

Third Annual Reports: Web Updates

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This is the third year of CAFOD's DFID GTF-funded Action for Better Governance (ABG) Programme. CAFOD has continued to successfully support Catholic Justice and Peace Commissions (JPCs) in nine African countries, as well as secular civil society partners at national and local levels in their effort to monitor and influence governance processes. Following a period of training on public expenditure, community mobilisation and advocacy, the Programme is delivering results by securing improved access to service provision from government and the private sector including education, roads and communications.

Over the past year in **Kankoyo Township, in Zambia's Copperbelt**, the research and advocacy work of Ndola's Diocesan JPC with local communities has resulted in improved practices by mining companies, local authorities and service providers in one of the Copperbelt's most heavily polluted areas. The private water company, which had previously provided the community with acid-polluted water, procured water testing equipment and is now providing safe drinking water. The company is also working with the township's local JPC to safeguard and maintain the new pipes recently installed following vandalism.

In the **poorest districts of Mozambique**, the work of District Committees for Public Policies Monitoring (CDMPPs) under the FBO Project has resulted, amongst other things, in the re-opening of a closed health post in Namarrói (benefitting pregnant women and children) and the reopening of water facilities in Machangulo (District of Matutuíne). CDMPPs are comprised of members from three faith based organisations from the Catholic Church, the Islamic Council and the Christian Council of Mozambique. The CDMPP in Ile recently successfully fought for the rights of the 500-strong Socone community who have been forcibly evicted from their homes and land by a private Portuguese company. As a result, the Provincial Governor is making the private company comply with Mozambican law on resettlement.

For the remaining two years of this joint programme with Trocaire, ABG will continue to mobilise communities to take action on issues relevant to them across nine countries in Africa: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Programme will continue to support partners to address corruption; demand greater transparency in management of public goods and natural resources; and call for the respect of human rights.

For more information on this programme, please visit <http://www.cafod.org.uk/about-us/partners-and-accountability/partners-information/evaluations?cache=nocache>