

# **NEW LIFE INTERNATIONAL CORP.ZAMBIA**

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Subject : **Quarter 3 Activity Report – 1 July, 07 to 30 September, 07**

## **1: Introduction**

The report is based on the activities planned, pursued and implemented in the third quarter of 2007. The following were the planned activities of the Quarter.

- Sensitization, Demonstration and Installation of water purifier at Namafulu and Malambo communities.
- Conduct supportive visits to all 22 project areas
- Train Eight (8) water committees on Project Management and Key components to Sustainability.
- Hold meetings with stakeholders in the water sector.
- Attend to administrative issues.
- Writing the Role and Function of the Board.

Generally, NLIZ has performed very well and has made a lot of progress in meeting the above planned activities. Good community leadership, technical know-how and accurate up-to-date information and resources both financial and human created commitment and balanced responses needed during the implementation period.

## **2: Activity Status**

- **Sensitization, Demonstration and Installation of water purifier at Namafulu and Malambo communities.**

The two communities were highly sensitized to make sure that they understood what they embarking into with NLIZ partnership. The meetings were characterized with drama performed by a group of six (6) focal point persons from other project areas. The sketches/plays ranged from importance of user fees, security of a purifier, community togetherness, appreciation and importance of good health. Two thousand (2000) people were reached with these messages in the quarter. Namafulu community which is 50km south of Siansowa and 200km from Choma draw drinking water from the lake. The government of Zambia tried to drill four boreholes in the area but all were dry boreholes. It is surprising to note that 100 school pupils have bilharzias, a situation which is undesirable and very threatening to the future of the children. The principle of look, listen and touch was followed in both communities during demonstration and installation of the water purifier. More need to be done in this

community. NLIZ has also won the confidence of the community people we serve. The committees have been put in place in every project area to ensure smooth running of the program.

- **Conduct supportive visits to all 21 project areas**

The supportive visits to project areas was conducted with a view of strengthening the existing relationship, sharing the concept of sustainability, spot check on the purifier and answering questions of concern from the beneficiaries. These visits were very helpful both to NLIZ and the communities being served to the fact that interaction among the communities and NLIZ was enhanced to the point of having confidence in NLIZ. During the visits, the following lessons were learnt:

1. The communities test NGOs to see as whether they are serious with what they are doing. NLIZ has won the confidence of the people.
2. Communities want to participate where they see a future.
3. Communities work tirelessly to improve their livelihood. NLIZ is there to pursue this agenda with renewed vigour to steer the communities to greater heights.
4. People testify that the health of those who drink purified water has greatly improved and they are calling NLIZ to move “**from stability to improved service delivery**”.
5. The expectation is more than what is being provided now.
6. With the help of NLIZ in terms of seed money, the communities are willing to initiate sustainability activities.

The relative commitment and the achievement in the past months has created the much needed environment conducive for sustained development. To achieve high participation in the process of achieving sustainability, it is important that the financial stability is firmly entrenched, consolidated and supplemented by the application of our mental and physical capacities to rearrange and improve our work culture. The outcome should be better and effective implementation of the development programmes and service delivery.

- **Train Eight (8) water committees on project management and key components of sustainability**

The one day training was conducted and committees were enlightened on how to manage a project effectively and efficiently, yielding good results. NLIZ user fee monitoring forms, Quarterly report forms, Documents concerning NLI, and water borne diseases were explained and distributed. The following were points of emphasis:

1. The committee provides leadership by setting strategy.
2. They hold the community accountable for purpose of achieving strategic objectives.
3. They serve as the principal guardian of the community welfare.
4. With limited resources and unlimited demands on them, the committee must prioritize and select the best option.

5. The committee should monitor and oversee by ensuring quality and cost effective programmes and services and allow the focal point persons to conduct and manage these programmes and services.

It is out of this training that made the committees to carry out sensitization meetings within their respective communities. The outcomes of these meetings are slowly being seen now.

- **Hold meetings with stakeholders in the water sector**

Only one meeting was held with the Department of water Affairs, a government department. The meeting was successful in that the department took kin interest to learn and know as to how the purifier works. The Zimba mission Hospital has shown interest in partnering with NLIZ in order to improve the water quality at the Hospital. The water source and the whole system is contaminated.

- **Attend to administrative issues**

The administrative issues such as interviews on the work of NLIZ, Meetings called by the District Commissioner etc were adequately attended to.

