



Speaker Mutti calls for collective parliamentary action to ensure a world of peace, opportunity and hope



Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Dr. Nelly B.K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, delivering her speech during the 152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, held in Istanbul, Turkey.

By Sharon Nyirongo

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Nelly B K Mutti has called upon Parliamentarians across the world to work collectively in addressing global challenges and ensuring that future generations inherit a world of peace, opportunity and hope.

Speaking when she addressed the General Assembly at the 152nd Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and Related Meetings held in Istanbul, Turkey, Speaker Mutti stated that the ongoing war in the Middle East was a reminder of the devastating cost of conflict on

humans: lives lost, families displaced and hope dimmed for many children.

She said the role of Parliamentarians in preventing conflict, promoting dialogue and supporting global calls for ceasefires and peaceful resolution of disputes, is now more relevant than ever.

Dr Mutti stated that Zambia believes in the power of peace, unity and co-operation.

“Guided by our national values of dignity, equity and justice, we have made strides in promoting stability and prosperity. We know from our own history



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that peace is built through tolerance, dialogue and a commitment to the common good” she said.

“Nurturing hope begins with strengthening democracy, protecting freedoms and ensuring that the rule of law prevails.”

Speaker Mutti said Zambia remains committed to maintaining peace and stability within its borders, across the region and globally.

She noted that the country has long upheld its legacy as a peaceful nation and a champion of dialogue, mediation and regional cooperation through active participation in regional and international bodies.

She, called on IPU Member Parliaments to harness their collective strength to address global challenges, promote human rights and ensure that every child, all over the world inherit a world of peace, opportunity and hope.

“As we deliberate during this Assembly, let us reaffirm our commitment to working together across borders and political divides. The decisions we make today will shape the world that future generations will inherit,” she said.

Speaker Mutti assured the IPU Assembly that Zambia stands ready to continue working with fellow Member Parliaments to nurture hope, secure peace and ensure justice for all.



From left to right: Mr. Harry Kamboni, MP, Mr. Nicholas Mukumbi, MP and Mr. Imanga Wamunyima, MP, at the 152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey.

The 152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and Related Meetings were held from 15th to 19th April, 2026, in Istanbul, Türkiye, under the theme, “*Nurturing Hope, Securing Peace and Ensuring Justice for Future Generations.*”

The Zambian delegation to the 152nd IPU Assembly and Related Meetings, led by Speaker Mutti, included Mr. Harry Kamboni, MP, Mr. Mubita Anakoka, MP, Mr. Imanga Wamunyima, MP, Ms. Jacqueline Sabao, MP, Mr. Nicholas Mukumbi, MP, Mr. Oliver Amutike, MP and Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness M. Mayaka.



Speaker Mutti assures EU Observers of National Assembly's openness to dialogue ahead of 2026 Elections



Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Dr. Nelly Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA (3rd right), poses for a photo with the European Union Ambassador to Zambia, Carolina Stasiak (4th right), alongside the EU Exploratory Mission delegation and staff of the National Assembly.

By Namasiku Mubiana

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Rt Hon. Dr. Nelly B K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA has assured the European Union Electoral Observation delegation of the National Assembly's openness to constructive dialogue ahead of the 2026 General Elections.

She said this when the European Union Electoral Observation exploratory mission paid a courtesy call on her on Wednesday, 8th April, 2026, at Parliament Buildings in

Lusaka.

Speaker Mutti said the National Assembly provides a transparent and inclusive legislative process that allows stakeholders, including electoral bodies, civil society organisations and the public, to actively participate in shaping laws related to elections.

She noted that the presence of the EU Observer's in the country reflects continued international confidence in Zambia's

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democratic institutions and its commitment to credible, transparent and peaceful electoral processes. She added that such collaboration helps to strengthen public confidence in the electoral process.

“As we approach the 2026 General Elections, the role of independent and impartial observation is more critical than ever in enhancing public confidence and safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process,” she said.

Speaker Mutti further urged sustained engagement between the National Assembly and international partners, noting that such collaboration strengthens democratic governance, promotes accountability and supports the continued credibility of Zambia’s electoral processes.

EU Ambassador to Zambia, Her Excellency Ms. Carolina Stasiak said that as Zambia heads towards elections, the EU recognises the importance of strong institutions, transparency and public trust in democratic processes.

