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DRONE MAPS 37 KM2

OF LAND IN THREE DISTRICTS OF LUSAKA

Medici Land Governance, in partnership with the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, conducted a drone mapping exercise to collect aerial imagery for property mapping and Systematic Land Titling in Lusaka, Chilanga and Kafue Districts in February 2021.

A team of drone pilots, surveyors, and communication officers worked tirelessly to capture imagery from a total area of 37 km², which is estimated to produce almost 36,694 parcels with nearly 15,000 parcels in Lusaka and more than 18,000 parcels in Kafue. These estimated numbers are a reflection of how many parcels could result in Certificates of Title in the three districts.



The drone was flown in 37 demarcation areas, including Greenfield, Kalundu View and Shikoswe in Kafue, Linda, Dolomite, and Maloni in Chilanga and Balastone in Lusaka.

OVER 1,000

CERTIFICATES OF TITLE SIGNED AND READY FOR ISSUANCE.

On Wednesday, March 3, 2021, the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources with support from Medici Land Governance conducted a workshop at Southern Sun Hotel to facilitate the signing of 1,075 Certificates of Title.

The signing of Certificates of Title is an important and final step before a title can be issued to a landowner. The title is signed by 6 officials, which includes the Commissioner of Lands, Chief Lands Officer and Senior Surveyor.

National Land Titling Project Manager Emmanuel Tembo, who was also in attendance, says signing workshops are a very efficient and effective way of ensuring that a large number of Certificates of Title are ready to be issued to eligible landowners in the shortest possible time.

"You will appreciate that it takes about 2-4 weeks for titles to be signed and ready for issuance, but to have over 1000 titles signed in over 24 hours is time saving," Mr Tembo explained.

He further noted that the signed titles are from various demarcation areas, but the highest number came from Kanyama. The workshop was attended by a total of 13 officials from the Ministry of Lands and Medici Land Governance.



FIRST OF ITS KIND CERTIFICATES OF TITLE ISSUANCE IN KANYAMA

On March 18 and 19, 2020, the Ministry of Lands with support from Medici Land Governance conducted a first-of-its-kind title issuance in Kanyama Compound where almost 350 landowners received titles to their properties. The event was graced by the area member of parliament, Hon. Elizabeth Phiri, who is also the Minister of Gender.

National Land Titling Program Manager Emmanuel Tembo said this exercise was very special because it allowed people to collect their titles from a more convenient location, as opposed to travelling all the way to the Titling Center in the Show Grounds.

NATIONAL LAND TITLING Program Set to CHANGE LIVES



As the National Land Titling Program — conducted by the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources in collaboration with Medici Land Governance — continues to be rolled out, many landowners are eager to participate in it and they look forward to receiving their Certificates of Title.

George Ngoma, a 29-year-old landowner in Chipata Compound, says he is very grateful for the program and is eager to finally get his title. He explains that the property was left to him by his late mother and has been his source of livelihood since 2015.

"In 2015, I made the decision to rent out 3 out of the 9 rooms in the house in order to raise money to pay for my tertiary education. This was very helpful, but it wasn't enough and so in 2016 I turned one of the rooms into a shop for the purposes of making an extra income," George narrated.

He encouraged other property owners to participate in the program in order to protect themselves and their families, as well as secure tenure for future generations. "If ever I had children, I would include them on the title so that it can be easier for them inherit the property in case anything happened," he said.

DATA CAPTURING UPDATE

Medici Land Governance has enumerated in 13 demarcation areas throughout the month of March, namely Misisi, Lusaka North Forest, Chazanga B, Mtendere, Kabanana, George, Garden Chilulu, Kabanana B, Ngombe, Kalikiliki, Gabon, Jack and Kalingalinga.

Whilst verification has been conducted in 12 demarcation areas, namely Lilanda, Chipata, Chunga, Paradise, Chazanga, Desai, Mandevu, John Howard, Chawama, Bauleni, Libala Water Works and Chaisa.

CONDOLENCES

Medici Land Governance wishes to send condolences to the family, Lima Ward community in Matero, constituency and the Lusaka City Council on the loss of Hon. Councillor Francis Bwalya who passed away on 10th March and was laid to rest on 12th March. M.H.S.R.I.P