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THEME: "ACCELERATING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR A BETTER ZAMBIA AMIDST THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE."

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND JOB CREATION

Climate change is affecting economic diversification and job creation. To maintain the aspirations of the 7NDP, the Government has been and will continue to implement the following efforts;

- Promotion of climate smart agricultural practices poised at improving agricultural production and productivity.
- Encouraging climate resilient crop production through crop diversification.
- Building community resilience through investments into non-rainfed agriculture e.g the Chiansi Irrigation Scheme in Kafue for the Zambia National Service projected to benefit 1000 targeted houses.
- Promotion of income generation activities through aquaculture. The Aquaculture Enterprise Development Program targets 12,000 beneficiaries across the country.
- Implementation of climate resilient livestock management in Muchinga and Northern provinces.
- In the Tourism sector the Government is encouraging Eco-tourism as a way of building resilience in the sector. Example of such efforts are the Mukuni Environmental and Economic Development Trust in Livingstone and the South Luangwa National Park .
- In view of natural resource management, Government is implementing community-based conservation programmes which are currently operational in North-western and Copperbelt Provinces.
- Investing in other energy sources as a result of the devastating effects climate change has had on hydro-power generation. Notable projects are the Bangweulu and Ngonye Power Plant under the scaling solar project supplying 90 Megawatts.
- To promote industrialization, Government has invested in soya bean crushing on the Copperbelt which has created 300 direct jobs and 1,500 indirect jobs.
- To promote access to clean water in 2018 a total of 1,168 boreholes were reconstructed and 225 constructed in 2019.



POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION

Government intends to build resilience and provide sustainable development among the poor and vulnerable people in the midst of climate change.

Government has continued to increase coverage of Social Protection interventions.

To enhance coordination, efficiency and transparency in the management and disbursement of Social Protection programmes, Government has;

- Developed an electronic based system "The *Zambian Integrated Social Protection Information System*". The biometric system will minimize human interface which in the past caused challenges for recipients to receive timely social protection.
- Social security coverage under the National Pension Scheme Authority has been extended to include the informal economy.
- 4,807 workers in the informal economy registered with NAPSA in 2018.
- ii. 13,899 registered between January and June, 2019.
- To promote sustainable living and reduce perpetual dependency.
- Government is putting in place systems and policies that will enable access to financial support, whether in formal employment or retired to assure independent and decent lives.



REDUCING DEVELOPMENTAL INEQUALITIES

Measures put in place include:

- A five-year Improved Rural Connectivity Project launched in July, 2019 to facilitate the rehabilitation and maintenance of selected rural roads. In Central, Eastern, Luapula, Northern, Muchinga and Southern Provinces; priority roads covering a total distance of 3,375 Kilometers to be done.
- More than 1,000 Kilometers of rural roads have been constructed and rehabilitated from 2018 to date.
- Additionally, 247 kilometers of the Itezhi Tezhi-Kalomo has been upgraded to a Climate Resistant Road.
- More than 29,000 jobs have been created under the Value-Chain Development Programme.
- Implementation of Citizen's Economic Empowerment Programme with 34 percent funds distributed to women-owned enterprises, 24 percent to youth owned businesses and persons with disabilities.
- Implementation of the Rural Electrification Programme with 26,754 households connected under this program to increase access to electricity in rural areas.
- Promotion of investments in different parts of the country through Provincial Expositions to reduce the Rural-Urban divide. Expositions are yielding results e.g Green Crop Field Limited has acquired land in Chibombo District for 72 million US Dollars investment to produce paprika and other products and a 10 million US dollar dam is being worked on in Central Province in order to bring more land under irrigation.
- To reduce gender inequality, from 2017 till date about 34,123 vulnerable women have been provided with life and business skills and a productivity grant. This is against the target of reaching 75,000 women by the end of the project in 2020.
- Keeping Girls in School Project has continued, the number of girls aged between 14 and 18 from poor households being supported under this project increased from 15,082 in 2018 to 19,486 as of June, 2019. Number is expected to increase to 26,160 girls by the end of 2019.



ENHANCING HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- Government will ensure that the concept of climate change, financial literacy and development strategies are incorporated in the education curriculum framework.
- Government is implementing several equity programmes to include the vulnerable learners. The Home-Grown School- Feeding programme is being implemented in 2,618 schools in 39 districts across the country.
- Government has heightened surveillance and response, increased public awareness, increase resource mobilization in healthcare systems
- Maternal mortality ratio has been reduced from 398 per 100,000 live births in 2014 to 278 per 100,000 live births in 2018.
- Malaria incidences have reduced from 374 per 1,000 persons in 2017 to 312 per 1,000 persons in 2018.
- Government has scaled up the Universal Routine HIV Testing Programme resulting in an increase in HIV testing uptake. 1,020,913 are on Anti-Retroviral Treatment, comprising 949,856 adults and 49,057 children.
- The Employment Code Act No. 3 of 2019 compels all employers to come up with health and wellness policies in all their institutions.
- Government has continued to establish regional storage hubs in keeping up with the Zero Tolerance Policy on medicines and medical supplies stock outs. Five storage hubs have been constructed and are operational.
- Upgrading of the Lusaka Medical Stores Warehouse into an ultra-modern facility has been completed, increasing storage capacity from 7,000 to 32,000 pallets.



Government will put in place interventions that guarantee a healthy and educated population such as;

- Construction of climate resilient health and education infrastructure
- Provision of emergency services
- Strengthening of early warning systems

CREATING A CONDUCIVE GOVERNANCE ENVIRONMENT FOR A DIVERSIFIED AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

Government aims to;

- Promote democracy through observing the supreme Law of the Land.
- Refining the Constitution and delivering it to the people of Zambia for implementation.
- Deliver a good Constitution that governs the country in all sectors.

Government endeavors to be result oriented by running on the Mantra "Producing results, by doing more with less".

- Principles, policies and actions will be result oriented in the midst of fiscal constraints.
- All citizens to actively participate in building a nation that will flourish for future generations.
- The need to fight against corruption is important.

Enhance Foreign Policy through;

- Continued focus on Political and Economic Diplomacy.
- Strengthening Zambia's interaction with the international community.
- Reinforcing bilateral relations with partner countries and playing a more decisive role in the international organizations where Zambia has membership is cardinal.
- The need for Zambia to continuously engage, be relevant and to keep abreast with changing times especially with climate change.



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