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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



We are pleased to announce commencement of Road Tolling at the Michael Chilufya Sata Toll Gate on the Ndola-Kitwe Road, and the Kyabankaka Toll Gate between

Solwezi and Mutanda in Northwestern Province, in our ongoing endeavor to increase the Road Tolling footprint on commercially viable points of the country's major highways.

The two Toll Stations are particularly significant, having been constructed in the heart of Zambia's mining hub and on key roads which are not only central to our economic growth but link the Democratic Republic of Congo and Angola to the rest of Zambia, an essential part of the North-South Trade Corridor.

In order to ease the movement of goods and people and tap immense benefits from roads in the mining region, and using the Road Tolling programme as collateral, we secured a win-win financing arrangement with the National Pensions Scheme Authority (NAPSA) to the amount of K2.12 billion which has seen the completion of road works on the Ndola-Kitwe, Kitwe - Chingola and Chingola - Solwezi Roads.

With the commencement of Road Tolling at the above cited Toll Gates to be complimented in due course by three more upcoming Toll Gates between Kitwe and Chingola, Chingola and Solwezi, and Mufulira -Sabina Roads, we are all but guaranteed of a steady and sustainable flow of revenue to continuously maintain these road stretches so that they do not degenerate to the deplorable state in which they were.

This will be in addition to financing key road

programmes which include Copperbelt 400 to the tune of US\$492 million, and the Zambia Urban Roads costing US\$232 million, the Link Zambia 8000 road project worth K25 billion and other Annual Work Plan Programmes.

Specifically, the Road Tolling Maintenance Programme (RoToMaP) which is enshrined in the Road Development Agency (RDA)'s Road Maintenance Strategy is supporting Local Authorities and RDA in carrying out pothole patching, road markings and signage and construction of speed humps on roads adjacent to tolled roads.

As we roll out the Road Tolling Programme, we wish to assure the general public that we have put in place systems and controls to ensure thorough accountability of all the collected revenues in order to instil public confidence and trust.

The Tolls revenue is ring-fenced for road maintenance, construction and rehabilitation in line with Part III Section 11 of the Tolls Act No. 14 of 2011. All collected tolls are deposited into a consolidated account for record purposes and remitted into the Road Fund for onward disbursement and this cycle leaves an audit trail which can be reconciled from source to expenditure.

Additionally, all transactions at inland Toll Stations are monitored in real time at a control centre installed at the NRFA Head Office in Lusaka with a video recording for each transaction which can be played back for reconciliatory purposes.

We wish to reiterate that Zambia's Road Tolling Programme is on the right course and has so far attracted the attention of the region, and beyond, with countries including Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi and Namibia undertaking study visits to Zambia so that they could replicate the programme in their respective countries.

Happy Independence Celebrations.

Eng. Wallece Mumba

Toll Gate Construction Wo

By Rachel Namukolo



NRFA Director/CEO Eng. Wallece Mumba welcomes President Edgar Lungu to the Garneton Toll Plaza on the Kitwe-Chingola Road

Government has placed particular interest and priority in ensuring the growth of the road sector as it places emphasis on road infrastructure development to facilitate socio-economic development, being a driver for all sectors in the country.

In coming up with innovative ways of raising funds to not only upgrade, rehabilitate and construct but most importantly maintain the country's road network, the National Road Tolling Program fits perfectly as a home-grown solution to road maintenance.

Since Phase II of the National Road Tolling Programme was initiated in 2016, the NRFA has so far operationalised 10 inland toll stations and is on the verge of expanding the tolling blue print to a total 40 stations across the country.

The Tolling initiative is top on Government's agenda with His Excellence Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia taking time to tour construction sites for the Garneton and Chingola-Solwezi Toll Gates in August, this year.

The Head of State called for adherence to the 20 percent inclusion of local contractors in projects as per government policy.

"We want to upscale the sub-contracting policy to 50 percent. I am getting reports that we are being deceived by the 20 percent component. It should be an obligation and when they say they [local contractors] don't have capacity, the NCC should come in and help," he said.

And NRFA Director /CEO Eng. Wallece Mumba said the Agency was committed to ensuring that tolls were ploughed back into road maintenance, upgrading and rehabilitation.

