

**COMMUNITY LED TOTAL SANITATION  
(CLTS) IMPLEMENTATION IN  
SANDWE CHIEFDOM**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Welcome to the CLTS newsletter edition of Lusangazi Town Council, this publication is meant to highlight CLTS programmes and activities of the local authority to help keep the Communities of Lusangazi District and the country at large updated.

This particular edition highlights some of the activities carried out in Lusangazi District in an effort to achieve open defecation free status in Sandwe Chiefdom after receiving funding amounting to K249,900.50 by Ministry of Water and Sanitation.

As local authority, we are appealing to the people of Lusangazi and the Country at large still engaging in the practice of open defecation to decrease from such practices in order to

achieve open free defecation status countywide as it helps prevent diseases and makes room for cleanliness.

Enjoy reading our first CLTS newsletter.

*Regards,*

*Mr. Mabvuto Masiye  
Council Secretary.*



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**REVIEW OF THE APPROVED COMMUNITY LED TOTAL SANITATION BUDGET AND WORKPLAN**

Lusangazi Town council held a review meeting on 20th July, 2022 in preparation for the Community Led Total Sanitation in Sandwe Chiefdom funded by the Ministry of Water and Supply to be implemented in the period of four months in an effort to achieve Open Free Defecation Status in Sandwe Chiefdom.

In attendance was the Water and Sanitation Senior Community Specialist Officer, Mr. Allan Siwila who informed the

attendants that Lusangazi Town Council had been allocated a sum of K 249, 900.50 for the implementation of CLTS in Sandwe Chiefdom. He also added that the same program had been implemented successfully in 2020 in Mambwe, Chasefu and Nyimba. He also added that it was very important that the funds be retired accordingly in line with the ap-

proved budget and CLTS activities for Sandwe Chiefdom and accompanied by activity reports timely.



*Water and Sanitation Senior Community Specialist Officer, Mr. Allan Siwila ( LEFT)*



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**COMMUNITY LED TOTAL SANITATION BRIEF BACKGROUND**

Community Led Total Sanitation was pioneered by Dr. Kamal Kar in Bangladesh in 1999 and was funded by Water Aid for about 10 years. It has since been implemented in more than 60 countries across the globe and more than 14 countries in Africa.

Community Led Total Sanitation

focusses on igniting change in collective hygiene behavior which is enhanced through the process of community-wide action stimulated by facilitators from within or outside the community.

The CLTS program was then piloted to Chief Macha;s Chiefdom in Choma, southern province November 2007.

CLTS has since been spread to all provinces in Zambia.



*MEET DR. KAMAL KAR, THE FATHER OF CLTS.*

**SCALING -UP COMMUNITY LED TOTAL SANITATION IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE OPEN DEFECATION FREE STATUS IN SANDWE CHIEFDOM— TRAINING FOR HEADMEN, EHT'S AND CHAMPIONS**

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60 counties across the globe and more than 14 countries in Africa.

Lusangazi District on 3rd August, 2022 held a program to orient headmen, health experts and the community of Sandwe Chiefdom on CLTS as one of the implementation programs to achieve ODF in Sandwe Chiefdom funded by government with a total amount of

K249, 900.50.

In attendance was the Eastern Provincial water Supply and Sanitation Officer Abraham Banda who said that the involvement of the traditional leadership in sanitation activities was important if Lusangazi District was to attain Open Free Defecation Status.

And Water and Sanitation Senior Community Development Specialist, Allan Siwila said that the community and traditional leadership must work hand in hand together with government officials in order to attain ODF.

*A total of 14 headmen, EHTs and community champs from Sandwe Chiefdom attended the training .*

Meanwhile Lusangazi District Water Development Officer Francis Katenekwa and Lusangazi Town Council Rural Water and Sanitation coordinator Njapau Luvota urged those undergoing the training to set an example by being the first ones to construct pit latrines at their homes so that the other community members can emulate them towards attaining Open Defecation Free status in Sandwe Chief-

dom.

And Lusangazi Health Inspector , Timothy Banda urged the attendants to avoid open defecation as it was the major source of water bourn diseases such as diarrhea and dysentery which were major causes of death in most communities.



