



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

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HEAD – 11

**2024 ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE BUDGET POLICY
STATEMENT**

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CHAIRPERSON,

I THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE 2024 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT FOR HEAD 11, ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE.

THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL SECURITY. THE CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE ARE OUTLINED IN ARTICLE 193(2) OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ACT NO. 2 OF 2016 OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA AS FOLLOWS: -

- i. PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY;
- ii. PRESERVE PEACE AND MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER;
- iii. ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE;
- iv. DETECT AND PREVENT CRIME;
- v. UPHOLD THE BILL OF RIGHTS;
- vi. FOSTER AND PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEFENCE FORCE, OTHER NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY; AND
- vii. PERFORM OTHER FUNCTIONS AS PRESCRIBED.

CHAIRPERSON,

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE IS ***“TO ENFORCE THE LAW FOR A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH REFORMS”***.

IN THE YEAR 2023, THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN PEACEFUL GENERALLY. THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE HAS BEEN

IMPLEMENTING A NUMBER OF STRATEGIES IN ORDER TO REDUCE CRIME. THE STRATEGIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING; HOTSPOT POLICING, COMMUNITY POLICING, INTELLIGENCE LED POLICING, FOOT AND MOTORISED PATROLS, ENGAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH VARIOUS PLATFORMS SUCH AS RADIO PROGRAMMES, T.V PROGRAMMES AND DRAMA SHOWS AMONG OTHERS.

CHALLENGES FACED

CHAIRPERSON,

IN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE EXPERIENCED A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES WHICH NEGATIVELY AFFECTED ITS SERVICE DELIVERY. THESE INCLUDE:

1. LOW STAFFING LEVELS

THE CURRENT NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS POLICING THE NATION IS INADEQUATE. THE POPULATION GROWTH AND OTHER FACTORS HAVE INCREASED THE DEMAND FOR POLICING SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY. CURRENTLY, ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE HAS A TOTAL STRENGTH OF **21,944** POLICE OFFICERS POLICING A POPULATION OF ABOUT **20** MILLION PEOPLE. THIS REPRESENTS A POLICING RATIO OF **1** POLICE OFFICER TO **894** CITIZENS. THIS IS BELOW THE UNITED NATIONS RECOMMENDED STANDARD POLICING RATIO OF ONE (**1**) POLICE OFFICER TO **450** CITIZENS.

2. NON-PAYMENT OF OTHER PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS

AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023 OUTSTANDING ARREARS ON OTHER PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS STOOD AT **K176, 846,792.55**.

3. OUTSTANDING DEBT

AS AT 30THJUNE, 2023, ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE HAD AN OUTSTANDING DEBT OF **K 434, 073,846.58** ON SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

4. INADEQUATE TRANSPORT

THE CURRENT FLEET FOR THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE STANDS AT **520** MOTOR VEHICLES AGAINST THE IDEAL NUMBER OF **1,857** MOTOR VEHICLES CREATING A DEFICIT OF **1,337**. THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES FACED BY THE INSTITUTION. I AM GLAD TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS PROCURED MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE IN ALL CONSTITUENCIES IN THE COUNTRY USING THE CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND. THIS WILL MITIGATE THE CURRENT TRANSPORT CHALLENGE THE INSTITUTION IS FACING.

INADEQUATE STAFF AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE CONTINUES TO FACE A SERIOUS CHALLENGE OF BOTH STAFF AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION. THE INSTITUTION HAS A TOTAL OF **7,891** HOUSING UNITS AGAINST THE **21,944** POLICE OFFICERS IN THE COUNTRY. THIS

MEANS THAT THERE IS A DEFICIT OF **14,053** HOUSING UNITS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL POLICE OFFICERS. THIS SHORTAGE HAS CAUSED MANY OFFICERS TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE POLICE CAMPS AND THIS SITUATION CREATES A CHALLENGE IN MOBILIZING OFFICERS DURING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

FOCUS FOR 2024 BUDGET

CHAIRPERSON,

THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE (ZPS) PROPOSED BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR 2024 IS **K2,637,623,403** COMPARED TO **K2,201,519,794** IN 2023 REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF **19.8%**. THE PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS (PES) BUDGET ALLOCATION HAS INCREASED FROM **K1,890,186,107** IN 2023 TO **K2,280,415,256** IN 2024 REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF **20%**. THE INCREASE IS AS A RESULT OF THE RECRUITMENT OF **2000** POLICE OFFICERS AND PLAIN CLOTH ALLOWANCE FOR DETECTIVES. THE OPERATIONS ALLOCATION HAS INCREASED FROM **K103,034,161** IN **2023** TO **K120,990,304** IN **2024**. THE ALLOCATION FOR UTILITIES HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AT **K13,947,077**. FOOD RATIONS ALLOCATION HAS INCREASED FROM **K56,925,973** IN **2023** TO **K131,925,973** IN **2024** REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF **131.75%**. THE ALLOCATION FOR OTHER PROGRAMMES HAS INCREASED FROM **K21,842,512** IN 2023 TO **K30,063,974** IN 2024 REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF **37.6%**. THE BREAKDOWN FOR THE BUDGETARY ALLOCATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- I. PES – **K2,280,415,256;**
- II. OPERATIONS- **K120,990,304;**
- III. UTILITIES – **K13,947,077;**
- IV. FOOD RATIONS – **K131,925,973;**
- V. OTHER PROGRAMMES – **K30,063,974;** AND
- VI. APPROPRIATION IN AID – **K9, 530,000.**

CHAIRPERSON,

THE FOCUS OF ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE WILL BE TO PREVENT AND DETECT CRIME, MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER THROUGH STRATEGIES SUCH AS COMMUNITY POLICING AND HOTSPOT POLICING.

THE INSTITUTION WILL ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER THROUGH: -

- I. SCALING UP CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMMES;
- II. COMPLETION OF ON-GOING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS;
- III. DISMANTLING OF OUTSTANDING ARREARS;
- IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROVED ZPS ESTABLISHMENT; AND
- V. IMPLEMENTING CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES.

THE NEW DAWN GOVERNMENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROGRESSIVELY IMPROVE STAFFING LEVELS OF THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE IN ORDER TO WORK TOWARDS THE DESIRED POLICING RATIO.

CHAIRPERSON,

IN SUMMARY, THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET FOR THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE IS **K2,637,623,403** BROKEN DOWN UNDER THE FOUR BUDGET PROGRAMMES AS FOLLOWS:

- I. CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICING SERVICES
K1,589,318,067;
- II. CRIME DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES-
K389,848,959;
- III. POLICE TECHNICAL AND SPECIALISED SERVICES-
K391,420,890; AND
- IV. MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES – **K267, 035,487.**

CHAIRPERSON,

I SEEK FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION OF THE 2024 HEAD 11-ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE BUDGET.

CHAIRPERSON, I THANK YOU.