



ZAMBIA COMMUNITY RESOURCES BOARD ASSOCIATION

A national voice for local resource management organizations

The Zambia Community Resources Board Association (ZCRBA) is an umbrella organization that unites and amplifies the voices and supports the governance needs of the all 76 of Zambia's community resources boards, also known as CRBs, and other community-based natural resource management organizations. The ZCRBA is widely recognized as the voice of the rural communities who reside around national parks and especially in game management areas, protected forests, and fishery areas. The association ensures rural communities derive tangible and sustainable benefits from the sustainable use of natural resources.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Build governance capacity and political understanding
- Tackle negative gender norms and increase women participation
- Promote sustainable management of natural resources

ACHIEVING POLITICAL IMPACT

In 2019-2020, the ZCRBA successfully lobbied government to release 19 million kwacha of back payments to communities. Through a public advocacy campaign that threatened to shut down hunting for the 2020 season, and direct negotiations with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife and Ministry of Finance, ZCRBA demonstrated the power of speaking with a collective voice for community rights. The association is supporting the government in drafting the Community-based Natural Resource Management Policy and revised regulations on revenue sharing and hunting quotas while coordinating trainings for newly elected CRB committees and promoting a gender-responsive approach.

STANDING WITH COMMUNITIES

WHO STAND UP FOR CONSERVATION





Promotes transparent, equitable, and accountable local governance, and improves democracy based on community participation and equitable benefit sharing.



Supports local community ownership, protection, and management of natural resources including wildlife and forests to improve local democracy and decision-making.



Works with government agencies to assure policy addresses the needs of rural communities engaged in resource management and advocates for community rights.



Promotes gender-responsive leadership training and promotes creating opportunities for fair employment and constructive dialogue on gender norms within rural communities.



We know that women are not well represented in the natural resource management sector, so we want to ensure they have equal access to job opportunities like scouts and within CRB leadership. We want to make sure that emerging female leaders within these communities have the support and role models they need to thrive.

Bupe Banda
ZCRBA National Administrator



CRBs need to invest in projects that will bring development to the whole community, because that money is for the communities who face challenges like animal conflict. These people need to benefit from wildlife revenues so that they should know the importance of the animals and the environment.

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