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### HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### EDUCATION SECTOR

- To support **free education in all public schools**, the Government has increased grants to schools and will continue to ensure timely disbursement of the funds.
- The Government has recruited and deployed over **30,000 teachers across the country** to enhance the quality of education and improve the teacher-pupil ratio.



- To ensure equitable access to education, the Government has **continued to pay boarding fees and provide education grants for disadvantaged adolescent girls**.



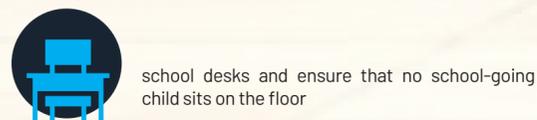
- Similarly, it has continued implementing the **Keeping Girls in School project**, with approximately **59,000 girls benefiting**.



- To address infrastructure challenges, the Government shall **construct 120 secondary schools**, in addition to the **completion of 115 secondary schools currently under construction**.



- Through CDF, Government will source **school desks and ensure that no school-going child sits on the floor by the end of 2023**.



- Various skills development programmes are being implemented. This year, over **12,000 youths have been trained in various skills such as metal fabrication, carpentry and joinery, mining, bricklaying and general agriculture**.

#### HEALTH SECTOR

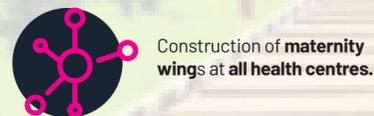
- Government has recruited and deployed over **11,000 health workers across the country to improve the quality of health services**. The Government will continue to undertake recruitment in the health sector.



- To improve access to health services, the Government has continued with the construction of **36 district hospitals** countrywide and completed the construction of the remaining **16 out of a target of 115 mini hospitals**, as well as **83 out of a target of 650 health posts**.



- The Government will construct additional health facilities as well as upgrade and modernise existing ones, including the **construction of maternity wings at all health centres**.



- The Government has **procured a year's worth of essential medicines and medical supplies to improve the supply of essential drugs**. Further, Government will promote local manufacturing of pharmaceutical products and other medical supplies.

- Since re-launching the COVID-19 vaccination campaign on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the national **COVID-19 vaccination status having improved from less than 10% last year to 46.5% this year**.



- Vaccination coverage stands at **above 70% in 22 districts**.

#### WATER AND SANITATION

- Government remains committed to implementing various interventions aimed at improving access to clean and safe water and adequate sanitation as well as ensuring national water security.



- The **Kafue Bulk Water Supply Project, Kaputa Water Supply and Sanitation Project, and Mufumbwe Water Supply Project have since been completed and commissioned, benefiting over 485,000 people**.



- The **Chinsali Water Supply Project has also been completed and will benefit over 15,000 people once commissioned**.

- Government is also working towards **completing the Kafalufuta Water Supply Project, the Nkana Water Supply and Sanitation Project, and the Chipata Water Supply and Sanitation Project**.

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- Projects to be completed include the **Integrated Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Nakonde and Mpika districts, Transforming Rural Livelihoods in Western Zambia Project and Zambia Water and Sanitation Project on the Copperbelt**, as well as the **Lusaka Emergency Water Supply and Lusaka Sanitation Programme**.

- Once completed, the projects will provide safe and clean water to **over 1.5 million people**.

- A total of **94 piped water schemes** were constructed in the first half of the year, **438 additional boreholes** were constructed, **871 non-functional boreholes** were rehabilitated countrywide, and a further **279 sanitation facilities** were constructed.



#### SOCIAL PROTECTION



- Beneficiary households under Social Cash Transfer (SCT) have increased from **887,759 in 2021 to 913,254 in 2022** while targeting to eclipse **1 million beneficiary households by the end of the year**.



- Government has also increased the transfer value for all SCT beneficiaries from **K300 to K400 every two months**, with the transfer value for persons with disabilities up from **K600 to K800 every two months**.

- Government is implementing the **"Cash Plus"** approach to link SCT beneficiary households to other social protection programmes, such as the **Food Security Pack and the Girls Education and Women's Empowerment and Livelihoods**.

- The Food Security Pack programme benefits **263,700 households**, with **40,000 households** being supported with inputs for wetland farming, while another **1,000 households** are being supported with livestock and poultry production.

- Government is implementing various **women empowerment programmes, with 9,614 women** having received productivity grants for various economic activities under the Supporting Women's Livelihoods intervention.

- Under the village banking programme, **4,301 women accessed micro-credit support**, financial literacy, and life and business skills to enable them to engage in various businesses.



- The Government is **removing, rehabilitating, and reintegrating street children into society to transform them into productive citizens**.

- To enhance the well-being of children, the **Children's Code Act No. 12 of 2022 has been enacted to promote and protect the rights and welfare of children comprehensively**.

- Government is revising the **National Policy on Disability** to enhance the welfare of persons with disabilities and promote their effective participation in national development programmes.