



Speaker Mutti joins the nation in commemorating Women's Day



Far right: President Hakainde Hichilema with the First Lady, Mrs. Mutinta Hichilema. Far left is the Rt. Hon. Dr. Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA and Hon. Justice Dr. Mumba Malila, SC, watching a dance troupe perform during the International Women's Day celebrations at the Lusaka Show Grounds.

By Namasiku Mubiana

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, on 8th March 2026, joined the nation in commemorating International Women's Day, held under the theme "Rights. Justice. Action for ALL Women and Girls."

Dr. Mutti led staff from the National Assembly of Zambia as they joined in the national commemorations alongside various stakeholders.

The event was graced by the Republican President, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema. Also, in attendance were the Chief Justice, Dr. Mumba Malila, SC, Lusaka Province Minister

Sheal Mulyata, MP, the Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka, Members of Parliament, Government officials, civic leaders and other invited guests.

Speaking during the celebrations, President Hichilema said Zambia continues to make progress in advancing women's participation in leadership and decision-making.

He noted that a number of women in the country are serving in key national positions, including the Vice President. President Hichilema further said that the National Assembly has made history by appointing the first female Speaker, Dr. Mutti.



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The President added that women are also serving in other senior leadership roles, including Chairperson of the Electoral Commission of Zambia, Ms. Mwangala Zaloumis, as well as Permanent Secretaries, Directors in the public sector, parastatal chief executives and leaders in the private sector.

"We want these women to continue conducting themselves well and professionally so that they can be good examples to girls in schools to emulate," President Hichilema said.

President Hichilema stated that while progress has been made in increasing women's representation in decision-making roles, more efforts are required to undertake the necessary reforms.

"That is why we want to celebrate at today's Women's Day, the Constitutional Amendment Act No 13 of 2025, which emanated from Bill No. 7, a widely debated Bill that was subsequently approved by Parliament," he said.

President Hichilema furthermore, expressed appreciation to Speaker Mutti for her role in the process that led to the enactment of the Constitutional Amendment Act No. 13 of 2025. He noted that the reform strengthens

inclusive representation of women in Parliament for the first time in Zambia and will also increase women's representation in District and Municipal Councils.

"We had to legislate through these reforms and today we can state that after 13th 2026 August, 2026 General Elections, irrespective of the outcomes, we will have at least 20 additional women in Parliament," he said.

The participation of the Speaker and staff from the National Assembly reflects the institution's commitment to promoting the rights, opportunities and participation of women and girls in national development.

Dr. Mutti has continued to advocate for increased participation of women in leadership and decision-making processes, including encouraging political parties to adopt more women ahead of the 2026 General Elections.



Kanyama Member of Parliament, Mr. Monty Chinkuli and Kabwata Member of Parliament, Mr. Andrew Tayengwa pose for a photo with the National Assembly Director of Public and International Relations, Mr. Anthony Mpolokoso.



Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka (l) with the Director-Clerk's Office, Mr. Dominic Mwinamo (m) and the Director-Speaker's Office, Mr. Alexander Kafwata, observe the march past during International Women's Day.



Staff of the National Assembly of Zambia observe fellow participants during the march past after taking their seats at the International Women's Day celebrations.



There is need for stronger measures to address challenges facing women and girls – Hon. Chisangano



First Deputy Speaker, Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP, (2nd from the left) pictured with the District Commissioner Mr. Patrick Kasambila (left) and other officials during the commemoration of International Women's Day in Chirundu District.

By Sharon Nyirongo

The First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Honourable Malungo Chisangano, MP, has called for stronger laws and effective measures to address the challenges facing women and girls in Zambia.

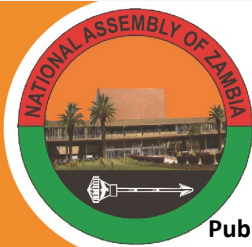
She said women and girls continue to face barriers that require deliberate action through strengthened legal framework and effective implementation of existing policies.

Hon. Chisangano said this when she graced the commemoration of Interna-

tional Women's Day on 8th March, 2026 in Chirundu District, where she joined hundreds of women and community members in celebrating the achievements and contributions of women in society.

The First Deputy Speaker stated that despite progress made in advancing gender equality, women and girls continue to face challenges such as gender-based violence, discrimination and limited access to justice.

She called for stiffer laws and policies to prevent and punish violence



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against women and girls, as well as improved institutional mechanisms to ensure effective implementation of existing laws.

Hon. Chisangano further called for the empowerment of women and girls to enable them to fully participate in social, economic and political activities.

She said women play a critical role in national development and should be given equal opportunities to contribute to decision-making processes at all levels.

