

# ZIMBA TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PLANS, WORKS, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE ZIMBA ON WEDNEYSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 AT 10:00 HOURS.

### PRESENT

<b>Councillors:</b>	Michale Majuba, Mabby Siachibaka Sichaabi Chairles Simweemba Michelo Tobias Kenebanyama, Loveness Chigora,	Committee Chairperson    Deputy Council Chairperson ( <i>Ex-Officio</i> ) Council Chairperson ( <i>Ex-Officio</i> )
<b>Officers;</b>	Christopher Siasinyanga, Maimbolwa Sianga Luzendi S. Kawangu Victor Mbaimbai Mubita Rita George pupwe Nosiku Chibutu Chavwanga Mainza Duncan Nyirongo Akan Phiri Kumoyo Mukelabai Mainza Maambo Sarah Hanyama Simon Mtayachalo Obert Chihwanda Emanuel Mweemba Kasamba Kayoba Mastone Moonze Mwaanga Vincent	Council Secretary Director Human Resource and Administration Director Finance Director Engineering District Education Board Secretary Chief Accountant Chief Human Resource Officer District Forestry Officer District Agricultural Coordinator Senior Clinical Care Officer Ass. Community Development Officer Social Economic Planner Social Economic Planner Social Economic Planner Senior Building Inspector Social Economic Planner District Aids Coordinating Advisor Public Relations Officer Chief Administrative and Committee Officer ( <i>Recorder</i> )

### PRAYER

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr. Mwaanga Vincent led the members in prayer.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was read and the meeting called to order at 10:00 hours.

### CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

The Committee Chairperson welcomed the members for the meeting and urged them to participate freely.

**PWD/600/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A RURAL HEALTH CENTRE AT SIKALAYE.**

It was reported that the construction of the Rural Health Centre and the installation of Solar electrification funded under the 2022 Constituency Development Fund, was successfully tendered at a contract sum of K947, 795.99 and the contract was awarded to the Jamashu Enterprises Limited.

The scope of works included the following: Full substructure works, full superstructure works, ring beam casting, roofing, plastering, ambulance Bay full construction, review works and terrazzo casting, glazing and painting

It was also stated that solar electrification works was in progress

A pictorial view of the project is shown below.



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/601/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AT SIKALAYE**

Members were informed that additional infrastructure had been incorporated into the project such as incinerator, ash, placenta and the water reticulation system at the variation of K335, 000.00

Further, the basic health furniture had been procured and delivered to the respective site to complete furnishing the facility for its smooth operations.

A completed structure is as shown in the picture below.



The report was NOTED

**PWD/602/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A RURAL HEALTH CENTRE IN MULAMFU**

It was reported that the construction of Mulanfu Rural Health Centre had been completed. However, the project required auxiliary facilities such as waste management infrastructure (i.e., incinerator, ash, and placenta pit) and the water reticulation system to operationalize the Centre. The projects required additional funds through a variation at a cost of K300, 000.00

In the same vein, members were informed that the basic health furniture had been procured and delivered to the respective sites to furnish the facilities.

Members were also informed that the contraction works on auxiliary structures were as depicted below:



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/603/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERNITY WING AT MBWIKO.**

The contract for the construction of the maternity wing with solar electrification was successfully tendered at the sum of K980, 560.75. Funded under 2022 Constituency Development Fund and the contract was awarded to Bakasa Construction and Mining Limited who signed the contract in February 2023,

It was reported that an extension of the period had been anticipated to take up to February 2024 for the completion of the construction works, further Management had started the process to terminate the contract which would be followed by the tendering process to award to an eligible and responsive contractor.

The scope of works included the following: Full substructure works, full superstructure works, roofing, plastering and glazing, ambulance bay full construction, Painting and Solar electrification

Below is a pictorial view of the project.



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/604/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A 1x3 CLASSROOM BLOCK AT MUNACHOONGA SCHOOL.**

Munachonga 1x3 Classroom Block and solar electrification project funded under 2022/2023 Constituency Development Fund at the cost of K872, 869.56 was successfully awarded to Sarcos Investments Ltd who signed the contract in January 2024.

It was reported that the scope of works included full construction of the 1x3 Classroom Block and solar electrification.

Members were further informed that the construction works had advanced to wall plate level while anticipating the commencement of roof framing as well as window and door frame installation.

Below is a photographic report of the progress:



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/605/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A MOTHERS' SHELTER AT LUYABA CLINIC.**

The construction of the mothers' shelter funded under 2023 Constituency Development Fund was tendered at the contract sum of K869, 417.60 and the contract was awarded to Pro-techno Investments Limited who signed the contract in January 2024 given a contract time frame of six months.

It was revealed that the project scope included full construction of the mothers' shelter structure with waterborne toilets and showers within the structure and the installation of solar electrification.

The project progress at the time of reporting was as depicted below.



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/606/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A 1x3 CLASSROOM BLOCK AT SIANJINA SCHOOL.**

The project was tendered at the contract sum of K952, 622.60 and the contract was awarded to Hob-Tech Investments who signed the contract in January 2024 for the period of three months.

The works had reached roof level as shown below:



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/607/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A 1x3 CLASSROOM BLOCK AT MUKAMBA SCHOOL.**

The contract for the construction of the 1x3 classroom block under the 2023 Constituency Development Fund at the contract sum of K941, 141.00 was awarded to Munafines General Dealers Ltd for the period of three-month effective January 2024.

The contractor has thus far reached ring beam level as the picture below depicts:



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/608/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL HEALTH CENTER MATERNITY ANNEX AT NAKOWA CLINIC.**

The project was tendered at the contract sum of K950, 475.00 Funded under 2023 Constituency Development Fund and the contract was awarded to Malsam Contractors and Supply Co. Ltd for a contract duration of three months.

The contractor had at the time of reporting reached wall plate level awaiting roofing.

The picture below shows the progress of the building.



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/609/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERNITY ANNEX AT KAMUKEZA.**

It was reported that the project had been floated on the e-GP-system and all potential contractors had bided way above the allocated funds.

Arising from the above concern, the Director Engineering Services requested for an extra K1, 000, 000.00 (one million kwacha) from the Constituency Development Fund Committee, as this would greatly enhance the project completion to the required standard with all scope of works such as Maternity annex, solar electrification, water system and furniture being incorporated.

Members were informed that the request was granted by the committee.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/610/05/24 DRILLING OF A BOREHOLE AT TUMANGO COMMUNITY SCHOOL.**

The contract for borehole drilling at Tumango Community School under the 2023 Constituency Development Funded project whose allocation was K150, 000.00 which included the drilling and equipping of the borehole with head tank and solar.

The Committee was also informed that the project had been floated on the e-GP system for tendering and site visits had been carried out by potential contractors who tendered for the contract.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/611/05/24 DRILLING OF AN INDUSTRIAL BOREHOLE AT MUNENGE SCHOOL.**

Munenge Borehole drilling under the 2023 Constituency Development Fund was allocated an amount of K600, 000. However, the community had re-submitted an application for a scope breakdown and sub-division of the allocation into three equal portions of K200, 000 each and the relocation of the sites to three different points but within Mbwiko Ward for drilling and equipping the borehole with a hand pump.

The committee's request had been submitted to the province for approval.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/612/05/24 PROCUREMENT OF A MOTOR GRADER.**

The procurement process for the Motor grader under the 2023 constituency Development Fund at the cost of K5, 000, 000 had commenced and the tender

was successfully awarded to Barloworld for the supply and delivery of the motor grader.

However, the Committee was informed that at the time of procurement there was a price variance due to the exchange rate against the dollar. The allocated funds had a short-fall of K1, 601, 650.00

It was in this vein that the Director Engineering sought authority of the Constituency Development Fund Committee for an extra top-up on the motor grader. The approved amount by the committee was K1, 601, 650.00

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/613/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A CHIEF’S PALACE IN SIMWATACHELA CHIEFDOM.**

The proposals for construction of chiefs’ palaces were conclusively agreed to be constructed in Simwatachela Chiefdom. The project was allocated the sum of K1, 000, 000.00

It was further reported that the project was centrally tendered, and the contract was awarded to Zambia Correctional Service who were set to mobilize.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/614/05/24 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENTS.**

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the proposed purchase of earth moving equipment’s were as follows;

S/N	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SCOPE	WARD	ENG. EST.
IT	PROCUREMENT OF CHIEF RETAINERS MOTOR BIKE	motor bike	Mapatizya constituency	K220, 000
IT	PROCUREMENT OF T.L.B MACHINERY	tractor loader backhoe		K2, 000,000
IT	PROCUREMENT OF ROLLER COMPACTOR	30T compactor		K2,800,000
IT	PROCUREMENT OF TIPPER TRUCK	30T tipper truck		K2,100,000
IT	ADDITIONAL FUNDS TOWARDS THE PROCUREMENT OF THE MOTOR GRADER.	additional funds	Mapatizya constituency	K1,601,650

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/615/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A CHECK POINT AT NJABALOMBE.**

Members were informed that the construction of the checkpoint at Njabalombe-Mapatizya Road junction was nearing completion.

The works were aimed at enhancing the Local Authority's revenue collection. The builder completed Structure erection, roofing, Internal plastering, Flooring and screeding.

The Pending works were External such as plastering, Glazing, Spoon drain and painting



The report was **NOTED**

**DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS**

**PWD/616/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF NJABALOMBE HEALTH CENTRE IN LUYABA WARD.**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that Njabalombe Health Centre which was funded under the Zambezi Valley Development Fund by Zambezi River Authority had been completed.

However, a concern with regards to the waste management i.e. Ash Pit, Placenta Pit and Incinerator were observed to have not been a part of the scope of Works which resulted in the structures not being constructed and happen to be of a importance to the smooth operation of the facility at large. It was from that concern that Zambezi River Authority through a grant of Zambezi Valley Development Fund financed the project to fence the Health Post as well as construct the waste management infrastructure.

The project had been completed and ready to be operationalized.



The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/617/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF A STANDARD HEALTH POST AT NKUNGWA IN KANYANGA WARD.**

It was reported that Zimba Town Council through funding support from Zambezi Valley Development Fund under the Zambezi River Authority was implementing the administrative works for the construction of the Standard Rural Health Centre at Nkungwa which was located in Kanyanga Ward in Zimba District.

