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Zim's third largest dam to displace villagers



ZIMBABWE'S third largest dam under construction in Lubimbi is feared to displace thousands of villagers in Lubimbi 2.

The site engineers confirmed these developments.

They indicated that the dam has a projected back-throw of 74km from the site, hence relocation of some villagers in Lubimbi 2 is inevitable.

However the new location for the villagers is not yet established.

Image of Gwayi-Shangani Dam under construction in Mabale, 6km from the Gwayi-Shangani confluence.

NB: The wall in the picture is not the dam wall. The Gwayi-Shangani dam wall is still at infant stages.

Basilwizi Trust is promoting social media through a citizen journalism project on information creation and sharing. The Citizen journalists have thus identified the chronicle sms page as a platform to share their community stories. The following are some of stories written by some citizen journalists. Join the ward media clubs and share your story.

May bus and Kombi drivers respect people's lives. *Hoax, Lubimbi, Binga*

Kukura Kurerwa please do not withdraw from your route, that is, Bulawayo to Kariyangwe. Abantu abanengi bayayithakazelela because conductors are customer friendly. *Endure, Pashu, Binga*

Here in Sinampande area of Binga about 65km from Binga centre in the eastern direction, the Siabbuwa road is now flooded as rains have been pouring down since New Year day. - *Henry Sinampande, Binga (CJ)*

Tyunga Road Hampers Development

TYUNGA road is more of a cattle track than a road fit for vehicle movement, making it difficult for buses to ply the route, Tyunga community cries out.

Speaking at a meeting with Tyunga community members, PDC Muleya in the representative capacity of the District Administrator's office said, "The roads branching from the district to the rural areas are like tracks of cattle, especially the Siabuwa-Tyunga route." The road has gullies and basically lacks service. "People prefer walking to Siabuwa to boarding vehicles owing to expensive bus fares and the pathetic nature state the road," said Mr. Siamubeze Super the ward councillor.

The community of Tyunga confirms that this phenomenon is negatively impacting on development in the ward.

"Of course Tyunga has good fish supply but the market opportunities remain pathetically low," said Mujere fishing camp chairperson Mr. Meck Siansole.

Siansole also said that if the road was in good condition, a

lot of investors could be flocking to Tyunga which apparently is a hub of fish. He also added that the fish business is one of the viable entrepreneurial ventures that can quickly see Tyunga community in the top athlone of society.

Commenting the same issue, one fo the DDF officers indicated that some efforts were being made to rehabilitate the road though the issue of resources still remains a problem.

The community of Tyunga is appealing to well wishers to assist in making this road a better.

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E-learning for a Binga school



Donated laptops in a cabinet connected to a solar power for recharging.

Education in Lusulu has taken an Information Technology oriented approach with advent of e-learning facilities from POTRAZ



Basilwizi Officer converses with one of Lusulu staff members on the donation



Solar system for sustainable power supply

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Zongwe on air: Ngazi yamaanu

Zongwe Community Radio station is a community initiative of Sinazongwe District community members in Zambia in partnership with Basilwizi Trust. The community radio station broadcasts its programmes in Tonga, making it pretty relevant to the BaTonga people on the Zimbabwean side.

The station which broadcasts at 105.0 FM intends to unite the Tonga people in Zambia and Zimbabwe through its development oriented programming.

The station is currently located at Sinazongwe Basic School. However the station wishes to relocate to a higher altitude site. The station has already been granted a



Pictures of board, Basilwizi and Zongwe FM staff members viewing the new studio site

site to develop the studio. The government of Zambia donated K1000.00 in support of this community initiative.

The new site is hoped to broadcast to a vast radius.

Tsetse flies infest samende area



A SAVAGE scourge of tsetse flies and ticks has severely hit areas around samende in Sikalenge ward, Binga. The communities that sorely depend on cattle for their livelihoods risk losing hundreds of their beasts to tsetse fly and tick borne diseases.

In an interview, one of the community members expressed remorse on this issue citing poor service delivery from the Tsetse fly control Department. It is a sad and disturbing situation we have here in Samende, tsetse flies are rather out numbering houseflies, our cattle can hardly graze owing to this tormenting scourge,"said Petulo

Mweembe of Mangogo village in Samende. "We pay \$2.00 per beast every year to the Veterinary Department but the dipping services still remain poor as it can be seen from our cattle that have become a hub of ticks and a prey of tsetse flies,"added Mweembe. Samende villagers confirmed that the prevalence of tsetse flies this year is more as compared to other years. "...Of course Binga is in a tsetse fly zone, but this year's tsetse fly prevalence calls for urgent attention if our cattle are to survive, said Isaac Mudenda one of the affected community members of Samende. When asked for solutions to this plight, some community members asked for government support as they are in no capacity to control or curb this scourge. This occurrence is likened to a similar one that took place in the 1990s in which the government chipped in and helicopter-sprayed the tsetse flies.

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BASILWIZI Trust wrapped up its 2014 with a day's Plan and Review meeting held at Tusimpe on the 15th of December 2014. The meeting was graced by the presence of the Advisory Council and Board members. The meeting was a success since the organisation was able to map the way forward for 2015.

As such, Basilwizi is ready and geared to continue spearheading development in valley with revamped spirits and well calculated strategies.

2014 review meeting participants in the midst of a session



2014 review meeting participants pose for a photo outside Tusimpe conference room