

Presentation of Reports to the Zambia Human Rights Commission, 29th of April 2022, Protea Hotel, Lusaka Zambia FIAN Zambia and FIAN Germany

FIAN Zambia and FIAN Germany submitted three reports titled (1) Human Rights violations for Large Scale Agriculture Production in Mumbwa District of Zambia; Analysis of the Amatheon Case from the Human Rights Perspective; (2) Land Grabbing and Human Rights Violations for Cement Factory in Masaiti District of Zambia; Analysis of the Dangote Case from a Human Rights Perspective; (3) Land Grabbing and Human Rights Violations for Palm Oil In Kanchibiya District of Zambia; Analysis of the ZAMPALM Case from a Human Rights Perspective.

Honorable Credo Nanjuwa Minister of Central Province and Member of Parliament for Mumbwa District also attended this meeting.

Mr. Mudford Mwandenga Chairperson of Zambia Human Rights Commission received the reports. He indicated that he was excited to be part of the gathering as it gives him an insight that we have in Zambia with the assistance of FIAN Germany and FIAN International a Civil Society Organization that is championing Economic Social and Cultural Rights.

He indicated that Mudford Mwandenga confessed that most Lawyers do not find it profitable to take up Human Rights cases because most of the people that would wish to take up cases to fight for their Human Rights are people that are downtrodden and don't have the money to pay for legal fees and there are very few lawyers who are prepared to take up such cases on pro bono basis.

It is thus exciting to have a Civil Society Organization that can be said to be championing the rights of the downtrodden. He commended FIAN Zambia and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

He indicated that the Human Rights Commission is prioritizing the promotion of Economic Social and Cultural Rights in its 2022 to 2026 strategic plan. The Commission is further spearheading issues to deal with business and human rights activities in the Country.

He indicated that the reports that have been received the names of the companies cited are not small companies but big-time companies and that the Commission will study the report, and make the necessary recommendations to the powers that be so that the victims receive redress. He thanked FIAN Zambia for the wonderful work and encouraged them to continue, as this should not be the end but the beginning of championing and protecting Business and Human rights in Zambia.

Honourable Credo Nanjuwa thanked FIAN Zambia, FIAN Germany, the Human Rights Commission and all the participants, for ensuring that Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Zambia are upheld. He was glad to see that representatives of the people of

Mumbwa district and as well as representatives of the Kanchibiya District were present. He also expressed gratitude for the work that has been done in Central province and in his Constituency by FIAN Zambia, FIAN Germany and is aware of some of the issues pertaining to Human Rights violations in the province and in Mumbwa in particular and the works that FIAN Zambia is doing. He pledged his support to FIAN Zambia and mentioned that the current Government under the leadership of his Excellency President Hakainde Hichilema is committed to the upholding of Human Rights in the country and therefore he is committing to study the report and see to it that what is contained in the report is attended to.

He further pledged to work with the people of Mumbwa as their representative to ensure that what has been highlighted is attended to. He reiterated that as Government they will try to strike a balance in as much the government wants the investment to come into the Country, Government wants to see to it that such investments do not violate human rights.