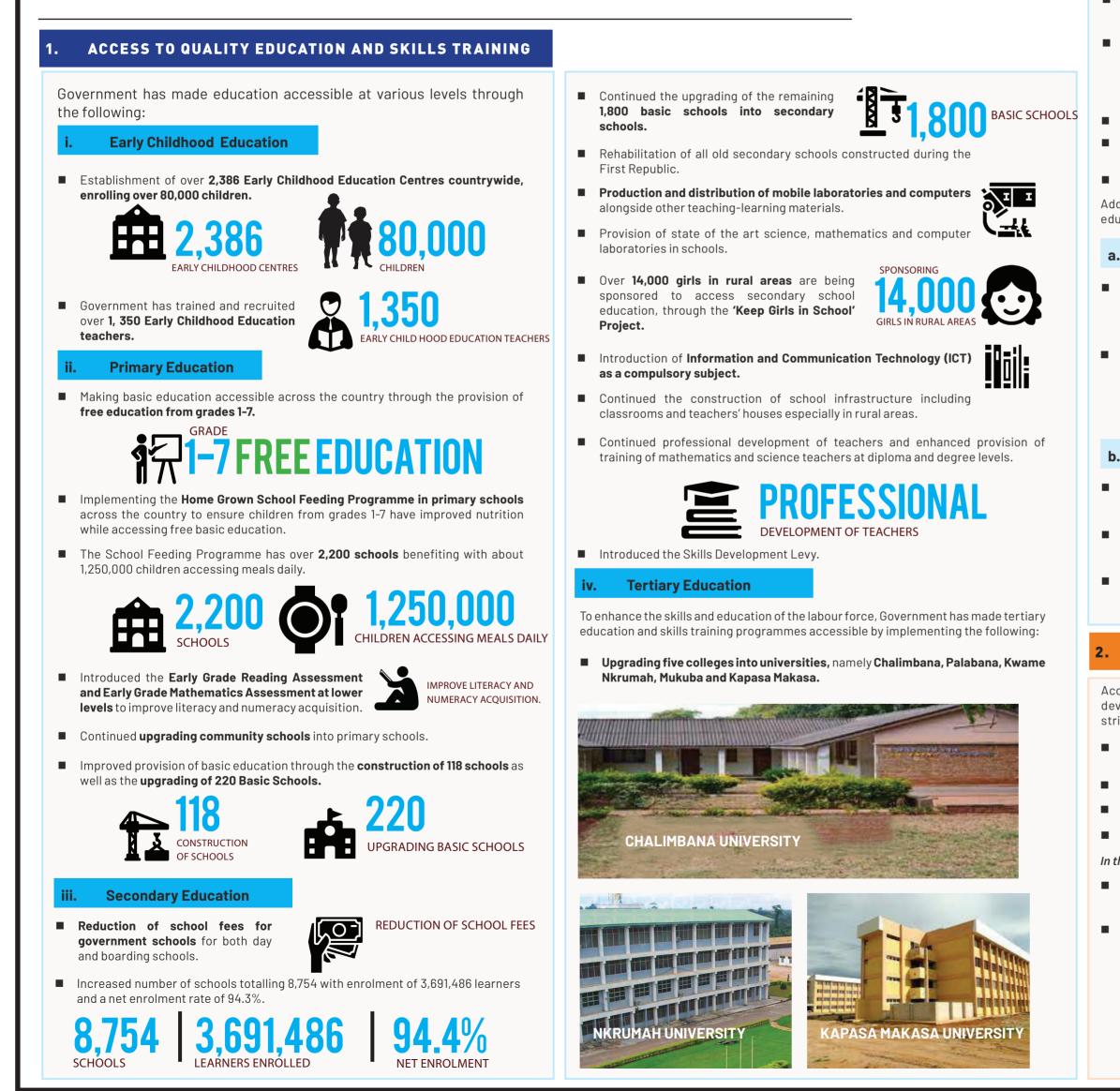
GOVERNMENT SCORES IN ENHANCING HUMAN DEVELOPMENT- INFOGRAPHIC

INTRODUCTION

Investing in human development is key in maintaining a healthy and skilled population which is vital to economic growth and development. **Enhancing human development entails the expansion of programs, policies and activities that safeguard the rights of all persons to attain their highest potential the through provision of services such as education and health care among others.** Government through the Seventh National Development Plan prioritised investment in the **education and health sectors** to guarantee equitable access to services and development. Further, its focus was aimed at enhancing the quality of human capital, accelerating economic growth and promoting job creation.