The First Deputy Speaker urged communities to recognise and support women who are driving development and transformation in their respective areas.

She further encouraged young women to pursue leadership roles and take advantage of opportunities that promote education, entrepreneurship and community development.

Meanwhile, Chirundu District Commissioner, Mr. Patrick Kasambila, commended Government for putting in place progressive gender laws and policies aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls.

He noted that such interventions are contributing to addressing gender inequalities, promoting women's participation in leadership and improving their access to opportunities in education, business and community development.



Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP, delivering her remarks during the Women's day celebrations in Chirundu district.

And Chirundu Council Chairperson, Mr. Nevers Muchindu, called for action to dismantle structural barriers that hinder women's progress.

He commended Government efforts to uplift the lives of women, particularly through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), which he said is enabling women to access grants and loans to start businesses and improve their livelihoods.

Mr. Muchindu added that empowering women in such ways translates to stronger families and economically viable communities in Chirundu District.



Second Deputy Speaker engages Zambia-WASH Forum on water and sanitation



Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon. Moses Moyo during the courtesy call with WASH Forum.

By Batuke Imenda Jnr.

The Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Moses Frank Moyo, says water and sanitation remains a key component of national development and must be prioritised across various sectors.

Hon. Moyo said this on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026 at Parliament Buildings when a delegation from the Zambia-Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Forum paid a courtesy call on him.

He noted that while the WASH sector may appear to receive limited direct budget allocation, investments in water and sanitation are

often integrated within broader infrastructure projects such as schools, health facilities and community development initiatives under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

“While it may look as though the sector is receiving only one percent, when we aggregate investments across sectors, we may find that it is more than one percent or even five percent,” he said.

Hon. Moyo added that there is need for greater visibility of funding to the sector and encouraged Zambia WASH to actively participate in parliamentary budget processes.

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Meanwhile, Vice Board Chairperson of the Zambia WASH Forum, Ms. Jenala Chipungu, said the delegation's visit to the National Assembly aimed to present its strategic work and explore areas of collaboration with Parliament on water, sanitation and hygiene. She noted that the engagement is timely as the country approaches World Water Day 2026.

"Access to water and sanitation is a fundamental human right and a prerequisite for the dignity and health of every Zambian," she said.

Ms. Chipungu further called for a shift towards recognising women as key decision-makers in water governance.

Speaking at the same event, the Acting Deputy Clerk (Administration), Mr. Sage Samuwika, said Parliament has a number of platforms that can be used to advance issues of water and sanitation, including caucuses, committees and proceedings on the floor of the House.

He said there is room to push for reforms, noting that recent developments in other sectors show that new laws can still be introduced where there is need.

"Nothing is set in stone. Members can use available platforms, including caucuses and the floor of the House, to raise these matters," he said.

He also said Parliament has continued to promote gender balance within its structures, but stressed that efforts to address gender issues should remain inclusive.

He added that existing parliamentary rules already support gender balance in leadership positions and noted that a committee focusing on women's affairs is expected to be established in the next Parliament.

Zambia Wash Forum, Board Member, Mr. Sakala called for the inclusion of clearly defined quotas for women in water govern-

ance structures under the Water Resources Management Act No. 21 of 2011.

"If you look at those most affected by water challenges, it is women who walk long distances to fetch water. Their participation in decision-making must therefore be clearly defined in law," he said.

Meanwhile, Board Member, Ms. Bridget Nzazi explained that while the Environmental Management Act of 2011 recognises the right to a clean, safe and healthy environment, there is no legal provision for the right to water and sanitation.

"If we can have a standalone right to water and sanitation, the Zambian people will be able to hold the State accountable," she said.

Speaking on the broader role of water in development, Zambia WASH Forum, Board Member, Mr. Henry Mulenga said there is need to reposition water as a key economic driver in national planning. He noted that water is essential to industrialisation, agriculture and energy stability.



Ms. Jenala Chipungu, Vice Board Chairperson of the Zambia WASH Forum, delivering her remarks during the meeting.



Speaker Mutti launches the Institute for Parliamentary Studies and Training



Speaker Dr. Nelly Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA and former Speaker Hon. Justice Dr. Patrick Matibini (middle) cuts the ribbon with the First Deputy Speaker Hon. Chisangano (right) and Hon. Moyo (left) during the launch of the Institute of Parliamentary Studies and Training along Thabo Mbeki road in Lusaka.

By Sipiwe Banda

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Rt Hon. Dr Nelly B.K. Mutti, SC, MP, has officially launched the Institute for Parliamentary Studies and Training (iPST).

