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## RDA BAGS THREE AWARDS AT THE 2025 AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL SHOW



The awards as presented in the RDA "Bag of fame".

The Road Development Agency (RDA) scooped three awards during this year's 97th Zambia Agricultural and Commercial Show.

The Agency got the first Prize under the Best Transport Exhibit and the second Prize under the inaugural Society Presidents Award.

The RDA also got the third slot under the Best Infrastructure Development Exhibit.

The show was held under the theme, "Adapting to Climate Change."



RDA Chief Communications and Corporate Affairs Manager, Anthony Mulowa (fourth from left) led the team to receive one of the awards scooped by the Agency during the 97th Zambia Agricultural and Commercial Show in Lusaka.

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The winning team at the stand after the awards.



Eng. Maimbo J. Himululu interacting with the Judges during the Show.



Mr. Dominic Pamu taking through the Judges on the operations of the Central Materials Laboratory.



RDA participants at the 97th Zambia Agricultural and Commercial Show.

## RDA STAFF EQUIPPED WITH SKILLS IN DISCIPLINARY AND GRIEVANCE HANDLING



Head Office and Regional Human Capital and Administration Officers and Weighbridge Supervisors during the disciplinary procedure training held at Mulungushi Conference Centre.

The Road Development Agency (RDA) members of staff from Human Capital and Administration and Weighbridge Supervisors recently participated in the Disciplinary Procedure Training facilitated by the Zambia Federation of Employers (ZFE).

The training held from 14th to 15th August 2025, was aimed at equipping staff with essential knowledge and practical skills in disciplinary and grievance handling procedures, to enhance fairness and efficiency in workplace conflict management.

Speaking on behalf of the participants, Mr. Mwalusi Shinka, Weighbridge Supervisor for Kafulafuta Weighbridge, delivered a vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude for the training opportunity and noted that the knowledge gained would have a positive impact on industrial relations within the workplace.



Head Office and Regional Human Capital and Administration Officers and Weighbridge Supervisors during the disciplinary procedure training held at Mulungushi Conference Centre.



A group photo after the training.

## RDA BOARD CHAIRMAN TOURS NDOLA-SAKANIA-MUFULIRA ROAD UNDER REHABILITATION



RDA Board Chairman during the inspection of rehabilitation works on the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road.

Rehabilitation works on the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road have advanced with 17 kilometres being paved to bituminous standard on the section between the roundabout near Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola to Sakania Border.

The Toll Gate works at km9 from Levy Mwanawasa Stadium roundabout on the Sakaina-Mufulira Road section have been substantially completed.

The Road Development Agency (RDA) Board Chairman, Eng. Eugene Haazele recently took time to tour the project to appreciate the progress so far attained and challenges being faced in the implementation of the project.

The RDA has been undertaking rehabilitation works on the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Financing Model.

The Concession Agreement for the finance, design, build, operate, maintain, and transfer of 55 kilometres of the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road and border infrastructure at Sakania on the Copperbelt Province was signed with Messrs. Jaswin Ports Limited and the Government of the Republic of Zambia through the RDA, the Ministry of Finance and National Planning and the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry.



Rehabilitated section of the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road.

## LUSAKA-NDOLA DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WORKS PROGRESSING WELL



RDA Chief Communications and Corporate Affairs Manager, Anthony Mulowa interacting with Journalists during the media tour of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway Project.

The Road Development Agency (RDA) recently conducted a media tour of works on the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway to update the nation on the progress scored so far on the national and regional project.

RDA Chief Communications and Corporate Affairs Manager, Anthony Mulowa told journalists during the tour that construction works on the Lusaka–Ndola Dual Carriageway had attained tremendous progress with 415 kilometres of clearing and grubbing being undertaken and 269 kilometres of subgrade works done.

He said 231 kilometres of selected layer, 395 kilometres of cement stabilised soil, 162 kilometres and 110 kilometres of asphalt layer had been achieved.

Further, Mr. Mulowa said as of 30th June 2025, 3,510 Zambians had been engaged on the project, thereby contributing significantly to local employment growth. Those employed are engineers, administration staff, machine operators, general workers, and others.



RDA Chief Communications and Corporate Affairs Manager, Anthony Mulowa (left) with RDA Senior Engineer for Public Private Partnership (PPP) Implementation, Eng. Kakoma Kalengo during a media tour of construction works on the Lusaka–Ndola Dual Carriageway.

