



An accessible well maintained fit-for-purpose road network



To provide sustainable road infrastructure for domestic and regional accessibility to spur socio-economic development

GOVERNMENT SIGNS CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR THE UPGRADING OF SOLWEZI-KIPUSHI ROAD



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi and Finance and National Planning, Minister, Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane display the newly signed Concession Agreement to upgrade to bituminous the Solwezi -Kipushi Road.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has signed a Concession Agreement to upgrade to bituminous standard the 111 kilometres Solwezi-Kipushi Road and upgrading Border Infrastructure at Kipushi in North Western Province.

The signing ceremony took place at Yowela School in Kipush. The project cost is US\$145,270,114.50 and the Concessionaire is Borderway Capital Investments.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi said the Concession period is 25 years, 3 years is for construction and 22 years' operation and maintenance.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the Government under the leadership of President Hakainde Hichilema, placed a high premium on

growing the economy at a faster rate and one of the major drivers of Government's economic growth agenda was trade.

"As a result, we have embarked on a deliberate policy of linking the country with our neighbouring countries through infrastructure development in order to facilitate trade. Our infrastructure agenda is anchored on harnessing our land-linked status as a country, through the development of critical trade corridors," he said.

Finance and National Planning Minister, Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane said the Solwezi-Kipushi Road was an important link that would contribute greatly to the country's economic agenda once upgraded.



Part of the audience that witnessed the signing ceremony of the Concession Agreement to upgrade to bituminous the Solwezi-Kipushi Road.



The current state of Solwezi-Kipushi Road.

GOVERNMENT SIGNS CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION ON THE MUTANDA- KASEMPA-KAOMA ROAD



Education Minister, Hon. Douglas Siakalima, Finance and National Planning Minister, Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane and Labour and Social Security Minister, Hon. Brenda Tambatamba display the signed Concession Agreement for the construction to bituminous standard the 371 kilometres Mutanda-Kasempa-Kaoma Road.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has signed a Concession Agreement for the construction to bituminous standard the 371 kilometres Mutanda-Kasempa-Kaoma Road.

The signing ceremony recently took place at Kaunda Square in Kasempa District in North-Western Province.

Finance and National Planning Minister, Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Road Development Agency (RDA) Acting Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Jairos Mhango and Commerce, Trade and Industry Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Bwalya signed on behalf of the Government.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi in a speech read on his behalf by Education Minister, Hon. Douglas Siakalima said the Government had embarked on the upgrading and reconstruction of key infrastructure facilities across the country.

“One of the key projects earmarked for construction is the Mutanda via Kasempa to Kaoma Road using the Public Private Partnership (PPP) financing model” he said.

He said the concession period is for 25 years, of which 2 years is for construction, while the remaining 23 years is for operation and maintenance by the Concessionaire.

The road will be financed and undertaken by Baroste Highway Limited (BHL) in partnership with First Quantum Minerals (FQM) at an estimated cost of US\$ 326,401,330.98 and will be covered by private financing, alleviating the burden on the local economy, with financing repayment plan relying on the forecasted revenue generated from toll fees.

The general scope of the project entails the construction of 371 kilometres to bituminous standard road, double surface dressing from Mutanda via Kasempa to Kaoma. It also includes the construction of 20 kilometres of urban roads, 10 kilometres in Kasempa and 10 kilometres in Kaoma Districts, respectively.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said two new bridges will be constructed at Lalafuta Bridge and Luena Bridge in Kaoma, replacing the current existing ones.

He said in addition, three toll plazas will be constructed, one on the Kaoma-Kasempa Road and the other two between Kasempa and Mutanda Road. Two weighbridges will also be constructed along the road corridor.

The Concessionaire also intends to build social infrastructure along the road corridor, which may include schools, health posts, markets, and police stations/posts for the benefit of the local people.

The Mutanda to Kaoma Road forms a crucial corridor fostering the movement of goods within Zambia and connecting the region to Walvis Bay in Namibia.

The road also complements the Lumwana to Kambimba Road and the Solwezi to Kipushi Road which will also be worked on under the PPP Financing Model.

He said once the Mutanda to Kaoma Road is brought into a maintainable standard, it would facilitate traffic flow from Lumwana and Kipushi to Mutanda and from Mutanda to Walvis Bay, boosting regional trade and economic ties with neighboring countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).



RDA Acting Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Jairos Mhango appending his signature to the Concession Agreement and next to him is Education Minister, Hon. Douglas Siakalima.



His Royal Highness Senior Chief Mumena.



RDA Board of Directors Chairperson, Eng. Mulchand Kuntawala and NRFA Board of Directors Chairperson, Mr. Noel Nkhoma following proceedings during the signing ceremony of the Concession Agreement for the construction to bituminous standard the Mutanda-Kasempa-Kaoma Road.