The institute has been established to enhance the effectiveness of Members of Parliament (MPs) and staff in their legislative, oversight and parliamentary work through structured and continuous professional learning.

Speaking during the launch on Monday, 16th March, 2026, at Parliament Buildings, Speaker Mutti said newly elected legislators face a challenging adjustment as they are often required to quickly transition into their roles.

She said the iPST will therefore ensure that MPs are properly inducted and equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to effectively carry out their duties.

Speaker Mutti revealed that the Institute will offer induction programmes for MPs, advanced executive courses for Parliamentary professionals, specialised training in legislative drafting and oversight, as well as research initiatives aimed at modernizing Parliamentary systems.

Dr. Mutti challenged the Institute Management to remain steadfast in their pursuit of excellence and democratic governance, stating that the Institute is a hub of innovation, a centre for research and a fountain of knowledge to benefit current and future generations.



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She further urged MPs, staff and stakeholders to actively utilise the Institute, stressing that it must not become a symbolic entity but rather a hub of innovation, rigorous research and knowledge generation.

“Let us use this Institute to sharpen our skills, deepen our understanding and ultimately serve the people of Zambia better,” she said.

Meanwhile, Secretary General of the SADC Parliamentary Forum, Ms Boemo Sekgoma, commended the National Assembly’s leadership for the initiative

“This institute will evolve into a vibrant centre of knowledge and excellence for Parliamentary training within the entire SADC region,” she said.

While, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Ms Tulia Ackson, said the initiative positions Zambia as an emerging hub for parliamentary development and learning at both regional and international levels.

Minister of Education, Mr. Douglas Syakalima, represented by Assistant Director for Planning and Information Mr. Stephen Zimba, pledged the Ministry’s support. He said that

the work being done lays a foundation for generations to come.

Speaking at the same event, Head of Policy and Government Engagements at Healthy Learners, Mr. Muleta Kapatiso, said the Institute will help MPs represent citizens better and advocate for sustainable learner wellbeing.

Former Nalikwanda Member of Parliament, Professor Geoffrey Lungwangwa, said the Institute presents an opportunity to strengthen legislative capacity, research and professional parliamentary practice.

He said the initiative will contribute to improving the quality of parliamentary work and policy development in the country.

And Speaking on behalf of the Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Loveness Mayaka, Acting Deputy Clerk (Administration) Mr. Sage Samuwika said the Institute will provide a structured platform for parliamentary training for MPs, staff and key stakeholders.

He said the launch of the iPST marks the beginning of a centre of excellence dedicated to strengthening the professionalism and effectiveness of the legislature.



Seated in the front row: Speaker Dr. Nelly Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA (middle) poses for a group photo with participants shortly after the launch of the Institute for Parliamentary Studies and Training at Parliament Buildings.



First Deputy Speaker commissions Solwezi West Constituency office



First Deputy Speaker Hon. Chisangano, MP, alongside Mr. Mukumbi, MP (in blue shirt), unveils the plaque during the commissioning of Solwezi West Constituency.

By Maybin Mukando

First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP, officially commissioned the newly constructed Solwezi-West Constituency Office on 23rd March, 2026, in Kalumbila District, North Western Province.

Hon. Chisangano said the constituency office, built with support from the 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF), is the first of its kind in the Province.

She attributed the development to President Hakainde Hichilema's policy direction, which allows for the construction of constituency offices through a once-off CDF allocation.

The First Deputy Speaker said the new offices are also a symbol of accessible governance and responsive leadership, adding that the facility will enhance interaction between citizens and their representatives.

"The establishment of this constituency office is not merely an administrative milestone, but tangible commitment to bringing public services closer to the people," she said.

"The office will not only promote accountability but also support development and strengthen democratic engagement in



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Solwezi West”.

She urged the community to safeguard the infrastructure, noting that it is a public asset meant to benefit all residents.

Hon. Chisangano further called on constituencies across the country to follow the example of Solwezi West by establishing permanent and functional offices. She also called on all local authorities to work closely with their respective Members of Parliament to

construct decent constituency office infrastructure that will benefit communities.

Meanwhile, Member of Parliament for Solwezi West Constituency, Mr. Nicholas Mukumbi, thanked the First Deputy Speaker for officiating at the event and commended the role of traditional leaders and the community in supporting the project.

He said the construction of Solwezi-West Constituency office is a clear demonstration of many things that can be achieved when resources are devolved to the local level.

“Solwezi-West Constituency office now stands as a good example of what decentralized development looks like, as well as the efficient utilization of public resources,” he said.

Mr. Mukumbi added that the CDF has proved to be a powerful tool for community transformation, reflecting Government’s strong commitment to taking services closer to the people.

