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## OPENING OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWELFTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THEME: "DEDICATION, RESILIENCE AND INNOVATION: PURSUING ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR THE ZAMBIA WE WANT."

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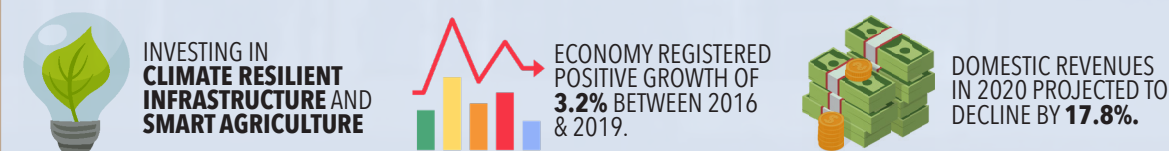


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On the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2020, H.E. the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Edgar C. Lungu addressed the National Assembly during the official opening of the fifth session of the twelfth National Assembly.



### INTRODUCTION:

- The **mindset of all citizens** should be attuned to **building a Zambia** that is **resilient to shocks, open to new ideas and opportunities** as well as looking inwards for **local solutions**.

### The Government is committed to building resilience by:

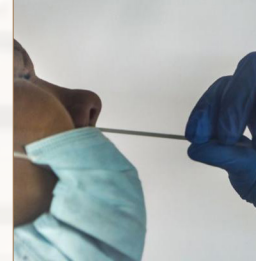
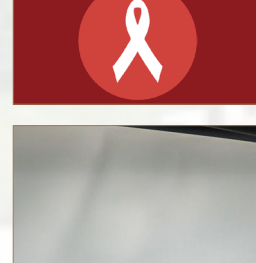
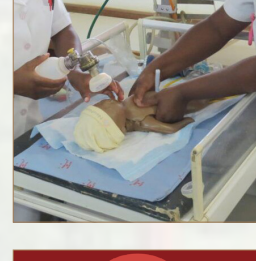
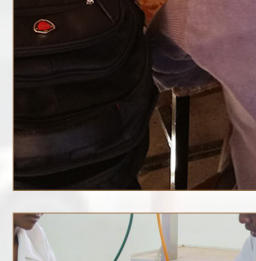
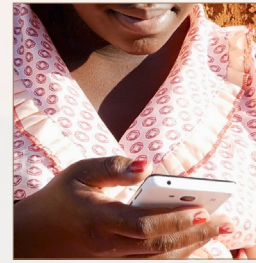
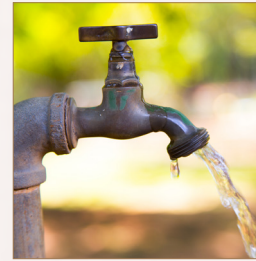
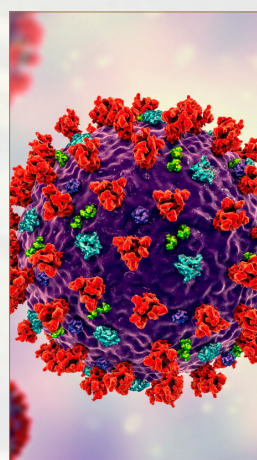
- Investing in **building capacities** to cope and recover quickly in face of difficulties.
- Investing more in **climate resilient infrastructure** and promoting **climate smart agriculture**.
- Strengthening **healthcare systems** to help recover and cope when confronted with pandemics.
- Promote **economic growth** through **diversification, value addition, expanding export base and finding local business solutions**.

