



ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY and COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION in the IMPLEMENTATION of CDF

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) believes that the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), if implemented in a transparent and accountable manner whilst prioritising community participation, can change many lives and livelihoods.

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Kasama, Livingstone, Masaiti, Chisamba



In a continued bid to enhance transparency, accountability and community participation, JCTR trained forty (40) monitors across four (4) constituencies (Chisamba, Kasama, Livingstone and Masaiti). The role of the trained monitors is to collect data pertaining to how the 2022 CDF was implemented, which data will enable JCTR to critically assess this implementation in the light of transparency, accountability and community participation.

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Transparency in the implementation of the CDF hinges on the openness of the CDF processes and structures, while accountability relies on those who implement the CDF to adhere to the procedures which are laid out in the CDF guidelines and other pieces of legislation governing CDF implementation. Community participation is a by-product of awareness raising on the CDF. It is when people are aware that they will participate.

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JCTR, therefore, envisages that the monitoring exercise will bring to light best practices and will identify challenges in the CDF implementation, so that the best practices can be deepened and the challenges can be addressed.

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John Kunda Sauti, in his latest piece on Democracy in CDF. See [here](#)

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The quality of democracy is not only measured by the success of elections and transfer of power. Rather, through the conditions available for people to live a fullness of life.

Through the CDF monitoring exercise, JCTR believes more dialogue, conversation and commitment will be held in the light of enhancing transparency, accountability and community participation.

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Community participation can be enhanced by the CDF implementers (the Local Authorities), who need to build confidence among community members that the CDF processes are transparent and accountable.

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