

# PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH INFOGRAPHIC

## MEASURES TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE PROGRESS IN THE APPLICATION OF NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

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### PART 1

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On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema addressed the National Assembly as provided for in Article 9 (2) of the Zambian Constitution, which demands that the President addresses the Nation on the progress made towards the application of national values and principles found in article 8. These principles and values are as follows:



Morality and Ethics



Patriotism and National Unity



Democracy and Constitutionalism



Human Dignity, Equity, Social Justice, Equality and Non-Discrimination



Good Governance and Integrity



Sustainable Development

In his 2025 address, the President reported on the progress made in the application of national values and principles.

### 1. MORALITY AND ETHICS

Moral degradation – particularly alcohol and substance abuse, child marriage, teenage pregnancy, gender-based violence, cybercrimes and bullying.



Alcohol and Substance Abuse



Child Marriage



Teenage Pregnancy



Gender-Based-Violence



Cybercrimes



Bullying

The Government has put in place the following measures to address moral degradation:

- Conducted nationwide sensitization programmes, reaching nearly **four million citizens in collaboration with traditional leaders, churches, civil society organizations, learning institutions, and media houses.**
- Provided counselling and rehabilitation services to **victims of alcohol and substance abuse.**
- Apprehended **4,728 individuals involved in the production and trafficking of illicit drugs in 2024.**
- Withdrawn girls from early marriages (an illegal practice) and readmitted them into school after giving birth. Continued sensitization of communities on the **dangers of child marriage and teenage pregnancy.**



- Amended the law on legal age of marriage.
- Provided bursaries under the **enhanced Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to keep girls in school.**
- Implementing the National Gender Policy and enhancing enforcement of the **Anti-Gender-Based Violence Act to reduce incidences of violence.**
- Supporting victims of GBV through counselling services, legal aid, and safe spaces
- Encouraging a multispectral approach, urging families, neighbors, religious groups, and communities to take the fight against GBV seriously and report all cases to law enforcement agencies
- Responding to rising incidents of cybercrimes, bullying (**especially targeting women and girls**), and mobile money scams and reinforcing legislation on cyber security and cybercrimes in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- Creating a safer online environment to promote morality, ethics, and national stability.

### 2. PATRIOTISM AND NATIONAL UNITY

In order to promote **patriotism and national unity**, the Zambian Government is undertaking the following measures:

- Promotion of National Symbols and Identity:** The Government is encouraging respect for Zambia's national symbols through media campaigns, especially on ZNBC. Citizens are urged to value these symbols as key elements of Zambia's heritage and identity. This initiative aims to promote unity and national pride.



National symbols



Citizens urged to report crimes to protect public property.



Reinforce legal channels to avoid illegal land ownership.



Enhance timely repayment of loans from CDF and CEEC

- Legislative Measures Against Vandalism and Theft:** Laws and penalties for vandalism and theft are being strengthened, with citizens urged to report crimes to protect public property.
- Addressing Land Encroachment and Illegal Allocation:** Legal channels for land acquisition are being reinforced, encouraging citizens to follow proper processes to avoid illegal land ownership.
- Tackling Loan Misuse in CDF and CEEC:** The Government is ensuring responsible use and timely repayment of loans from CDF and CEEC to meet program goals effectively.

- Support for Volunteerism:** Volunteerism in health, education, and community development is being promoted to support vulnerable groups and foster national unity.



Promote volunteerism in health, education, and community development

- Support for Zambian Products:** The "Proudly Zambian" campaign promotes local products and industries, aiming to strengthen the economy and create jobs.



Promotes local products and industries.

- Tourism Development:** The "Take a Holiday Yamu Loko" campaign encourages domestic tourism, boosting national pride and appreciation for Zambia's heritage.



Encourages domestic tourism, through campaigns.

- Tax Compliance and System Reforms:** The introduction of the Smart Invoicing System and taxpayer education aims to improve tax compliance and fund essential public services.



Proper processes to avoid illegal land ownership.

- Promotion of National Unity:** The Government fosters inclusivity through cross-cultural participation, reinforcing Zambia's "One Zambia, One Nation" spirit.



A zero-tolerance policy against political violence and hate speech.

- Zero-Tolerance to Political Violence and Negative Cadreism:** A zero-tolerance policy against political violence and hate speech is being enforced to maintain peace and stability.

### 3. DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONALISM

In order to enhance **democracy and constitutionalism**, the government has put in place the following measures;

- Ensured transparency by voluntarily inviting the **UN rapporteur** on the freedom of expression and opinions. This move has shown how willingly open the country is to international scrutiny.
- Provided an enabling environment that has significantly contributed to the expansion of the media industry that now comprises 188 radio stations and 66 television stations.
- Launched ZANIS television and ZAMCOM in efforts to enhance access to information.
- Encourage citizens to take advantage of the tax waiver on broadcasting equipment and establish radio and television stations especially in rural areas to promote local content, increase information access and create more jobs.
- Continued implementation of voter registration.
- Increased the number of districts that are conducting continuous voter registration to 30 across the country.
- Encouraged the youths who have attained the voting age of 18 years, to register and exercise their right to vote.

