



Speaker Mutti commemorates 16 Days of Activism against GBV with donation to female inmates



Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Rt. Hon. Dr. Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA receives a gift from Commissioner of Correctional Service and Extension Services, Ms Namata Mayubelo

By Sipiwe Banda

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Right Honourable Dr. Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, donated assorted items to female inmates and circumstantial children at Lusaka Central Correctional Centre (Chimbokaila), as part of the National Assembly's commemoration of the Sixteen (16) Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Speaking during the donation ceremony on Wednesday, 17th December, 2025, Speaker Mutti said that by supporting circumstantial children who are either born in correctional facilities or due to their mothers' imprisonment, National Assembly is demonstrating its

support for women and children, while showing unity in the fight against GBV.

"This gesture is meant to show that unity against gender-based violence must translate into care, solidarity and tangible support for vulnerable women and children, particularly those affected by violence, inequality and social exclusion," she said.

She noted that the effects of gender-based violence are far-reaching and that ending the problem requires collective responsibility from all members of society.

Speaker Mutti further observed that many convicted female inmates are themselves survivors of gender-based violence and



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stressed the importance of providing support that enables them to rehabilitate and reintegrate into society as functional citizens after serving their sentences.

Speaker Mutti commended the Zambia Correctional Service for efforts to safeguard the welfare of women inmates and their children. She added that correctional facilities must uphold human dignity while promoting rehabilitation and care.

She assured the inmates that they were not forgotten and that the National Assembly remains steadfast in promoting gender responsive legislation as their lives and well-being matter to the nation.

Speaking at the same event, Commissioner of Correctional Service and Extension Services, Ms. Namata Mayubelo, thanked the Speaker for her compassion and leadership, stating that her presence reaffirmed that persons in custody remain part of the national community.

Ms. Mayubelo disclosed that the Zambia Correctional Service has 1,011 female inmates countrywide, comprising 665 convicted inmates, 346 on remand and 72 circumstantial children.



Female inmates and their circumstantial children seated in a tent at Chimbokaila during the donation.



Some of the assorted items donated to the female inmates and their circumstantial children at Lusaka Central Correctional Centre (Chimbokaila).

She also commended Government for ongoing reforms, including the opening of new female correctional facilities in Mwembeshi and Livingstone, the launch of a mental health campaign and the establishment of the Zambia Correctional Service Women's Network, which addresses gender-based issues affecting both officers and inmates.

Speaking earlier, Officer-in-Charge for Lusaka Female Correctional Facility, Ms Precious Mweele, said the new facilities in Mwembeshi and Livingstone would help decongest the Lusaka Central Female Facility, which currently accommodates 160 inmates against its designed capacity of 76.

Speaking on behalf of the inmates, Ms Bwali Makwele, expressed gratitude to the Speaker for the donation. She noted that incarceration often brings feelings of isolation and despair, but such acts of kindness restore hope and a reminder to inmates that they have not been forgotten.

This year's 16 Days of Activism to end gender-based violence was held from 25th November to 10th December under the theme, "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls."



Outstanding Parliamentarians honoured at 2025 National Assembly awards ceremony



First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon Malungo A Chisangano, MP, (centre), alongside Second Deputy Speaker, Hon Moses F Moyo (5th left), pose for a photo with the Outstanding Parliamentarians.

By Lombe W.B Musonda

First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Malungo A Chisangano, MP, has urged all Parliamentarians to uphold and strengthen Parliamentary democracy by enhancing accountability and nurturing a culture of discipline, diligence and exemplary service.

She made the call during the Annual Parliamentarians Awards Ceremony held on Wednesday, 3rd December, 2025, at Parlia-

ment Buildings in Lusaka.

Hon. Chisangano emphasized that the responsibilities entrusted to Members of Parliament, ranging from legislation and oversight to representation and constituency development demand unwavering dedication, sacrifice, and integrity.

“It is therefore befitting that we pause each year to honour those who have gone above and beyond in fulfilling these responsibili-

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ties,” she said.

She noted that the awards reflected the diverse and dynamic contributions of Members across gender, age, and regional backgrounds.

She further highlighted the critical role played by MPs in improving citizens’ lives through effective use of the Constituency Development Fund, evidence-based debates, active participation in Committee work and adherence to the rules and decorum of the House.

Speaking at the same event, Deputy Clerk–Procedure, Mr. Stephen Kawimbe, underscored that the award process was conducted with transparency, integrity which also involved Members cast their votes.

