



**ANTI-CORRUPTION  
COMMISSION**

**THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN ZAMBIA**

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**Directors, Anti-Corruption Commission**

**Members of the Press,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

May I begin by welcoming you all to this media briefing on the Commission's activities conducted in the third quarter of 2022.

The Commission continued to execute its mandate of educating the public on the ills of corruption, putting in place corruption prevention mechanisms, investigating and prosecuting suspected cases of corruption.

The Commission is determined to win the fight against corruption. It will do everything possible within its powers to vigorously pursue any reported case of corruption regardless of when the suspected offence may have happened. This means that the Commission will investigate all suspected cases of corruption, past, present or indeed future cases. For as long as a case has been reported or detected and there are elements of corruption, the Commission will act.

The Commission is more determined now than ever before and is encouraged with the positive sentiments from members of the public on the current anti-corruption fight. The eyes of the Commission are watching and more alert on what is happening and ready to pounce on perpetrators of corrupt practices. I, therefore, wish to encourage members of the public to continue reporting any suspected cases of corruption without hesitation.

In order that the public report suspected cases of corruption with adequate information, the Commission will continue to carry out public sensitization

activities across the country and make reporting of corruption easy. In this regard, the Commission has increased the number of telephone lines that access the Toll-Free number from one line on each mobile network to three lines giving the total access lines to nine (9) lines from (3) three lines. Dedicated officers to manage the calls have also been deployed. It is anticipated that this measure will address the challenges members of the public have been facing regarding accessing the Commission through telephone services.

The Commission will also continue being proactive in putting in place anti-corruption prevention mechanisms. In this regard, the Commission will be sitting on various procurement and recruitment committees to ensure integrity of processes and procedure by making sure that the correct procedures are followed and only deserving entities are engaged. I wish to take this opportunity to warn civil servants who are bent on colluding and taking bribes to desist from these corrupt practices as the Commission will not hesitate to arrest and prosecute anyone found wanting.

### **Auditor General's Report**

As you are aware the Commission has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Auditor General which facilitates information sharing. In the recent Auditor General's Report for the year ending 2021, the Commission has taken keen interest in a number of issues raised and it is currently studying the report to determine the course of action on the cases that fall within the Commission's mandate.

## **Operations of the Commission in the Third Quarter of 2022**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Allow me to now give you an update on some of the activities that the Commission undertook in quarter three (3) of this year.

### **Public Education**

In the quarter under review, the Commission reached more than **151,433** people countrywide through various sensitization programmes which included: lectures and talks; exhibitions and agriculture shows; and radio programs.

Some of the specific activities included the following:

- i. Anti-corruption sensitisation on the implementation of Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) in Southern, Western, Northern and Central Provinces in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture.
- ii. Commemoration of the African Anti-Corruption Day which falls on the 11<sup>th</sup> July annually during which exhibitions were conducted.
- iii. Training of Public Education Officers from the Commission on incorporation of anti-corruption content in the tertiary curriculum and conducting gap analysis with the Curriculum Development Centre (CDC) in four subjects namely; social studies, civic education, religious education and adult literacy.

## Corruption Prevention

During the quarter, the Commission launch a Crusade against Road Traffic Corruption dubbed 'No Bribes But Fines Campaign' as one of the means of addressing traffic corruption in our country. Various activities that include radio and television programmes continue to be undertaken as well as distribution of information leaflets to members of the public on the dangers of traffic corruption and the fines charter. The Commission is hopeful that this campaign will raise the bar of integrity among motorists and road traffic law enforcement officers and move them from paying or receiving bribes to rejecting bribes and paying fines instead.

In addition, the first ever Private Sector Symposium was held with over **180** participants in attendance. This meeting was an avenue for bringing on board the private sector in the fight against corruption

The Commission also established one (**1**) new Integrity Committees (IC) at Mulonga Water and Sewerage Company on the Copperbelt Province. This brought the total number of Integrity Committee in various work places to **141**. The Commission further conducted a total of **13** Integrity Committee induction trainings for various Ministries, Councils and other government institutions. Some of the institutions trained were: National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA); Universtity Teaching Hospital (UTH) – Adult Hospital; National Health Insurance Management Agency (NHIMA); and, the Police Public Complaints Commission. The training workshops were aimed at orienting the new members of the Integrity Committees on their roles.

The Commission also received requests from various institutions to facilitate establishment of Integrity Committees and inception meetings were held with the following institutions:

- Ministry of Green Economy and Environmental Protection;
- Zambia Correctional Services;
- Chongwe Municipal Council;
- Chilanga Town Council;
- Public Service Micro Finance Company;
- Rural Electrification Authority;
- Masaiti Town Council;
- Nkana Water and Sanitation company; and,
- Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme Limited

Other activities that were conducted are as follows;

1. The Commission facilitated the holding of the 2022 Chief Executive Officer's (CEOs) Forum, chaired by the Acting Secretary to the Cabinet. The Forum brought together CEOs from various IC institutions to review the performance of their ICs and share their experiences.
2. The Commission finalized the development of the Integrity Committee (IC) Handbook meant to equip IC members with knowledge to assist them execute their roles.
3. The Commission conducted training for the Zambia National Commercial Bank (ZANACO) Board on the Role of Financial Institutions in the fight and prevention of corruption.