Meanwhile, RDA Senior Engineer for Public Private Partnership (PPP) Implementation, Kakoma Kalengo, said an independent engineer is monitoring the quality of the works.

Eng. Kalengo said the Agency was also undertaking independent quality control checks and was happy with the works undertaken thus far.

Site Engineer Chuanjun Xu from Macro Oceans Investment Consortium (MOIC-LN) said the works were progressing according to schedule.

The Concession Agreement (CA) for upgrading the Lusaka-Ndola Road into a dual carriageway was signed with Messrs. Macro Oceans Investment Consortium (MOIC-LN) at a cost of US\$649,976,167.

The Concession period is for twenty-five (25) years with three (3) years as a construction phase and twenty-two (22) years for operations and maintenance.

The project scope is to upgrade 327 kilometres of the road to a dual carriageway road from Lusaka to Ndola. The project also involves the rehabilitation of 45 kilometres of the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road, construction of approximately 30 kilometres long bypasses in Kabwe and Kapiri-Mposhi towns.

The project also involves the construction of two new Toll Plazas, one on the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Section, and the other between Chibombo and Kabwe.

One new weighbridge will be constructed at Kafulafuta with the existing one at Kapiri Mposhi being upgraded and maintained.

A new bridge is being constructed at Kafubu Bridge in Ndola.

The Concessionaire is undertaking works from four points on the project, namely from Lusaka side to Chibombo (1), Chibombo to Kapiri Mposhi (2), Kapiri Mposhi to Ndola (3) and Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road (4).

Works on the 45 kilometres Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road are 100% complete and the road has been opened to traffic.



The surfaced section of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway.



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Ongoing works on the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway Project.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTER, HON. MILUPI INSPECTS KEY ROAD PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE**



Newly constructed six-cell, 6mX4m in-situ box culvert at Chikumbwe Stream, designed to improve the drainage structure.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi conducted an inspection of ongoing road projects in Mazabuka and Monze Districts, Southern Province.

Among the projects inspected was the Rusangu to Monze Road, which is currently being upgraded to bituminous standard as part of the 62-kilometre Monze to Mazabuka Road rehabilitation project, valued at K699 million.

The Minister also inspected the 71-kilometre Monze to Niko Road (D365), which is undergoing an upgrade to bituminous standard.

The Road Development Agency (RDA) signed the contract for this project with Messrs. China Geo Engineering Corporation, in joint venture with Chipangano Builders Limited, on 7 November 2023. The contract is valued at K937,397,274.84.

Works on the project commenced on 21 November 2023 and is scheduled for substantial completion by 21 November 2025, with additional works including the Bweemba Bridge expected to be completed by July 2026.

During his visit, the Minister inspected a newly constructed six-cell, 6m by 4m in-situ box culvert at Chikumbwe Stream, designed to improve drainage during floods.

Hon. Eng. Milupi emphasized that the raised culvert boxes have been engineered with climate resilience in mind, ensuring the infrastructure can withstand changing weather patterns.

The Minister also reviewed progress on the Bweenga Bridge along the Monze to Niko Road.

The RDA Board Chairperson, Eng. Eugene Haazele explained that the old bridge was being replaced because its small openings frequently became blocked, impeding water flow.

The new structure will allow water to pass safely beneath it during heavy rains without compromising the bridge's integrity, thereby enhancing safety and durability.



Works on the Monze-Niko Road in Southern Province.



Surfaced section the Monze-Niko Road.

## **KATUNDA-LUKULU-WATOPA-MUMBEZHI ROAD IN WESTERN PROVINCE TO BE UPGRADED TO BITUMINOUS STANDARD**



Acting RDA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Jairos M'hango (middle) and AVIC International Project Engineering Company Deputy Director, Bo Yang signing the contract to upgrade to bituminous standard approximately 80 kilometres of the Katunda-Lukulu-Watopa-Mumbezhi Road (Lot 1) in Western Province as RDA Board Chairman, Eng. Eugene Haazele looks on.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has signed a contract to upgrade to bituminous standard approximately 80 kilometres of the Katunda-Lukulu-Watopa-Mumbezhi Road (Lot 1) in Western Province.

The contract was signed at Mulungushi International Conference Centre by the Acting RDA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Jairos M'hango and AVIC International Project Engineering Company Deputy Director, Bo Yang, at a contract sum of K1,430,339,436.84 VAT inclusive.