He encouraged MPs to view the ceremony not only as a moment to recognize achievement but also as an opportunity to celebrate commitment, perseverance, and the collective effort that propels the institution forward.

Award Categories and Recipients

The 2025 awards were presented in three distinguished categories, each honouring the legacy of eminent Parliamentary leaders whose service continues to inspire excellence:

The Nelly Mutti Award – Outstanding Woman Member of Parliament

Ms Jaqueline Sabao, MP for Chikankata Constituency

The Wesley Nyirenda Award – Outstanding Youth Member of Parliament (45 years and below)

Mr Twaambo Mutinta, MP for Itezhi-Tezhi Constituency

3. The Robinson Nabulyato Award – Overall Best Member of Parliament by Province

Lusaka Province: Mr. Monty Chinkuli, MP (Kanyama)

Central Province: Mr. Wesley Kolala, MP (Lufubu)

Copperbelt Province: Mr. Heartson Mabeta, MP (Kankoyo)

Northern Province: Mr. Mulenga Fube, MP (Chilubi)

Southern Province: Mr Edgar Sing’ombe, MP (Dundumwezi)

Eastern Province: Mr Yotam Mtayachalo, MP (Chama North)

Muchinga Province: Mr. Sunday Chanda, MP (Kanchibiya)

Western Province: Mr. Oliver Amutike, MP (Mongu Central)

North-Western Province: Mr. Vumango Musumali, MP (Zambezi West)

No nominees were recorded for Luapula Province.

In her closing remarks, Hon Chisangano congratulated all the award recipients for their outstanding dedication and urged them to continue leading by example.

She further encouraged all Parliamentarians to celebrate their collective service and reaffirm their shared commitment to upholding the dignity and responsibilities of the House.



Zambia Parliamentary Caucus on Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources Launched



First Deputy Speaker, Hon. Malungo A. Chisangano, MP (centre), with the Acting Clerk, Mrs Loveness M. Mayaka (left) and the Executive Director of the Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD), Mr Isaac Mwaipopo (2nd right) pose for a photo with the Executive Members of the newly established Parliamentary Caucus.

By Dora Haruperi

The Zambia Parliamentary Caucus on Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources was officially launched at the National Assembly, Parliament Buildings, on Thursday, 11th December 2025. Speaking during the launch, the First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon. Malungo A. Chisangano, MP, said that the energy, mining and mineral resources sectors remain central to Zambia's development agenda.

Hon. Chisangano noted that minerals such as copper, cobalt, manganese and emerging rare-earth minerals position Zambia

strategically in the global energy transition. She stated that these minerals are essential for the production of electric vehicles, battery storage technologies, solar systems and other renewable energy solutions.

The Deputy Speaker further said that the energy sector is a key driver of economic growth, industrialisation and social development.

"The establishment of this Caucus creates a dedicated, non-partisan platform through which Members of Parliament can deepen their understanding of



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sector issues, interrogate policy and engage in constructive dialogue with Government, industry, civil society, cooperating partners and communities,” Hon Chisangano said.

“Importantly, this Caucus does not replace the work of existing Committees of the House. Rather, it complements these structures by providing additional space for expert engagement, cross-sector collaboration and forward-looking policy analysis.”

Hon. Chisangano also expressed appreciation to the Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) and other cooperating partners for their partnership and support in launching the Caucus.

Speaking at the same event, Chairperson of the Zambia Parliamentary Caucus on Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources, Mr Christopher Kang’ombe, MP, said the Caucus provides a suitable platform for Parliament to engage with various stakeholders on mining issues and energy.

And Acting Clerk of the National Assembly of Zambia, Mrs. Loveness M. Mayaka, said the establishment of the Caucus aims to strengthen Parliamentary oversight and promote sustainable, transparent and equitable management of energy and mineral resources for inclusive national development.

She said that the Caucus aligns with the Institution’s broader objective of enhancing efficiency and responsiveness in Parliamentary support mechanisms that underpin legislative work, oversight and constituency engagement.

And Speaking at the same occasion, CTPD Executive Director, Mr Isaac Mwaipopo, said that the energy and mining sectors are central to Zambia’s economic future, as they influence revenue generation, industrial growth, employment creation and community wellbeing.

Mr. Mwaipopo said that the CTPD’s longstanding advocacy for transparent mining contracts, fair revenue management, people-centred energy planning and responsible natural resource governance aligns closely with the objectives of the Caucus.

He added that the Caucus will therefore, provide a structured platform for informed debate, deeper engagement and proactive policy scrutiny.

