

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD AFFAIRS
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Sir

Your Committee have the honour to present their report for the Second Session of the Tenth national Assembly.

Functions of the Committee

2. In accordance with the National Assembly Standing Orders, the functions of your Committee are to:
 - (a) study and report on the mandate, management and operations of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, departments and agencies under its portfolio;
 - (b) carry out detailed scrutiny of certain activities being undertaken by the Ministry, departments and agencies under its portfolio and make appropriate recommendations to the House for ultimate consideration by the Government;
 - (c) make, if considered necessary, recommendations to the Government on the need to review certain policies and existing legislation;
 - (d) examine in detail annual reports of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, departments and agencies under its portfolio and determine whether the affairs of these bodies are being managed according to relevant Acts of Parliament, established regulations, rules and general orders;
 - (e) consider any Bills that may be referred to them by the House.

Your Committee on Sport, Youth and Child Affairs also enjoy all the privileges, immunities and powers of a sessional committee as provided for in the Constitution of Zambia, the National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act Cap 12 of the Laws of Zambia and the National Assembly Standing Orders.

Meetings of the Committee

3. Your Committee had twelve meetings during the year under review.

Programme of Work

4. Your Committee considered and adopted the following programme of work for the year 2008:

- (a) Consideration of the Action Taken Report on the Report of the Committee on Sport, Youth and Child Affairs for the First Session of the Tenth National Assembly.
- (b) Consideration of Topical Issues:
 - i) An Assessment of Zambia's preparations for hosting and participating in the 2011 All Africa Games.
 - ii) An Assessment of the implementation of the Constituency Youth Development Fund.
 - iii) Tours
 - Sports facilities in Lusaka
 - Youth Projects that have been funded under the Constituency Youth Development Fund in the Western and Southern Provinces in Zambia.

Foreign Tour

Sports facilities in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Operations of the Committee

5. Your Committee requested detailed memoranda from Permanent Secretaries of various Ministries and Chief Executive Officers of non-governmental and sports organisations on Zambia's preparations for hosting and participating in the 2011 All Africa Games. They also requested detailed memoranda on the implementation of the Constituency Youth Development Fund.

PART I

CONSIDERATION OF TOPICAL ISSUES

ZAMBIA'S PREPARATIONS FOR HOSTING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE 2011 ALL AFRICA GAMES

6. Your Committee, concerned about Zambia's hosting and participation in the 2011 All Africa Games, decided to carry out an appraisal of preparations that are currently taking place.

The main objective of the appraisal was to:

- (i) clearly and precisely establish the Government's activities in preparation for the hosting of the 2011 All Africa Games;
- (ii) examine the involvement of cooperating partners in the preparations for the 2011 All Africa Games;
- (iii) identify the constraints, if any, impeding the preparations for the 2011 All Africa Games; and
- (iv) determine the way forward.

The following were invited to submit on the topic on Zambia's preparations for the hosting of the 2011 All Africa Games:

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| (i) | the Permanent Secretary | - Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development |
| (ii) | the Permanent Secretary | - Ministry of Local Government and Housing |
| (iii) | the Permanent Secretary | - Ministry of Communications and Transport |
| (iv) | the Permanent Secretary | - Ministry of Works and Supply |
| (v) | the Permanent Secretary | - Ministry of Education |
| (vi) | the Permanent Secretary | - Ministry of Home Affairs |
| (vii) | the Secretary General | - National Sports Council of Zambia |
| (viii) | the Secretary General | - Zambia Amateur Athletics Association |
| (ix) | the President | - National Olympics Committee of Zambia |
| (x) | the Secretary General | - Paralympics Association of Zambia and |
| (xi) | the Director General | - <i>Comite d Organisation des jeux Africain</i> - (The Local Organising Committee) COJA - Zambia |

Government's activities in preparation for hosting and participating in the 2011 All Africa Games

7. The Government, through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, approved the hosting of the 10th Edition of the All Africa Games in 2011 and has made a budgetary provision of USD\$110 million (One Hundred and Ten Million United States Dollars).

Your Committee were informed that the President, His Excellency, Dr Levy Patrick Mwanawasa, SC, had appointed an inter-ministerial Committee of Ministers to formulate

policies for the successful hosting of the 2011 All Africa Games. The Inter-Ministerial Committee comprised the following 10 line Ministries:

- (a) Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development;
- (b) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services;
- (c) Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources;
- (d) Ministry of Community Development and Social Services;
- (e) Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (f) Ministry of Finance and National Planning;
- (g) Ministry of Health;
- (h) Ministry of Transport and Communications
- (i) Ministry of Education; and
- (j) Ministry of Home Affairs

Your Committee were further informed that the Secretary to the Cabinet had appointed a Cabinet Steering Committee which included all Permanent Secretaries in the Ministries that make up the Inter-Ministerial Committee. The duties of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries included, among other things, coordinating and implementing policy decisions relating to the 2011 All Africa Games.

As required under the guiding principles of the All Africa Games, the Government, under the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, established COJA – Zambia, the local organising Committee of the 2011 All Africa Games. Your Committee were informed that COJA – Zambia had since been operational under the leadership of Mr D S Diangamo. It was functional in the following Departments: Administration, Marketing, Public Relations, Technical, Infrastructure and Finance. Under each Department, Committees and advisory bodies to the Directorate had been created. These included:

- (a) technical;
- (b) infrastructure;
- (c) fundraising;
- (d) security and protocol;
- (e) catering and accommodation;
- (f) transport;
- (g) anti-doping;
- (h) procurement;
- (i) communication;
- (j) information and public relations;
- (k) monitoring and evaluation.

Advocacy Programme

Your Committee were informed that in line with the COJA - Zambia mandate through its Marketing and Public Relations Department, advocacy programmes have been launched to sensitise all stakeholders on Zambia's preparedness to host the 10th Edition of the All Africa Games. Cardinal to the on-going sensitisation programme were Government

institutions, national, regional, continental and international sports associations and federations, the general public and private business institutions.

Technical Aspects of the Game

Your Committee were informed that COJA – Zambia has proposed twenty six (26) sports disciplines for the 2011 All Africa Games. The twenty six (26) disciplines have been broken down into the following categories:

(a) Traditional All Africa Games Sports Disciplines

- (i) Athletics
- (ii) Basketball
- (iii) Boxing
- (iv) Handball
- (v) Judo
- (vi) Weight Lifting
- (vii) Swimming
- (viii) Taekwondo
- (ix) Lawn Tennis
- (x) Table Tennis
- (xi) Volleyball
- (xii) Shooting
- (xiii) Badminton
- (xiv) Chess
- (xv) Karate

(b) Olympic Disciplines

- (i) Athletics
- (ii) Badminton
- (iii) Basketball
- (iv) Cycling
- (v) Football
- (vi) Weight Lifting
- (vii) Handball
- (viii) Hockey
- (ix) Judo
- (x) Swimming
- (xi) Softball
- (xii) Taekwondo
- (xiii) Table Tennis
- (xiv) Lawn Tennis
- (xv) Shooting
- (xvi) Sports for the differently abled

(c) Non-Olympic All Africa Games Sports

- (i) Karate
- (ii) Futsal

- (iii) Bowling
- (iv) Chess
- (v) Rugby
- (vi) Squash
- (vii) Baseball
- (viii) Netball

(d) Demonstration Sports Disciplines

None

Sports Infrastructure

Your Committee were informed that the work on sports infrastructure for the 2011 All Africa Games has been divided into two categories: improvement of existing sports infrastructure and construction of new sports infrastructure. A total of USD55 million (Fifty Five Million, United States Dollars) has been set aside for the improvement of the following sports infrastructure:

- Independence Stadium
- University of Zambia Sports Hall
- Olympic Swimming Pool
- National Sports Development Centre (NASDEC)

Your Committee were further informed that the COJA – Zambia Secretariat had negotiated with respective proprietors for the use of facilities in Lusaka where the games would be held. These included private and quasi government proprietors. A total of US\$ 54.1 million (Fifty four Million One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars) had been set aside to improve and increase on spectator’s capacity.

Sports Equipment

Your Committee were informed that COJA-Zambia had assessed the need for sports equipment for the 2011 All Africa Games. The Zambian Government has therefore allocated a budgetary provision for sports equipment acquisition amounting to USD4 million (Four Million United States Dollars) in 2008, USD6 million (Six Million United States Dollars) in 2009, USD6 million (Six Million United States Dollars) in 2010 and USD4 million (Four Million Dollars) in 2011.

Technical Officials

Your Committee were informed that COJA-Zambia has also assessed the existing number of sports technical officials and has put in place measures for capacity building.

Sports Medicine and Doping

Your Committee were informed that the COJA-Zambia Secretariat, in collaboration with the National Anti-doping Association and Ministry of Health, has identified five qualified personnel in sports medicine and four qualified personnel in anti doping.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has also allocated a budgetary provision of USD8 million (Eight Million United States Dollars) for personnel capacity building in sport medicine and anti doping. Despite the existence of the doping test equipment at the Drug Enforcement Commission and the Ministry of Health, COJA-Zambia would also take advantage of the regional centre for anti doping based in South Africa.

Accommodation

Games Village

Your Committee were informed that the 2011 All Africa Games Village would be at the University of Zambia main campus in Lusaka along the Great East Road. The University of Zambia main campus has bed space of 3,400. In addition to the bed space at the University of Zambia, other higher institutions of learning in Lusaka such as Evelyn Hone College, National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) and Natural Resources Development College (NRDC), which have a combined bed space of 2000, would be utilised. The above-mentioned institutions already have existing catering services which only needed improvement and expansion to meet the standards of the All Africa Games. The task of renovations and expansions has been allocated a budgetary provision of USD5 million (Five Million United States Dollars) and were expected to be completed in 2010.

Games villages to be constructed and catering services

Your Committee were informed that in order to ensure that most participants were accommodated at the University main campus, the Government has decided to construct new hostels which would provide an additional bed space of 3,844 to bring the total bed space to 7,844. Additional hostels would be built at other institutions of higher learning. In addition to the hostels, a perimeter barricade to provide security would be constructed at the University of Zambia beginning first week of April, 2008.

Towards the construction of the Games Village, the government has allocated a budgetary provision of USD30 million (Thirty Million United States Dollars). All the construction work was scheduled to be completed in 2010.

Hotel Accommodation

Your Committee were informed that Lusaka had various hotels and lodges of international standards that would be available to accommodate dignitaries.

Local Transportation

Your Committee were informed that a private, public partnership between the Lusaka City Council and the National Transport Association would be established to operate a shuttle transport system. The acquisition of additional buses would commence as soon as modalities of the scheme were finalised by end of 2008.

Health

Availability of Referral Hospitals

Your Committee were informed that Lusaka had sufficient referral hospitals and personnel to handle all medical logistics for the 2011 All Africa Games. Lusaka, the host city for the 2011 All Africa Games, was privileged to have the University Teaching Hospital, the biggest hospital in the country which provided various forms of health services. There were more than twenty other public and private hospitals that could attend to emergency medical services, vaccinations and dental services.

During the 2011 All Africa Games, mobile medical facilities and additional ambulances would be secured for all major sports venues and at the Games Village. The city also has adequate public and private pharmaceutical stores to cater for the 2011 All Africa Games.

Your Committee were further informed that all delegates and participants would be required to be vaccinated against diseases such as: yellow fever, polio, measles, tetanus and other highly infectious diseases. COJA-Zambia in collaboration with the Ministry of Health would facilitate vaccination at the points of entry for all delegates and participants who would not have been vaccinated in their countries of origin.

Protocol

Your Committee were informed that a special COJA-Zambia arrivals desk would be set at the Lusaka International Airport to cater for the 2011 All Africa Games arrivals. Other protocol desks would be set up to cater for the guests at the Games Village, hotels, competition venues, opening and closing ceremonies, and cultural events and at accreditation facilities.

Communication Capacity

Your Committee were informed that Zambia had sufficient communication facilities of international standard to meet the needs of the 2011 All Africa Games. The available communication facilities were given as set out below.

- a) Mobile and Telephone Communication
 - (i) Celtel Zambia (Mobile phone service provider), private;
 - (ii) MTN Zambia (Mobile phone service provider), private;
 - (iii) Cell Z (Mobile phone services provider), Government; and
 - (iv) the Zambian Communications Authority had also given permission for a fourth private mobile phone service provider to operate under license; in addition, a stand-alone communication system would be installed for use during 2011 All Africa Games.

- b) Satellite facilities in the media category included:
 - (i) DSTV – International viewing and privately owned;
 - (ii) GTV – International viewing and privately owned;
 - (iii) ZNBC.TV – Local and national viewing and government owned;

- (iv) MUVI TV – Local viewing and privately owned;
- (v) MOBI TV – Local viewing and privately owned; and
- (vi) TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK – Local viewing and privately owned.

Zambia also had over six commercial radio stations and more than 12 (twelve) community radio stations. The frequencies used were a combination of short and long wave respectively.

- c) Internet services:
Zambia currently had six (6) internet service providers, namely;
1. Africonnect
 2. Zamtel
 3. Zamnet
 4. Coppernet
 5. Uunet
 6. Microlink

Your Committee were informed that the COJA-Zambia Secretariat was currently in the process of setting up a Website to be hosted by Zamnet, Zambia's biggest internet service provider. However, other marketing plans were underway to ensure that all the above internet service providers carried as much information as possible on the 2011 All Africa Games.

In order to ensure easy access to internet services, talks were under way with private business houses to increase the number of internet cafes at the games villages to cater for the 2011 All Africa Games population.

Promotion of the Games

Games Publications

Your Committee were informed that discussions were underway with different stakeholders to come up with the 2011 All Africa Games general and technical promotional rules. Publication material like newsletters, brochures and other information guides would be published quarterly in 2008, monthly in 2009 and 2010, and weekly in 2011.

COJA-Zambia has also involved renowned Zambian athletes in the preparations for the 2011 All Africa Games, such as Kalusha Bwalya, the 1988 African Footballer of the year, and Samuel Matete, the 1996 Olympics Silver Medallist in the 400 hundred meters hurdles.

Logo and Games Mascot

The Logo and Games mascot had been submitted to the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa for approval.

Marketing and Sponsorship of the Games

Marketing strategy and programme

Your Committee were informed that the Government, through COJA-Zambia, has embarked on the following fundraising strategies:

- (a) State Lottery
- (b) Musical Shows
- (c) Fundraising Dinners
- (d) Fundraising matches and sporting activities
- (e) Fundraising walks
- (f) Sale of COJA 2011 branded products

Other strategic partners in the fundraising process include:

- (a) Parmalat
- (b) Mineral Water Industries
- (c) Telecommunications Industry (Celtel, MTN, Cell Z)
- (d) Chilanga Cement
- (e) Zambian Breweries
- (f) Banks
- (g) Fuel Companies
- (h) Mining Industry (Soccer attire – funds)
- (i) Hotel and Tourism Industry
- (j) Airline Industry
- (k) International Olympic Committee (IOC) massive activities
- (l) Inter-chem and other pharmaceutical companies
- (m) Car Hire Industry
- (n) GTV, DSTV, MUVI TV, MOBI TV, ZNBC
- (o) Textiles Industry
- (p) Manufacturing Industry (Zambeef, Trade Kings)
- (q) Energy Industry (ZESCO)

Recruitment, Training and Retention of Volunteers

Your Committee were informed that COJA-Zambia through the International Alliance for Youth Sports would ensure that youths were trained and deployed as volunteers. The training would be done through the COJA 2011 Youth Camp. This would be a form of empowerment especially for the youths from less privileged communities.

Security

Your Committee were informed that in order to handle security concerns that may arise during the Games, COJA-Zambia was constructing a security barricade at the Main Games Village. In addition, the Zambia Police Service has been instructed to train and recruit more police officers to ensure security for all delegates and the general public during the 2011 All Africa Games. A number of high technology surveillance equipment would be installed in all strategic areas.

The Government has also put in place the necessary protocol structure and a budget allocation of USD3.5 million (Three Million Five Hundred Thousand United States Dollars) to manage the 2011 All Africa Games security issues. The Ministry of Home Affairs had since commenced the mobilisation of logistics to improve capacity in the areas of protocol and security.

Translation

Your Committee were informed that the COJA-Zambia Secretariat in collaboration with relevant stakeholders would train sufficient personnel to carry out translation in languages such as French, Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic so as to facilitate easy communication during the 2011 All Africa Games.

Budget

Your Committee were informed that COJA-Zambia had submitted a comprehensive budget of USD134 million (One Hundred and Thirty Four Million United States Dollars) for the 2011 All Africa Games. The Government had given a firm commitment on the availability of funds. In addition, funds would be mobilised from both local and international business houses.

Immigration Requirements

a) Airport Capacity

Your Committee were informed that the Lusaka International Airport had a designed capacity of two million passengers annually. In order to effectively cater for the immigration requirements of the 2011 All Africa Games, the COJA-Zambia Secretariat was working closely with the National Airports Corporation and the Ministry of Home Affairs to raise the number of personnel and transit facilities at all points of entry.

b) Visa Arrangements

The Visa arrangement for 2011 All Africa Games participating countries was two fold. Participating countries that had Zambian Foreign Mission Offices in their countries would have Visas prepared there. Those without the presence of Zambia Foreign Mission Offices would have their visas issued on arrival. To this effect, the following information would be required before hand for the visa processing:

- (i) Full names of the participants
- (ii) Nationality
- (iii) Passport number
- (iv) place of issue
- (v) date of issue and expiry
- (vi) date of arrival

- c) COJA-Zambia in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was going to train enough protocol personnel to handle the reception for the 2011 All Africa Games.

