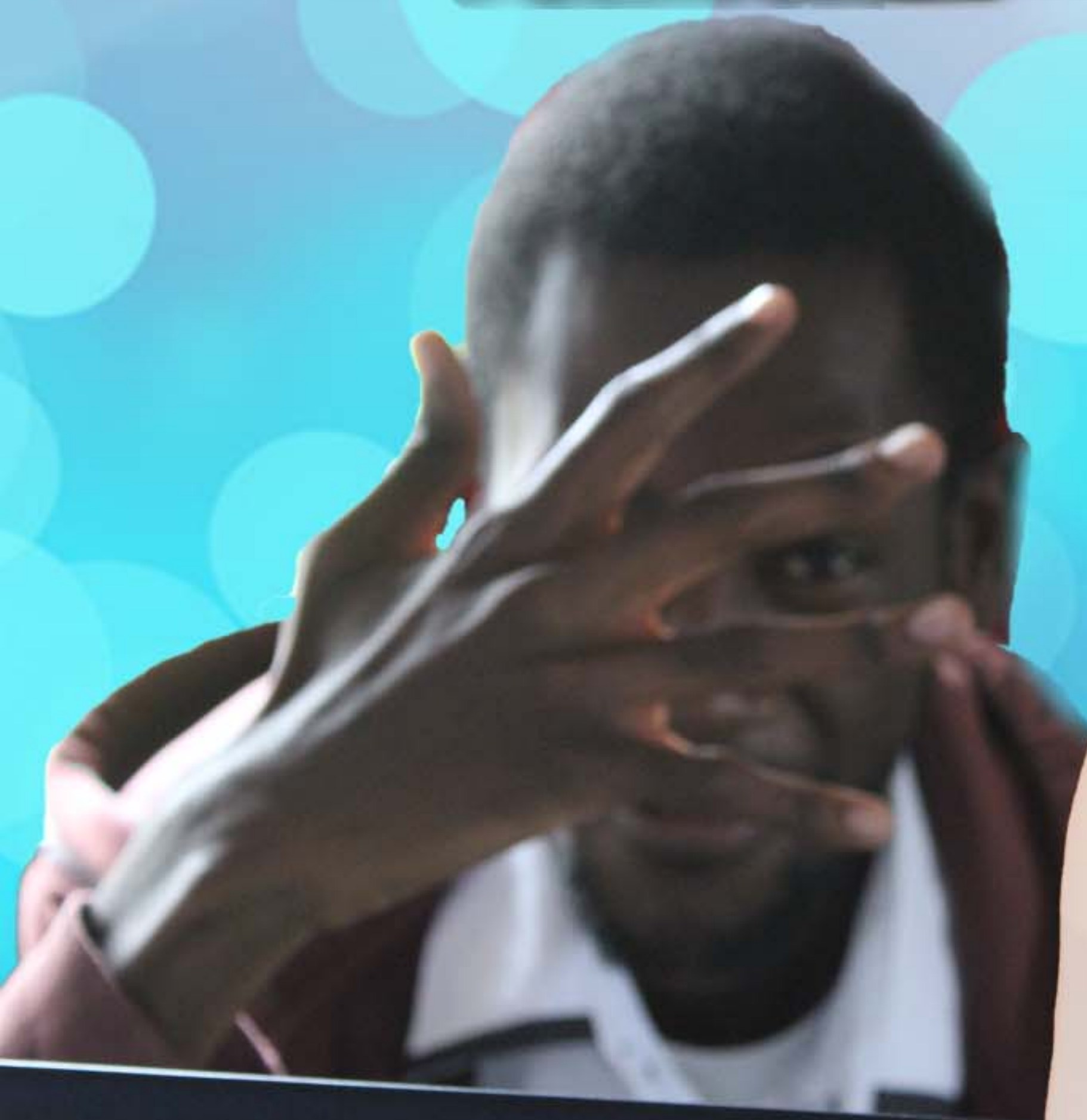


Our 2017

The ACA work year has come to an end. As we take a breather, we would like to share with you the highlights of our year!