The Project scope of work was as follows:

- ✓ Construction of Substructure works. (Excavation, foundation wall erection, casting of reinforced concrete slab and plinth plastering and painting).
- ✓ Super structure works
- ✓ Roofing
- ✓ Metal work and glazing
- ✓ Joinery and iron monger
- ✓ Finishes
- ✓ Plumbing installation (int. & ext.)
- Painting and decorating (work in progress)
- Fire-fighting & external works.

It was stated that the project had completed all superstructure works as well as roofing works.

The Pending works were; Ambulance Bay construction, Final paint work rendering (walls and ceiling board) and Water connectivity.

Below is a pictorial view of the project:





Casting of the ambulance bay reinforced concrete columns.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/618/05/24 CONTRACT FOR UPGRADING/MECHANIZATION OF 3 EXISTING BOREHOLES TO SMALL PIPED WATER SCHEMES-LOT 10-2023.**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation through the Department of Water supply and Sanitation (DWSS) Southern province had procured Mulasi Zambia Limited to undertake the above-mentioned works at the following sites:

1. Nakowa Secondary school
2. Muzya Rural Heath Centre
3. Siamafumba Primary school

It was stated that the criteria for coming up with the sites was through the database for the waterpoints that we have in the district. The following were some of the criteria included but not limited to:

- ❖ A community/institution which is clustered together for ease of construction of a network of 2000m.
- ❖ A borehole with handpump that has high yield to support 10,000 litres tank that will be installed.

The works had been completed and all the sites were functioning well.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/619/05/24 CONTRACT FOR BOREHOLE SITTING, DRILLING AND INSTALLATION OF 10 HANDPUMPS-LOT.8-2023**

Members were informed that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation through the Department of Water supply and Sanitation (DWSS) Southern province procured Cashmo Construction Limited to undertake the above-mentioned works which involved siting and drilling of boreholes, equipped with hand pumps.

Furthermore, the borehole application forms were received by the office of the Water and sanitation coordinator from various villages, institutions in accordance with the guidelines, the desk appraisal criteria employed the following

- ❖ Average population of the village which should be a minimum of 250.
- ❖ Statistical data on sanitation and health.
- ❖ Below were the beneficiaries:

S/N	AREA	WARD	STATUS
1	Makangala village	Luyaba	Successful and functional
2	Kalamba sianene village	Mangonda	Successful and functional
3	Chikambo B. village	Luyaba	Successful and functional
4	Siansungu A. Village	chidi	Successful and functional
5	Kayuni village	Luyaba	Successful and functional
6	Sibooli A. village	Simwatachela	Successful and functional
7	Simabula Village	Luyaba	Successful and functional

8	Lifalali village	Mangonda	Successful and functional
9	Kamando A. village	Chidi	Successful and functional
10	Dindi village	Mangonda	Successful and functional

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/620/05/24 CONTRACT FOR DRILLING OF A COMMERCIAL BOREHOLE AND INSTALLATION OF A TANK AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES LOT 3-2023**

It was reported that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation through the Department of Water supply and Sanitation (DWSS) Southern province procured Cashmo Construction Limited to undertake the above-mentioned works. The contractor had drilled the borehole and had just remained with pump installation.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/621/05/24 CONTRACT FOR PUMPTESTING, INSTALLATION OF 10 HANDPUMPSLOT 3 2022.**

The Committee was informed that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation through the Department of Water supply and Sanitation (DWSS) Southern province procured DDYPE to undertake the above-mentioned works.

It was further stated that those boreholes were drilled in 2016/2017 by African drilling but the contractor could not finish the works due to non-payment of the funds and the contract was terminated. Below were the sites which were being awaited from the Ministry to close the contract and give way forward.

No.	Name of Site	Ward	Remarks
1.	Sindowe community school	Zimba	borehole needs Flushing out, Pump testing, Civil works & equipping only
2.	Siansumo village	Zimba	
3.	Konayuma community	Mulamfu	
4.	Chilobe community school	Mulamfu	
5.	Tumango community school	Mulamfu	
6.	Chidi RHC	Chidi	
7.	Mapatizya RHC	Mapatizya	
8.	Mooka village	Siamafumba	
9.	Chilundika village	Chidi	
10.	Zimba Council	Zimba	

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/622/05/24 CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 08 BOREHOLES-LOT 14**

Members were informed that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation through the Department of Water supply and Sanitation (DWSS) Southern province procured Ephide Appropriate solution to undertake the above-mentioned works.

It was also stated that Communities were encouraged to report to the office of the water and sanitation coordinator through the Area Pump Minders (those that fix the water points when it has a breakdown). It makes it easier for the officer to know which borehole needs attention. Below was the list of the waterpoints to be worked on.

The contractor was on site and works were progressing well.

S/N	NAME OF THE SITE	WARD	REMARKS
1	Sikazimina Village	Mulamfu	done
2	Chunta Village	Chuundwe	done
3	Chilobe Waterpoint	Chalimongela	done
4	Simwami Cottage	Zimba	done
5	Siloka Village	Zimba	done
6	Dunka Village	Zimba	done
7	Zimba Mission Hospital (Mantombwa)	Zimba	Done though the borehole is dry now due to climate change.
8	Siabeenzu Village	Siamafumba	done

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/623/05/24 CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 15 BOREHOLES-LOT 12**

It was reported for the information of the Committee that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation through the Department of Water supply and Sanitation (DWSS) Southern province contracted Malsam Contractors to undertake the above-mentioned works. The following were the sites:

No.	Name of Site	Ward	Remarks
1.	Sianenga B. Village	Simwatachela	Successfully developed Test Pumped Civil Works Constructed only remaining pipes installation after they get paid from the ministry.
2.	Simwatachela A. Village	Simwatachela	
3.	Kayaba Village	Simwatachela	
4.	Nakowa	Zimba	
5.	Mafuta School	Mulamfu	

6.	SiabenzuVillage	Siamafumba	
7.	SiamafumbaSch	Siamafumba	
8.	LusumoVillage	Zimba	
9.	Mubiana	Zimba	
10.	Mukamba	Zimba	

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/624/05/24 CONTRACT FOR DRILLING OF A COMMERCIAL BOREHOLE AND INSTALLATION OF A TANK AT ZIMBA SECONDARY SCHOOL.**

It was reported that Zimba Town Council through the Department of Engineering contracted Cashmo Construction Limited to undertake the above-mentioned works under the Disaster Management Component of Constituency Development Fund. The contractor had since mobilized and works were progressing well.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/625/05/24 PLOT RE-ADVERTISEMENT IN ZIMBA**

The Director Planning reported that Pursuant to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 under Minute No. OC/347/06/23 the Council approved a list of successful applicants for Treasury, Zimba Main Market, Kabanga and Simwami Commercial along T1 road. From the interviews that were conducted treasury (Wholesale and retail) and Kabanga(retail) had the least number of applications. Treasury had a total number of thirty (30) retail shops out of these only Ten (10) attended the interviews and all of them were successful. Additionally, a total of fourteen (14) commercial wholesale shops were advertised out of these, twelve (12) applicants attended the interviews and were all successful. A total of 44 commercial plots advertised only 22 had been taken up leaving a total of 22 plots vacant.

It was further stated that in 2018, Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting that was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 under Minute No. OC/238/09/18 Council advertised for residential, places of worship, Commercial (Retail) in Kabanga. Due to low turnout and non-payment of the premiums the Council in 2023 resolved to re-advertise the plots. For residential plots, out of 30 plots advertised only 17 applicants attended the interviews and were successful. Further, a total of 20 commercial plots were advertised and only 7 applicants attended and were successful.

Members deliberated on the matter, and upon a proposal by Councillor Simweemba Michelo and duly seconded by Councillor Charles Sichaabi, it was;

**RECOMMENDED That;**

- I. The proposal to re-advertised the plots be approved
- II. The applicants be called for interviews
- III. The successful applicants to pay the plot premiums and other necessary fees within thirty days after the offer.
- IV. The successful applicants be recommended to Commissioner of Lands for offer.
- V. The successful applicants be informed of Council's decision.

**PWD/626/05/24 APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE OF RECORDS**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that Council was in receipt of applications from individuals applying for change of records for their plots within Zimba Township. The table below shows their details;

S/N	PARTICULARS OF THE PREVIOUS OWNER	PARTICULARS OF THE NEW OWNER	PLOT NO.	PLOT PREMIUM PAID	PROCESSING FEES	REMARKS
01.	Charity Tembo	Moses Mtombeni	ZIM/310	K8,000.00	K5000.00	The plot is zoned as a commercial wholesale, measuring 10x15m located at Zimba Main Market and is still undeveloped. The plot premiums were paid on 24th November 2022 under receipt number 1651426
02.	Muntanga Benson	Hamaleka Hinongo	ZIM/LN_2865/110	K5000.00	K5,000.00	The plot is zoned as a commercial wholesale, measuring 15x20m located at Malambo along Nyawa road, and is still undeveloped. The plot premiums were paid in installments under receipt numbers; 3638748-k2300  29165-k2,300 0436-k400
03.	Samuel Mundia	Cecelia Simpunji	ZIM/ 37	K1,000,000.00	K3,500.00	The plot is zoned as a residential medium cost measuring 20x 30m at Zimba Site and Service. The plot is still not developed and the plot premiums were paid on 22nd November 2009 under receipt number 28684. Note: the premiums were paid before currency was rebased
04	Douglas Siansulinga	Akalewasi mata	Residential 168	5,750	4,500	The plot is zoned as a High-cost Residential measuring 30*50 situated in MalamboCompound. The plot is undeveloped

05	Philimoni Mapanda	Mukusekwa Napokolwa	Farm 80	5000	8,000	The Plot is zoned as small holding situated in Simwami Area. The plot is developed
06	Justine Chibuye	Milimo Kawayya	Residential 40	Not paid	3,500	The plot is zoned as a Residential medium cost situated in treasurer compound measuring 20*30. There is no proof of payment for plot premium as no receipts were attached therefore the new applicant to pay 10,000 for plot premium in addition to 3,500 processing fees.
07	Linity Siakuba	Bethel Mweemba	Commercial 296	Not paid	5,000	The plot is Zoned as a Commercial who sale measuring 10*15 situated at Zimba main Market. There is no proof of payment for plot premium as no receipts were attached therefore the new applicant to pay 15,000 for plot premium in addition to 5000 processing fees.