"The Agency receives 100 percent of the tolls from the Ministry of Finance and we work very closely with our sister Agency the RDA that we ensure that those monies are used for road maintenance", he said.

orks in Presidential Boost



Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Honorable Ronald Chitotela, MP, giving President Lungu an insight on works done at the Garneton Toll Plaza

United we Stand, Divided we Fall

By Anthony Konsolo

The importance of human capital cannot be over emphasized in our day to day operations at the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA).

Think of the driver who has to ensure that the team arrives in time for the shift. The Toll Collector sitting in front of that point of sale machine which in my humble philosophy I refer to as the origin of road construction and maintenance. It is from that till that the funds for road construction and maintenance are collected. The Shift Supervisor to ensure that the shift runs smoothly and at optimum level. The Senior Toll Collector ensuring that the funds collected are banked and be in adherence with what the portfolio demands.

This article is incomplete without mentioning the Agency's Headquarters on 33 Fairley Road, the nerve centre or the heartbeat of this important operation. Corporate Services Department to ensure that the right staff are employed, and ensuring that our welfare is attended to. Tied to it is Public Relations Unit that ensures the public is well informed and informed timeously.

Audit Department to ensure that we keep abreast with the Public Finance and Management Act riding on strong systems and controls. Fund Management who do not only ensure all are paid on time but also give guidance to controlling officers of the

stations' fiduciary management of the financial resources.

In addition the Monitoring and Evaluation Department also giving its guidance on Value for Money. It is also worth noting the advisory responsibility to the parent ministry being the Ministry of Finance and in the same breath adhere to policy pronouncements or good strategic direction.

Equally important is the Strategic Plan 2017-2021 from which we derive a catalyst to enhanced performance, and that being the balanced score card.

United we stand as strong NRFA team, divided, we fall.

NRFA Most Open Public Institution

The National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) has scooped this year's Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia Golden Key Award as the most open and accessible Public Institution in Zambia among the eight Government Ministries and Public Institutions that were randomly sampled.



NRFA Director/CEO Eng. Wallece Mumba (right) receives the Golden Key Award

Presenting the award on behalf of MISA, Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection Executive Director Emmanuel Mumba said the NRFA was helpful throughout the survey, even though the Agency did not know the purpose of the survey and responded to the request for information in record time and called the researcher to discuss the information request in more detail.

Fr. Mumba noted that the NRFA was a beacon of hope in countries like Zambia which are conformed with an urgent need to improve their economy, strengthen institutions, modernize public administration, and fight corruption through access to information.

And receiving the award, NRFA Director/Chief Executive Officer Eng. Wallece Mumba stated that the award was in tandem with the Agency's modus operandi which bordered on its Core Values of Transparency, Accountable, Integrity, Team Work, Innovation and Excellence.

Eng Mumba stated that as an Agency mandated to manage and administer the resource envelope for the road sector in Zambia, public trust, transparency and openness were key ingredients

to the Agency's operations and had always kept its doors and books open for scrutiny with a proud record of producing unqualified audited accounts for the 12 years that NRFA had been in existence.

"We are the lead Tolls Agent in the implementation of the National Road Tolling Programme and also mobilise resources from other sources such as fuel levy, road tax, government appropriations, loans and grants and such, key stakeholders need to know how these resources are utilised for them to appreciate Government Programmes on the ground," he said.

Among the Government Ministries and Institutions randomly surveyed were the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), Zambia Public Procurement Authority (ZPPA), Ministries of Gender, Agriculture and Livestock, Community Development and Social Welfare, Lands and Natural Resources and Information and Broadcasting Services.

Since 2009, MISA has evaluated the level of openness of public institutions in its annual Transparency Assessment to establish the ease or difficulty with which citizens can access public information.

The study assesses whether public institutions proactively make relevant information available through online presence and evaluates to what degree information is made available to citizens upon request.

2019 National Budget Excerpt



Hon. Margaret Mwanakatwe, MP, Minister of Finance (centre) accompanied by spouse and daughter during the National Budget Presentation on 28th September, 2018 at Parliament buildings in Lusaka.

"...With regard to road infrastructure, Government will continue to implement, among other projects, the Link Zambia 8,000, township roads and the Rural Connectivity Project. In addition, greater emphasis will be placed on maintenance in order to increase the life-span of our roads...."