January

For the most part in January, we were
1. Planning for the year
2. Preparing for community trainings
under our now concluded, 'Ask Elections Project.'



These trainings were meant to create a critical mass of community actors in instituting citizen-led demand for accountability in the management of public resources. We trained in the 5 wards of Munalu Constituency, where we are based, having adopted Munalu as a microcosm of the nation.



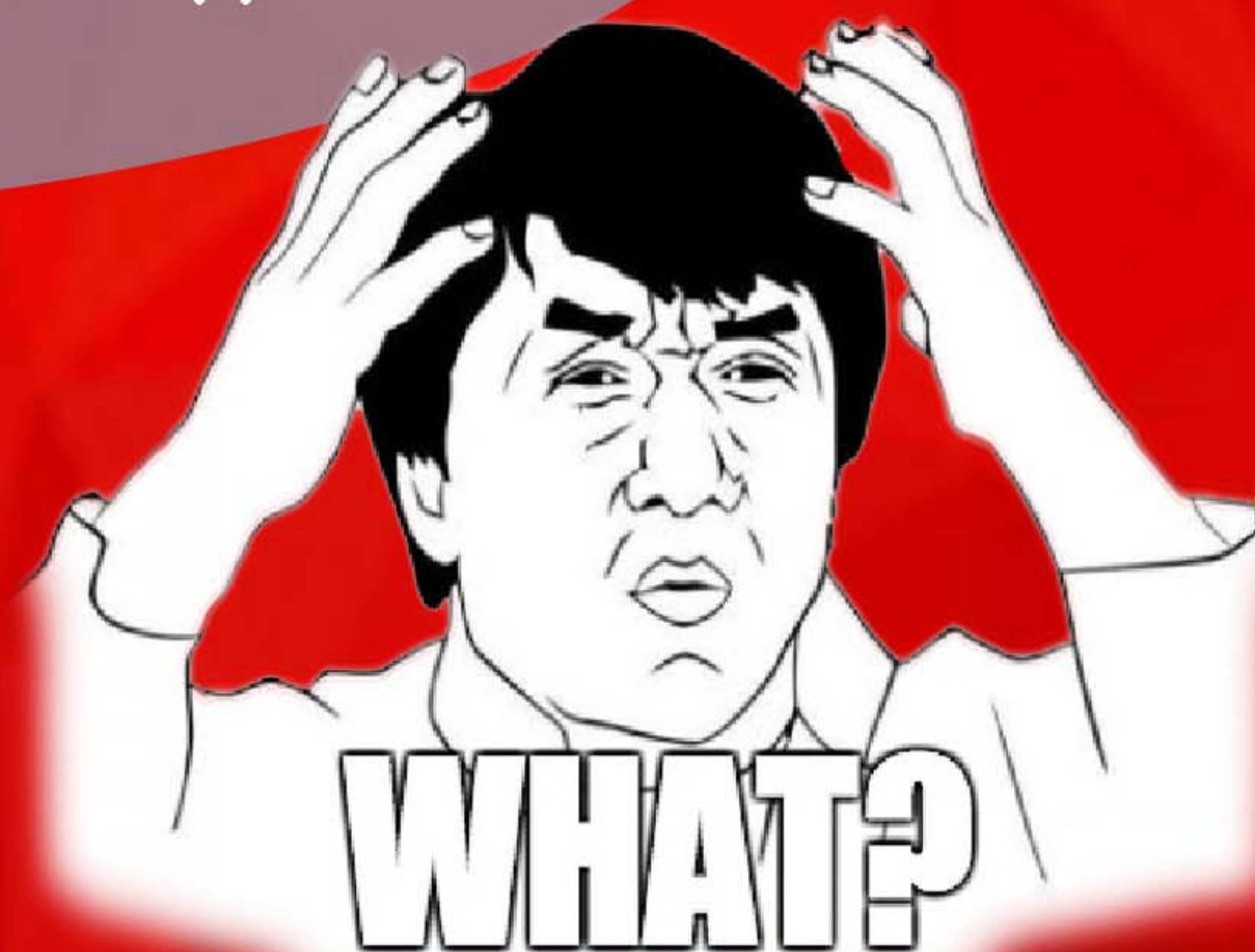
"When you have 500 plots, make sure that you put aside 200 and then the other 300 are the ones you make available to the public so that every member of the PF must have a plot and avoid being ridiculed by the opposition UPND" **Davies Mwila PF SG**