And Kalumbila Town Council Chairperson, Mr. Shadrack Munjunga, thanked the Government for increased CDF allocations over the years. He said the enhanced funding has enabled local authorities to plan and implement impactful projects.



Seated in the front row, Hon. Chisangano, MP (middle) and Mr. Mukumbi, MP (2nd from the left) pose for a photo with traditional leaders and other stakeholders.

Mr. Munjunga reaffirmed the Council’s commitment to undertaking similar initiatives.

Earlier, the First Deputy Speaker met traditional leaders, including Senior Chief Musele and representatives from Senior Chief Mukumbi’s palace, where she thanked them for their support towards the project.

She said the National Assembly remains open to addressing development concerns raised through Members of Parliament, while, the traditional leaders pledged continued collaboration to foster development.

Later, Hon. Chisangano led a tree-planting exercise at the site as part of an initiative launched in 2022 by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Rt Hon. Dr. Nelly B K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, to plant at least 1,000 trees at each constituency office to help address climate change.

The First Deputy Speaker concluded her programme with a tour of a hotel under construction by Kalumbila Town Council, which is expected to provide modern accommodation and conferencing facilities for the district.



National Assembly and IDinsight sign MoU to strengthen data and information systems



Deputy Clerk for Procedure, Mr. Stephen Kawiimbe (right) and IDinsight Zambia Country Lead, Ms Sylvia Mwamba (left), pose for a photo after the signing MoU.

By Mukoba Ngulube

The National Assembly of Zambia and IDinsight, a data analytics organisation, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening data and information systems to support legislative processes.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, National Assembly Deputy Clerk for Procedure, Mr. Stephen Kawimbe, said the partnership represents a strategic move to strengthen the use of data in parliamentary work.

“This Memorandum of Understanding will

strengthen the National Assembly’s capacity to utilise data for informed decision-making and improved service delivery,” he said.

Mr. Kawiimbe further noted that the partnership would promote ongoing progress in supporting Members of Parliament through evidence-based decision-making, improving fiscal accountability and facilitating the development of well-informed policies.

And IDinsight Country Director, Ms. Sylvia Mwamba, said the MoU is expected to provide critical research and



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evaluation support to strengthen the National Assembly's monitoring and evaluation systems, as well as programme delivery and efficiency.

"We are eager to begin our work with the Monitoring and Evaluation team to refine the current theory of change and its associated indicators," she said.

"We are acutely aware that the current Strategic Implementation Plan is nearing its close, and the timing is perfect to prepare for the monitoring needs of the next National Development Plan," she added.

The MoU seeks to strengthen data and information systems, enhance monitoring, evaluation and learning frameworks, and improve budget data monitoring for transparency and financial oversight.

The partnership also aims to build the capacity of Members of Parliament and staff in data analytics and evidence-based decision-making, as well as support women parliamentarians to ensure inclusive participation in governance, among other objectives.



Deputy Clerk for Procedure, Mr Stephen Kawiimbe (4th from the right) pose for a photo with representatives from IDinsight Zambia and staff of the National Assembly.



Speaker Mutti welcomes Czech Republic's support for inclusive governance



Speaker Mutti receives a bouquet of flowers from Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Jiri Kyrian.

By Sipiwe Banda

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Rt Hon Dr Nelly B K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, has commended the continued support of the Czech Republic towards inclusive governance and institutional development in Zambia.

Speaker Mutti made the remarks when the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Jiří Kyrián, paid a courtesy call on her at Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2026.

The Speaker expressed appreciation for the long-standing and cordial relations

between the Republic of Zambia and the Czech Republic, noting that diplomatic ties date back to 1964.

“When a friendship endures for such a long time, it transcends ordinary relations, it becomes family,” she said.

She commended the Czech Republic for its development cooperation programmes in Zambia, particularly in the sectors of agriculture, health, education and governance.

Speaker Mutti observed that initiatives supporting small-scale farmers and strengthening agricultural value chains



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are especially timely as Zambia continues to address the effects of climate change and food insecurity.

Speaker Mutti also spoke on parliamentary matters, noting the importance of strengthening bilateral parliamentary engagement beyond multilateral platforms.

She described the visit by the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic in April 2024 as an important milestone in deepening legislative cooperation and promoting knowledge exchange between the two countries.

Speaker Mutti further referred to Zambia's ongoing parliamentary reforms, which include the anticipated increase in the number of Members of Parliament from 167 to 280 ahead of the 2026 General Elections, in line with the Constitutional Amendment Act No. 13 of 2025, which introduces proportional representation.

She said the reforms present an important opportunity to enhance inclusivity by increasing the representation of women, youth and persons with disabilities.