- **Writing the Role and Function of the Board**

The role of the board is essentially threefold:

1. To provide leadership by setting organizational policy and strategy.
2. To hold the organization accountable for purpose of achieving strategic objectives.
3. To serve as the principle guardian of the non-profit organization's welfare.

## 1. Community activities

s/n	Month	Source of Water	Lts of purified water	# of direct beneficiaries
01	July	• Borehole	25,310	5876
02	August	• Borehole • Dam	23,280	6,700
03	September	• Borehole • Dam	26,120	7000

## 2. User fee collection

The communities have agreed to be collecting minimal amount as user fees from every beneficiary monthly having in mind the economical hardship the people are facing. In some communities, hunger is the talk of the day. NLIZ has collected and banked **K1, 000,000** from six (6) communities. If water committees will continue with the good work, then we are moving in the right direction slowly but sure.

### 3. Development

The following are feasible steps towards community development experienced:

- Mulundu community has built a grass thatched structure used for learning for ages 2 to 9 yrs old, adult education (Literacy), and HIV/AIDS education.
- Lessened water borne diseases.
- Improved relationship and unity – people plan and make decisions together as a community.
- Christian messages are shared and enhanced. This is the main goal being pursued in all the project areas.

### 4. Tax Exemption Certificate

The process of application for the above mentioned certificate to the Ministry of Finance was done. The interviews were called and attended to. Letters of recommendation concerning the work of NLIZ were obtained from the Ministry of Community Development-Kalomo Office and the office of the Choma District Commissioner. The Ministry of Finance has assigned unknown officers to take proof of what is being done in different communities. The results are not yet known.

The following were cardinal questions were asked during the interview at the Ministry of Finance concerning NLIZ:

- **Legitimacy** – for how long will the stakeholders support the organization under the present circumstances?
- **Suitability** – is the organization suitable for carrying out the tasks as defined by its stakeholders?
- **Effectiveness** – is the organization effective in carrying out its tasks?
- **Internal organization** – strategies, structures, and systems, management style, staff motivation, budget, donors and internal culture.
- **Strengths and Weaknesses** of the organization in relation to its tasks.
- **Efficiency** – the utilization of resources for achieving results.
- **Flexibility** of the organization – its ability to adapt to changes in the environment.

### 5. Areas and Project Numbers

For easy identification and support the operational areas were given the project numbers as tabulated below:

S/N	COMMUNITY/PROJECT AREA	PROJECT/CONTRACT NUMBER	DISTRICT	PROVINCE
01	Kabanda	Zam-260-61880-019	Sinazongwe	Southern
02	Sindebuka	Zam-260-61880-018	Sinazongwe	Southern
03	Sinazeze	Zam-260-61880-017	Sinazongwe	Southern
04	Chipulukuso	Zam-260-61880-016	Ndola	Copperbelt
05	Namadula	Zam-260-61880-015	Kalomo	Southern

06	Mwandi	Zam-260-61880-014	Sesheke	Western
07	Kasaya	Zam-260-61880-013	Sesheke	Western
08	Kabanana	Zam-260-61880-012	Choma	Southern
09	Siansowa	Zam-260-61880-011	Sinazongwe	Southern
10	Batoka	Zam-260-61880-010	Choma	Southern
11	Mwapona 'B'	Zam-260-61880-009	Choma	Southern
12	Mwapona 'A'	Zam-260-61880-008	Choma	Southern
13	Simwami	Zam-260-61880-007	Kalomo	Southern
14	Mantanyani	Zam-260-61880-006	Kalomo	Southern
15	Treasure	Zam-260-61880-005	Kalomo	Southern
16	Kalamba	Zam-260-61880-004	Kalomo	Southern
17	Chuundwe	Zam-260-61880-003	Kalomo	Southern
18	Chingobe	Zam-260-61880-002	Kalomo	Southern
19	Mulundu	Zam-260-61880-001	Kalomo	Southern
20	Nakowa	Zam-260-61880-020	Kalomo	Southern
21	Malambo	Zam-260-61880-021	Kalomo	Southern
22	Namafulu	Zam – 260 -61880 - 022	Sinazongwe	Southern

## 6. Recommendations

- Batteries to be provided to the needy communities.
- Intensified training for committees need be conducted.
- Capacity building training for all contact persons.
- Need for seed money to start an Income Generating Venture.
- Empowerment and Increased self-reliance.
- Improved Equity.