**TRANSPORT**

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**AGRICULTURE**

**AIDB HAS BEEN SUPPORTING ZAMBIA’S NATIONAL INVESTMENT PLAN (NAIP 2014-2018) BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE GOVERNMENTS EFFORTS TO INCREASE CROP DIVERSIFICATION, PRODUCTIVITY, PROCESSING AND IMPROVING MARKET LINKAGES.**

Financed through a USD 31.12 million grant. The value chain development comprises market linkages, agricultural service centres, and the strengthening of agriculture institutions. The estimated number of direct beneficiaries is 75,000 households, including 37,500 female-headed households, and 2,000 young people. In addition, about 30,000 households are indirect beneficiaries in the value chain. The project will create 850 full-time and 4,200 part-time jobs.

The project is being implemented in six districts: Sinazongwe, Gwembe, Chongwe, Ptumbu, Serenje and Chitambo.

“Through this project we learnt to plant and cultivate drought-resistant crops, so we could plant all year round. The Bank also helped us build poultry houses for rearing chickens. Through the sale of these products we’ve been able to build and electrify our house, educate our children and just sustain ourselves,” Japhet May 2016

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Zambia has great economic potential as it is endowed with rich natural resources and a young and vibrant population.
MESSAGE FROM
AfDB GROUP PRESIDENT

Zambia has achieved macroeconomic stability and made significant economic progress in the last decade. But challenges remain, and poverty levels remain too high. The situation has become more difficult in the wake of global economic headwinds and the fall of commodity prices, which have also, of course, affected copper. Despite these challenges, we know that Zambia will come through. The country must diversify its economy, especially in agriculture and energy.

The African Development Bank remains a strong supporter of Zambia’s national development agenda, and we are excited to partner with Zambia in her development journey. We will continue in our support.

Dr Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank Group

Zambia's energy is currently provided primarily by hydropower. The country produces 1900MW from this source and has the potential to produce 6000MW if additional hydropower plants are constructed and operationalised.

But by 2010, Zambia’s economy was growing, raising the demand for electricity. For the first time since Independence, the country began to experience a shortage of power. ADB is supporting Zambia to respond to its power challenges by providing USD 30 million to support infrastructure development to increase the country’s power generation capacity. The Bank support is currently focused on two major projects: the rehabilitation of the Kariba Dam and the construction of the Itezhi Tezhi power plant.

ITEZHI TEZHI POWER PROJECT

The Itezhi Tezhi Power Project is the first private public partnership in the energy sector in Zambia. The project, jointly owned by the Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO) and Tata Africa Limited, is constructing and operating a 120 MW hydropower station, at a total cost of USD 245 million, of which the African Development Bank is providing USD 30 million.

“The coming of Itezhi Tezhi has helped bridge the gap between supply and demand. The power is not only connected to the national grid, but it is fully connected to the entire Southern African Power Pool. So this project doesn’t only benefit the nation but the region as a whole.”

Director of Demand Generation - Fidelis Mubiana

AfDB AT A GLANCE

To accelerate and focus the work of its 2013-2022 Strategy, the Bank has adopted five priorities, known as the ‘High 5s’, to transform the lives of the people of Africa:

Light Up and Power Africa: Conventional and renewable energy to power economies
Feed Africa: Agriculture as a wealth creating viable business.
Industrialise Africa: Build the private sector of Africa
Integrate Africa: Focus on regional integration through smart regional infrastructure
Improve the Quality of Life of the People of Africa: ‘Transforming Africa’s ‘demographic dividend’ into ‘economic dividends’

AfDB ZAMBIA COOPERATION

In Zambia, the AfDB works within the framework of the master plan for the country’s development, Vision 2030. Its projects are aligned with its own and the country’s strategic priorities.

The AfDB Country Strategy Paper for Zambia (2011-2015) provided the focus of activities and operations in 2015, leaning towards two key pillars: Support to Economic Diversification through Infrastructure Development and Support to Economic and Financial Governance. These focus areas are also aligned with Zambia’s own Sixth National Development Plan.

In 2015, the Bank approved the largest number of operations in its history in Zambia, with a total commitment of USD 886 million, allocated to the following sectors:

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