The launch of the Zambia Parliamentary Caucus on Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources is expected to strengthen parliamentary oversight, promote evidence-based legislation and enhance collaboration with key stakeholders, including government institutions, industry players, civil society organisations and communities directly affected by activities in the energy and mineral resource sectors.



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Learners with disabilities in Chinsali get CDF bursaries



Beneficiaries of the CDF Secondary Boarding School Bursary Programme pose for a photo.



Tawanda Mawele, a hearing-impaired Grade 12 learner and James Kangwa, a visually impaired Grade 10 learner pose for a photo at Chinsali Special School.

By Dora Haruperi

The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Secondary Boarding School bursary, has expanded access to education for learners with disabilities in Chinsali District.

Chinsali Special School Acting Deputy Head Teacher, Ms. Mirriam Mvula said that the bursary programme has enabled vulnerable learners to remain in school by covering school fees and reducing the financial burden on families.

She disclosed that 41 learners at the institution are currently benefiting from the programme, comprising 20 new entrants approved under the 2026 CDF allocation and 21 returning beneficiaries.

Ms. Mvula explained that before the introduction of the bursary, many learners with disabilities failed to access education due to financial challenges, as a result, attendance levels and academic performance were low.

“Today, that story is changing as attendance and academic performance have improved. There has been tremendous progress and many children are now in school because of effective sensitisation on CDF,” she said.

She further noted that the CDF community projects component has facilitated the provision of additional

school desks, a development that has ended the practice of learners sitting on the floor due to inadequate classroom furniture.

Ms. Mvula disclosed that without the CDF intervention many learners would have dropped out of school and become vulnerable to social challenges.

Meanwhile, visually impaired Grade 10 learner James Kangwa of Lubu Ward, said with the bursary, he is now able to concentrate in class due to financial certainty.

James stated that the support has improved his academic performance and enabled him to focus on his studies. He urged other learners facing financial challenges to apply for the CDF bursary so that they can also remain in school and achieve their career goals.

He said that he hopes to become a lawyer in future in order to speak for the less privileged and advocate for their rights.

Another beneficiary, Grade 12 hearing-impaired learner Tawanda Mwale of Ichinga Ward, expressed gratitude for the support and applauded teachers at the school for helping her acquire academic and life skills.

The CDF Secondary Boarding School bursary programme is playing a critical role in promoting inclusive education in Chinsali by keeping learners with disabilities in school and giving them an opportunity to build their future.



Chisamba Town Council disburses over K4.1 million in CDF loans to local enterprises

Pictures courtesy of Chisamba Town Council



Ms Chushi Kasanda, MP, (left) shakes hands with a beneficiary of the K4.1 million Constituency Development Fund (CDF) loans as Ms Titamenji Palale and Mr Clint Susiku (right) along with other officials, look on.

By Gwennie Shamizhinga

Chisamba Member of Parliament Ms. Chushi Kasanda says over K4.1 million in Constituency Development Fund (CDF) loans has been disbursed to 24 registered companies, clubs and cooperatives drawn from 12 wards in the district.

She said the loans are aimed at strengthening community-driven economic activities and promoting local enterprise development within the Constituency.

Speaking during the handover ceremony held on Friday, 14th November, 2025, at the Chisamba Civic Centre, Ms Kasanda said the continued disbursement of CDF resources is also a demonstration of Government's resolve to support local enterprises and improve the quality of lives in the community.

Ms. Kasanda explained that, the loans will help beneficiaries to invest the funds in various ventures such as livestock and fish farming, butchery businesses, irrigation agriculture and transport services, among others, which are expected to stimulate economic growth within the district.

She further expressed gratitude to Republican President Mr Hakainde Hichilema for increasing the CDF allocation from over K1.6 million in 2021 to over K40 million in 2026.

The Member of Parliament noted that the increment has expanded access to grants and loans, particularly for women and youths engaged in income generating activities.

Meanwhile, CDF Committee Chairperson, Ms. Titamenji Palale urged the beneficiaries to utilise the funds responsibly. She explained that prudent use and timely repayment of the loans will allow more community members to benefit from the programme.

And Provincial Local Government Officer Mr Clint Susiku said he was pleased to be in the district, adding that his visit was aimed at engaging with local stakeholders as well as observing CDF loan disbursement exercise and monitoring the ongoing voter education and registration programme.



