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## GOVERNMENT SIGNS CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF KATETE-CHANIDA ROAD AND BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE



Road Development Agency (RDA) Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Grace Mutembo (right) signed the Concession Agreement on behalf of the Government, while Lutembwe Consulting Company General Manager, Mr. Yusuf Alloo (left) signed on behalf of the Concessionaire.

**The Government has signed a Concession Agreement for the reconstruction of the Katete to Chanida Road and associated border infrastructure.**

Road Development Agency (RDA) Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Grace Mutembo signed on behalf of the Government, while Lutembwe Consulting Company General Manager, Mr. Yusuf Alloo signed on behalf of the Concessionaire.

The event, which was held in Katete District along the project corridor, was graced by Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi and witnessed by Transport and Logistics Minister, Hon. Frank Tayali, Technology and Science Minister, Hon. Felix Mutati and Eastern Province Minister, Hon. Peter Phiri.

The Katete to Chanida Road will be reconstructed using the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Financing Model.

The general scope of the project entails the reconstruction of 55 kilometres of the existing bituminous standard road from Katete to Chanida. It also includes the construction of a 2 kilometres divided dual carriageway with a median of 1.5 metres minimum within the Chanida border area with new border facilities.

The total project cost is US\$79,785,115 VAT inclusive. The cross-section to be adopted shall compromise a 3.5 metres lane with 2 metres sealed shoulders and 0.5 metres of unpaved shoulders on both sides.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the project has a Concession period of 25 years of which 2 years is for construction while the remaining 23 years is for operation and maintenance by the Concessionaire.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the scope of works also included construction of 3 kilometres of access roads, construction of lanes that would allow for accommodation of traffic, construction of 1 Toll Plaza, construction of 1 weighbridge and rehabilitation/maintenance of 4 bridges.

Others are the construction of a border post and associated infrastructure, the construction of 25 housing units for the border staff, the construction of parking bays with a capacity of 200 heavy goods vehicles and the construction of 3 warehouses and a Police Post.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the implementation of the project will create job opportunities in the area during the construction phase as well as the operation and maintenance phases.

“ It is expected that 300 direct jobs will be created during the construction phase alone,” he said.



*Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi reading his speech during the signing of the Concession Agreement for the reconstruction of Katete to Chanida Road and associated border infrastructure.*



*Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi (right) and Lutembwe Consulting Company General Manager, Mr. Yusuf Alloo (l) displaying the signed copies of the Concession Agreement for the reconstruction of Katete-Chanida Road and border infrastructure.*



*Road Development Agency (RDA) Board of Directors Chairperson, Eng. Mulchand Kuntawala (left) and Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) Board of Directors Chairperson, Eng. Allen Mate following the proceedings during the signing of the Concession Agreement for the reconstruction of Katete-Chanida Road and border infrastructure.*

# POTHOLE PATCHING WORKS ON TUTA ROAD FROM MUSAILA TO MUKUKU BRIDGE



*Pothole patching works in progress.*

**P**othole patching works on the Tuta Road from Musaila to Mukuku Bridge in Luapula Province have recorded substantial progress.

The 113 kilometers section of the Tuta Road has now been patched from Musaila to Kasanka covering a distance of 89 kilometers and works on the remaining 24 kilometers stretch are underway.

The works are being carried out under Force Account by the Road Development Agency (RDA) Luapula Regional Office and are expected to be completed in November this year.



*Pothole patching works on the Tuta Road.*



*A completed patched section of the Tuta Road.*

# CHIPATA-MAGWERO ROAD WORKS CHEERS MINISTER MILUPI



*A section of the rehabilitated Chipata-Magwero Road in Eastern Province.*

**I**nfrastucture, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi and three other Cabinet Ministers recently inspected the rehabilitated Chipata-Magwero Road in Eastern Province.

The Chipata-Magwero Road services the Magwero School for the Deaf as well as the Magwero School for the Blind.

