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EXPRESS PAYMENTS WITH



In an exciting development, the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources with Medici Land Governance have conducted an offer letter issuance exercise for landowners whose property details were captured under the National Land Titling Program in Lusaka's Kanyama and John Laing Compounds from 15–24 November 2021.

During the community issuance exercise, designed to ease landowner collection of offer letters, ZANACO Bank, express agents were on site to facilitate payments, collect deposit slips, and issue receipts for the first time.

ZANACO Regional Relationship Manager Kasongo Musumali says the bank is working to offer a solution to ease payments by the landowners and increase efficiency.

"We are cutting down on the time spent for a landowner to visit a branch. It is an effort to divert the traffic which in turn would promote efficiency," he explains.

Mary Kasoka, a 23-year-old property owner in John Laing Compound, says she is hopeful that making payments will continue to be made easier for landowners like herself.

"I was quite surprised when I received the call from Medici Land Governance officers telling me that I will be able to pay via express agents from the point of collection. Despite it being short notice, I was able to pay k300 which I have been saving since verification and I am hopeful to pay the minimum k1000 required soon," she explains.

Systematic Land Titling Progresses To **IN KITWE**

As the National Land Titling Program progresses in the Copperbelt Province, more than 30,500 landowners' property details have been enumerated in Kitwe district.

Bwalya Bwalya, a landowner in Twatasha township whose details were successfully captured and verified, expressed joy for being part of this program "I know the community, including myself, is very happy about this program as we are all able to see progress. We have heard stories from Lusaka on how people have acquired their title deeds faster and more efficiently through this program which is giving us hope in the process," he said.



The program, which has excited many residents in various parts of Kitwe, has since advanced to the verification stage where property owners in Bulangililo, Ipusukilo and East of Garnaton have successfully verified their details. Currently, verification is underway in Kamatipa, Chipata, East of Kwacha, Race Course, and Twatasha areas.

78 YEAR OLD WOMAN Sheds Tears in Gratitude for the National Land Titling Program.

After successful capturing and verification of her property details under the National Land Titling program, Donaris Nanfukwe, a landowner in Lusaka's George Compound, received the call to collect her offer letter, a call that left her with despair instead of joy.

During the phone call, Donaris explained that she is an elderly woman who is ill with no one to help her. She had five children with her late husband of which three are now deceased, leaving her with two daughters who live outside Lusaka.

Fortunately, in the National Land Titling Program, conducted by the Ministry of Lands and Medici Land Governance, a representative can collect an offer letter on behalf of an incapacitated landowner.

Lands Officer, Mutale Simwanza explains that landowners who are out of town or living with a condition or ailment that makes them unable to physically collect their offer letter, need to write a letter of authorisation giving consent for collection on their behalf. This allowed a Medici Land Governance officer to collect the letter and deliver it to her.



"I am very grateful for this program and the help rendered to ensure I collect my offer letter despite me being unwell," she said.

Upon receiving her offer letter, Donaris shed tears of joy, expressing how grateful she was and why she is anxious to have a title deed. "I have been trying to connect my house to the electric grid for more than seven years now. All payments have been made and yet I am still not electrified. I believe having a title deed will allow me to demand for that service without fear."