Siavonga gets K2.4 million Chimutengo market funding

Pictures courtesy of Siavonga Town Council



Sign post marking the site for the new market



Council Secretary Mr. Kennedy Shombo speaking during an interview

By Chileshe Chirwa

Siavonga Town Council Chairperson Mr. Given Kwapu says the construction of the new Chimutengo Market valued at approximately K2.4 million will improve trading conditions and strengthen economic activity in the district.

Mr. Kwapu said that once completed, the new market will have a modern shelter, improved sanitation facilities and trading bays. He said this during a groundbreaking ceremony held on 3rd December, 2025 at the old chimutengo market in Siavonga District.

Mr. Kwapu described the Chimutengo market redevelopment as a major investment in Siavonga's economic future. He noted that the market will not only provide traders with a dignified place to conduct their business but improve trading conditions and create a more conducive environment for small-scale traders to grow their enterprises.

Meanwhile, Siavonga Town Council Secretary Mr. Kennedy Shombo explained that the project is the outcome of deliberate planning and inclusive engagement with key stakeholders.

He said the Council would closely supervise the works to ensure quality standards are met and the project is completed within the agreed timeframe.

Mr. Shombo further assured the community that the Council would exercise strict oversight to warrant adherence to approved designs and specifications.

Speaking on behalf of marketeers, Siavonga Market Committee Vice Secretary, Felix Mungalato expressed gratitude to the Council for prioritizing the redevelopment of the market and reaffirmed the traders' commitment to fully cooperate throughout the construction period.

And the Contractor, Great Ambition Construction Limited affirmed its readiness to deliver a durable and well-constructed market facility. The company pledged to work professionally, comply with all approved standards and collaborate closely with the Council to meet community expectations.



Construction of over K1.3 million mortuary at Kasama General Hospital completed



Ms Beauty Undi Phiri commissions the mortuary unit



Pictures courtesy of Kasama Municipal Council

The Inside of the newly constructed mortuary unit at Kasama General Hospital

By Sipwe Banda

The K1.3 million mortuary unit at Kasama General Hospital built using the 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) under the Disaster Management Component has been completed.

Northern Province Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ms Beauty Undi Phiri said, the completion of the facility which was jointly funded by Kasama Central and Lukashya Constituencies, demonstrates Government's commitment to improving service delivery in the health sector.

Ms. Phiri said this during the commissioning ceremony held on Monday, 22nd December, 2025 at Kasama General Hospital. She noted that the facility reflects the visible development that continues to be recorded in Kasama District through the CDF programme.

“This mortuary unit is very important, as it will serve not only the people of Kasama District but also residents of Lukashya and neighbouring areas,” She said.

She further explained that the facility will strengthen hospital operations and ease long standing congestion during emergency situations, adding that it will help preserve the dignity of the departed while providing comfort to bereaved families.

Ms. Phiri therefore, applauded Kasama Municipal Council,

the CDF Committees and cooperating stakeholders for the transparent and effective utilisation of CDF resources.

Meanwhile, Kasama Deputy Mayor Mr Felix Kangwa said the mortuary unit has come at a time when the district is scaling up health service delivery to meet the growing needs of the population in the district.

He stated that the facility will not only ease pressure on existing hospital infrastructure but also improve the management of deceased persons, particularly during emergencies.

And Kasama General Hospital Medical Superintendent, Dr. Shyamayanda Satchmo, said the newly commissioned mortuary is a major upgrade to the hospital's infrastructure.

He explained that the facility has expanded the hospital's mortuary holding capacity from 21 to 46 bodies, thereby improving efficiency in service provision.



Over 50 CDF projects commissioned in Katete District

By Lomthunzi Simpemba

More than 50 Constituency Development Fund (CDF), projects valued at over ZMW 45 million have been commissioned in Katete District of Eastern Province.

Eastern Province Provincial Minister, Honourable Simon Peter Phiri says the projects are key to improving service delivery and uplifting the lives of the people.

He said the initiatives demonstrate Government's commitment to taking development closer to the people by expanding access to education, improving infrastructure, water supply, health services and promoting economic empowerment in Katete District.

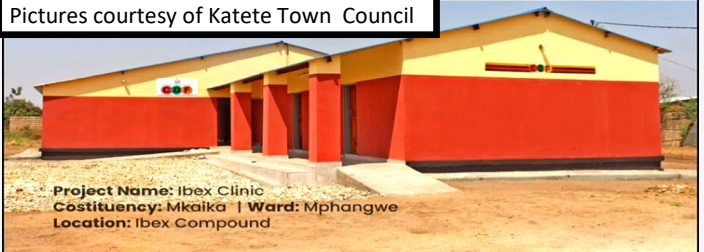
The Provincial Minister made the remarks during the commissioning of the projects in Katete district on Friday, 19th December, 2025.