### Macroeconomic situation

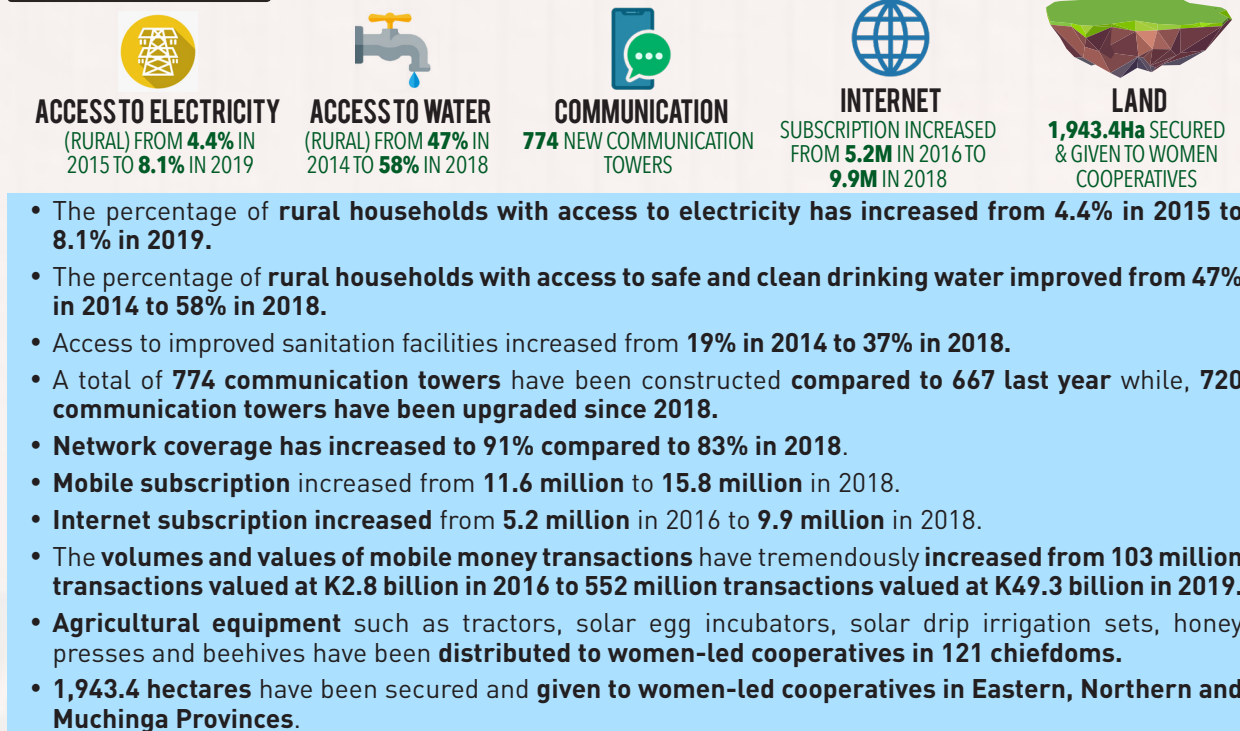
- During the period 2016 to 2019, the economy remained resilient registering **positive growth of 3.2%**.
- In 2020, the economic growth rate is projected to **decline to negative 4.2%**.
- This is mainly **attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic** which led to **disruptions in the supply of value chains, fall in international commodity prices, reduced exports, low investments and liquidity constraints**.

To stimulate economic activities in the short-term amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Government has had to:

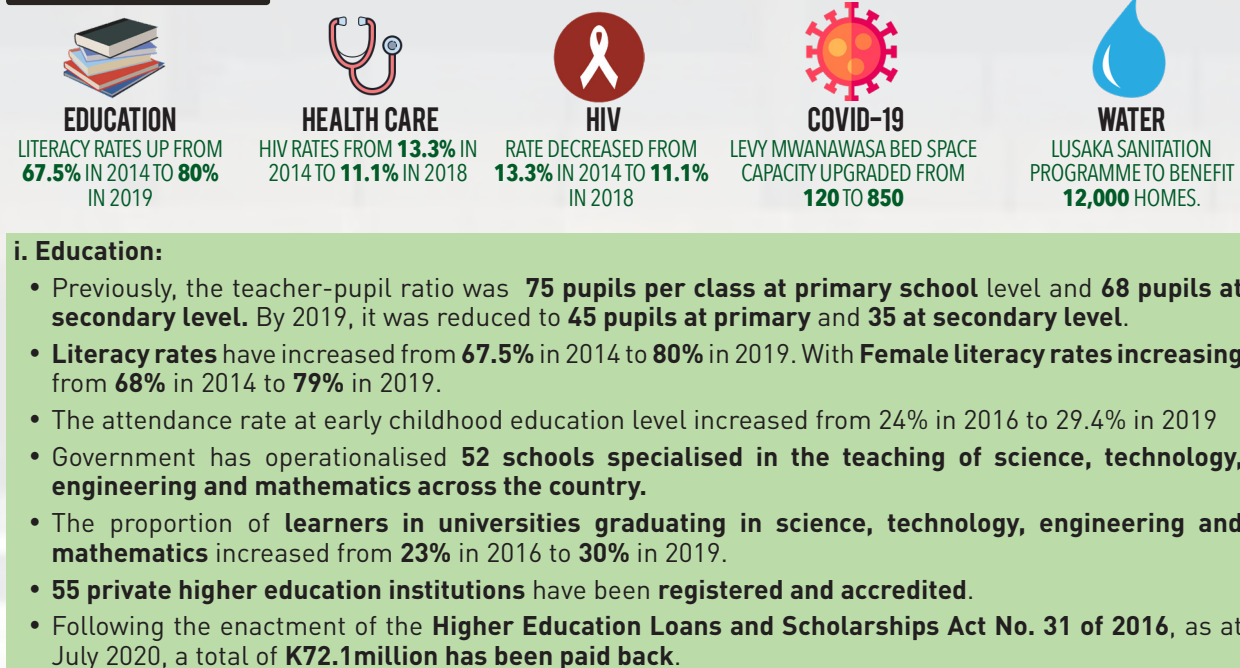
- Implement tax relief measures** in order to keep the private sector afloat and protect jobs.
- As a result, **domestic revenues in 2020 are projected to decline by 17.8%**.
- To improve **liquidity in the economy and mitigate the effects of COVID-19**. Government introduced a **K10 billion medium-term refinancing facility** to support various players in the economy.
- Furthermore, Government issued the **K8 billion COVID-19 bond** as an **economic stimulus package**.
- Government has continued to prioritise the **dismantling of domestic arrears such as those owed to suppliers and pensioners**.
- A total of **K1.9 billion** has so far been released against the 2020 budget of **K2.1 billion**.



