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Minister welcomes NGO self regulation

The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Hon. Ziyambi Ziyambi, has welcomed self regulation of Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs), an initiative that will improve the quality of services provided by NGOs by adopting high standards of conduct and to devise efficient decision-making processes.

The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Ziyambi Ziyambi, said “Like any other institution there should be a policy that outlines the regulation of NGOs one that should not be imposed but crafted by NGOs themselves.”



Minister Ziyambi flanked by Rev. Taylor Nyanhete, Executive Director, Leonard Mandishara, Wadzanyai Vere and Ronika Mumbire.

The purpose of self regulation will certainly not be to constrain or hinder NGOs from carrying out their socially beneficial work; it will simply articulate the common value system of NGOs and try to provide a set of common standards to which NGOs can subscribe. These standards are designed to strengthen the NGO sector, improve the quality and impact of the service delivery by NGOs and increase transparency and accountability by NGOs.

Self regulation will outline norms, principles and values which can be used to ensure ethical behaviour by all those involved in NGO activity. It provides that NGOs as are voluntary, not-for-profit, non self-serving, non-governmental, non-partisan and independent organisations which are involved in the promotion of social justice and development.

NGOs have been in the forefront of the campaign to make governments and private corporations more open, transparent and accountable for their activities. NGOs themselves should therefore ensure that they too perform their work in an open, transparent and accountable manner. Strengthening accountability increases legitimacy among the public, policy makers and the donor community.

Summary

Dire state of sanitation facilities

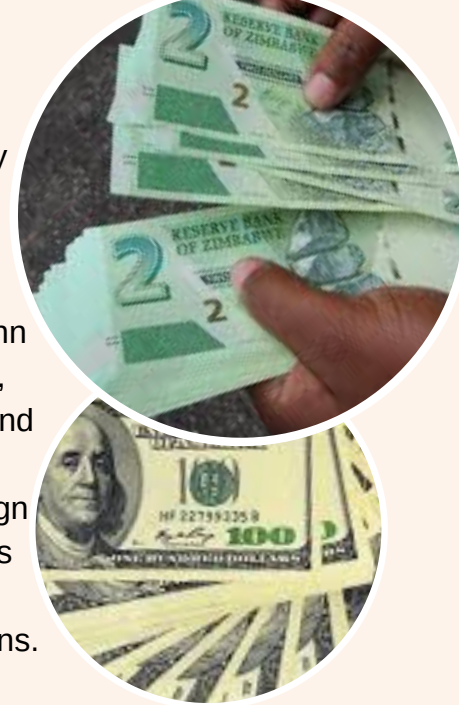


Hwange ward 9 residents are calling on Hwange Colliery Company and well wishers to improve sanitation facilities that have been in a dire state for over a decade.

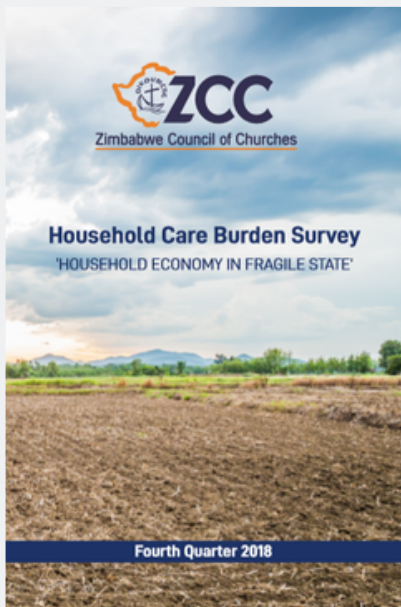
It is daunting that there are parts of Hwange, which are under the Hwange Colliery Company administration, that spend 20 hours a day without water supply. The areas have domestic tap water for two hours from 5am and another two hours from 6pm. It is alleged that some residential areas have not had clean and portable water for the past 20 years. A gross human rights violation.

Monetary Policy Statement disregards informal sector

Non-governmental organizations coordinated by NANGO, met to discuss the Monetary Policy Statement and its implications on civil society, formal and informal sector and citizens. With an appreciation of Reserve Bank Governor, Dr. John Mangudya's intentions to stabilize the economy, create a conducive environment for both local and international investment, protect free funds and ensure that formal businesses can access foreign currency, NGOs noted that the statement comes short of addressing all the needs of the informal business sector, civil society and ordinary citizens.



