



## First Deputy Speaker Chisangano Wraps Up Central Province Tour with Tree Planting Exercise



First Deputy Speaker, Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP, leads a tree planting exercise in Itezhi Tezhi, joined by Hon. Twaambo Mutinta, MP and staff of the National Assembly.

**By Estelle Kasauka & Namasiku Mubiana**

First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Honorable Malungo Chisangano, MP, is delighted with the progress made by Constituencies in Central Province towards the country's socio-economic development, leveraged through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and other economic activities.

Hon. Chisangano made these remarks on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at the conclusion of her tour of Central Province, which included a tree planting exercise as part of the National Assembly's initiative to promote a green Zambia and engagements with Members of Parliament and staff from various constituencies on key national issues aimed at improving service delivery.

The First Deputy Speaker however, expressed

concern over the persistent threat to the country's socio-economic development posed by climate change, particularly due to rampant deforestation. She noted that the cutting down of trees has led to prolonged droughts in many Constituencies, resulting in devastating effects such as increased load shedding.

Hon Chisangano said that Zambia is currently losing about 270,000 hectares of forest annually, placing the country among the most deforested in Africa. She noted that in order to mitigate this, the National Assembly has committed to planting at least 1,000 trees in all the 156 Parliamentary constituencies.



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She added that the National Tree Planting Campaign, officially launched in July 2022 at Chongwe Constituency under the theme 'Promoting a Green Parliament', continues to gain momentum.

"It was a great honour and privilege for me to conduct the same exercise in the Province as part of the National Assembly's broader effort to promote a green Zambia," she said.

Hon. Chisangano further said that tree planting efforts have already been undertaken in Constituencies across Eastern, Copperbelt, Luapula, Lusaka, Southern, Northwestern and Western Provinces. She noted that with the Central Province tour now concluded, the initiative is expected to roll out to the Northern and Muchinga Provinces.

The First Deputy Speaker called upon all Members of Parliament to spearhead the

planting of trees in their respective Constituencies and encouraged constituents to take up the initiative in Public and private places such as schools, health centers, homes and villages.

Hon. Chisangano also commended Constituency staff for their dedication and effectiveness in service delivery despite facing challenges such as inadequate office furniture, limited transportation for fieldwork and insufficient funding.

She was accompanied on the tour by the Deputy Clerk (Procedure), Mr. Stephen Kawimbe and selected staff of the National Assembly. The tour took place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

The tour covered 12 Constituencies across Central Province namely Bwacha, Kabwe Central, Mkushi North, Serenje, Lufubu, Kapiri Mposhi, Muchinga, Chitambo, Nangoma, Mumbwa, Itezhi-Tezhi, and Mwembeshi.



First Deputy Speaker, Hon. Chisangano is received by Provincial Minister of Southern Province and Mumbwa Central Member of Parliament, Hon. Credo Nanjuwa, during her visit to Mumbwa.



## SOCATT Africa Undertakes a Sub-Region Visit to Zambia Branch



The Vice Chairperson of the Society of Clerks-at -he-Table (3rd left), pictured with Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka (2nd right), a SOCATT representative and senior staff from the National Assembly of Zambia after a meeting.

**By Julius Kampamba**

The Vice Chairperson of the Society of Clerks-At-The-Table (SoCATT) Africa and Clerk of the National Assembly of Malawi, Mrs. Fiona Kalemba led a delegation to conduct a Sub-Region visit to SoCATT Zambia Branch from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2025.

The visit was part of a combined Central Sub-Region Visit to Mozambique, Botswana and Zambia SoCATT Branches undertaken from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2025. Pleas-

antly, this visit also coincided with emerging leadership changes at parliamentary administration level in the relevant Parliaments of Mozambique, Botswana and Zambia.