The involvement of cooperating partners in the preparations for the 2011 All Africa Games

8 In order to establish the activities of Government's cooperating partners in the preparations of the 2011 All Africa Games, your Committee decided to meet with the National Sports Council of Zambia (NSCZ). The NSCZ was the National Body mandated by an Act of Parliament to promote and coordinate sports activities in Zambia. The NSCZ administer and regulate sports in the country and it was the official advisor to the Zambian Government on Sport. Twenty six (26) of its forty three (43) affiliates has been proposed to participate in the 2011 All Africa Games.

In cooperation with COJA Zambia, the National Sports Council has been carrying out the activities set out below.

- (a) The National Sports Council of Zambia has to date organised three (03) workshops in cooperation with COJA on the following:
 - (i) COJA Zambia 2011 Strategic Work Plan Workshop where Departmental Strategic plans were formulated;
 - (ii) COJA Zambia – 2011 Needs Assessment Workshop which was attended by National Sports Associations that had been proposed to participate in the 2011 All Africa Games. This Workshop was aimed at identifying the needs of Associations in terms of equipment, training of coaches and Administrators and international specifications of the respective sports venues; and
 - (iii) COJA-Zambia Review of the Strategic Plan for the presentation of consolidated departmental work plans.
- (b) National Sports Council of Zambia has also undertaken an assessment of the period 2008 -2011 on the following:
 - (i) capacity building to involve orientation programs, sensitisation workshops, training of trainers, first aid training, sports specific courses and Kicking Out Aids.
 - (ii) sports festivals and competitions to included schools, communities and national sports associations.
 - (iii) sports equipment; to facilitate acquisition of Sports Equipment for the involved participating disciplines.
 - (iv) HIV/AIDS Intervention.
 - (v) facility development; to create safe playing areas in all Provinces.
 - (vi) talent identification; to select suitable athletes for participation in the 2011 All Africa Games.

- (vii) monitoring and evaluation; to use appropriate instruments (tools) in achieving the intended outcomes.
- (c) The National Sports Council of Zambia has prepared a Capacity Analysis Tool (Questionnaire) which has been sent to all Sports Associations in order for the Council to assess the current position of their preparedness towards the 2011 All Africa Games.
- (d) In addition to the above, the National Sports Council of Zambia has established a partnership with the Norwegian Olympic Committee and the Confederation of Sport (NIF), United Kingdom (UK) Sport and Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC) to assist the National Sports Council in some technical areas.

The National Olympics Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) informed your Committee that their mission was to develop, promote and protect the Olympic movement in Zambia in accordance with the Olympic Charter. The NOCZ was also the body responsible for the representation of the Zambian team to the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. NOCZ has further been provided with Government's authority for the representation of the Zambian Team to the All Africa Games.

The Committee were also informed that in preparation for the hosting of the All Africa games, NOCZ had embarked on various activities, one of these activities was to send out invitations to international sports federations and organisations for their possible assistance and inclusion in the preparations of the All Africa Games. One such invitation was to the International Baseball Association that recently visited Zambia with a view to assessing and to consider assisting Zambia to put up softball and baseball training and competition facilities as well as to conduct a sports development programme towards 2011 Games and beyond.

Your Committee were further informed that the NOCZ has been co-opted into the Steering Committee comprising the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and the National Sports Council of Zambia whose main function was to oversee, direct, guide and advise the operations of the COJA - Zambia.

Two NOCZ Board members have been co-opted into the team for the selection of some of the sports facilities to be used for training and competitions during the 2011 All Africa Games.

Two Board members of NOCZ have been included on the COJA - Zambia. The NOCZ also formed part of the team that carried out inspections to assess Zambian's preparedness to host the 2011 Games.

The National Paralympics Committee's (NPC) main objective was to train and prepare disabled athletes for national and international games. This included SADC Games, All Africa Games, Commonwealth and Paralympics Games.

NPC informed your Committee that it was working closely with COJA Zambia in preparing for the 2011 All Africa Games. Upon noting that Zambia only had one (1) qualified coach for athletes with disabilities, NPC decided to train six (6) athletes with disabilities in basic coaching and administration of paralympic sport under the Norwegian Football Federation. NPC has also trained two (2) physiotherapists from the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) to perform as classifiers of athletes with disabilities into respective classes based on the nature of their disability.

The Zambian Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA), an institution mandated to organise athletics in Zambia, informed your Committee that through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, it has entered into a strategic partnership with UK Sports to increase the capacity of sports administrators, coaches, technical officials as well as improving the calibre of Zambian athletes.

Your Committee were informed that since its establishment in 1964, ZAAA has not developed a strategic plan. Its partnership with UK Sport has, therefore, allowed ZAAA to come up with a historic strategic plan for, athletes covering the period from 2008 to 2012. ZAAA, through its strategic plan, has put in place a mechanism to establish the following three national teams:

- (i) Youth Under 17 years
- (ii) Junior Under 20 years
- (iii) Senior Team

Your Committee were informed that the youth under 17 years team and the Junior under 20 years team would be selected from Secondary and basic Schools during the inter provincial competitions. The senior team would continue to be drawn from clubs, universities and colleges.

Constraints impeding Zambia's preparations for the 2011 All Africa Games

9. In their interactions with various witnesses, your Committee were informed of the major constraints set out hereunder, that were impeding the country's preparations for the 2011 All Africa games.

Time Constraint

The confirmation of Zambia's hosting of the All Africa Games had been delayed as it was only formalised in December 2007. Therefore, Zambia only has a total of three years to fully prepare. The process of tendering and construction of sports facilities was taking long, thus further delaying the preparation process. Preparation of sports men and women also required adequate time. ZAAA informed your Committee that a total of 5 years was required to fully prepare a sports person to international standards. Zambia has only two years to prepare its athletes.

Financial Constraint

Though an amount of USD\$110 million (One Hundred and Ten Million United States Dollars) has been set aside for the preparation of the 2011 All Africa Games, concern was raised that the funds might not be adequate to meet all the preparation needs.

The Ministry of Education informed your Committee that Basic Schools and higher institutions of learning were facing major challenges. These institutions lacked sports equipment, and playing fields were, in most cases, dilapidated or non-existent. There was further a lack of trained physical education teachers and coaches.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications informed your Committee that lack of financial resources was making it difficult to increase connectivity to the outside world through the 'big pipe' for the transmission of communication such as television, internet and also to the undersea fibre cable.

The Lusaka International Airport lacked modern equipment such as radar facilities to cater for the anticipated increase in aircraft traffic. The Airport was further lacking in emergency response resources such as ambulances.

The Way Forward

10. As the way forward for the adequate preparations of the 2011 All Africa Games, your Committee were informed by the various witnesses on the following:

- i) the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development informed your Committee that the Zambia National Tender Board should grant COJA-Zambia the authority to implement selective tendering in the shortest time possible to avoid delay; this should be accompanied by timely releases of funds from the Ministry of Finance and National Planning;
- ii) the Ministry of Transport and Communications informed your Committee that there was need to mobilise financial resource so as to purchase and install modern equipment for the monitoring of both road and air transport; there was further urgent need to rehabilitate the Lusaka and Ndola International Airports.
- iii) the National Olympics Committee informed your Committee that there was need for the establishment of a well coordinated structural system to identify and develop talent; this could be done using the following available established structures:
 - Schools
 - Colleges
 - Universities
 - National Sports Associations

The identification and development of talent could be a government initiative supported by sports organisations including the National Olympics Committee;

- iv) the National Olympics Committee further informed your Committee that specific training programmes had to be designed for technical sports experts in order for them to meet accredited standards; the National Olympics Committee further insisted that COJA-Zambia needed to be professionally guided in all its endeavours; NOCZ emphasised that a budget line should be considered by the Government to cater for NOCZ operations to enable it to effectively take on a supervisory role;
- v) the Zambian Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA) informed your Committee that the Government should make improvements to existing stadiums such as Independence and Kafubu; it was necessary to have installed in these stadiums modern sports equipment such as synthetic running tracks; ZAAA further emphasised that financial grants to sports associations from the Government should be well spelt out in the Yellow Book; this would allow individual associations to plan basing on the reflected funding for a given year; and
- vi) the Ministry of Home Affairs informed your Committee that in preparation for the hosting of the games, it was necessary to acquire modern drug detection equipment and to train more officials in drug control and to train sniffer dogs. It was also necessary to train more police officers.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

In noting the submissions, your Committee make the observations and Recommendations set out hereunder.

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

11. Your Committee observe that time is running out for Zambia to build up capable teams that would bring medals to the country. Your Committee recommend that talent identification and training has to start as soon as possible. There is no need to wait for the building of training facilities; suitable facilities already in existence could be identified and used for training.

In order to adequately contribute in the talent identification and training, your Committee recommend that the Zambia Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA) should be reorganised and restrengthened to ensure that its operations of talent identification start at a community level.

Your Committee recommend that during the preparations for the 2011 All Africa Games, tax waivers for the importation of sports equipment should be extended to other Associations and individuals and not only to those affiliated to the National Sports Council of Zambia. Individuals and organisations would, however, have to be strictly scrutinised by the COJA-Zambia Procurement Committee.

Your Committee observe that in its present state, the Lusaka International Airport lacks space and facilities that are found at other International Airports in the region. Your

Committee recommend that the current budget for the preparations of the hosting of games should be increased to allow for a major facelift of the airport and of the roads around Lusaka.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Your Committee recommend that the Ministry of Works and Supply should take advantage of the preparations for the All Africa Games to improve upon the road infrastructure in Lusaka.

Your Committee recommend that the Road Traffic Act should be revised and strengthened to ensure that once encountered at the road blocks, faulty vehicles should not merely be given a notice but that they should be immediately impounded.

Your Committee recommend that the Government, through the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, should play a more active role in the provision of transport to the public. Provision of transport to the public should not be left entirely in the private hands.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications reported that the upgrading of the airport was very important. However, the funds allocated were not enough to ensure quality upgrading that would stand the test of time.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Your Committee recommend that in their preparations for the hosting of the All Africa Games, the Government through the Ministry of Local Government and Housing should intensify the “Keep Lusaka Clean” campaign.

Your Committee further recommend that there should be strengthened coordination between the various Ministries and COJA-Zambia. COJA-Zambia should further strengthen and streamline its coordination with the various sports associations. COJA-Zambia should not be directly involved in talent identification and training. This should be done by the various sports associations who should then be monitored and coordinated by the National Sports Council of Zambia.

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

Your Committee observe that the lack of cement is a big hindrance to the progression of the building and renovation works at the various stadiums.

Your Committee recommend that the Government should regulate cement as an essential commodity. Priority should further be given to the building of sports infrastructure in readiness for the hosting of the 2011 All Africa Games. Your Committee recommend that the quality of contractors should be highly emphasised. They should have the capacity to start up projects on their own. Advance payments should not be condoned.

Your Committee observe that the Ministry of Lands is essential in land allocation. Therefore, your Committee recommend that it should be included in the COJA Ministerial Committee.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Your Committee observe that the Ministry of Education is doing a lot in the promotion of sport in the schools in readiness for the 2011 All Africa Games. Your Committee is however concerned that sports in the schools, especially secondary schools, does not have a specific budget allocation. Your Committee recommend that sports in the schools should have a specific budget allocation to ensure full development of this very important subject.

Your Committee recommend that partnership with the private sector in the promotion of sport should be promoted even at community level through community institutions such as schools.

Your Committee recommend that the Ministry of Education should play a more active role in the identification of coaches amongst physical education teachers that would then be retrained and reoriented to acquire international standards.

Your Committee recommend that to curb the issue of vandalism and encroachment on school sports facilities, the Ministry should adopt a proactive approach. The community should be sensitised on the importance of protecting sports infrastructure. This has in other countries proved to be a more effective approach.

THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (COJA) ZAMBIA

Your Committee observe that confirmation of Zambia as the host for the All Africa Games had been delayed. Your Committee further observe that COJA – Zambia has organised its activities on a very well prepared timed schedule. Your Committee recommend that the flow of information amongst the COJA Inter-Ministerial Committee Members should be enhanced.

THE NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Your Committee is sad to note that NSCZ lacks leadership. The Secretary General is operating in an acting capacity. NSCZ is further failing to operate in accordance with its established mandate due to lack of resources.

Your Committee further note a duplication of activities amongst the various organisations working with COJA - Zambia. Your Committee recommend that the NSCZ should work very closely with COJA Zambia and with its various affiliates.

ZAMBIA AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION (ZAAA)

Your Committee are sad to observe that ZAAA currently has only three reliable athletics who are ready and capable of participating in an international sports event. To the Beijing Olympics of 2008, Zambia through ZAAA, only managed to send two athletes.

Your Committee recommend that ZAAA should move out from talent identification and concentrate on training the talent identified by national structures such as schools, colleges and universities. Your Committee further recommend that informal structures such as community based sports teams should be used for talent identification.

Your Committee further observe that ZAAA had been plagued with severe maladministration. This led to the dissolving of the Executive Committee and the ushering in of a new one in 2006. The President was the only member retained. However, to ensure ZAAA's adequate preparation for Zambia's participation in the 2011 All Africa Games, your Committee recommend that the National Sports Council of Zambia and the National Olympics Committee of Zambia should ensure that ZAAA's administration and accounts are thoroughly checked and put in place before the next batch of funding is provided.

THE NATIONAL PARALYMPICS COMMITTEE OF ZAMBIA (NPC)

Your Committee observe that NPC had an ambitious programme. Your Committee recommend for more Government support to the NPC and for the Government to consider Discare, a local wheel chair manufacturing firm, for the provision of sports equipment for the disabled. This would be much cheaper than importing the sports equipment; it would further promote local industry.

Your Committee observe that COJA-Zambia is behind schedule in terms of talent identification and training. Your Committee recommend that COJA-Zambia should work closer with the NOCZ and that the NSCZ should play a more active role in coordinating the various sports associations.

THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

Your Committee observe that the tender procedure is clear and straight forward. Your Committee further observe that the Ministry of Works and Supply has not taken the initiative to ensure that the tender process is fast tracked. This has caused the current delays in the rehabilitation of the Independence Stadium.

Your Committee recommend that the Ministry of Works and Supply should take a proactive approach to the tender process.

Your Committee observe that there are counter claims between the Ministry of Works and Supply and the Tender Board in relation to who is responsible for the delays. Your Committee is fearful that this would result into further delays. Your Committee recommended that there should be more coordination between the Ministry of Works and Supply and the Tender Board.

Your Committee recommend that more funding and commitment should be allocated for the rehabilitation of the Independence Stadium. Your Committee observe that the Terms of Reference for the Committees of Ministers and Permanent Secretaries that were formed in preparation for the 2011 All Africa Games are not clear. Therefore, it would be very difficult to evaluate their work. Your Committee recommended that the Terms of Reference should be clear with specific time based bench marks.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUENCY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND (CYDF)

12. Your Committee conducted an assessment of the implementation of the CYDF which was meant to support and finance youth projects at community level, to promote their participation in socio-economic development, to empower them and to improve their livelihood.

Starting in 2003, the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development was provided with funds annually for the implementing of the CYDF.

The objectives of your Committee's study were to:

- i) establish clearly the process of applying, approving, disbursing, monitoring and evaluation of the projects funded under the Constituency, Youth Development Fund;
- ii) establish how many youth organisations country wide have been funded under the Constituency Youth Development Fund;
- iii) examine the involvement, if any, of cooperating partners in the implementation of the CYDF;
- iv) identify the constraints, if any, impeding the implementation of the Constituency Youth Development fund; and
- v) determine the way forward.

During the assessment of the implementation of the CYDF, the following were called upon to make submissions on the utilisation of the funds drawn from CYDF:

- (a) Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development;
- (b) Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare;
- (c) District Commissioner, Mufulira;
- (d) District Commissioner, Chongwe;
- (e) Town Clerk, Mufulira;
- (f) Council Secretary, Chongwe;
- (g) The Executive Director, National Youth Development Council; and
- (h) A gender balanced group representing youths who have benefited from the Constituency Youth Development Fund.

THE PROCESS OF APPLYING, APPROVING, DISBURSING, MONITORING AND EVALUATING OF THE PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE CONSTITUENCY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND.

13. Your Committee were informed that the Provincial Permanent Secretaries were the recipients of the funds from the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development for the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committees (CYDFC). These Committees were composed of the following members whose duty it was to approve applications from the individual youth projects:

- (a) **One** area Member of Parliament;
- (b) **Four** representatives of Youth Non Governmental Organisations (NGO) in the Constituency (2 Females and 2 Males);
- (c) **Four** other Youth who were residents of the constituency (2 males and 2 females);
- (e) **One** Councillor;
- (f) **One** representative of the Traditional Rulers;
- (g) **One** District Planning Officer; and
- (h) **One** District Commissioner.

The District Commissioner, District Planner and Provincial Youth Development Officer constituted the Secretariat.

The Chairperson of the CYDFC was elected from among the Committee Members.

The Area Member of parliament, District Commissioner, Councillor and the District Planner were not eligible for election or nomination to the position of Chairperson of the CYDF Committee.

