



Republic of Zambia

Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security

National Immigration Services

HEAD 23

MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT

November, 2023

CHAIRPERSON,

LET ME THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2024.

THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION DRAWS ITS MANDATE FROM THE IMMIGRATION AND DEPORTATION ACT NO 18 OF 2010 (AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 19 OF 2016) OF THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA. ITS MANDATE IS TO FACILITATE AND REGULATE THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS ENTERING AND LEAVING THE COUNTRY AND CONTROL THE STAY OF IMMIGRANTS AND VISITORS IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNAL SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

CHAIRPERSON,

ALLOW ME TO COMMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE LAST THREE QUARTERS OF 2023 HAS

GENERALLY BEEN SATISFACTORY. UNDER BORDER MANAGEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT FACILITATED ENTRY AND EXIT OF PERSONS AT ALL PORTS OF ENTRY AND PREVENTED IRREGULAR MIGRATION BY CONDUCTING BORDER PATROLS.

IN AN ENDEAVOR TO CONTROL THE STAY OF MIGRANTS IN THE COUNTRY, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED VARIOUS PERMITS TO IMMIGRANTS IN THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO REGULARISE THEIR STAY. THE DEPARTMENT FURTHER CARRIED OUT VARIOUS OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS: CLEAN-UP OPERATIONSS, CHASE-UPS, ROAD BLOCKS, STING-OPERATIONS, REMOVALS AND DEPORTATIONS OF IREGULAR IMMIGRANTS. IN DOING SO, THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH THE COLLECTION OF NON-TAX REVENUE FROM PERMIT AND VISA FEES, WHICH COLLECTIONS FOR THE THREE QUARTERS OF 2023 AMOUNT TO FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE KWACHA (**ZMW 539,593,571**) AGAINST THE ANNUAL TARGET OF SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT MILLION TWENTY

THOUSAND KWACHA

ZMW 748, 020, 000

REPRESENTING SEVENTY TWO PERCENT (**72%**) OF THE SET TARGET.

THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY RECRUITED AND TRAINED THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN (347) IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS AND NINETY-ONE (91) BORDER GUARDS. THESE TRAINED YOUNG OFFICERS ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO VARIOUS STATIONS COUNTRY-WIDE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE INCREASED MAN POWER WILL HELP IMPROVE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

DESPITE THE SUCCESSES RECORDED, THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS HAVE CONTINUED TO BE STIFFLED BY INADEQUATE FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES, INADEQUATE TRANSPORT, DILAPIDATED STAFF AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AS WELL AS THE LACK OF HOLDING FACILITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN TRAINING SCHOOL TO MEET INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES.

FOCUS FOR 2024 BUDGET

CHAIRPERSON,

THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOCUS ON ENSURING THAT THE IMMIGRATION AND DEPORTATION ACT AND OTHER POLICY DOCUMENTS IT USES WHEN CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE, ARE ALIGNED WITH THE RECENTLY APPROVED NATIONAL MIGRATION POLICY. FURTHER, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOCUS ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS INCREASED IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF BORDER GUARDS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FURTHER ENDEAVOUR TO ENHANCE INTERNAL SECURITY BY DEPLOYING BORDER GUARDS TO MAN THE LONG STRECHES OF THE BORDERLINE IN ORDER TO CURB ILLEGAL CROSSING OF MIGRANTS AND OTHER TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES SUCH AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING OF PERSONS.

IN THE 2024 BUDGET, THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IS THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

KWACHA (**ZMW 342,559,421**) TO CATER FOR TWO PROGRAMMES NAMELY MIGRATION SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES. THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION FOR EACH PROGRAMME IS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: -

1. MIGRATION SERVICES PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR MILLION, ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE KWACHA (**ZMW 264, 011,669**) WHICH IS BROKEN DOWN INTO TWO SUB-PROGRAMMES AS FOLLOWS;

- i) IMMIGRATION SERVICES HAS BEEN ALLOCATED ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE (**ZMW122,298,961**) AND
- ii) REGIONAL IMMIGRATION ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWELVE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHT KWACHA (**ZMW141,712,708**)

2. MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ALLOCATED SEVENTY-EIGHT MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND FOURTY SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO KWACHA **(ZMW 78,547,752)** BROKEN DOWN INTO SEVEN SUB-PROGRAMMES AS FOLLOWS:

- i) EXECUTIVE OFFICE MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED SIX MILLION, FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND THREE KWACHA **(ZMW 6,055,903);**
- ii) HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOURTY THREE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FOURTY NINE KWACHA **(ZMW 43,421, 849);**
- iii) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT- ACCOUNTING HAS BEEN ALLOCATED ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND KWACHA **(ZMW 1,600,000);**
- iv) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT- AUDIT HAS BEEN ALLOCCATED ONE MILLION KWACHA **(ZMW 1,000,000);**

- v) PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND KWACHA **(ZMW 300,000)**;
- vi) PLANNING POLICY AND COORDINATION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND KWACHA **(ZMW 1,170,000)**;
AND
- vii) INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TWENTY-FIVE MILLION KWACHA **(ZMW 25,000,000)**.

CHAIRPERSON,

THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRIORITIZED EFFECTIVE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE IN THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN ORDER TO HARNESS THE BENEFITS OF MIGRATION, COUNTER ITS NEGATIVE EFFECTS AND AT THE SAME TIME ADDRESS MIGRATION CHALLENGES SUCH AS MIXED MIGRATION FLOWS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SMUGGLING OF PERSONS, LONG POROUS BORDERS AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION.

CHAIRPERSON,

I WISH TO IMPLORE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THIS AUGUST HOUSE TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED

ALLOCATION FOR HEAD 23, NATIONAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES.

CHAIRPERSON, I THANK YOU.