

Press Statement

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PARTNER WITH GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE DEVELOPMENT, HON NKOMBO IMPLORES CHIEFS

Minister of Local Government and Rural Development Hon Gary Nkombo, MP, has implored traditional leaders in the Country to partner with Government in spearheading the campaign on access to free education and healthcare for children.

Hon Nkombo was speaking when he officiated at the installation of Mr. Peter Chandwe, as senior Chief Nkula of Chinsali District.

The Minister said that traditional leaders should help in sensitizing communities to encourage more parents to take children to school taking advantage of the provision of free education by the New Dawn Government.

He said this is important because traditional leaders are custodians of the communities whose role spreads beyond their cultural boundaries.

He said the responsibility by traditional leaders is not just about preserving the culture and tradition, but also ensure that the well-being of the community is protected from negative vices such as early marriages.

"I, therefore, encourage you your royal highnesses in our Country to spearhead the campaign on access to education and healthcare for all children particularly that the New Dawn Government has provided free education, " the Minister stated.

Hon Nkombo implored senior Chief Nkula and other traditional leaders to also work with the Government in developing a collective vision to expedite transforming peoples lives in chiefdoms.

He said the contribution by Chiefs to National development is critical in ensuring Government programmes aimed at uplifting the lives of Citizens, such as enhanced Constituency Development Fund (CDF), are implemented for the benefit of all.

Hon Nkombo further encouraged all Council of Chiefs, which interfaces with the House of Chiefs, to encourage communities to utilize CDF by coming up with various innovative ventures.

Speaking at the same occasion, Chief Nkweto commended the Government for working hard in uplifting the livelihoods of every Citizen through flagship programmes such as CDF, which is impacting positively to reduce inequalities especially in rural communities.