“Democracy thrives when diverse voices are represented and when public institutions are accessible to all citizens,” she said.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Kyrián reaffirmed his country's commitment to promoting democratic governance, human rights and sustainable development.

He outlined the Czech Republic's experience in enacting legislation to guarantee

accessibility for persons with disabilities within parliamentary institutions, ensuring their full participation in plenary and committee proceedings.

The Ambassador further indicated that while there is currently no dedicated programme in Zambia specifically focusing on parliamentary institutional capacity building, the Czech Republic remains open to considering proposals aimed at strengthening governance systems and institutional development, subject to the availability of resources.

The meeting also explored potential collaboration between the Czech Republic and Zambia's Parliamentary Caucus on Food Security and Nutrition, in line with the country's development cooperation framework and focus on nutrition.



Speaker Mutti sharing a light moment with Ambassador Kyrián.



Acting Deputy Clerk Administration calls for proactive implementation of the 9th SoCATT resolutions



Acting Deputy Clerk of Administration, Mr. Sage Samuwika delivering his remarks at the 9th Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT), held in Gaborone, Botswana.

By Leslie Chikuta

Acting Deputy Clerk of Administration at the National Assembly of Zambia, Mr. Sage Samuwika, has called on Parliaments to be more proactive in implementing resolutions from professional development seminars in order to strengthen transparency and accountability in public finance management.

Speaking when he delivered a vote of thanks at the 9th Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) Professional Development Seminar held on 11th March, 2026 in

Gaborone, Botswana, Mr. Samuwika said such engagements should translate into tangible outcomes that enhance parliamentary oversight and service delivery.

He said effective implementation of seminar resolutions would demonstrate value from these engagements and contribute to improved support to Members of Parliament in executing their oversight role.



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Speaker of the National Assembly of Botswana, The Rt Hon. Dithapelo L. Keorapetse, MP, who officially opened the Seminar, said in his address that Parliamentary staff are key drivers in the effective functioning of Parliament.

He said their role is central to ensuring accountability and efficiency in parliamentary processes.

Speaking earlier, Chairperson of SoCATT Africa and Clerk of the National Assembly of Sierra Leone, Karmoh K. Conteh, said the seminar provides an important platform for knowledge sharing, peer learning, and strengthening professional capacity among parliamentary staff across the continent.

He noted that parliamentary staff play a critical role in upholding the rules and procedures that guide the smooth operation of Parliament and ensure effective service delivery to Members.

He urged participants to ensure that the outcomes of the seminar are fully implemented within their respective institutions and to strengthen collaboration among African parliaments in

advancing good governance.

Mr. Samuwika led a delegation from the National Assembly of Zambia to the seminar, hosted by the National Assembly of Botswana from 9th to 13th March, 2026, under the theme “Parliaments and Public Finance Management: Fostering Transparency and Accountability.”

The seminar brought together participants from 13 national parliaments and 11 sub-national parliaments from South Africa and Nigeria.

Also in attendance was the Secretary General of the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF), Ms. Boemo Mmandu Sekgoma.



Zambia's First Deputy Speaker engages with Ghanaian counterpart in Parliamentary Diplomacy



Hon. Chisangano poses for a group photo with her counterpart, Hon. Bernard Ahiafor, First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana, alongside staff from the National Assembly of Zambia and the Parliament of Ghana during her visit to Ghana.

By Maybin Mukando

First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia Hon. Malungo Chisangano, MP and First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana, Hon. Bernard Ahiafor, MP, held a high-level engagement during an official exchange programme focused on institutional development and legislative excellence.

The interaction, which took place at the Parliament of Ghana was part of a broader parliamentary exchange initiative, that brought together leadership from both

legislatures to deliberate on strengthening democratic governance through collaboration, peer learning and the adoption of best practices.

Addressing the session, Hon Ahiafor, MP, underscored the growing importance of Parliamentary diplomacy between the Parliaments of Ghana and Zambia, noting that modern legislatures must move beyond domestic confines to embrace partnerships that enhance efficiency and accountability. He emphasized that



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Speakers, who frequently preside over parliamentary proceedings, play a critical role in shaping legislative standards and ensuring continuity in governance.

Hon Chisangano, MP, also echoed similar sentiments, highlighting the value of structured exchanges in addressing common institutional challenges not only between the two Parliaments but across African Parliaments. The discussions focused on key thematic areas, including:

- (i). capacity-building for Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff;
- (ii). procedural reforms to improve legislative efficiency;
- (iii). strategies for inclusive representation, particularly for women, youths and differently abled persons;
- (v). budget approval processes;
- (iv). structure, composition and functioning of Committee System; and
- (iv). the integration of technology in parliamentary processes.

