

FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 39, 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- Govt unveils K71.6bn Budget
- FISP Gets K1.8bn
- ... and Sets aside US\$50m for Aquaculture Development
- Govt to Employ 750 Agriculture Extension Workers
- Sept Inflation Climbs to 6.6%

IN DETAIL.....

Govt unveils K71.6bn Budget

Finance Minister Felix Mutati has unveiled a K71.6 billion 2018 national budget themed: “*Accelerating fiscal fitness for sustained inclusive growth, without leaving anyone behind*” hinged on the Vision 2030.

Mr. Mutati said the K71.6 billion is 25.9 percent of the country’s Gross Domestic Products (GDP).

He said of this amount, K49.1 billion or 68.5 percent of the total budget will be financed by domestic revenues and K2.4 billion or 3.4 percent by grants from various cooperating Partners. The balance of K20.1 billion or 28.1 percent of the budget will be financed through domestic and external borrowing.

FISP Gets K1.8bn

Finance Minister Felix Mutati has allocated a total of K1.8 billion to the E-Voucher Farmer Input Support Program (FISP) and a further K1.1 billion to the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) for the purposes of maintaining food security grain reserves of 500, 000 metric tonnes.

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Mr. Mutati said to maintain the diversification drive, Government during the 2017/18 farming season will fully migrate to the e- voucher system to cover 1 million beneficiaries. He said Government has further put in place a new framework to eliminate ghost farmers and the duplication of beneficiaries.

He said to this effect, 600, 000 'ghost farmers' have been removed from the FISP beneficiaries' list, resulting into the saving of K1.0 billion of Government resources.

... and Sets aside US\$50m for Aquaculture Development

Government says it will continue to implement the US\$50 million Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Development Project in 2018.

Making the pronouncement during the preamble of the 2018 Budget speech, Finance Minister Felix Mutati said this development is aimed at, among others, building institutional capacity for fish, fingerling and feed production.

"Further, this will provide support to the private sector in developing the aquaculture value chain including establishing fish feed plants, hatcheries, and freezing and processing facilities with regards to fisheries, Government in 2018 will promote cage fish farming on lakes Mweru, Kariba, Tanganyika and Bangweulu as well as along Kafue River at Kasaka and in water bodies in Western province. This is in an effort to improve productivity and production to attain self-sufficiency," Mr. Mutati said.

Govt to Employ 750 Agriculture Extension Workers

Following an outcry by farmers of poor or lack of investment in extension services, Government says it will employ 750 extension workers during 2018.

Finance Minister Felix Mutati said on Friday that Government will enhance extension service provision around the country.

Mr. Mutati said in partnership with the private sector, Government will work towards improving agriculture market information systems and the development of functional markets: "This is essential for sustained higher production, enhancement of agriculture value chains, raising of farmer incomes and reduction of poverty. To support the outlined measures, Government will recruit 750 extension service workers for agriculture, fisheries and livestock.

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He said in the area of animal health, Government will continue with animal disease prevention and control programmes across the country. To this effect, he said, work on 200 dip tanks will continue and additionally, construction of 4 regional laboratories will take effect and be completed by the end of 2018.

He also said that of the 18 Artificial Insemination (AI) Centres that had been planned for 2017, 10 have been constructed, with the remaining eight (8) still at various development stages.

Sept Inflation Climbs to 6.6%

The annual inflation rate for September 2017 has marginally increased to 6.6% from 6.3% recorded in August.

This was announced by Central Statistical Office (CSO) Director John Kalumbi during the monthly briefing on Thursday 28th September in Lusaka.

Mr. Kalumbi attributed the increase in the September inflation to the increase in prices of electricity tariffs on 1st September by Zesco Limited.

And Mr. Kalumbi said the annual food inflation rate for September stood at 5.0% compared to 5.1% recorded in August 2017, representing a marginal decrease of 0.1 percent.

He said the decrease in the annual food inflation rate is mainly due to price changes for bread, cereals and vegetables.