Consequently, the combined visit was aimed at re-mobilising the Central Sub-Region Branches to participate in the 2025 SoCATT Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held alongside the 54<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary

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Association (CPA) Conference and AGM in Banjul, The Gambia from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 and the Professional Development Seminar (PDS) planned for November, 2025.

Further, it was anchored on updating the Branches on key activities of 2025, as well as brainstorming and developing a common understanding on strategies for strengthening sub-region engagements and collaborations.

During the visit, the delegation held a meeting with the Acting Clerk of the National of Zambia, Mrs. Loveness Maambo Mayaka at which various aspects related to the 2022-2026 SoCATT Africa Strategic Plan, work and operations were discussed.

In her remarks, Mrs. Kalemba recognised the Zambia Branch as the beacon in the Sub-Region in moving the SoCATT Africa agenda forward. She stressed that this was because of the Branch's impeccable participation in the activities of the Society and consistence in meeting its membership subscription fees obligations.

Most notably, she indicated that the Branch had held different portfolios on the Steering Committee and hosted key activities of the Society such as the Professional Development Seminar in 2019. She also commended the Branch for providing technical, advisory and administrative support to the Society

through the Technical Team.

Mrs Mayaka elucidated that the Zambia Branch considered SoCATT Africa as a pivotal platform for facilitating practical learning and sharing among member Parliaments on parliamentary practice and procedure and other aspects related to administrations of Parliaments.

She said that, for this reason, the Branch had been an active member of SoCATT Africa to ensure that it benefited from good practices in parliamentary work for possible localisation and application to enhance administrative service delivery. She also assured the SoCATT delegation that the Branch will continue to participate in the activities of the Society at both regional and sub-region levels.

*She informed the Steering Committee on the need to popularise the Society's Strategic Plan to secure the buy-in among its community for effective implementation and improved outcomes.*

Mrs. Kalemba was accompanied by Mr. Momodu-Lamin Deen Rogers, Director-Legislative Service, Technical Team Member and In-Country Coordinator of Parliament of Sierra Leone. The delegation was supported by Mr. Julius Kampamba, Deputy Director-Monitoring and Evaluation and Team Lead of the Technical Team.



## The Health of MPs and Staff Crucial for Parliamentary Success



Members of Parliament, staff of the National Assembly, Stakeholders and the public take off from the National Assembly precincts during the fundraising Aerobics Mania event.

**By Gwennie Shamizhinga & Namasiku Mubiana**

Government Deputy Chief Whip, Honourable Likando Mufalali, MP, says that the health and well-being of Members of Parliament and staff is essential to the overall effectiveness and success of the National Assembly.

He was speaking on Saturday, 26th July, 2025, when he officiated at the Fundraising Aerobics Mania, hosted by the National Assembly Football Club under the theme “Healthy People, Stronger Zambia.”

Honourable Mufalali said that the event was more than just a fitness gathering but, a demonstration of unity, shared responsibility and commitment to a healthy lifestyle. He further said that the active participation of MPs, parliamentary staff and the general public signaled a strong and growing awareness of the importance of wellness and physical activity in national development.

“As we warm up for our aerobic sessions, and prepare to take on the 5 Kilometre run and 2.5

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“They remind us that movement is a form of medicine and that teamwork, both on the football pitch and in the broader community, is essential to progress.”

The Deputy Chief Whip commended the National Assembly Football Club for organising the fundraising event and noted that such efforts contribute to building a culture of health consciousness among MPs and Staff. He said that the proceeds from the event would go a long way towards supporting the operations of the National Assembly Football Club.

He explained that the initiative was also a celebration of the power of sport to bridge divides, bring people together and promote teamwork both within and beyond Parliament.

Honourable Mufalali stressed the need for continued support for wellness programmes within Parliament and urged all participants to carry the spirit

of the event back to their homes and communities, promoting healthier and more active lives for all.

Speaking at the same event, the Deputy Clerk – Administration at the National Assembly of Zambia noted that promoting wellness among parliamentary staff is key to maintaining a motivated and productive workforce. He said the institution recognises the value of creating opportunities for physical activity and social engagement, which are essential to achieving institutional goals.