"....To ensure sustainable financing for road maintenance, Government embarked on the National Road Tolling Programme as a home grown solution to sustainable road maintenance...."

NRFA Joins Hands in

By Chama Mwansa

The National Council for Construction (NCC) recently held a Combined Skills Awards Graduation Ceremony at the New Government Complex in its ongoing endeavor to build local contracting capacity financed through the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA).

The NRFA was represented at the graduation by its Manager Finance, Mrs. Micah Chola.



Mrs. Micah Chola - NRFA Manager Finance

The theme for this occasion was *Enhancing Local Participation in Sustainable Infrastructure Development and Job Creation through Skills Development* and reflected well NCCs principles of developing the Zambian construction industry. NCC is working towards promoting greater involvement of local contractors in construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works and has been looking for ways to provide access to necessary skills, equipment and finances for local contractors.

Speaking during the official address of the graduation ceremony, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development, Hon. Ronald Chitotela, MP, stated that Government was keen to ensuring that Zambians were participating in programs such as skills development in order to meet the demand of the continuously growing construction sector.

Hon Chitotela further urged the NCC Board and Management to facilitate a reverse in the trend in which local contractors were getting a marginal share of the construction market by equipping contractors with right skills and competencies. Speaking particularly on support to the road

sector, Hon. Chitotela recognized the important role played by Government in supporting the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SME) Capacity Building Program financed through the National Road Fund Agency. Hon. Chitotela noted that this was testimony of Government's commitment to making construction the Road Sub-Sector Training more accessible.

NRFA provides funding to NCC for the successful implementation of road sector based programs. This ensures that the courses being provided for remain accessible and affordable to SMEs.

Hon. Chitotela concluded by congratulating the 333 graduating students and re-iterated Government's determination to realise the objective of enhancing skills for local participation in sustainable infrastructure development and job creation.

This ceremony conferred skills award certificates to students who undertook courses between the July 2017 and June 2018 period.

Speaking on behalf of the Director/Chief Executive Officer of the NRFA, Mrs Micah Chola,

n Capacity Building

Manager Finance stated that NRFA as a funding Agency attached great importance to initiatives that promoted local participation in the construction and maintenance of road infrastructure, road safety and other related activities, as road development was a catalyst for sustainable growth and socio-economic transformation.

Mrs. Chola stated that NRFA recognised the importance of skills development in the road sector and endeavoured to provide adequate financial resources to NCC for capacity building in the road construction sector. She further noted that adequate availability of local skills would result in increased meaningful participation of locals in road construction projects such as the Link Zambia 8000, Lusaka and Copperbelt 400 and other work plan related activities for the sector.

She concluded by encouraging the graduating students to use the acquired skills by producing

quality works, ensure timely implementation of projects within the budgeted amount and contribution of Governments big picture of road infrastructure development in the country and thus value for money.