Hon. Eng. Milupi who was accompanied by Transport and Logistics Minister, Hon. Frank Tayali, Technology and Science Minister, Hon. Felix Mutati and Eastern Province Minister, Hon. Peter Phiri also commended works being done by the educators who against all odds kept the school running even at times the road was impassable during the rainy seasons.

The Chipata-Magwero Road is a stretch of 11.6 kilometers and has been rehabilitated under Force Account.



*Pupils captured using the Chipata-Magwero Road.*

# CONSTRUCTION OF THE LWITIKILA ACROW BRIDGE IN KANCHIBIYA DISTRICT OF MUCHINGA PROVINCE



*Tying steel reinforcement for the base at Lwitikila ACROW Bridge in Kanchibiya District.*

**The Road Development Agency (RDA) in July this year embarked on the project to construct the Lwitikila ACROW Bridge under Force Account in Kanchibiya District in Muchinga Province.**

The scope of works includes the following:

1. Site clearing;
2. Construction of Substructures;
3. Assembling of ACROW Bridge components and launching;
4. Ancillary works; and
5. Construction of approach embankments and installation relief culverts.

The Agency has completed the excavations for both abutments, casting of lean concrete footing for the bases and steel fixing for the two bases has been done. Further, the concrete base for one abutment has been cast.

The major outstanding works are:

- i) Steel fixing for the stems and the rest of the abutments;
- ii) Casting of concrete for the stems and the rest of the abutments;
- iii) Assembly and launching of the pre-fabricated ACROW Bridge components;
- iv) Ancillary works; and
- v) Construction of approach embankments and installation of relief culverts.

Works are expected to be completed in January 2024.

Completed concrete footing for the abutment at Lwitikila ACROW Bridge in Kanchibiya District.



*Reinforcement of the abutment base.*

# CONSTRUCTION OF LUOMBWA ACROW BRIDGE IN SERENJE DISTRICT



*Reinforcement of the abutment base.*

**T**he Road Development Agency (RDA) in June 2023 embarked on the project to construct the 51.67 metres long ACROW Bridge across the Luombwa River in the Nasanga Farm Block of Serenje District in Central Province.

The Luombwa ACROW Bridge is being constructed under Force Account by the RDA Central Regional Office.

The scope of works includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Site clearing;
2. Two lines of 1.5m x 1.5m relief culverts;
3. Construction of 2 reinforced concrete abutments;
4. Erosion protection works;
5. Construction of approach embankments;
6. Assembly of the prefabricated steel superstructures;

7. Launching of the prefabricated steel superstructures; and
8. Ancillary works.

The Agency has completed the major civil works such as construction of the abutment 'A' and abutment 'B' is at 80% complete.

The assembly and launching of the ACROW Bridge are expected to be completed towards the end of November, 2023.



*Preparation for the casting of concrete at the abutment.*

# GOVERNMENT SIGNS CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAKANIA BORDER POST AND NDOLA-MUFULIRA ROAD



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*RDA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Grace Mutembo signing the Concession Agreement for the development of the Sakania Border Post infrastructure, access road and 61 kilometres Ndola-Mufulira Road on the Copperbelt Province.*

**The Government has signed a Concession Agreement with Jaswin Ports Limited for the development of Sakania Border Post infrastructure, access road and 61 kilometers Ndola-Mufulira Road on the Copperbelt Province.**

This Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Project has been procured at a cost of US\$76 million and is for a period of 22

years inclusive of the three years for construction works.

The Concession Agreement was signed in Mufulira District.

The project is a design, finance, build, operate, maintain and transfer of the road and associated border infrastructure.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles

L. Milupi said the project scope involves roads construction cost at US\$ 27.2 million, bridges and crossing points at US\$ 1.1 million and Sakania Border post infrastructure construction at US\$19.8 million.

He said the scope of works also included the integrated transport information system and instrumentation at US\$6.3 million.

