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# BIG MILESTONE!

## Empumalanga West Housing Project Ready To Transform Lives



IT may have taken time, but one of the country's largest low-cost housing initiatives-Hwange Local Board (HLB)'s Empumalanga West Housing Project is finally set to take off before the end of this year, marking a major milestone towards achieving Government's housing delivery targets.

Phase I of the project is scheduled to be handed over to beneficiaries before the end of the year, paving the way for the commencement of construction works. HLB Town Secretary Pastor Ndumiso Mdlolose said

the revamping of Empumalanga West Housing Project was exciting news, which argues well with Government's National Human Settlements Policy.

"As Council, we are pleased to see progress taking shape at Empumalanga West. The project stands as one of the country's key milestones in advancing Government's housing delivery agenda and significantly contributes to reducing our housing backlog," he said.

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The Empumalanga West Housing Project, launched by Council in 2014, was designed to provide affordable housing for low-income earners. The initiative involves the servicing of 2,145 residential stands. In addition, Council plans to reallocate some beneficiaries whose stands fall within areas deemed unsuitable for development.

The project, which is being supervised by the Ministry of Housing and Social Amenities, has recorded notable progress, with beneficiaries having successfully procured glass-reinforced polymer (GRP) pipes to facilitate the completion of the sewer reticulation system under Phase I.

GRP pipes offer superior corrosion resistance, a high strength-to-weight ratio, excellent hydraulic efficiency, and long-term durability with minimal maintenance, making them a cost-effective choice for demanding environments like water treatment and chemical processing.

The pipes are also weather-resistant and have a long service life, often exceeding 50 years, with negligible maintenance requirements.

A new layout plan for the area designated for the upcoming settlement has been finalised, paving the way for the issuance of a partial development certificate that will allow construction works to commence under Phase I of the project.



**NO TO SQUATTING**

**YES TO SITTING**

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**HWANGE**

“We are constantly engaging the Ministry, urging them to expedite the completion of the project given its immense potential to boost Local Economic Development. At the same time, we are deeply grateful for the commitment shown by beneficiaries in working towards the project’s successful completion,” said Pastor Mdlalose.

**Notice To Drivers**

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**Keep Hwange Clean: Don't Litter Our Roads**





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## Health & Safety



# Flames Under Watch: *HLB Rallies Communities to Curb Fire Incidents*

HWANGE Local Board (HLB)'s Fire and Rescue Services Department has set its sights on intensifying fire awareness campaigns in a bid to curb fire-related incidents that have resulted in property damage, injuries, and loss of lives.

HLB Chief Fire Officer, Mr Mbuso Nkomo, says the surge in fire-related incidents within the community has prompted his department to intensify fire awareness campaigns aimed at sensitising residents on prevention and safety measures.

“Educating communities about fire risks and safe practices helps prevent fires before they occur, reducing the overall number of incidents. In this regard we intend to increase awareness campaigns. “Awareness campaigns equip residents and businesses with knowledge on how to handle fire hazards, use fire extinguishers, and respond during emergencies, ultimately saving lives and minimising property damage,” he said.

Mr Nkomo said adherence to safety practices is the cornerstone of effective fire prevention.

He said when individuals, businesses, and institutions consistently follow safety guidelines such as proper handling of flammable materials, regular equipment maintenance, and compliance with fire regulations, the risk of fire outbreaks is significantly reduced.

“We aim to place greater emphasis on fire prevention in order to reduce the number of emergency responses, which in turn will help minimise property damage and loss of lives. Our goal is to make Hwange one of the safest towns characterised by fewer emergency incidents, a high level of compliance, and a strong safety culture,” Mr Nkomo said.

HLB's Fire and Rescue Service Department has this year conducted several fire safety training workshops across various companies and continues to carry out regular fire safety inspections at different institutions. “We intend to intensify our fire awareness campaigns



by taking them to schools, business centres, and workplaces, where we can engage directly with learners, entrepreneurs, and employees. This approach will help instil a culture of fire safety across all sectors, ensuring that every individual understands how to prevent, respond to, and report fire incidents effectively.”

Fire awareness initiatives encourage individuals to take responsibility for their own safety and that of their surroundings, fostering a culture of vigilance and compliance with fire by-laws.

“We will be intensifying fire awareness campaigns and strictly enforcing fire by-laws. Several fire prevention activities have already been planned, through which we seek to enhance our visibility and presence within the community, ultimately improving public safety,” Mr Nkomo said.



# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **REMOVAL OF BUILDING MATERIALS FROM ROAD SERVITUDES – DYNAMIC VILLAGE**

Hwange Local Board has noted with concern that a number of residents, particularly those constructing houses in Dynamic Village, are placing building materials such as bricks, pit sand, and river sand on roads and road servitudes. This practice obstructs access and may hinder emergency vehicles and other traffic.

Council therefore appeals to all affected residents to remove any materials (soil, gravel, rubble, bricks, etc.) placed on roads or within road servitudes leading to their properties to ensure smooth passage of vehicles.

Please be advised that failure to comply will attract a fine of USD 50 or the equivalent in local currency at the prevailing interbank rate, in accordance with Council By-Laws.

Your cooperation in maintaining accessible and safe roads for all residents is greatly appreciated.

Town Secretary N. Mdlalose





## Service Delivery



# Council steps up road infrastructure upgrade



**Hwange** Local Board (HLB) has stepped up efforts to upgrade its road infrastructure, with improvements not only targeting traffic flow but also focusing on road furniture to enhance the town's visual appeal.

HLB Corporate Communications Officer, Dumisani Nsingo, stated that while Council remains concerned about the trafficability of its roads, it has also shifted its focus towards improving road furniture.

