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## Anti-Corruption Hackathon

TI-Z IT Officer, Hamulilo Moses Handia, and his team recently won a hackathon called

aimed at bringing people together to co-create anti-corruption solutions. HackCorruption, a people powered hackathon to unearth anti-corruption solutions, announced its winners at the inaugural event in Johannesburg, South Africa, with Handia and his teammates from Kenya, Namibia and South Africa in attendance. Handia and his winning team proposed a solution that would tackle the problem of corruption in public procurement, and named their innovative application 'Citizen Watch'.



Hamulilo Moses Handia, TI-Z IT Officer

Frank Brown, Director of CIPE's Anti-Corruption and Governance Center who sat on the judging panel, commented on the potential for the winning teams' ideas to close procurement and open data loopholes in Southern and East Africa.

*"I was extremely impressed with the quality of the top submissions, especially their relevance, practicality, and ingenuity. It was often hard to believe that these teams had, in such a short amount of time, come up with clever, scalable solutions to corruption problems that have been bedeviling governments for years, if not decades,"* he said.

Accountability Lab (AL) and the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) hosted 100 virtual and in-person participants for the innovative Tech4Good event between July 22 and 24. After a competitive judging process, five teams were named as overall winners with solutions that addressed a lack of transparency in public procurement processes and established creative whistleblowing platforms and open data dashboards. The winning teams included **Angaza, TransProcure, Citizen Watch, Tech Stars** and **CMD Transparent**. Participants were drawn from South Africa, Lesotho, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, and Kenya, with more than 40% of them women. These teams will receive financial support up to \$10,000 to build prototypes of their ideas at a boot-camp in October.

Citizen Watch will create an e-government procurement monitoring system that will deconstruct procurement information and allow users to monitor each stage of the tender process. It will combine information from multiple data sources to create a clear picture of companies, their beneficial owners and their history. Using this information, the system will be able to generate reports and warnings about actual and potential corruption. The system will be piloted in Kenya early next year and the goal is to eventually roll it out to various African countries by the end of 2023.

HackCorruption Coordinator and Global Director of Learning at AL, Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, said the winning tools went a long way in addressing systemic corruption problems in the participating countries.

*"We introduced reverse pitches as part of the event, and so we had members of civil society and government agencies reverse pitching ideas for which they thought a tech tool would be a helpful solution. At the end of the day, this ensures that there's more likelihood of buy-in. In many ways, coming up with a governance solution is reading the market about what people and organizations or governments really need,"* she said.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the other winners.

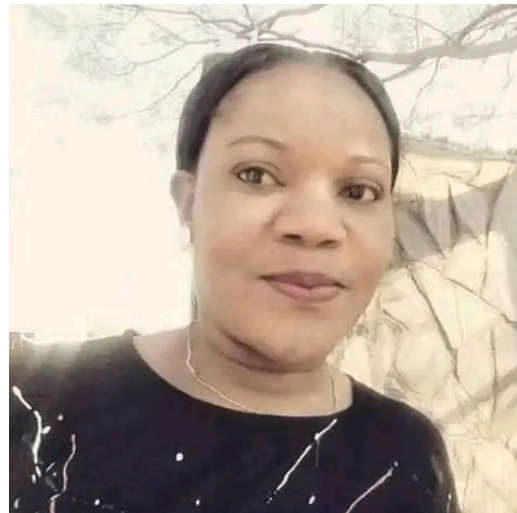
## Meet Secretariat: Mercy Kalunga

### Tell us about yourself. Who is Mercy?

I am Mercy Kalunga at TI-Z, and I am the Cook and Office Assistant. I was born in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia from a family of four, but lost a sibling at a young age. Our father also died when my siblings and I were young, so my grandmother took care of us. We didn't have opportunities to be educated, and so we were scattered in different homes with different relatives keeping us. I was kept in Lusaka by a relative of ours who then sponsored me to catering school at Fairview Hotel. I worked there for three years, but later experienced some challenges when the relatives who were sponsoring me passed away. I was back to square one looking for means to take care of my child. Then someone who was my godfather at church and knew about my qualifications identified a vacant role at TI-Z and urged me to pursue it. That's how I started working here. It's been 12 years, and I am still going strong.