“What we are witnessing are practical steps by the New Dawn Government to deliver infrastructure using the Public-Private Partnership financing model, away from the national treasury. This will help free up national resources for use in other national programmes, including the provision of free education and critical health services for all,” he said.

Commerce, Trade and Industry Minister Hon. Chipoka Mulenga said the day of signing of the concession agreement marked the start of better times to come for the people of Mufulira District who had been subjected to a poor road network between Mufulira and Ndola.

Copperbelt Province Hon. Elisha Matambo outlined key road projects being worked on in the Province such as the Chibuluma Road in Kitwe, Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road and the section of the Lusaka-Ndola Road on the Copperbelt side.



*Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi reading his speech during the signing of the Concession Agreement for the development of Sakania Border Post infrastructure and the Ndola-Mufulira Road on the Copperbelt Province.*



Commerce, Trade and Industry Minister, Hon. Chipoka Mulenga giving his remarks during the signing of the Concession Agreement for the development of Sakania Border Post infrastructure and the Ndola-Mufulira Road on the Copperbelt Province.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi and Jaswin Ports Limited Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Meng Lian displaying the signed Agreements for the development of Sakania Border Post and Ndola-Mufulira Road on the Copperbelt Province.





Jaswin Ports Limited Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Meng Lian signing the Concession Agreement for the development of Sakania Border Post infrastructure and the Ndola-Mufulira Road.



Public Private Partnership (PPP) Council Members and guests following proceedings during the signing ceremony of the Concession Agreement.



Road Sector Board Chairpersons and Vice Board Chairpersons following proceedings during the signing of the Concession Agreement for the development of Sakania Border Post infrastructure and the Ndola-Mufulira Road in Mufulira.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Permanent Secretary, Professor Albert Malama (left) was among the invited guests that witnessed the signing of the Concession Agreement for the development of Sakania Border Post infrastructure and the Ndola-Mufulira road in Mufulira.



Public Private Partnership (PPP) Council Member, Mr. Noel Nkhoma speaking during the signing ceremony of the Concession Agreement for the development of Sakania Border Post infrastructure and the Ndola-Mufulira Road in Mufulira.

# MKUSHI BAILEY BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



*Formwork and casting of concrete for the abutment stem at Mkushi Bailey Bridge.*

**T**he Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development (MIHUD), through the Road Development Agency (RDA) in July this year, embarked on the project to construct a 45.72 metres long Bailey Bridge across the Mkushi River in the Luano District of Central Province.

The project is being constructed under Force Account by the RDA Central Regional Office.

The construction of the Mkushi Bailey Bridge was motivated by the need to have a new bridge constructed after the collapse of the old Mkushi Bridge in 2019.

This created a challenge in the movement

of goods and services and limited access to social amenities by the community across Mkushi River.

The scope of works includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Site clearing;
2. Installations of 1-line 1200mm and 1-line 900mm ring culverts as relief culverts;
3. Construction of 2 reinforced concrete abutments;
4. Erosion protection works;
5. Construction of approach embankments;
6. Assembly of the prefabricated steel superstructure;
7. Launching of the prefabricated steel superstructure; and
8. Ancillary works.

The RDA has significantly made progress on the major civil works such as construction of both abutments which are at 95% complete and the works on the approach embankments are currently underway at 50%. The project is expected to be completed by month end of November 2023.

The major outstanding works are: the assembly and launching of the Bailey Bridge; installation of the relief culverts and completion of approach embankment construction; and ancillary works.



*Compaction near the stem with a pedestrian roller at Mkushi Baily Bridge.*

# SPOT IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE CHIPATA-VUBWI ROAD



*Re-graveling works on the Chipata-Vubwi Road.*

**T**he Road Development Agency (RDA) through the Eastern Regional Office in September this year commenced spot improvement works on the Chipata-Vubwi Road.

Currently, clearing and grubbing has been completed and road formation works are underway.



*Road formation works underway.*