Both leaders acknowledged that while Ghana and Zambia operate within

distinct political contexts, they share common democratic aspirations and institutional responsibilities. As such, the exchange provided an opportunity to compare procedural frameworks, examine oversight mechanisms, and identify practical reforms adaptable to each country's legislative environment.

The deliberations also reflected a broader continental trend toward reinforcing parliamentary networks as vehicles for democratic consolidation. By fostering direct dialogue between Presiding Officers such as Deputy Speakers, legislatures are increasingly positioning themselves to respond collectively to governance challenges.

The interaction was constructive and forward-looking, marked by mutual respect and a shared commitment to institutional strengthening. The outcomes of the engagement are expected to inform future collaborations between the two Parliaments, including potential joint training programmes and continued knowledge exchange.



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Katuba MP hands over new classroom block at St. Threasah Primary School



Hon. Mwabashike Nkulukusa, MP, (in orange cap) commissions the newly built 1x2 classroom block at St. Theresah Primary School.



Pictures courtesy of Chibombo Town Council

The newly built 1x2 classroom block

By Gwennie Shamizhinga

Member of Parliament for Katuba Constituency Hon. Mwabashike Nkulukusa, has handed over a newly constructed 1x2 classroom block at St. Theresah Primary School.

Speaking during the handover ceremony held on Thursday, 31st March, 2026, at St. Theresah Primary School in Katuba Ward, Hon. Nkulukusa who is also Central Province Minister, disclosed that the project was funded under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) at a total cost of K898,000.

The Minister said that such infrastructure developments are key to improving access to quality education. He reiterated the Government's commitment to investing in education infrastructure to ensure a conducive environment for learners.

CDF Committee Chairperson, Mr. Kennedy Shanang'ombe commended the Ward Development

Committee for its key role in identifying the need for the classroom block.

He also commended the contractor for completing the works within the set timeframe and budget.

Meanwhile, Chibombo Town Council Secretary, Mrs. Grace N.M. Kanyata, said the local authority remains dedicated to supporting projects that directly benefit communities.

And speaking on behalf of Chief Administrative and Committee Officer, Ms. Emily Nayame explained that the completion of the classroom block marks an important step towards improving learning conditions and advancing the provision of quality education.



K40,000 CDF grant transforms Kabele Women's Club in Lumezi District



Pictures courtesy of Kalemba

Members of Kabele Women's Club test their newly procured sewing machines purchased using CDF grant in Lumezi District.

By Lomthunzi Simpemba

Kabele Women's Club in Lumezi District is undergoing transformation following a K40,000 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) grant, which has enabled 10 women from Mkasanga Village to establish a tailoring business aimed at improving their livelihoods and addressing the shortage of sewing services in the area.

The women applied for the grant after identifying the lack of tailors in Mkasanga and neighbouring villages, a situation that had forced residents to travel to other districts to access such services.

Club treasurer, Ms. Chisenga Phiri, said the initiative has brought relief to communities in Mkasanga and nearby Chasera in Chibande Ward, where access to tailoring services had remained a challenge.

"This project has given hope not only to our members but also to the wider community that has struggled to access tailoring services," Ms. Phiri said.

Ms. Phiri said the group intends to offer tailoring services and production of school uniforms and other clothing within the village and surrounding areas.

"We are grateful to the Government and President Hakainde Hichilema for this life-changing CDF support, which we believe will transform our lives and the community within a year," she said.

The club has since procured four manual sewing machines and cotton, while part of the remaining funds will be used to purchase fabric to facilitate the official commencement of the business.



Munali community sports facility completed

Pictures courtesy of Lusaka City Council



Watering of the newly constructed sports field

Part of the sports facility housing the dressing and restrooms

By Mukoba Ngulube

Munali community sports facility has been completed in Ward 38 of Munali Constituency, a development aimed at promoting youth engagement and community development through sport.

The project, constructed using the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), is expected to provide a platform for young people to participate in various sporting disciplines and remain actively engaged.

Speaking in Munali Constituency following the completion of the project, Area Councillor for Munali Ward 38, Mr. Lubasi Milupi, said the completion of the modern sports facility marks a major step towards enhancing youth development and improving community well-being.

"This facility has been designed to identify and nurture local talent and provide a safe and structured environment for young people to develop their talents," he said.

Mr. Milupi further commended Government for the increase in CDF, from K1.6 million in 2021

to K40 million in 2026.

He described the development as a game changer in the delivery of community projects.

He noted that CDF is not limited to infrastructure development, but also provides opportunities such as bursaries, skills training and empowerment programmes for youths and women.

