

CORE COMMUNITY GROUPS

CCGs were formed to ensure grassroots community leaders are involved in the research project. Most groups began informally with meetings and focus group discussions during which the issue CHH was debated. Over time, consistent groups of stakeholders emerged in each of the four selected research communities and were eventually formalised as 'CCGs' to acknowledge the increasingly important role they play in representing their communities in this research project. Comprised of religious, political, cultural and traditional leaders, CCGs meet each quarter to discuss the progress and direction of the research and provide crucial input about various changes and developments within research communities.

Mandevu CCG, Lusaka

Mandevu CCG was formed in 2005 and was led by Mr Iddo Chulu (3rd from left). Following his passing in 2007, Mr Christopher Banda (far right) took over as leader of the group. The group of six includes Residential Development Committee (RDC) members, religious leaders and community school teachers.



Photo: Mandevu CCG members with their certificates ©Ruth Payne (2006)

Msisi CCG, Lusaka

Msisi CCG re-formed in 2006 and is now headed by two energetic community leaders: Gilbert Ngenda and Catherine Tembo. The group comprises ten community leaders who represent Msisi's different residential sections and churches.



Photo: Msisi & Mandevu CCG members at a workshop ©Ruth Payne (2008)



Photo: Catherine Tembo presenting at a workshop ©Ruth Payne (2008)

Mulenga CCG, Kitwe

Mulenga CCG was formed in 2005 and includes nine committed individuals whose responsibilities in the community range from being RDC members, political chairmen, teachers and members of both OVC and Friends of the Street Children community committees.



Photo: Mulenga CCG members with their leader, Christine Daka & Ruth Payne ©Ruth Payne (2008)

Kashitu CCG, Ndola Rural

Kashitu CCG was formed in 2006. The group of eleven enthusiastic and recognised community leaders is headed by Joshua Mudenda. Coming from across the Kashitu Catchment, CCG members include community school and nursery teachers and chairmen, chief's headmen and councillors, religious leaders, nurses and local government officers.



Photo: Some of the members at a Kashitu CCG workshop, June 2006 ©Ruth Payne (2006)