Under the EU funded Speak Up Zambia Project, jointly implemented with Free Press Unlimited and House of Consciousness, we train young people to act as citizen journalist, reporting service delivery issues in their communities. In January we were in Livingstone with Radio Mosi-oa-Tunya



DAVIES MWILA
PATRIOTIC FRONT SECRETARY GENERAL



ACA raised strong exception to Patriotic Front (PF) Secretary General Davies Mwila's reported instruction to PF councillors to give preference to party members in the distribution of land in Kabwe. At the same gathering, he was quoted as advocating for the forceful removal of opposition party members from bus stations and other trading places in Kabwe. All Citizens have a right to fair access to public resources

February



Year Planning is
concluded



Training of citizen journalists is at Mpika FM and ISO FM Community radio stations in Mpika and Isoka districts, respectively.

The first of the five social Accountability trainings, to be done in the five wards of Munali Constituency, begins on the last day of the month



In March we were BUSY!!!!!!

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Speak-Up Zambia Project: CJ Trainings

Social Accountability Trainings



Mtendere training



Munali training



Lundazi training



Choma training

Speak-Up Zambia Mentoring Workshop



Kalingalinga training



ACA trained HoC CJs (Mama Sosa)



Chakunkula training



Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Ms Kampamba Mulenga was the Guest of Honour at a ACA and HoC Citizen Journalist mentoring workshop

April

The last Social
Accountability Training
with Chainda Ward was
held



In the End

5 Social Accountability
Trainings with the 5 Wards

100+ Community Members
trained

Groups in attendance included



Marketeers

Plus individual
citizens

Trained Munali residents begin monthly
advocacy planning meetings at our
offices



April also went to
reporting!
reporting!
reporting!

Quarterly Report



Trained Munali
residents start
research on Kit
mothers bring
to labour ward





May

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The Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) based in the School of Journalism at Rhodes University in South Africa trains civic actors, MPs and journalists to systematically monitor Public Resource Management. As PSAM partner, ACA staff are privileged to regularly attend the course. In May it was Florence Mwale.



"A review of the media coverage by state owned publications and broadcasting entities shows, beyond any dispute, the fact that government media has completely blacked out any voices that are not those of the government, the ruling party and those who support them."



ACA released a press statement on public media's unbalanced coverage of political actors.

Public Media is a Public Resource!!

TRUE
OR
FALSE

Under Speak Up Zambia Project, a team of fact checkers is trained to verify public pronouncements

ACA's Musanide attends a disability mainstreaming course at ZGF

June

Munali Constituency trained residents organised a Social Accountability Monitoring community meeting with over 100 community members in attendance. **Passing on the Knowledge!!!**



JUNE

Following the training in Munali Wards, ACA had an open week in which our doors were open to members of the community to walk in and learn more about the organisation, the work we do and why we do it. The turnout was amazing!! Thank you for your support!



ZGF has been an important capacity building partner. In June ACA's Zengeni attended an M&E course and Andrew an Online Media course.

SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

The open day was preceded by our trained community actors carrying out a **door to door** campaign in all the 5 wards of Munali Constituency and a **4-day** distribution of social accountability fliers in morning traffic. **Thank you to participating UNZA Students!!!**



JULY



Has the Fire Department carried out investigations that proved each of the fires to indeed be acts of arson and can the findings be shared with the public?



ACA releases a Statement on Invocation of Article 31 by the Republican President



The central idea of the Access to Justice-ASK Youth is to have more youths in rural areas, specifically; Isoka and Mpika districts of Muchinga Province apply for scholarships and education loans (former bursaries). The project is funded by the European Union Programme through the Zambian Governance Foundation (ZGF).

