



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

**STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF FINANCE
AND NATIONAL PLANNING**

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**TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ON THE
2010 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING**

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MR. SPEAKER, ON FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2010, HIS EXCELLENCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, MR. RUPIAH BWEZANI BANDA LAUNCHED THE START OF THE 2010 CENSUS ENUMERATION EXERCISE ON BOTH RADIO AND TELEVISION. THE LAUNCH WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ACTUAL ENUMERATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY.

THIS FOLLOWED A CABINET DECISION IN JUNE 2010 TO CONDUCT A CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

MR. SPEAKER, HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE, THIS MARKS THE FIFTH CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING THAT ZAMBIA HAS CONDUCTED SINCE INDEPENDENCE IN 1964. A CENSUS IS A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING REQUIRING HUGE AMOUNTS OF FINANCIAL, MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO CONDUCT.

IN ITS DECISION TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A MAMMOTH EXERCISE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO THE CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE (CSO), THE DEPARTMENT CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SPEARHEADING THE ORGANISATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION OF THE NATIONAL CENSUS EXERCISE.

THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROVIDED 98 BILLION KWACHA FOR THE 2010 CENSUS. IT HAS SINCE PROVIDED 100% OF THE ALLOCATED FUNDS TO THE CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE, WITH A FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING OF 80 BILLION KWACHA. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL FUNDING SO FAR RELEASED TOWARDS THE CENSUS THIS YEAR TO 178 BILLION KWACHA.

HOWEVER, THE COST OF THE CENSUS INCLUDE THE CARTOGRAPHIC MAPPING THAT STARTED IN 2006 AND RAN UPTO THE START OF THE CENSUS ENUMERATION EXERCISE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN 80% OF RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THE 2010 CENSUS. SUFFICE TO MENTION HOWEVER THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO RECEIVED FINANCIAL, MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE 2010 CENSUS FROM SEVERAL COOPERATING PARTNERS AMONG THEM THE UNFPA, UK-DFID, AfDB AND USAID.

TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE 2010 CENSUS, CLEAR FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE BY GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE NATIONAL CENSUS STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISING PERMANENT SECRETARIES FROM SELECTED LINE MINISTRIES. THIS COMMITTEE HAS ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT TO THE OVERALL CENSUS MANAGEMENT AND REPORTS REGULARLY TO CABINET THROUGH THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET.

MR. SPEAKER, ZAMBIA IS FOR THE FIRST TIME USING GRADE 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS AS CENSUS ENUMERATORS. A TOTAL OF 24, 890 SCHOOL LEAVERS WERE RECRUITED, TRAINED AND DEPLOYED AS ENUMERATORS COUNTRYWIDE.

2, 778 WERE RECRUITED AND TRAINED IN CENTRAL PROVINCE,

2,949 IN COPPERBELT PROVINCE,

3,908 IN EASTERN PROVINCE,

2,259 IN LUAPULA PROVINCE,

3,017 IN LUSAKA PROVINCE,

4,056 IN NORTHERN PROVINCE,

1,122 IN NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE,

2,930 IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE,

AND 1,871 IN WESTERN PROVINCE

THE TRAINING OF CENSUS ENUMERATORS WAS CONDUCTED BY CENSUS SUPERVISORS, WHO ARE TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT WORKERS DRAWN FROM RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. THE TRAINING OF ENUMERATORS WAS CONDUCTED AT DISTRICT LEVEL USING GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONS. THE FACILITIES USED IN THE TRAINING OF ENUMERATORS INCLUDED A FEW SELECTED BASIC SCHOOLS, FARMERS TRAINING INSTITUTES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES, TRADES TRAINING INSTITUTES AND TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES AMONG OTHERS.

MR. SPEAKER, FOLLOWING THE LAUNCH OF THE 2010 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING BY HIS EXCELLENCE THE PRESIDENT, THE

CENSUS COUNT STARTED AS SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2010 IN ALL DISTRICTS AND IS PROGRESSING WELL ACROSS THE WHOLE COUNTRY. THE CENSUS ENUMERATION EXERCISE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 16TH NOVEMBER IN MOST PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE EXERCISE WILL BE COMPLETED IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY BY 30TH NOVEMBER 2010.