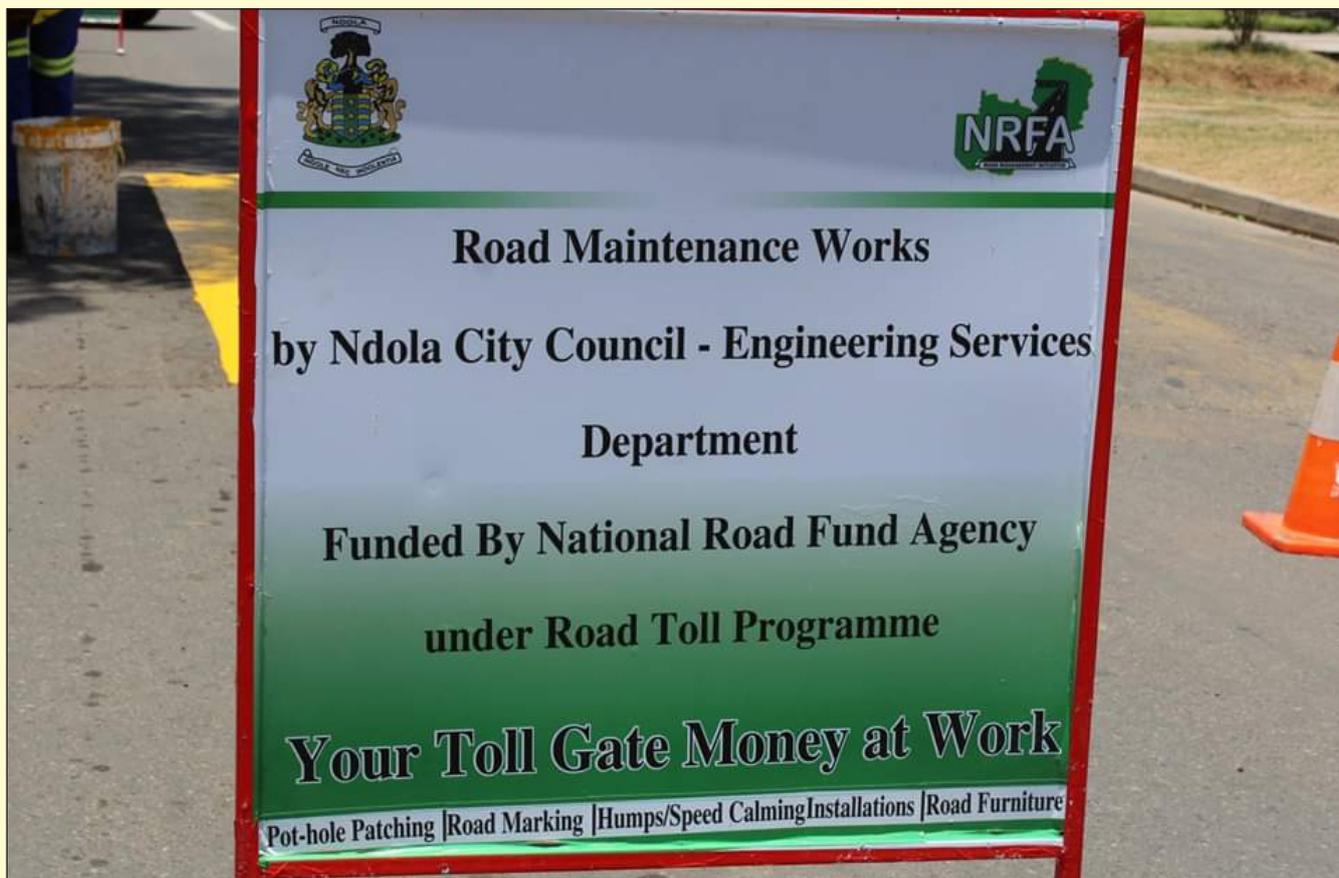
During his remarks NCC Executive Director, Q. S. Matthew Ngulube appreciated the continued support from government, through the NRFA for their continued and valuable support rendered towards the roads subsector programmes. Q. S. Ngulube also recognised partnerships and support from the Road Development Agency, International Labour Organisation, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme.

Q. S. Ngulube concluded that in addition to enhancing local participation in the sector, NCC continues to note the importance of increasing participation of women in skills development and project implementation.



NCC Graduating students

We are Grateful – Says Ndola City Council



The Ndola City Council has commenced road marking works and pothole patching in the city following funding of K200,000 the council received from National Road Fund Agency (NRFA).

Ndola City Council Public Relations Manager Ms. Tilyenji Mwanza said the K200,000.00 was an initial allocation from proceeds of the National Road Tolling Programme and was a first installment which would go into the rehabilitation of President Avenue and Kwacha Roads.

“From the same funding the Ndola City Council has today commenced pothole patching in the city, with priority given to the roads spurring from the tolled roads leading into the city. Adding onto the K200 000 that the Ndola City Council received from NRFA the Local Authority will be spending an extra K100 000 from the capital component to go to the pot-hole patching exercise as well as the creation of speed humps on newly constructed roads,” she said.

“The Ndola City Council would like to announce that it has completed most works on the under bridge along Dag Hammersjoeld Drive and tomorrow the

painters will be marking the bridge and it will be ready for use before mid-November.”

And City Council Director Engineering Patrick Simuchimba said the carriageway had been designed to be in rigid form in terms of the top surface, with absorptivity mechanics at the base of the rigid pavement to allow for easy collection of underground water into the main drain, draining into the Kafubu River. Additionally a walkway has been designed on both sides of the bridge after the guard rails to cater for pedestrians and cyclists.

