

**MINUTES OF THE STAHEOLDER BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD  
ON 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.**

**AGENDA**

1. National Anthem
2. Opening Prayer
3. Opening Remarks from Council Secretary
4. Presentation Income and Expenditure
5. Closing Remarks and Prayer
6. National Anthem

**ATTENDANCE**

The attendance is hereto attached.

**NATHIONAL ANTHEM**

All members present sang the national anthem

**OPENING PRAYER**

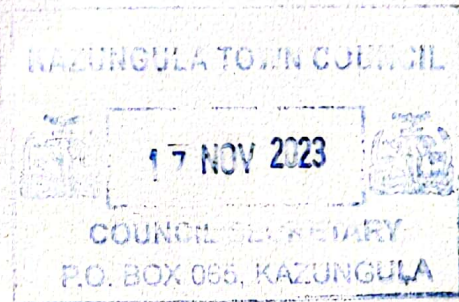
The opening prayer was given by the WDC Chairperson for Sekute

**OPENING REMARKS**

The Council Secretary Mr. Jamie Mukwato welcomed all ward representatives and thanked them for enormous work and effort they are rendering to their communities. He noted that annually the Local Authority invites stakeholders from across the district to participate and make submissions towards the district programs and projects that each ward wishes to undertake. He encouraged everyone to free participate and declared the meeting officially open.

**PRESENTATION ON PROGRESS, PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS SUPPORTED UNDER  
THE COUNCIL**

During the meeting the planning department reported on the implementation of different CDF components during the period under review specifically in 2022 and 2023 CDF allocations. The members were informed that 123 Secondary School boarders and 576 youths had their applications approved for sponsorship under 2022 CDF. It was further reported that 63 grants and 23 loan applications were approved in the same year under women, youths and community empowerment.



In 2023, the department informed the members that 23 loan applicants and 153 Grants and women, youths and community empowerment were approved. Additionally, it was reported that a total sum of K15, 331, 977.00 was allocated to support community projects. It was reported that 2023 CDF community projects focused on Maternity Annexes across the district among other issues.

Participants raised concerns on delays on receiving feedback on approved projects from the district. The departments of Works and Planning noted that the Council aims to ensure that responses and feedback are provided on a timely basis.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTED

The Finance department informed the members that by November 2023, a total of 12 out of 16 Wards had already received a sum of K100, 000.00 Kwacha as Ward Development Fund to foster their own development. He informed the members that the remaining wards would soon receive their allocation. The Council noted that there were too many small projects WDCs were undertaking making progress slow. Participants noted that their desire was to improve on utilization of funds as they noted the slow pace of implementation.

During the deliberation, members noted that the council needed to expedite the process of engaging revenue collectors from the wards because a lot of revenue which can be ploughed back to the community. The Treasurer noted that the process will be concluded as the council can't be everywhere considering transport issues and staff levels.

### PROPOSED COMMUNITY PROJECTS FROM THE WARDS

Wards were given an opportunity to submit their respective proposals for the year 2024. The proposed projects submitted included roads, markets, classroom blocks, health facilities, electrification of public facilities, crossing points, boreholes, rehabilitation of public schools and clinics among other items.

### CLOSING REMARKS

The Deputy Council Secretary thanked participants and stakeholders who came through to the meeting. He noted that it was important for those who were given assignments to submit projects to do it on time before 2024. There being no other items the meeting was officially closed with a prayer and National Anthem.