*Rural Water and Sanitation coordinator Njapau Luvota*



**MONITORING OF TRIGGERED VILLAGES BY DWASHE MEMBERS**

The aim of the monitoring of the triggered villages by the D-WASHE team was to ensure that community members in triggered villages were building adequate toilets, tippy taps and dish racks as instructed during village Triggering. ( below is a photo focus of the progress in some triggered villages in Sandwe Chiefdom)



*Dish racks are encouraged as they prevent domesticated animals from spreading dirt and germs to the household kitchen utensils.*



**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CHIEF MAZIMAWE PRE TRIGGERS HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CHIEF SANDWE IN COMMUNITY LED TOTAL SANITATION ( CLTS)**

Lusangazi District had a CLTS PRE TRIGGERING OF SANDWE CHIEFDOM on Saturday 20th August, 2022 and invited His Royal Highness Chief Mazimawe who thanked the hosts for the invitation and urged all the people of Sandwe chiefdom to build toilets and put an end to open defecation as it was the cause of diarrhea diseases and added that it would work to the advantage of the chiefdom as achieving ODF status would bring opportunities such as getting boreholes, hospitals and other developmental opportunities from both the

government and other stakeholders as having adequate toilets was a prerequisite for accessing such amenities. He also added that it was a good hygiene practice and a honorable thing to do.

*Meanwhile, His Royal Highness Chief Sandwe urged all headmen and indunas present to set an example by being the first ones to construct latrines at their homes and added that they also become early adapters to using pit latrines so that other community members will learn and emulate them towards making the chiefdom attaining Open Defecation Free status.*



*Induna's , headmen and community members witnessing the chiefdom CLTS pre-triggering at Chief Sandwe's Palace*



From left to right;

- Council Secretary , Mabvuto Masiye
- Water and Sanitation Senior Community Specialist Officer, Mr. Allan Siwila
- His Royal Highness, Chief Sandwe
- His Royal Highness, Chief Mazimawe
- The Chief's affairs Officer
- The Rural Water and Sanitation Officer, Njapau Luvota
- Mr Chonde, Council Chaplain
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**VISION**

**IMPROVED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE THROUGH WELL COORDINATED CLIMATE SMART INVESTMENTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BY 2030.**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Council provides a forum for local representation, which empowers the local people to identify and represent local interests to central government and other organisations. It is also a legislative body and has power to make by-laws and regulations.

The operations of the Local Authority are regulated by Central Government through the Ministry of Local Government who has power under the Local Government Act Cap 281 to confirm, amend or revoke by laws issued by the Council and to make regula-

tions which Council should comply with.

Lusangazi District has Thirteen (13) Councillors who are elected (Including the Council Chairperson) and two Chiefs (Chief Sandwe and Chief Nyamphande). Lusangazi district has Eleven (11) wards namely *Chisangu, Ukwimi, Lusangazi, Mawanda Lutwazi, Mateyo Mzeka, Singozi, Nyakawise, Chingolo, Mudonsa and Chikowa.*

**CROP PRODUCTION**

The economic activities are largely linked to agriculture relying on rain-fed crops. The

**ABOUT US**

Lusangazi is one of the 15 districts in the Eastern Province of Zambia. It was declared a district in April 2018 by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia, Edgar Chagwa Lungu under Statutory Instrument no. 26 of 2018. Msanzala was a constituency of Petauke district and it has 11 wards. The name Lusangazi is derived from the Lusangazi River which meanders through the district.

It is situated 470km east of Lusaka and 190km west of Chipata. It is located in the southern part of Eastern Province, and lies between 13°30' latitude and 14°45' longitude, 31° west and 32° east. The District shares district boundaries with Petauke in the south and with Sinda and Mambwe in the north-east, as well as Nyimba and Serenje in Central Province in the north-west. The district has a total surface area of approximately three thousand eight hundred and thirty four hectares 3 834Ha (3.834km<sup>2</sup>).

major crops grown are cotton, maize, ground nuts, soya beans and sunflower. There is also horticulture production by small farmers producing healthy oranges, tomatoes, onions, guavas and mangoes.

**MINERAL DEPOSITS**

Lusangazi district is rich in minerals such as gold and copper as such it already has a number of mining companies already operating with good first grade gold extracts.

**LIVESTOCK FARMING**

Cattle, goats, donkeys, sheeps, chicken and pigs are reared in Lusangazi District.

**SOCIAL ORGANISATION**

The Nsenga people, who are said to have entered the country from Malawi are predominantly the owners of the land.

The major settlements are concentrated on the Plateau, which covers the central, eastern and southern parts of the District. Most of the valley areas have scanty settlements as it is in the Game Management Area and despite having good soils, is very hilly.