Community Youth Leaders were elected from the recognised community youth groups or NGOs working in the Constituency and registered with the National Youth Development Council.

Four ordinary youths were elected from recognised community youth groups and NGOs working in the Constituency.

The Councillor was elected by the other Councillors of the particular Constituency to represent them on the CYDF Committee.

The Representative of the traditional rulers was nominated by the Chiefs in that particular Constituency. In the case of urban constituencies where there were no chiefs and traditional leaders, youth leaders working in the Constituency were elected by the community to take up the position.

Elected members of the CDYF Committees were to serve for a period of 3 years.

The Provincial Permanent Secretary appointed the CDYF Committee in writing and informed them of their Terms of Reference for the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee.

Your Committee were informed that the following were the Terms of Reference for the CDYF Committee:

- a) to receive Project proposals;
- b) to consider and approve project proposals;
- c) to carry out field appraisal of projects;
- d) to disburse funds to the approved projects;
- e) to monitor projects;

- f) to receive returns from the projects; and
- g) to submit project reports to the Secretariat.

It was emphasised that the work of the CDYF Committee Members would be voluntary.

Application Procedures

- a) Applicants were required to complete the relevant application forms.
- b) Completed application forms were submitted to the District Planner.

Financial Management, Auditing, Monitoring and Evaluation

Your Committee were informed that the Provincial Permanent Secretary, the District Commissioner or the Provincial Youth Development Officer assisted each CDYF Committee to open a Bank account at the nearest commercial bank and also with secretarial functions.

Auditing of the Committee work was carried out in accordance with the Public Finance Act No. 15. of 2004.

The Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee were required to submit records of the minutes of their meetings to the Provincial Youth Development Office with copy to the District Commissioner on a quarterly basis.

At the end of each year, the Committee, in conjunction with the District Commissioners, prepared annual reports, which were submitted to the Provincial Youth Development Office. The reports were then forwarded to Cabinet and Parliament.

The Provincial Youth Development Officer maintained records of the Fund and monitored the implementation of the projects.

Modalities for Administering the Constituency Youth Development Fund

Your Committee were informed that the authority to spend or disburse money from the account rested exclusively with the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee by way of a resolution in a properly constituted Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee meeting. This meant that a quorum was to be formed for the meeting to commence, with proper minutes recorded and guidelines followed.

Members of the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee did not receive any allowance for any functions or duties performed in relation to the administration of the fund. The work of the youth representatives on the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee was regarded as a voluntary part of their civic contribution to the general welfare of the community in which they lived.

Youth Development Officers under the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development facilitated the work of the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee by offering free technical advice in the administration of the fund.

The Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development disbursed funds to the Constituency Youth Development Committee either by Bank transfer or by cheque to the Committee's Bank Account. Each Constituency received an equal allocation of K40 Million (Forty Million Kwacha only).

Upon receipt of the funds, the CYDF Committee, with the help and guidance of the District Commissioner; opened a special Bank Account and informed the youth in the area about the availability of the funds.

There were a total of four (4) signatories to the CYDF Committee's bank account, the District Commissioner's Officer, District Planner/Provincial Youth Development Officer and two members of the CDYF Committee.

CYDF Committees considered and approved projects submitted by individual youths, youth groups and youth resource centres.

Types of Projects funded

Your Committee were informed that projects that were funded were poverty reduction oriented and developmental in nature.

Awarding of Contracts

Your Committee were informed that in the case where a project had to be undertaken by a contractor or supplier, the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committees used existing District or Provincial Tender Board Committees to evaluate the bids, award the contract and communicate the results to the successful bidders in writing in conformity with the Public Finance Act No. 15 of 2004.

All tender award documents or contracts were signed by both the Chairperson and nominated members of the constituency Youth Development Fund Committee. All contracts were in writing as stipulated in the Public Finance Act No. 15 of 2004.

Release of money for the approved projects

Your Committee were informed that approval of projects by the Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee conformed basis for effecting payments to the group whose project had been approved

Number of youth groups country wide that benefited from the Constituency Youth Development Fund.

14. Your Committee were informed by the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development that all the 150 (One Hundred and fifty) Constituencies in the country received funding for the CYDF. A total of 1741 (One thousand seven hundred and forty one) youth groups country wide received funding.

Involvement of cooperating partners in the implementation of the CYDF

15. Your Committee were informed that the National Youth Development Council (NYDC) was a statutory body created by an Act of Parliament No.7 of 1986 Cap.144. Its main objective was to promote and coordinate youth development in Zambia. Therefore,

all youth projects in Zambia had to be registered with the NYDC in order to be fully recognised and considered for the CYDF. As a collaborative partner to the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development in the implementation of the CYDF, the NYDC was involved in the review of documents relating to the fund. The NYDC also carried out an evaluation of the implementation of the fund by interviewing various youth groups who were beneficiaries of the fund. The interviews were carried out in Lusaka central, Munali, Chawama, Kabwata and some Constituencies in Southern and Copperbelt provinces.

The Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations informed your Committee that they had cooperated with the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development in the implementation of the CYDF. Some of its members had been nominated to sit on the CYDF Committees. Both the above organisations were involved in the accountability of the funds released, establishing eligibility of the projects to benefit from the CYDF, capacity building of the youths and monitoring of the projects that had been funded.

As cooperating partners the Councils played a role in ensuring that there was a functional Constituency Youth Development Fund Committee in each Constituency. The Councils further ensured that the composition of the CYDF Committees was strictly in accordance with the provision of the CYDF guidelines. The Councils through the Resident Development Committees (RDC) ensured that information on the availability of the funds was well advertised through the civic leaders and also through the placing of posters at strategic places.

Your Committee was informed that project proposals were submitted to the Councils through the District Planning Unit who compiled and submitted them to the respective CYDF committees for desk appraisals. The District Development Coordinating Committee (DDCC) received proposals that had been appraised by the CDYF Committees. A further appraisal was carried out by the DDDC before submitting to the full Council for recommendation and approval. Reports on the utilisation of the CYDF were presented to the Provincial Development Coordinating Committee (PDCC).

CONSTRAINTS IMPEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUENCY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

16. Your committee were informed that the constraints set out hereunder were impeding the implementation of the CYDF.

- Lack of administrative component of the fund for such things as stationery, fuel and Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E) of the funded projects;
- Inadequate information on the CYDF among the youths, especially in the remote parts of certain Districts;
- Most of the CYDF decisions have to wait for full Council Meeting to be made, resulting in delays;
- The 50% upfront payment on any approved project was not applicable in certain cases because values of certain projects were very low;

- Delays in the official appointing of CYDF Committee members by some Provincial Permanent Secretaries ;
- Most of the youth groups that applied for funds were not registered with the National Youth Development Council (NYDC) as stipulated in the CYDF guidelines. This was found to be as result of the NYDC not having a presence at Provincial and District level. Youth groups resorted to registering with either the District Councils or the Register of Societies as a way of authenticating their projects;
- Conflict of interest between the District Commissioner's Offices and the Local Authorities on the administration of the Fund especially after the change of the guidelines;
- Conflict of interest between area Member of Parliament and other concerned stakeholders on the composition of the CYDF Committees. Some Members of Parliament wanted to appoint their preferred people to the CYDF Committees. This resulted in dissolution and reformation of new Committees to safeguard the interests of the individuals. This was contrary to the CYDF guidelines;
- Some CYDF Committees were formed in good time. However, delay in the appointment of bank signatories resulted into further delay in the opening of bank accounts;
- Failure by Members of Parliament to attend meetings due to busy schedules;
- Delays by District Councils to approve recommended projects due to their meeting schedules being too far apart;

Your Committee were informed that delays from 6 (six) months to 1 (one) year were very common. Upon being finally funded, most youth groups discovered that prices of the required commodities had changed so much that they had to either heavily down size their original projects or abandon them for new less expensive ones.

WAY FORWARD

17. Your Committee were informed that the following would be the way forward in youth empowerment:

- The Ministry should consider introducing a 10 percent administrative component to any future youth empowerment funds. This would cater for administration costs and expenses related the important task of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E). As a way of expediting the implementation of any future youth empowerment fund, the Fund Committees should be encouraged to hold extraordinary meetings in matters relating to the Fund instead of waiting for the full council meeting. This situation had led to the unnecessary delay of the whole process of implementation of the CYDF;
- Provincial Permanent Secretaries should ensure that future youth empowerment Committee members were officially appointed in writing;
- Any future youth empowerment Committees should carry out vigorous and rigorous sensitisation of the youths in their respective Constituencies so as to make them aware of the Fund and how they could benefit from it;
- The National Youth Development Council (NYDC) should establish offices in all the Districts so as to ease the registration of youth entities;

- Local Authorities should ensure that projects approved for funding under any future youth empowerment were those that were poverty reduction oriented; and
- Capacity building for the youths should be highly considered and budgeted for before the release of funds. Youths should be oriented in project planning/budgeting, implementation and monitoring/evaluation.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

MINSITRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

18. Your Committee recommend that the role of Members of Parliament should be to provide leadership and guidance. MPs should, therefore, not be directly involved in the actual selection of groups to benefits from any future youth empowerment fund.

Your Committee recommend that Provincial Permanent Secretaries should regularly meet with the local Committees and Provincial Youth Officers. This will allow for free flow of information.

CHONGWE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Your Committee observe that the guidelines of the CYDF are very restrictive. Your Committee further observed that the lack of an administrative component in the CYDF is a great hindrance.

Your Committee recommend that an administrative component should be included in all future funds aimed at youth empowerment. Your Committee recommend that district planners under the various District Councils should be clearly recognised in the Fund guidelines. The district planners should be provided with a specific role. Recognition of the role of district planners will allow them to be more vigilant in the dissemination of information and in the implementation and follow up of any future youth empowerment projects.

CARITAS – ZAMBIA

Your Committee recommend that youth empowerment should be seriously re-examined and strengthened. The Government should seriously examine the pros and cons of moving the Youth Empowerment Fund to the Citizens Economic Empowerment Fund. There should be put in place by the Government a vigilant dissemination of information to the youth on the shifting of the funds and what would be required of the youth to access the funds.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA, YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Your Committee recommend that to avoid the politicisation of any future youth empowerment fund, Committees Members of the fund should not hold any political offices and they should not have any political interest or affiliations.

Your Committee observed that most organisations had no information on the CYDF and that funds for youth empowerment had been transferred to the Citizen Economic

Empowerment Commission (CEEC). Your Committee recommended that cessation of the CYDF should have been communicated to the major stake holders well in advance. The stake holders should have further been provided with adequate information on the establishment of the Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission. Your Committee observed that several of the stakeholders had no information on the establishment and operations of the CEEC.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Your Committee observe that the YWCA is working in isolation. This could have led to it not being included for funding in any of the constituencies it is operating in.

Your Committee recommend that the YWCA should work in partnership with the several other organisations that are working in the community. Your Committee further recommend that the YWCA should seriously include empowerment of the youths as one of its major objectives. Currently, the YWCA is concentrating on whistle blowing, advocacy and lobbying which is very good. However, financial empowerment of the youth is necessary to curb most of the prevailing social injustices.

MUFULIRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Your Committee observe that the utilisation of the Fund for rehabilitation of the Council halls in Mufulira is not correct. Your Committee recommend that CYDF guidelines should have been strictly adhered to. In the case of the Mufulira District, the CYDF guidelines were neglected. Your Committee observe that Council property had been rehabilitated at the expense of the youths who should have been personally empowered through the fund.

Your Committee further observe that the delay in the disbursement of funds to individual groups of youths was wrong. Whilst the youths in Mufulira were waiting for a response to their individual applications for funding, the whole purpose of the funding was changed from financing youth group projects to financing the rehabilitation of the Council halls.

Your Committee observe that youths were not informed and neither were they adequately represented in the decision to change the purpose for funding. The decision seemed to have been initiated by the Town Clerk.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NYDC)

Your Committee observe with concern that NYDC is not active in youth empowerment. It recommends that, as a National Council, it should to play a more active role in the empowerment of the youth through funds such as the CYDF.

Your Committee recommend that though small in terms of administrative structure, the NYDC should have a major role to play; it has a total of 400 youth groups registered with it. The Council should, therefore, play an active role to ensure that issues of youth empowerment are given the attention they deserve under the established Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission.

YOUTHS REPRESENTING VARIOUS GROUPS THAT BENEFITTED FROM THE CYDF

Your Committee observe that the urban youths are well informed and that they are doing much better in their income generating activities than the rural youths.

Your Committee recommend that the Government should ensure that a well planned and coordinated national information campaign should be simultaneously implemented with any future youth empowerment fund. This would ensure equal access to information on the fund for both the rural and urban youth.

Your Committee further recommend that guidelines and procedures relating to any future youth empowerment fund should be minimised, be less complicated and printed in all the 7(seven) Zambian languages.

CITIZENS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION (CEEC)

Your Committee observe that under the CEEC, the youth have not been specifically targeted; they are being viewed generally like any other citizen in need of financial empowerment. Your Committee further observe that the operations of the CEEC would work well in an urban setting and might not reach the needy youths in the rural areas.

Your Committee recommend that the CEEC should specifically target the youth and develop specific guidelines for youth empowerment. Youths are a special group with special needs. They could, therefore, not be viewed like any other citizens in need of support. Ministries such as the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare who have experience in dealing with the above group, should be allowed to play a more significant role in the CEEC.

Your Committee further recommend that the role of the Members of Parliament in the operations of the CEEC should be specifically and clearly spelt out. Your Committee recommend that the CEEC should also utilise the Constituency Offices under the National Assembly of Zambia.

PART II

TOUR REPORT

19. Your Committee undertook a tour of the Lusaka, Western and Southern provinces to carry out on the spot checks on the following:

- The works that were being carried out at various sites in preparation for the hosting of the 2011 All Africa Games; and
- The activities of the Youth clubs that benefited from the Constituency Youth Development Fund.

TOUR OF THE INDEPENDENCE STADIUM

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee toured the Independence stadium accompanied by officers from the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, the Ministry of Works and Supply and COJA, Zambia. Your Committee were informed by the Ministry of Works and Supply that the works at the stadium would not be done in one whole but in smaller phases. The works would start with the grandstand (phase one). Your Committee observed that the grandstand had been razed down in preparation for the building of a new and ultra modern grandstand.

Your Committee noted that the fields had been cleared in preparation for the laying of an artificial turf. The turf was a contribution from FIFA to Zambia costing US\$400,000 (Four hundred thousand United States dollars). Your Committee further observed that, at the time of the tour, there were no works taking place at the stadium. This was due to the fact that issues relating to the contractors and tender procedures had not yet been finalised. The lowest costing tender was for 464 billion Kwacha (four hundred and sixty four billion Kwacha only). These funds were not available as only an amount of 30 billion Kwacha (Thirty billion Kwacha only) had been allocated for the renovation of the Independence and Konkola stadiums. An amount of 2 billion Kwacha (Two billion Kwacha only) had already been spent on the renovations of Konkola stadium. The Ministry informed your Committee that the high costs of the renovations had led to the scaling down of the original plan.

Your Committee are uncomfortable with the pace at which the renovations of the Stadium were taking place and recommend for the shortening of the tender procedures to allow for the stadium to be ready by 2011 for the opening and closing ceremonies of the All Africa Games.

TOUR OF THE SPORT FOR HOPE CENTER

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee toured the site for the Sport for Hope Center accompanied by an officer from the National Olympics Committee. Your Committee were disappointed to note that

there were no construction activities taking place at the site despite the officials from the National Olympic Committee having informed your Committee that the Center would be ready by June, 2008. Your Committee were disappointed that the officials from the Center were not sure of the actual size of the area. The Committee were further disappointed to note that unlike what had earlier been reported to your Committee, that once built, the stadium could be used for competitive purposes, the Stadium would, however, only be used for training purposes. The Sport for Hope Center Stadium would have a sitting capacity of 2000 to 3000.

Your Committee were informed that the building of the Center was supposed to have started in April, 2008. However, due to some unforeseen delays, the construction was expected to start in September, 2008.

TOUR OF THE OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee toured the Olympic swimming pool in the company of the Olympic swimming pool Board Members. Your Committee were disappointed to note that the planned renovation works at the Olympic swimming pool that were reported to start by June, 2008, had not yet started.

Your Committee were informed that the delay was due to the fact that the international specifications had not yet been provided by the International Swimming governing body and the tender procedures had not yet been concluded. Your Committee recommend that the procedure for the renovations of the pool should start as soon as possible to allow for the Zambian swimmers to use the pool for their training. Your Committee recommend that the ablution block and change rooms should all be razed down and be replaced by modern facilities.

TOUR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee toured the University of Zambia Campus in the company of officers from the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and COJA, Zambia. Your Committee were disappointed to note that there were no COJA funded construction activities taking place at the University of Zambia. This was despite the assurance from COJA, Zambia that construction activities of hostels, a swimming pool, a barricade around the University premises and a sports complex of international standards to cater for various sporting activities would start in April, 2008. Your Committee were informed that the delay in the commencement of the building was due to the fact that the award of the contract had not yet been finalised.

Your Committee were informed that the contract for the erection of the barricade around the University premises had however been awarded and the building would start in six weeks time. Your Committee were worried at the slow pace the contract awarding procedure was taking. This had delayed the commencement of the works. Your

Committee recommend that COJA, Zambia should work closely with the Tender Board and the Ministry of Works and Supply in order to establish a tender procedure that would expedite works. The process should be quicker but still retain its objectivity.