The City Council joins other Councils across the country which have benefited from the Road Tolling Maintenance Programme (RoToMap) enshrined under the RDA Maintenance Strategy to support Local Authorities and RDA in carrying out pothole patching, road markings and signage and construction of speed humps with a total of K3.7 million Tolls revenue disbursed to respective Local Authorities who are now undertaking various road works in their localities.

These include Kabwe, Kapirimposhi, Mansa, Kasama, and Lusaka Local Authorities.

Mumbwa Toll Gate Introduces 'List of Shame'

By Joshua Mambwe

The phrase 'Cleanliness is Next to Godliness' was first recorded in a sermon by John Wesley in 1778 and it is still invoked as a standard measure to keeping clean.

Toll Collectors at Mumbwa Toll Gate have taken this ancient idea, found in Babylonian and Hebrew religious tracts all the way to their work place in line with Government's policy direction for all citizens to participate in the cleaning of their surroundings every last Saturday of the month, except for members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Mumbwa Toll Gate has made cleanliness as the first line of defence against diseases as Toll Collectors are well aware of the consequences of not keeping a clean environment, and as a cleanliness measure staff have adopted what they call Shame Time.

With Shame Time, whoever leaves dirt where they are working from, are put on the list of shame on the Station's WhatsApp Group for all to see and make fun of.



Keep clean but never leave the gun unattended to

This innovation has worked well for Mumbwa as no Toll Collector would want to be shamed including the police officers deployed at the station to provide security. The Police Service rule of 'never leave a Gun unattended to' does not deter them from participating in the Keep Mumbwa Toll Gate Clean Campaign as seen in the picture above.



Cleanliness next to Godliness

Toll Compliance Levels Stand at 99.93 Percent



NRFA, RTSA and the Zambia Police Service mount a check-point

By Rachel Namukolo

The National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) has recorded 99.93 percent compliance levels and willingness by motorists to pay tolls at selected Toll Gates. These Toll Gates include Chongwe, Shimabala, Katuba, Manyumbi, Mpika Weighbridge and Kafulafuta Toll Gates.

The NRFA, in liaison with the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) and the Zambia Police Service undertook random compliance checks at the above Toll Gates with the objective of not only determining compliance levels of toll payments among both motorists and Toll Collectors according to prescribed schedules but also ascertain some of the weaknesses that could exist during the implementation of the Road Tolling Programme for subsequent remedy.

The road tolling compliance exercise was conducted by mounting a road block a few kilometers away from the identified Toll Gates with motorists being asked to provide proof of toll payment in order to determine compliance levels for both motorists and Toll Collectors with respect to the Toll payments according to the Toll tariff structure as is prescribed in the Tolls Act 14 of 2011.

This move was also undertaken to ascertain

adherence to procedures, transparency and accountability in the collection of tolls exposing weaknesses that may exist and initiate mechanisms of combating fraud riding on the NRFA's Core Values of Transparency, Accountability, Integrity, Teamwork, Innovation and Excellence in its daily operations with a strict stance on zero corruption tolerance.

According to the Tolls Act No. 14 of 2011 any violation that constitutes absconding and general offences attracts legal consequences. With specific reference to absconding the law applies in two parts;

1. In an event that a motorist feels that he/she has not committed the offence, the matter is subjected to a court process, however, the potential outcome can be the following;
 - (a) If found guilty of committing the offence, one is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand penalty units which equals to K90,000 or to be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three years or both.
2. In an instance where the offender admits having committed the offence, he/she is liable of paying a penalty unit of six thousand penalty units which equals to K1, 800 on the spot.

Road Sector Needs an Army of Ideas

By Rachel Namukolo

Strategic partnerships and linkages remain an important aspect for the NRFA as it continues to enhance its service delivery and effect customer satisfaction as stated in its Strategic Plan 2017-2021.

This was reiterated during the Agency's courtesy call on Zambia Army Commander Lt. General Paul Mihova in Lusaka.

Eng. Mumba said strategic linkages were key to the growth of the road sector in the country and that the Army was one of the institutions the Agency needed to strongly partner with as the sector continues to grow.