Members deliberated on the matter, and upon a proposal by Councillor Mabby Siachibaka and duly seconded by Councillor Charles Sichaabi, it was;

**RECOMMENDED That;**

- I. The applications for change of records be approved
- II. The new applicants pay the processing fees to the Council
- III. The new applicants be recommended to Commissioner of Lands for offer
- IV. The new applicants be informed of Council's decision

**PWD/627/05/24 STAND NUMBER SUB/G/1189-INDO ZAMBIA BANK**

It was reported that Council in 2017 issued a provisional offer for stand number Sub/G/1189 to Indo Zambia Bank, in which they were required to pay a total sum of Seventy Thousand (K70,000.00) within a period of fourteen (14) days. However, members were informed that the bank did not pay the fees to the Council at that time.

The Bank had shown interest in the land which was still available. It was against this background that Management proposed for an increase in the plot premiums from the initial Seventy Thousand (K70, 000.00) to Five Hundred Thousand kwacha (K500,000) as the value of land in question had appreciated.

Members deliberated on the matter, and upon a proposal by Councillor Charles Sichaabi and duly seconded by Councillor Mabby Siachibaka, it was;

**RECOMMENDED That;**

- I. The Proposal for an increase in the plot premiums to K500,000.00 be approved.
- II. The bank should pay the revised plot premiums and other necessary fees to the Local Authority.
- III. The applicant be recommended to commissioner of lands for offer
- IV. The applicant be informed of Council's decision.

**PWD/628/05/24 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SITE PLANS -SOUTHERN WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY**

Pursuant to the Cabinet Circular directive to all parastatals to acquire title deeds for all pieces of land that belong to them, Southern water and sanitation Company started the process of title acquisition throughout Southern province.

Following this directive, the Council received a letter from Southern Water and Sanitation Company -Zimba Branch requesting for approval of the site plans for the existing water treatment plant within the township. The sole purpose of the request was to enable the company start the process of acquiring ownership documents.

Attached hereto is a copy of the site plan for reference

Members deliberated on the matter, and upon a proposal by Councillor Mabby Siachibaka and duly seconded by Councillor Michelo Simweemba, it was;

**RECOMMENDED That;**

- I. The site plans be approved.
- II. The company should pay all the necessary fees required to the council.
- III. The approved site plans be recommended to Commissioner of lands for numbering.
- IV. The applicant be informed of Council's decision.

**PWD/629/05/24 PROPOSAL TO DEMACATE STAND NUMBER ZIM/LN\_2865/666-TRUCK YARD TO ACCOMMODATE THE BUS STATION AND CREATION OF TEMPORAL STANDS**

It was reported that Management proposed for the demarcation of plot number ZIM/LN\_2865/ 666 truckyard a property for Zimba Town Council. The truckyard plot measures approximately 1.8 hectares in extent and the proposal was to demarcate it into two parts to accommodate the bus station and the temporal commercial stands since most of it was under-utilized.

The demarcation was necessitated due to the fact that the district does not have a bus terminus hence operating as a transit town and for the Council to effectively collect revenue in the Bus station. It was further reported that the

Council noted a rise in the number of taxis that cover residential areas in the District as well as nearby Districts such as Kalomo, Livingstone and Choma. Due to the rise especially the taxis, the bus stop opposite trekkers was too small and not able to accommodate the busses as it lacked essential sanitary facilities.

In additionally, Management proposed for creation of temporal stands around the facility which would solely be used for commercial purposes. For ease of reference attached is copy of site plan showing the proposed stands.

Members deliberated on the matter, and upon a proposal by Councillor Mabby Siachibaka and duly seconded by Councillor Charles Sichaabi, it was;

**RECOMMENDED That;**

- I. The Proposal for the demarcation of stand ZIM/LN\_2865/666 and creation of temporal commercial stands be approved
- II. The temporal stands be leased to the general public
- III. The would-be applicants be invited for interviews
- IV. Successful applicants should pay necessary fees to the Local Authority
- V. The successful applicants be informed of Council's decision

**PWD/630/05/24 LEVARAGING THE CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF) FOR CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIANCE BUILDING.**

It was reported that Council was in receipt of a circular from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, where the Ministry had guided that Councils re-aligns the allocation of the 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) as follows;

- a. Disaster Component – 100% allocation to be dedicated to community resilience building activities against climate change.
- b. Grants – 50% allocation to be dedicated to community resilience building activities against climate change.
- c. Loan component – 50% allocation to be dedicated to community resilience building activities against climate change.

It was further guided that activities eligible for funding should include provision of water for production purposes, provision of irrigation facilities for small scale farmers, provision of inputs, provision of capacity building to households/cooperatives in resilience building with the view to increase productivities and any other interventions as may be approved by the Ministry through the established structures.

Members appreciated the guide given to Local Authority and urged Management to prudently align its activities towards achieving the intended goals.

The report was **NOTED**

## **PWD/631/05/24 2024 APPROVED BURSARIES**

Members were informed that the Constituency Development Fund Committee (CDFC) recommended 105 learners for Secondary Boarding School Bursaries and 148 learners for Skills Development to the Provincial Local Government Officer for final approval and which they had been approved.

The report was **NOTED**

## **PWD/632/05/24 CLUB REGISTRATION**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Local Authority continued with its mandate to register Clubs and had so far managed to register a good number of women and youth clubs as tabulated below:

### **1. Chalimongela Ward**

1. Kasiika Womens Club
2. Buka Umweke Womens Club
3. Tunyamuke Womens Club
4. Twakomana Kweenda Womens Club
5. Pukuma Womens Club
6. Twabuka Womens Club
7. Sola Womens Club
8. Chani Womens Club
9. Ndyabuluba womens club
10. Bbinga Womens Club
11. Kankuli women club
12. Chenjelisiya womens club
13. Chise women club
14. Chimvule women club
15. Kasuku Women Club
16. Luyando Women Club
17. Twatalika Women Club
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### **2. Chiidi Ward**

1. Twatalika Women Club
2. Twapenga Women Club
3. Ashontoashonto Womens Club

### **3. Chuundwe Ward**

1. Siamazila Youth Club
2. Nkolongozya Women Club
3. Chilevwe Youth Club

**4. Kanyanga Ward**

1. Kazimoto Womens Club
2. Cheelela Women Club

**5. Luyaba Ward**

1. Luyaba Social & Economic Empowerment
2. Gender & Development Organization
3. Twaabane Zyonse Womens Club
4. Kambizi Women Club
5. Aunt.C Youth Group
6. Mama Belita Youth Club

**6. Mulamfu Ward**

1. Kaiman Kaimo Local Artist Club

**7. Mangonda Ward**

1. Nalwata Women Club
2. Buumba Women Club

**8. Mbwiko Ward**

1. Mapatizya Goal of Success Youth Club
2. Mabbanana Women's Club
3. Zuka Women's Club
4. Mbwiko Dam Side Farmers Club
5. Piyo Women's Club

**9. Siamafumba Ward**

1. Tubeleshe Mano Women's Club
2. Kuligwa Mango Women's club
3. Mutugwasye Women's club
4. Lucky Women's Club
5. Siamabiya Women's Club
6. Chilundika Women's Club
7. Kalundu Women's Club
8. Mabu Women's Club

**10. Simwatachela Ward**

1. Chilobe Women Club
2. Tubone Aswebo Women Club
3. Kabanga Area Women Association
4. Kombaze Kubalema (Disabled) Women Club

5. Tulombe Youth Club
6. Damu Women's Club
7. Lomika multi-Purpose
8. Gardern Women's club
9. Siazita Women's club

**11. Zimba Ward**

1. Tatuji Munsu Women Club
2. Silverlands Women's Club
3. Buuka Tweende Women's Club
4. Mercy Women's Club
5. Kasuku Women's Club
6. Siluwe Women's Club
7. Mass Opportunity Club
8. Siluwe Women's Club
9. Tuyume Makoli Women's Club
10. Mawaya Farmers Club
11. Small Marketers women Club
12. Zimba Main Market
13. Nachilindi Women's club
14. Takwe Chikaka Women's club
15. Mabwe Atuba Women's club
16. Renaissance Youth Club
17. Twasika Women's Club

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/633/05/24 FORMATION OF WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES (WDC's)**

Members were informed that the Local Authority had managed to form new Ward Development Committees' following the end of tenure of office for the previous WDC's on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Below was the list of the newly elected ward Development Committee members from all the 12 wards of Mapatizya constituency.

However, members expressed worry on the non-inclusion of Councillors on the list of ward development committees and urged management to facilitate for the inclusion of names of Councillors to the list as Ex-Officio members.

