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# OVER 2,000 OFFER LETTERS ISSUED IN NGOMBE COMPOUND

Throughout the months of July and August, almost 15,000 offer letters were issued in 8 demarcation areas, namely Mutendere, Jack, John Howard, Ngombe, Bauleni, Chipata, Freedom, and Lusaka North Forest.

This was done during a community issuance exercise which was designed to make it easier on the landowner to collect their offer letter in a conducive and safe environment taking into consideration observing all COVID-19 Guidelines.

Philis Kabaghe, a retired secondary school teacher who purchased her house with her retirement package, expressed the excitement of finally receiving an offer letter.

*“After over 20 years in service, this house is what I have to show for my hard work. I am very proud to see that my property is increasing in value and my work has not gone to waste. I am excited to collect my offer letter and make payments as soon as possible in order for me to get a title deed,” she said.*

Similarly, Elias Siwila said he is very happy that the Zambian government has made it easier for him and other landowners to get title deeds. He highlighted how difficult it had been for him due to the financial restraint.

Meanwhile, since the project launch in October 2020 over 99 000 parcels have been digitised and 82 270 successfully captured. Over 11 000 landowners have made payments for their titles and 6 749 Certificates of Title have been issued.



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## Certificate Of Title Equals Secure Land Rights

Land rights are a crucial component of economic development. Property rights have the potential to fundamentally improve resource allocation and increase investment in a given society, and this can be done by ensuring that the property or land is titled.

Residents of Maloni and Madalitso township in Chilanga district expressed concerns as their properties had been left out during the ongoing enumeration under the National Land Titling Programme, where Medici Land Governance (MLG) has partnered with the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources in the issuance of Certificates of Title (COTs).

During the enumeration period in the district between July 9–23, a section of the township was not enumerated due to the land being encumbered by an existing surveyed land. This has resulted in residents occupying the said land in fear of losing their land if it is not captured for the processing of COTs. Earlier in July, former president of Zambia Dr. Edgar Changwa Lungu visited the area, and assured residents that the government is working to ensure that all landowners in Zambia have their land titled.

Mr. Emmanuel Tembo, National Land Titling Project Manager, also assured representatives of the community who visited Medici Land Governance offices that they will be enumerated/captured. He explained to them that the government is aware of the problems that people are facing in such areas regarding acquiring title deeds, and that MLG is working hand in hand with the government to resolve such issues and to help communities acquire their title deeds in a systematic way.



Mr. Tembo addressing area representatives at Medici offices