He said an important aspect was that the Agency placed particular emphasis on ensuring value for money to ensure that roads were well maintained. "Zambia Army is one of the institutions that we feel we should strongly partner with, the business of roads in this country is becoming bigger and bigger. Our major interest especially with the tolling is the issue of value for money, where

people want to see that our roads are in good condition, so we need to work with the various sectors to ensure that the people get what they want."

And Lt. Gen. Mihova said cooperation between the two institutions would go a long way, noting that the Army would be ready to render their services to the road sector.

Lt. Gen. Mihova said Zambia needed to start utilising the services of the Army in road construction and other works, like other countries had done.

"The Defence Force is the cheapest resource that Government has in this country. We are there for the nation, the Army is not there for itself, that cooperation can go a long way, we are readily available to render our services where you need help. The Defence Force should be utilised and be fully involved in the Road Sector as is the case in other countries. Going forward we need to create strong linkages. We are interested in the Road Sector and helping where we can," he said.



NRFA Director/CEO pays a courtesy call on Zambia Army Commander Lt. General Paul Mihova in Lusaka

ZAMBIA HEADS REGIONAL ARM OF ROAD FUND ASSOCIATION

By Rachel Namukolo

Zambia, through the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) and its Director/ Chief Executive Officer Eng. Wallece Mumba was unanimously voted to lead the African Road Maintenance Fund Association Southern Africa Focal Group (ASAFG).

Zambia was elected by 7 out of the 8 member countries at the 2nd ASAFG meeting that ran from the 26th August to the 31st of August, 2018 in Maseru, Lesotho.

In his acceptance speech, Eng. Mumba said the association stood beyond sharing best practices on road maintenance financing and resource mobilisation but begins an era of implementation of critical innovative strategies that will help member countries move towards achieving not only sustainable road funds but maintain their relevance in the development agenda of the region and beyond.

“As Zambia we are grateful for this opportunity to chair the Southern Africa Focal Group and look forward to learning from each other through not only meetings such as this platform but country exchange visits that will help us learn from each other first-hand what each member country is doing and share that knowledge to better our institutions and road financing.”

He said emphasis must be placed on finding strategies of responding to the challenges road funds face such as widening funding gap and increasing needs on road maintenance and in some cases the lack of its prioritization.

Eng. Mumba noted that Africa also faces challenges of adverse climatic changes which require road funds to stay one step ahead in preserving the road asset in the light of its ravaging effects and further stressed the need for correspondence between increasing road user charges which include tolls and well maintained



roads and assurance in value for money.

“It goes without saying that well developed and maintained road network systems are the arteries that drive socio and economic development in our countries and create a road linked Africa, which is the backbone to inter country trade. It is also very critical for us to realise that it is our roads that build the economy and not the economy that builds roads.”

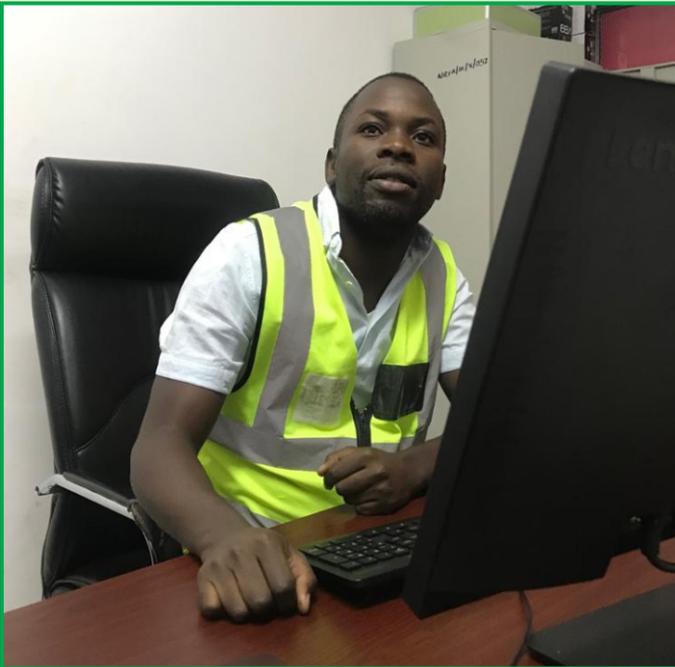
ARMFA is a non-political and non-governmental association established in 2003 by African countries that have Road Funds. The ARMFA is divided into four arms of governance, the Eastern, Southern, Western and Central African regions Focal Groups.

