

# PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH INFOGRAPHIC

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“Enhancing national resilience: sustaining socioeconomic gains in the face of adverse effects of climate change.”

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## INFOGRAPHIC PART TWO

### MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

- Government has revised the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Policy.
- To support MSMEs, **The Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission (CEEC) disbursed 670 loans this year, amounting to K189.2 million.**
- Government has continued to provide financing under the Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme.
- Government is providing empowerment funds in the form of grants and loans under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). So far this year, **more than K485 million has been disbursed countrywide to benefit the youth, women, community groups, and other businesses.**

### TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Under the PPP model, government has **delivered and commissioned the 35km Chingola Kasumbalesa road.**



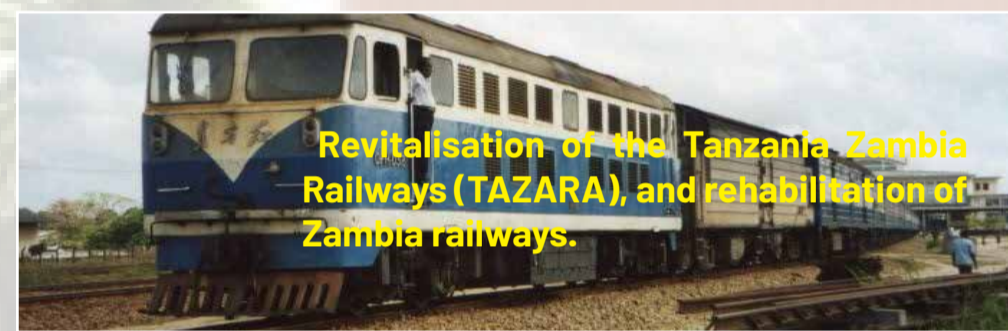
- In May this year, Government **commissioned the construction of the 327km Lusaka to Ndola dual carriageway and rehabilitation of the 45km Luanshya via Fisenge to Masangano road.**



- Through other financing mechanisms, **Government is implementing the US\$270 million transport corridors for economic resilience project.** Under the project, the 238km Serenje to Mpika road will be rehabilitated.
- Government has commissioned the rehabilitation of the Lusaka-Mongu road from Tatayoyo gate to Katunda/Lukulu junction, covering 87.3km.
- Government has embarked on the construction of a second

runway at the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport.

- The upgrading of Kasama airport has been completed following the installation of airfield ground lighting.
- The main railway projects to be undertaken include the development of the Lobito Railway to the Atlantic Ocean through Angola, the revitalisation of the Tanzania Zambia Railways (TAZARA), and rehabilitation of Zambia railways.



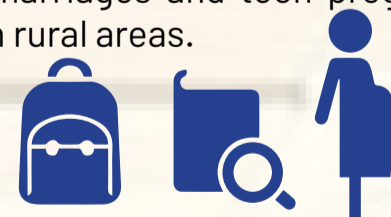
### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

- Government is **undertaking nationwide construction of 202 communication towers.** In addition, the private sector is constructing 212 towers.
- Once completed, these towers will transform the socio-economic status of citizens. Zambians will be able to access a number of key services electronically, such as social cash transfer as well as agricultural, legal and health services among others.

## HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### EDUCATION

- The **Free Education Policy has led to a huge increase in enrolment levels across the country.** It is also helping curb early marriages and teen pregnancies in the country, especially in rural areas.



- Under the CDF, **Government has constructed 1,551 new classroom blocks while 332 existing classroom blocks have been rehabilitated countrywide.**
- This year, **Government will recruit more teachers and support staff to further reduce the teacher deficit and improve the learning outcomes.**

- The new national education curriculum framework has been developed to promote life-long learning, entrepreneurship, and practical skills required by industry.
- Government is **scaling up the home-grown school feeding programme to cushion learners from the effects of the drought and keep them in school in order to improve learning outcomes.** Currently, the programme is benefiting **2.3 million learners in 70 districts across the 10 provinces.**

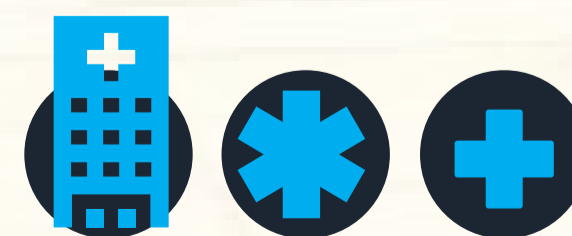


- The **State will extend coverage for the school feeding programme from 70 districts to all the 116 districts in 2025.**
- To **keep the girl child in school, Government has continued to provide free sanitary wear, especially in rural areas.**



### HEALTH

- Government has **completed 7 level 1 hospitals and 111 mini-hospitals out of the target 115 mini-hospitals.** We are now commencing phase two of mini-hospital construction aiming to complete 120 more facilities by 2027.
- 4,000 health workers are to be recruited this year,** equipping our health service with the much-needed workforce.
- 123 maternal annexes have been completed this year.**
- Government is stabilising the availability of medicines and medical supplies in the health facilities. To this end, **42,000 health centre kits and essential medicines have been procured under bulk procurement.**
- The stock availability has **increased to an average of 85% at health centres and 76% at hospital levels this year.** This is above the 75% World Health Organization (who) minimum level requirement.



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### Water and sanitation



- Government has revised the National Water Policy to take into account emerging challenges in the sector.
- The drought has also posed challenges in the water supply and sanitation sector.
- The low water levels have negatively affected most of our major sources of water supply. Utility companies are experiencing drying water sources, compounded by load shedding. This has resulted in reduced amounts of water supplied to our communities.
- To improve access to water, Government has scaled up the completion of ongoing water supply infrastructure projects. We have continued to implement piped water schemes and drilling of boreholes across the country.

### Social protection



- Under the regular Social Cash Transfer Programme (SCT), the number of **household beneficiaries increased from 1,027,000 in 2022, to 1,311,000 as at 31 August 2024.**
- To further cushion beneficiary households from the effects of the drought, the regular SCT **beneficiary households are now receiving a top-up of K200 per month for a period of 12 months, starting from June this year.**
- Government is also implementing the drought Emergency Cash Transfer programme to enhance food and nutrition security. **Under the programme, 952,570 households that experienced crop failure and are not on regular social cash transfer are benefiting.** The cash transfer value for households on this programme is K400 per month for a period of 12 months.
- As an additional drought response intervention, government is implementing the cash-for-work programme. The programme is providing financial relief to individuals in exchange for their labour to undertake public works on a temporary basis.
- A total of **40,865 metric tonnes of relief white maize had been distributed by mid-august this year.**

### ENVIRONMENT



#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- To enhance preparedness and resilience of our communities to the impact of climate change, Government is strengthening early warning systems. **Over 200 modern weather stations** have been installed in all the 116 districts and around our major water bodies.
- To reverse forest and land degradation, Government has placed **7.6 million hectares** of forests under sustainable forestry management.
- The forests have been designated as community forest management areas and are being managed by **over 284 recognised community forest management groups across the country.**