Hon Phiri noted that the decentralised nature of the Fund has enabled communities to prioritise their own development needs, ensuring that resources are equitably distributed and development is inclusive and responsive at local level.

"These are not just buildings, they are the heartbeat of community progress that demonstrate tangible results in translating government policy into community-level development," he said.

Among the key investments is K10.7 million allocated to bursaries, benefiting 1,169 learners. In

Pictures courtesy of Katete Town Council



The newly constructed Clinic in Mkaika Constituency

the education sector, K16.6 million was invested in the procurement of more than 9,000 school desks, which are serving approximately 18,000 pupils across the district.

Other projects commissioned include the construction of 40 clean water schemes, to provide safe and reliable water to over 22,000 residents.

In addition to infrastructure development, loans and grants, expected to support small businesses, cooperatives and household enterprises were handed over to 197 beneficiaries from Mkaika and Milanzi constituencies.

Those in attendance included His Royal Highness Chief Kathumba, Eastern Province Permanent Secretary, Mr. Paul Thole, Members of Parliament Mr. Peter Phiri of Mkaika Constituency, Ms. Melessiana Phiri of Milanzi Constituency and other Government officials.



Newly constructed staff House at Mkale Health Post in Mkaika Constituency.

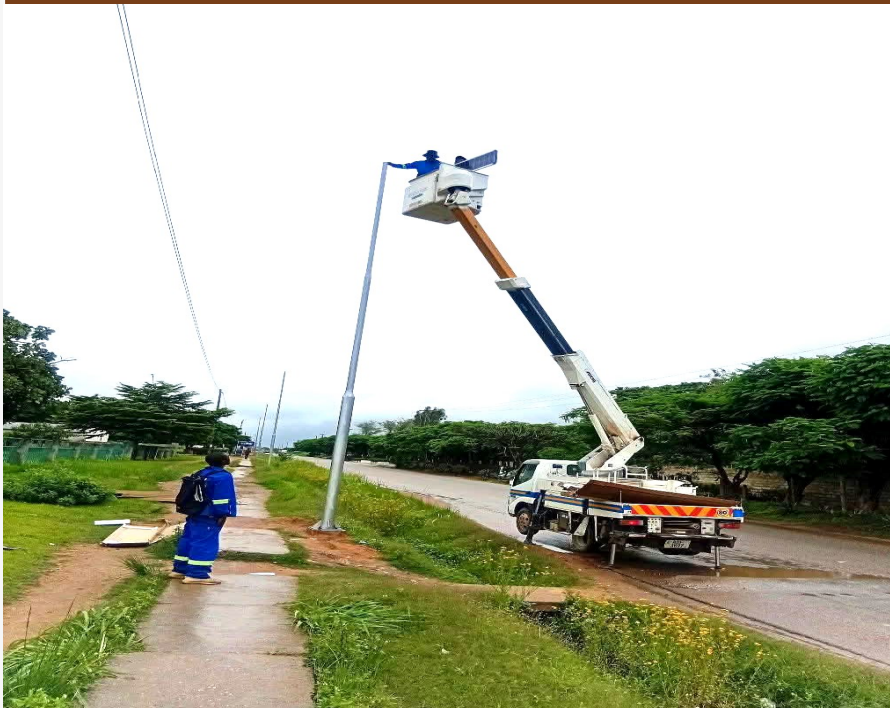


Set up of the Kanchele water scheme in Milanzi Constituency.



Street lighting to strengthen security in Chifubu

Pictures courtesy of Ndola City Council



Men install solar powered street lights in Chifubu Constituency under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF)

“Lighting up our roads remain a top priority, because it will help curb criminal activities, particularly attacks on unsuspecting residents during night hours,” he said.

“The project is also expected to make the roads safer for both motorists and pedestrians while contributing to orderly movement within the area.”

The law maker reiterated that the long-term plan is to extend the street lighting programme from Sign Post to SGC Investment Limited and Chachitika in order to fully illuminate the constituency and improve community

By Jessy Mtonga

Chifubu Member of Parliament, Mr Loyd Lubusha says the installation of solar-powered street lights under the 2025 Constituency Development Fund (CDF), will strengthen security and improve the safety of residents in Chifubu constituency.

