens through different interventions.</p>
<p><b>Civil Society Organisations</b>            ZESN            ZLHR            ZIMRIGHTS            PBNZ            Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum            Justice for Children Trust            SAPST            Legal Resource Foundation            Masvingo United Residents and Rate Payers Alliance            Great Zimbabwe University Campus Radio            Centre for Gender and Community Development</p>	<p>CCJPZ activities took consideration of inviting CSOs in order to share vast developmental work experiences and lessons during the year 2022.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 12 Commissions</b>            ZEC            NPRC            ZHRC            ZMC            ZGC</p>	<p>CCJPZ has engaged all the Chapter 12 Commissions in all the projects implemented.</p>
<p><b>Government Institutions</b>            Ministry of Justice Legal and Parliamentary Affairs            Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation            Ministry of Health and Child Care            Ministry of Information and Publicity            Ministry of Women Affairs Gender and Community Development            Forestry Commission</p>	<p>CCJPZ plays a crucial role by complementing Governments effort to ensure that there is respect of human dignity. By so doing, CCJPZ projects in 2022 invited relevant government ministries to accompany the Church as they were conducting different project activities at National level as well as in the 8 dioceses.</p>

<p><b>Security sector</b> ZDF ZNA AFZ ZRP ZPCS OPC</p> <p><b>Local Government</b> Political parties District administrator/ District Development Coordinator Councillors Rural District Council</p> <p><b>Traditional Leadership</b> Chiefs Headmen Village head</p> <p><b>Parliament of Zimbabwe</b></p>	<p>CCCOP programme necessitated CCJPZ to strengthen and enhance their relationship with the security sector in 2022. The projects prompted regular engagements meeting between CCJPZ and the Security Sector at National level, and such engagements are slowly cascading at provincial level (Dioceses).</p> <p>EU-TROCAIRE Programme on Devolution created opportunity for CCJPZ and Diocesan office to collaborate with the local government on community development concerns from</p> <p>Traditional leadership has been present in almost all of CCJPZ projects in 2022. It is critical to point that traditional leadership exist in each community hence they were involved in all activities at community level.</p> <p>One of CCJPZ role is to compile evidence based information from the dioceses and use the information for advocacy and lobbying with relevant stakeholders. Therefore, CCJPZ in collaboration with CPLO managed to make contributions to the parliament on different Bills and particularly the 2022 budget consultations.</p>
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## CCJPZ CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Limited resources** – due to limited resources, the CCJPZ do not cover all parishes in the dioceses, hence this implies that only few parishes are benefiting from justice and peace initiatives. Therefore, the CCJPZ will continue to mobilise resources which will help establishing CCJP structures where there are no structures.
- **Emerging of political violence** - Participants and human rights defenders became afraid of being labelled as opposition party supporters and decide to minimize public participation. The CCJPZ will continue to publicly denounce violence and popularize STC encouraging tolerance and participation in nonviolent.
- **Lack of vehicles** - shortage of vehicles remain a challenge in programme implementation in some dioceses as they find it difficult to reach areas with bad roads. The CCJPZ to continue mobilising resources to buy vehicles to ease implementation of projects in dioceses
- **Politicisation of CCJP work and shrinking of operating space** - In some instances diocesan offices were requested for MOUs and operating permissions in the district. By so doing, the CCJPZ will continue to strengthen its relations with the stakeholders, and invite them to CCJP activities so that they have full understanding of our work.
- **Increased surveillance by state security agents** - Increased fear among peace committee members and participants especially in the presence of these agents at meetings. There is need to increase more engagements with the security sector

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Fundraising for the CCJPZ activities has not been easy partly due to door fatigue, competition and global recession. The few resources that won did not bring enough resources for all dioceses. However, each of the eight dioceses is doing justice and peace although most activities are concentrated in few parishes. Besides, evidence based policy advocacy remains critical since a lot is being done in communities by Diocesan commission, but the impact could bear fruits if supported by legislation or policies. As such, the CCJPZ looks forward for continuous dialogues and engagements at national level with duty bearers. The national office will continue to mobilise resources to enable it and effectively coordinate the CCJPZ activities to come up with national justice and peace concerns that can be deliberated at national level for policy and legislative submissions. As guided by the Gospel values and the Catholic Social Teaching, the CCJPZ is committed to ensuring justice, tolerance and peaceful coexistence exists especially as the country heads towards the potentially explosive harmonised elections to be held in 2023.

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