Ongoing expansion of student accommodation facilities at the University of Zambia (UNZA), Copperbelt University (CBU), Mulungushi University and Evelyn Hone College. It is earmarked to create 9,600 bed spaces.



■ Increased the number of public universities from **three to seven** with more campuses currently under construction.

Forging of a robust partnership with the private firms and individuals leading to the establishment of more privately owned universities currently amounting to 40.

Strengthening of vocational career pathways through continued support to around 30,000 university and TEVET students under the Loans and Scholarship Board, TEVET Bursary Skills Development Fund and the Support to Science and Technology Project.

Rehabilitation works are underway in various trade schools.

Sustained the Fast-Track upgrading programme for teachers in Mathematics and Science.

Establishment of the Centre for Nuclear Science and Technology.

Additional policy measures to ensure that the girl child has equitable access to education

The School Re-entry Policy

 The School Re-entry Policy which has seen many girls who fell pregnant go back to school.

Between 2017 and 2020, 27,647 girls benefited under the policy.

Ending Child marriages

 Government adopted a National Strategy to End Child Marriages with a view of building a Zambia free from child marriage by 2030.

 A nation-wide campaign was launched in 2013 by engaging traditional leaders to act as agents of change.



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PREGNANT

FELL

BETWEEN 2017 & 2020

GIRLS BENEFITED

Guidelines have since been formulated in 10 chiefdoms and children have been withdrawn from marriage and sent back to school

PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Access to affordable and quality health care is a critical pillar in ensuring sustainable development and growth of a productive labour force. Government has made various strides to providing equitable healthcare services through the following:

Provide a strong and effective health system through expansion of **access to health care services**

Attain universal health coverage

Reduce doctor to patient ratio

Modernization of health care systems.

In this regard the following has been achieved in the health sector:

At the onset of the COVID-19, Government realigned the 2020 budget to provide more resources for the health care system in order to effectively respond to the pandemic.

In the 2021 National Budget, the health sector was allocated K9.6 Billion an increment from K9.4 Billion in 2020.





Maternal mortality ratio has reduced from 398 in 2014 to 278 in 2018 for every 100,000 live births.

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- MATERNAL MORTALITY GONE DOWN REDUCED FROM 398/278 N 2014
- The HIV prevalence rate among women and men aged 15 to 49 years has decreased since 2014 from 13.3% to 11.1% in 2018.



A reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis cases from 376 in 2016 to 346 per 100,000 people by end of 2018.



Recruited over 23,000 health workers since 2017.



 439 health posts and 24 mini hospitals, including Chinsali and Kalindawalo General Hospitals, have been completed and are now operational.





Levy Mwanawasa Hospital has been upgraded from a **120 to 850 bed capacity.**



- 276 health posts have been built and are operational from the targeted 650 in 2012.
- 240 in-patient bed capacity at the Cancer Diseases Hospital has been completed and is operational.



 National health training institution completed at Levy Mwanawasa hospital with capacity to churn out 3000 health personnel.



- Upgraded selected health facilities to first level hospitals; these are Matero, Chipata and Chilenje clinics.
- Expansion and refurbishment of Maina Soko Military Hospital.
- Introduced the National Health Insurance Scheme to enhance equitable access to health care services.
- 540,000 employees have been registered on the National Health Insurance Scheme and more than 126 healthcare facilities have been accredited to the Scheme.