"These initiatives are enabling young people to access education, acquire practical skills and venture into entrepreneurship through grants and loans," he said.

Mr. Milupi urged members of the community to take responsibility for the facility and safeguard it from vandalism to ensure that it continues to benefit future generations.

The newly constructed sports ground is a fully equipped facility, with a fenced perimeter, well-maintained grass playing field, solar-powered water reticulation system and modern dressing rooms for players.



Mushitala School gets new double story classroom block built using CDF

Pictures courtesy of ZANIS



The Newly constructed one-by-six double-storey classroom block at Mushitala Secondary School in solwezi District.

By Thiloleko Lungu

Mushitala Secondary School in Solwezi District, has received a 1x6 newly constructed double-storey classroom block built using the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) at a total cost of K4.1 million.

Speaking during the official handover ceremony in Kamalamba Ward, on Monday, 30th March, 2026, Solwezi Central Member of Parliament, Hon. Stafford Mulusa, MP, said the development is a clear demonstration of Government's commitment to enhancing education infrastructure across the country.

Hon. Mulusa noted that inadequate classroom infrastructure remains a major challenge in North-Western Province and emphasized that Government will continue to prioritise the construction of additional classroom blocks in order to reduce congestion and improve the teacher-pupil ratio.

He further stated that the utilisation of CDF has continued to play a critical role in delivering tangible development to communities, particularly in the education sector.

Speaking on behalf of the North-Western Province Permanent Secretary, Assistant Secretary Bornwell Njungu said the project underscores the importance of collaboration between Government, local authorities and communities in the delivery of development.

Mr. Njungu noted that investment in education remains key to national development and the attainment of improved social and economic outcomes.

Meanwhile, the School Head Boy, Paul Mukangwa expressed gratitude to President Hakainde Hichilema and local leadership for prioritising the education sector.

He, however, appealed for additional facilities, including a science laboratory and a library, to further improve learning at the school.



Siavonga Council commissions CDF funded bulldozer



Pictures courtesy of Siavonga Town Council



The newly procured bulldozer

Mr. Shombo stated that the equipment will be used for road maintenance, land preparation, drainage improvement and other critical earth-

By Chileshe Chirwa

Siavonga Town Council has commissioned a bulldozer procured using the 2025 Constituency Development Fund (CDF), a development aimed at improving infrastructure development works in the district.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony held on 3rd March, 2026, at Siavonga Town Council, Southern Province Permanent Secretary, Dr. Naman Monze, said the investment in capital equipment demonstrates Government's commitment to ensuring that CDF resources translate into tangible development at local level.

He applauded the Council for prioritising the procurement of equipment that will deliver long-term benefits to communities and contribute to sustained development.

Council Secretary, Mr. Kennedy Shombo, said the newly acquired bulldozer will significantly improve the Council's operational efficiency.

works in the district.

He explained that ownership of the machinery will reduce dependence on hired equipment, accelerate the implementation of development projects and promote prudent utilisation of public resources.

And in a speech delivered on behalf of Chief Simamba by Mr. Phaniel L. Simamba, the traditional leader expressed gratitude to Government for taking development closer to the people.

He noted that the bulldozer will directly benefit communities through improved road networks and enhanced local infrastructure.

He further pledged continued support from traditional leaders in safeguarding and promoting development initiatives within the chiefdom.

The commissioning ceremony was attended by District Commissioner, Mr. Geoffry Jakopo, Council Chairperson, Mr. Given Kwapu, traditional leaders, civic leaders, government officials and members of the public.



Pharaz Bakery Cooperative in Mpika receives K40,000 CDF grant to boost production

Pictures courtesy of Mpika Town Council



Ms. Gift Mwansa, a member of Pharaz Bakery Cooperative showcasing some bread from the bakery

By Dora Haruperi

Pharaz Bakery Cooperative in Kamwanya Community of Mpika Constituency has received a sum of K40,000 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) grant to boost its operations and improve production capacity.

The grant, awarded under the 2022 CDF, has enabled the cooperative to invest in essential bakery equipment aimed at supporting income-generating activities.

Speaking in Kamwanya Community, bakery member Ms. Gift Mwansa said the funds were used to procure key equipment for the bakery.

Ms. Mwansa explained that the investment has improved production levels and helping to meet the increasing local demand.

She stated that the support received under the CDF has positively transformed the cooperative's oper-

ations and improved the standard of living for members.

Ms. Mwansa further expressed gratitude to Government for the initiative, noting that the programme has created opportunities for communities to establish and sustain businesses.