Research



This Household Care Burden Survey commissioned by the Zimbabwe Council of Churches collects quarterly household data on household incomes, expenditures and expenditure patterns, livelihoods options, coping strategies and gender disparities, among others. ZCC plans to carry out this survey on a quarterly basis in order to trace changes in household living standards and how these changes relate to government policies. This is the first time the survey has been carried out hence the findings presented in this report are baseline findings. The findings provide information that is crucial for the assessment of changes in living standards.



2 of the inmates that underwent a four month ICDL training course demonstrate their newly acquired skills. (Story on page 3)





Striving behind bars

Simphiwe Development Trust in partnership with the National University of Science and Technology piloted an inmates' ICT skills training program at Grey Prison in Bulawayo. The program is the first of its kind in Zimbabwean prisons. A total of 17 inmates after undergoing a 4months training graduated with an ICDL certificate.

The graduation was graced by Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS) Bulawayo Metropolitan Province Advisory Board member, Dr Lucky Mlilo, senior ZPCS officers from the Bulawayo Province, representatives from the National University of Science and Technology, NANGO Board members and civic organisations implementing various programmes in prisons..

The program seeks to complement government efforts of reducing crime and the number of repeat offenders. Comprehensive crime prevention programs must include effective measures to prevent repeat-offending and to stop the cycle of failed adaptation by repeat offenders. A key feature to reduce repeat offending is the attention to the social reintegration of ex-inmates into the community and through equipping them with skills to successfully reintegrate and become productive members of society.

Civil Society National Indicative Program Monitoring and Advocacy

74 organisation affiliated to NANGO and operating in the Northern Region were trained on the Civil Society National Indicative Program Monitoring and Advocacy Program.

The training strengthened the capacity of NANGO members in Mashonaland West, East and Central to monitor health, agriculture based economic development and governance and institution building. These are the three sectors funded by the European Union under the 11th European Development Fund.

Through the capacity enhancement, NANGO members were oriented on the National indicative program being implemented by government. They were equipped advocacy, public social accountability, results-based management, reporting as well as monitoring and evaluation skills.





Send the video to my inbox

It has dawned on me that we can't spend a day without someone releasing a sex tape. Almost every morning on Facebook there's someone asking if you've seen the video and another person offering to send it to your inbox.

Filming that takes place behind closed doors may be a personal choice since we have different views and opinions about sex and sexual preferences. I don't judge your personal choices trust me, I am anything but perfect. My issue is on consent. Do people consent before recording the video? Do they actually know that someone is recording them? What are the circumstances leading to distribution of a video that was shot with the consent of the people engaged in the sexual act?

The current legal framework lacks protection of victims of revenge porn or cyber-bullying. The relief available for victims remains of a civil nature where one can claim damages for defamation of character, pain and suffering and loss of income for a ruined reputation etc. As such the lack of a criminal resort still costs the victim in civil suit costs.



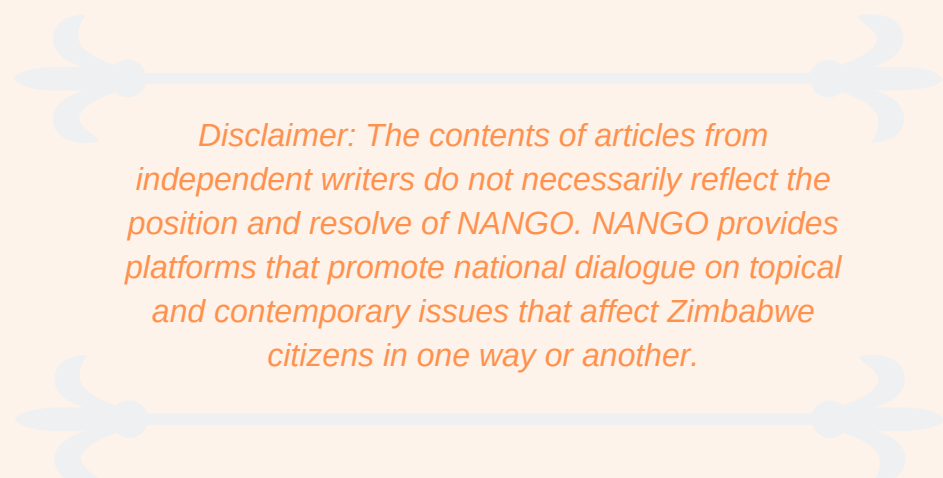
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