The Ambassador added that the EU values continued engagement with national institutions such as Parliament, as such cooperation contributes to strengthening democratic practices and ensuring inclusive and credible electoral processes.

Meanwhile, Team Leader, Mr. Dimitra Ioannou said the mission is engaging various stakeholders, including Parliament, to better understand Zambia’s electoral landscape and the implementation of previous recommendations. He said the process is key in identifying progress made and areas requiring further attention.

Speaking at the same event, European Union Legal Expert, Ms. Colm Fahy said the mission is also assessing security, logistical and legal considerations, as well as adherence to fundamental freedoms such as freedom of expression, assembly and association. She said consultations have also been conducted outside Lusaka to gather perspectives at local level.

And Clerk of the National Assembly of Zambia, Ms. Loveness Mayaka said Parliament’s legislative processes remain open and participatory, allowing stakeholders and the public to contribute through committee submissions.

She said this approach ensures that electoral-related legislation is inclusive and responsive to the needs of the people.

The discussions also covered possible legislation to support political parties, proposed reforms relating to the media and journalism and Parliament’s preparedness to accommodate the increased number of Members of Parliament.

The meeting further explored measures to enhance institutional capacity, including expanding staff support to effectively complement the growing demands of the legislature.



National Assembly committed to promoting progressive legislation- First Deputy Speaker Chisangano



First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Honourable Malungo Chisangano (centre) with Ms. Brenda Nyirenda, MP (2nd left), Mr. Joseph Munsanje, MP (right), Mrs Cecilia Sikatele-Mambwe, Deputy Clerk Cooperate Affairs (5th right) pose for a photo with Members of Parliament from the European Union and European Parliamentary Forum.

By Dora Haruperi

The First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Honourable Malungo Chisangano, said the National Assembly remains committed to strengthening cooperation with European partners in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

She said the National Assembly continues to play a central role in promoting pro-

gressive legislation and policies aimed at improving the welfare of citizens, particularly young people and vulnerable groups.

Hon. Chisangano said this when a delegation from the European Parliamentary Forum and Members of Parliament from the European Union (EPF-EU) paid a courtesy call on her on 14th April, 2026, at Parliament Buildings.



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The First Deputy Speaker noted that the National Assembly serves as the custodian of democracy and the voice of the people. She stated that Zambia has made notable progress in strengthening legal and policy frameworks on SRHR.

She cited key legislative milestones, including the Children's Code Act of 2022 and the Marriage Amendment Act of 2023, which seek to criminalise child marriage and protect the welfare of children, particularly girls. She added that ongoing reforms in adolescent health and family planning are contributing to improved outcomes in SRHR.

Hon. Chisangano said despite these efforts, challenges such as child marriage, early and unintended pregnancies and high HIV rates among adolescents still persist.

She disclosed that Members of Parliament, through initiatives such as the SADC Parliamentary Forum SRHR Project and the Parliamentary Caucus on SRHR, Life Skills and Health Education, continue to advocate for increased budget allocations and stronger legal and policy measures, while addressing gaps in implementation and resource distribution.

Meanwhile, leader of the delegation and Member of Parliament from Austria, Ms Henrike Brandstötter, said the purpose of the visit was to exchange ideas, strengthen networks and gain deeper insight into the challenges surrounding SRHR.

Member of the Irish Parliament, Ms Alison Comyn said during an interactive session that child marriage continues to persist in both Zambia and Europe despite existing legal frameworks and sought to understand how Zambia enforces its laws and the support young people seeking to exit early marriages.

Chairperson of the Parliamentary Caucus on SRHR, Life Skills and Health Education, Mr Joseph Munsanje, MP, disclosed that Government has partnered with the House of Chiefs to empower traditional leaders to formulate by-laws aimed at curbing child marriage and ensuring appropriate action is taken.

And Vice Chairperson of the Caucus, Ms Brenda Nyirenda, MP, said education reforms, including the introduction of free education, have enabled young mothers to return to school, thereby contributing to efforts to reduce child marriage.

The EPF-EU delegation comprised Ms Gudrun Brunegard, MP (Sweden), Ms Alison Comyn, MP (Ireland), Ms Eva Marise Cruzeiro Alexandre, MP (Portugal), Mr Richard Holden, MP (United Kingdom), Ms Helena Marttila, MP (Finland), Ms Eva Luna Brás Pinho, MP (Portugal), Mr Leonidas Galeridis, Senior Policy and Research Officer at EPF, and Ms Saskia Pfyffer, Outreach and Learning Coordinator at EPF.