Some members of the public that witnessed the signing ceremony of the Concession Agreement for the construction of bituminous standard the 371 kilometres Mutanda-Kasempa-Kaoma Road.

UPDATE ON REHABILITATION WORKS OF THE CHINSALI-NAKONDE ROAD



Completed section of the Chinsali-Nakonde Road with road markings.

Works on the 210 kilometres Chinsali-Nakonde Road have attained 99% completion point and road marking is underway.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has been rehabilitating the Chinsali-Nakonde Road in Muchinga Province.

The rehabilitation works were split in two sections, Lot 1 is from Chinsali-Isoka (103 kilometres) and Lot 2 is from Isoka-Nakonde (107 kilometres).

Meanwhile, a total 1150 people have been employed during the construction phase.

Works are expected to be completed before the end of 2024.



The newly rehabilitated Chinsali-Nakonde Road.

NDOLA-SAKANIA-MUFULIRA ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS



Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road works.

Rehabilitation works on the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Financing Model have continued to register progress.

The Concessionaire has made progress and has paved 2.3 kilometres with asphalt layer out of the 17 kilometres being worked on from Ndola Roundabout to Sakania Border.

The construction of the Toll Gate at Mitengo area in Ndola is also progressing well.

The Concession Agreement for the finance, design, build, operate, maintain, and transfer of 55 kilometers of the Ndola-Sakania-Mufulira Road and border infrastructure at Sakania on the Copperbelt Province was signed with Jaswin Ports Limited.



Civil works on the Ndola-Mufulira Road.

EARLY WORKS COMMENCE ON LUMWANA-KAMBIMBA ROAD



The Concessionaire engaged to construct the Lumwana-Kambimba Road in North Western Province has commenced early works on the project which will also connect Zambia to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

This is a Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project for the design, build, finance, operate maintain and transfer of the Kambimba Border Post and 85 kilometres of roads from the junction of T5 at Lumwana-Kambimba Border Post.

The Concession Agreement was signed on 26th September 2024 with Sandstone Consortium Limited, and the project cost is estimated at US\$ 118,934,196.00.

The parties have agreed to a 25-year concession period during which the Concessionaire will construct the road, border, and other project infrastructure over the course of two (2) years.

After that, the Concessionaire will enter the project's operation phase, during which they will care for and maintain the project facilities for the remainder of the concession life.

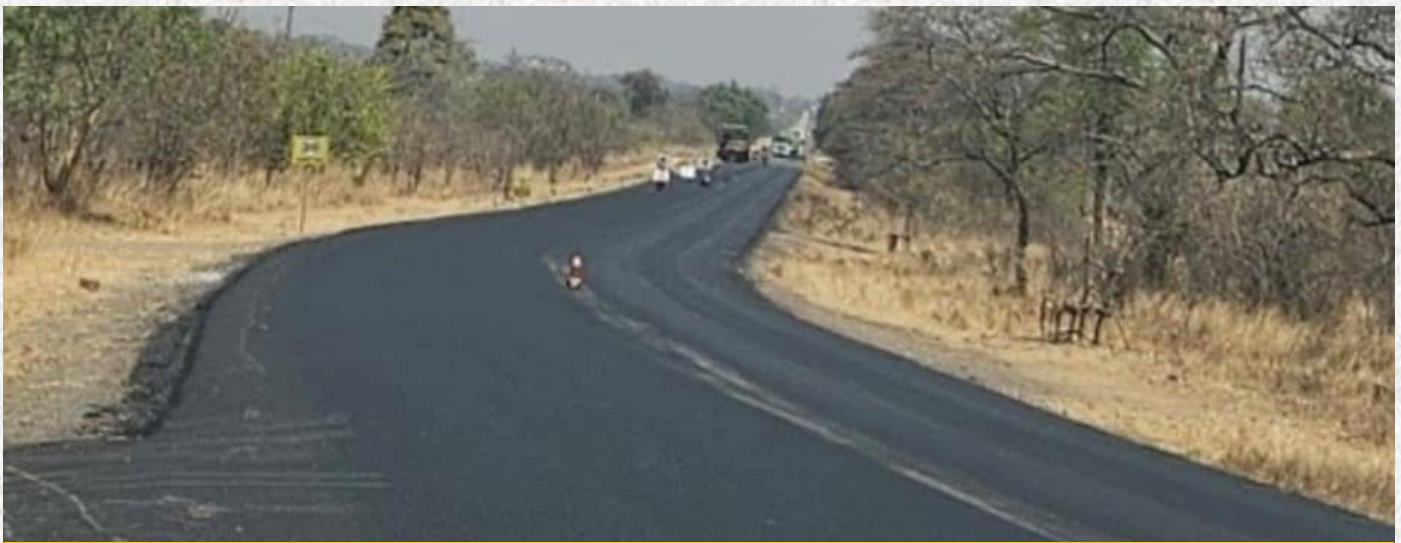
The physical progress for the early works is as follows:

1. Camp establishment is at 75% complete;
2. Clearing of trees using local labour is at kilometre 24;
3. Clearing and grubbing is at kilometre 23; and
4. Road centre line alignment as reached kilometre 30 and works are ongoing.