<b>CHIDI WARD</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
1	Jolam Nankupaisya	Chairperson	0974958308
2	Jerricho Kavwaya	Vice Chairperson	0979878110
3	Evidence Mutika	Secretary	0979153186
4	Bertha Kayoba	Treasurer/Ministry of livestock	0979055836
5	Barbra Mayabbu	Member/Ministry of Education	0978305056

6	Banda Benjamin	Member/Ministry of Agriculture	0977216642
7	Given Mweemba	Member/ Ministry of Health	0971153719
8	Austin Mbewe	Member	0979171462
9	Given Muntanga	Member	0979460351
10	Mathias Chisamu	Representative Disabled	
11	Final Munyandi	Chief Representative	0975224556
<b>CHUUNDWE WARD</b>			
1	Bornwel Simeja	Chairperson	0975981143
2	Twaining Chinkusu	Vice Chairperson	0978728703
3	Roatry Nzyunge	Secretary	0974703758
4	Matildah Sanyati	Treasurer	0979721219
5	Sylvester Lutente	Member/ Ministry of Education	0979953949
6	Richard Nakushowa	Member/Health	0978196239
7	George Mumbi	Member/Ministry of Agriculture	0974689240
8	Melinah Siacheenda	Representative Disabled	0979827659
9	Lema Simuyuni	Representative Youth	0973561800
10	Rosemary Lweendo	Representative Clergy men	0779494764
12	Simweemba Michelo	Councilor	
13	Austern Chikobela	Representative NGO	0977577187
<b>MULAMFU WARD</b>			
1	Chrispin Siakaango	Chairperson	
2	Samson Siayununu	Vice Chairperson	
3	Chrispin Muntanga	Secretary	
4	Kizito Munkombwe	Treasurer	
5	Trust Nanchenga	Member/ Ministry of Education	
6	Charles Sichaabi	Member/ Councilor	
7	Shebin Siluuka	Member	
8	Mazuba Sitimela	Member/Health	
9	Christopher Sikulya	Chief Representative	
<b>MAFUMBA WARD</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
1	Wesley Mutabali	Chairperson	0978678990
2	Halord Kabanga	Vice Chairperson	0950633998
3	Collins Mweemba	Secretary	0977424163
4	Peacewel Pukuma	Treasurer	0978718561
5	Mabby Siachibaka	Member/Councilor	0978715514
6	Moses Kaliya	Member/Health	0971075099
7	Isaac Simulwi	Member/Chief Representative	0977215924
<b>MBWIKO WARD</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PHONE</b>

1	Steward Mafwabilo	Chairperson	0977241400
2	Chrispin Fungula	Vice Chairperson	0950302711
3	Orbit Munanku	Secretary	0977325650
4	Danel Siakanyati	Treasurer	0974785121
5	Brian Kanyanga	Member/Health	
6	Edgar Meleki	Member/Councilor	
7	Chanda Mwansa	Member/Agriculture	
8	Silvia Simanyai	Member/Disabled	
<b>MANGONDA WARD</b>			
1	Trust Munkombwe	Chairperson	
2	Vincent Mandevu	Vice Chairperson	
3	Reagan Sindowe	Secretary	
4	Misheck Mpokosa	Treasurer	
5	Adam Sichaamba	Member/Agriculture	
6	Ephraim Siyunda	Member/Health	
7	Osward Libana	Member	
8	Given Kaluwe	Member	
9	Joseph Silembalemba	Member	
10	Douglas Maunga	Member	
<b>KANYANGA WARD</b>			
1	Abel Kawisha	Chairperson	0957391532
2	Sikayumbu Bostern	Vice Chairperson	0976396160
3	Chilima Wear	Secretary	0970454097
4	Kanenge Cester	Member/ Rep. Disabled	
5	Siabeene Ement	Member/Chief Representative	0956860362
6	Samson Chasyukila	Clergyman	0978604986
7	Mutale Oscar	Health	0955597339
8	Emmanuel Phiri	Agriculture	0979227010
9	Holy Siangonya	Youth Representative	
10	Chali Aucklane	Education	0967090792
11	Siabasimbi Lweendo	Member	
<b>LUYABA WARD</b>			
1	Clement Nyemba	Chairperson	0979150332
2	Loveness Ndeke	Vice Chairperson/Livestock	0978850433
3	Vein Siakwale	Secretary	0978327837
4	Stanly Kaliizi	Treasurer	0977589917
5	Josphat Kaula	Member/Health	0975179997
6	Milumbe Chijikwa	Member/Disabled	0972232526
7	Robson Halale	Chief Representative	0978745638
8	Agent Munenge	Councilor	0950405244
9	Adrian Malumo	Member	097255773
<b>SIMWATACHELA WARD</b>			
1	Obert Nseluka	Chairperson	0958009751
2	George Sialwiindi	Vice Chairperson	076205105
3	Mwiila Nthala	Secretary/Education	0977364409
4	Martha Masedza	Treasurer	0974320605
5	Pamela Mpola	Member/Health	0974320605
6	Tapela Muchaneta	Member/Livestock	0977811188

7	Brightone Chinyemu	Member/Disabled	0978950641
8	Gift Mulamfu	Member	0954086903
9	Samuel Mayoba	Chief Rep.	0977754059
10	Wisbone Simutombo	Zonal Rep.	0774961812
11	Kebby Chisipa	Zonal Rep.	0950505452

<b>SIAMAFUMBA WARD</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
1	Johnson Cheempa	Chairperson	
2	Emmanuel Mudenda	Vice Chairperson	
3	Loyd Siatontola	Secretary	
4	Joel Bbalasa	Member	
5	Naison Siamalyo	Member	
6	Michael Majuba	Member	
7	Luyando Siankukule	Member	
8	Bornwell Siamweela	Chief Representative	
9	Elison Siamalyo	Clergyman	
10	Coster Libbohohole	Zonal Rep.	
<b>ZIMBA WARD</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
1.	Miyoba Mweemba	Chairperson	
2.	Augustine Mulinda	Vice Chairperson	
3.	Raphael Foseka	Treasurer	
4.	Mainza Chavwanga	Member	
5.	Jessica Nachivula	Member	
6.	Edson Simutibule	Member	
7.	Kalaluka	Member	
<b>CHALIMONGELA WARD</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
1.	Munsaka Derick	Chairperson	0954029094
2.	Mukwepe Rapheal	Vice Chairperson	0950187095
3.	Mooka David	Secretary	0954027867
4.	Hangozi Bryson	Treasurer	0950627557
5.	Machelele Collen	Chief Representative	0957037870
6.	Misika Alick	Youth Representative	0956459781
7.	Mwinga Christabel	Member	0973450418
8.	Bbeule Stanford	Councilor	0957085884

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/634/05/24 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

It was reported that the District Health Office recorded the following under key performance areas.

**Maternal deaths-2**

**Deliveries**

Deliveries Target Quarterly-1164

Normal Deliveries-940 (92%)

Assisted Deliveries-5 (0.6%)

Caesarian Section-22 (7%)

**Total Facility Deliveries-1020 (87%)**

**Immunizations**

BCG Coverage under ones-99% against the target of 95%

Fully immunized coverage under ones 104% against the target of 95%

OPV 0 coverage live births -85% against the target of 95% (Two facilities are not delivery sites)

Measles under one coverage 105%

**HIV**

-Tested-5400

-Positives-105

-Initiated-105 (100% initiation)

**TB Notifications**

-Target to be tested-862

-Tested-750

-Bacteriologically confirmed-9

-Clinically diagnosed-11

-Initiated- 20

Members were also informed that the district was striving to score high rates in the provision of health care services.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/635/05/24 CHOLERA DISTRICT STATISTICS**

The district health office presented a cumulative table showing the number of cholera cases in the respective areas.

Cumulative number of cases	7
Cumulative test	4
Cumulative confirmed cases	2
Cumulative deaths	1
Affected Areas	Zimba township
	Mafumba
	Chalimongela
	Kanyanga
Number of Male	4
Number of Females	3

The report was **NOTED**

## **PWD/636/05/24 DRUG AVAILABILITY**

It was reported that the selected essential drug availability for first quarter of 2024 were recorded as shown below.

	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>
Tracer drug availability	90.3%	89.5%	90.5%
ARVs	100%	100%	100%
Vaccines	100%	100%	100%

It was also heard that the district received one consignment of health center kits that boosted the stock availability in March 2024.

The report was **NOTED**

## **PWD/637/05/24 INFRASTRUCTURE**

The District Health Office working with the Local Authority and some nongovernmental organization had been implementing projects in various areas as follows:

1. The District Health Office with support from CDF was constructing a maternity annex at Nakowa Clinic. The works were at lintel level and expected to complete by third quarter, 2024
2. The District Health Office with support from Zambezi River Authority (ZRA) was constructing a health post at Njabalombe. ZRA had further provided the basic equipment and furniture and the facility was earmarked for official handover in May, 2024. However, the facility had no lighting.
3. The District Health Office with support from Zambezi River Authority (ZRA) was constructing a health post at Nkungwa. The main clinic building was at 80% completion.
4. Construction of the maternity annex with support from Peace Health was ongoing at Luyaba Rural Health Center. The structure was at 90% completion, painting works were in progress and projected to finish by third quarter, 2024.
5. The District Health Office with support from CDF was constructing a mothers' shelter at Luyaba Rural Health Center. The structure was at roof level and projected to complete by third quarter, 2024
6. Construction of the maternity annex with support from CDF was ongoing at Mapatizya Rural Health Center. Roofing was completed and was at 70% completion. Works had been stalled. Members were also informed that the facility had no reliable source of water.

It was also reported that the department had challenges in implementing some of the projects;

### **MAJOR GAPS**

- I. The District Health Office was facing transport challenges with high cost of maintenance due to the bad state of the roads and the only Ambulance servicing all the facilities was not in good condition hence the need to have a new Ambulance under CDF.
- II. Two facilities, Chidi and Muzya have no lighting system.
- III. No complementary infrastructure at Mulamfu and Sikalaye health posts. (houses and waste management facilities were yet to be constructed)

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/638/05/24 HUMAN RESOURCE**

It was report to the committee that the District received 3 new officers on first appointment, 1 Procurement and Supply Assistant, 1 Clinical Officer General and 1 driver.

**Staff Attrition (Trans in)**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Facility</b>
• Procurement and supply assistant	• Zimba Mission Hospital
• Clinical Officer General in placed of George Zawe who has been transferred on Promotion	• Zimba Mission Hospital
• Driver	• Zimba Mission Hospital

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/639/05/24 MALARIA ELIMINATION**

The District Health Office conducted a number of integrated interventions aimed at malaria elimination. It was further revealed that the District Malaria incidence rate was at 1.3/1000.

The health facilities malaria incidence rates for the quarter under review was as follows

1. Zimba HAHC- 2.8/1000
2. Chidi -2.8/1000
3. Nakowa-2.0/1000
4. Muzya-1.8/1000
5. Simalundu –1.8/1000
6. Mapatizya-1.0/1000
7. Simwatachela -0.9/1000
8. Kanyanga –0.9/1000
9. Luyaba-0.7/1000
10. Siamafumba-0.6/1000
11. Chalimongela-0.4/1000

Members were also informed that the following were some of the interventions.