He also stated that initiatives such as the Aerobics Mania not only support physical health but help build strong relationships across departments, foster team spirit and create a supportive working environment.

Also present at the event were representatives from the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts, the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ), the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ), the National Assembly Savings and Credit Cooperative Organisation, Members of Parliament, staff of the National Assembly and Members of the public.

The Aerobics Mania featured a 5-kilometre run, a 2.5-kilometre walk and several high-energy aerobic sessions. The event served as a platform to encourage lifestyle changes, champion physical fitness and raise funds for the National Assembly Football Club.



## Nelly Mutti Foundation Donates Football Equipment to National Assembly Women's Team



Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, (left) with Club Chairperson Mr. Julius Musumali (2nd left) and the National Assembly Women's Football Team during the donation of football equipment at Parliament Buildings.

### By Makani Kabeta

The Nelly Mutti Foundation has donated a full set of football equipment to the National Assembly Women's Football Team in a gesture aimed at promoting women's football and empowering young players. The donation included home and away jerseys, socks and soccer balls, a boost aimed at supporting the team's growth, performance and professionalism on the pitch.

The handover ceremony took place on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at Parliament Buildings and was officiated by the Speaker of the National Assembly and founder of the Nelly Mutti Foundation, Rt. Hon. Nelly B. K. Mutti, MP, who personally presented the equipment to the team.

In her remarks, Madam Speaker encouraged the players to remain committed to representing the

National Assembly with pride. She stressed the importance of balancing education and sports, stating that both are essential in building a well-rounded and successful future.

Speaker Mutti concluded by wishing the team success as they prepare for the 2025 Charity Shield, scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> August at Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola.

Meanwhile, the National Assembly Football Club Chairperson, Mr. Julius Musumali expressed gratitude for the donation, stating that the support from the Nelly Mutti Foundation will go a long way in motivating the players and enhancing their preparedness for upcoming competitions.

The National Assembly Women's Team is expected to face Konkola Queens in what is anticipated to be an exciting match.



## National Assembly Celebrates Dedication and Service at the 2025 Labour Awards Ceremony



Seated in front center is Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka, with Deputy Clerk Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Cecilia Sikatele Mambwe (left), Acting Deputy Clerk Administration, Mr. Sage Samuwika (2nd right), Director Parliamentary Broadcasting, Ms. Kashimbi Limata (right) and Director Administration, Human Resource Management and Development, Mr. Ronald Sambo (2nd left), joined by staff from various Departments honoured with Labour Day awards.

**By Komiwe Nyirenda & Kezya Kalezhi**

The National Assembly of Zambia held a combined ceremony at Parliament Buildings to honor outstanding members of staff for their dedication, hard work and professionalism, as part of the 2025 Labour Day and the inaugural Parliament Day commemorations.

The event, which took place on Monday, 21st July 2025, was celebrated under the national theme, *“Shaping Zambia’s Future of Work Through HomeGrown Solutions for Inclusive Economic Growth,”* highlighting the institution’s commitment to recognis-

ing excellence and promoting inclusive workplace development.

Speaking during the event, Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness M. Mayaka, emphasized the significance of Labour Day as a reminder of the dignity of work and the value of every employee’s contribution to National Development. She applauded the commitment of staff at the National Assembly, noting that their efforts both seen and unseen play a critical role in upholding the integrity and efficiency of Parliament as a cornerstone of Zambia’s democracy.



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*“To the recipients of the awards today, congratulations. You are being recognised not just for doing your job, but for going above and beyond the call of duty,” she said.*

*She announced that fifteen officers had been selected for recognition, each receiving a certificate and a token of K5,000. The awardees were drawn from three categories: five under Most Hardworking Employees, six under Most Dedicated Employees, and four under Most Honest and Trustworthy Employees.*

Mrs Mayaka also acknowledged departments and constituencies that excelled during the inaugural Parliament Day exhibitions held in May. The Motel Department was awarded for having the best exhibition, followed by the Parliamentary Broadcasting Department.

