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

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On the 28th 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:

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

4. HUMAN DIGNITY, EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUALITY, & NON-DISCRIMINATION



In order to achieve the above principle and values, the government has implemented the following interventions:

Increased Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to K36.1 million per constituency per year. This increase has resulted in the transformation of local communities and improved livelihoods through the construction of critical infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, maternity annexes, police posts, market shelters, canals, water points, and sanitation facilities. In addition, the increased CDF has also been used to rehabilitate feeder roads.

CDF increased to K36.1m

In order to improve the livelihood and welfare of the less privileged, the Government has implemented several social protection programmes such as the **Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP), Social Cash transfer, Food Security Pack, Public Welfare Assistance, and the Cash for Work Programme.**

In order to have equitable and fair distribution of resources to communities, Government intends to delaminate or **subdivide overly large constituencies by geography and population. However, this will require constitutional amendments to be effected.**



In order to improve sanitation, the Government has expanded water supply networks by constructing and rehabilitating water boreholes, which has benefited over 4 million people across the country.

4M+
people have benefitted

Government extended sanitation facility networks, achieving 73.6 percent urban sanitation coverage. Under CDF, 2,352 water, sanitation and hygiene facilities have been constructed in schools, health facilities, markets, bus stations and communities across the country.

73.6%
urban sanitation achieved

Through the **Free Education Policy**, there has been increased access to education, with over 2 million learners having gone back to school in the past three years.

2M+
learners back in school

To ensure improved learning environment, the Government has been providing **school desks, constructing and upgrading classrooms and recruiting more teachers to improve the teacher-learner ratio.**

There has been an increased number of vulnerable learners benefiting from the Home-grown School Programme from 2.2 million to 4.7 million. And the beneficiary districts have increased from 82 districts in 2023 to 106 districts in 2024.

4.7M
learners benefiting from Home-grown School Feeding Programme

To ensure equity in the provision of health services, there is continued recruitment of health workers. In 2024, a total of 4,216 additional workers were recruited.

4,216
health worker jobs in 2024

In order to bring health services closer to the people, the Government has been constructing health facilities. Under CDF, the following have been constructed: **147 maternity annexes, 269 health posts and 157 staff houses.**



The Government has revised upwards the minimum wage and conditions of employment for domestic workers, shop and general workers, bus drivers and truck drivers to promote the decent work agenda.

To enhance access to legal representation by citizens, the **Legal Aid Board opened district offices in Kaoma, Mporokoso, Lundazi, Zambezi and Kawambwa in 2024.**

The number of citizens who received legal assistance countrywide increased from 31,556 in 2023 to 45,305 in 2024.

45,305
citizens received legal assistance in 2024

To enhance access to quick and fair justice, additional magistrates and judges have been recruited, and mobile courts have been established. Specialized Fast Track Courts have been established to strengthen Juvenile Courts and rolled out the Digital Case Management System.

5. GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY

Government

Word cloud including: RULES, Corporate, Manage, PRIVATE, Organization, MANAGEMENT, PROCESS, ACTIONS, PUBLIC, BUSINESS, System of Rules, Tasks, REGULATIONS, ACCOUNTABLE, Bureaucracy, Policies, GOVERNING, Systems, Process, POLICY, GROUP, REGULATORY, PUBLIC, Global, Innovation, Regulations, DECISION-MAKING, Decisions, Group, Actions.

In order to improve access to services, transparency, and citizen's engagement, the Government has implemented the following interventions;

Launched the citizens support services portal. The portal fosters real-time engagement between citizens and Government.

In order to increase access to and improve efficiency in the delivery of public services, the Government has continued to increase the number of electronic services available on the Government Service Bus from 300 in 2023 to 321 in 2024.

Electronic services increased to **321** on the Government Service Bus in 2024.

The Government has continued to devolve functions to the districts; an additional five functions have now been devolved to local authorities. These are **district agriculture services, district livestock services, district fisheries services, district community development services and district social welfare services, bringing the number of devolved functions to 13.**

The fight against corruption is yielding results, as evidenced by the recent Transparency International Corruption Perception Index score, which improved from 37 in 2023 to 39 in 2024. Further, Zambia improved on the global ranking from 98 in 2023 to 92 out of 180 countries in 2024.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The Government is prioritizing sustainable development to address the urgent challenges posed by **climate change, environmental degradation, and resource constraints.** The following measures are being implemented:

Farmers are being encouraged to **adopt smart agriculture technologies to enhance productivity** in the face of climate variability. Over 1.1 million farmers have adopted smart agriculture technologies in 2024, and more farmers are being urged to embrace these practices.

The Government is **constructing and rehabilitating dams to promote water harvesting and enable all-year-round agricultural production through irrigation.**

The Government is creating an enabling environment for investment in **alternative energy sources such as solar and mini-hydropower.**

The Government has introduced tax incentives to encourage the **importation and use of alternative energy equipment.**

The Government is expanding rural electrification by **commissioning solar mini-grids and mini hydro-power stations to serve households, schools, health facilities, and local courts in remote areas.**

The Government is procuring competitively priced fuel from global markets to **lower costs and support sustainable economic growth.**

The Government is working to **stamp out illegal mining activities that endanger the environment and public safety.**

The Government is promoting formalization through fair-priced capital, improved technology, and **joint ventures, ensuring responsible and vibrant mining practices.**

The Government is intensifying efforts to **reduce littering and the indiscriminate disposal of plastics.**

The Government is calling on citizens to follow existing by-laws and uphold collective responsibility to **keep the environment clean, green, safe, and healthy.**



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