

PRESS STATEMENT BY LIFELINE CHILDLINE ZAMBIA BOARD PRESIDENT MR HENDRIX SHAMAINDA ON THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT HAKAINDE HICHILEMA AND VICE PRESIDENT MUTALE NALUMANGO



ENDING GBV, HELPLINES SUPPORT TO SURVIVORS & HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Lusaka, 27 August 2021

On behalf of the Board, Management and members of staff, Lifeline Childline Zambia would like to join the rest of the nation in congratulating His Excellency President Hakainde Hichilema on being sworn in as the 7th President of the Republic of Zambia and Her Honor Vice President Mrs Mutale Nalumango. As Lifeline Childline Zambia we are very confident that during your tenure as the 7th Republican President there will be respect of fundamental human rights and freedoms for all as this will steer the country towards a path of development and safety for societies' mostly the vulnerable.

Lifeline Childline recognizes that Zambia will develop to its potential when citizens are cognizant of their rights, claim them and contribute to national development processes through their participation. Policy and legislation development should encompass the aspirations of the people and sound policy development hinges on addressing the life realities that children, women face daily in our country.

We are hopeful that the new administration will step up efforts in fighting gender-based violence, addressing the silent pandemic of mental health, promoting the protection of children in all spheres, support survivors and ensure justice for all is served. Gender based violence has wreaked havoc in our society and we hope through the new administration there will be able to tackle this issue decisively and support civil society organizations working on addressing these evils in our society.

Humanitarian assistance is critical in emergency settings and we implore your government to continue supporting CSO's and the toll-free lines 116 and 933 in conducting humanitarian work and availing resources. As we continue battling the COVID-19 pandemic we pledge to continue availing our support to our fellow Zambians through provision of correct information, referral services through our helpline, one stop centers and provision of PPE to the most vulnerable.

Through engaging children and child protection structures in our communities across the country, we realise the gap in addressing the plight of children. In view of this challenge, we are very hopeful that your administration through the relevant ministry will finalize the Child Code Bill to ensure that children enjoy their rights and are protected from all forms of abuse.

We look forward to working with you and engage your administration in the creation of a GBV free society. We pledge to continue being the helpline in Zambia that will play a critical role in the nation's development and provide GBV and Child protection services to the nation through our two 24 hr. toll free lines 116 and 933.

On behalf of the Board, management and Staff we pray the Lord will bless the President His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema and Her Honor the Vice President Mutale Nalumango.



**"Help is just a phone call away"
116 CHILDLINE & 933 GBV LINE
AVAILABLE 24/7 TOLL-FREE**

ENDS