The duration of the project is 30 months.

The event was graced by the Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the scope of works includes but is not limited to:

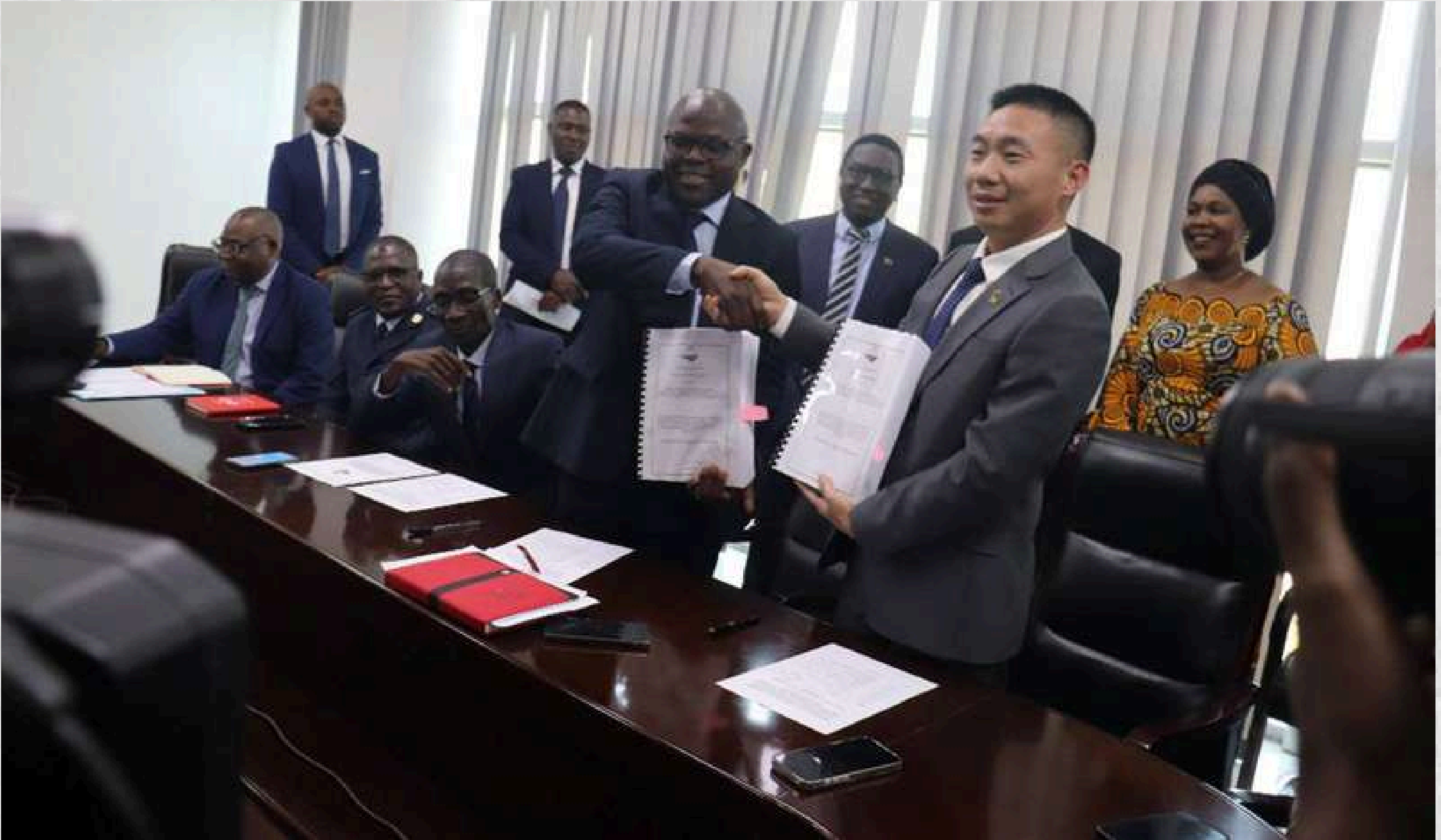
1. Clearing and grubbing;
2. Cut and fill construction operations;
3. Construction of drainage structures;
4. Widening of the existing road embankment;
5. Construction of selected subgrade, gravel subbase and cement stabilized base layers;
6. Surfacing with double seal surface dressing;
7. Provision of road signs and providing marking; and
8. Provision of guard rails and other ancillary works.