Tanzania Delegation engages Zambia on legislative scrutiny



First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Honourable Malungo Chisangano, MP, (centre) pose for a picture with the Tanzanian delegation and senior staff of the National Assembly in front of the Committee Building.

By Namasiku Mubiana

First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Honourable Malungo Chisangano, MP, has said the visit by a Tanzanian Parliamentary delegation provides an opportunity for it to learn from Zambia's experience in the scrutiny of subsidiary legislation and strengthen oversight practices.

Speaking when she received Members of Parliament from the Standing Committee on Subsidiary Legislation from the Parliament of Tanzania during a courtesy call paid on her on Monday, 20th April, 2026, at Parliament Buildings, Hon. Chisan-

gano said the benchmarking visit will help enhance the delegation's understanding of committee procedures and legislative scrutiny.

"I am confident that your interactions with various stakeholders in Parliament will be beneficial and will enable you to achieve the objectives of your visit," she said.

The First Deputy Speaker said parliamentary exchange programmes and benchmarking visits remain important in equipping Members of Parliament with knowledge and practical approaches to



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effectively scrutinise subsidiary legislation and strengthen oversight functions, which are key to ensuring accountability in governance.

“Parliamentary relations between our two countries have equally remained strong through exchange programmes and benchmarking visits, which have enabled Members of Parliament and staff to share experiences on issues of mutual interest,” Hon. Chisangano said.

She said Zambia continues to engage with other parliaments through regional and international platforms such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Pan African Parliament, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the SADC Parliamentary Forum.

Hon. Chisangano said the visit by the Tanzanian delegation will specifically help build capacity in the scrutiny of subsidiary legislation, which is an important part of Parliament’s role in monitoring how delegated laws are made and applied.

She urged the delegation to take advantage of the visit to gain practical insights and strengthen institutional linkages between the two legislatures.

Speaking during the same courtesy call, Leader of the Tanzanian delegation, Hon. Cecilia Daniel Paresso, MP, said the delegation also sought to understand how Zambia conducts oversight and applies its legislative processes in order to improve their own Parliamentary work.

Hon. Paresso said the visit will assist the delegation strengthen Parliamentary oversight and improve legislative effectiveness in Tanzania.

The Tanzanian delegation was in the country from 19th to 22nd April, 2026, to learn from the National Assembly of Zambia on best practices in the scrutiny of subsidiary legislation as well as committee procedures and oversight mechanisms.

The delegation comprised of Hon. Cecilia Daniel Paresso, MP, Leader of Delegation, Hon. Juma Khamis Sadifa, MP, Hon. Mwanaenzi Hassan Suluhu, MP, Hon. Exaud Silaoneka Kigahe, MP, Hon. Jesca Yuda Mbogo, MP, Hon. Imamu Mtumwa Vuai, MP, Hon. Mussa Omar Salim, MP, Hon. Haji Kombo Mdowe, MP, Mr. Gerald Singano Magili, Secretariat and Mr. Mkuta Ally Masoli, Secretariat.



Hon. Chisangano, MP addressing the Tanzanian delegation during the courtesy call.



First Deputy Speaker, Hon Chisangano, MP, with the Tanzanian delegation when the latter paid a courtesy call on her.



Speaker Mutti commends Seventh-day Adventist Church for promoting moral leadership and religious freedom



Speaker Mutti (centre) poses with the Seventh Day Adventist Church delegation at the New Committee Buildings.

By Malanda Chomba

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Nelly B K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, has commended the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its continued role in promoting ethical values and contributing to national development.

She noted that the National Assembly's mandate stretched beyond legislation and oversight to include fostering moral and spiritual growth among Members of Parliament and staff.

Speaker Mutti made these remarks when Northern Zambia Union Conference Executive Secretary, Chifumbe Kapenya, together with a delegation of Public Affairs directors, paid a courtesy call on her at Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, 7th April, 2026.

She highlighted key initiatives such as the Parliamentary Christian Caucus, launched in November 2023, the National Prayer Breakfast and interdenominational fellowship meetings, all aimed at strengthening spiritual reflection within the institution.



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She further acknowledged the Church's contributions to education, healthcare, and community outreach, emphasizing that these efforts align with Zambia's national values of integrity, accountability, and service.