The Southern Africa Focal Group consists of member countries, Lesotho, Namibia, Comoros, Mozambique, Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Zambia was voted Chairperson of the ASAFG replacing Madagascar while Mozambique took the vice Chairmanship of the ASAFG following a unanimous vote.

The association offers a platform for the exchange of information and ideas among member countries and creating an enabling environment for members to interact in the areas of road maintenance, which Zambia has been part of for a decade.

Employee Profile

Ricky Maposa Mwanza



By Ngelelwa Lunda

Q: HOW DID YOU BECOME A TOLL COLLECTOR

It was in 2013 when I saw an advert in the Zambia Daily Mail Newspaper for 30 suitably qualified individuals to fill in the Position of Toll Collectors. I had hope that 30 was a big number and that if I applied I would be selected for the job. I was called for interviews, worked hard in the interview and that is how I got the job.

Q: SO HOW HAS BEEN THE JOURNEY IN TOLLING SINCE JOINING?

The job has changed my life and taught me a lot. I have learnt how to deal with different clients and also how to lead and manage people. Even how to be a team player.

When I joined I was deployed at the Solwezi Weighbridge where I gained a lot of experience. There we were just tolling vehicles above 6.5 tonnes. In 2015, the Weighbridge was closed for maintenance and was transferred to Manyumbi Toll Station in the same capacity but through hard

work I was promoted to Shift Supervisor and later appointed as Integrity Committee Focal Person.

In 2015 I was again transferred to Mumbwa my current Station in the same capacity. All these transfers have just proved to me that the Agency believes in me and that where ever they take me I will deliver my duties beyond their expectations.

Q: WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST INTERESTING PART OF YOUR JOB?

Basically in tolling you meet a lot of people and from all walks of life. From Bus Drivers to Cabinet Ministers. It has made me learn how to handle customers and also be a good leader.

Q: HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH DIFFICULT CLIENTS?

I just have to understand and be courteous all the time. If it's beyond what I can handle we have security officers who come in to help.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS AN INTEGRITY COMMITTEE FOCAL PERSON?

It is my responsibility to ensure that there are no fraudulent activities at the Toll station and that Toll Collectors don't engage in corrupt practices as all Toll Stations are a 'Corruption Free Zones.'

Q: FINALLY WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

I am looking forward to seeing more toll plazas opened to increase revenue collection because a good road bring economic development and growth in a country.



FEEDBACK FROM FACEBOOK

This section features a range of questions and feedback we get from our readers through our Facebook platform.

Question: Will you please explain your main role in the Zambian Road Transport Sector?

Kelvin Mubiana

Answer: The National Road Fund Agency (NRFA), which plays a fiduciary oversight on all Road Sector Finances in Zambia, draws its mandate from the National Road Fund Act Number 13 of 2002. Its functions can be summed up into three key pillars of Resource Mobilisation, Fiduciary Management of Resources and Value for Money

The NRFA finances all road interventions such as construction, rehabilitation, maintenance, road safety and capacity building, drawing its sources of funds from Loans and Grants from cooperating partners, and Local Resources which consist of Fuel Levy, Tolls, Other Road User Charges including Road Tax, Weighbridge Fees and Fines.

From 1st September 2015, the NRFA was appointed as Lead Tolls Agent in accordance with the Tolls Act No. 14 of 2011 under Part II Section 6 to perform such functions as collection and banking of tolls from designated toll points and undertake strategies to increase toll revenues meant for the Road Fund to finance Road Maintenance programmes on Zambian public roads.

Question: My mind is ever so busy and today my focus is on revenues realised from the Toll Gates being collected across the country-Zambia. Is it too early to request the

Government to give us an insight into how much has been collected? And more importantly, how this money is being utilised so far? I would like to learn which roads have been rehabilitated and which new roads have been constructed using toll gate collections?



Chinsali - Nakonde Road to

It would definitely break my heart should I learn that funds collected from toll gates are being diverted to fund other activities different from the intended purpose. I am sure that it is not asking for too much from our transparent and accountable government.