The event was also attended by Members of Parliament (MPs) in the Constituencies the road traverses. These are Mitete MP, Hon. Misheck Mutelo, Lukulu East MP, Hon. Dr. Christopher Kalila, Kaoma MP, Hon.Gen. Sitwala Sitwala and Mangango MP, Hon. Luhamba Mwene (virtually). Also in attendance was the Provincial Minister, Hon. Kapelwa Mbangweta.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi receives the signed contracts.

## CHIKANKATA ROAD AND SAMFYA-KASABA ROAD VIA LUBWE UPGRADE DEALS SEALED



A handshake to seal the contracts signed for the upgrading of the D387 Road from T1 to Chikankata in Southern Province and the upgrading to bituminous standard of approximately 80 kilometres of the Samfya-Kasaba Road via Lubwe including 5 kilometres of Township Roads in Lubwe in Luapula Province.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has signed two contracts for the upgrading of the D387 Road from T1 to Chikankata in Southern Province and the upgrading to bituminous standard of approximately 80 kilometres of the Samfya-Kasaba Road via Lubwe including 5 kilometres of Township Roads in Lubwe in Luapula Province.

The contracts were signed at the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development by the Acting RDA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Jairos M'hango and China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) Managing Director Jacques Liao.

Speaking after the signing of the contracts, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi said the move was a clear demonstration that the New Dawn Government of President Hakainde Hichilema was committed to fulfilling its promises of improving road infrastructure in all parts of the country.

"The Chikankata Road has been in a deplorable state for a very long time and it has taken the New Dawn Government to upgrade this very important road at a cost of K369,386,682.01.

"Additionally, the upgrading to bituminous standard of approximately 80 kilometres of Samfya-Kasaba Road via Lubwe (D096) has been overdue and we have signed a contract to upgrade this road, including 5 kilometres of Township Roads in Lubwe at a contract sum K937,929,384.70," he said.

"This is indeed walking the talk. The New Dawn Government has been working flat out even in the hardest of times when the country is faced with financial challenges to improve the core road network in Zambia," Hon. Eng. Milupi added.

The event was also witnessed by Fisheries and Livestock Minister, Hon. Eng. Peter Kapala who hails from Lubwe and Chikankata Member of Parliament Hon. Jaqueline Sabao.

RDA Board Chairperson, Eng. Eugene Haazele urged the contractor to ensure that the environmental and social obligation were met by the Contractor when undertaking the project.

CCECC Managing Director Jacques Liao said his firm would ensure that quality road works were undertaken and locals were employed on both projects.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi giving his remarks during the signing of contracts upgrading of the D387 Road from T1 to Chikankata in Southern Province and the upgrading to bituminous standard of approximately 80 kilometres of the Samfya-Kasaba Road via Lubwe including 5 kilometres of Township Roads in Lubwe, Luapula Province.



RDA Board Chairman, Eng. Eugene Haazele giving his remarks during the signing of the contract for upgrading of the D387 Road from T1 to Chikankata in Southern Province and the upgrading to bituminous standard of approximately 80 kilometres of the Samfya-Kasaba Road via Lubwe including 5 kilometres of Township Roads in Lubwe in Luapula Province.

## STRENGTHENING LABOUR COMPLIANCE

### .....Copperbelt Human Capital and Administration Officer Attends Judicial Pronouncements Workshop



Copperbelt Provincial Human Capital and Administration Officer, Ms. Patricia Musukwa receiving a certificate after attending the workshop.

Copperbelt Provincial Human Capital and Administration Officer, Ms. Patricia Musukwa recently attended a Zambia Institute of Human Resource Management (ZIHRM) Workshop at Garden Court Hotel in Kitwe.

The workshop was facilitated by leading Employment Law Expert Senior Counsel, James Kalokoni, was designed to update Human Resource Practitioners on the latest judicial pronouncements in Employment Law.

Key topics discussed included:

1. Severance pay;
2. Dismissing employees for the employer's own negligence;
3. Gross negligence in employment law;
4. Unfair dismissal;
5. Mutual trust in the employment relationship and;
6. Fair conduct of disciplinary hearings.

The workshop provided Human Resource professionals with critical updates to strengthen compliance, improve workplace justice, and promote sound labour relations in line with Zambian law.

## INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTER INSPECTS MAZABUKA TOLL PLAZA UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi during the inspection of construction works of the Mazabuka Toll Plaza along the Kafue-Mazabuka Road.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi recently inspected the construction works of the Mazabuka Toll Plaza along the Kafue-Mazabuka Road.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the Government places emphasis on the three fundamental principles of project management, which is the right cost, quality, and delivery on time.

He explained that the delay in completion of the project was due to the requirement of extra land of more than 300 metres, which had to be negotiated with the commercial farmers in the project area.

He was, however, happy that the matter had now been resolved.

The toll plaza is being constructed by China Railway Construction Engineering Group Ltd and supervised by Consultant Ethio Infra Engineering Plc in Joint Venture with Advanced Engineering Solutions and in Sub Consultancy with Tact Engineering Group Plc.

The works commenced on March 31, 2025, and the expected completion date is November 13, 2025. The overall physical progress stands at 20%.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi (second from left) and RDA Board Chairman, Eng. Eugene Haazele (far left) during the inspection of construction works of the Mazabuka Toll Plaza along the Kafue-Mazabuka Road.

## ABRAM ZAYONI MOKOLA TOLL PLAZA COMMISSIONED



Newly constructed Toll plaza named Abram Mokola located along the 45 kilometres Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road on the Copperbelt.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi has officially commissioned the newly constructed Abram Zayoni Mokola Toll Plaza located along the 45 kilometers Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road on the Copperbelt.

The toll plaza is part of the ongoing works to upgrade to dual carriageway the Lusaka-Ndola Road.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said during the commissioning of the toll facility yesterday that the Government had placed a high premium on the development of infrastructure such as roads because they played a fundamental role in the development of any nation.

"In addition to constructing new roads, the Government is prioritizing the maintenance of existing road assets to preserve their value," he said.

Hon. Eng. Milupi noted that traffic volumes on Zambia's core road network both from local and foreign vehicles had increased significantly over the years, exceeding the original design capacity.

This, he said, had led to accelerated deterioration of roads, necessitating routine and periodic maintenance.

He further pointed out that the collapse of the rail network over the years had forced heavy cargo, traditionally moved by rail, onto roads, creating tremendous strain and driving up maintenance costs.

"To address this challenge, the Ministry, through the Road Development Agency (RDA) and under the provisions of the Tolls Act No.14 of 2011, continues to implement the tolling programme to help fund the maintenance of the core road network," he said.

Hon. Eng. Milupi also inspected the completed Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road before commissioning the toll plaza.

He commended the quality of the rehabilitation works carried out as part of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway Project.

Public Private Partnership (PPP) Council Member, Mr. Muyunda Mukela reiterated that all PPP projects were guided by the principles of delivering them at the right cost, quality, and on time.

RDA Board Chairperson, Eng. Eugene Haazele expressed concern over the common challenge of maintaining new roads, which often leads to rapid deterioration.

Eng. Haazele noted that with the coming of the PPP Financing Model, this challenge would be addressed as the Concessionaire would maintain the road for 22 years, ensuring its longevity.

Meanwhile, speaking during the commissioning of the toll plaza, Eng. Haazele said the RDA would continue to implement the Government Policy of attracting private investors in the road sector.

He said from the time the Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road was rehabilitated under the PPP Financing Model, Zambia had recorded an increased appetite of the private sector partnering with the public sector to develop road infrastructure.



RDA Board Members, staff and invited guests following proceedings during the commissioning of the Abram Mokola Toll Plaza

## KASOMENO-MWENDA ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECT IN LUAPULA PROVINCE TAKING SHAPE



Preparatory works for the Kasomeno-Mwenda Road and Bridge.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi inspected construction works of the Kasomeno-Mwenda Road and Bridge Project in Mwense District in Luapula Province.

The works also include the construction of border infrastructure on the Zambian side and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The facility is part of the Kasomeno–Mwenda Toll Road Project, being implemented under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) financing model by the Concessionaire Groupe Européen de Développement (GED) Africa/Zambia Limited, and the project sponsor is Duna Aszfalt.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi led PPP Council, MIHUD and RDA Officials to inspect construction works of the Kasomeno-Mwenda Road and Bridge Project in Mwense District.

GED Africa/Zambia signed a Concession Agreement with the Zambian Government to finance, design, build, operate, maintain and Toll the Kasomeno-Mwenda Road including a One Stop Border Post (OSBP) and bridge across the Luapula River. Concession Period of 25 years.