Meanwhile, Pastor Kapenya said the visit to the National Assembly provided an opportunity for the Church to commend the Assembly for upholding religious freedoms that allow individuals and institutions to practice their faith without restriction, rights not guaranteed in many parts of the world.

He added that the Church remains committed to implementing community-based programs focused on gender-based violence prevention, youth engagement, and health promotion.

Also speaking at the meeting, Director of Public Affairs for the Southern African-Indian Ocean Division, Dr Pako Mokgwane, emphasized the importance of collaboration between faith institutions and government in addressing societal challenges such as gender-based violence, youth substance abuse, and community development.

He also praised Zambia's constitutional protection of freedom of worship as a vital pillar for faith communities.

Both parties expressed a shared commitment to strengthening partnerships aimed at improving citizens' well-being, promoting moral leadership, and upholding democratic principles in Zambia.



Speaker Mutti hails UN efforts to combat genocide linked to hate speech and misinformation



From right to left: Professor Chaloka Beyani, the Rt Hon. Dr. Nelly B K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, Ms Beatrice Mutali and Mrs. Cecilia Sikatele - Mambwe pose for a photo at the New Committee Building after the courtesy call.

By Jericho Minyoi & Jessy Mtonga

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Rt Hon Dr Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, has hailed the United Nations (UN) for its continued efforts to address the growing global threat of genocide, linked to the spread of hate speech and misinformation.

Speaker Mutti made these remarks when UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Professor Chaloka Beyani, paid a courtesy call on her on Wednesday, 29th April 2026, at Parliament Buildings.

She said that harmful narratives that have been circulating in both traditional and digital spaces continue to pose serious risks to societies, as they can erode social cohesion, weaken democratic values and, in extreme cases, contribute to violence and mass atrocities.

She noted that proactive and coordinated interventions are essential to safeguard peace and national unity.

Speaker Mutti thus reaffirmed the National Assembly's commitment to promoting respectful dialogue and democratic accountability.



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She said the institution recognises the importance of equipping lawmakers with the necessary knowledge and tools to enable them to effectively respond to emerging threats linked to hate speech and misinformation.

“To strengthen this effort, Professor, I am inviting you to deliver a lecture at the Institute for Parliamentary Studies and Training (IPST) as part of the orientation programme for Members of Parliament of the 14th National Assembly,” she said.

Speaker Mutti further noted that the growing spread of misinformation and hate speech in both online and offline spaces continues to present new challenges to governments and democratic institutions.

She said there is need for proactive and coordinated interventions to effectively address these threats before they escalate into conflict and violence.

Madam Speaker further stated that such interventions are critical to safeguarding peace and strengthening national unity, particularly in an era where misinformation can spread rapidly and influence

public perception.

Professor Beyani explained that the digital age has created urgent challenges, as the ease with which false information spreads online has made communities more vulnerable to division and conflict.

He disclosed that the UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech remains a key framework guiding global efforts to address hate speech through coordinated action involving governments, civil society and international partners, while ensuring that freedom of expression is protected.

Professor Beyani further described the Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes as an important early warning and prevention tool that enables governments and institutions to identify risk factors linked to genocide and related crimes for timely intervention.

He also reiterated the critical role of Parliament and other democratic institutions in promoting responsible public discourse and enacting appropriate legislation.

Professor Beyani said this is necessary to ensure that freedoms are not misused to incite violence or discrimination.



ECZ announces 70 newly created Parliamentary Constituencies



The National Assembly of Zambia building in Lusaka, which houses the country's legislative arm of Government.

By Lombe W B Musonda

The Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) has officially announced the creation of seventy (70) new parliamentary constituencies across the country following the enactment of the Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Act No. 13 of 2025.

Announcing the development on Thursday, 16th April, 2026, at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka, ECZ Chairperson Mrs. Mwangala Zaloumis, SC, described the creation of the new constituencies as a significant milestone in Zambia's democratic growth and electoral reform process.

Mrs. Zaloumis explained that the consti-

tutional amendment increased the number of constituencies in the National Assembly from one hundred and fifty-six (156) to two hundred and twenty-six (226), paving way for the delimitation exercise.

She said the exercise is aimed at strengthening inclusivity, improving citizens' access to elected representatives, and deepening democratic governance in Zambia.

The provincial allocation for the 70 newly created parliamentary constituencies is outlined below.