Anonymous

Answer: The Government of the Republic of Zambia, through the Road Development Agency (RDA) as a Tolls Authority and the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) as a Lead Tolls Agent has accelerated the implementation of the National Road Tolling Programme (NRTP) with 10 inland Toll Stations and 10 Ports of Entry collection points in operation as at 31st August 2018.



be Rehabilitated

The National Road Tolling Programme continues to significantly contribute to the infrastructure development of the Country with ZMW538.5Million have been collected so far this year alone, covering period January 2018 to August 2018 from both inland toll

stations and Ports of Entry. You may also wish to know that cumulatively, K2.4 billion has been collected from the time the programme commenced in 2013 to date.

All collected revenues have prudently been applied on the on-going road infrastructure development projects across the country such as the upgrading of urban roads across the country, rehabilitation of the Kitwe - Chingola Road, periodic maintenance works of Ndola – Kitwe Dual Carriage Way, holding maintenance works of the Kafue – Mazabuka Road, Construction of the Kazungula Bridge Road Project, Pedicle Road, Livingstone – Sesheke Road, Kawambwa Mushota Road, Kafue Hook Bridge, Toll Corridor Feeder Roads among others.

We wish to mention here that whereas the Road Tolling Programme is a welcome home-grown solution to sustainable road maintenance, the revenue realised therefrom is not enough to meet the huge backlog of road maintenance currently standing at US\$721 in annual requirements.

Question: Am kindly asking when the road works are going to start on the Chinsali - Nakonde Road? The road is very bad.

Chanda Richard Mumbo

Answer: The Road development Agency (RDA) recently awarded a contract to China State Construction Engineering Limited for the rehabilitation of Lot 1 which is 103 Kilometres from Chinsali to Isoka section at a contract sum of K785, 773,382.49.

Further, China Railway Seventh Group Co. Limited will work on lot 2 comprising 107 kilometres from Isoka to Nakonde including the urban section of the road to the border with Tanzania at a contract sum of K713, 866,768.53.

The project implementation will be 40 months and the scope of works of the project will include but not limited to the following: Clearing and grubbing, earthworks, bituminous surfacing related works; road signage and ancillary works.



Team NRFA in S

The National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) Football Team beat the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) side 10-0, lost to the Zambia Breweries team 7-5, and beat the Zambia Environment Management Agency (ZEMA) Football team 9-2, in the inaugural RTSA-ZAMBREW 5 Aside Football Tournament held recently.

Zambia Breweries were declared winners of the tournament after amassing seven points, while NRFA came out second, ZEMA were third and the host RTSA came out last.

This being a social football event all teams were presented with medals as a sign of solidarity and continued unity.

The Full results were as follows: RTSA vs ZEMA 3:6, ZB vs NRFA 7:5, NRFA vs RTSA 10:0, ZEMA vs ZB 2:3, RTSA vs ZB 3:3, and ZEMA vs NRFA 2:9

Participants at this football event were addressed by the Head of Public Relations at RTSA, Mr Frederick Mubanga who informed the delegates that the theme for the football tournament was "Reducing Carbon Emissions" produced by cars by reducing on usage of vehicles and in this vain he encouraged people to walk more instead.

He went on to talk about road safety matters by sharing various interventions that RTSA was undertaking.

He encouraged people gathered for the tournament to visit the RTSA information desk that was set up at the event.

Mr. Mubanga advised participants at the event to obtain highway codes and other road safety handouts and concluded by highlighting dangers of littering and why it was important to live and work in clean environments.



ABOVE: Team NRFA poses for a photograph after collecting trophy and medals
BELOW: NRFA Player Eng. Vernon Ngulube aims for the goal



Soccer Bonanza



Ms Stephanie Kasaka from Zambia Breweries shares a light moment with NRFA's Eng. Vernon Ngulube after handing over medals and trophies



National Road Fund Agency



Happy

54th

Independence Anniversary

The Board, Management and staff of the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA)

convey a message of goodwill to the President of the Republic of Zambia, His Excellency Mr, Edgar C. Lungu, and the people of Zambia on the occasion of Zambia's 54th Independence Anniversary.

We wish our Government God's blessings as it steers the nation to greater economic prosperity

A Sustainable Road Fund