



LUSANGAZI TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Title: Business Community Stakeholder's Engagement Meeting

Date: TUESDAY, 02/12/2025

Time: 15:38 – 16:49

Location: New Mzumwa trading area

Facilitators: Mr. Anthony Makaliki, Mr. Mwanxhongono-zao Roy Kaonga, Leya Nyirenda, Moses Mwale

Attendees:

S/N	NAME	GENDER	POSITION	ORGANISATION
1	Layford Miti	Male	Grocery trader	New Mzumwa
2	Cosmas Banda	Male	Bar owner	New Mzumwa
3	Epulani Phiri	Male	Hard ware owner	New Mzumwa
4	Tidah Nkhoma	Female	Grocery trader	New Mzumwa
5	Kaibala Sakala	Male	Booth owner	New Mzumwa
6	Mathews Phiri	Male	Metal fabrication	New Mzumwa
7	Selina Banda	Female	Eggs seller	New Mzumwa
8	Joseph Mbewe	Male	Bar owner	New Mzumwa
9	Telesa Nkhoma	Female	Grocery owner	New Mzumwa
10	Mekelani Banda	Male	Barber shop	New Mzumwa
11	Nikis Banda	Male	Barber shop	New Mzumwa
12	Terence Sakala	Male	Bar owner	New Mzumwa
13	Batizani Phiri	Male	Bar owner	New Mzumwa
14	Selina M Phiri	Female	Saloon	New Mzumwa
15	Vitalina Banda	Female	Restaurant	New Mzumwa
16	Violet Lungu	Female	Restaurant	New Mzumwa
17	Esnart Banda	Female	Saloon	New Mzumwa
18	Ezelia Banda	Female	Eggs seller	New Mzumwa
19	Timepo Njobvu	Female	Saloon	New Mzumwa
20	Vitalina Banda	Female	Grocery trader	New Mzumwa
21	Rabecca Banda	Female	Bar owner	New Mzumwa
22	Adnasi Phiri	Female	Vegetable seller	New Mzumwa
23	Rabecca zulu	Female	Vegetable seller	New Mzumwa
24	Miliam Banda	Female	Grocery trader	New Mzumwa
25	Martha Banda	Female	Saloon	New Mzumwa
26	Andrew Phiri	Male	Bar owner	Kasangazi

27	Mercede Zulu	Female	Saloon owner	New Mzumwa
28	Mary Phiri	Female	Eggs seller	New Mzumwa
29	Emeldah Mwale	Female	Grocery seller	New Mzumwa
30	Beatrice Phiri	Female	Grocery seller	New Mzumwa
31	Emanuel Mwenda	Male	Grocery seller	New Mzumwa
32	Sakala Gasiyano	Male	Bar owner	New Mzumwa
33	Gabriel Sakala	Male	Booth owner	New Mzumwa
34	Gilbert Mwanza	Male	Vegetable seller	New Mzumwa
35	Grace Banda	Female	Shop Owner	New Mzumwa
36	Dorothy Mwale	Female	Grocery seller	New Mzumwa
37	Monica Mphongo	Female	Vegetable seller	New Mzumwa
38	Margret Phiri	Female	Vegetable seller	New Mzumwa
39	Mary Banda	Female	Eggs seller	New Mzumwa
40	Penias Monga	Male	Bar owner	Kasangazi
41	Phiri Beatwell	Male	Shop Owner	Kasangazi
42	Edward Banda	Male	Shop Owner	New Mzumwa
43	Abraham Zulu	Male	Hard ware owner	Ukwimi
44	Stephen Sakala	Male	Metal fabrication	Ukwimi
45	David Zulu	Male	Bar owner	Ukwimi
46	Kennedy Banda	Male	Barber shop	Ukwimi
47	Nicholas Ngulube	Male	Bar owner	Ukwimi
48	Peter G Mvula	Male	Shop owner	Ukwimi
49	John Tembo	Male	Bar owner	Ukwimi
50	Benrty Jere	Male	Metal fabrication	Ukwimi
51	Kaonga Roy	Male	Senior Health Inspector	Local Authority
52	Laiti Nkhoma	Male	Hard ware supplies worker	Ukwimi
53	Anthony Makaliki	Male	Community Development Officer	Local Authority
54	Leya Nyirenda	Female	Accounts Officer	Local Authority
55	Moses Mwale	Male	Ag. DP	Local Authority

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order, introduction of meeting and Opening Prayer
- 2) Introductions of the presenters only
- 3) Opening Remarks
- 4) Presentation on Budgeting and Planning Framework
- 5) Presentation on Budget Performance
- 6) Presentation of Zambia Devolution Support Program parameters and available funding
- 7) Presentation on Budget Proposals by the WDC's and Submissions
- 8) Closing Remarks and closing prayer

Call to order, introduction of meeting and Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a call to order by the WDC Secretary and a call to everyone to pay attention and participate for the development of the district. The opening prayer was given by Mr. Peter Mvula.

Introductions of the presenters

The facilitators and presenters introduced themselves sharing their name, position and the institution they were representing.

Everyone noted.