He disclosed that the works, being undertaken at a total cost of K6,876,547.08, have already been completed along Kawama and Luapula roads, where the lights are now in use.

Mr. Lubusha added that installation works on Mango and Muleya roads have reached 63 per cent, while the project along Mwanawasa Road in Pamodzi Ward has progressed to 25 per cent.

The lawmaker noted that once completed, the installation of street lights along Mwanawasa Road will not only provide security but will also enhance the outlook of Pamodzi Ward.

safety.

Mr. Lubusha expressed gratitude to President Hakainde Hichilema for the increased CDF allocation, which has enabled the constituency to undertake developmental projects, aimed at improving the wellbeing of the people.

Accordingly, he commended Pamodzi Ward Councilor, Mr Bester Chibwe for his role in ensuring the successful implementation of the project.

Meanwhile, a resident of Chifubu, Mr. Daniel Phiri has applauded the project, saying the lighting system has not only made it safer to move around at night but has also reduced crime and improved visibility for drivers.



CDF projects transforming service delivery In Kasempa says hon Tambatamba

Pictures courtesy of Kasempa Town Council



Hon. Brenda Mwika Tambatamba, MP pose for a photo with stakeholders during the handover of CDF funded projects in Kasempa Constituency



Chief Ingwe's palace which has reached about 90 percent completion.

By Thiloleko Lungu

Minister of Labour and Social Security, Honourable Brenda Tambatamba has observed that the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) projects being implemented in Kasempa constituency, are improving service delivery and living conditions of the people.

Hon. Tambatamba and Member of Parliament (MP) for Kasempa said this on 30th December 2025, when she commissioned two modern staff houses and inspected the progress on the Ingwe Chief's palace in Ingwe Ward.

Hon. Tambatamba who is also Member of Parliament for Kasempa Constituency, noted that among the projects commissioned, is a solar-powered staff house for the Zambia Police Service, at Kankolonkolo built at a cost of K466,474.10 and a solar-powered teacher's staff house at Kizhiba constructed at a cost of K470,191.50 using CDF resources.

Earlier, Hon. Tambatamba paid a courtesy call on His Royal Highness Chief Ingwe and inspected the ongoing construction of the traditional leader's palace, which is about 90 percent complete.



The solar-powered police staff house at Kankolonkolo, funded through CDF

The Minister disclosed that the completed and ongoing projects are clear evidence of Government's commitment to social and community development. She reiterated that CDF remains a key vehicle for taking development to all parts of the country.

The commissioning ceremony was attended by traditional leaders, United Party for National Development (UPND) officials and civic leaders among them Councillor Francis Sawomba of Ingwe Ward and Councillor Conrad Mawaya of Njenga Ward.



PS, Technical Services says CDF projects to transform Mwense District

Pictures courtesy of Luapula Provincial Administration



Ms Prudence Chinama-Kangwa, PS for Technical Services, engages with Mwense District Commissioner Mr Happystone Mwape, while other officials listen attentively.

By Malanda Chomba

Luapula Province Permanent Secretary, Ms. Prudence Chinama-Kangwa, says the commissioning of Constituency Development Fund (CDF) projects in Mwense District.

Speaking during the commissioning of the projects on Friday, 26th December 2025, Ms. Chinama-Kangwa said that the investments in health, education, water and sanitation are aimed at taking development closer to communities.

She disclosed that in the health sector, Government has constructed Sepe Rural Health Post at a cost of K2.6 million, complete with staff houses, an ablution block and a water scheme, while additional infrastructure was commissioned at Chebele, Chanshi and Muposhi health facilities.

She further explained that classroom blocks have been constructed and rehabilitated at Chilamundi Primary School, Mulonga Primary School and Mutima Secondary School to provide a conducive learning environment

for pupils.

Ms. Chinama-Kangwa also noted that water and sanitation projects, including a 10,000-litre water scheme at Kabila Primary School and additional schemes in Chula and Michelo, will improve access to clean and safe water.

She reiterated that over K28.1 million has been disbursed as empowerment loans in Mwense and Mambilima constituencies, with 196 beneficiaries supported in 2025 alone.

Meanwhile, Mwense District Commissioner Mr. Happystone Mwape urged residents to safeguard the newly commissioned infrastructure to ensure sustainability.

Council Chairperson Mr. Stephen Chikota said increased CDF allocations have accelerated development in the district.

And speaking on behalf of traditional leaders, Chief Lubunda the 17th applauded Government for the effective utilisation of the CDF, noting that the programme has improved the welfare of the people.