

SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR CENTRAL PROVINCE DURING THE OCCASION OF HANDING OVER OF KABWE KUPELA RURAL HEALTH POST ON 23RD NOVEMBER, 2022

**MUCHINGA MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT,
THE PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER,
THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON,
THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
THE COUNCIL SECRETARY,
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,
THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP,
AREA COUNCILLOR & OTHER COUNCILLORS PRESENT,
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
THE PRESS,**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

I AM GREATLY HONOURED TO BE HERE TODAY TO OFFICIALLY HANDOVER KABWE KUPELA RURAL HEALTH POST. THIS IS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION BECAUSE SERENJE TOWN COUNCIL HAS YET AGAIN RECORDED ANOTHER MILESTONE IN SERVICE PROVISION TO THE COMMUNITY.

IN THE LAST ONE YEAR, THE NEW DAWN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HEALTH SERVICES, BY EMBARKING ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND THE RECRUITMENT OF 11,000 HEALTH WORKERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

THIS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED KABWE KUPELA RURAL HEALTH POST HAS BEEN FINANCED USING THE 2021 CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (CDF).

THE CONSTRUCTION OF KABWE KUPELA RURAL HEALTH POST CLEARLY WILL HELP REDUCE THE DISTANCE COVERED BY THE PEOPLE TO ACCESS FIRST LEVEL HEALTH SERVICES.

THIS HEALTH FACILITY WILL ALSO HELP IN ADDRESSING MATERNAL HEALTH, THE BURDEN OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND THE ELIMINATION OF MALARIA AMONG OTHER CHALLENGES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, TARGETING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, IS UNPRECEDENTED. THIS CAN BE PROVEN BY THE INCREASE IN THE ALLOCATION OF CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (CDF) FROM K1.6MILLION TO K25.7MILLION.

THE CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND ALLOCATION, WHICH HAS FURTHER BEEN INCREASED IN THE 2023 NATIONAL BUDGET FROM K25.7MILLION TO K28.3MILLION, WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE HEALTH SECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

WHAT WE ARE WITNESSING TODAY IS INDEED A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION THAT HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT HAKAINDE HICHILEMA'S HAS PRIORITIZED THE PROVISION OF QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF KABWE KUPELA RURAL HEALTH POST IS AMONG OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT THAT THE NEW DAWN ADMINISTRATION IS UNDERTAKING IN SERENJE DISTRICT.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS ANCHORED ON HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE NATION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

THE NEW DAWN GOVERNMENT'S FOCUS IS TO COMPLETE ALL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN RURAL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY SERVE PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING HEALTH SERVICES IN ALL THE WARDS.

IT IS GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC LEADERS' MANDATE TO PROVIDE DECENT HEALTH FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, TRADING PLACES AND ROADS FOR ITS PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, RELIGION OR INDEED POLITICAL AFFILIATION. THEREFORE, EVERYONE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE POLICIES WHICH ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

I WANT TO URGE THE WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (WDC), THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND INDEED THE RESIDENTS OF KABWE KUPELA AT LARGE TO GUARD THIS PROPERTY JEALOUSLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HAS SPENT COLOSSAL SUMS OF MONEY IN ENSURING THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS A DECENT HEALTH FACILITY.

THEREFORE LOOK AFTER THIS HEALTHY FACILITY VERY WELL AND AVOID VANDALISM, PILFERAGE AND THEFT OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN!

IN CONCLUSION, ALLOW ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SINCERELY THANK THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP, THE AREA MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND INDEED THE RESIDENTS OF KABWE KUPELA FOR THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT RENDERED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF KABWE KUPELA HEALTH FACILITY.

I THANK YOU! AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!