Opening Remarks

The facilitator asked the Chairperson of the WDC for Ukwimi ward to give the opening remarks. The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone be comfortable to deliberate and share their views. He further asked for silence and concentration. He further guided that all stakeholders were at liberty to share their opinions after the presentation where a plenary would be conducted. He encouraged questions particularly from women and youths for all voices to be heard.

The members noted the remarks.

Presentation on Budget Performance

1. Introduction

The Accounts officer from the department of Finance reported that Lusangazi Town Council was undertaking the budget performance review and preparation **pursuant to Section 41, Part VI of the Local Government Act No. 2 of 2019.**

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Stakeholders Engagement meeting were presented to the stakeholders as follows:

- To review the Performance of the 2025 Budget up to date
- To explain challenges faced by Lusangazi Town Council in the Execution of the Budget
- To Sensitise stakeholders on the revised fees and Charges and show a road map of council operations
- To create awareness among stakeholders for easier dissemination of important information in the communities
- To receive stakeholders' inputs for the 2026 budget

As the session began, an explanation was given to the stakeholders that the district was not performing well in revenue collection as many people had defaulted on their payment and were not in compliance with regards most of the levies. The Finance team shared with the community the reason levies were collected and how that helps to develop the district. It was also elaborated what kind of levies were applicable as well as a sample of some charges. It was also shared that the district would not develop without the engagement of the citizens. Furthermore, the process of citizens' engagement was important and was vital to the process of district development.

Plenary

Members wanted to know where the money that is collected goes and why the market did not have toilets.

In response, it was shared that the amounts collected were too low to deliver all the amenities required at the same time. It was further stated, to which the stakeholders agreed that the revenue base in the district was very low. It was therefore very difficult to make lasting impact. However, not all hope was lost as a toilet was made at Ukwimi A market and it would also be made in time. Attention was brought toward the water reticulation system that was brought near to the market by the local authority through CDF. Assurance was given that projects would take some time but would surely be achieved.

Another question was asked on why projects took too long to be completed.

In response, it was stated that there were government procedures that seemed to take long to the citizens but they were necessary and there was no way to skip them. It was however assured that the local authority would strive to begin processes early to avoid any unnecessary delay in procedures. The processes involved included submission of documentation, seating of committees, procurement processes, mobilization of contractors and then later the finalization of projects.

Member noted the responses

One stakeholder lashed out at the team sharing that she would refrain from paying any levies if she would not see toilets constructed at the trading area.

In response, she was warned against such conduct by other members of the meeting as well as the local authority team. She was advised to keep engaging with the team and that the development she required for her district would definitely be delivered in time.

Members noted the response

Presentation of Zambia Devolution Support Program parameters and available funding and refresher on the projects in the Integrated Development Plan

A presentation was made on what the Zambia Devolution Support Program was and what it was about. A brief background of the activities conducted so far and the history of the program was shared. It was further shared that a community hall was procured at the cost of K2, 600,000 and it would be situated near the local court. The benefits of a structure of such magnitude in our district was acknowledged and the many activities that could be conducted. The 2024 funding of the same grant was also shared with over K15, 000,000 available for construction of various projects which we would be able to share with the community when it was done. The resources being available were specific for projects that aimed to alleviate poverty in the district. The projects on the red list were shared and the opportunities available shared.

The members noted the presentation.

Plenary

One stakeholder asked why the money came with restrictions if the owners were willing to give it to the district.

In response, the stakeholders were informed of the criteria for qualification and the possibility of refunding the money if a wrong thing is done with the resources. It was further shared that there were rules that applied in different situations and this was such a scenario. We were at liberty to win the grant and implement or lose the resources to which it would be retained by the district.

Another stakeholder shared that the meeting was being held in the town ship boundary of the district which would in turn be the central business district, therefore all the resources should be ploughed into the district to make it a better place.

In response, the member was informed that various processes would need to be undertaken for the projects to be approved and various engagements would need to be done to see the next steps and finally have infrastructure standing.

Stakeholders noted the submission

Action point

It was agreed that the local authority would continue to levy the market and that efforts would be made to ensure the amenities required at the market be provided should funding be available.

Levies would be collected by Finance officers starting January 2026 for that year but all were welcomed to pay in advance.

The stakeholders noted the discussion

The stakeholders went on to present projects that they preferred to ensure business was conducted well.

1. Market shelter for the trading of fresh vegetables
2. Toilets at the market
3. A dam nearby to be used for water reserving for animals
4. A water reticulation system supplying water to homes with them contributing

Closing remarks

The meeting was brought to a close by the WDC Chairperson of Ukwimi ward sharing the fruitfulness of the meeting and thanking the team from the local authority for engaging with the people and sharing the important information shared.

There being no other business to transact on the agenda, the meeting was declared closed at 16:49 hrs after a closing prayer was given by Madam Victoria Banda.

The members all dispersed afterwards.

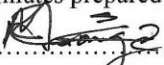
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Date: March, 2026

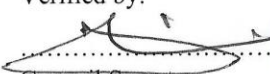
Time: 10:30 hrs to 13:00 hrs

Location: Civic centre

Minutes prepared by:


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Kaonga Roy M.
Senior Health Inspector

Verified by:


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Council Secretary



Appendices (Pictorial Images)

