



Being the implementers of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI)/Publish What You Pay (PWYP) campaign that focuses on the forestry sector in Zambia, The Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ) 'advocacy team' recently undertook a three weeks orientation and community mobilization trip to four districts in western and north western province of Zambia namely Sesheke, Senanga, Kasempa and Mufumbwe. The trip ran from the 10th to the 25th of October 2011.

The objective of this trip was to introduce the new EFZ advocacy officer and assistant advocacy officer to the respective districts where the programme is being implemented, to carry out sensitization on issues of deforestation through the media and to disseminate information of the findings documented in the forest report "forests; our heritage under threat".

The main objective of the research study was to analyze the responses to forestry challenges in policy, legislation and practices with a view to ascertain progress, challenges and opportunities for improved sustainable forest sector development for poverty reduction of the present and future generations.

During the first week(10th 14th October) , meetings in the districts of western and north western province were held and were well attended by different stakeholders which included representatives from the pastors fellowships in the four districts and the district natural resources committees(forestry dept, timber associations, fisheries department of agriculture, local authorities and district administrators). These were then tasked to select capable and available representatives that would attend the trainer of trainer's workshop which was planned to take place in the second week.