1. Central Province (8)

Keembe West

Mwomboshi

Bwacha South

Kapiri Mposhi West

Mkushi South

Mumbwa West

Nkundalila

Mwembezhi West

2. Copperbelt Province (7)

Konkola

Chingola West

Chambishi

Lufwanyama East

Kalalangabo

Mpongwe East

Dag Hammarskjold

3. Eastern Province (9)

Chadiza East

Chama Central

Chasefu North

Chipangali West

Chipata North

Lumezi South

Lusangazi Central

Malambo West

Nyimba North

4. Luapula Province (5)

Kalungwishi

Chifunabuli North

Luongo

Mansa East

Mweru



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5. Lusaka Province (6)

Chilanga North
Chongwe West
Kafue East
Makeni
Roma
Lima

6. Muchinga Province (6)

Chilinda
Nkombwa
Lwitikila
Mafinga South
Mpika South
Mwenzu

7. Northern Province (6)

Kundabwika
Kasama North
Luwingu Central
Saise
Mpulungu South
Mpanda

8. North-Western Province (7)

Kabompo West
Lumwana
Mufwashi
Dongwe
Mwinilunga East
Solwezi North
Zambezi Central

9. Southern Province (9)

Choma South
Itezhi-Tezhi West
Kalomo South
Kazungula North
Maramba
Magoye West
Monze East
Namwala East
Kariba

10. Western Province (7)

Kalabo South
Luampa West
Lukulu South
Mongu East
Senanga North
Sesheke West
Shangombo North



CONSTITUENCY CORNER

Hon Matambo Hails Construction of Kalulushi Council Office Block



The commissioned office block in Kalulushi Town Council



Pictures courtesy of Kalulushi Municipal Council

Copperbelt Province Minister, Hon. Elisha Matambo, MP, (3rd from the right) poses for a photo with Member of Parliament for Kalulushi Constituency, Ms. Mulenga Kampamba (3rd from the left), Mayor of Kalulushi, His Worship Daudi Simama, (left) and other council officials.

By Jessy Mtonga

Copperbelt Province Minister Hon Elisha Matambo has hailed the construction of a new council office block worth over K6.6 million in Kalulushi Constituency.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony held on Monday, 13th April 2026, at Civic Centre Grounds in Kalulushi, Hon. Matambo described the project as a clear example of quality infrastructure delivered through effective planning and responsible resource utilisation by the local authority.

He praised the council for demonstrating that transformative development is achievable when local authorities remain focused, disciplined and people-centred.

The Minister urged other councils in the province to adopt innovative thinking, strategic planning, and responsible resource management to deliver tangible results for communities.

“This project is a reflection of what is possible when leadership is committed to delivering quality infrastructure on time and within budget,” the Minister said.

Hon. Matambo further commended the critical role of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), describing it as a powerful driver of grassroots development across

the province.

He stated that CDF resources must be utilised effectively to ensure that quality developmental projects such as schools, hospitals, roads, and water systems are delivered, while also supporting programmes like skills training initiatives.

He reiterated that proper management of the fund remains key to sustaining development outcomes at community level.

Speaking at the same event, Member of Parliament for Kalulushi Constituency, Ms. Kampamba Mulenga, said the new office block will improve service delivery and enhance the working environment for council staff.

She noted that the facility will also bring administrative services closer to the people, thereby improving efficiency in local governance.

Ms. Kampamba urged continued collaboration between Government and local authorities to ensure that development projects directly respond to community needs.

The event was attended by Kalulushi Mayor Mr. Daudi Simama and Town Clerk Ms. Betty Liswaniso, alongside civic leaders, council management and representatives from various devolved departments.



Lusaka City Council rolls out CDF-funded street-light project across five Constituencies

Picture courtesy of Lusaka City Council



The newly installed street lights in Kanyama Constituency.

By Mukoba Ngulube

Lusaka City Council has rolled out a streetlight installation project across five constituencies using Constituency Development Fund (CDF) resources to improve safety and visibility in communities.

Council Public Relations Manager, Ms. Chola Mwamba said that the ongoing programme is currently being implemented in five constituencies, namely Kabwata, Kanyama, Mandevu, Lusaka Central and other selected areas under the project.

She explained that the primary objective of the initiative is to enhance security by improving visibility for pedestrians and other road users at night, a move expected to contribute to crime reduction.

