

Baseline Survey on Youth Livelihoods & Education (2023)

1. Project Overview

- **Objective:** Assess youth livelihoods, education access, and environmental awareness to inform community development programs and advocacy.
 - **Location:** Mongu & Senanga Districts, Western Province, Zambia.
 - **Timeline:** March – December 2023.
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2. Background & Rationale

- **Context:** Youth in Western Province face high unemployment, low educational attainment, and limited livelihood options. Evidence gaps hinder effective policymaking and targeted interventions.
 - **Rationale:** A participatory baseline survey was essential to generate **evidence-based insights** guiding Chistone's programmatic interventions in livelihoods, education, and environmental awareness.
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3. Activity Components

a) Surveys & Data Collection

- 350 households and 120 youth engaged.
- Collected quantitative and qualitative data on education, income, and environmental perceptions.

b) Policy & Community Dialogues

- Organized validation workshops with communities and district officials.
 - Developed policy briefs with actionable recommendations.
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4. Detailed Execution Phases

Phase 1: Planning & Tool Design (Mar–Apr 2023)

- Designed survey tools with stakeholder input.
- Recruited and trained 15 youth enumerators.

Phase 2: Household & Youth Surveys (May–Jul 2023)

- Conducted door-to-door household surveys (350).
- Held 10 youth focus group discussions.

Phase 3: Data Analysis & Policy Briefing (Aug–Sep 2023)

- Analyzed survey data using SPSS.
- Drafted policy briefs on youth livelihoods and education access.



Phase 4: Dissemination & Community Feedback (Oct–Dec 2023)

- Hosted 2 district-level dissemination workshops.
- Shared findings with district councils, schools, and local leaders.

5. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeframe	Key Activities
Planning	Mar–Apr 2023	Tool design, enumerator training
Surveys	May–Jul 2023	Household surveys, focus groups
Analysis	Aug–Sep 2023	Data entry, statistical analysis
Dissemination	Oct–Dec 2023	Workshops, policy briefs

6. Outcomes & Impact

- **Evidence Produced:** Comprehensive baseline survey report.
- **Policy Influence:** Findings integrated into 2 district youth strategies.
- **Community Empowerment:** Youth involved in research gained practical research skills.
- **Awareness Raised:** Local leaders adopted evidence-based bylaws on youth skills training and education support.

7. Key Partners

- **University of Zambia (Policy Studies):** Technical support in research design.
- **District Councils:** Co-hosted dissemination workshops.
- **Local Schools & Youth Groups:** Assisted in mobilization and validation.

8. Youth & Community Testimonials

- *“Being part of the survey taught me research skills and gave me confidence. Now I want to pursue social research as a career.” — Beenzu Mataa, Youth Enumerator*
- *“This survey gave us a mirror of our struggles and opportunities. We now feel more confident advocating for youth programs in our district.” — Induna Mukela, Community Leader*

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