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EP-JSLP REINFORCES ENERGY DATA QUALITY TO STRENGTHEN EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAMME

Chipata, Zambia, 21 July 2026-The Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Programme (EP-JSLP), with support from the World Bank, has strengthened its commitment to delivering credible and high-quality emissions reduction results by orienting Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QAQC) teams on Energy Data Collection under the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system.

Speaking on behalf of EP-JSLP Programme Coordinator Noel Muchimba during QAQC orientation meeting on Energy Data Collection under the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system in Chipata, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer Mushokabanyi Likulunga said the orientation was designed to reinforce data quality standards and ensure that information collected in the field is accurate, consistent and capable of withstanding independent verification.

Mr. Likulunga noted that recent verification exercises had identified gaps, including inconsistent household identification, incomplete stove-use records, missing GPS evidence, fuel consumption data gaps and misclassification of energy technologies.

He said rigorous QAQC remains critical to protecting the integrity of the Programme's emissions reduction results, adding that every household interview, GPS coordinate and field observation must comply with the Programme's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer urged QAQC teams and District Supervisors to remain vigilant by validating field data, ensuring strict adherence to SOPs and promoting professionalism throughout data collection.

"QAQC is not about policing officers in the field; it is about safeguarding the credibility of our work and ensuring communities benefit from a reliable and transparent MRV system," he said.

Meanwhile, Principal Forest Officer for Eastern Province Catherine Zulu encouraged participants to fully utilise the Standard Operating Procedures as a practical guide for energy data collection.

Ms. Zulu emphasized that accuracy and precision are essential to producing data that truly reflects conditions on the ground and supports informed decision-making.

Speaking at the same event, EP-JSLP MRV Technical Officer Arthur Asumani said achieving the Programme's objectives depends on collecting quality data while prioritising the livelihoods of local communities.

Mr. Asumani further said credible information is fundamental to measuring project impact and demonstrating the benefits of sustainable landscape management interventions.

The QAQC orientation forms part of EP-JSLP's ongoing efforts to strengthen Monitoring, Reporting and Verification systems that support climate action, sustainable natural resource management and results-based emissions reductions across Eastern Province.

The Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Programme (EP-JSLP) is implemented with support from the World Bank to promote sustainable landscape management, improve community livelihoods and strengthen climate resilience through robust Monitoring, Reporting and Verification systems.

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