- Conducting cross border malaria activities with support from Global Funds at Bimbi border
- Conducting active malaria surveillance of all malaria confirmed cases in all the 11 health facilities
- The district received 62,112 nets we conducted mass LLINS distribution to 22,608 households where we issued out 61,886 nets and we have a balance of 226 nets in the district
- Conducted household net registration in all health facilities as follows

<b>Organization unit name</b>	<b>LLIN Micro plan Total number of households targeted</b>	<b>Total household registered</b>	<b># of households that received LLINs</b>	<b>Mass LLIN Campaign 2023 Total LLINs required</b>	<b>No. of LLINs Received</b>	<b>Mass LLIN Campaign 2023 # of LLINs issued</b>	<b>Balance of nets</b>	<b>Variance/ Gap</b>
so Chalimongela Health Post	1651.	1233.	1193.	3316.	3,368	3288	80	
so Chidi Health Post	2538.	2251.	1307.	6282.	4,357	4357	0	1969
so Kanyanga Health Post	2808.	2290.	2172.	6374.	6,478	6478	0	
so Luyaba Rural Health Centre	2868.	2692.	2621.	7997.	8,098	8098	0	
so Mapatizya Rural Health Centre	2096.	1722.	1728.	4701.	4,564	4564	0	
so Muzya Rural Health Centre	911.	1000.	1012.	3137.	3,147	3147	0	
so Nakowa Rural Health Centre	3573.	2079.	2088.	5711.	5,720	5705	15	
so Siamafumba Rural Health Centre	1801.	2022.	2002.	6084.	6,215	6084	131	
so Simalundu Rural Health Centre	1359.	1201.	1201.	3354.	3,396	3396	0	
so Simwatachela Rural Health Centre	4605.	3841.	3669.	10430	10,700	10,700	0	
so Zimba Hospital Affiliated Health Centre	2382.	2277.	2080.	6026.	6069	6,069	0	
so Zimba district	26592.	22608.	21073.	63412	62112	61886	226.	1743

It was observed that the district did not attain 100% percent in terms of Net distribution as Chidi Health Post received less nets than the required 6326 but received 4357 nets giving them 72% coverage distribution and Zimba district was at 97% net distribution coverage.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/640/05/24 ONGOING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**BLOWN OFF ROOFS**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that there were three new blown off roofs which included Zimba Secondary School where part of the roof for one of the dormitories accommodating 40 boys was ripped off by a whirl wind. The second site was at Luyaba Primary School where two, (1 x 2) Classroom blocks were ripped off.

However, it was reported that the dormitory at Zimba Secondary School had been roofed and painted while at Luyaba Primary School assessments had been repaired and procurement processes were in progress.

The third incidence was at Nakowa Primary School where a blown off roof on a 1 x 3 classroom block had also been repaired while materials for a 1x5 classroom block had been procured for works to start.

Members were also informed that an assessment on a brown off roof at Simwami primary School teacher's house, had not been worked on and awaited for funding.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/641/05/24: CONSTRUCTION OF MAPATIZYA DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

It was reported that following the two sensitization meetings which were conducted with the Civic Leaders, traditional leaders, PTC members, Teachers and the community at large, another meeting was held where five technical supervisors were engaged for construction of the School under the Zambia Education Enhancement Project (ZEEP).

It was also stated that contracts with Technical Supervisors were signed as General Workers and Artisans were interviewed and engaged in readiness for project implementation.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/642/05/24 CONSTRUCTION OF LUYABA EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) HUB**

Members were informed that Government was constructing an ultramodern Early Child Education Hub at Luyaba primary school.

The project had the following components:

- Play Park
- 1 Staff house
- 1 x 2 Classroom Block
- 1 Ablution (5) (pupils)
- 1 Ablution (5) (staff)
- 2 Offices
- 1 Kitchen
- Bore Hole
- Industrial Solar

It was revealed that all the structures were at ring beam level except for the play park which had not yet been started, a bore hole had been sunk but it had not been completed.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/643/05/24 WATER RETICULATION SYSTEM AT NAKOWA PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL.**

It was reported that Nakowa Secondary School had an improved water reticulation system where an old bore hole had been upgraded into a commercial submersible water source. It was stated that the project had been funded by the Central Government of the Republic of Zambia.

The upgrade of the borehole was appreciated, further that it would go a long way in serving the school community.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/644/05/24 WATER RETICULATION SYSTEM AT MUZYA PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that Muzya Primary School was another School which had benefited from the submersible pump water resource project being implemented by the Government.

Members applauded Central Government for this noble initiative.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/645/05/24 PROJECTS BY COOPERATING PARTNERS**

**(A) NAKACHEYA DAY CARE**

The organization was constructing a 1x3 Class Room block where the foundation had been done, waiting for building materials to start construction. The organization had also offered to complete a teachers' house at the same school.

**(B)AFRICAN REVIVAL**

The Organization was constructing a Rain Water Harvest Tank at Siampondo Community School. It was stated that the work was in progress and the slab had been casted. Members were also informed that the same African Revival was constructing a 2x5 Pot Pit Latrine. It was indicated that the pit latrine holes had been dug.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/646/05/24 DISTRICT SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS**

**(A)ENROLMENTS**

It was reported that Zimba District had a total of 88 Schools categorized as;

COMMUNITY	PRIMARY	PRIVATE	UPGRADED	REGULAR SECONDARY	TOTAL
42	35	02	06	03	88

These schools had a cumulative total of **38,667** pupils (with a ratio of 1:70)

BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
18, 659	20,008	<b>38, 667</b>

Zimba District had more girls than boys in schools. This was as a result of the following interventions:

**(B) Girl's Education and Women's Empowerment and Livelihood (GEWEL) project**

The project added a lot of components in order to keep girls in Schools. The following were some of them;

**CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

The main aim of the system was to detect, prevent and deter factors that have the potential to derail the girl's progression in school and some of the early warning signs in the girls. This could be poor retention, poor performance and absenteeism. Generally, Case Management System aims at improving the learning outcomes, attendance, Performance and completion rates of Girls.

**ACADEMIC CLINICS:**

The system helps girls to reach their academic potential. These are special tuitions given by the Teachers to pupils outside their normal learning time.

**GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM (GRM)** Grievance Redress Mechanisms are institutions, Instruments, methods and processes by which a resolution to a grievance was sought and provided. A number of mechanisms were available to aggrieved parties to access redress.

**Re-Entry Policy;** The Zambian re-entry Policy guarantees girls the right to stay in school as long as they choose to most girls have returned to school because of the assistance they have been given through social cash transfer households in form of education grants.

**SENSITIZATION MEETINGS:** There have been also a lot of sensitization meetings by education authorities in the communities on the importance of girls’ education.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/647/05/24 STAFFING LEVELS AND PUPIL TEACHER RATIO**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the district, had a total number of **559** Teachers and **38,667**pupils.

It was noted that the Teacher-pupil ratio was at **1:70** from the previous **1:63**. (The ratio went up because of learners that were constantly being admitted in various schools, free Education and the opening up of new schools). The district target for Teacher-pupil ratio still remains the desired **1:45** (1teacher to **45** learners). In order to achieve the desired ratio, the district needs**859** teachers meaning additional of **300** Teachers was needed

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/648/05/24 INFRASTRUCTURE, FURNITURE AND SHORTFALLS**

Members were informed that the district had critical shortfalls in terms of Classrooms, staff houses, desks, water points, toilets and power. The table below summarizes the shortfalls:

DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE (DISTRICT TOTAL)	SHORTFALL (DEFICIT)
Classrooms	787	317
Staff Houses	289	268
Desks Single Seater (ECE)	0	4,438
Desks Double Seater (Primary).	1,629 (7,489)	1,273 (4,670)
	5,860	3,397

Desks Double Seater (Secondary)		
Water Points (Boreholes/Piped Water)	44	45
Toilets (VIP)	622	914
Schools with Electricity/Solar	15	73

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/649/05/24 KEEPING GIRLS IN SCHOOL: SPONSORSHIP TO GIRLS**

It was reported that Keeping Girls in School (KGS) project was sponsoring a total of **1, 687** girls in (grade 8 to grade 12) in various Schools in and outside the district. The girls were still receiving Boarding fees and an Education Grant which was administered by Department of Social Welfare.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/650/05/24 TERTIRY SUPPORT**

Members were further informed that Keeping Girls in Schools (KGS) was also giving tertiary support to thirteen (13) girls who were in different colleges and Universities.

This tertiary support covered the following:

- Book and Project allowance.
- Registration, Union, Medical, Tuition and Medical fees.
- Education Grant.
- Professional body registration fees.
- Mentorship and Placement for internship.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/651/05/24 IMPLEMENTATION OF FREE EDUCATION POLICY**

It was reported that all schools were implementing the Free Education Policy. Monitoring implementation of the guidelines was done mainly by Standard Officers, Planning team, Teacher Education, Accounts and Human Resource Sections.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/652/05/24 FUNDING TO SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT THE FREE EDUCATION POLICY**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that all the Community schools that were registered, primary and Secondary schools have received the grant

for Quarter 1, 2024. Monitoring the use of these funds was done by the district together with the Provincial Education Office following the Financial Management Guidelines. Training on management of these funds by the schools was conducted by both the District and Provincial Offices.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/653/05/24 SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME**

Members were informed that Zimba District Education Board had been funded by Government to procure maize and Pulses for school feeding programme. It was further reported that the process of procuring 123 Metric Tons of white maize for local consumption and 21 Metric Tons of Pulses (common Beans) have started.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/654/05/24 ADMINISTRATION**

It was reported that the department of Community Development was still understaffed as reported in the previous meeting.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/655/05/24 ACTIVITY BASED PROGRAMS.**

**STAFF TRAINING**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that during the quarter under review, three officers under the department of Community Development attended the financial Management training which was held in Livingstone from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The officers that attended the above-mentioned training were the two Assistant Community Development Officers and the District Community Development Officer respectively.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/656/05/24 FOOD SECURITY PACK PROGRAM**

It was reported that during the quarter under review the department of community development undertook the distribution of food security pack (FSP) farming inputs to 1896 household beneficiaries that were targeted for 2023/2024 rain fed farming season.