Among the constituencies, Mansa Central and Solwezi were recognised for their outstanding participation.

She encouraged all staff to continue striving for excellence and reassured those who were not awarded that their contributions remain deeply appreciated and their time for recognition will come.

In his welcoming remarks, Deputy Clerk Administration, Mr. Sage C. Samuwika, explained that this year’s Labour Day celebration was strategically held in July to incorporate the commemorations of

Parliament Day, which was officially declared by the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, to be observed annually on 23rd May and the first ever Parliament Day, held on 23rd May 2025, which marked 100 years since the establishment of the National Assembly and provided an opportunity for staff to showcase innovation and creativity under tight timelines and limited resources.

Mr. Samuwika praised the efforts of the staff during the Parliament Day exhibitions and announced that, for the first time, recognition would also be extended to departments and provincial constituency offices.

He also shared that the Administration Department had begun reviewing institutional policies, including the Awards Policy to broaden the selection criteria and potentially link such awards to future promotions aimed at boosting morale and encouraging higher performance.

The combined celebration underscored the National Assembly’s commitment to recognising staff contributions and promoting a workplace culture of accountability, excellence and service. The event closed with appreciation for all employees who continue to support the institution’s vision of an inclusive and effective Parliament, responsive to the needs of the Zambian people.



## National Assembly scoops first prize at the 25th Inter Company Relay



Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka and Director Financial Committees, Mr. Steven Chiwota pose with the first prize trophy won at the 25th Inter-Company Relay.

**By Sharon Nyirongo**

The National Assembly secured first place in the Directors' Race category during the 25th Inter-Company Relay (ICR), held on Saturday, 12th July 2025, at the Lusaka Showgrounds.

This year's relay was held under the theme *"Rebuilding Through Sport – Together We Can Achieve More,"* and was officially opened by Hon. Elvis C. Nkandu, MP, Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts.

The Minister said that the ICR stood as a testament to how much can be achieved if people united for a common purpose.

He commended the organisers for putting up such an event as it symbolises unity and collective effort. He added that sport goes beyond competition, but serves as a powerful vehicle for social transformation and national cohesion.

At the same event, the Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness M. Mayaka, joined a group of selected staff members in participating in the 5km Health Walk, promoting wellness and active living among employees.

Speaking after receiving the first prize trophy at the 25th Inter-Company Relay, Mrs. Mayaka, said the award was a proud moment for the institution and a reflection of the dedication, unity and team spirit among its staff.

She stated that the National Assembly's participation in the event, hosted by the Zambia Athletics Association, demonstrated its commitment to promoting wellness, collaboration and a healthy work-life balance.

Ms. Mayaka added that the recognition serves as motivation for continued participation in such initiatives that foster camaraderie and collective achievement across institutions.



## Türkiye a Key Player in Global Trade and Development — Speaker Mutti



Speaker Mutti, shares a handshake with the Ambassador of Turkey to Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Huseyin Barbaros Dicle.

She noted that the Zambian people continue to benefit from Türkiye's cooperation in critical sectors such as education, health, tourism, media and national security.

She further explained that cooperation at the Parliamentary level has grown in recent years, with the establishment of the Zambia-Türkiye Parliamentary Friendship Group in 2019 marking an important step towards legislative collaboration and mutual learning.

Ambassador Dicle said Türkiye remains committed to enhancing its relationship with Zambia. He stated

that Türkiye has supported initiatives

such as the opening of the International Maarif School of Lusaka and stressed the importance of deeper collaboration in the agriculture, energy and tourism sectors. He also noted the role of Parliamentary engagement in strengthening democratic institutions.