GED also signed a Concession Agreement to undertake similar works on the DRC side.

The scope of works among others includes:

1. Upgrading the existing carriageway to bituminous standard with deviations;
2. Construction of a Cable-Stayed Bridge across the Luapula River;
3. Construction of a Composite Bridge across the Luongo River;
4. Establishment of a One Stop Border Post (OSBP);
5. Installation of a weighbridge; and
6. Development of toll plazas.

The Minister's inspection is part of his ongoing tour of road infrastructure projects in Copperbelt and Luapula Provinces.

He was accompanied by members of the PPP Council, officials from the Ministry, Road Development Agency (RDA), and National Road Fund Agency (NRFA).



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi led PPP Council, MIHUD and RDA Officials to inspect construction works of the Kasomeno-Mwenda Road and Bridge Project in Mwense District.



Artistic outlook of the of Kasomeno-Mwenda One Stop Border Post (OSBP).

## PPP COUNCIL MEMBERS INSPECT THE LUSAKA-NDOLA DUAL CARRIAGEWAY PROJECT



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi with PPP Council Members, MIHUD and RDA Officials to inspect the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway Project.

The Council Members of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP), led by Council Vice Chairperson who is also the Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi, inspected the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway Project.

The project involves upgrading 327 kilometers of the road to a dual carriageway from Lusaka to Ndola, rehabilitating 45 kilometers of the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road, and constructing approximately 30 kilometers of bypasses in Kabwe and Kapiri-Mposhi towns.

Works on the dual carriageway have recorded a physical progress of 45%, while the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road works have been completed, and the road has been opened to traffic.

The project is being undertaken under a PPP financing model, with a Concession Agreement signed with MOIC-LN Consortium at a cost of USD 649,976,167. The Concession Period is 25 years, with 3 years for construction and 22 years for operations and maintenance.

The Minister's inspection is part of a broader tour to review various road projects in the Copperbelt and Luapula Provinces.

The Minister was accompanied by the PPP Council Members, Officials of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, the RDA, and the Media.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi with PPP Council Members, MIHUD and RDA Officials inspect the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway Project.

## MINISTER SPEAKS TOUGH ON OVERLOADING ON PUBLIC ROADS



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi during the inspection of the Materials Laboratory at the MOIC-LN Construction Camp.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi has emphasized the importance of protecting Zambia's roads, especially in light of the significant investment in infrastructure projects.

Speaking during an inspection of the materials laboratory at the MOIC-LN Construction Camp, Hon. Eng. Milupi warned that road users found with overloaded trucks will face penalties.

"I will not entertain people who overload. When it comes to quality assurance, you have seen what goes into the construction of these roads," he warned.

"The materials are very expensive, and that is why we urge everyone to take care of the infrastructure." He further stressed that the goal was to ensure the longevity of roads, such as the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway, which was currently 45% complete.

"We want these roads to last, that's why we ask all road users to adhere to load limits," he added.

The Minister revealed that additional weighbridges are being installed along the stretch to monitor Axle Load Compliance.

The system will detect and flag vehicles that exceed the permissible axle load.

Hon. Eng. Milupi also reminded the public that the roads are now under a concessionaire, making it even more critical to ensure their protection.

The Minister was accompanied by Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Council Members, officials from the Road Development Agency (RDA) Officials, the team from the Concessionaire and members of the media.

## MINISTER MILUPI IMPRESSED WITH WORKS ON THE NDOLA-SAKANIA-MUFULIRA ROAD



Infrastructure, Housing, and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi inspecting works on the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road on the Copperbelt Province.

Minister of Infrastructure, Housing, and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi has expressed satisfaction with the quality and progress of works on the Ndola–Sakania-Mufulira Road on the Copperbelt Province.

Speaking during an inspection of the project, the Minister noted that the road rehabilitation is part of an extended initiative that also includes the development of the Sakania Border Post.

The project aims to improve road infrastructure, streamline customs procedures, reduce transit times, and enhance cross-border trade efficiency.

As part of the works, a newly constructed toll plaza has been completed and named in honor of prominent Ndola businessman and sports administrator, Mr. Tom Mtine.

The Ndola–Sakania–Mufulira Road project is being implemented under a PPP Financing Model between the Government and Messrs. Jaswin Ports Limited, with a total investment of US\$76.1 million.

The scope of work includes road construction and border infrastructure development.