THIS WILL SOON BE FOLLOWED BY THE MANUAL COMPILATION OF POPULATION SUMMARY COUNTS AT WARD, CONSTITUENCY, DISTRICT AND PROVINCE LEVELS. THIS WILL PROVIDE PRELIMINARY NATIONAL POPULATION COUNTS AT THESE VARIOUS LEVELS. THE PRELIMINARY POPULATION FIGURES WILL BE READY BY 31ST DECEMBER 2010 AND MADE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THEREAFTER.

THE PRELIMINARY FIGURES TO BE RELEASED AT THIS STAGE WILL INCLUDE THE POPULATION OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS BY SEX AT WARD, CONSTITUENCY AND DISTRICT LEVELS. THE 2010 CENSUS PRELIMINARY REPORT IS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION IN APRIL 2011. THIS WILL THEN BE FOLLOWED BY DETAILED THEMATIC AND ANALYTICAL REPORTS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS WHICH WILL BE READY FOR DISSEMINATION IN 2012.

FOR THE COUNTRY TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL CENSUS, IT REQUIRES THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE ENTIRE CITIZENRY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUT IN PLACE A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2010 CENSUS THAT INCLUDES THE USE OF ZANIS MOBILE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS IN THE COMMUNITIES, RADIO AND TELEVISION DISCUSSION PROGRAMMES IN ALL LANGUAGES, CENSUS ADVERTS IN BOTH ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA, IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEDIA, POSTERS AND BILLBOARDS POSTED IN PUBLIC PLACES IN ALL LANGUAGES IN ALL DISTRICTS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO PARTNERED WITH COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS IN ALL DISTRICTS IN SENSITISING THEIR COMMUNITIES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND THE NEED FOR COOPERATION WITH CENSUS ENUMERATION STAFF. THESE RADIO STATIONS ARE RUNNING CENSUS ADVERTS AND DISCUSSION PROGRAMMES IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES ON THE 2010 CENSUS.

THE CENSUS ENUMERATORS HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED WITH CLEARLY LABELED BRIGHTLY COLOURED 2010 CENSUS ATTIRE THAT IS EASY TO RECOGNISE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WITH BADGES AND LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT AND INTRODUCTION FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION BY HOUSEHOLDS.

I THEREFORE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE 2010 CENSUS. I MAKE A SPECIAL APPEAL TO HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT IN SENSITISING OUR CONSTITUENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND THE NEED TO COOPERATE WITH THE CENSUS ENUMERATION STAFF.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COOPERATION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ALONE, ALL ZAMBIANS MUST PLAY A ROLE IN SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT NATIONAL UNDERTAKING.

I MUST REMIND ALL THAT THE CENSUS IS A GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME OF IMMENSE NATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND MUST NOT IN ANY WAY BE POLITICISED.

THE CENSUS IS USED NOT ONLY BY GOVERNMENT BUT OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, AMONG THEM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, INDIVIDUALS, UNIVERSITIES, INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING, COOPERATING PARTNERS AND OF COURSE POLITICIANS FROM ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, INCLUDING THOSE WITH REPRESENTATION IN THIS AUGUST HOUSE. IT IS THEREFORE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL OF US TO ENSURE ZAMBIA CONDUCTS A SUCCESSFUL CENSUS THIS YEAR.

A MECHANISM FOR MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF THE CENSUS EXERCISE IS IN PLACE AT ALL LEVELS OF THE CENSUS OPERATION. AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ARE WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT CENSUS COMMITTEES AND THE MASTER TRAINERS IN SUPERVISING AND MONITORING THE ENUMERATION EXERCISE. WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORTS ARE BEING SUBMITTED TO RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL PERMANENT SECRETARIES.

AT THE PROVINCE, THE PERMANENT SECRETARIES ARE WORKING WITH THE PROVINCIAL CENSUS COMMITTEES IN IMPLEMENTING, COORDINATING AND MONITORING THE CENSUS EXERCISE. WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED TO CABINET OFFICE.

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THE NATIONAL CENSUS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET IS PROVIDING OVERALL ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENTIRE CENSUS EXERCISE.

THE MOTTO FOR THIS YEAR'S CENSUS IS " **HELP THE CENSUS HELP YOU, BE COUNTED**". I HOPE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND ALL CITIZENS WILL COOPERATE WITH THE CENSUS ENUMERATORS AS THEY VISIT THEIR HOUSEHOLDS TO SOLICIT FOR INTERVIEWS IN ORDER TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRES. BY BEING COOPERATIVE, YOU WILL BE HELPING THE CENSUS AND IN TURN CENSUS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO PLAN FOR THE PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENT IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES WHERE WE LIVE.

I THANK YOU.