The Deputy Chief of Mission, Ms. Betül Akbal, said the Turkish Embassy has supported several development programmes in Zambia, including the provision of drought relief in 2023/2024. She stated that the Embassy has also implemented skills training programmes for urban communities in Lusaka and supported infrastructure improvements, such as the renovation of the kitchen at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH).

### By Thiloleko Lungu

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Rt. Hon. Nelly B. K. Mutti, SC, FAPRA, MP, has described the Republic of Türkiye as a key player in global trade and sustainable development. She said this when the Ambassador of Türkiye to Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Huseyin Barbaros Dicle, paid a courtesy call on her on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, at Parliament Buildings.

Speaker Mutti stated that the bilateral ties between Zambia and Türkiye are long-standing, dating back to 1964 when Zambia gained independence. She said the strong partnership between the two countries is based on shared values such as democracy, good governance and respect for human rights.



## National Assembly Signs MoU with World Vision Zambia to Boost Support for Vulnerable Communities



Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka (left), with World Vision Zambia's Associate Director, Ms. Betty M. Mwando (right), as Mr. Thokozani Kamanga looks on following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

**By Lomtuzi Simpemba**

The National Assembly of Zambia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with World Vision Zambia, aimed at strengthening collaboration and enhancing service delivery, particularly in areas affecting vulnerable communities.

Speaking during the signing ceremony on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2025 at Parliament Buildings, Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka, said the agreement provides a solid framework for cooperation between the two institutions and reflects their shared commitment to achieving the goals outlined in the National Assembly's Strategic Plan (2022–2026).

Mrs. Mayaka explained that the partnership will strengthen parliamentary budget oversight. She noted that with mutual dedication to critical sectors such as child protection, water, sanitation and humanitarian support, World Vision Zambia will be able to support relevant parliamentary committees by providing expert input and data during scrutiny of the national.

“This partnership will ensure that Members of Parliament (MPs) are well-informed and responsive to the needs of their constituents, while also giving World Vision structured access to lawmakers to strengthen its advocacy initiatives,” she said.



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Meanwhile, World Vision Zambia's Associate Director for Operations, Ms. Betty Mbewe Mwando, described the MoU as a strategic step toward connecting policy, implementation and community action to ensure that every Zambian child thrives. She noted that the agreement will also help ensure that child-focused policies are not only enacted but also adequately funded, effectively monitored and fully implemented.

Speaking earlier, National Assembly of Zambia, Director of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO), Mr. Misael Kateshi, said the MoU is expected to enhance World

Vision Zambia's engagement with Parliament by creating more opportunities for collaboration with MPs, particularly through committees and caucuses focused on children, health and education. He added that the partnership will also facilitate engagement with key parliamentary departments, staff, and Constituency Offices across all 156 constituencies.

Speaking earlier, the Director for Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO), Mr. Misael Kateshi, said the strengthened relationship is expected to enhance World Vision Zambia's work by creating more opportunities for collaboration with MPs, particularly through committees and caucuses focused on children, health, and education. He added that the partnership would also facilitate engagement with key parliamentary departments and staff, as well as with Constituency Offices across all 156 constituencies.



Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka (m), signs a Memorandum of Understanding with World Vision Zambia's Associate Director, Ms. Betty M. Mwando (r), as PBO Director, Mr. Misael Kateshi (l), looks on.



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## CDF A TOOL FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN CHINSALI



The CDF Chairperson Reverend Musunga with his team and CDF Skills Funded students from Zambia Air Services Training Institute (ZAST)

**By Dora Haruperi**

Chinsali Constituency Development Fund Chairperson, Reverend Musunga, has said that the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) has proven to be a tool for youth empowerment in Chinsali Constituency. He made these remarks during a monitoring exercise on CDF initiatives, in July 2025.

Reverend Musunga said the primary objective of the monitoring exercise was to verify that all approved students had reported for school and whether the expected objective of training and educating the CDF-sponsored learners were being met by the institutions where the learners are currently admitted.