### You are usually in the background, but what do you know about the company you work for (TI-Z)?

What I know about TI-Z is that we work against corruption to reduce it and help vulnerable people. All the time when people find out that I work for TI-Z, either through the company name on my uniform or via conversation, they applaud the organization and are proud of the work we are doing. This has happened countless times while on a bus going home from work. A recent example was when I was recently at a kitchen party. A lady was asking what we do as TI-Z, and whether we had lawyers, given the risks of the job. I educated her on that.



Mercy Kalunga

TI-Z Office Assistant

### What can TI-Z do better in our advocacy work?

We need to keep sensitizing people on the dangers of engaging in corruption. Right now, it would be irrational to say that we can end corruption completely in a short period of time. We can only keep reducing it until we get our desired outcomes. Of course, it happens in every sector of society... when someone wants a job, they'll demand some money or some favour. When they want a deal or a tender, they'll want a cut. We just have to keep pushing to reduce it to the point where it is not even an option.

## US Embassy Pays Courtesy Call on TI-Z



Mr. Benjamin Grob-Fitzgibbon, the new Political Unit Chief of the U.S Embassy Zambia paid a courtesy call on TI-Z on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2022. Among the issues discussed were the

general governance situation in Zambia and TI-Z's strategic focus for the next 5 years.



## TI-Z, Other Stakeholders Draft Ministry of Justice NACP

TI-Z participated in the National Anti-Corruption Policy meeting by Ministry of Justice aimed at galvanizing views from stakeholders for input in the drafting of the National Anti-Corruption Policy. In addition, TI-Z was also invited to participate in the drafting of the final National Anti-Corruption Policy slated to be submitted to Cabinet by the Ministry of Justice for approval.



## Share Your Story With Us!

The following is a story that was shared with us:

*"Thanks for this platform. I reported something on this same platform and it was so gratifying to see TI-Z swing into action. Continue with the same spirit. There is another case on hand. There is a union which represents petroleum companies. They have offices within Kabwata Constituency. The employees at a named petroleum company are deducted for union subscription fees but this union has never represented any employee in any case. They go to the offices just to get money and even the employees don't even know them. Employees are suffering with same salary for 5*



years, they are fired without the union representing them. That company has no collective agreement, no code of conduct. Contracts are 1 year only with slave wages while the union watches. The union does not even speak to the employees they represent but always meeting with management and it is clear they have been corrupted. The employees have never signed any form joining the union but only to see salary being deducted. Can you please expose the illegality with this union? TI-Z you are really helping."

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## TI Zambia & TI Zimbabwe Collaborate on Accountable Mining and Extractives Web Series

Transparency International (TI) Chapters in Zimbabwe and Zambia have been implementing Accountable Mining, which is a TI Global Thematic Network Initiative (GTNI). Through a web series, the two chapters have discussed themes in extractives as guided by the objectives of Accountable Mining, namely reduced corruption risks in mining awards, contracts and permits.

**Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022:** This discussed the benefits of the EITI and challenges of implementing it in Zambia. It also explored the bottlenecks regarding Zimbabwe signing up to the EITI.

**Contract Transparency – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022:** This session discussed contract transparency issues in both countries. The sessions discussed and made the case for contract transparency given the considerable mining projects and development presently occurring in Zambia and Zimbabwe. It also discussed the status in both countries as pertains contract transparency focusing on its importance as an entry point to enhancing transparency and accountability.

**Beneficial Ownership Disclosure and Transparency – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022:** With beneficial ownership disclosure becoming more topical, this session discussed (by both comparing and contrasting) beneficial ownership disclosure and transparency initiatives in both Zimbabwe and Zambia.

**Energy Transition – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022:** This session will bring to the fore implications of energy transition particularly for Zimbabwe and Zambia that have energy transition minerals including copper, cobalt and lithium (Zimbabwe). It will also discuss the implications of increased demand for energy transition minerals, including mining in protected areas and bio-diverse areas.