**BELOW ARE THE AREAS THAT WERE TARGETED DURING 2023/24 SEASON**

01. Kabanga 1& 2
02. Mafumba
03. Muzya
04. Chalimongela 1

05. Chuundwe
06. Njabalombe
07. Mulamfu 1& 2
08. Kanyanga
09. Misika
10. Kanchele (Simundivwi)
11. Chalinga
12. Zimba (Makumba, Makoli, Siamulunga).

**COMPOSITION OF THE FOOD SECURITY PACK**

S/N.		CASELOAD	TOTAL RECEIVED (KGS)	NOT RECEIVED (KGS)	QUANTITY PER BENEFICIARY	REMARKS
01	Compound D	1896	3792 x 50kgs	Nil	2 x 50kgs	All beneficiaries received
02	Urea	1896	1896 x 50kgs	Nil	1 x 50kgs	All beneficiaries received
03	Maize (10kgs)	1096	1096 x 10kgs	Nil	1 x 10kgs	All beneficiaries received
04	Maize (5kgs)	800	800 x 5kgs	Nil	1 x 5kgs	All beneficiaries received
05	Sorghum(5kgs)	800	800 x 5kgs	Nil	1 x 5kgs	All beneficiaries received
06	Cowpeas (10kgs)	1000	1000 x10kgs	Nil	1 x10kgs	All beneficiaries received
07	G/ Nuts	896	896 x 10kgs	Nil	1 x10kgs	All beneficiaries received

It was indicated that out of 1896;

- ✓ **1096** beneficiaries got 1 x10kgs of Maize Seed
- ✓ **800** beneficiaries got 1 x 5kgs Maize Seed and 1 x 5kgs of sorghum to make 10kgs of Cereal
- ✓ **1000** beneficiaries got 1 x10kgs of cowpeas
- ✓ **896** beneficiaries got 1 x 10kgs of Groundnuts

Further it was reported that all the targeted beneficiaries have received their inputs and most of them have since planted.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/657/05/24 DESK APPRAISAL FOR FSP RECOVERY FUNDS**

Members were informed that the District Food Security Pack Committee (DFSP) had a meeting to evaluate and appraise different projects from 12 FSP Area Food Security Pack Committees that had applied.

BELOW ARE THE PROJECTS PER CWAC

S/N	CWAC NAME	PROJECT APPLIED FOR	APPROVAL STAGE	
			APPROVED	NOT APPROVED
01	Misika	Harmer mill and Sunflower Machine		
02	Mulamfu	Shed Construction		
03	Chidi	Shed Construction		
04	Kanyanga	Goats		
05	Luyaba	Harmer Mill and oil Expeller		
06	Muzya	Goats		
07	Simundivwi	Oil Expeller		
08	Siamafumba	Cattle		
09	Chuundwe	Harmer Mill		
10	Mafumba	Goats		
11	Njabalombe	Goats		
12	Zimba	Shed Construction		
13	Kabanga	Shed Construction		

It was further reported that all the thirteen project applications were approved by the committee and the department has since handed over the applications to procurement department under Zimba Town Council and the procurement processes was underway, hoping this exercise will be done before close of the year as this may attract serious audit queries if the funds are not utilised within 2023 because these funds were meant for 2022/2023 farming season.

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/658/05/24 SOCIAL CASH TRANSFER (SCT)**

The District Social Welfare Officer reported that the Social Cash Transfer program falls under the Social Assistance Pillar of the Revised National Development Plan. It aims to alleviate extreme poverty and eliminate the intergenerational transfer of poverty in households covered by the program.

Below is a table showing the summary of payments for January-February 2023 bimonthly:

<b>BENEFICIARY PAYMENT STATUS</b>							
<b>Province</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Able Bodied Paid</b>	<b>Disabled Paid</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Able Bodied Not Paid</b>	<b>Disabled Not Paid</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	Zimba	9476	605	10,081	13	0	13
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9476</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>10,081</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

The impact of the Social Cash Transfer program in Zimba District on the households has been notably positive, with several explicable effects observed:

1. Improved Food Security: Beneficiaries now have access to at least more than one meal a day, enhancing their nutritional intake and overall well-being.
2. Increased Literacy Levels: The funds were being utilized to meet school requirements for many pupils, leading to an increase in literacy levels among children in the households.
3. Enhanced Food Security: Beneficiaries were able to purchase inputs like fertilizer and seeds, enabling them to grow food for home consumption and improve food security.
4. Livestock Ownership: Beneficiaries have been able to invest in livestock such as chickens, goats, cattle, sheep, and pigs, which can provide additional income and assets for the households.
5. Improved Health: The availability of funds has enabled beneficiaries to purchase essential medications and access transportation to seek medical treatment, resulting in improved health outcomes for households.

It was further reported that these positive effects demonstrate the significant impact of the Social Cash Transfer program on the well-being and livelihoods of the beneficiaries in Zimba District. By continuing to support and empower these households, the program plays a crucial role in alleviating poverty, improving education, enhancing food security, and promoting overall health and well-being within the community.

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/659/05/24 INVESTIGATIONS FOR COURTS**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that one of the critical responsibilities of the Department of Social Welfare was to actively engage in the administration of justice within the courts by participating in court investigations involving child offenders. The department was involved in court investigations related to cases of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (AOABH) committed by three juvenile offenders in accordance with section 248 of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the Laws of the Republic of Zambia.

It was stated that the three juvenile offenders involved in these incidents were identified as two male children aged 17 and 16 years respectively, and a female juvenile aged 17 years old. Each of them was found to have committed the offence of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, highlighting the need for intervention and rehabilitation to address their actions and prevent future occurrences.

Members were also informed that as part of the judicial process, the child offenders were placed on probation, a decision aimed at providing them with an opportunity for rehabilitation and guidance to steer them away from further delinquent behaviour. Specifically, they were recommended to undergo

counselling sessions with the Social Welfare Officer for a period of six months. This counselling intervention was designed to address the underlying issues that may have contributed to their involvement in the offence, provide emotional support, and equip them with coping mechanisms to make positive choices in the future.

Through the probation and counselling program, the Department of Social Welfare seeks to not only hold the offenders accountable for their actions but also to facilitate their rehabilitation and reintegration into society as productive and law-abiding citizens. By offering guidance, support, and personalized interventions tailored to the needs of each offender, the department aims to address the root causes of their behaviour, promote positive change, and prevent reoffending.

Furthermore, it was stated that the involvement of the Social Welfare Officer in the probation process underscores the importance of a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to juvenile justice, emphasizing the significance of addressing social, emotional, and psychological factors in the rehabilitation of young offenders. By working collaboratively with the courts and other stakeholders, the Department of Social Welfare plays a crucial role in promoting restorative justice, protecting the rights of child offenders, and fostering their rehabilitation and successful reintegration into the community.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/660/05/24 MOBILE LICENSING**

The District Forestry Officer reported that the Mobile licensing was conducted once every week in a distance of not more than 40 Kilometers from the office. During the period under review, 12 mobile licensing exercises were done. It was stated that the mobile licensing exercise covered areas such as Moobole, Simwami, Sky-Lay Bay, Mambali, Makoli and Kabuyu.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/661/05/24 BLITZ PATROLS**

It was reported that blitz patrol was done along Nyawa road once in the first quarter, 2024. The exercise resulted in revenue collection as indicated under the revenue section below.



Picture: Charcoal Bags retrieved during blitz patrols

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/662/05/24 FOREST EXTENSION**

The Department working jointly with Environment Africa conducted a one-day training in each of the five wards on forest management. The training targeted climate change ambassadors, headmen, ward development committees, and lead farmers. The training was aimed at building resilience of the community to climate change at the same time trigger the mind set of community members towards sustainable forest utilization. From the exercise, action plans were drawn to implement interventions that upholds the integrity of nature. The contents of the action plans would be funded by Environment Africa. The training involved Luyaba, Chalimongela, Mbwiko, Zimba and Mangonda wards of Zimba district. A total of 250 were trained i.e., 170 males and 80 females.



*Picture: In Green Top, Ms. Charity Mweemba (Senior Extension Assistant) conducting a community engagement meeting in Mulundu, Zimba Ward.*

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/663/05/24 NURSERY MANAGEMENT**

The district forest nursery had been extended to accommodate Zimba ward youths in tree seedlings production. The old fencing materials had been removed and replaced with new fencing materials. The district forest nursery would also be connected to Council borehole water line for sustained water supply. At the moment 2, 000 polythene pots have been filled with soil awaiting sowing. The target was to raise more than 25, 000 different tree seedling before the commencement of 2024/2025 tree planting exercise. The partnership had also enabled procurement of 100meters 3 quarters poly pipe for water line connection from the Council submersible borehole. It was hoped that once the water line is installed, it would ease water challenges at the nursery and reduce on paying on water bills.

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/664/05/24 BEEKEEPING**

Members were informed that working in conjunction with Response Network, the Department introduced a livelihood project in Mulundu community within Zimba Ward. The project would be funded by Response Network. In phase one of project implementation, the community members would be required to form 4 groups. Each group has 15 members. Five (5) bee hives would be given to each group as a start. The Department would conduct intensive training in beekeeping once financial logistics are sorted out.



*Picture: Veil and Top Bar Bee Hive given to the participating groups*

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/665/05/24 AGROFORESTRY**

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the purpose of the meeting was to introduce a diversified agriculture system anchored on agroforestry. The model was meant to improve soil fertility through planting of nitrogen fixing plants. The organisation (SNV) would be working closely with stakeholders to identify beneficiaries.



*Picture: Community members, Stakeholders and SNV staff during the introduction of agroforestry model in Makoli*

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/666/05/24    COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS**

It was reported that the department managed to celebrate international day of the forests in Choma. The department working together with Environment Africa exhibited tree seedlings that were raised by the Youths and Climate change ambassadors. During the event 30 youths from Zimba District and 20 pupils from environmental clubs joined the commemoration. The IDF was graced by the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Southern Province.