He noted that the 2025 CDF had funded 236 students through the Secondary School Bursary and 156 through the Skills Development Bursary.

He explained that among the institutions visited by the monitoring team were Lwitikila Girls, Zambia Air Services Training Institute (ZAST), Lusaka Business and Technical College, Zambia College of Agriculture, Mpika Boys Secondary School, Muntin-Tech Driving School, TVTC, Tazara Training Centre, Northern Technical College, Northern Polytechnic College and Handsworth Institute of Health Sciences.

Reverend Musunga further stated that through CDF Skills and Secondary boarding bursaries, youths are being empowered by learning a skill or obtaining secondary school education.

He encouraged the students at various institutions to challenge themselves daily to become the best students at their learning institutions and urged them to be focused, disciplined and determined to make something out of their lives.



## Luapula Province Receives 5 Projects to Boost Education, Healthcare and Economic Empowerment

**By Chomba Malanda**

Luapula Province Permanent Secretary, Ms. Prudence Chinama says the Government's goal is to improve service delivery and uplift communities by investing in healthcare, education and economic empowerment.

She made these remarks on 14th July 2025, when she commissioned five community development projects in Samfya District funded through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). Ms. Chinama said the projects aim to enhance service delivery in key sectors and improve the quality of life for residents.

She said the completion of Samfya's first ever district library and the Bangweulu Nursing School mark a milestone for the district as both projects align with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Number 4, which promotes inclusive and equitable quality education and life long learning opportunities for all.

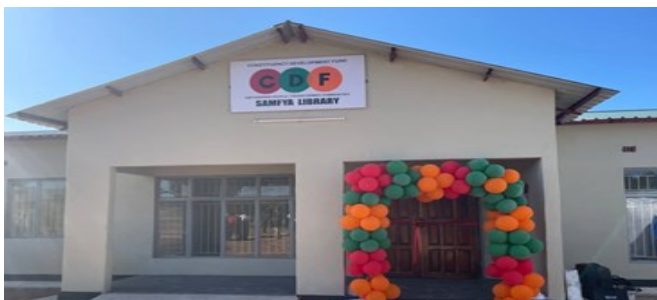
Ms. Chinama said the new library which includes a dedicated skills training room and an aftercare rental warehouse to support craftsmen across the district, will serve not only as a center for academic learning but also as a hub for skills development.

She said the health sector has also benefited through the establishment of two maternity annexes, the Mabo Kunda Maternity Annex, costing about K2.6 million and the Chisanka Maternity Annex, costing over K1.1 million built at a combined cost of K3,780,000.00. She added that these facilities are expected to improve maternal healthcare in surrounding communities.

"Women in these areas will now have access to a decent environment that preserves their dignity during prenatal, antenatal, delivery and postnatal care. They will no longer have to give birth at home," she said.

The Permanent Secretary further said that under the economic empowerment programme, 124 approved groups, including small-scale entrepreneurs and cooperatives, will receive empowerment grants totaling K2,490,000.00. She said the initiative seeks to boost local businesses, create jobs and promote community-based economic growth.

Ms. Chinama urged traditional leaders, community members and stakeholders to take ownership of the projects and ensure their sustainability through accountability and transparency.



**Samfya library**



**Chinsanka Market**



**Mabo Kunda Maternity Annex**



## Hon. Sikumba Commissions Four CDF Projects in Livingstone Worth Over K3.2 Million

By Chileshe Chirwa

Honourable Rodney Sikumba, Minister of Tourism and Member of Parliament for Livingstone, officially commissioned four development projects under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), worth over K3.2 million. The initiatives are part of ongoing efforts to enhance public infrastructure and services in the city.

