2026 ZAMBIA NATIONAL BUDGET INFOGRAPHIC

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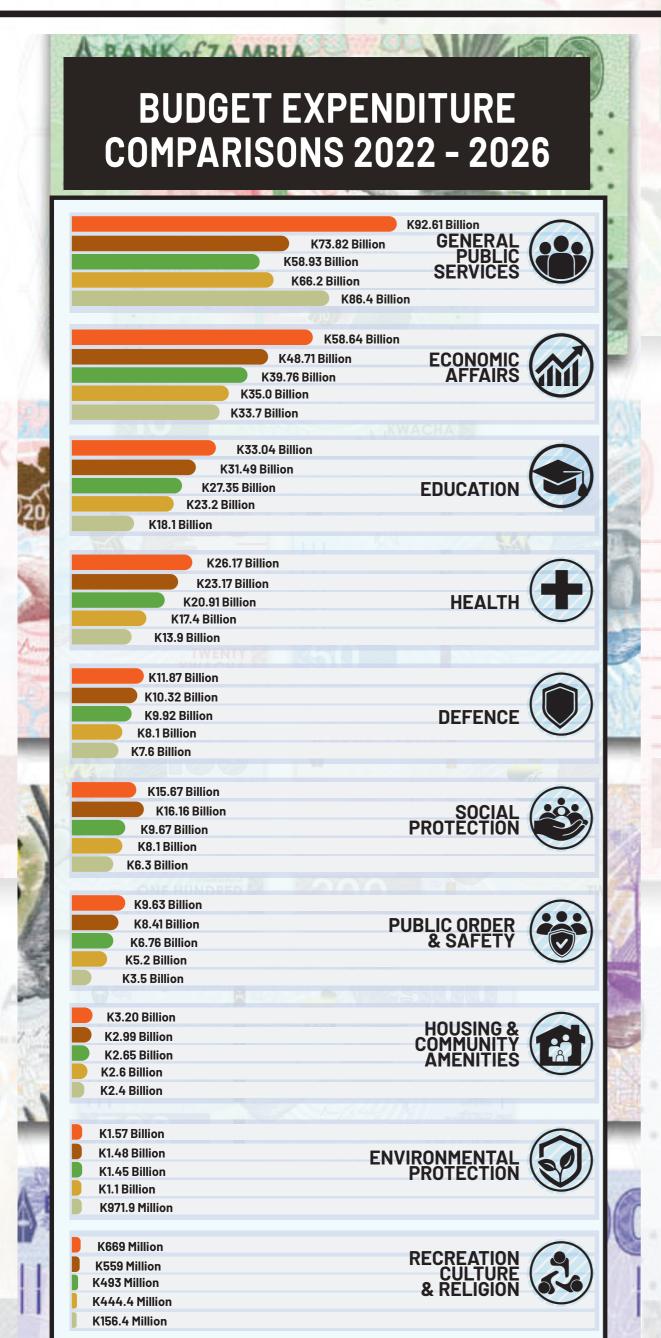
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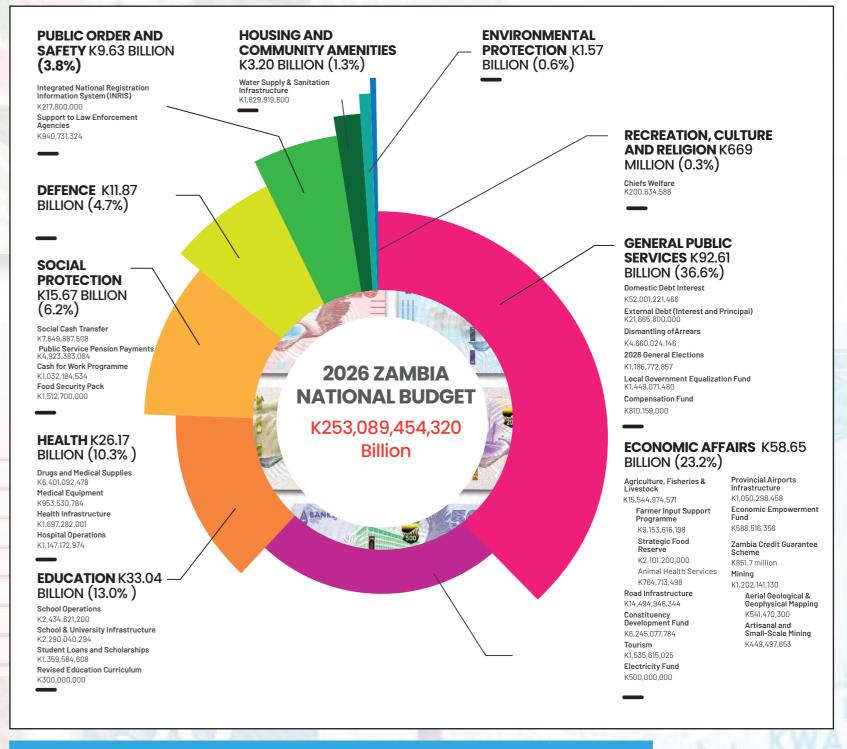
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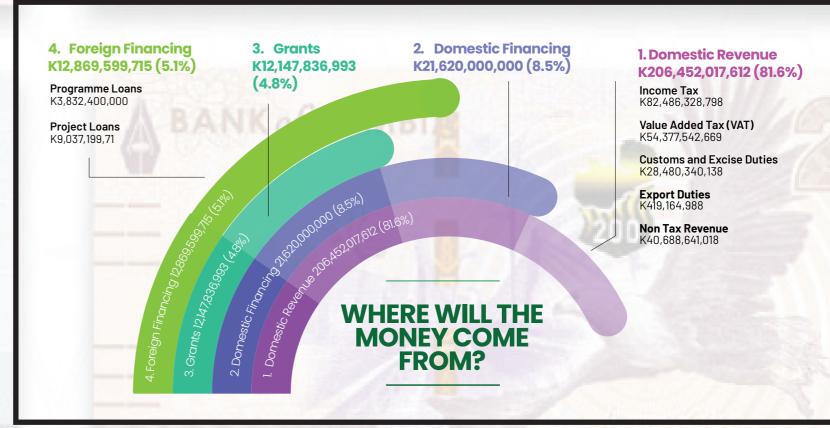
Theme: "Consolidating Economic and Social Gains Towards a Prosperous, Resilient and Equitable Zambia"



EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES 2026 BUDGET



RESOURCE ENVELOPE FOR THE 2026 BUDGET



MACROECONOMIC OBJECTIVES

- . Attain real GDP growth rate of **6.4 percent**;
- 2. Reduce inflation to the **6-8 percent target band**;
- 3. Maintain gross international reserves above **4.0 months of import cover**;
- 4. Increase domestic revenue to at least 22.3 percent of GDP;
- 5. Reduce the fiscal deficit to 2.1 percent of GDP; and
- Limit net domestic borrowing to 2.3 percent of GDP.

THEMATIC AREAS

2022

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION

2026

2025

KEY



2024

2023

- Nine dams will be constructed, seven will be completed, and 300 maintained across the country.
- 100% roll-out of the Farmer Input Support Programme to the E-voucher from 74 districts in the 2025/2026 farming season.
- A new Agricultural Marketing Bill will be introduced, while the Food Reserve Act of 2020 and the Agricultural Credits Act of 2010 will be amended to strengthen the agricultural framework.
- Construction of the interconnector between Zambia and Tanzania to commence next year, opening up access to East African countries such as Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia.
- Construction of major roads, including Kalabo-Sikongo, Mpika-Chinsali, Serenje-Mpika, and Mwinilunga-Jimbe, along with the Jimbe Border Post
- Fifteen Acrow bridges are to be constructed in different parts of the country.

- K14.5 billion allocated for the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of both urban and feeder roads nationwide.
- K1.2 billion funding for the mining sector, K541.5 million for aerial geological mapping, K449.5 million to support artisanal and small-scale mining for processing hubs and marketing centres, and K75.9 million to operationalize the Minerals Regulation Commission.
- Tourism sector allocated K1.5 billion to improve infrastructure, strengthen wildlife conservation, and promote marketing of the sector.
- The Constituency Development Fund has been increased to K6.2 billion, translating into K40 million per constituency, up from the previous K36.1 million.
- K1.1 billion has been allocated for the development of provincial airports to improve connectivity.
- K851.7 million has been allocated to the Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme, which will also fund the Sustainable Agriculture Financing Facility to help farmers access affordable credit.

HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



- Scaling up of the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme in 116 districts.
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- 6,000 students to **benefit from bursaries** and 100,000 youths will be trained in various skills.
- Recruitment of 2,500 health personnel in 2026.
- 1.5 million households to benefit from Social Cash Transfers by 2026 (up from 895,000 in 2021), impacting over 8.4 million people.
- Increase in Food Security Pack to K1.5 billion from K1.2 billion, and beneficiaries to over 320,000 farmers from 244,000, respectively.
- Implement structural and fiscal reforms, including cost-recovery tariffs with targeted support for the poor in the water sector.

GOVERNANCE



- Government will implement a Medium-Term Revenue Strategy to broaden the tax base, which will ease the burden on compliant taxpayers and improve revenue mobilisation.
- The Anti-Corruption Act will be amended to reinforce the independence of the Anti-Corruption Commission.
- A new State-Owned Enterprises Bill is being developed in order to strengthen the accountability, oversight, and financial sustainability of State-Owned Enterprise.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Government has raised US\$150.2m through green bonds, invested in solar plants at Riverside (34MW) and Itimpi (60MW) in Kitwe.
- Government has installed 250 automatic weather stations and 300 rainfall stations in agricultural camps nationwide.
- 56 chiefdoms in Eastern Province and 359 community forest groups nationwide are managing over 10 million hectares as forest areas.