TOUR OF LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee toured the Lusaka International Airport in the company of the Acting Director General. Your Committee were impressed to find that most of the assurances that the National Airports Corporation (NAC) Limited had provided during their meeting with the Committee had been achieved. The NAC had increased the operational hours of the International Airport. As from the 1st of July, 2008, the Airport would be operating for 24 hours daily. NAC had ordered 10 modern immigration counters for outgoing passengers to cater for the anticipated influx of passengers during the 2011 All Africa Games and an x- ray baggage scanner that would allow for faster scanning of outgoing baggage. NAC had further ordered additional aircraft ground handling equipment, such as passenger steps, high – loaders and belt – loaders, in order to facilitate the quick turnaround of aircraft and provision of required aircraft services with minimum delays. NAC had managed to purchase and to install air conditioning systems in the passenger departure lounge and the immigration halls.

The Corporation had just completed the installation of new communication and navigation equipment. The equipment had eliminated deficiencies experienced in communication and navigation in the Zambian airspace and subsequently enhanced the expedition and management of air traffic.

However, despite the achievements noted above, the Corporation informed your Committee that it was continuing to face challenges. Due to limited finances, the Corporation had not yet managed to purchase a radar facility to enhance the safety and efficiency of the provision of air traffic services in view of the anticipated increase in aircraft traffic. The Government had however pledged to support the Corporation with the purchase of the radar which was currently costing 90 billion Kwacha. The Corporation had inadequate financial resources for a complete infrastructure development and procurement of equipment.

Your Committee recommend that the Corporation should continue to lobby the Government on the need to renovate the Lusaka International Airport. Your Committee recommend that NAC should not work in isolation but in corporation with COJA, Zambia. Your Committee further recommend that in its renovation exercise, the Corporation should ensure that the needs of the disabled are taken into full consideration. Your Committee noted that the Lusaka International Airport had no posters advertising the 2011 All Africa Games. Your Committee were of the view that it was important for the Airport to have posters advertising the games so as to provide information to the many people using the airport.

TOUR OF KAMBULE HIGH SCHOOL, MONGU- WESTERN PROVINCE AND HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL, LIVINGSTONE- SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Despite having been informed by the Ministry of Education that major schools in the provinces such as the two above would be used for talent identification and training for school going youths, your Committee's tour to the above schools however revealed that the sports facilities in both the schools were in a poor state.

Kambule High School

Kambule High School is one of the oldest schools in the Western Province. The Committee toured the school in the company of the school manager and the sports department teachers. Your Committee noted that the sports field at the school had been vandalised and the terraces were in a dilapidated state. The field was dry, no grass was growing there and sharp metal objects found there made it unsafe for sports activities. The basket ball and tennis courts were uneven and cracked. The sports hall was old and in dire need of rehabilitation. Your Committee was informed that despite the poor state of the sports facilities, Kambule High school had won the Western Province inter schools football and basket ball championships. Your Committee had the opportunity of seeing the school's sports equipment such as footballs and hockey sticks. The school Manager informed your Committee that though he was aware of the Government's plan to rehabilitate the school's sports infrastructure, he was not aware of any immediate programme to prepare for the 2011 All Africa Games.

Hillcrest High School

Hillcrest High School is one of the oldest schools in the Southern province. Your Committee toured the school in the company of the Acting school Manager and the school's sports teachers. The basketball and tennis court at Hillcrest are in a poor state. The swimming pool is dilapidated and has not been used since 1980. The sports hall is in a fair state but the school lacks sports facilities such as balls and nets. The school manager was new and in an acting capacity and, like the school manager at Kambule High School, she too was aware of the Government's plan to rehabilitate sports facilities in the schools, but she was not aware of the immediate programme for the preparations of the 2011 All Africa Games.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee observed that the two schools had poor sports facilities that would not allow for the adequate training of the identified talent to compete at the international level. Your Committee recommend that the Ministry of Education should work closely with COJA to ensure that funds are accessed for the rehabilitation of sports facilities of at least one major school in each one of the 9 provinces in the country. Your Committee recommend that rehabilitation of sports infrastructure in the schools should be done in good time to allow for talent identification and training to start in good time.

TOUR OF YOUTH CLUBS IN WESTERN AND SOUTHERN PROVINCES THAT BENEFITTED FROM THE CONSTITUENCY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Your Committee held six (6) meetings with 11 Constituency Youth Development Fund (CYDF) Committees. The following CYDF Committees were met:

- Kaoma CYDF Committee
- Mangango CYDF Committee
- Luampa CYDF Committee
- Mongu Central CYDF Committee
- Senanga Central CYDF Committee
- Livingstone CYDF Committee
- Kalomo Central CYDF Committee
- Mapatizya CYDF Committee
- Monze Central CYDF Committee
- Bweengwa CYDF Committee
- Moomba CYDF Committee

The meeting with the CYDF Committees revealed the issues set out below.

- All the CYDF Committees had been established in line with CYDF guidelines. Your Committee noted that both sexes were well represented in the established Committees. Your Committee were pleased to note that CYDF Committees that had been established without following the established guidelines were dissolved and replaced with correctly established ones.
- Money was released and it did get to the projects that had been approved for funding. However, your Committee observed that, in some constituencies, the funds had been distributed late. Some Constituencies had neglected to follow the established guidelines that required that all the funded projects should have established bank accounts.
- All the CYDF Committees informed your Committee that the funds were not enough to cater for the high demand for funds that had been revealed through the large number of applicants.
- The funds were limited and could not adequately meet the holistic needs of the approved projects.
- The CYDF did not have a sector to meet the administrative costs. This had made it very difficult for the committee members to meet, monitor and evaluate the funded projects. The lack of an administrative fund had made it difficult for the CYDF Committees to clearly sustain the funded projects. In some cases, due to lack of follow up, Committee members were not able to clearly establish whether the projects were functioning or had folded up.
- There was a lack of information and, in some cases, this had led to some clubs venturing into projects that were not viable.

Your Committee was able to visit the projects set out below.

- **Mwanampapa youth gardening project, Livingstone Constituency** – The youth group received an amount of K2,000,000.00 (Two Million Kwacha only). Your Committee were impressed to find a flourishing vegetable garden. The group of ten youths grew beans, egg plant, cabbage and carrots for sale. The group got water from a nearby stream and expert advice on vegetable growing was provided by CARE International. The group estimated that it had an amount of K4,000,000.00 (Four Million Kwacha only) in their stocks.
- **Buche – Buche Youth Restaurant, Kalomo Central Constituency** – The Project had received an amount of K1,200,000.00 (One Million, Two Hundred Thousand Kwacha only). Your Committee were impressed to find a busy restaurant situated in the main market in Kalomo town. The restaurant served breakfast and Lunch. A group of seven female youths established the project in 2003. Currently the group is able to raise K300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Kwacha only) per day and the takings are banked daily.
- **Twende Piggery youth project, Kalomo Central Constituency** – The Project was made up of ten youths. It had received an amount of K4, 525, 000. 00 (Four Million Five Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Kwacha only). Your Committee were impressed to find that though the pigs were reported to have been out feeding, there was a strongly built sty that was used to accommodate the seven pigs.
- **Kakusa Goat rearing project, Bweengwa Constituency** – The project was made up of 13 youths. It had received an amount of K500, 000: 00 (Five Hundred Thousand Kwacha only). The group purchased a total of ten goats. Though two of the goats had died, your Committee were able to see the remaining goats that were slowly multiplying. The group had also established a garden for the growing of vegetables for sale. The funds raised were used for the purchase of medicines for the goats.
- **Mukunyandela Siwito Youth Rice growing Project, Mongu Central Constituency** – The project was made up of ten youths. It had received an amount of K5, 000,000.00 (Five Million Kwacha only). Your Committee were impressed to find that the group had harvested a total of 45 bags of 90kg rice. The group had further decided that each member establishes an individual field of rice to help the members meet individual needs. The group was planning to sell the rice in Lusaka and to other provinces at K200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Kwacha only) per bag. The profits raised would be ploughed back into the project. The members informed your Committee that they had benefited greatly in terms of technical information from their rice growing experience. The project was beneficial both for individual and group empowerment.

- **Seyi Youth Piggery Project, Senanga Constituency** – The project had received an amount of K2,500,000.00 (Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Kwacha only). However, your Committee were not able to see the pigs as they had been let out to feed in the plains.

- **Kaoma International School Youth Project, Kaoma Central Constituency**- The project had received an amount of K1,000,000.00 (One Million Kwacha only). However, your Committee were not able to see the pigs as they had been let out to feed in the plains.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee observe that though some of the visited projects were currently doing well, it was difficult to tell whether the projects were sustainable enough to meet the needs of each individual member. Your Committee recommend that Youth projects should be strengthened with enough capital that will allow for individual members to draw adequate financial and technical benefits that would allow them to eventually establish individual projects.

Your Committee recommend that youth projects should be advised to open up bank accounts before being provided with any funds. This would allow for the development of a saving and investment culture which was important for entrepreneurial development. Your Committee recommend that youth groups should be provided with specific training in income generation, market research and also with specific technical advice in relation to the type of project that they had interest in. Youths who were interested in goat, pig and cattle rearing needed information on the proper care of these animals.

Your Committee recommend that the office of Council Secretary, the District Commissioner and the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should work together to ensure that the sponsored projects are monitored and evaluated.

PART III

ACTION-TAKEN REPORT FOR THE SESSION FIRST SESSION OF THE TENTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

20. Your previous Committee recommended that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should expedite efforts aimed at ensuring that the draft Act to amend and combine the two out-dated Acts, namely, the National Sports Council Act and the Professional Boxers and Wrestlers Control Board Act of (1977), be completed.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government, through the Ministry of Sport Youth and Child Development, had drafted the revised National Sports Council Act and the Professional Wrestling and Boxing Control Board Act and had since submitted them to Cabinet for approval in principle before they were tabled in Parliament. Hence action was underway.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are pleased to note the response from Government and recommend that the process of approval by Cabinet and presentation to Parliament of the revised National Sports Council Act and the Professional Boxers and Wrestlers Control Board Act be expedited.

REHABILITATION OF PROVINCIAL STADIUMS

Your previous Committee recommended that a full report should be prepared and [circulated by](#) the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, outlining the utilisation of the K100 million (One Hundred Million Kwacha only) that had been disbursed for the rehabilitation of each of the five provincial stadium.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the K100 million (One Hundred Million Kwacha only) released for rehabilitation of provincial stadia in Kabwe, Mansa, Solwezi, Mongu, Chipata and Ndola was generally utilised on improvement of stadium infrastructure. The works done included drilling of boreholes, construction of water tanks and installation of pumps. Other works done in all the provinces were rehabilitation of grand stands, ablution blocks and dressing rooms and erection and in some cases repair of security wall fences and fabrication of gates. Part of the funds were utilised on improving the playing surfaces and grading of the running tracks.

The Government had assigned its internal auditors to verify the utilisation of the funds by the above listed six Provincial Administrations after which a detailed report would be circulated.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

Your Committee are pleased to note that the Government has assigned its internal

auditors to verify the utilisation of the funds that were released for the rehabilitation of five provincial stadia. Your Committee recommend that the verification exercise be expedited and that the Committee be furnished with a report as soon as it is ready.

NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

19. Your previous Committee observe that, currently, there was only legislation to protect boxing and wrestling professionals and recommended that legislation should be put in place to protect other sports professionals and, furthermore, your Committee recommended that a new Investment Act be put in place to regulate the selling off and land leasing of former ZCCM sports facilities and that there should be a deliberate policy to ensure that investors contribute towards sports development in the country as part of their corporate social responsibility.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee was informed that all sports persons were protected under the National Sports Council of Zambia (NSCZ) Act through their affiliation to the Council. Regarding regulation of the selling off and land leasing of former ZCCM sports facilities, the Government noted and appreciated the Committee's recommendation.

The Government also appreciated your Committee's recommendation that investors be encouraged to contribute to sports development as part of their corporate social responsibility. Your Committee were informed that, in fact, a number of investors were already contributing towards the development of sport in the country as part of their corporate social responsibility.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee recommend that the process of drafting a new Investment Act that would regulate selling and land leasing of former ZCCM sports facilities should be put in place.

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government in relation to investors contributing towards the development of sport in the country. However, they insist that the Government should ensure that investors are compelled by an established policy to contribute toward the development of sport in the country.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA

Your previous Committee observed that the issue of fundraising by the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) was an urgent issue and that the structure of talent tapping in FAZ was leaving out the youth who were out of formal schooling. Consequently, your Committee recommended that the suggestion by FAZ to establish a lottery should be taken seriously by the Government with a view to implementing it and that FAZ should work with the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services and TEVETA at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training, to capture those youths who were out of the formal school system.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that in fact FAZ and the Ministry of Finance and National Planning were already discussing the modalities of how to establish a sports lottery. In addition, FAZ had also been advised to come up with other fundraising strategies to support its programmes.

Your Committee were further informed that FAZ had been advised to include out-of-school youths in their programmes. As a result of this encouragement, a number of out-of-school youths were already involved in FAZ programmes. They participated in the local amateur leagues organized at district and provincial levels by the District and Provincial Sports Advisory Committees respectively.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and recommend that a report on the progress made by FAZ and the Ministry of Finance and National Planning in establishing a lottery and other fundraising strategies be prepared and presented to the Committee.

THE ZAMBIA GOLF UNION (ZGU)

Your previous Committee observed that there was a general perception in the country that the sport of golf was only for the rich. Your Committee recommended that the Zambia Golf Union should work at changing the people's perception so that ordinary Zambians could develop an interest in the sport. Furthermore, local councils should support the efforts of the Zambia Golf Union by providing land that could be publicly used for the playing of the game in the community and that the Zambia Golf Union should be supported by the Government in their effort to provide free golf kits to schools. This would encourage the promotion of golf in the schools and the implementation of the ranking order of merits.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee was informed that the Government has advised the Zambia Golf Union to develop a sensitisation programme to encourage mass participation in the game. Regarding the allocation of land for building golf courses in communities as a way of promoting the development of the sport, the Committee was informed that Zambia Golf Union has not approached the councils for this land. However, should the councils be approached, the request would be favorably considered.

Furthermore, the Government was pleased to report that instructions had already been given to councils to set aside land for putting up golf courses should ZGU need to put up course in the districts. Therefore, if the Union, which had golf courses in most urban areas, wished to extend its efforts to rural areas, councils should be approached for the provision of land. Your Committee were further informed that the Government, through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, supported the Zambia Golf Union through provision of grants.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

THE ZAMBIA AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Your previous Committee observed that there was no deliberate policy for the promotion of professional sports in the country. A survey of academic calendars at the universities and colleges in the country showed that there was no formal infusion of sports in any of them and that sport in these institutions was on a part time basis. Your Committee recommended that students, who were keen in sports, should be sponsored to pursue their studies alongside sports activities.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that sports in colleges and universities was very active as evidenced through existing Zambia Higher Institutions of Learning Sports Association (ZHISA). ZHISA teams took part in regional, continental and international sporting events. The Government also offered sports scholarships through Bilateral Agreements with other countries such as Cuba. Through these arrangements, students who excelled in sports were sponsored for further studies alongside sports activities.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government. However, your Committee recommend that deliberate efforts should be put in place to ensure that sport in institutions of higher learning is formally recognised and adequate time and sports facilities should be provided for.

THE ZAMBIA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Your previous Committee observed that the Government's insistence for a sports association to raise 60 percent of total financial requirements before any assistance from the Government could be provided was important to show the association's commitment. However, for some associations, this had contributed towards stifling their efforts in sports development in the country. In some cases, the Government had arbitrarily relaxed the above rule. The arbitrary relaxation of the above rule was unfair. Your Committee, therefore, recommended that rules set by the Government should be equally applied and no sports association should be given preference.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that set rules are always considered when allocating resources. However, at times, resource availability dictated the allocation of these funds to associations.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

ZAMBIA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Your previous Committee observed that the issue of funding was not working well through the National Sports Council of Zambia. Your Committee also observed that the local government institutions did not value sport as an industry. Therefore, they did not provide the required support.

Your Committee, therefore, recommended that a strong body should be established that would be independent of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development. This body should be responsible for the review and approval of proposals for funding from all sports organisations in the country. The duties of co-ordination, supervision and administration could, however, remain with the National Sports Council.

A national awareness raising campaign targeting Local Government institutions had to be launched. Local Government institutions should be informed of their role in the development of sport and reminded that one of their roles was to provide and protect land meant for sports activities and to ensure that sports facilities were regularly maintained.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government appreciated the observations by the Committee. However, it was not Government's intention to create additional bodies to administer sport considering that the National Sports Council of Zambia was mandated by Parliament to perform that function. Your Committee was informed that through devolution of functions to the councils under the National Decentralisation Policy, councils would be fully involved in the promotion and development of sport. The Government was also appealing to Members of Parliament, by virtue of their being councilors in their respective councils, to help protect land meant for sports activities in their respective constituencies.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend for a thorough evaluation exercise of the implementation of the National Decentralisation Policy. A report on the evaluation exercise should be presented to the Committee.