### PILLAR 3 Reducing Developmental Inequalities



### PILLAR 4 Enhancing Human Development



### ii. Healthcare Systems:

#### a. Maternal Mortality:

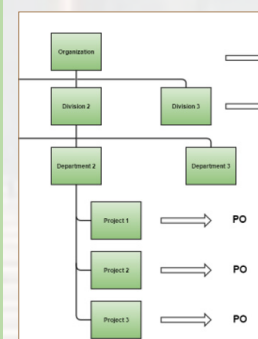
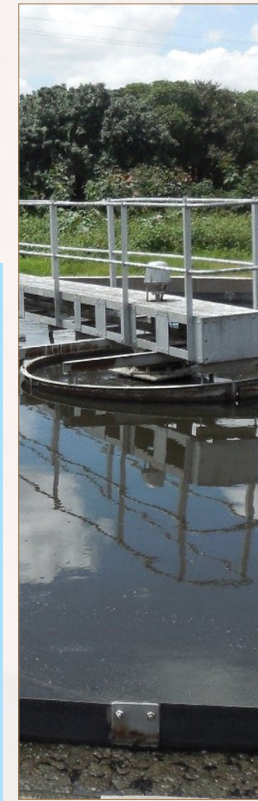
- There has been a reduction in maternal and child mortality rates and the strengthening the provision of paediatric health services especially neonatal health.
- There has been a reduced overall maternal mortality ratio from 398 in 2014 to 278 in 2018 for every 100,000 live births. While **Institutional maternal deaths** reduced from 149 to 138 deaths for every 100,000 live births in 2016.
- Child mortality is still a major concern. Government notes that **42 babies die in the first month of life for every 100,000 live births**.

#### b. HIV:

- The HIV prevalence rate recorded a decrease from 13.3% in 2014 to 11.1% in 2018.
- In addition, **93% of People Living with HIV** were reported to be on antiretroviral therapy (ART) from 2019 and **96% of children** who tested positive for HIV during the same period are also on ART.

#### c. COVID-19:

- Government has been implementing a robust multi-sectoral response.
- Efforts have been made to **heighten surveillance in the community, health facilities, ports of entry and sentinel sites** with dedicated screening, diagnostics and treatment centres.
- Adherence to public health guidelines** such as wearing of face masks, observing social distancing and minimising movements away from home is critical.
- Government will continue to construct and equip health facilities across the country.
- 439 health posts and 24 mini hospitals** have been completed and are operational.
- Levy Mwanawasa Hospital** was upgraded from 120 to 850 bed capacity and has a dedicated isolation facility.
- The **Lusaka Specialised Hospital** is at 95% to completion.
- Bangweulu Hospital in Lupoposhi** is at 30% in terms of progress.
- Construction of the **King Salman Bin Abdulla Aziz Women's and Children's Hospital** commenced in 2019.