4. The Commission also conducted sensitizations for senior management at Zambia Medicines and Medical Supplies, members of staff at Zambia Compulsory Standards Agency, Ministry of Health and Competition and Consumer Protection Commission.
5. The Commission conducted an orientation on corruption prevention measures for members of staff under the Ministry of Mines in Southern, Copperbelt, Eastern, Luapula and North Western Provinces.
6. The Commission conducted Snap Checks for the Ministry of Health National Validation Workshop for the recruitment of Health workers. A Snap Check was also conducted on the award of additional bursaries and prioritizing of Community Projects for first Phase One funding under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) in Livingstone.
7. The Commission participated on various committees to enhance transparency in the processes and ensure laid down procedure was followed by the committees. The following are some of the meetings on which the Commission sat:
  - Recruitment of Local Government Service Commission employees.
  - Tender Evaluation of the Sakania Boarder, a Public Private Partnership Project under the Ministry of Commerce.
  - Farmer Input Support Program (FISP) Tender Evaluation for the supply of seed for the 2022/23 farming season and conducting due diligence on companies recommended for supply of seed for the 2022/23 farming season.
  - Recruitment of Fund Managers for the Ministry of Mines.

- Evaluation of bids for Solid Waste Management at Kafue Town Council.
- Selection of candidates for Chalimbana University, Mukuba University and Mauritius under Higher Education Loans and Scholarship Board.
- Tender Evaluation Committee for erecting a brick wall fence at the Hostels Board Livingstone Lodge.
- Evaluation of bids at the Road Development Agency
- Evaluation of Bids for the provision of fuel marking services under Energy Regulation Board.

## **Investigations and Prosecutions**

In the third quarter, the Commission received a total of **181** reports of suspected corruption. Of the **181** cases received, **180** reports were authorized for investigations. As of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the total number of cases under investigations were **1,264** and **108** investigation cases had been concluded with **29** arrests effected countrywide.

Some of the individuals arrested during the third quarter on different charges are as follows:

- (i) Former Special Assistant for Economy to President Edgar Lungu Hibeene Mwiinga, his wife and son;
- (ii) Former Ministry of Defence Permanent Secretary Stardy Mwale and Savenda Group of Companies Director and Shareholder Clever Mpoha;

- (iii) Ndozo Lodges Proprietor and Shareholder Chrint Sichamba and his wife and son;
- (iv) Former Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo;
- (v) Former Director for Forestry Department Ignatius Makumba, ACK General Dealers Director and Shareholder, Ackson Tembo, Bruce Aongola, Zambia National Service (ZNS) Director of Operations Col. Maliwa Muwanei involving illegal exportation of Mukula logs;
- (vi) Former Minister of Tourism Ronald Chitotela;
- (vii) Former Ministry of Health Permanent Secretary for Administration Kakulubelwa Mulalelo involving the supply of 50 Ambulances to the Ministry;
- (viii) Directors of Honey Bee Pharmacy Limited Abdurrauf Motala, Zakir Motala, and Imran Runat for uttering of false documents.
- (ix) Former Minister of Home Affairs Stephen Kampyongo and his wife;
- (x) Arrest of former Minister of Justice Given Lubinda.

The Commission also intercepted and seized US\$399,500.00 from two Turkish Businessmen Hakki Sahutoglu, Director of Denniz Company Limited and Sezer Sahutoglu.

Further, the Commission restricted a sum of **US\$ 216,000** money that were wired to Chief Nkana and also restricted US\$ **US\$ 3,474,150.00** belonging to Savenda Systems Limited which was about to be moved from a local account.

During the quarter, nineteen (**19**) cases were before the courts of law, three (**3**) cases were pending judgement, eight (**8**) cases were appealed while four (**4**) convictions were also secured.

The summary statistics for the year so far shows that the total number of arrests effected has reached **71** with **8** convictions secured. In addition, the total number of investigated cases concluded is **284** while over five million people have been reached through various sensitization activities.

## **Conclusion**

I wish to reiterate Governments position of 'Zero Tolerance' to corruption. The Commission will only fulfil its mandate in partnership with the Zambian people. It is therefore incumbent on all citizens to abhor corruption and to report the same to the Commission as this is the only way that the vice will be effectively fought.

The Anti-Corruption Commission is equal to the task and it will not fail to deliver on its mandate. Let me, therefore send a timely warning to all public officials presently in government and quasi government agencies that abusing public coffers will cause them to pay a high price.

Corruption is evil and all well-meaning Zambians should abhor it.

**I thank you.**