



Republic of Zambia
Ministry of Community Development and Social Services

**NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY,
MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK,
LAUNCH SPEECH DELIVERED BY HON. OLIPA
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DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES AT
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN LUSAKA.**

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- **THE POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY CLUSTER CHAIRPERSON,**
- **THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES,**
- **THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE, MADAME JENNIFER BITONGE,**
- **COOPERATING PARTNERS,**
- **SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,**
- **CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS,**
- **THE MEDIA,**
- **INVITED GUESTS,**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE AND GLADNESS TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY, MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK. THIS FRAMEWORK SHOULD HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED IN 2016 BUT WAS PAUSED DUE TO THE WORK THAT WAS BEING DONE ON THE SEVENTH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SO THAT THE

MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK IS IN LINE WITH THE PLAN.

THIS FRAMEWORK WE ARE LAUNCHING TODAY IS A TRUE REFLECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA MR. EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU'S COMMITMENT TO THE EXPANSION OF THE SOCIAL PROTECTION SECTOR. IT IS AN INVESTMENT IN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY MECHANISMS AIMED AT TRACKING PROGRESS ON POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION IN OUR COUNTRY.

LET ME MENTION THAT, THE DESIRE OF GOVERNMENT IS TO SEE TO IT THAT ALL THE PROGRAMMES REACH THE MOST VULNERABLE AND MUST TRANSLATE INTO POVERTY REDUCTION. WE NEED TO BUILD A MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY WITHOUT LEAVING ANYBODY BEHIND.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS FRAMEWORK IS TO TRACK PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL

PROTECTION PROGRAMMES, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY AND REALISE IMPACT AT HOUSEHOLD AND COMMUNITY LEVELS.

THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION IN 2014 POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WAS A CRITICAL STEP TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE COUNTRY'S CHALLENGE OF POVERTY, VULNERABILITY, DEPRIVATION, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RISKS.

THE SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY GUIDES THE COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND MULTI-SECTORAL RESPONSE TO THE UNCERTAINTIES THAT HOUSEHOLDS FACE DUE TO LIMITED ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS AND SERVICES.

THE POLICY UNDERSCORES THE ROLE OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEMS IN CREATING A SOCIAL PROTECTION SECTOR WHICH IS INTEGRATED AND ALLOWS FOR OPERATIONAL SYNERGIES AND COMPLEMENTARITIES

BETWEEN PROGRAMMES. THE ABSENCE OF COMPREHENSIVE AND ROBUST MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEMS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO AN INEFFICIENT AND INEFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY RESULTING IN LIMITED IMPACT ON POVERTY.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK WAS DONE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT PROGRAMME AND IN PARTICULAR UNICEF WHO ENGAGED THE OXFORD POLICY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS TO FACILITATE ITS DEVELOPMENT. THE FRAMEWORK WAS LATER FINALISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE POVERTY AND VULNERBILITY REDUCTION CLUSTER, MOST OF WHO ARE PRESENT HERE. I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THIS GREAT WORK THAT YOU DID.

LET ME IN PARTICULAR THANK UNICEF FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE CONTINUED TO RENDER TO THE POVERTY AND VULNERBILITY CLUSTER AS A WHOLE AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN PARTICULAR. THIS FRAMEWORK WILL ENHANCE IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT

INTERVENTIONS UNDER THE POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION PILLAR OF THE SEVENTH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND WILL BE A RESOURCE IN REVIEWING AND UPDATING THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

MONITORING AND EVALUATION IS CONSIDERED A PRIORITY ACTION IN THE SEVENTH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THEREFORE CALLS FOR CONCERTED EFFORTS IN ITS ACTUALISATION. YOU CANNOT KEEP ON IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMMES WITHOUT SYSTEMATICALLY MONITORING AND EVALUATING THEM.

I AM HAPPY WITH THE WORK MY MINISTRY HAS BEEN DOING WITH SMART ZAMBIA INSTITUTE AIMED AT IMPROVING PAYMENT SYSTEMS AND MONITORING BENEFICIARIES. WHAT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE IS THAT THE SYSTEM DEVELOPED WITH SMART ZAMBIA WILL HAVE FEATURES OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATIONS. WHICH MEANS THERE WILL BE ASSURANCE

THAT THE FUNDS ARE GOING DIRECTLY TO THE RIGHT BENEFICIARIES.

I WISH TO ADD THAT, THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE MONITORING FRAMEWORK WILL BE BASED ON THE CONSISTENT AND TIMELY COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA THEREBY FACILITATING THE TIMELY REPORTING ON THE PROGRESS REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INDICATORS OUTLINED IN THE FRAMEWORK. IN THIS WAY WE WILL BE TO ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT IMPACT THE PROGRAMMES ARE MAKING ON THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE.

ONCE MORE, LET ME THANK COOPERATING PARTNERS AND IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES FOR THE SUPPORT TOWARD DEVELOPMENT, LAUNCH AND DISSEMINATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK. SUCH COLLABORATION SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL WE SEE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THE POOR AND VULNERABLE.

I ALSO WISH TO THANK LINE MINISTRIES WHO WERE PART OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE THAT FACILITATED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK.

I ALSO THANK EVERYONE HERE PRESENT FOR COMING TO WITNESS THE LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY MONITORING FRAMEWORK. IT IS NOW MY HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY, MONITORING AND EVALUATION.

I THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS US ALL!

THANK YOU.