“The impact of the project has also extended to the wider community, with local customers benefiting from access to fresh bread products,” she said.

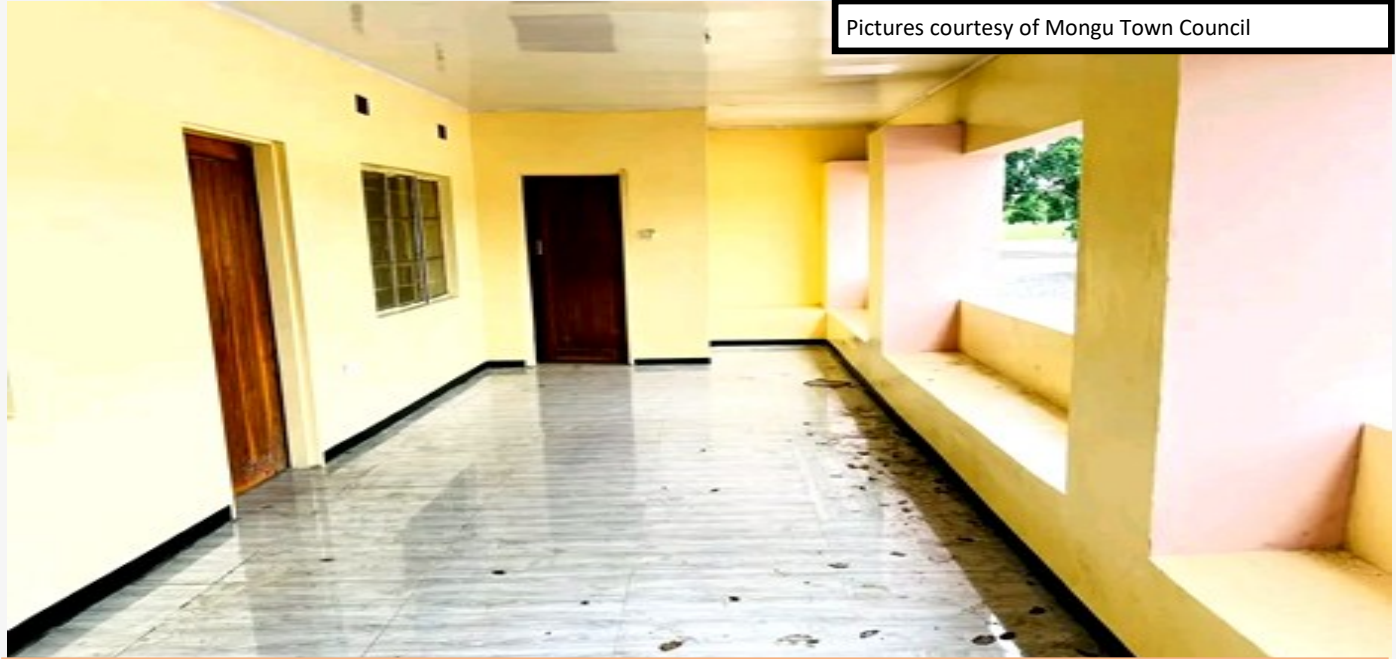
A local customer, Mr. Clive Malama, praised the bakery for producing quality bread products. He said the initiative has become an important business within the community.

Pharaz Bakery Cooperative comprises 17 members, including 12 men and five women, who are working together to improve their livelihoods and create sustainable business opportunities.



Simulima receives CDF funded health facility in Nalikwanda Constituency

Pictures courtesy of Mongu Town Council



The newly built maternity annex

By Makani Kabeta

A modern health facility constructed using the 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) has been completed in Simulima area of Nalikwanda Constituency.

The newly developed facility in Mongu District comprises a health post, maternity annex, staff house, ablution block and a solar-powered water reticulation system, creating a fully equipped rural health service hub.

The project was implemented in response to community needs and forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen primary healthcare delivery in rural areas.

The maternity annex is expected to improve maternal and child health services by providing expectant mothers with safer and more hygienic delivery spaces, while reducing the risks associated with travelling long distances to access health services.

The newly constructed staff house will also provide accommodation for healthcare personnel, a development expected to improve staff retention and ensure consistent service delivery within the community.

In addition, the facility includes a modern ablution block for both men and women aimed at improving sanitation standards and reducing the risk of waterborne diseases.

The entire facility is supported by a solar-powered water reticulation system to ensure reliable access to clean water across all service points.

The Simulima project demonstrates the continued impact of the Constituency Development Fund in addressing service delivery gaps and improving livelihoods in communities.

Once officially handed over, the facility is expected to significantly improve healthcare access and contribute to the well-being of residents in Simulima and surrounding areas.