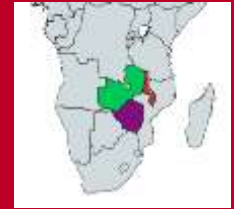


Africa

Constellation: AF East C2

Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe



NEEDS

Continent: **Africa**

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Country: **Zambia**

Cry of the Earth

- air pollution and resulting acid rain in the mineral extraction and refining region; chemical runoff into watersheds
- loss of biodiversity (tree planting)
- poaching seriously threatens rhinoceros, elephant, antelope, and large cat populations
- deforestation (tree planting)
- soil erosion
- desertification
- lack of adequate water treatment

Cry of the Poor

- High fertility rate, rapid population growth (policy for protection of minors and vulnerable adults)
 - lack of access to family planning services, education for girls, and employment for women
 - poor, uneducated women from rural areas are more likely to marry young, to give birth early, and to have more children, viewing children as a sign of prestige and recognizing that not all of their children will live to adulthood.
- HIV/AIDS is prevalent in Zambia and contributes to its low life expectancy
- recent strong economic growth *but* widespread and extreme rural poverty and high unemployment levels remain significant problems
 - made worse by a high birth rate, a relatively high HIV/AIDS burden, by market-distorting agricultural and energy policies, and growing government debt

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Commitments

AFRICA C2

MALAWI, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE

- 1) We commit ourselves to care for the environment by
 - a) Planting trees and sewing shopping bags (use biodegradable products)
 - b) To ensure that each congregation comes up with a policy for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults.

Constellation: **AF East C2**

Country: **Malawi**

Cry of the Earth

- deforestation (tree planting)
- land degradation
- water pollution from agricultural runoff
- sewage, industrial wastes
- siltation of spawning grounds endangers fish populations
- Malawi's economy was hit hard by the El Nino-driven drought in 2015 and 2016, and now faces threat from the fall armyworm

Cry of the Poor

- Rapid population growth – but getting better (policy for protection of minors and vulnerable adults)
 - More women receiving prenatal care, children getting vaccinated
- Pop growth puts pressure on Malawi's land, water, and forest resources
 - Reduced plot sizes and increasing vulnerability to climate change, further threaten the sustainability of Malawi's agriculturally based economy and will worsen food shortages
 - About 80% of the population is employed in agriculture
- Malawi ranks among the world's least developed countries
 - economy depends on substantial inflows of economic assistance from the IMF, the World Bank, and individual donor nations
- high illiteracy rates that limit the adoption of new agricultural technologies
- inadequate food storage, processing and utilization knowledge that result in food wastage

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Country: **Zimbabwe**

Cry of the Earth

- Deforestation (tree planting)
- soil erosion
- land degradation
- the black rhinoceros - once the largest concentration of the species in the world - has been significantly reduced by poaching
- poor mining practices have led to toxic waste and heavy metal pollution

Cry of the Poor

- HIV/AIDS
- Unemployment and underemployment
- Poor leadership and corruption in gov, even after ousting of Mugabe
 - Persecution of journalists and political opposition
- Zimbabwe's economy depends heavily on its mining and agriculture sectors
- Forced labor and sex trafficking (policy for protection of minors and vulnerable adults)
 - Zimbabwean women and girls from towns bordering South Africa, Mozambique, and Zambia are subjected to forced labor, including domestic servitude, and prostitution catering to long-distance truck drivers
- Zimbabwean men, women, and children experience forced labor in agriculture and domestic servitude in rural areas (policy for protection of minors and vulnerable adults)
- family members may recruit children and other relatives from rural areas with promises of work or education in cities and towns where they end up in domestic servitude and sex trafficking (policy for protection of minors and vulnerable adults)