Ms. Mwamba stated that the streetlight installation project also supports Lusaka's vision of becoming a 24-hour economy by creating a safer environment for residents and businesses operating beyond normal working hours.

She further disclosed that the local authority plans to extend the programme to additional wards in the near future as part of continued efforts to improve infrastructure and service delivery.

Meanwhile, residents of Kanyama Constituency have welcomed the project, with many reporting improved security in the area following the installation of the streetlights.

One resident, Ms. Mable Namukolo, said people can now move around more freely at night without fear.

She explained that the presence of streetlights has improved visibility and made the area feel safer for members of the community.

Another resident, Mr. Pethias Banda, also applauded the installation of the streetlights, stating that the project has made it easier for residents to clearly see who is on the streets at night.

He noted that improved lighting has helped deter criminal activities, as offenders can no longer take advantage of darkness to hide and target residents.



Chisambamwala Primary School in Kampumba Ward Receives New 1x3 Classroom Block

Pictures courtesy of Kapiri Mposhi Town Council



Council Chairperson Mr. Brilliant Munyeye (2nd from the right) pose with the learners after commissioning the newly constructed 1*3 classroom block

Mr. Brilliant Munyeye (2nd from the right) commissions the newly constructed 1*3 classroom block

By Gwennie Shamizhinga

Chisambamwala Primary School in Kampumba Ward of Kapiri Mposhi District has received a newly constructed 1x3 classroom block under the 2023 Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony held on Tuesday, 21st April 2026, Council Chairperson Mr. Brilliant Munyeye said the completion of the classroom block demonstrates Government's commitment to improving education infrastructure and taking development closer to communities through CDF.

He expressed gratitude to the Government under the leadership of the President, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, for the continued implementation of CDF, which he said has transformed many communities such as Kampumba Ward through the delivery of key development projects, including schools, health facilities and other public infrastructure.

Mr. Munyeye explained that before the construction of the new facility at Chisambamwala Primary School, learners were conducting lessons under trees, exposing them to unfavourable weather conditions.

He applauded the school community and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for mobilising resources to

construct a temporary semi-permanent structure, which served as the school's initial learning space.

He stated that the temporary facility was inadequate to accommodate the growing number of learners.

"The handover of this 1x3 classroom block could not have come at a better time than this, as it will not only provide learners with a conducive learning environment but also serve as a direct response to the challenges previously faced by the school," he said.

Mr. Munyeye further disclosed that more developmental projects are expected to be rolled out across various wards in Kapiri Mposhi District to improve service delivery and uplift local communities.

Council Secretary Mr. Timothy Mambalakata urged members of the community to take responsibility for safeguarding the newly constructed classroom block.

He said parents and guardians should play an active role in ensuring that the facility is properly maintained and that learners are guided on the correct use of the infrastructure.

Mr. Mambalakata explained that protecting public infrastructure is important in ensuring the sustainability of development projects funded through the CDF.



Senior Chief Kandala of Limulunga District receives newly constructed CDF-funded palace

Picture courtesy of Mr. Mwakoi Njekwa



The newly constructed palace for Senior Chief Kandala of Limulunga District in Western Province.

By Makani Kabeta

Senior Chief Kandala has received a newly constructed Chiefs' House at his palace in Limulunga West Ward of Limulunga District under the 2023 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Community Projects component.

Officiating at the handover ceremony held on 15th April 2026 in Limulunga, Western Province Permanent Secretary Mr Simomo Akapelwa said the successful completion of the project demonstrates Government's commitment to improving infrastructure for traditional leaders.

Mr Akapelwa stated that Government was pleased with the completion of the Chiefs' House, noting that the project will provide a conducive environment for traditional leaders to effectively carry out their responsibilities.

He applauded the contractor, Cheribum Zambia Limited, for successfully delivering the structure to the expected standards.

Mr Akapelwa explained that traditional leaders remain key partners in governance and community development, adding that Government will continue working closely with them to promote development at grassroots level.

He further disclosed that investing in infrastructure for traditional institutions is one way Government is strengthening

service delivery in rural communities.

The newly constructed Chiefs' House is equipped with modern fittings, including a 10,000-litre water tank reticulation system to ensure a reliable water supply at the palace.

Speaking through his representative, Induna Mayunyi, Senior Chief Kandala expressed gratitude to Government for the support rendered to the traditional leadership in the area.

He said the new house will improve accommodation at the palace and enhance the dignity of the traditional institution.