SPORTS IN ACTION

Your Committee observed that unlike other sports NGOs, Sports in Action was doing much better in that they had taken on sports development in the rural areas. Your Committee recommended, therefore, that sports psychologists and nutritionists should be identified and trained as they are vital in the promotion of professionalism in the sport and that the placement of Provincial Sports Administrators should be accompanied by the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Child Development's strict monitoring and evaluation of these administrators.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that in view of the forthcoming All Africa Games, the Government had commenced a National Capacity Building Programme targeting referees, coaches, umpires, judges and other officials. Sports psychologists and nutritionists would also be identified and trained under the same programme which had already commenced in 2008. Your Committee were informed that Provincial Sports Development Co-coordinators had been placed in all the provinces and would regularly be monitored through the Annual Performance Appraisal System (APAS).

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee takes note of the Government's response and recommend that a

progress report on the National Capacity Building programme targeting referees, coaches umpires, judges and other sports officials should be prepared and presented to the Committee.

THE NATIONAL PARALYMPICS COMMITTEE

Your previous Committee observed that sport for the disabled was a very important factor in the development of sports in Zambia and that not much of sport put in developing sport for the disabled leading to the declining of the sport Disabled sport should be brought into the Zambian mainstream sport. Furthermore, disabled sports persons should have full access to the same support as their able-bodied counterparts.

Your Committee recommended that funding for the National Paralympics Committee should be increased to allow it to fall in line with the various needs for disabled sports and that consideration of usage by the disabled persons should rank high in the building and rehabilitation of sports infrastructure.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government would accordingly take the recommendations into account in allocating funding to the National Paralympics Committee. The Government has also noted the issue of ensuring that future construction works of sports infrastructure take into account the needs of the disabled.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee takes note of the Government's response and recommend that the Committee should be furnished with a report that would detail specific efforts that had been made at ensuring that the needs of the disabled were taken in to consideration during the rehabilitation of sports facilities.

THE ZAMBIA MOTOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION (ZMSA)

Your previous Committee observed that the general perception of the Zambian public towards motor sports was that it was an expensive sport for the rich. They also observed that an Association that had been in existence for thirty four years should have a permanent structure such as a Motor park to identify itself with.

Your Committee, therefore, recommended that the ZMSA should embark upon an awareness raising campaign. The campaign would allow the public to gain knowledge and interest in the sport and encourage them to participate and support it. Your Committee further recommended that the ZMSA application for land should be seriously considered and attended to.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that although the Government acknowledged that motor sport was somewhat an expensive sport, this fact notwithstanding, the Government has requested the Association to sensitise the masses on the need to participate in motor sport. Furthermore the Government had no difficulty in supporting the Association's request to acquire land for its use.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee takes note of the Government's response and recommend that a progress report on the efforts by the Government to ensure that land is availed to the ZMSA should be submitted to the Committee.

THE ZAMBIA RUGBY UNION

Your previous Committee observed that the Kitwe City Council was not doing enough to support the development of sports in the city. In particular, it was failing to support the development of rugby by failing to avail the Kitwe Playing Fields for the utilisation of rugby development. Your Committee further observed that the Rugby Union was doing a lot both in the promotion of the sport amongst the youth and also in the professional development of rugby.

Arising from these observations, your Committee recommended that the Rugby Union should be provided with a serious grant from the Government. The grant would go a long way in the development of professionalism in rugby. Your Committee also recommended that Kitwe City Council should play a more active role in responding to the Rugby Union's request.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee was informed that in fact the Zambia Rugby Union was one of the beneficiaries of grants from the Government, through the Ministry of Sport Youth and Child Development. The Kitwe City Council had not prohibited any institution or indeed the Rugby Union from using Kitwe Playing Fields. Information from Kitwe City Council indicated that Zambia the Rugby Union actually abandoned the Kitwe Playing Fields in 1992.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that the Committee should be provided with a report indicating efforts the Kitwe City Council is making to ensure that the Kitwe playing fields are once again availed to the Zambia Rugby Union.

ASSESSMENT OF THE REHABILITATION AND SKILLS TRAINING OF STREET CHILDREN IN THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL SERVICE CAMPS

MINISTRY OF SPORTS, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

20. Your previous Committee observed that the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Child Development was doing a good job in the rehabilitation of street children; and that the task of rehabilitating street children required the combined efforts of several ministries and organisations.

Your previous Committee, therefore, recommended that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, in co-operation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, should work at setting up an agreement with the mines and other organisations that could provide practical training to the youths with a view to eventual employment. An assurance of practical experience and a job upon the successful completion of the skills

training would ensure that the youths were encouraged to take their training and rehabilitation seriously. This would additionally discourage them from returning to the streets.

In the Action Taken Report your Committee were informed that, the Government has combined the efforts of several ministries and organisations to deal with the rehabilitation of street children. These included the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development; the Department of Resettlement under the Office of the Vice- President; the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services; the Ministry of Defence; UNICEF, RAPIDS, CHIN and many other civil society organisations.

With regard to the recommendation to set up an agreement with the mines and other organisations to provide practical training to the youths, Your Committee were informed that Government was indeed exploring this idea of entering into some form of agreement with the mines and any other relevant organizations to provide practical training to the youths.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that the Committee should be provided with a report on the progress made so far in establishing an agreement with the mines and other relevant organizations to provide practical training to the youths.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Your previous Committee observed that, though the street children programme had potential in the rehabilitation of street children, the monitoring and evaluation of the programme was poor, thus making it difficult for the benefits of the programme to be analysed. The potential of community schools in providing for the educational needs of street and other vulnerable children was not being fully realised due to the fact that community schools were not being fully supported by the Government.

Your Committee recommended that a comprehensive monitoring framework should be put in place in order to establish the benefits of the Street children rehabilitation programme; and that the Government should urgently work out a policy/legal framework, to help operationalise the concept of Community Schools. Operationalisation of the policy framework would ensure that community schools receive adequate support from the Government.

In the Action Taken Report, Your Committee were informed that, as part of the Fifth National Development Plan, a monitoring and evaluation framework has been developed for all the programmes being implemented by the Government, in general, and the Ministry of Education, in particular. Your Committee were further informed that the Government had revised the Education Act of 1966 and a Bill had been developed for Parliament's consideration. The Bill had taken into consideration the operationalisation of Community Schools.

In addition, the Government has produced a Strategic Framework and Operational Guidelines for the Education Sector. The Strategic Framework provided for the recognition of the Ministry of Education as provider of education to all children, in line with both national and global human rights declarations. The Framework also provides for the recognition of community schools that had emerged as a phenomenon to the education sector. These had been brought on board to offer solutions to some of the most serious challenges in the education sector such as inadequate access to education, high pupil/teacher ratios, long distance to schools and increased numbers of vulnerable children, including orphans.

Your Committee were further informed that the Government has been supporting Community Schools through the allocation of grants, the supply of teaching and learning materials, the monitoring and evaluation of standards and the secondment of government teachers. This was in line with the regulatory framework that had been developed.

The Government, therefore, had committed itself to embracing the Community Schools concept in the Zambian educational system. This was demonstrated by the fact that the Fifth National Development Plan upholds the support to Community Schools in order, not only to increase access to education, but to equally provide quality education in these schools.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND VACATIONAL TRAINING

Your previous Committee observed that there was a serious lack of interaction and communication between the four ministries involved in the skills training programme in the Zambia National Service Camps, the Ministry of Sport Youth and Child Development, the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training. Your Committee further observed that the Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training was not involved in the initial planning exercise for the Skills Training and Rehabilitation Exercise of Street Children.

Your previous Committee observed that there was a serious lack of interaction and communication between the four ministries involved in Zambia National Service Camps skills training programme. The four Ministries were the Ministry of Sport Youth and Child Development, the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training. Your Committee further observed that the Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training was not involved in the initial planning exercise for the skills training and rehabilitation exercise of street children.

Based upon these observations, your Committee recommended that interaction and communication between the four ministries on the issue of skills training and rehabilitation of youths in the Zambia National Service Camps should be seriously initiated and

formalized; in fact, the Permanent Secretaries from the four ministries should visit all the Zambia National Service skills training centres to carry out an on-the-spot assessment of the training taking place there. The Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training should be fully involved in the monitoring, evaluation and revision of the skills training programme in the Zambia National Service Camps.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were advised that interaction and collaboration among all the four ministries mentioned above had existed since the inception of the programme in 2004. The four Ministries had interacted and collaborated through an Inter-Ministerial Committee which was constituted in 2004 to spearhead the implementation of the street kids rehabilitation programme.

The Government had taken note of the recommendation that the Permanent Secretaries in the four ministries should be visiting the Zambia National Service skills training centres. With regard to the involvement of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training in the monitoring, evaluation and revision of the skills training programme in the Zambia National Service camps, the Government informed your Committee that the Ministry was already involved through a number of measures, including development of the syllabus; trade testing; training of instructors and certification of infrastructure in the training in camps.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and recommend that a report on the visits of the Permanent Secretaries to the Zambia National Service skills training centres should be submitted to the Committee.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE-ZAMBIA NATIONAL SERVICES (ZNS)

Your previous Committee observed that the ZNS was, according to the current statutory instrument, only allowed to train Zambian citizens who were between 18 and 35 years. Therefore, the skills-training of youths aged 15 was contrary to the above Statutory Instrument. The Committee also observed that reorientation and preparation of the Street Children for rehabilitation and skills-training was important. The children were coming from various traumatic backgrounds and, therefore, needed support to adjust. The Committee further observed that the issue of the rehabilitation and skills training for street children had tied to it the need for serious financial input.

Your Committee recommended that the Statutory Instrument should be amended to allow for the Zambia National Service to train youths who were aged between 15 and 18 years; and the Ministry of Defence, through the Zambia National Service, should work with the Ministry of Education to ensure that equipment such as school desks could be produced by the youths in the camps.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were advised that the Statutory Instrument did not need to be amended as it was only applicable to people enlisting into the Zambia National Service. The youths being trained under the Skills Training Programme belong to the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and were not

being enlisted into the ZNS. The Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development was merely using ZNS facilities in the camps. Therefore, the issue of amending the Statutory Instrument did not arise.

The recommendation that the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Education should collaborate to produce equipment such as school desks in youth training camps was welcome. However, currently, the Government did not have the financial resources required for the Ministry of Defence to purchase the materials and machinery needed for the production of school equipment.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and recommend that the Government should ensure that funding is set aside for the very important task of acquiring skills training equipment.

UNICEF

Your previous Committee observed that the Zambia National Service Street Children rehabilitation programme was a reactive one. It had come up as a reaction to the increasing number of children on the streets of Zambia. Your Committee recommended that, for sustainable prevention of Street Children, the causes of the problem of Street Children should also be examined and dealt with.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government was currently implementing development programmes which, among others, aimed at addressing the causes of the problem of Street Children.

Your previous Committee also observed that the problem of Street Children could not be adequately dealt with by the Government alone but by the combined efforts of various Stakeholders. However, UNICEF, a major stakeholder in children's welfare, had expressed reservations on the operations of the Zambia National Service programme and, in particular, on issues of confinement, quality of training and safety of girls in the camps. Your Committee recommended that the Government should give UNICEF an audience where these reservations could be pointed out and alternatives arrived at.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government viewed its interaction with UNICEF in all programmes pertaining to children and youths as sound. Nonetheless, the Government was open to discussions with stakeholders, including UNICEF, on how to improve the operations of the Zambia National Service programme.

Regarding concerns about confinement and quality, the Government's position was that, the programme, which aimed at rehabilitating the Street Children, was voluntary. Additionally, the programme had a provision for the trainees to visit their relatives for those with relatives or next of kin. The quality of training provided was also assured in that the syllabus used for the programme was developed by TEVETA in conjunction with the Curriculum Development Centre (CDC) and that all the instructors were professionally qualified artisans.

Concerning the safety of female trainees (girls), Kitwe Zambia National Service camp was designated as a training centre for girls only and as such only admitted girls. The majority of instructors at the centre were also females.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that the committee should be provided with a report depicting issues raised and resolved during the Government's meeting with UNICEF.

ZAMBIA RED CROSS SOCIETY

Your previous Committee observed that TEVETA offered a more Comprehensive skills training programme than that which was being offered in the ZNS skills training camps. Your Committee further observed that the planned utilisation by the Zambia Red Cross Society of the Mwangi Refugee Camp in Mporokoso for the rehabilitation and skills training of Street Children was a good idea.

Your Committee recommended that TEVETA should be involved as a major stakeholder in the rehabilitation and skills training of street children and that an assessment of the status of the Mwangi Refugee camp to ascertain its potential for utilization as a rehabilitation centre should be carried out.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocation Training, through TEVETA was already involved in the programme of skills training for street children through development of the syllabus; trade testing; training of instructors and certification of infrastructure in training camps. With regard to carrying out an assessment of the suitability of the Mwangi Refugee Camp as a training centre, the Government would implement the Committee's recommendation.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee, take note of the Government's response and recommend that they should be provided with a report on government's assessment of the suitability of the Mwangi Refugee Camp to be utilised for the rehabilitation and skills training of street children.

FOUNTAIN OF HOPE (FOH)

Your previous Committee observed that children from FOH who had been trained in skills such as carpentry and bricklaying were at a disadvantage. They had only been trade tested and had to compete for jobs with people who had undergone a more valid training. Your Committee also observed that the open system provided by FOH where children were allowed to come in and go back to the street as they wished would not lead to adequate rehabilitation and removal from the street.

Your Committee, therefore, recommended that the Government should establish a stronger and normalised working relationship with organisations such as FOH who had vast experience in dealing with Street Children; the children needed to be well prepared for

rehabilitation and that resources had to be invested, otherwise the children would reject the rehabilitation and return to the streets. The Government should come up with regulations that would ensure organisations dealing with street children adhered to the principle of rehabilitation and removal from the street and not to provide the children support whilst on the street as an end in itself.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government, through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, has been working closely with Fountain of Hope and it even has representation on its management board. Regarding preparing children for rehabilitation, the first six months of the programme (rehabilitation and reintegration) was meant to prepare the children for rehabilitation. In line with the existing policy, the Government would ensure organisations dealing with Street Children adhered to the principle of rehabilitation and removal from the streets.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee is satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

DEVELOPMENT AID FROM PEOPLE TO PEOPLE (DAPP) CHILDREN'S TOWN

Your previous Committee observed that DAPP was doing a lot in the rehabilitation and skills training of vulnerable children and youths and that its approach was vital in the prevention of children from going into the streets. Your Committee recommended that the Government should take on DAPP as a grant aided project and that DAPP should be provided with a tax waiver on capital investments such as cars. This would allow it to utilise the little money accrued for the direct benefit of the children.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that DAPP was one of the organisations currently benefiting from the Government as a Grant Aided Institution through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development. Furthermore, all the organisations dealing with child development, needing tax waivers, have always been supported through the Ministry of Finance and National Planning who have granted these waivers.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government

THE JESUS CARES MINISTRIES (JCM)

Your previous Committee observed that the JCM was doing a lot for the support of the vulnerable children and that it had managed to extend its services to the rural populace. The Committee recommended that JCM, due to its vast experience, should be taken on as a major stakeholder in the current ZNS rehabilitation and skills training for Street Children.

In the Action Taken Report your Committee were informed that Jesus Cares Ministries was already a stakeholder, interacting and collaborating with the Government in the

street kids rehabilitation programme. Hence the recommendation of the Committee was already underway.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS TOURS

THE INDEPENDENCE STADIUM, LUSAKA

21. Your previous Committee carried out an on-the-spot check on the rehabilitation exercise that was reported to be taking place at the Independence stadium. The Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development informed the Committee that a total amount of K30 billion had been approved by Parliament for the rehabilitation of the stadium. Your Committee were accompanied by officers from the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and from the Ministry of Works and Supply.

Your Committee made the following observations:

- the current status of the stadium was in bad shape and it was a danger to the lives of sportsmen, women and spectators. The ablution facilities and changing rooms were in a poor state. The terraces for both the grandstand and open wings had cracks and the supporting beams were rusted and weakened;
- no rehabilitation works had taken place at the stadium despite K30 billion having been allocated in January 2006. This was due to the fact that both the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and the Ministry of Works and Supply were still preparing the bill of quantities for the works;
- the preparation of the rehabilitation exercise was taking too long, furthermore, there is a serious lack of supervision and follow up on the maintenance and rehabilitation of the stadium by both the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and the Ministry of Works and Supply;
- the stadium, built in the mid-sixties to be used for the Zambian Independence celebrations, had no planned schedule for maintenance and rehabilitation;
- there was a conflict with regard to the Government's position on the usage of the stadium. Initially, the Government reported that the stadium had been declared unsafe for use. Later, the Government's position had changed and it reported that whilst some parts of the stadium were unsafe, others were safe for use; and
- the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development was absent during the tour of the stadium.

The following were your Committee's recommendations:-

- the current stadium and buildings should be brought down and a completely new ultra Modern structure with all the required new facilities should be built in its place;
- the two ministries in charge of the proposed construction of the new ultra modern stadium, the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and the Ministry of Works and Supply, should work closely so as to come up with a timed schedule and check list for the preventive maintenance of the proposed

- new structure;
- the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should come up with one clear stand on the proposed construction of a new ultra modern stadium; and
 - the Permanent Secretary and Directors in the Ministry of Sport Youth and Child Development should always accompany Parliamentary Committees during the tour of the stadium.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that it was not Governments intention to raze down the whole Independence Stadium. Rehabilitation works would be done in phases, starting with the grandstand. Rehabilitation works on the grandstand and playing surface has already started. This would be followed by rehabilitation of the open wings and car parks. The works were likely to be completed by December, 2009.

