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Director’s Report
Vision

A peaceful and healthy community

Mission Statement
CELUCT builds the capacity of communities in Zimbabwe and beyond through training, peace-building, research and advocacy to enhance food security and livelihoods.

Project Progress and Achievements.

CELUCT has 4 main pillars that it has been working on;

1.0 Natural Resource Conservation and Eco Agriculture

The first pillar is the Natural Resource Conservation and Eco Agriculture popularly known as Sustainable Agriculture. This pillar is the main that founded the organization. CELUCT has been doing a lot of activities which include watershed management, holistic land management, seed work (indigenous and small grain seeds). This area answers a lot about healing our land. We are trying to mitigate climate change effects and this is our competitive edge as an organization. We have experienced staff and we can do a lot with them in climate change but unfortunately in this area we have low funding and the way forward is to fundraise and come up with good innovative ideas to secure long term funding.

- 7.6 hectares of Land were impacted under the holistic planned grazing initiative in Chikukwa communal lands.
- Celuct collaborated with EMA to commemorate world wetland’s day in Chikukwa.
- 205 ha of the wetland were fenced in Musapa riverine area in Chikukwa and total of 535 families are benefiting from the Musapa wetland.
- 100 farmers were trained in indigenous seed breeding, multiplication and saving in Chikukwa ward 10.

2.0 Community Relationship and Peace building project.

Conflict transformation and peace building is the second pillar which has existed for about 10 years in the organization. Its main objective is to try and facilitate local development in a peaceful way by helping people to improve their livelihoods and develop their communities together and cooperatively despite their differences. It is aimed at facilitating communities inclusivity to proceed on the development of the area. This works as a
catalyst to make people participate in local governance systems and take lives in their own hands through benefiting from their local resources in sustainable and inclusive way.

- Trained 20 local governance structures (Vidcos and Wadcos) in conflict transformation in the 12 wards of Chimanimani district.
- 12 WaPeTes developed actions plans to intervene in conflicts on their own at ward level. The new phase enhanced the effectiveness of the decentralized approach as the WaPeTes are training and developing actions plans together with village and ward stakeholders (Vidcos, Wadcos, and CBOs etc).
- Facilitated approx...30 conflict resolution and dialogue meetings in 12 wards to resolve conflicts related to water access and group gardens disputes.
- 12 youths peace groups used theatre as a tool to raise awareness on conflicts.
- 24 healing friends were trained in trauma healing and counselling and have started to help people suffering from psychological distresses in their respective communities.

3.0 Child Protection and Care project

The third pillar is child protection where we work with vulnerable children in schools. We are doing activities to help the vulnerable like the goats’ project, case management to make sure child rights are observed and this is all to enhance development of the community.

- District level – we supported DCPC forums, quarterly meetings, DCPC trainings in child protection, supported district day of the African child events and district careers’ day events.
- The project developed child centered child protection material aligned to UN charter on the rights of children [rights and well-being].
- We supported 250 children with goat projects for raising school fees and conducted related trainings with parents and children [direct beneficiaries of the goat projects]
- **Case management & emergency response:** We worked with social services department to set up : WCMTs including WCPCs and CCWs, conducted related trainings, supported case conferencing, case follow up and reporting, medical examination & court processes
- **Foster care:** We supported social well fare in foster parents selection, vetting, home assessments, related trainings & certification,
- **Environmental management:** Conducted training for teachers and children of 45 schools [environmental clubs in environmental management, climate change and Agro Ecology.
Covid-19 effect and response in Schools
- 50 poor households in Chikukwa benefited farming inputs (seed and fertilizer packs)
- Provided PPEs to 4 Schools.

4.0 Celuct Centre

The 4th pillar is the Centre which is wholly owned by CELUCT as an organization and the idea of establishing it was to have a training site for our work, demonstration of our work and show how the community can heal their land. It also acts as a show ground room and thanks to the chieftaincy for giving it to us. It also acts as a fundraiser to sustain us in case all donors go so that our work can continue without donors. Our aim is to upgrade it and come up with strategies that will enable us to compete with any other institutions that offer services like ours so that we can be competitive.

5.0 Way forwards

Build resilience to natural disasters through participatory action on environmental impact and climate change among affected communities by 2024. Mitigate poverty by improving food security at household level among smallholder farmers through innovative and sustainable land use design and diversification of agriculture production by 2024.

Enhance child safety in schools, the community and their environment and Increase awareness on environment and climate change in schools.

Empower communities to be able to self-organize and deal with emerging conflicts in a participatory and constructive way. Capacitate district peace committee and civil society in conflict transformation and peace building contributing to local advocacy and sustainable peace building in the district.

Siyabonga, Thank You!!!