Construction works of the One Stop Border Post at Mokambo.



Infrastructure, Housing, and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi and entourage during the inspection of works at Sakania Border.

## **KASUMBALESA ONE STOP BORDER POST CONSTRUCTION WORKS RECORDS GOOD PROGRESS**



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi inspecting ongoing construction works at the Kasumbalesa One Stop Border Post facility in Chililabombwe.

Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles Milupi recently inspected ongoing construction works at the Kasumbalesa One Stop Border Post (OSBP) facility in Chililabombwe.

Speaking during the tour, the Minister expressed satisfaction with the pace of works and reiterated the Government's commitment to enhancing trade infrastructure for economic growth.

The Kasumbalesa OSBP Concession Agreement was signed on November 15, 2024, between the Government of the Republic of Zambia and ZMART, at a total cost of US\$140.67 million.

The ambitious project not only covers the development of the modern border facility but also includes the construction of 10 kilometres of urban roads in Chililabombwe and 10 kilometres in Chingola.

These road works will improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion, and facilitate trade between Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The Minister was accompanied by members of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Council, Officials from the Ministry, the Road Development Agency (RDA), and the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA).



Construction works and Kasumbalesa OSBP.



Construction works at Kasumbalesa OSBP.

## BLUE LAGOON ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN SHIBUYUNJI DISTRICT LAUNCHED



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi, unveils the plaque during the ground-breaking ceremony of the Blue Lagoon Road alongside Central Province Minister, Hon. Mwashike Nkulukusa, Mwebeshi Member of Parliament, Hon. Machila Jamba, Mumbwa Central Member of Parliament, Hon. Credo Nanjuwa and Chilanga Member of Parliament, Hon. Sipho Hlazo.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi has launched works to upgrade to bituminous standard approximately 98 kilometres of the Blue Lagoon Road from Farmers Junction turnoff on Mumbwa Road to Muchabi Secondary and Primary Schools and 7 kilometres into the Blue Lagoon National Park.

The Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has entered into a contract with China Civil Engineering and Kaaz Concrete Solutions Limited Joint Venture (JV) to undertake the works.

Speaking during the Groundbreaking Ceremony held in Shibuyunji District, Hon. Eng. Milupi said the contract also included Package 2, with three important feeder roads that link surrounding communities which are: the 22.5 kilometres road between Situmbeko and Chimbotela; the 16 kilometres connection from Situmbeko to Mutumbi; and the 38.5 kilometres route linking Kasalu to Keezwa.

The contract sum for the two packages is K1,123,708,343.63.

“It is however important to note that today’s Groundbreaking Ceremony is for Phase 1, which is 98 kilometres of the Blue Lagoon Road from Farmers Junction turnoff on Mumbwa Road to Muchabi Secondary and Primary Schools and 7 kilometres into the Blue Lagoon National Park.

“The New Dawn Government of His Excellency President Hakainde Hichilema has prioritised economic revival and growth as the main driver of our social transformation and development agenda. Our government believes that once the economy is back on track, it will be easier to mobilise finance to sustain social programmes needed to address poverty and improve the livelihoods of our people,” he said.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the Government in the undertaking to revive the economy, considered the road sector as one of the most important drivers of the economic recovery plan.

“Good quality roads promote efficiency in the movement and delivery of goods, services, and people, and are a prerequisite for enhanced economic activity growth and poverty alleviation,” he said.

He urged the contractor to ensure adherence to the Government Policy on the quality of works and the timely delivery of projects.

Hon. Eng. Milupi also emphasized the Government’s Policy of job creation for locals as such important projects were opportunities for our people to be offered work.

“Further, the Government expects the project to offer opportunities to small-scale contractors through sub-contracting of a portion of the works. this is government policy and must be implemented without fail,” he added.



Construction equipment mobilized.

The event was also attended by Central Province Minister, Hon. Mwabashike Nkulukusa, Mwembeshi Member of Parliament, Hon. Machila Jamba, Mumbwa Central Member of Parliament, Hon. Credo Nanjuwa and Chilanga Member of Parliament, Hon. Siphon Hlazo.

RDA Board of Directors Chairman, Eng. Eugene Haazele said the project was of strategic importance in enhancing connectivity, supporting economic activities, and improving access to essential services.

Eng. Haazele said the contract was signed on 9th May 2025 with China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation and Kaaz Concrete Solutions Limited (JV) and Bicon Zambia Limited are the Consultants for the project.

