



**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

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**HEAD 30-ZAMBIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICE**

**2024 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT**

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**CHAIRPERSON,**

LET ME THANK YOU FOR ACCORDING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT BEFORE THIS AUGUST HOUSE A POLICY STATEMENT ON THE 2024 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR HEAD 30-ZAMBIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICE.

**CHAIRPERSON,**

ZAMBIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICE IS ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 193 OF THE REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ACT NO. 2 OF 2016. IT IS MANDATED TO MANAGE, REGULATE AND ENSURE SECURITY OF ALL PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL CENTRES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE SERVICE IS GOVERNED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE ACT NO. 37 OF 2021. IN ADDITION, THE SERVICE OFFERS CORRECTIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES TO INMATES.

*THE MISSION STATEMENT IS **“TO PROVIDE HUMANE CUSTODY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FOR MAINTAINING COMMUNITY SAFETY AND REFORMATION OF INMATES”***

## **PAST PERFORMANCE**

### **CHAIRPERSON,**

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ZAMBIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2023 WAS SATISFACTORY. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE AVERAGE INMATE POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY WAS **25,300** AGAINST A HOLDING CAPACITY OF **10,686** TRANSLATING TO AN OVERPOPULATION OF **137%**. THIS SITUATION HAS EXERTED PRESSURE ON THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGE OF OVERCROWDING, THE SERVICE HAS EXPEDITED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AT NANSANGA CORRECTIONAL FARM WITH HOLDING CAPACITY OF **1,600** WHICH IS AT **90 PERCENT** COMPLETION.

THE SERVICE MANAGED TO PROVIDE INMATES WITH AT LEAST THREE **(03)** MEALS PER DAY AND ENSURED TIMELY TREATMENT OF INMATES' AILMENTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF INMATES AND REDUCE MORBIDITY IN CORRECTIONAL CENTRES.

**CHAIRPERSON,**

UNDER REHABILITATION SERVICES, THE SERVICE CONTINUED FACILITATING THE ENROLMENT OF INMATES IN ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS. SO FAR, **5,669** INMATES HAVE BEEN TRADE TESTED IN VARIOUS TRADE SKILLS AND RECEIVED CERTIFICATION BY TEVETA. THE SERVICE RECAPITALIZED FOUR INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS TO ENHANCE PRODUCTION.

**CHAIRPERSON,**

THE SERVICE FACILITATES SOCIAL REINTEGRATION OF DISCHARGED INMATES IN COMMUNITIES. TO THIS EFFECT **53.8%** OF DISCHARGED INMATES WERE OFFERED POST DISCHARGE SERVICES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY AND EFFECTIVE REINTEGRATION INTO THE MAINSTREAM SOCIETY.

**CHALLENGES FACED**

**CHAIRPERSON,**

DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2023 BUDGET, THE SERVICE EXPERIENCED A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES WHICH INCLUDE:

- i. CONGESTION IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES DUE TO THE EVER-INCREASING INMATE POPULATION;
- ii. LOW STAFFING LEVELS THUS COMPROMISING SECURITY IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES;
- iii. INADEQUATE PROVISION OF START-UP PACKS FOR DISCHARGED SKILLED INMATES;
- iv. INADEQUATE OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE;
- v. ACCUMULATION OF ARREARS FOR OTHER PERSONNEL EMOLUMENTS; AND
- vi. INADEQUATE MODERN INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT FOR WORKSHOPS AND FARMS.

## **2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

### **CHAIRPERSON,**

THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET IS **K1,183,338,920** COMPARED TO **K899,016,340.00** BUDGET OF 2023 REPRESENTING **31.6 PERCENT** INCREASE. THIS IS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO ACCORD INMATES WITH HUMANE CUSTODY.

### **CHAIRPERSON,**

THE SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION **(K1,183,338,920.00)** FOR 2024 FOR THE ZAMBIA

CORRECTIONAL SERVICE IS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

- i. CUSTODIAL SERVICES - **K593,762,396.00;**
- ii. REHABILITATION SERVICES - **K304,175,024.00;**
- iii. SOCIAL REINTEGRATION- **K29,288,914.00;**
- iv. CORRECTIONAL SERVICES TRAINING - **K63,306,089.00;** AND
- v. MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES- **K192,806,497.00**

**CHAIRPERSON,**

IN CONCLUSION, THE ZAMBIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICE WILL EXECUTE ITS MANDATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNAL SECURITY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

THE SERVICE SHALL CHANNEL RESOURCES TOWARDS INMATES ADULT LITERACY AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING WHICH ENCOMPASSES LITERACY, FORMAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR REHABILITATION AND THE PROVISION OF AFTERCARE AND EXTENSION SERVICES TO FACILITATE COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY, RE-INTEGRATION AND POST DISCHARGE SUPPORT TO EX-INMATES

FURTHER, THE SERVICE WILL ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PRUDENT UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES, IMPROVE HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS STRENGTHEN PLANNING, BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

I, THEREFORE, REQUEST HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THIS AUGUST HOUSE TO FAVOURABLY CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION FOR ZAMBIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICE.

**CHAIRPERSON, I THANK YOU**