Mr. Kalumbi also said the annual non-food inflation rate for September 2017 was recorded at 8.4%, from 7.7 % recorded in August 2017, indicating an increase of 0.7 percentage points.

He also attributed this increment to the spike in electricity tariffs.

FROM THE REGIONS

NORTHWESTERN

Farmers on FRA Promissory Notes; Not Cash ...

Farmers are still holding their produce receipt certification notes till now from the time they supplied maize to the Food Reserve Agency (FRA).





So far, only 10.4 percent of farmers have received their payments. Some farmers who visited ZNFU offices expressed concern not knowing when they would get paid now that the farming season fast getting close, saying this scenario is making it difficult for them to plan for the forth coming season. The farmers have since asked the ZNFU to intervene in the matter.

EASTERN

Winrock International Conducts a Participatory Rural Appraisal Workshop

Winrock international conducted a participatory rural appraisal workshop for the project which they are going to be implementing in Petauke district.

Winrock together with PANOS and WARESA are going to be implementing the 'EMPOWER PROJECT' in three chiefdoms of Petauke i.e. Mumbi, Mwanjawanthu and Nyamphande Chiefdoms.

The project aims at increasing economic and social empowerment for adolescent girls and vulnerable women in the district and the nation at large. The project is targeting school dropout girls as well as vulnerable women to empower them with life surviving skills such as entrepreneurship and agricultural production trainings.

During the same meeting Mr. Moyo, a youth and community awareness specialist for WINROCK Eastern region emphasized the need for the project to sign MOUs with stakeholders such as ZNFU as the project will link its beneficiaries to programs such as the Lima Credit Scheme for input loans and Bunjimi Asset Plus for agricultural processing equipment like hammermills and oil expellers.

COPPERBELT

Copperbelt Farmers await FRA payment

Lufwanyama farmers that supplied maize to the FRA are worried over the delayed payment, which has taken more than the promised two weeks.



The farmers are saying it will not make sense to receive payments late in the agriculture season as this defeats the whole purpose of planning. Most farmers are threatening not to grow maize due to poor pricing of the commodity.

SOUTHERN

JCTR sensitizes Kazungula Farmers on Agriculture Laws and Policies

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) hosted a meeting for farmers at Musokotwane Camp on 20th September 2017 to raise awareness among the farming community on current agricultural laws and policies, which were released recently ahead of 2017/18 farming season.

JCTR is also looking at ways to enhance the agro processing industry and better link farmers and producers to markets. The meeting was attended by the DACO Dr Soko and ZNFU chairperson Mrs Veronica Sianchenga.

A new Agriculture Life for Monze Farmer

Life can change in a twinkle of an eye when one meets with the right people.

It was one of those usual field tours that most farmers would opt not to attend that entirely changed the life of one farmer in Monze District.

In March 2016, Monze DFA among other DFAs was invited to the launch of BHBW Company in Chongwe to showcase to farmers what kind of Agricultural implements the company has in stock. As a DFA 26 farmers were sent to attend this noble Agricultural symposium.

During the one to one interactions, a Germany national, Volker, began to interview this female farmer Grace Silume. After some time, he decided to get her contacts and promised to visit at her farmstead so that he could have first-hand information on her farm operations. This was seemingly one of those interviews white people would have with us blacks and then it goes no further. In October 2016 he called and made an appointment to visit her farm, which he did. After seeing the farm and how this female farmer is grappling to meet her day to day challenges in the Agriculture sector and in life in general, he promised to help her buy some Agriculture implements in an effort ease production. In November 2016 he left for Germany but had been in constant touch through phone calls.

~~This year (2017)~~ This year (2017) in July he bought a brand-new Massey Ferguson Tractor, Maize Sheller, ripper and planter. He then sent them to his colleague who is based in Lusaka (Zambia) and asked him to deliver





the assets to Monze; which he did. As though this wasn't enough, in September 2017 he facilitated the sinking of a submissive pump (borehole) with a 7,500 litres tank capacity at the farm which has just been completed, and he has also promised to help in revamping the farm into a profitable enterprise. To the amazement of everyone, this gesture is done solely at no cost by the beneficiary such that these assets have been bought and given to her free of charge.

ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

ZNFU CREATE LAND/GROUND RENT HELP DESK

Following the amendment to the Lands Act (Laws, Volume 12 Cap.184) through Statutory Instrument (SI) No.106 of 2016, which changes came into effect on January 1, 2017, farmers may have experienced variances to costs of Ground Rent, Fees and Charges.

The ZNFU has continued receiving numerous queries as regards the effected changes. To help farmers address the challenges they may be encountering, the ZNFU has set up a Help Desk on Land and Ground Rent matters.

For any queries and or clarifications, kindly call ZNFU Head Office on;
+260 211 254 431 or Florence Phiri on 0977434312 or Grace on 0977984219
 Email: **grace@znfu.org.zm**

ZAMBIA NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION



ZNFU is inviting sealed bids from the public to purchase three (3) motor vehicles with details below;

VEHICLE TYPE	ENGINE	PURCHASE YEAR	COLOUR	REG.	CONDITION
Toyota Land cruiser	1HZ-0687720	2012	White	ALE 9148	Runner
Toyota Hilux	2KD-A658509	2015	Gold	BAA 80	Runner
Ford Ranger	QJZ KPDMO2418	2013	White	ALL 5831	Runner



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Bidding form should be obtained from ZNFU head offices after paying a non-refundable fee of K100 or can be downloaded for free from our Facebook page. Bids must be clearly marked “**Sale of motor Vehicle by Public Tender**”, and addressed to ZNFU, Plot No. 2374 Tiyende Pamodzi Road, Show grounds. Telephone: 00260 211 252649/254431

Kindly bring the bids in sealed envelopes and deposit them in the Tender box stationed at the Reception of ZNFU offices.

Closing date for receipt of bids is Friday 29th September 2017 at 16:30hrs. Successful bidders will be notified before or by Monday, 2nd October 2017. Payment must be made by cash or bank certified cheque to ZNFU before collection of the vehicle. The vehicle will only be handed over to the highest bidder after the change of ownership has been completed.

Viewing of these vehicles will be from Wednesday 27th September 2017 to Friday 29th September 2017

Kindly note that:

1. ZNFU will not accept late bids and /or bids sent by email
2. ZNFU will however, accept bids sent by registered mail provided they reach ZNFU office before 16:30hrs on Friday 29th September 2017
3. Families and relatives of ZNFU staff are not allowed to bid
4. ZNFU reserves the right to accept or reject bids without assigning a reason thereto.



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DETAILS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Table 1 – Motor Vehicle Details

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PARTICULARS OF BIDDER

Full Names: Phone number:

Email Address: Postal Address:

ID Number (NRC, Passport, Drivers Licence):

Signature: Date:

BID DETAILS

Indicate your offer amount against the motor vehicle(s) you are interested in as provided in the table below:

Table 2 – Bid Price(s)

SER	MOTOR VEHICLE TYPE	BID VALUE, K'
1	Toyota Land Cruiser	
2	Toyota Hilux	
3	Ford Ranger	

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WEATHER

AS COMPILED BY THE ZAMBIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Seven Days Weather

General situation

The period from 30th September to 1st October: Moderate to strong airflow from the Southeast will affect most parts of Zambia resulting into cloudy conditions over the most parts of the country while from 2nd to 6th most parts of Zambia will be affected by airflow from the east.

Forecast for the period 30th September to 1st October 2017

Western and Southern Provinces: Mainly sunny, windy, hazy and warm becoming hot in the afternoon tending to be warm in the evenings.

The Rest of Zambia: Partly cloudy, windy, hazy and warm, becoming less cloudy and hot in the afternoon.

The Nights will be mainly clear, windy and warm.

Forecast for the period 2nd to 6th October 2017

Northern, Luapula, Copperbelt, Northwestern and Western Provinces: Partly cloudy, slightly windy, hazy and hot with a chance of showers.

The Rest of Zambia: Mainly sunny, windy, hazy and hot, becoming warm in the evening.

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