The commissioned projects include: A newly constructed Taxi Rank in Akapelwa Ward (K599,511.50), Installation of Solar-Powered Streetlights in Kariba Ward (K896,500), An Ablution Block at Malota Community School in Mulungushi Ward (K472,000) and Phase II of the Botswana Drainage Project (K1,250,000).

Speaking at the launch, Hon. Sikumba emphasized the government's commitment to decentralizing development efforts, ensuring that all provinces benefit equally from national resources. He also appealed to the local Taxi Association

to take ownership of the facility by safeguarding it for future generations.

Speaking at the same event Livingstone Mayor, Her Worship Constance Muleabai, said the taxi rank would help phase out illegal pickup points, while the streetlights would enhance night time safety in key parts of the city.

Mr. Banda, chairperson of the Taxi and Bus Association, expressed gratitude for the new rank, noting its significance in providing shelter for operators during harsh weather conditions. He also assured the government of the association's continued compliance with tax obligations.

Akapelwa Ward Councillor, John Banda, extended thanks to the taxi drivers for their patience and cooperation during the course of the project. He noted that their support was a testament to the spirit of unity and shared development goals within the community.



Livingstone Mayor, Her Worship Constance Muleabai giving her welcoming remarks.



Livingstone MP, Mr. Rodney Sikumba officiates at the handover ceremony of CDF projects.



A newly constructed Taxi rank in Akapelwa Ward constructed under Constituency Development Fund.



## Over K13 Million In CDF Projects and Funds Injected in Lumezi Constituency

**By Lomtuzi Simpemba**

Eastern Province Minister, Hon. Peter Simon Phiri, handed over more than K13 million worth of community projects and empowerment funds in Lumezi Constituency on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025, during a handover ceremony held at Kaikumbe Rural Health Post.

The Minister commissioned a total of 13 completed community projects costing K8,105,146.48, which were constructed using the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) between 2023 and 2024. He also handed over 2025 CDF empowerment loans amounting to K3,196,935.60 to 31 beneficiaries and empowerment grants worth K2,491,290.40 to 63 clubs and cooperatives.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Hon. Phiri said the CDF is a testament to the government's unwavering commitment to improving the lives of citizens and transforming communities, as evidenced by the significant development seen in Lumezi and other districts. He stated that the commissioning of the various projects built using the CDF reflects President Hakainde Hichilema's vision to take development to all parts of the country.

"President Hichilema's New Dawn Government remains committed to bringing modern development to Lumezi. We will continue to prioritize initiatives that promote economic growth by improving infrastructure and enhancing service delivery. We will work tirelessly to ensure that constituencies remain a place where citizens can thrive and realise their full potential," Hon. Phiri said.

The Minister also implored beneficiaries of the CDF empowerment loans and grants to make prudent use of the public funds by

starting or expanding businesses in order to contribute to the economic growth of the constituency.

In addition to commissioning CDF community projects, the Provincial Minister, Hon. Peter Phiri, also officially opened Katope Rural Health Post, which serves a catchment area of over 5,500 people who previously had to travel more than 20 kilometres to access the nearest health facilities at Kamsaro and Chanyalubwe health posts.

Speaking at the same event, Lumezi Constituency Member of Parliament, Hon. Lufeyo Ngoma said Lumezi has witnessed unprecedented development since the introduction of the enhanced CDF. He urged residents to work closely with the government to achieve more meaningful development, given the government's goodwill towards developing rural areas.

Meanwhile, Eastern Provincial Health Director, Dr. Francis Mubanga said his office aims to increase drug availability in the province from the current 84% to over 90%. He also commended the government for ensuring that the people of Lumezi receive quality healthcare, given the numerous health facilities constructed under the CDF.

His Royal Highness, Chief Zumwanda, praised the positive impact of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) in Lumezi District, noting improvements in infrastructure and living standards. He urged loan beneficiaries to repay the funds to ensure others can benefit, as the CDF is a revolving resource. He also commended the government's commitment to rural development and called for continued collaboration to sustain the success of CDF projects.



