

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT

PROGRESS MADE IN THE APPLICATION OF NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

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HUMAN DIGNITY, EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

- In respecting the fundamental right to life, the death penalty has been abolished.
- To preserve the humane living conditions of correctional facilities, Government will provide **25,000 mattresses, 50,000 blankets and 12,000 bunk beds**.



- 3,256 community projects under CDF have been approved for implementation in all constituencies.

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- These include the construction and rehabilitation of public infrastructure, such as **clinics, classrooms and police posts**.

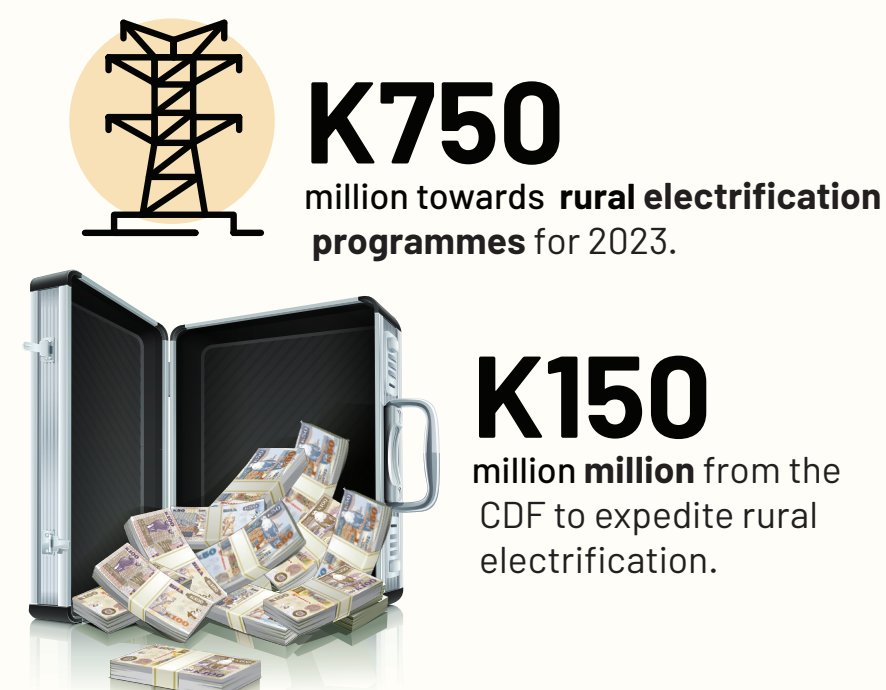


- A total of **11,422 vulnerable pupils in boarding secondary schools in 130 constituencies** have accessed boarding bursaries under CDF.

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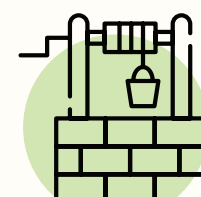
- Further, 29,916 youths from vulnerable families in 145 constituencies have accessed skills development bursaries.
- The approval of CDF projects has been decentralised to the provincial administration and guidelines on procurement have also been streamlined.

- Government has allocated **K750 million towards rural electrification programmes** for 2023. In addition, Government has set aside **K156 million** from the CDF to expedite rural electrification.



- As at December 2022, a total of **56,341 connections were made against the target of 39,992**.

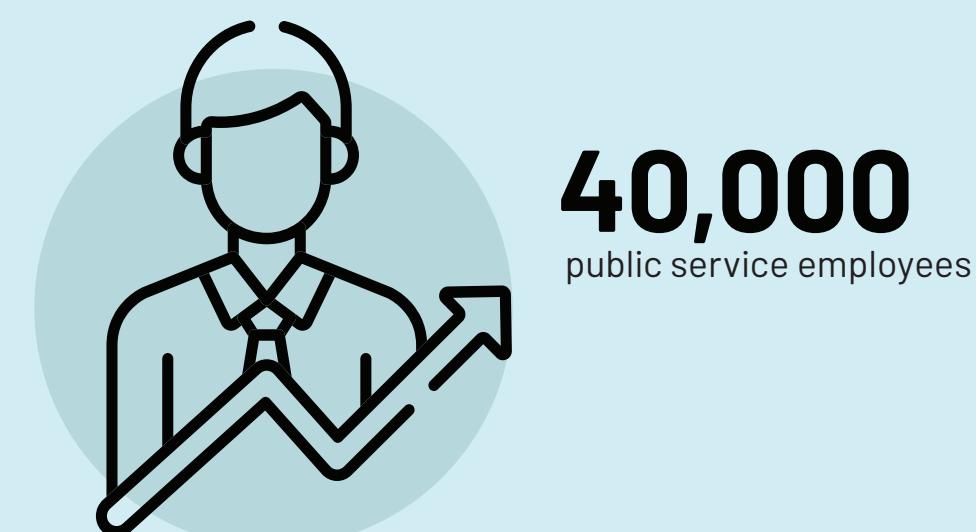
- To enhance access to water and sanitation, the Government, in 2022, constructed 1,416 boreholes, equipped with hand pumps. During the same period, **1,226 boreholes were rehabilitated and 206 piped water schemes** were set up across the country.

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- In 2023 and beyond, CDF will prioritise the construction and rehabilitation of piped water and sanitation schemes for communities and public institutions, such as schools, health centres, markets and bus stations.
- The procurement of desks has been prioritised in order to reduce developmental inequalities.
- **2 million out of the targeted 3 million learners** are on the school feeding programme across the country. A total of **5,128 schools are implementing the programme**.
- Government is enhancing the protection of workers' rights and improving the work environment for increased productivity through intensified inspections.
- A number of empowerment programmes are being implemented, including **market booster loans, youth skills training programmes and grants for income generating activities**.

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY

- Accelerated the pace of **digital transformation and decentralization**.
- Continued to strengthen the policy and legal environment as well as governance institutions.
- Re-organized the leadership and management of investigative wings and increased resources to support their operations.
- **Removal of all forms of rigidity** that stand in the way of progress in service delivery.
- Money laundering and terrorism financing are emerging crimes, present a risk to national security and development efforts. Government has developed the **National Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Terrorism and Proliferation Financing Policy**.
- Implementing digital transformation through access to electronic services on licensing and inspections.
- Pensions and social benefits are accessible electronically; tax payments online.
- Decentralization: **Human resource management system in the public service has been decentralized at provincial and district levels**.
- In 2022, the decentralized systems contributed to the **efficient and transparent recruitment of more than 40,000 public service employees**.



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- Ward Development Committees (WDC) and Constituency Development Fund (CDF) committees are now operational country-wide.
- Local communities are now empowered to participate in local development and empowerment programmes through these governance structures.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Sustainable development is key to the prosperity of the nation and is therefore at the centre of all development interventions.
- Zambia has an obligation to ensure that development is carried out in a manner that guarantees future **generations a better country to live in**.
- Climate change and its associated threats continue to affect the sustainability of the country's development trajectory. e.g. floods recently experienced in some parts of the country have destroyed people's livelihoods.
- Effects of deforestation on the climate and people's livelihoods has necessitated **Government partners with the private sector to plant in excess of 2 million trees over the next five years across the country**.
- Citizens are encouraged to take part in this exercise and contribute to the country's environmental protection effort.
- Government, in 2022, **adopted the National Community-Based Natural Resource Management Policy**. This policy provides a framework for promoting community participation and strengthening governance in the management of natural resources at community level.



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