Your Committee were further informed that construction of an ultra modern stadium by the Chinese in Ndola had commenced and would be completed by March, 2010. The Government had taken serious note of the Committee's recommendation that the Permanent Secretary and Directors in the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should, in future, always accompany the Committee during the tour of the stadium.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and recommend that quarterly progress reports on the rehabilitation of stadiums be prepared and presented to the Committee.

THE NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA (NSCZ), LUSAKA

Your previous Committee met with the Secretariat of the National Sport Council for a briefing on the ratification of the NSCZ board and on the inclusion of a representative of the disabled on the Board. The Committee also checked on the status of the NSCZ building and sports facilities. The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and the Director of Child Development were present during the meeting and they accompanied the Committee during the tour.

The following were your Committee's Observations:

- (i) the current status of the National Sports Council was very poor; the building was run down and unkempt. The same applied to the sports fields. The Committee observed that the National Sports Council's image was being negatively affected by the run down buildings and unkempt sports fields; and
- (ii) the National Sports Council Committee had been ratified and a representative of the disabled had been included on the Committee. The Committee further observed that the Sports Council had several facilities that could be used for income generation.

Your Committee, therefore, recommended as follows:

- i) the National Sports Council should come up with a scheduled plan for the rehabilitation of both its building and sports fields. Well maintained buildings and sports fields could boost the Council's image and attract the participation and support of the corporate world;
- (ii) the Council should come up with a plan for the utilisation of its facilities to generate income that could be utilised in the maintenance and rehabilitation of the Sports Council buildings and sports fields.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the National Sports Council infrastructure had been included on the rehabilitation schedule of sport infrastructure in readiness for the 2011 All Africa Games. In addition, a new secretariat had been put in place to deal with issues of maintenance and rehabilitation of the Sports Council buildings; sports fields and income generation. The secretariat was currently developing a re-development plan for the centre.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that your Committee should be provided with a progress report on the rehabilitation and maintenance works at the National Sport Development centre of Zambia.

THE CHISHIMBA ZAMBIA NATIONAL SERVICE CAMP, KASAMA

Your previous Committee observed that the site of the camp were good. There was a large amount of land and water supply. However, the camp had no readily available infrastructure for skills training (workshops for carpentry, bricklaying and automotive mechanics). Sites for construction had been identified and marked out. Despite the plan for both the rehabilitation of the camp and the building of infrastructure for skills training having been completed in 2006, the funds had not yet been released. Therefore, no building works had taken place at the camp. The process of waiting for the release of the funds was taking too long.

Your Committee also observed that building evaluators from the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and the Zambia National Service had recommended the use of sleeping facilities that were built more than 30 years ago. Unfortunately, however, the sleeping facilities were run down and in dire need of massive rehabilitation.

Arising from these observations your Committee recommended that the money for the building and rehabilitation of the camp be immediately released and the old sleeping facilities be completely razed down as rehabilitating them would cost just as much as building new and more attractive infrastructure.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the estimated cost of rehabilitating the entire infrastructure at the camp was K1.6 billion, a cost which Government was currently unable to meet due to resource constraint. Therefore, for this reason, while the Government was cognisant of the poor state of the old sleeping

facilities, for the present moment, it would not be prudent to raze them down as there would be no funds to put up a new one right away.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee takes note of the Government's response and recommend that the Government should ensure that the old sleeping facilities undergo massive rehabilitation before they are opened for utilisation. Your Committee further recommend for a progress report on the rehabilitation of the Camp.

KASAMA STADIUM

Your previous Committee observed that some rehabilitation works had been carried out at the stadium and that some works were still in progress (an extra terrace had been built, two more layers of bricks had been added on to the wall fence, alluvial riverine soil had been purchased and added onto the sports field, a borehole had been sunk, a building to house the water tank had been constructed and the sports field had been fenced off). However, the Committee observed that more needed to be done. The stadium was operating with no ablution facilities. Despite its poor status due to lack of ablution facilities the stadium was still in use.

Your Committee also observed that entry to the stadium during football matches and other sporting events was free; there was rampant vandalism at the stadium and the stadium's electricity supply had been disconnected due to an outstanding bill; the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development had recently employed Provincial Sports Officers whose duty was to plan and follow up on the maintenance and rehabilitation of stadium; and the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development was one of the least funded Ministries.

Your Committee, therefore, recommended that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should come up with a scheduled plan for the rehabilitation of the stadium; the stadium should be closed until all the major works had been completed. Sensitisation programs had to be implemented to inform members of the public about the dangers of vandalism and the importance of avoiding it; ensure that a minimal gate fee is charged (This exercise could generate a sense of responsibility and ownership amongst the members of the public. The monies collected could be used for minor rehabilitation works). The corporate world in Kasama could be approached to formally seek their support and participation in the maintenance and rehabilitation of the stadium (the corporate world could be approached to maintain the wall fence of the stadium whilst using it for advertising purposes); and the Government should seriously consider increasing funding to the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government has taken note of the Committee's recommendations and would bear them in mind during programme implementation. In particular, the Provincial Sports Associations would be encouraged to take into account these suggestions in the interest of sports development.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request for a progress report on the participation of the corporate world in the maintenance and rehabilitation of stadium in the country. Your Committee further request a progress report on the rehabilitation of provincial stadiums in country.

TOUR OF THE KASAMA JESUS CARES MINISTRIES, PROJECT FOR THE REHABILITATION AND SKILLS TRAINING OF STREET CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Your Committee observed that the project was well organised and co-ordinated and that it had gained the support and participation of the local and traditional leadership. Your Committee further observed that skills training-was being carried out by trained instructors who were following the syllabus set by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocational Training. Your Committee recommended that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should continue to support the project.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government has taken note of the Committee's recommendation and assured the Committee of continued Government support to Jesus Cares Ministries.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

THE KASAMA YWCA TRANSIT HOME

Your previous Committee observed that the Transit Home was well organised and funded by the Irish Aid and by several other well wishers. Your Committee recommended that support continues for the project by the Irish Aid, local well wishers and the Government through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development.

In the Action Taken Report your Committee were informed that the Government has taken note of the Committee's recommendation and assured the Committee of continued Government support to the Transit Home in partnership with co-operating partners, including the Irish Aid and other well wishers already supporting the home.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

THE TAZARA YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE, KASAMA

Your previous Committee observed that the project was well coordinated with the full participation and support of the local community members and traditional leadership. The youth had been encouraged to take up the responsibility of running the project through income generation, HIV/AIDS education and counseling. The Committee further observed that the project was utilising trained instructors who were following the Government set syllabus. The Committee recommended that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should continue to support the youth Drop-in Centre.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that Government has taken note of the Committee's recommendation and assured the Committee of continued Government support to the Youth Drop-in Centre.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

THE MWANGE REFUGEE CAMP, MPOROKOSO

Your previous Committee observed that Mwanze Refugee Camp were well located besides a perennial river and had a vast amount of land and well maintained infrastructure. Your Committee were very impressed with the running of the Camp. The camp had had no contagious disease outbreak, and neither had it suffered any revolts. Water and health facilities were well maintained; and refugee families had been supported and encouraged to build housing units which were shared by individual family units.

Your Committee recommended that the refugee camp should be utilised for the rehabilitation and skills training of street children and that the Red Cross, in co-operation with the Government, should continue to run the camp (even when it is formally handed over for the rehabilitation and skills training of street children); and that the Red Cross, in co-operation with the Government, should come up with an alternative plan for the sleeping and feeding units of the youths who had not yet established family units and drew support and encouragement in the presence of their peers through daily events such as eating and sleeping.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's recommendations and would strengthen its collaboration with Zambia Red Cross Society on running the camp. The Government would also come up with an alternative plan for the sleeping and feeding units of the youths who had not yet established family units.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that a progress report on the process of turning the Refugee Camp into a youth rehabilitation and training centre should be produced and presented to the committee

KITWE ZNS CAMP, KITWE

Your previous Committee, in the Company of the Camp Commandant, carried out an on-the-spot check on the camp that currently has a total number of 120 girls under going rehabilitation and skills training. The Committee checked on the status of the youths and the camp with regards to the following:-

- the general health status of the youth;
- the nutritional status of the youths;
- the skills training facilities (classroom, books and tools);
- the skills training curriculum (qualifications of trainers);
- the facilities provided for psychosocial support;

- the sleeping and ablution facilities for the youth;
- facilities for sport and other extra curriculum and activities; and
- participation of the youth in the management of the camp.

Your Committee observed the following:-

- (i) the Camp buildings (the girls sleeping facilities, workshops, dining and kitchen facilities, class rooms, ablution and health facilities) were clean and well maintained and efficiently managed. The camp had readily available water and was well stocked with food and other essentials such as soap and sanitary towels;
- (ii) a disabled girl had been recruited and was coping well at the camp. However, the Committee observed that the recruitment exercise was not well planned and executed. This had led to some girls reporting to the camp in the belief that they had been employed. Due to the poorly executed recruitment exercise, a large number of girls had to leave soon after arrival. Seven decided to run away
- (iii) those who had run away had not been followed up by the officers at the camp or by the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development;
- (iv) the youth in the camp were not being represented by one of themselves in the Management Committee of the camp and, in addition, they noted that a large number of girls (six of whom had been found to be pregnant during the compulsory medical examinations upon arrival at the camp) had been turned away; the camp was well furnished with high-tech equipment for skills training (sewing machines, shoe making machines and catering equipment);
- (v) female instructors had been trained in counseling and were able to provide supportive counseling to the girls.
- (vi) youths of varying educational levels (grades 7,9 and 12) had been put in the same skills training classes, a disadvantage in that the girls' ability to grasp issues shared in class was not the same due to the varying educational attainments;
- (vii) the surrounding communities had welcomed the programme and were co-existing well with the youths; and
- (viii) skills training was provided by trained instructors who were following the TEVETA set curriculum; and that the youths were involved in various sporting activities.

Arising from these observations, your Committee recommended that:-

- (i) the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should come up with clear guidelines that would have to be strictly adhered to during the recruitment exercise and that runaways should be followed up so as to establish their current status and, where possible, to encourage them to get back to the camp;
- (ii) the Ministry should come up with alternative arrangements for pregnant and mothering girls (Once rejected from the camp, most of them went back to the streets with their vulnerable babies);
- (iii) the youths should be represented by one of them on the Management Committee of the camp (this would strengthen the trust, ownership and responsibility of the youths to the programme as they would be assured that their interests were being directly represented by one of them).

- (iv) the youth's right to participation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the programme should be taken seriously and implemented;
- (v) the Zambia National Service should establish a business link with the Army and Police so as to supply these organizations with uniforms and shoes (Monies raised could be used for the continued maintenance of the camp);
- (vi) the Ministry should involve a wider section of stakeholders in the recruitment exercise (Members of Parliament could be approached for their participation and support); and
- (ix) youths should be placed in different skills training classes in accordance with their education levels.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that guidelines for the recruitment of Street Kids were put in place at the inception of the programme but were not strictly adhered to by some Provincial Street Kids Mobilisation Committees. As regards the runaways, your Committee was informed that the street-kids rehabilitation and re-integration programme was voluntary. The Government would revise the current guidelines to take into account the issue of the street kids sent back due to pregnancies. The Government would carry out consultations with key stakeholders on the Committee's recommendation that Government should consider including a trainee representative on the Management Committee. The Government will also endeavour to involve the youths in planning, implementation and evaluation of the programme.

Regarding the recommendation that the Zambia National Service should establish a business link with the Army and Police so as to supply the two organisations with uniforms and shoes, and the money raised used for the continued maintenance of the camp, your Committee was advised that this initiative was already in place. Currently, the industry was able to tailor uniforms and manufacture boots for the Army and the Police, albeit, only in small quantities due to lack of capital and skilled manpower. With recapitalisation, especially on the machinery and recruitment of skilled manpower, the factory would be able to produce large quantities of uniforms and boots to supply the Army and the Police according to their requirements.

On the recommendation that the recruitment should be done through wide stakeholder participation, your Committee were advised that this was already happening using Provincial Street kids mobilising committees. Regarding the recommendation to place the street kids in different skills training classes in accordance with their education levels, the Government advised the Committee that the nature of the programme was such that street kids were placed in classes through talent identification done in the first six months of the programme.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that a progress report on the following issues should be produced and presented to them.

- the revision of the guidelines to take into account the street girls who are found to be pregnant; and
- the inclusion of a trainee representative on the Management Committee of the

skills training camp

THE FRIENDS OF STREET CHILDREN PROJECT, KITWE

Your Previous Committee observed that the Friends of Street Children was a viable community based initiative which was trying to curb the situation of street children in Kitwe. Your Committee further observed that through limited support from the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, church organisations and other well wishers, the project had managed to establish self sustaining income generating activities (banana plantation, rearing of chickens, pigs, rabbits and handicrafts).

Your Committee recommended that projects such as the Friends of Street Children should continue to get support from the Government through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development and that the Friends of Street Children Project should approach the local area Member of Parliament, the local business houses and other stake holders for the continued support of the project.

In the Action-Taken Report the Government informed your Committee that it would continue to render support to the Friends of Street Children Project as they were contributing to addressing the plight of street children in Kitwe.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request to be provided with a report on the support so far provided to the Friends of Street Children project in Kitwe.

MEETING WITH THE KITWE TOWN CLERK AND TOUR OF THE KITWE PLAYING FIELDS

Your Committee held a meeting with the Kitwe Town Clerk to be briefed on the role of the Kitwe City Council in the promotion of professionalism in Zambian sport through the council's protection and rehabilitation of sports infrastructure and also to establish the Kitwe City Councils plan for future utilisation of the Kitwe Playing Fields.

Your Committee, in the company of the Kitwe Town Clerk, toured the Kitwe Playing Fields to carry out an on the sport check on the current status of the fields. They observed the following:

- (a) the development and promotion of professionalism of sport in Kitwe had been negatively affected by the selling of the mines. The sale of all council housing infrastructure had further reduced the council's financial ability to support sport;
- (b) currently, the Council was very hesitant to enter into any agreement with private individuals, international and national sporting associations. Previous agreements had resulted into mismanagement of sports infrastructure and unauthorised selling and reselling of public property; and
- (c) the rugby house at the Kitwe Playing Fields had been burnt down. Although the rugby pitch was not being used, there were no encroachments on it. However, some parts of the Kitwe Playing Fields fence had been cut, thus

allowing for public trespassing into the fields.

Your Committee accordingly recommended as follows:-

- (i) that the Council should be strict and cautious before entering into any agreements with private individuals, international or national sporting associations;
- (ii) that the Council should approach the current owners of the mines to seek their support and participation in the development of sport in the town; and
- (iii) that the Council should come up with a schedule that would clearly state the council's plan for the future utilization of the Kitwe Playing Fields.

In the Action-Taken Report your Committee were informed that, the Council had since terminated the agreement that was entered into with Messrs Hexagon Investment Limited. In its intimation of the same, the Council had noted that no meaningful undertaking as agreed upon in the Agreement had been activated by Hexagon. Among such undertakings was the provision of US \$200,000 over a period of three years towards the incorporation of the Company that was to be incorporated by the Council and Hexagon.

Government's position was that Kitwe Playing Fields should be maintained as a sporting complex facility for the city, managed through a public private partnership arrangement with reputable companies. To this end companies such as Copperbelt Energy Corporation and Mopani Copper Mines had since been written to seeking their consideration of this matter.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request a progress report on the establishment of a public private partnership with Copperbelt Energy Cooperation and Mopani Mines and also on the current state of the Rugby playing field.

TOUR OF CHIWOKO ZAMBIA NATIONAL SERVICE CAMP, CHIPATA

Your previous Committee, in the company of the Camp Commandant, carried out an on the spot check on the status of the camp.

The camp currently has a total 430 boys from various parts of Zambia undergoing rehabilitation and skills training. Your Committee toured to ascertain the following:

- general health status of the youth;
- general status of the camp facilities (buildings, water, medical services, ablution blocks and sleeping facilities);
- training facilities (classrooms, books, tools);
- training curriculum and qualifications of the trainers;
- facilities for the psychosocial support of the youths (counseling);
- representation of the youths in the management of the project;
- the participation of the youths in sports and other extra curricular activities; and
- the separation of sleeping and ablution facilities for male and female

Your Committee observed as follows:

- (i) the camp was clean (the sleeping facilities, dining, kitchen and class rooms were well managed). However, despite having paid for the installation of a step-up transformer, ZESCO had not yet installed the transformer. The lack of a transformer had led to the non utilisation of the newly built ablution block and the newly purchased cooking utensils (the camp was utilising firewood for cooking and pit latrines). The lack of a transformer had also led to a water shortage. This had negatively affected camp activities such as gardening (boreholes had been sunk but could not be used due to the lack of a transformer). The camp was utilising a hand pump;
- (ii) some of the workshops for carpentry and bricklaying were still under construction;
- (iii) the youngest child at the camp was thirteen years old; the youths at the camp appeared clean and motivated. However, due to some irregularities during the recruitment exercise, some of the youths thought that they were being recruited for employment. Upon discovering that the camp was a skills training center, the youths - seventeen of them - decided to run away;
- (iv) only productive punishment was meted out to wayward youths. Physical punishment was not allowed;
- (v) skills training in the camp which was provided by trained instructors using the TEVETA curriculum was a mere introduction to a particular skill allowing the youths to practice as trades men and women. The introduction could be used as a foundation for those youths who were interested in pursuing further studies;
- (vi) the youths were all involved in various sporting activities and the issue of separation of sleeping and ablution facilities between the boys and the girls did not arise because the camp was strictly meant for boys; and
- (vii) the surrounding communities had welcomed the programme and they were co-existing well with the youths.