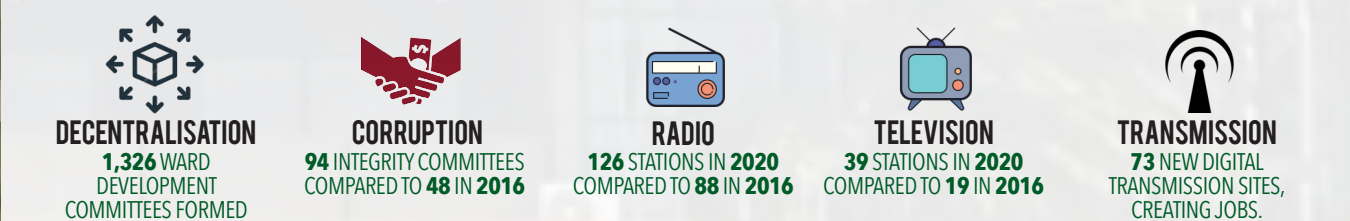


- The **National Health Insurance Scheme** was rolled out in 2019 with **540,000 employees currently registered on the scheme**; **126 healthcare facilities** have been accredited and it is expected that **800,000 employees** will be registered in 2020.
- In the emergency response to COVID-19, **2232 health workers** were recruited and deployed. **23,000 health workers** have been recruited generally since 2017.

### iii. Water Supply and Sanitation:

- Kafue Bulk Water Project** commenced in 2016 and is at 98.3% to completion. It will enable **additional supply of 50 Million litres of water per day to Lusaka**.
- The **Lusaka Sanitation Programme** is expected to be completed in 2021 and selected parts of Lusaka will benefit, with **12,000 households** being reached.
- The **Kafubu Sustainable Water and Sanitisation Improvement Project** is at 96% to completion. It will benefit Ndola, Luanshya and Masaiti.
- Chongwe Water Supply Project** is expected to provide **345,000 litres of water per day and serve 2,500 households** in Chongwe.
- Kaputa Water Supply and Sanitisation Programme** is at 77% to completion, aimed at serving 3,000 households.
- Kafulafuta Water Supply Dam** is 82% complete with a **storage capacity of 139 million cubic metres** and it will supply **300,000 litres of water** to Ndola, Luanshya, Masaiti and Mpongwe.
- Government is implementing **Statutory Instrument No.20 of 2018 on Groundwater Resources Management** which has seen the registration of **2,821 boreholes** bringing the **national database total to 34,821** with **105 borehole drillers** registered in 2019 and the total registered in 2020 now stands at **278**.
- In 2019, a total of **4,151 boreholes** were constructed and equipped with hand pumps resulting in **one million people in rural areas** having access to clean and safe water. In contrast, **1,168 boreholes** were constructed in 2018, benefiting **292,000 people**.

### PILLAR 5 Conducive Governance Environment for Diversified and Inclusive Economy



### i. Policy and Legislative Frameworks:

Government has supported the **development of policies and legislation** to improve the policy and legislative framework. These include:

- National Employment and Labour Market Policy
- National Legal Aid Policy
- National Trade Policy
- Local Government Act No. 2 of 2019
- Public Finance Management Act No.1 of 2018
- Employment Code Act No.3 of 2019
- Statutory Instrument No. 48 of 2020 ensuring the labour market remains resilient and business remains viable in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ii. Decentralisation Reforms:

Government has supported the formation of 1,326 Ward Development Committees across the country, against the targeted 1,624

The number of new districts and associated infrastructure standing at 95% to completion has also been increased as follows:

- 14 district administration blocks
- 12 post offices
- 15 police stations
- 510 housing units
- 13 civic centres

### iii. Corruption:

- Government is implementing an **Integrity Committee Initiative** aimed at enhancing the **prevention of corruption** in the public and private sectors. Currently, there are **94 integrity committees** compared to **48 in 2016**.

### iv. Digital Technology

- The **Smart Zambia Transformation Agenda** is in effect with the aim of **modernising delivery of public services** through digital technology.
- Currently, **44 services** are available on the **Government Service Bus**. An additional **100 services** affiliated to land, mining, tolling and tourism will be online by the end of 2021.
- In expanding the media environment, there were **88 radio stations** in 2016 and this now stands at **126 in 2020**.
- There is steady progression in the **number of television stations** countrywide, from **19 in 2016 to 39 in 2020** while, **6 provincial television stations** are scheduled for handover in Eastern, Western, Luapula, Muchinga Central and Northern provinces as soon as equipment is installed.
- 73 new digital transmission sites** created jobs and wealth in the country.

### v. 2021 General Elections:

- General Elections will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
- ECZ will undertake a **voter registration exercise** including mobile and online registration.
- This is an effort to **eliminate duplication of records** on the Register of Voters.
- The mobile issuance of **National Registration Cards** is currently in progress.