Induna Mayunyi further noted that the newly handed over infrastructure will enable the traditional leadership to serve the community more effectively.

The construction of the Chiefs' House forms part of Government's ongoing efforts to strengthen traditional institutions and improve service delivery in rural areas through infrastructure development under the Constituency Development Fund.



CDF loan scheme creates business opportunities for youths in Mandevu Constituency

Pictures courtesy of Lusaka City Council



The two vehicles purchased by Mr., Golden Mulenga using CDF loan to boost his transport business.

By Mukoba Ngulube

Mandevu Constituency youths in Ngwelele Ward 22 of Garden Compound are benefiting from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) loan scheme, with beneficiaries using the funds to establish businesses and create employment opportunities.

The CDF loan initiative is aimed at empowering local entrepreneurs through access to affordable financing, enabling beneficiaries to improve their livelihoods and contribute to economic growth in their communities.

One beneficiary, Mr Golden Mulenga, aged 34 and a member of Natso General Dealers, said he successfully invested his K200,000 CDF loan in a transport business.

He explained that the funds were used to purchase two vehicles at K98,000 each, which are currently operating on the Yango ride-hailing platform.

Mr Mulenga stated that income generated from the vehicles has enabled him to acquire an additional car, with plans to purchase another vehicle within the next six months, subject to a stable exchange rate.

He noted that the business has created employment for at least five youths in Ngwelele Ward, who are currently working as drivers.

“This initiative has really changed my life. I am now able to pay school fees for my children, meet rental obligations, manage daily expenses and also create employment for colleagues,” he said.

Mr Mulenga urged fellow youths to take advantage of the CDF loan facility, noting that the five percent interest rate is affordable and the revolving nature of the fund allows more people to benefit as repayments are made.

Another beneficiary, Mr Francis Kaite, aged 36 and trading under Felifranz General Dealers, also shared how the initiative has positively impacted his business.

Mr Kaite said he invested his K160,000 CDF loan in the Yango transport business, which has enabled him to meet his monthly financial targets, including settling bills on time.

He reiterated that young people should not be discouraged by the paperwork required during the loan application process, stating that the long-term benefits outweigh the initial challenges.

“Many young people shy away because of the documentation, but the benefits are worth it,” he said.



Hon Lufuma Hands Over CDF Grants and Loans to 99 Beneficiaries Worth Over K6 Million

Pictures courtesy of Kapiri Mposhi Town Council



Hon. Lufuma delivering his speech during the handover ceremony.

Member of Parliament for Kabompo Constituency, Hon. Ambrose Lufuma (in blue shirt) poses for a photo with the beneficiaries of the CDF grant and loans

By Thiloleko Lungu

Member of Parliament for Kabompo Constituency Hon Ambrose Lufuma on Tuesday, 7th April 2026, handed over Constituency Development Fund (CDF) grants and loans worth over K6 million to 99 beneficiaries in Kabompo District aimed at promoting economic empowerment and supporting local business growth.

The handover ceremony was held at Musamba Market in Kabompo District at around 15:00 hours, where beneficiaries drawn from across the district received financial support under the CDF empowerment programme.

Speaking during the handover, Mr. Lufuma said Government remains committed to empowering communities through CDF grants and loans. He said these funds are intended to boost small businesses and improve livelihoods of citizens across the district.

He urged beneficiaries to utilise the funds responsibly and ensure that the investments made generate meaningful and sustainable returns.

The Member of Parliament further urged grant recipients not to share the funds among group members but instead channel them into productive ventures that can improve household incomes.

He reiterated that proper utilisation of the funds is key to achieving the intended objective of economic empowerment at community level.

Meanwhile, Kabompo District Commissioner Mr. Herbert Chinyanga urged beneficiaries to invest the funds in viable business activities and ensure timely repayment of loans to enable others to also benefit from the revolving facility.

He noted that discipline in repayment is essential for sustaining the programme and widening its impact across the district.

Kabompo Town Council Secretary Mr. Kahinga Kajimo disclosed that the current disbursement was made possible through repayments from previous loan beneficiaries.

He however appealed to those still owing the council to settle their loans, stating that the funds are meant to benefit a wider section of the community through continued circulation.

The beneficiaries from 17 wards across Kabompo District expressed gratitude for Government's continued support through the CDF grants and loans, describing the initiative as life-changing and impactful to local livelihoods.