

Zambia: Ukukowesha kwa Mutofwe Kwabika Abana Mubwafya *Ukuwamya ukwafikapo, Ukutangata kwa Bumi Kulefwaikwa Sana Mupepi ne Ncende* *Apaali Umukoti wa Mutofwe*

(Johannesburg) – Ukusangwa kwa mutofwe pa ncende ya mukoti wakale uwa mutofwe na zinc mu calo ca Zambia nakuleta amasanso ayakakata nganshi ku bumi bwa bana, ifi efyacilanda akabungwe ka Human Rights Watch ilelo. Ubuteko bwa calo ca Zambia bulingile buwamye uku kokuwela mukwangufya nokushininkisha ukuti imyundapile iyalandoloka yacitika kuli bonse abo cikumine.

Insebo ishikwete amabula ya mapepala 88 ishili no mutwe wakuti, [“‘Tufwile Twasakamana’: Ubwafya bufuma ku Mutofwe mu Kukowesha kwa Ncende pa Nsambu sha Bana mu musumba wa Kabwe, mu calo ca Zambia”](#) shilelolesha pa mafya ayafuma mukukowesha kwa mutofwe mu musumba wa Kabwe, umusumba ukalamba uwacitungu ca pakati, pa nsambu sha bana ku bumi bwabo, incende yakwikalamo iyabumi, amasambililo, ne myangalile. Imyaka amakumi yabili na isano (25) ukufuma apo uyu mukoti waisalilwe, abana abekala muncende ishashinguluka uyu mukoti balikankanyapofye ukulasangwa mubwafya bwa mutofwe uwingi uwaba mu mushili namu lukungu mu mayanda yabo, mu mansa shabo, mu masukulu, mu ncende sha kwangalilamo elyo namu ncendefye shimbi. Ukubomba kwa buteko bwa calo ca Zambia mukupwisha amafya ayakumine ku fitumbuka muli uku kukowesha ukwasalangana sana mukullosha ku bucingo bwa ncende pamo no bumi takwafikapo sana, elyo abafyashi balesha namaka yonse ukucingilila abana babo.

“Ubukumu bwalefuma mu mukoti wamu Kabwe bwaishile pa mutengo uukalamba nganshi ku nkulo sha bana abakulila mu busanso bwa kukowesha kwa sumu ya mutofwe iyabipisha iisangwa mu makomboni ayashinguluka uyu mukoti,” efyalandile ba [Joanna Naples-Mitchell](#), ababomfi bamukabungwe ka Human Rights Watch kabili bakalemba ba ishi nsebo tulelandapo. “Nangu cakuti ubuteko bwa calo ca Zambia bwalyesha namaka ukuwamya nokufumyamo umutofwe muli iyi ncende ukutendekafye ilyo uyu mukoti waiselwe mu mwaka wa 1994, intuntuko ya ubu bwafya yena icili tailaloleshiwapo.”

Akabungwe ka Human Rights kaliipushako abekala calo abekala mu makomboni ayashinguluka uyu mukoti ukucila pa mwanda umo (100), ukubikapo abafyashi nangu abasunga abana abo abapimwapo ukufuma apo umulimo wa kuwamya uwa buteko wapwilile abo abasangilwe ukuti bali na sumu iingi mu mibili yabo. Akabungwe ka Human Rights Watch kasangile ukutila, ifipatala fya mu Kabwe pali ino nshita tafyakwata umuti uwitwa chelation uwakutangatilako nangu ukucefeshako sumu ya mutofwe mu mibili nangu fye tusolobelo twakupiminako sumu ya mutofwe, elyo kabili takwaba ubutantiko nangu bumo ubwasungwa mukukonka bwino imilandu ya bana abafwapo nangu abatangetweko ku bwafya bwa kufula kwa mutofwe mu mibili yabo. Amasambililo ya bana ababulishako ifilundwa nangu abakwata amafya ku masambililo naco bwafya nganshi mu calo ca Zambia consefye, elyo mu musumba wa Kabwe, ukuceceta kwa bana bakwata amafya ku masambililo takubimbamo abo abengaba na mafya ayengafuma ku mutofwe nakalya.

Akabungwe ka Human Rights Watch kalibimbamo ubuteko bwa calo ca Zambia, ukubikapo ne Ciputulwa Icilolesha pa Mikoti no Buyantanshi bwa Kwimba kwa Mabwe, mukulanshanya ukupitila mukufwailisha, elyo kabili nokwipusha ubuteko ukusendamo ulubali mukulongana kwa kusabankanya kwa ishi nsebo. Pa bushiku bwa 12 mu mweshi wa Kasaka-ntobo, 2019, ba Kalemba Mukalamba mu Ciputulwa Icilolesha pa Mikoti, balitumine inkalata kuli ba Human Rights Watch umo balandile ukuti aka kabungwe takakasuminishiwe

ukusabankanya ishi nsebo pa kulongana ukukabela mu Lusaka. Munshita yakufwaya ukwikala panshi no kulanshanya naba Human Rights Watch pamulandu nefyo bafwailishe, iyi nkalata yasangilemo fye ifilubo muli ishi nsebo nokutunganya ukuti ishi nsebo “shilefwayafye ukususha imibombele ya buteko.”