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*Eastern Provincial minister, Hon. Peter Simon Phiri giving a speech during the handover ceremony of CDF projects and funds*



*Hon. Lufeyo Ngoma joins women from his constituency to celebrate the occasion*



## Over 2,000 Mandevu Youths Benefit from CDF Skills Scholarships



Youth beneficiaries of the 2022 CDF Skills Sponsorship Programme pictured during their graduation ceremony.

**By Mukoba Ngulube**

Over 2,800 youths from Mandevu Constituency have benefited from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) skills sponsorship programme for the last 3 years, enabling them to pursue various skills development courses.

To facilitate effective and efficient implementation of the programme, the Government disbursed K18,488,430 to fund the initiative for the period under review.

In 2022, the Council released K1,358,410.50 to support 306 beneficiaries. In 2023, K5,256,202.50 was allocated for 973 youths, while in 2024 K5,673,817 was disbursed for 737 students. In 2025, K6,200,000 has been paid to support 874 beneficiaries.

Some beneficiaries have already completed their training and are now either employed or running their own businesses. Others, particularly those sponsored between 2024 and 2025 are still undergoing training.

The Council urged all current beneficiaries enrolled in TEVET-accredited institutions to take their studies seriously, as this opportunity will equip them with valuable skills, foster self-reliance and help lift them out of poverty.

The Lusaka City Council continues to monitor student progress to ensure that funds are used appropriately and in line with the approved programmes of study.

Youths who wish to pursue skills training but lack financial support are also encouraged to apply for sponsorship during the current CDF application window for the 2026 funding cycle.



## Kitwe City Council Hands Over Six CDF Projects Worth K4.2 Million in Kwacha Constituency



Kwacha Member of Parliament, Mr. Charles Mulenga, delivers his remarks during the handover ceremony of six community projects constructed under the 2022–2024 Constituency Development Fund in Kitwe.

**By Jessy Mtonga & Namasiku Mubiana**

**K**wacha Member of Parliament Honourable Charles Abel Mulenga has handed over six community projects in Kwacha Constituency implemented under the 2022, 2023, and 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) allocations.

During the hand over ceremony on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, Hon. Mulenga disclosed that over K4.2 million has been spent in total at Chipata Clinic.

He said the projects include refurbishment of the Nkana East Clinic Laboratory room at a cost of K97,574.88, construction of a 1x2 classroom block at Musonda Centre Primary School at a total cost of K740,000.00, construction of a standard health post at Old Chipata Clinic at a cost of K920,092.28, construction of a staff house and installation of a borehole at Kafue Park Clinic at a

cost of K883,743.89, construction of a standard health post at Kafue Park Clinic, Chantente at a cost of K961,475.28 and construction of a concrete block wall fence at Lulamba Primary School in Bulangililo at a total cost of K615,725.00.

Hon. Mulenga said the projects are not just structures, but a future investment of the constituency, designed to improve lives and create opportunities.

“As we handover these projects, we also entrust you with the responsibility of ensuring their continued sustainability. We are confident that the receiving teams are well equipped to manage and maintain them, so they can continue to benefit the Constituency for the years to come,” he said.

Hon. Mulenga further urged members of the constituency to safeguard the infrastructures and ensure its longevity.



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Meanwhile, Kitwe District Commissioner Mr. Oncemore Ngonomo said the occasion was not merely about transferring infrastructure but about empowering the community to take ownership and responsibility for maintaining the facilities.

And Kitwe City Council Mayor, Her Worship Ms. Mpsa Mwaya said the projects stand as a testament to the shared commitment to foster development and uplift living standards through inclusive and community-driven initiatives.



A newly constructed Standard Health Post at Kafue Park Clinic in Kitwe



Kwacha Member of Parliament, Mr. Charles Mulenga, cuts the ribbon to officially open the newly constructed Standard Health Post at Kafue Park Clinic in Kitwe.