The contract duration period is 18 months with a defect liability period of three years.

He said the scope involved in the upgrading of approximately 98 kilometres of the road to bituminous standard includes the following key components:

1. Clearing and grubbing and earthworks;
2. Pavement layers of gravel lower subbase, cement stabilized gravel upper subbase and cement stabilized gravel base with double seal surface dressing;
3. Construction of Lundashi Bridge, to consist of two spans of each 15 metres, composite concrete-steel girder deck supported on abutments and a singular pier providing support at mid span;
4. Construction of Muchabi Bridge, to consist of a single span of 20 metres, composite concrete-steel girder deck supported on abutments;

5. Construction of box and pipe culverts;
6. Construction of concrete drains, mitre drains and stone pitching and other erosion protection features;
7. Installation of street solar lights;
8. Road finishing and landscaping;
9. Road signs and markings; and
10. Protection and implementation of environmental and social management and health and safety plans.

Eng. Haazele said preparations at the contractor's main site camp, located approximately 30 kilometres along the Blue Lagoon Road from the Mumbwa (M9) intersection, are currently in progress.

Eng. Haazele said, according to the timeline outlined in the approved programme of works, the contractor began setting up the site on June 1, 2025, with all establishment activities expected to be completed within 92 days, ending on August 31, 2025.

He assured the Government of the Board and Management's firm commitment and dedication to successfully implement the Blue Lagoon Road Project and associated works.

"This will be done within the Government's Policy directive of the right price, specified quality, and delivered timely," he said.



RDA Staff and guests following the proceedings.

## MR. CHARLES CHONGO RETIREMENT SEND-OFF IN PICTURES



Mr. Charles Chongo displaying his portrait gift.

The office of the Provincial Roads Engineer Northern held a send-off dinner in honour of Mr. Charles Chongo, who retired on 30th August 2025. Mr. Chongo started his journey with the Agency on 20th June 2025 as a Technician.

We wish him prosperity in his future endeavors.



Group photo of the RDA Northern team.

# RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER

## NEGLIGENCE AND OR NON-COMPLIANCE CAN SPELL TROUBLE

In every organization, especially in a government agency like RDA, the phrase “negligence and/or non-compliance can spell trouble” is more than just a warning—it’s a proven truth.

Let’s imagine this for a minute: A contractor fails to follow the quality specifications during road construction say the Chinsali Nakonde road project, and neither the project engineer, or the regional office or any one attached to the project fails to raise the flags, could be they have not seen it or taken it is not a serious matter or overlooked in the busy work schedules. Months later after the project has even been handed over, the road begins to deteriorate prematurely. Public outcry grows and the common term used “Ba RDA nabo kuwayaywa fye” is being used all over social media platforms. Suddenly, the agency is under investigation, the project’s credibility is lost, and resources must be re-allocated to fix what should have lasted. What started as a small act of negligence spiraled into reputational, operational, and financial damage!!!!

Such failures or negligence are not only project construction, but may be found in procurement, finance, contract management, and road safety. All functions of the Agency, there might be someone who may be negligent in the line of duty. The Risks faced in such cases are real, like Regulatory fines, lawsuits, delays, and even the loss of public trust can follow swiftly.

What is the Cost of Looking Away?

Non-compliance and negligence are often rooted in the assumption that “nothing will happen.” But in risk management, we know better. Every procedure exists for a reason. Every internal control, checklist, or guideline is designed not to slow us down, but to shield the organization from possible avoidable harm.

So, What Can We Do?

Own your process: Understand that compliance is not just a legal requirement, it’s a professional responsibility.

Report concerns early: If something feels or seems out of line in most cases it must be out of line, raise the flag. Early detection is a key tool in risk mitigation.

Stay updated: Policies, Policies and standards evolve. Make it a habit to refresh your knowledge in your line of work and ask questions stay up to date!!

Build a risk-aware culture: Every department, every unit, every staff member has a role to play in Risk Management. We are all responsible for managing our risks as we endeavor to attain the Agency’s objectives!!!!

Conclusion

In the end, negligence and non-compliance are choices—often unintentional, but always avoidable. Let’s choose to stay alert, stay informed, and stay compliant. Because in our line of work, one overlooked detail can stall a whole project and lead to devastating operational and reputational damage.

Let’s build, not just roads and bridges but also a culture of accountability!!!!

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