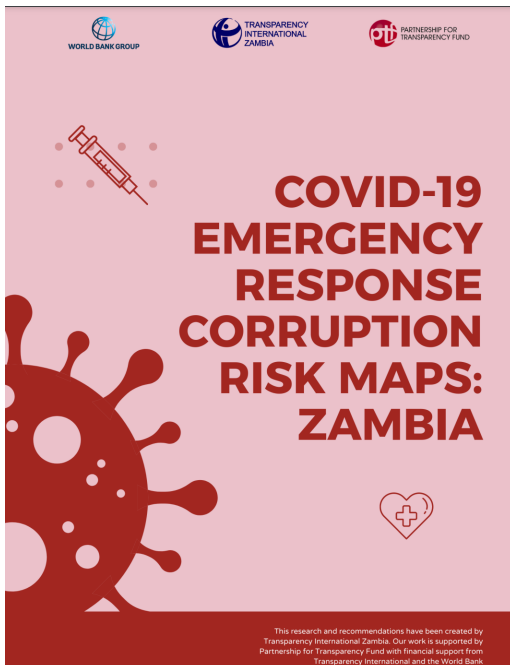
**Community Engagement and Participation – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022:** This session will highlight community participation and engagement with regards to mining. The session will discuss initiatives aimed to increase community engagement and participation concerning beneficiation

from mining. It will also discuss the role of tradition leaders and local leaders in promoting community participation in mining decision making and ensuring accountability on the part of mining companies.

Join our next Twitter Spaces discussion on the 6th of October at 09:00hrs to catch up on all things extractives! ([https://twitter.com/ti\\_zambia](https://twitter.com/ti_zambia))



## Publications



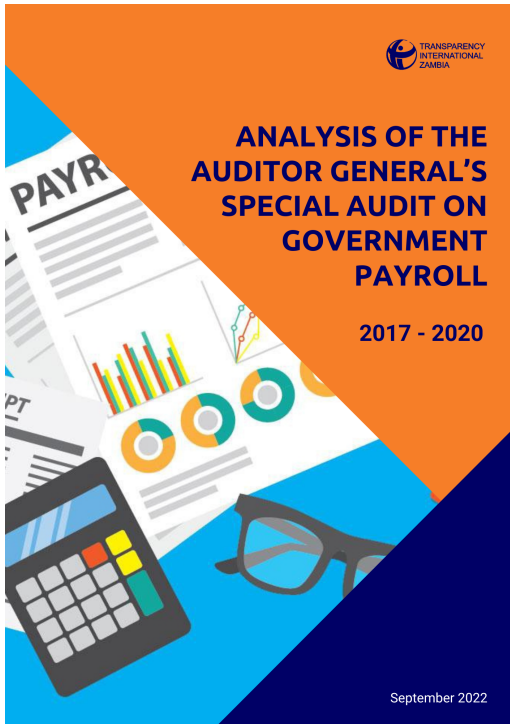
The progression of the COVID-19 pandemic unveiled and exposed weaknesses and gaps in governance and accountability systems particularly pertaining to the health sector. Similar to any other pandemic response, the COVID-19 response necessitated the procuring and delivery of an array of goods and services. However, given the global nature of the pandemic, the response was amidst global challenges such as supply chain disruptions, shortages of medical supplies and equipment due to increased demand. These challenges were further worsened by restrictions on movement and travel. Given the threats posed to public health and urgency of the pandemic response... [Read more](#)

TI-Z is undertaking interventions that seek to enhance transparency, accountability and citizen's participation in the COVID-19 response in Zambia. This work is supported by the World Bank and Transparency International (TI) Secretariat in Germany. In

an effort to enhance citizen's participation in the pandemic response, TI-Z facilitated citizens' monitoring of World Bank funds disbursed by the Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI) to designated provinces and districts. Thus, the scope of this monitoring report is restricted to the monitoring of the World Bank funds disbursement of K4.07 million that was made to seven provincial health offices and 80 district health offices... [Read more](#)



## COVID-19 WORLD BANK FUNDS UTILISATION MONITORING REPORT



The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) released a special audit of Government payroll for the financial year ended 31st December 2017 to 2021, in which findings show glaring and alarming levels of public funds mismanagement across Government, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (GMDAs). The audit findings therefore confirm TI-Z's fears and alarm about the apparent and coordinated cartels across GMDAs established to systematically misappropriate public funds. TI-Z sees it proper that in analyzing the audit findings, a systems approach is applied to demonstrate the magnitude of the problem and to highlight systemic weaknesses, which are drivers for this unacceptable state of affairs. TI-Z's analysis is aimed at fostering transparency and integrity in the ... [Read more](#)







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