The ACA was awarded a new grant for our new initiative, 'Access to Justice: Ask Youth Project.'

AUGUST



Laura Miti, Lee Habasonda, Dickson Jere & Piyo Ndhlovu

STRAIGHT TALK AFRICA

WITH **SHAKA SSALI**

The challenges of democracy in Zambia

Thursday, 24 August 2017 at 10:00

JOIN US @UNZA @VOASHAKA

on 24th August ACA Director, Laura Miti was on the panel of discussants at a public talk on the theme, 'Challenges of Democracy in Zambia' organised by Voice of America and hosted by 'Straight Talk Africa' anchor Shaka Ssali at the University of Zambia. Other panellists were media practitioner and lawyer Dickson Jere, political science lecturer Lee Habasonda and University of Zambia Student Union (UNZASU) vice-president Piyo Ndhlovu.



Tinashe and Khuzwayo, UNZA interns.

Throughout the year, our internship programme was active. ACA believes in skillstran fer.

August



ACA's Strategic Plan
2017 - 2021 is
completed

As Parliament resumes sitting in September 2017, remember that the motion to reintroduce the office of Deputy Ministers is still active. Remind your MP that having #NoDeputyMinsiters has saved #Zambia a significant amount of money & they should not return.



#NoDeputyMinsiters
ACA reminded citizens to stay vigilant



Researcher, Florence Mwale attends a Policy engagement Course at ZGF.

September



It's Musanide's and Andrew's turn to attend the Rhodes University Fundamentals of Social Accountability Course. This means that this year, 3 members of our staff have been trained. THANK YOU PSAM!



The Alliance for Community Action joined other like-minded Zambians in forming the Joint Action for Accountability in Zambia (JAAZ) to address the public finance management situation in Zambia. A press conference to announce the formation of JAAZ was held

September

The ACA's Graduation and Awards Ceremony for Speak Up Zambia Citizen Journalists was held on 28 September 2017 to celebrate the accomplishment of young people. The joyous ceremony was attended by European Union and Zambia Governance Foundation representatives



Our Community Actors continue making radio appearances discussing public resource monitoring

ACA called for a peaceful protest at Parliament on Budget Day, 29 September, against government procurement of 42 fire trucks for \$42m. ACA Director, Laura Miti, singer, Fumba Chanda, ZSCD Director, Lewis Chama & 3 others were arrested.

The 6 have been charged but so far, the state has not brought them before court.

Their police bond has been extended 5 times now!



October Was About #42for42

ACA intensified its campaign on the purchase of 42 fire tenders at US\$42 million (#42for42) demanding answers from Government. It was done through social media and making follow-ups with relevant authorities in the tender processes.



Interactions with Zambia Public Procurement Authority



Online Campaigns



Interactions with Rosenbauer (Spain) suppliers of #42for42

Press Conferences



acazambia.org

Interactions with Ministry of Local Government



The arrested JAAZ team was due to make its first appearance before a court of law at the Lusaka magistrates court. They are yet to be brought before a court.

November



Following on the #42for42, ACA hosted a well attended and vibrant Citizen Insaka at our offices in PHI, to discuss the role of Citizens in public resource accountability in Zambia.



A week later, the ACA hosted a Youth Insaka at which young people discussed how they can increase the demand for accountability.



December

Find our stories, Photos, audios, documents and many more from our online portals

