



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE
MAJOR LUSAKA WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION
PRESENTED BY HON. STEVEN KAMPYONGO, MP,
MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

MAY, 2016

MR. SPEAKER,

I WISH TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON A MAJOR WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION THAT OCCURRED ON 25TH TO 26TH APRIL 2016.

MR. SPEAKER,

ON 25TH APRIL 2016 A REPORT WAS MADE TO LUSAKA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY OVER THE BURSTING OF AN 18 INCH WATER PIPELINE ALONG THE SIDE ROAD PARALLELL TO CHILIMBULU ROAD BEHIND KANGWA SHOPPING CENTER IN LIBALA. THE 18 INCH DIAMETER PIPE IS A PUMPING MAIN THAT DELIVERS TREATED WATER FROM LUSAKA WATER WORKS TO THE RESERVIOR LOCATED NEAR WOODLANDS ROUNDABOUT. THIS PIPE BURST RESULTED IN A BIG FLOOD WHICH ALSO LED TO THE FAILURE OF THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE SIDE ROAD.

MR SPEAKER,

I WISH TO REPORT THAT THE IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN WAS TO SWITCH OFF THE BOOSTER PUMP AT LUSAKA WATER WORKS TO NOT ONLY STOP WASTAGE OF WATER BUT ALSO PROTECT THE NEWLY REHABILITATED ROAD. ARISING FROM THIS SHUT DOWN, WOODLANDS, CHILENJE, LIBALA, KABWATA, KAMWALA, PARTS OF OLYMPIA PARK, ROMA AND RHODES PARK HAD NO WATER. I WISH TO NOTE THAT FOLLOWING THIS SHUT DOWN CUSTOMERS WERE ACCORDINGLY NOTIFIED THROUGH THE MEDIA INCLUDING MOBILE BASED BUSINESS MESSAGING SYSTEMS (SMS).

MR. SPEAKER,

EQUIPMENT WAS QUICKLY MOBILISED TO FACILITATE THE ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE , IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE PIPE FAILED AS A RESULT OF COMPACTION DURING ROADS WORKS WHICH LED TO MOVEMENT OF THE COUPLING ON THE PIPE JOINT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WAS AN OLD PIPE THAT WAS LAID MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO. NONETHELESS, REPAIR WORKS WERE CONCLUDED ON SAME DAY AND ALL THE WATER SOURCES TO THE LUSAKA WATER WORKS DISTRIBUTION CENTER WERE RESTORED INCLUDING WATER RESERVIOR FILLING.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT THE WHOLE WATER NETWORK GOT DRAINED, SUPPLY OF WATER STARTED WITH LOW PRESSURE IN SOME AREAS AND STABILISED OVER TIME. BY THE EVENING OF THE 27TH APRIL 2016, A STABLE SUPPLY OF WATER WAS ESTABLISHED EXCEPT IN ISOLATED AREAS THAT WERE AFFECTED BY POWER INTERRUPTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER,

ALLOW ME TO NOW PRESENT THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES THAT ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE STABLE AND PREDICTABLE WATER SUPPLY TO OUR PEOPLE IN LUSAKA CITY.

GOVERNMENT THROUGH LUSAKA AND SEWERAGE COMPANY IS IMPLEMENTING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AMONG OTHERS:

1. THE US\$ 150 MILLION - KAFUE BULK WATER SUPPLY PROJECT PHASE 1. THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE TO DELIVER 50 MILLION LITRES OF TREATED WATER PER DAY FROM THE KAFUE RIVER;

INTAKE, BOOSTER² stations & TREATMENT PLANT

THE CONTRACTOR HAS SINCE MOBILISED.

2. THE US\$ 355 MILLION - LUSAKA WATER SUPPLY ,
SANITATION AND DRAINAGE PROJECT. THE PROJECT
INVOLVES IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY,
SANITATION AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN SELECTED
TOWNSHIP OF LUSAKA.

THE PROCUREMENT OF THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION
WORKS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED AND MOST OF THE
CONTRACTORS HAVE SINCE MOBILISED.

FURTHER, GOVERNMENT IS ALSO IMPLEMENTING A NUMBER OF
WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
NOT ONLY IN LUSAKA BUT ALSO IN OTHER PROVINCES.

MR. SPEAKER,

training (Rehabilitation of
the existing network
Intake / Booster plants
Medere / Nkombe SOS
waste treatment plant

IT IS IMPOTANT TO NOTE THAT DURING PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION WHICH ALSO INCLUDE ROAD WORKS, THERE
WILL BE NEED FOR SHUT DOWNS OF SECTIONS OF WATER
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS DURING THESE PROJECT ACTIVITIES.
TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF SUPPLY INTERRUPTIONS THE
FOLLOWING MEASURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE.

- NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE
THAT PEOPLE STORE ENOUGH WATER TO SEE THEM
THROUGH THE INTERRUPTION PERIOD;

- WHERE PRACTICAL, USE OF TEMPORAL SUPPLY HOSES SHOULD THE INTERCONNECTIONS TAKE LONGER THAN PLANNED;
 - ENSURING THAT ALL REPAIR MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE SO THAT THERE IS NO DELAY ON ACCOUNT OF MATERIAL SHORTAGES;
-
- CONSISTENT COLLABORATION WITH ALL PROJECT PLAYERS.

MR. SPEAKER,

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE THIS HOUSE AND INDEED THE NATION THAT GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION TO ENSURE STABLE AND PREDICTABLE WATER SUPPLY IN A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT TO OUR PEOPLE. THIS COMMITMENT IS EVIDENCED BY THE NUMEROUS PROJECTS THAT GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY UNDERTAKING.

MR. SPEAKER, I THANK YOU.