*Picture: International Day of Forest Commemoration, Zimba Youths Participating*

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/667/05/24 REVENUE COLLECTION**

It was also reported that the Department managed to raise revenue amounting to K 13, 365. Broken down as; production K8, 910 and Conveyance K 4, 455

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/668/05/24 ZIMBA DISTRICT PROFILE**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that Zimba is one of the fifteen (15) districts in Southern Province located southeast of Lusaka and about 410 kilometres along the (T1) Great – North Road. It shares boundaries with Kalomo to the north, Kazungula to the west, Choma and Sinazongwe to the east. Zimba district shares an international border with Zimbabwe through the Zambezi River. It lies between latitudes 16°, 17° South and longitudes 26° 0, and 27° East and covers a total area of 5,245 square kilometres in size. The district is divided into two Chiefdoms namely Sipatunyana and Simwatachela. Mapatizya is the only constituency in Zimba consisting of twelve (12) wards

namely; Zimba, Chidi, Luyaba, Mulamfu, Mbwiko, Simwatachela, Mangonda, Chalimongela, Kanyanga and Siamafumba.

For agricultural administrative purposes, Zimba District is divided into four (4) blocks – Zimba, Chinkoyo, Misika and Luyaba. There are Twenty (20) operational camps namely Chidi, Chinkoyo, Chuundwe, Kanyanga, Luyaba, Misika, Mulamfu, Njabalombe, Siamafumba, Mafumba, Kabanga, Simundivwi, Muzya, Mapatizya, Simalundu, Chalimongela, Simukanda, Syejumba, Kamukezya and Zimba Central. Agricultural production, both crop and livestock farming, constitutes the main economic activity in the district. Table 1.0 gives the profile of the Zimba District according to the camps and blocks.

Table 1: Inventory of field staff and farmers

District	Total Blocks	Total Camps	No. of BEOs	No. of Acting BEOs	No. Camps with Staff	Farmer Population	ZIAMIS Farmer Reg.as at 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
Total	4	20	2	2	17	29,918	28,000

## AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS

### Weather

It was reported that the district had received an estimated amount of 129.2mm of rainfall during the quarter under review. Severe dry spells of approximately more than 25days were experienced during the quarter under review which caused about 85% physiological damage to the crops especially maize in most fields which was at vegetative, tasseling and grain filling stages, with an estimated 95% yield loss. The temperatures were relatively high with some days having temperatures as high as 31°C.

Table 2: Weather Parameters

Month	Rainfall Days	Amount (mm)	Average Temperature (°C)	
			Min	Max
January, 2024	9	67.5	21	31
February, 2024	3	32.9	25	31
March, 2024	3	28.8	26	30
TOTAL	15	129.2	24	30.7

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Zimba

### Crop Condition

It was reported that pests and diseases were observed as the fall Armyworm (FAW) attack adversely affected the crop yield, especially that of maize at vegetative stage. The FAW attacks were controlled through the use of Emamectin Benzoate 5% SG (330kg) and Chlorpyrifos 20% EC (270L) chemicals which the district received and distributed to all the twenty (20)

camps. The other crops grown by farmers were affected by pests and diseases as indicated in the table below;

Table 3: Pests and diseases observed.

Pest/Diseases observed	Action taken	Comment
Fall Armyworm	Advised farmers to control the pests with chemicals including Deltamethrin, Nimacidine, Ampligo and Denim Fit.	Officers distributed the chemicals procured by government to farmers in all camps in the district.
Aphids	Sprayed with pesticides such as Cyclone, Boam	The infestation was mild.
Blight in tomato	Sprayed with Karate	The infestation was mild.

Members were also informed that there were cases of mild attacks of aphids on cowpea crop in Siamafumba, Muzya, Njabalombe, Simalundu, Luyaba and Zimba Camp. Farmers were advised to control the aphids with the recommended pesticides including *Doom*, *Boam* and *Karate*.

It was further reported that a crop performance monitoring tool was conducted and below were the results of the survey

### Crop Performance Monitoring Tool

Number of Camps: **20**

Number of Camps Affected by Dry Spell: **20** (however, only 17 camps were physically assessed due resource limitations)

Table 4: Effect of drought on crops by camp

Date of Reporting	Camps	AFFEC TED (YES/NO)	No. of HHs Affected by Dry Spell	Area Affected (HA) by Dry Spell	Estimated Level of Impact on Planted Area (Loss %)	Comment (Moderate, Severe....etc)
13/03/2024	Zimba	YES	80	110	90	Severe
13/03/2024	Muzya	YES	1,230	2,216	92	Severe
11/03/2024	Chuundwe	YES	110	273	95	Severe
11/03/2024	Njabalombe	YES	1,752	3,427	91	Severe
14/03/2024	Mafumba	YES	1050	1575	89	Severe
11/03/2024	Luyaba	YES	2,688	2,388	91	Severe
11/03/2024	Simundivwi	YES	1,298	5,356	96	Severe
13/03/2024	Kanyanga	YES	1,200	2,000	95	Severe

11/03/2024	Syejumba	YES	925	3,123	89	Severe
11/03/2024	Simalundu	YES	650	3,500	94	Severe
13/03/2024	Chinkoyo	YES	920	2,760	98	Severe
13/03/2024	Kabanga	YES	265	14440	95	Severe
13/03/2024	Misika	YES	2,311	5,674	99	Severe
11/03/2024	Chalimongela	YES	2,423	8,621	99	Severe
13/03/2024	Mapatizya	YES	1,263	1,659	95	Severe
11/03/2024	Kamukeza	YES	686	1,992	99	Severe
11/03/2024	Mulamfu	YES	700	7,794	97	Severe
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>19,286</b>	<b>66,908</b>	<b>94.3</b>	

#### **COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS/ PARTNERS.**

The Ministry accomplished a number of planned activities by collaboratively working with other line ministries and cooperating partners. As a result, a number of targeted activities were achieved.

#### **SIFAZ PROJECT & AGRONOMY**

The camps agronomic activities for the 2022/23 farming season as indicated in the table below;

*Table 5 SIFAZ agronomic activities*

Activity	Number
Sustainable mechanization mega demos established in the district (Muzya-1, Luyaba-1, Siamafumba-2)	4
• Technology Demonstration Fields (TDF) established in the district	28
• Community seed multiplication (CSM) established in the district	14
• Farmers practice field (FPF) established in the district	199
• Agroforestry nurseries established (Gliricidia, Musangu) in the district	10

It was stated that the project continued with the promotion of the use of mechanized implements during the season. A selected number of farmers from the 5 existing cooperatives were engaged to host mega demonstrations fields. The host from the Luyaba, Siamafumba and Zimba camps were as follows; Luyaba camp; Cecilia Noole and Roy Siabula, Siamafumba camp; Edwin Vuka and Conard Sikalele and Zimba camp; Janet Muchena.

It was also stated that the inputs to support the establishment and management of Technical Demonstration Fields (TDFs) and Mega Demos were supplied to the district by Afriseed, Synergy, Corteva, Seedco, Agrifocus, Yara and ETG who partnered with FAO in implementing the project.

The officers from the department managed to set up technology demonstration fields (TDF) on different Sustainable Intensification Practices (SIPS) that were being promoted by the EU-funded Sustainable Intensification of Smallholder Farming Systems in Zambia (SIFAZ) project in the three (3) camps under the project. The district core team together with CEOs conducted routine monitoring of the TDFs in all the three (3) camps and managed to hold three (3) field days on the Mega Demos which were displaying all the technologies being promoted by the project.

However, due to the drought that the district experienced as a result of El-Nino, there was about 95% crop loss, as most of it dried up.

### **CARE International**

The Innovation project team comprising the Project Manager, MEAL Officer, MEAL coordinator (HQ) and the district coordinator conducted a meeting to introduce the project to the stakeholders, which was later followed by a field visit to interact with beneficiaries in Muzya Camp. The main aim of the task was to orient program staff and stakeholders in the district on Innovation project, mapping of water sources and the role of stakeholders; conduct field-based demonstrations of the irrigation equipment to beneficiaries in at least one site and one centre of excellence. Kick-Start was engaged to provide the irrigation equipment to the interested farmers at a subsidised price. The irrigation equipment's that were being promoted are the treadle pump and handpump with brief information on operations and maintenance.

The Heads of Departments from Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fisheries, Community Development and the Director of Planning at Zimba Town Council participated in the launch of the BMUV-IK (Federal Republic of Germany) funded project: Community Based Adaptation: Scaling up Community Action for Livelihoods and Ecosystems in Southern Africa and Beyond (CBA-SCALE Southern Africa+) which was held at Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

### **SNV INCREASE Phase II**

The Netherlands Development Organization (SNV) has been implementing the Increasing Climate Resilience in Energy and Agriculture Systems and Entrepreneurship (INCREASE) project in five regions namely Eastern, Lusaka, Southern, Central, and North-Western provinces under horticulture, dairy and cotton/legumes value chains since 2020. As part of improving service provision the project seeks for multi-sectoral engagements, grassroots consultations, and other collaborative opportunities towards the INCREASE phase II. SNV planned for an interactive meeting and engagement for potential key players with capacity to contribute positively to the INCREASE project II. The stakeholders and line ministries were invited for a meeting in Livingstone

from 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 where they were requested to prepare presentations on opportunities, recommendations, and lessons on climate smart interventions in line with climate resilience, access to finance, productivity, income, and market systems in the context of addressing poverty and effects of climate change.

#### **SIFAZ - AGRI-BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

There was an Agribusiness Planning and Review workshop aimed at reflecting at past ABM activities, interventions and way forward for SIFAZ districts in Southern, Western, Eastern and Copperbelt provinces.

A **SIFAZ** Modular Training programme was organised in collaboration with Zambian- Germany Agricultural Knowledge and Training centre (AKTC) in Mechanisation and the modules included

- Machinery Hire as a Business
- Basic GPS use in Agriculture
- Boom Sprayer Calibration
- Tractor Safety, maintenance and operation plus
- Introduction to Agricultural Machinery (which involved machinery tour to SARO & Grow more)

#### **GIZ- GIC COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

It was reported that a knowledge sharing and Lessons learnt workshop Northern, Eastern, Luapula and Southern province ministry of Agriculture staff was organized by GIZ in collaboration with partners such as WFP and SIFAZ which aimed at discussing and consolidating Farmer Financial Cycle Roll out sustainability strategy. The workshop aimed at consolidating a working document to be handed to ministry of Agriculture as a reference tool for Farmer Financial Cycle training as FAO through SIFAZ and WFP adopted the GIZ formulated FFC training module.