Based upon these observations, your Committee recommended that:-

ZESCO should ensure that the electricity transformer was installed at the camp as soon as possible; the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should come up with clear guidelines that would have to be strictly adhered to during the recruitment exercise and a wider section of stakeholders should be involved in the recruitment exercise. Members of Parliament could be approached for their participation and support. Runaways should be followed up so as to establish their current status and where possible to encourage them to get back to the camp; the youths should be represented by one of them on the Management Committee of the camp to strengthen the trust, ownership and responsibility of the youths to the program as they would be assured that their concerns were being directly represented by one of them; participation of the youths in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the programme should be implemented and taken seriously; and youths younger than fifteen should be given a chance at formal schooling before being introduced to skills training and rehabilitation in the camps.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that funds for the purchase of the transformer were released to Chiwoko in 2007 and were subsequently paid to Zesco Limited. As regards the guidelines for the recruitment of street kids, these would be revised to take into account the concerns raised. The Government would in addition carry out consultations on the possibility of including trainee representatives on the Management Committee. The Government would, in future, also ensure that all Provincial Street Kids Mobilising Committees strictly adhered to the age bracket of 15-25 as stipulated in the Concept Paper.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and further recommend that a progress report outlining the following issues be submitted to the Committee

- the installation of the step up transformer at the camp by Zesco;
- the revision of the guidelines for recruitment of street kids for rehabilitation and skills training;
- the inclusion of a trainee representative on the Management Committee of the skills training and rehabilitation camp; and
- adherence of the Provincial Street Kid Mobilising Committee to the age brackets of 15-25 years old for recruitment to the skills training programme.

TOUR OF DAVID KAUNDA STADIUM, CHIPATA

Your previous Committee observed that the status of the stadium which was built in the early 1970s was poor and its 'infrastructure and sports field were poorly maintained while the ablution facilities were in a bad state; the stadium flood lights were not working and the fence around the stadium had been cut thus allowing for trespassers. The club house was being used as a pre-school. Overall, it was apparent that the Ministry had not taken the promotion of sport in the Eastern Province seriously. This had resulted in the provincial stadium being run down.

Your Committee accordingly recommended that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should come up with a scheduled plan for the rehabilitation of the stadium and a sensitisation program to inform members of the public about the dangers of vandalism and the importance of avoiding it and, thereafter, approach the corporate world in Chipata to formally seek their support and participation in the maintenance and rehabilitation of the stadium.

Additionally they should stop the use of the club house as a pre-school and approach the corporate world to maintain the wall fence of the stadium whilst using it for advertising purposes. Your Committee further recommended that Government should not share out to all the nine provinces monies made available for the rehabilitation of provincial stadiums. One or two stadium could be rehabilitated in a particular year and a thorough needs assessment should be carried out before hand to ensure that funding was provided in line with the objectively established needs.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government had

taken note of the Committee's recommendations and had advised the Provincial Administration in Chipata to act on the above Committee's observations and recommendations.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and recommend that they be provided with a progress report on the following issues:-

- the establishment and implementation of scheduled plan for the rehabilitation of provincial stadia;
- implementation of a community sensitization program for the prevention of vandalism; and
- stoppage of the utilization of David Kaunda Stadium Club House for pre-school activities.

TOUR OF THE KAGORO JESUS CARES MINISTRIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE, KATETE

Your Previous Committee observed that the project was well organised and co-ordinated and had further gained the support and participation of the local and traditional leadership, albeit that the project infrastructure was small and in need of expansion. The project had only one trained teacher and both the women and the youths were encouraged to participate in the running of the programme. The project was community based and non residential.

Based upon these observations, your Committee recommended that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development should continue supporting the project in its quest to eliminate child labour and that the project should continue to seek and promote wider participation of the local people while a clear and well understood separation should be made between child labour that prevents children from attending school and the process of socialisation that requires that children participate in some chores for the survival of the family and community such as cattle rearing, farming, looking after younger siblings and general household chores whilst attending regular school..

In the Action-Taken report, your Committee were informed that Government had taken note of the recommendations and would continue rendering support to the institution and to encourage it to seek and promote wider participation of the local people in efforts aimed at eliminating child labour. Government also agreed with the recommendation for a clear and well understood separation between child labour that prevents children from attending school and the process of socialisation that required children to participate in some chores for the survival of the family and community chores whilst attending regular school. Hence, Government was already pursuing this matter in the way suggested by the Committee.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that they should be provided with a report on Government's efforts to ensure that there is a clear

understanding at community level of the difference between child labour and the process of socialisation that allows a child to partake in family and community chores whilst attending regular school.

PART IV

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE NINTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

PROMOTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES IN ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

22. Your previous Committee requested a full report on the progress of the rehabilitation exercise of various stadia following the distribution of K100 million to each of the five provinces.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee was informed that the K100 million (One Hundred Million Kwacha only) released for rehabilitation of provincial stadia in Kabwe, Mansa, Solwezi, Mongu, Chipata and Ndola was generally utilised on improvement of stadium infrastructure. The works that had so far been done included drilling of boreholes, construction of water tanks and installation of pumps. Other works done in all the provinces were rehabilitation of grand stands, ablution blocks, dressing rooms and erection or repair of security wall fences and fabrication of gates. Part of the funds were also utilised on improving the playing surfaces and grading of the running tracks.

Government had assigned its internal auditors to verify the utilisation of the funds by the above six listed Provincial Administrations after which a detailed report would be circulated.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from Government and recommend that they be provided with a copy of the internal auditors report.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Your previous Committee requested a full report on the progress made by the Ministry to ensure that land meant for sports facilities was not only made available but also guarded against usage for other unplanned purposes.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government, through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, disbursed K6 billion to councils for the maintenance of play parks and other sporting infrastructure in 2007. Of this amount, K4.5 billion was disbursed to 19 Local Authorities for the maintenance of play parks and K1.5 billion was for maintenance of stadiums and other sporting infrastructure under their jurisdiction. Additionally, the Ministry had written to all councils to indicate all sporting facilities that could be used during the 2011 All Africa Games.

So far, the Kitwe City Council has identified the Kitwe Playing Fields as a possible venue for the 2011 All Africa Games.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Your previous Committee requested a full report on the progress made by the Ministry of Education in its appeal to the Ministry of Lands to provide title deeds for all the blocks of land on which education institutions have been built. The Committee further requested a full report on the Government's efforts in strengthening and co-ordinating the financial support provided by the corporate sector to various sports activities.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Ministry of Education appeal to have title deeds for all educational institutions was sent to Ministry of Lands. In response, the Ministry was directed to make submissions of the names and locations of such institutions, province, by province, and this was done. The requested information was submitted, following which the Ministry of Lands agreed in principle but advised that the Ministry of Education should make a request and prepare the required logistics for the Ministry of Lands to undertake the activity. Unfortunately, this advice came long after the budget was developed and therefore the activity would be undertaken fully in the budget of 2009 as the Ministry allocates resources for it.

As for new schools that were being constructed this year, the Ministry would endeavour that these school sites are surveyed and provided with title deeds from the resources allocated for the projects.

The Government acknowledged that the corporate sector had made a major contribution to the promotion of various sporting activities in the country. However, the financial support they gave was dependant upon their own choice and when that support was given. This made the co-ordination of such funds difficult because their availability was unpredictable.

However, Government has put in place mechanisms that funds given were directed to the mother organisations of particular sporting disciplines, such as the Zambia Amateur Athletics Association, the Zambia Rugby Football Union, the Zambia Golf Union, and many others.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee takes note of the response from the Government and recommends that they be provided with a progress report depicting the Ministry of Land's efforts to allocate title for land under the Ministry of Education.

NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Your previous Committee requested a full report on the progress made by the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development in their development of a legal framework to guide the private investors in the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) Scheme. The Committee further requested a full report outlining Government efforts in the

raising of funds to build three ultra modern stadium before the 2010 Football World Cup in South Africa.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were advised that, with regard to sports infrastructure development, there was a policy shift from using the BOT Scheme to a Government to Government Scheme through bilateral agreements and use of GRZ funds. The BOT Scheme was abandoned because when this scheme was advertised only one bidder applied, who also did not meet the minimum requirements under this scheme. To this effect there was no legal framework being developed by the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development.

Regarding progress made in strengthening and co-coordinating the financial support provided by the corporate sector to various sports activities, the Government had done the following: seconded additional staff from the Defence Forces to the National Sports Council of Zambia (NSCZ); conducted regular audits of National Sports Associations and Organisations; and constituted a special committee made up of prominent personnel to spearhead mobilisation of financial resources for sports development. These efforts had built confidence in the private sector in financing various sports disciplines. For instance, National Milling Corporation was funding boxing; Barclays Bank Plc was financing soccer and Zambia Breweries Plc was funding rugby, soccer and other sports disciplines.

As for the Government's efforts in raising funds to build three ultra-modern stadiums before the 2010 World Cup to be hosted by South Africa, some appreciable progress had been made. For assistance, an agreement was signed with the People's Republic of China enabling them to construct an ultra modern stadium in Ndola, and the Chinese contractor had already moved on site. The stadium was scheduled to be completed by March, 2010.

In addition, the Government has funded the upgrading and modernisation of Independence Stadium in Lusaka. The works, which include increasing the sitting capacity of stadium from the current 35,000 to 45,000, installation of an artificial turf and synthetic running track, have since commenced. This project was expected to be completed by December, 2009. On the construction of an ultramodern stadium in Livingstone, the Government was still looking for a strategic partner.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that a progress report be provided on the identification of a strategic partner for the construction of all ultra modern stadium in Livingstone.

KONKOLA COPPER MINES PLC

Your previous Committee requested a full report on the progress made by the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice and the National Council for Construction in developing a legal framework to guide private sector involvement in the construction and maintenance of sports infrastructure.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the legal framework to guide private sector involvement in the development and maintenance of sports infrastructure in the country had not yet been developed. However, the 2006 National Sports Policy stressed the need for the involvement of the private sector in sports infrastructure development. Specially, the private sector was urged to develop and avail sporting facilities to the general public. In this regard, the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development was partnering with the private sector in rehabilitating and upgrading various sports facilities under their jurisdiction. For instance, Luanshya Mines Plc had accepted to rehabilitate the recreation centre which was formally run by ZCCM. In addition, the Ministry was in the process of signing an agreement with Konkola Copper Mines to rehabilitate Konkola Stadium.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government response and recommend that they be provided with a progress report on the development of a legal framework to guide private sector involvement in the development and maintenance of sports infrastructure in the country.

EDUSPORT FOUNDATION

Your previous Committee requested a full report on the findings of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development as to why the Edusport Foundation had not been able to commence the construction of the multipurpose stadium on the land allocated in December 2004.

In the Action-taken Report, your Committee were informed that, according to investigations carried out by the Government, Edusport has not been given land adjacent to Independence Stadium for the construction of a multi-purpose stadium. However, Edusport had applied for land adjacent to Libala Tennis Court in Libala.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and recommend that they be provided with a progress report on the Government efforts to provide land to Edusport Foundation.

SPORT IN ACTION

Your previous Committee requested a full report on the activities and achievements so far of the Sport for Development and Peace programme which was established and funded in the 2006 budget.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the money allocated in the 2006 Budget to the Sport for Development and Peace Programme was used to organise inter-ministerial sporting activities with a view to strengthening relationships among employees of the various Government Ministries.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

ZAMBIA AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Your previous Committee requested a report to verify the fact that every new residential area had space for sports facilities.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that according to the Local Government Act CAP 281 (Section 61 of the second schedule) of the Laws of Zambia, councils were mandated to designate areas for sporting facilities in residential and other areas of preferences. Section 61 (33-35) of the same Act provided that Local Authorities shall establish parks, zoos, gardens, pleasure grounds, sporting grounds, etc. However, Government had noted that most councils were not active with regard to these functions, resulting in the mushrooming of squatter compounds which did not conform to the provisions of the law.

Government was intervening in this matter through the deliberate allocation of funds for the maintenance of play parks and other sporting infrastructure. In 2007, K4.5 billion (Four billion Five Million Kwacha only) was allocated to 19 Local Authorities for the maintenance of play parks and K1.5 billion (One Billion, Five Million Kwacha only) for the maintenance of stadia and other sporting infrastructure under their jurisdiction. Additionally, the Ministry of Local Government and Housing has written to all the councils to indicate all sporting facilities that could be used during the 2011 All Africa Games. Once identified, the facilities would be maintained through the All Africa Games Organising Committee.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request to be provided with a progress report on the utilisation of the funds meant for maintenance of play park and other sporting activities.

ZAMBIA FEDERATION OF THE DISABLED

Your previous Committee requested a full progress report on the review of the Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities Act and the implementation of the countrywide sensitisation programme targeting parents and the community at large to ensure that the disabled are allowed to participate in sport.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities (ZAPD) has started the sensitisation of stakeholders on the Disability Act. In this regard, the ZAPD has undertaken the following sensitisation measures under the current Act: Media workshops for sensitising media personnel; workshops at provincial level in Government Institutions on the rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Disability Act. In conjunction with some stakeholders/partners, such as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), ZAPD has held a series of workshops on disability related issues.

While the Government's National Sports Policy did not discriminate against the participation of persons with disabilities in sports activities, little progress had been made with regard to the implementation of the countrywide sensitisation programme. However, the Government would advise the Zambia Federation of the Disabled and the National Paralympic Committee of Zambia to sensitise parents and the community at large to allow the disabled to participate in sports. The Government, through the ZAPD, would also intensify the sensitisation of the new Act to stakeholders once it has been reviewed.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request a progress report on the implementation of a country wide sensitisation programme targeting parents of disabled children and the community at large. The objective of the sensitisation programme should be to ensure that the disabled are allowed to fully participate in sport.

THE PROMOTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Your previous Committee requested a progress report on the current status of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development with regard to the availability of building loans for institutions involved in Early Childhood Care, Development and Education (ECCDE)

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee was informed that the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development did not give loans for infrastructure development. However, where a partnership has been established between the Ministry and a community-based child care organisation a grant is given to support its operations.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Your previous Committee requested a progress report on the establishment of a national curriculum/syllabus for Early Childhood Care, Development and Education in Zambia. Your Committee also requested a report stating whether the 10 billion kwacha meant for ECCDE was released and disbursed.

In the Action Taken Report your Committee were informed that the process of developing a National Policy Framework on Early Childhood Care and Education had reached on advanced stage. The first draft had been produced and had been commented on by various stakeholders. The input from the consultative meeting held towards the end of 2007 would facilitate production of the second draft policy framework. Thereafter, a curriculum would be developed in line with the policy framework. This was to ensure that the curriculum which would be developed would have been produced with a broad-based consultation of stakeholders and should gain the acceptability of all the users.

Your Committee were further informed that the Government has plans to commence construction of a pilot ECCDE centre at a site to be selected. The centre would provide among other things, implementation of the ECCDE curriculum which would provide continuous professional development for pre-school teachers, development of ECCDE material to support ECCDE curriculum management training for ECCDE professional.

The full scaling up of ECCDE would only take place after the pilot had been implemented fully and the curriculum had fully developed. This would require re-training of teachers in the ECCDE centres and development of the structure of the ECCDE to be adopted in both private and public ECCDE centres. Importantly, the expectation of the ECCDE centre was to ensure that quality, equitable and accessible education was provided to children in both urban and rural settings in the near future.

Regarding the K10 billion meant for building 40 ECCDE centres, the money was varied and used to construct basic schools and classrooms across the country. This was to allow the development of the policy framework for ECCDE. It would be appropriate to embark on infrastructure development after the implementation framework was in place. The framework would provide focus on many areas of ECCDE such as capacity building of current staff handling this sub-sector, provision of learning and teaching materials. Above all, the creation of linkages among stakeholders would be of paramount importance too.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and recommend that they be provided with a progress report on the establishment of the National Curriculum/syllabus for ECCDE.

ZAMBIA PRE-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Your previous Committee asked for progress reports on the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services' rehabilitation exercise of disused community centres and other buildings with a view to utilising them for child and youth programmes; the release of the K125 million (one hundred and twenty five million Kwacha only) for the above activity; the establishment of a policy to guide the provision of Early Childhood Care and Education; and the establishment of a policy to guide the open community schools.

Your Committee strongly insisted that the right to education should be enshrined specifically in the Zambian Constitution to ensure that the Government was compelled to provide it and to give the citizens the right to demand it.