Lumwana-Kambimba Road works have commenced in North Western Province.

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE WORKS ON THE MAZABUKA-MONZE ROAD



Ongoing periodic maintenance works on the Mazabuka-Monze Road.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) on 6th March 2024 embarked on the periodic maintenance of T1 Road section between Mazabuka General Hospital-Monze Town.

The contract duration for the 62 kilometres stretch is 12 months and the works are expected to be completed in March 2025. The contractor is Messrs. Kailjee Construction (Z) Limited and is being supervised by Messrs. Zulu Burrow Consulting Limited.

The scope of works differs from one section to another based on the existing road condition. In a nutshell, it involves pothole

patching and leveling, resurfacing with 50-millimetre hot mix asphalt, shoulder replenishing and repair of selected drainage structures.

Works are in progress and approximately 27 kilometres out of target 62 kilometres has been paved with asphalt translating to a progress of approximately 44%. The completed surfacing is on the section between Magoye and Monze Town.

Installation of road signage, furniture and markings will start on 23rd December 2024 and is expected to be completed by 7th January 2025.



Periodic maintenance works on the Mazabuka-Monze Road.

UPDATE ON THE KATETE-CHANIDA ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS



Rehabilitation works on Katete-Chanida Road in Eastern Province.

The rehabilitation works of the 55 kilometres Katete-Chanida Road and the associated One Stop Border facilities at Chanida in Eastern Province under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Financing Model are progressing well.

The recorded progress for the major works involves the following:

- 1) Subbase construction and stabilization-5 kilometres;
- 2) Crushed stone base construction-3 kilometres; and
- 3) Asphalt concrete surfacing-3 kilometres.

It should be noted that the 3 kilometres section that has been surfaced is within Katete Central Business District (CBD) and that this section has been problematic during the dry and rainy seasons.

The completion of this section has immediately improved the business environment, and the business community is very appreciative of this development.



Ongoing works on the Katete-Chanida Road.

RDA STAFFER DIES AFTER SUSTAINING INJURIES IN A ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT



The late Mr. Jacob Bwalya.

On a sad note, the Road Development Agency (RDA) lost one of the dedicated officers in a road traffic accident on 18th December 2024.

Mr. Jacob Bwalya, an Officer at Kafulafuta Weighbridge on the Copperbelt Province, was involved in road traffic accident 10 kilometres away from Ndola Central Business District (CBD) on the Lusaka-Ndola Road.

Also involved in the accident were three others. Two colleagues from the RDA and one from the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA).

May the Soul of Mr. Bwalya rest in eternal peace and sincere condolences to the family.

RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER



Imagine the Possibilities

Last week, I found myself walking along Cairo Road in Lusaka's bustling CBD. I approached a mobile money booth, intending to send some money. To my surprise, the agent wasn't at her station. A few moments later, I spotted her nearby—sweeping and cleaning her “office space.”

It struck me. Cleaning the CBD is a task assigned to the local authorities, and while they make an effort, the city still struggles with cleanliness. Yet, here was this lady, taking responsibility for her small corner of the CBD. Her actions got me thinking: What if everyone trading in the CBD cleaned their trading area? Imagine the transformation—a clean, welcoming, and vibrant city center!

Now, take that same thought and apply it to our work at RDA. What if every single one of us took ownership of managing risks in our everyday work? Imagine the impact: an organization with minimal and manageable risks, an environment that fosters productivity, and, most importantly, the seamless achievement of RDA's 8 strategic objectives. That's a win for everyone!

Risk Management is a Shared Responsibility

Risk Management isn't the responsibility of a single individual, department, or unit. It's a collective effort. Each one of us at RDA has a role to play in identifying, analyzing, evaluating, treating, and monitoring risks. It's not a one-off activity—it's a continuous process that integrates into everything we do, day by day.

Imagine this: a risk-aware RDA where everyone actively contributes to managing risks, adhering to mitigation measures, and creating a resilient organization. It would be transformational, wouldn't it?

Now, It's Time to Act

So, now that you've imagined what's possible—what's next? **GO DO IT!**

Let's each take a moment to reflect on how we can contribute to managing risks within our spheres of work. Together, we can build a stronger, safer, and more efficient RDA—just as that mobile money agent inspires us with her small yet impactful actions.

Let's not just imagine. Let's make it a reality.