The report was **NOTED**

#### **PWD/669/05/24 MARKETING**

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the main mandate for Department of Agri-business and Marketing is collect of prices for selected agricultural products and dissemination to market players for making informed decisions in agricultural enterprises and ventures. It was stated that the department monitored market prices at Zimba Main Market.

Table 6: Average price movement farm produce /products – Retail.

<u>AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES</u>						
<u>Product</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit Measure</u>	<u>Average Monthly Prices</u>			<u>Average</u>
			<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	
<u>Meal</u>	<u>Breakfast Meal</u>	<u>25 Kg</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>320.00</u>
	<u>Roller Meal</u>	<u>25 Kg</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>290.00</u>
	<u>Bread Flour</u>	<u>25 Kg</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>563.33</u>
<u>Cereals</u>	<u>Maize Grain</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10.67</u>
	<u>Sorghum</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>Millet</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>Rice</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>160.00</u>
<u>Oils</u>	<u>Soybean Grain</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>Sunflower</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>Groundnut</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>113.33</u>
<u>Pulses</u>	<u>Kabulanketi beans</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>165.00</u>
	<u>White &amp; Yellow beans</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>161.67</u>
	<u>Mixed beans</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>161.67</u>
	<u>Cowpeas</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Tubers</u>	<u>Cassava Chips</u>	<u>5Kg / Meda</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>Irish Potatoes</u>	<u>10Kg</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>170.00</u>
<u>Inputs</u>	<u>Maize Seed - Early</u>	<u>10Kg</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>No Stock</u>	<u>No Stock</u>	<u>420.00</u>
	<u>Maize Seed - Medium</u>	<u>10Kg</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>No Stock</u>	<u>No Stock</u>	<u>510.00</u>
	<u>Maize Seed - Late</u>	<u>10Kg</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>Sorghum Seed</u>	<u>5Kg</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>No stock</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>Sunflower Seed</u>	<u>5Kg</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250.00</u>
	<u>Soya Beans Seed</u>	<u>25Kg</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>950.00</u>
	<u>Groundnuts Seed</u>	<u>20Kg</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>850.00</u>
	<u>Cowpeas Seed</u>	<u>5Kg</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>235.00</u>
	<u>Fertilizer – Comp D</u>	<u>50Kg</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>933.33</u>
<u>Fertilizer - Urea</u>	<u>50Kg</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>971.67</u>	
<u>Vegitables</u>	<u>Rape</u>	<u>Bunddles</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3.33</u>
	<u>Cabbage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14.00</u>

	Tomatoes	Kg	12	15	15	14.00
	Onion	10Kg	150	150	170	156.67

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/670/05/24 FARMER INPUT SUPPORT PROGRAMME (FISP) -2023/24 FARMING SEASON**

It was reported that the first quarter activities on the Farmer Input Support Programme involved the summation and winding up 2023/ 2024 FISP activities

*Table 7: Quantities of inputs by Supplier and variety*

<b>FISP SEED 2023/24</b>				
Maize Seed Variety	Target	Actual	% Actual	Seed Supplier
Lake 601	18.8	18.8	100	Zambian Crop Genetics
AMAC 614	16.45	16.45	100	AMAC Seed Zambia Limited
30G19	11.75	11.75	100	Top Seed Zambia Limited
Falcon M401	5.93	5.93	100	ETG Inputs Zambia Limited
ZMS 301	5.93	5.93	100	Zambia Seed Company
Kamano Seed	5.93	5.93	100	Kamano Seed Company
SC 419	5.93	5.93	100	SeedCo (SCZ) International ltd
ZMS 521	4.15	4.15	100	Zambezi Seed Company
WH 101	4.15	4.15	100	Western Seed Company
Total Maize	79.02	79.02	100	
Soyabeans Seed				
Kafue 1	24.70	24.70	100	Kamano Seed Company
Kafue 2	34.56	34.56	100	Farmers' Barn Limited
Kafue 3	39.50	39.50	100	Zambezi Seed Company
Total Soyabeans	98.75	98.75	100	
Groundnuts Seed				
MGV 4	19.75	19.75	100	Kariba Seed Company
Natal Common	27.70	27.70	100	Kariba Seed Company
MGV 5	31.60	31.60	100	Kamano Seed Company
Total G/nuts Received	79.05	79.05	100	

<b>FISP FERTILIZER SUPPLIERS – 2023/2024 SEASON</b>				
Compound D	1,185	1,185	100	United Capital Fertilizers
Top Dressing (Urea)	1,185	1,185	100	Alpha Commodities
<b>DEPOSITS</b>				
ATDs	Target	Actual	% Actual	Remarks
Farmers of ATDs	7,900	7,900	100 %	
Farmers on ATDs with confirmed deposits.	7,900	7,900	100 %	
Farmers on ATCs	7,900	7,900	100 %	
<b>REDEEMING – FISP INPUTS</b>				
Farmers-Fully Redeemed	7,900	7,844	99.29 %	
Farmers-Partial Redeemed	7,900	56	0.71 %	A follow up on the partially redeemed reveals that farmers actually collected the input
Total Redeemed	7,900	7,900	100 %	

Table 8: Below is the FISP Wrap Up Summary as Allocated per Agricultural Camp.

S/N	CAMP	Target Beneficiaries	Farmers on ATDs	Farmer Deposits	Farmers on ATCs	Total Redeemed	Fully Redeemed	Partially Redeemed	Not Redeemed
1	Chalimongela	264	264	264	264	264	264	0	0
2	Chidi	209	209	209	209	209	209	0	0
3	Chinkoyo	415	415	415	415	415	405	10	0
4	Chuundwe	351	351	351	351	351	351	0	0
5	Kabanga	391	391	391	391	391	378	13	0
6	Kanyanga	718	718	718	718	718	715	3	0
7	Luyaba	667	667	667	667	667	667	0	0
8	Mafumba	178	178	178	178	178	178	0	0
9	Mapatizya	339	339	339	339	339	339	0	0
10	Misika	486	486	486	486	486	486	0	0
11	Mulamfu	603	603	603	603	603	603	0	0
12	Muzya	467	467	467	467	467	467	0	0
13	Njabalombe	405	405	405	405	405	405	0	0

14	Siamafumba	680	680	680	680	680	665	15	0
15	Simalundu	346	346	346	346	346	346	0	0
16	Simukanda	243	243	243	243	243	228	15	0
17	Simundivwi	323	323	323	323	323	323	0	0
18	syejumba	151	151	151	151	151	151	0	0
19	Zimba	664	665	665	664	664	662	2	0
	Total	7,900	7,901	7,901	7,900	7,900	7,844	56	-

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/671/05/24 FOOD RESERVE AGENCY DEPOTS.**

Members were informed that there was no activity in the usual nine (9) satellite depots. These are Luyaba, Chidi, Chinkoyo, Chilevwe, Siamafumba, Muzya, Misika, Kanyanga and Zimba.

Sr.	Shed	No.Farmers	Bags 50 Kgs. Sold	Value	No. bags paid for (50 kg)
1	Chinkoyo	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Chilevwe	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Luyaba	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Misika	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Muziya	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Siamafumba	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Zimba	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	Chidi	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9	Kanyanga	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Source of data: FRA-Southern region extract.

FRA- Maize purchase trend for four marketing season - Zimba District

S/n	Season	Price / 50 kg	Quantity purchased	Value of purchased
1	2019/20	K110	23,234 x 50 kg	K2,555,740
2	2020/21	K150	176,964 x 50 kg	K26,544,600
3	2021/22	K180	28,975 X 50 kg	K5,215,500
4	2022/23	K280	111,849 x 50 kg	K31,317,720

The report was **NOTED**

**PWD/672/05/24 AGRICULTURE CREDIT WINDOW (SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FINANCING FACILITY –SAFF).**

It was stated that under the Sustainable Agriculture Financing Facility- SAFF Zimba district was allocated with a total of 130 beneficiaries broken down as below

<b>Loan Amount</b>	<b>Number of Applications</b>
Zmw 10,000 (1 Ha)	70
Zmw 20,000 (2 Ha)	30
Zmw 30,000 (3 Ha)	16
Zmw 40,000 (4 Ha)	9
Zmw 50,000 (5 Ha)	5
<b>District Total</b>	<b>130</b>

- The response was overwhelming as applications received were over 475
- Two (2) banks were engaged to process and disburse funds for the applicants and these are INDO (Z) Bank domicile in Zimba and ABSA based in Livingstone
- Shortlisting of applications by the district staff at DACO’s office was done in November but the actual loan disbursement started in January
- Four (4) Agro-dealers were engaged to facilitate the redeeming of SAFF vouchers and these were; Demos Agro-dealers, Napekon Hardware & General dealers, M. Simweemba General Dealers and Jowinga General Dealers & Transport Limited.

**PWD/673/05/24 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND APPROVED**

S/n	Loan Amount (Zmw)	Hectarage (Ha)	Number of Applications			
			Received	Target	Approved	Disbursed
1	10,000.00	1	167	70	60	60
2	20,000.00	2	139	30	51	51
3	30,000.00	3	73	16	22	22
4	40,000.00	4	35	9	5	5
5	50,000.00	5	57	5	6	6
	Totals		471	130	144	144

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

Names of Financial Institutions	Number of Loan Applications			Amount Disbursed (ZWK)
	Received	Approved	Disbursed	
INDO	138	114	114	2,270,000.00
ABSA	53	30	30	580,000.00

The report was **NOTED**

There being no other business to transact upon, the meeting was declared closed at 13:40 hours, followed by a prayer from the Chief Administrative and Committee Officer Mr. Mwaanga Vincent.

**CONFIRMED THIS..... DAY .....2024.**

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MAJUBA MICHAEL  
**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**