Your Committee further requested to be provided with a progress report on the Government's evaluation of all structures involved in the provision of ECCD so as to arrive at one of them as the main co-coordinating agency.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the rehabilitation exercise of disused community centres and other buildings with a view to utilising them for child and youth programmes was progressing well. The Ministry of Community

Development and Social Welfare had so far rehabilitated Nakambala Approved School and Chikumbi Learning Resource Centre. The Ministry was about to rehabilitate the Anglican Street Children Centre in Chelstone for similar purposes. So far, the Ministry had spent K52 million (fifty two million Kwacha only) for rehabilitation of Nakambala Approved School and K125,760,003 (one hundred and twenty five million, seven hundred and sixty thousand Kwacha three ngwee) for Chikumbi Learning Resource Centre. For the Anglican Street Children Centre, it was estimated that K23,000,000 (twenty three million Kwacha only) would be spent on the Centre.

Your Committee were further informed that the process of developing a National Policy Framework on Early Childhood Care and Education had reached an advanced stage. The first draft had been produced and had been commented on by various stakeholders. The input from the consultative meeting held towards the end of 2007, would facilitate production of the second draft policy framework. Thereafter, a curriculum would be developed in line with the policy framework. This was to ensure that the curriculum which would be developed would have been produced with a broad-based consultation of stakeholders and should gain the acceptability of all the users.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request a progress report on the development of the National Policy Framework of Early Childhood Care and Education.

CARE INTERNATIONAL

Your previous Committee requested to be provided with a progress report on the revision of the archaic laws relating to children in Zambia.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were advised that the Government has set up a stakeholders' committee to spearhead the revision of the laws governing child development.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request a progress report on the revision of the laws governing child development

TOUR OF THE MTENDERE COUNCIL PRE-SCHOOL - LUSAKA

Your previous Committee requested a full progress report on the situation at the Mtendere Pre-School stating the current number of pupils, the current status of the playgrounds; and implementation of the community awareness campaign.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Mtendere Council Pre School has a total number of 55 pupils:-

<i>Class/Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Baby Class	08	12	70
Pre-Grade	15	05	20
Middle-Grade	07	08	15
Total	30	25	55

The play ground needs attention as the grass has overgrown. The swings were in an unusable state. Only two see-saws were functioning and there was only the ground support structure for the merry-go-round. The school had a total number of three classrooms which had 18 desks which were unstable and needed attention.

At the moment, the Community Awareness Campaign had not been implemented but the Government would ensure that this was done as soon as the running of the Pre Schools was transferred to the Ministry of Education.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee takes note of the response from the Government. They request a progress report on the current situation at the Mtendere pre-school stating if there has been any effort to improve the poor status of the play grounds, the classroom desks and the implementation of the community awareness campaign.

TOUR OF OUR LADY OF MERCY PRE-SCHOOL - MANSIA

Your previous Committee requested to be availed with a progress report on the Ministry of Education's efforts to establish a Directorate in charge of Early Childhood Education.

In the Action-Taken Report your Committee were advised that it was not in the interest of the Government to establish a Directorate responsible for ECCDE. However, the Government, through the Ministry of Education, has established a sub sector for ECCDE to be managed in the same manner as other sub-sectors were managed. For example, the Government did not have a Directorate for Basic Education or for High Schools. However, the Government was currently developing the implementation framework which, once put in place would establish a structure that would run from the national, province, district and the school level. The structure would comprise committees made up of key stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society, who would offer advice on how to manage ECCDE country wide.

The work of rectifying the water problem at the institution started in October, 2006 and was concluded in April, 2007. The school, therefore, had tap water since April, 2007.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government. They request a progress report on the establishment of an implementation framework for ECCDE in the country.

TOUR OF FORMER ZCCM WELFARE CENTRES IN LUANSHYA

Your previous Committee requested to be availed with a progress report on the harmonization of the efforts of the Luanshya Municipal Council and the private sector in the provision of ECCD to more children than was currently the case.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government was firmly committed to providing early childhood education and all stakeholders, including the councils such as Luanshya and the private sector were fully participating in these consultations on the way forward for ECCD. Hence, this was being done.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

TOUR OF STADIA IN LUSAKA, NDOLA AND MANSA

Your previous Committee requested to be availed with a progress report on the repair of the Independence stadium. Regarding the Government's response in relation to the poor work that was carried out at Dag Hammarkjoeld old Stadium, your Committee was not satisfied and requested that information should be provided in relation to the contractor of the club house.

In the Action Taken Report, the Committee were informed that the Independence Stadium was currently undergoing rehabilitation and the concerns of the Committee would be taken care of in the on-going works. Regarding the provision of information on the contractor of the club house, owing to time lapse, the Government was unable to trace the contractor, making it difficult to compile the requested report.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are not satisfied with the response provided by the Government and strongly request information on the contractor of the club house and future plans for the utilisation of the site of the former Dag Hammarskjöld Stadium.

TOUR OF SWIMMING POOL FACILITIES, LUSAKA AND LUANSHYA

Your previous Committee requested to be availed with a progress report on the current status of the Lusaka Olympic Swimming Pool and Roan Swimming Pool in Luanshya.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Olympic Swimming Pool has been renovated by the Lusaka City Council and that facilities such as jumping castles have been procured and installed at the pool. The pool also has a park which was operational and attracts a lot of people holding functions such as weddings.

As for the Roan Swimming Pool in Luanshya, the Committee was informed that the pool was now being run by Luanshya Copper Mines and it was operational.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government. However, they regret to report that contrary to the Government's response which stated that the Olympic swimming pool had been renovated, a recent tour of the Olympic Swimming pool by your Committee on the 17th of July 2008 revealed the contrary. Your Committee therefore, request a progress report on the current status of the Olympic Swimming pool and the plans for its renovation. Your Committee had recommended that a diving board be installed at the pool and not a jumping castle as was depicted in the response from Government.

TOUR OF MANSА SPORTS CLUB AND FORMER ZCCM SPORTS FACILITIES

Your previous Committee were not satisfied with the response provided by the Government and strongly recommended that the Government revisits its response.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee were informed that Government had requested the councils to surrender disused buildings to the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development so that they could be used as children's welfare centres. So far, Solwezi Municipal Council and Livingstone City Council has surrendered a building each.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are not satisfied with the response from the Government and requests a progress report on the Ministry of Lands intervention efforts to correct the situation that had led to a dispute between the Mansa Sport Club, the Mansa Municipal Council and the private individuals who had encroached into the Mansa Golf Course.

TOUR OF SPORTS FACILITIES IN INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

Your previous Committee requested for a full report on the rehabilitation of sports infrastructure at Munali High School and St Clement High School; the Government's efforts at ensuring that physical education was taught in all the schools; and the Government's effort at implementing tax rebates on all sports equipment.

In the Action-Taken Report, the Committee were informed that the rehabilitation of sports infrastructure at Munali High School has started, beginning with the playing fields leaving the swimming pool for Phase II because of the huge sums of money required.

The school has contacted business houses for assistance and was now waiting for responses. As for St. Clements High School, the Committee was advised that the School begun by first maintaining their football pitch.

All schools were encouraged to partner with private organizations to improve sporting facilities in their institutions.

The Government has taken physical education as a priority following the pronouncement by His Excellency the President in 2005 that physical education must be taken as a priority

subject and should be seen to be taught. Since then, the Government had emphasised that physical education is taught as a compulsory subject at both school and college level. The Government has allowed tax rebates on sports equipment donated or procured by schools from outside the country.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request a progress report on the rehabilitation of sports facilities at Munali in Lusaka and St Clements' in Mansa.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE NINTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

PROMOTION OF SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED IN ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

23. Your previous Committee were not satisfied with the response from the Government. The Committee requested that they be provided with a report depicting the actual modifications on sports infrastructure to allow for the participation of the Disabled.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that as the Government rehabilitates and constructs sports infrastructure that would be used for the 2011 All Africa Games, the sports interests of the disabled would be taken care of as efforts would be made to make the infrastructures user friendly to them.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the Government's response and requests that they be provided with a report depicting the actual modifications on sports infrastructure to allow for the full participation of the disabled

NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Your previous Committee requested to be availed with a report depicting how much had so far been raised through the National Sports Councils fund raising ventures.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that due to the poor state of facilities at the National Sports Development Council (NASDEC), the Council has been unable to raise enough money as they could not attract many customers/clients to their business ventures.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request to be provided with a full report depicting the progress of the rehabilitation of the sports facilities at the National Sports Development Council.

HIV/AIDS PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS FOR THE YOUTH

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Your previous Committee requested a progress report on the release of the budgeted money and the implementation of the radio programmes in other languages apart from English.

In the Action Taken Report, your Committee was informed that the budgeted sum of K181, 230,000 (one hundred and eighty one thousand, two hundred and thirty thousand Kwacha only) for radio programmes was released. Radio programmes on HIV and AIDS and other information on youth and child protection were broadcast on community radio stations across the country in various languages commonly used in the localities. These programmes were on-going.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee are satisfied with the response from the Government.

STUDY OF GOVERNMENT POLICY ON THE GROWING PROBLEM OF YOUTH ILLITERACY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO)

Your previous Committee requested a progress report on the turning of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security into an economic ministry and further requested a progress report on the streamlining of the Government's functional classification.

In the 2006 to 2008 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Ministerial Ceiling Schedule, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security still remained the least funded Ministry among all ministries in Government. The Ministry of Finance and National Planning and Cabinet were approached in order to correct this situation but nothing positive so far had yielded. Further, respective Parliamentary Committees before which the Ministry appeared had been similar observations and recommendations to the Executive on this matter.

Your Committee were not satisfied with the response provided by the Government and requested a full progress report on the streamlining of the Government functional classification.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government, through the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, recently appeared before various Parliamentary Committees, such as the Committee on Economic Affairs and Labour, the Committee on Government Assurances and the Committee on Delegated Legislation. Indeed, all these Committees were of the view that the inadequate funding to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security was as a result of its classification as a social ministry. However, the Committee may wish to note that classification of a ministry may not have a bearing on the funding allocated to it. For instance, an analysis of the 2008 Yellow Book revealed that social ministries had relatively better allocations than

economic ministries.

Government's position on this matter was, therefore, that the role of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security in Zambia's economic management had drastically changed due to the growth in private investment brought about by the current economic dispensation. The new challenges on the labour market called for an increase in budgetary allocations to the Ministry. In light of this, it was Government's considered view that merely classifying the Ministry of Labour and Social Security as an Economic Ministry may not resolve the current challenges facing the ministry.

Regarding streamlining of the Government functional classification, the Government first incorporated the classification of Government functions according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Government Finance Statistics Manual (GFSM) of 2001 into the MTEF in the 2006 Budget. The old chart of accounts was also re-aligned to conform to the IMF GFSM 2001 and incorporated into the 2007 Budget. Consequently, the Government was now able to disaggregate expenditure data by function from the year 2006.

Classification of the functions of Government was developed by the United Nations Statistical Division to be applied to Government expense and net acquisition of non-financial assets. It helped Government to classify expenditure according to purpose. In this regard, under the GFSM 2001, Government expenditure was classified according to General Public Services; Defence; Public Order and Safety; Economic Affairs; Environmental Protection; Housing and Community Amenities; Health; Recreation Culture and Religion; Education, and Social Protection.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee take note of the response from the Government and request a progress report on the efforts to increase funding for the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

TOUR OF THE KABULONGA CHESHIRE HOMES

Your previous Committee requested a report stating whether the fire extinguishers had been purchased and installed at the Kabulonga Cheshire Homes.

In the Action-Taken, Report your Committee were informed that the fire extinguishers had been purchased and installed.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee are satisfied with the response from the Government.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON SPORT, YOUTH AND CHILD AFFAIRS FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE NINTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

24. Your previous Committee took note of the response provided by Government. However, the Committee requested that they be provided with a progress report outlining

the current status of cultural villages being constructed in Livingstone, Mongu and Chipata.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the construction of cultural villages in Livingstone, Mongu and Chipata was making steady progress. The construction of the Maramba Cultural Village in Livingstone had continued with the construction of a multipurpose theatre that would accommodate 650 people. The theatre was now being extended to accommodate over 1000 people. So far, K609,852,128 had been disbursed to facilitate this extension which included enlargement of dressing rooms and the stage and construction of auditorium pillars and wall. The next stage was to roof the multipurpose theatre but this would require disbursement of more funds.

Construction of Kapata Village in Chipata was almost complete. The construction of the conference hall and the wall surrounding the premises were completed in the first quarter of 2007 after receiving K40 million. Further, a bar had also been constructed at the premises at a cost of K60 million and awaited furnishings. However, the construction of the exhibition hall was halted in order to accommodate the construction of a multi purpose theatre, which was a top priority in terms of promoting activities for the artists. K200 million had been released towards the construction of this theatre. The total money released after the last report was K 310 million.

However, the construction of Yuka Village in Mongu has been put on hold in order to allow for the completion of the Maramba and Kapata Villages which had already reached advanced stages.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of the response from the Government and request that they be provided with a progress report on the current status of the construction activities at the Livingstone, Mongu and Chipata cultural villages.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SERVICES

Your previous Committee requested a progress report on the implementation of the policy to ensure that 50 percent of the music played by licences had relevance to the culture of the communities being served.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the current procedures for issuance of radio and television licenses stipulated that programmes to be aired should include economic, social and cultural events, 60 to 70 percent of which should be of local (Zambian) content. The same applied to music played on the licensed stations.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

Your Committee were satisfied with the response provided by the Government.

CELTEL ZAMBIA LIMITED

Your previous Committee requested a progress report on the establishment by Celtel of a music recording studio in Lusaka for the youth.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government had approached Celtel to clarify its position regarding the construction of a music studio for the youth in Lusaka. Celtel had responded that, as part of its corporate social responsibility, it had over the years supported initiatives such as educational, arts and cultural activities. Celtel stated that, for this reason, it has made a recommendation that the Government should consider setting up community centres to promote sports, arts and culture, after which it would consider making various donations to the centres.

In terms of progress, Government was continuing with the construction of cultural villages, namely, Maramba in Livingstone, Kapata in Chipata, Yuka in Mongu and Kabwata in Lusaka.

The ongoing construction of the National Cultural Centre and Village was part of the Ministry's programme of providing arts and cultural infrastructure to support training, production and marketing of artistic and cultural products. The National Cultural Centre would be constructed at an estimated cost of K12 Billion (Twelve Billion Kwacha only) and K4.5 Billion (Four Billion Five Million Kwacha only) for each of the nine Cultural Villages respectively.

In this regard, Government welcomed any support from Celtel and any other financiers from the private sector and, indeed, co-operating partners.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee takes note of the Government response and requests a report on the progress in the construction of the National Cultural Centre and the nine provincial cultural villages.

THE ZAMBIA FOLK DANCE AND MUSIC SOCIETY (ZAFODAMUS)

Your Previous Committee requested that they be provided with a progress report on the symposium of stakeholders in arts and culture.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that, due to limited resources, the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services had not been able to undertake the symposium on youth and other stakeholders in arts and culture. Initially, funds for holding the symposium were expected to be accessed from the Youth Empowerment Fund.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee take note of response from the Government and request to be provided with a progress report on efforts to hold a symposium for the youth and other stakeholders in arts and culture.

THE ZAMBIA ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS (ZAM)

Your previous Committee requested a progress report on the reversion of the Cross Road Projects back to ZAM.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that Cross Roads Project was an international organisation with a branch in Zambia and was funded by the European Union. As such, the Cross Roads Project could not be transferred to the Zambia Association of Musicians (ZAM) as the Project was a legal entity on its own.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your Committee are not satisfied with the response from the Government and request that they be provided with a report on the following:

- the establishment of the Cross Roads Project in Zambia (when, how and why was it established);
- the activities and achievements of the Cross Roads Project in Zambia; and
- the project's relationship with the Zambian Association of Musician and the Zambian Arts Council.

THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL VISUAL ARTS COUNCIL

The Committee requested a progress report on the review of the Copyright Act and the exercise to formalise and make permanent the inclusion of the concept of art on every public building in Zambia.

In the Action-Taken Report, your Committee were informed that the Government, through the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services, was in the process of revising the Copyright and Performance Rights Act to ensure that it addressed the challenges the copyright-based industries were facing.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services has since 2004 been receiving submissions from various stakeholders and line ministries through Cabinet Memoranda, supporting the amendments and recommendations.

Last year, a Cabinet Memorandum was sent to Cabinet Office for approval. However, following appeals from various stakeholders to make their submissions, it was withdrawn to allow as many stakeholders as possible to submit their input in the Copyright and Performance Rights Act amendments Bill.

The Ministry is currently receiving submissions on the same. The exercise to formalise and make permanent the inclusion of the concept of art on every public building had been included in the 2008 work plan. The Ministry would initiate a Cabinet Memorandum so that a decision is made to make it a policy to include the concept of art on every public building in Zambia.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

Your committee take note of the response from the Government and request that they

be provided with a progress report on the review of the Copyright Act and the establishment of a policy that would ensure that a concept of art is included on every public building in Zambia.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, your Committee wish to extend their gratitude to you, Mr. Speaker for appointing them to serve on this Committee. They also thank the office of the Clerk, of the National Assembly for the services rendered during the year.

They are indebted to the witnesses who appeared before them for their cooperation and provision of the necessary memoranda and briefs.

Your Committee had planned to undertake an international tour to Johannesburg, South Africa. Unfortunately they were unable to undertake the tour due to the demise of his Excellency President Levy P. Mwanawasa, SC, and the funeral arrangements that followed.

Your Committee are hopeful that the observations and recommendations contained in this Report will go a long way in ensuring that Zambia successfully hosts and participates in the 2011 All Africa Games and that youth financial empowerment is given the attention that it deserves.

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