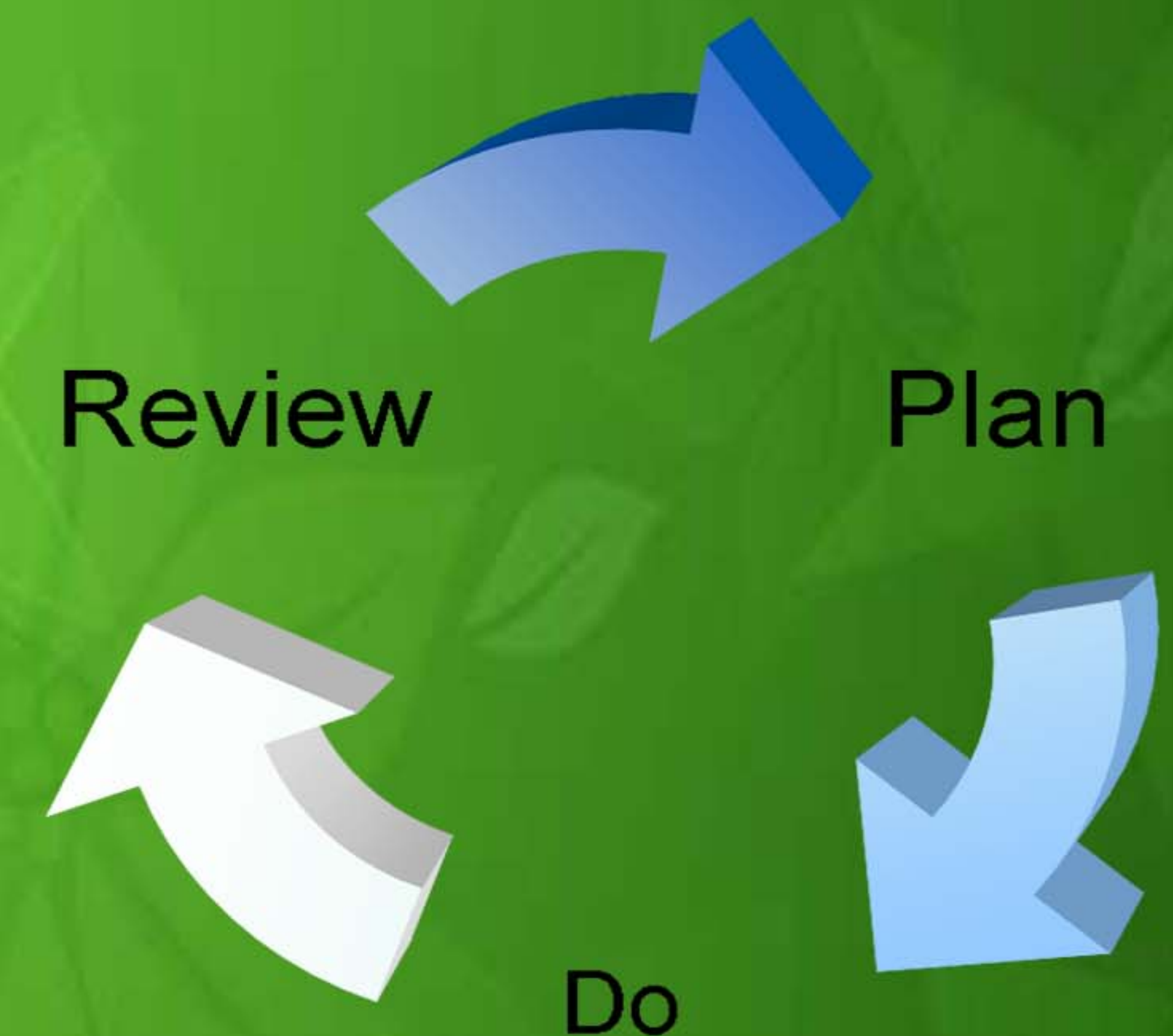
 Alliance For Community Action Zambia (@acazambia)

 @ZambiaAsks

 <http://acazambia.org/>

We ended the year by taking some time to reflect on our individual performances as well as ours progress together as an organisation, in a year-end review and planning meeting. Over-all, we are very happy with our year, challenges and all. We are particularly grateful to all our cooperating and civil society partners as well as the private citizens who came along with us on our quest for

"A Zambia where all her citizens enjoy the full and equitable benefit of all her public resources."



We will be taking a short, well earned break for the festive season

The Board and Staff of the



Alliance for
community
action ▶▶



wish you and yours a

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

AND

an #Accountable

2018