This year, the Council has focused on stone pitching stormwater drainage systems, particularly in flood-prone areas. It has also undertaken the paving of designated bus stop areas and the construction of kerbs at major intersections along main roads.

“This year, with the support of the ZINARA (Zimbabwe National Road Administration) fund, we continued constructing stormwater drainage systems through stone pitching. This allows water to flow freely, prevents waterlogging, and enhances the overall efficiency of the drainage network. It also helps preserve the long-term sustainability of the drains by protecting them from soil erosion,” Nsingo said.

He also stated that a portion of the ZINARA fund has

been allocated to the procurement and installation of road traffic signs, the construction of kerbs, and ongoing routine road maintenance.

“We have utilized the ZINARA fund to procure and install signposts, construct kerbs, and carry out routine road maintenance. Additionally, using our own resources, we have paved designated bus stop areas. These efforts not only enhance our road infrastructure but also improve the overall aesthetics and give our area a much-needed facelift,” Nsingo said.

He said Council is looking forward to constructing bus stops at various designated public transport drop-off points before the end of this year to enhance passenger safety. He further stated that a local company has also pledged to build bus stops in the Chibondo and Baobab suburbs.

This year, ZINARA allocated ZiG 4 million to the Council, but only ZiG 1 million had been disbursed by June.

Council is planning to construct a one-kilometre stretch at Baobab Extension, while its partners are already carrying out road construction in the Empumalanga Phase 4 area.





# AFFORDABLE QUARRY STONE

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Type: 19mm quarry stone for concrete works

Price: \$16.10 per tonne

Minimum purchase: 10 tonnes

Transportation Available (within Hwange urban):

-Dry rate (you provide fuel): US\$50

-Wet rate (we provide fuel): US\$70



# Turning the Tide: HLB leads charge against drug menace

HWANGE Local Board (HLB) has emerged as one of the key players in the fight against drug and substance abuse in the district, as the scourge continues to take root in Hwange's urban communities, posing a serious threat to the lives and future of young people.

Empumalanga Clinic Sister-in-Charge, Sindiso Mhlanga, said drug and substance abuse, much like in many other urban areas across the country, is increasingly becoming a concern in Hwange. She emphasized the urgent need to curb the vice, warning that it is rapidly destroying the lives of those involved.

Empumalanga Clinic, a primary health care facility under the administration of HLB, serves as a key provider of basic medical services in the community.

"We are fully aware of the devastating impact that drug and substance abuse has had on our youths and even some elderly members within our communities. In some cases, it has tragically led to loss of life, and the situation appears to be worsening as more young people continue to fall into this vice," said Sister Mhlanga.

HLB is a member of the District Committee on Drugs

and Substance Abuse, a multi-stakeholder platform coordinating efforts to combat the growing menace of drug and substance abuse in the community.

The committee meets every Tuesday of each week at the District Development Coordinator's complex.



"Drug and substance abuse causes a wide range of severe and potentially permanent physical and mental health issues, impacting nearly every organ in the body and significantly disrupting a person's quality of life," Sister Mhlanga said.

As a local authority, HLB bears the mandate to promote the welfare and well-being of residents within its jurisdiction. In line with this responsibility, the fight against drug and substance abuse forms a key component of its local governance agenda.

"As members of the District Committee on Drugs and Substance Abuse, we assign each other specific roles and responsibilities in the fight against the scourge. So far, we have produced awareness posters discouraging drug and substance abuse and conducted outreach campaigns at Chilisa and Kalope Secondary Schools as well as Don Bosco Technical College," she said.

**Choose life;  
say NO to  
drugs.**

**Your future matters.**







# PUBLIC REMINDER

## WHY YOU HAVE TO PAY YOUR RATES

### 1. Funding Local Services

Rates provide essential funding for local services such as waste collection, street cleaning, libraries, and recreational facilities.

### 2. Maintenance of Infrastructure

Councils use rate income to maintain and upgrade roads, foot-paths, street lighting, drainage systems, and public buildings.

### 3. Community Development

Rates help fund community programmes, events, and support services, including those for youth, seniors, and vulnerable groups.

### 4. Urban Planning and Development

Councils use rate funds to manage zoning, development approvals, and urban planning to ensure sustainable and organized growth.

### 5. Public Safety

Councils contribute to local emergency services, disaster preparedness, and public health initiatives.

**Please be advised that rates payments can be made through the following**

Payment Option	Details
In-Person Payments	You may visit our Revenue Offices located at Baobab or Empumalanga.
Bank Deposits	<b>Local Currency Payments:</b> - ZB Bank: 4567691335080 - Banc ABC: 13022295502024 <b>Nostro (USD) Payments:</b> - ZB Bank: 4567691335405





## Law & Order



# HLB demolishes Illegal kraals in crackdown on stray livestock



**HWANGE** Local Board (HLB) has intensified efforts to curb the nuisance caused by stray livestock in residential areas by demolishing illegal structures erected by individuals keeping the animals within or on the peripherals of neighbourhoods.

HLB Corporate Communications Officer, Mr Dumisani Nsingo, said the local authority will continue demolishing kraals and pens set up in undesignated areas, noting that such structures often harbour livestock that later stray into residential neighbourhoods, creating a nuisance and posing safety concerns.

“We have observed that some livestock owners have established kraals in the bushy areas on the outskirts of residential suburbs, a practice we strongly discourage. To curb this, we will continue demolishing such structures, as the animals kept there often stray into residential areas, causing havoc by destroying vegetation and posing safety risks to both the public and motorists,” he said.

Hwange urban has in recent years been grappling with a surge in stray livestock particularly cattle, goats, sheep, and pigs, as authorities intensify efforts to bring the situation under control.

“We have come up with various initiatives, which

include deterrent fines to curb uncontrolled movement of animals within the residential areas. However, all efforts have proved to be in vain as realised by the number of repeat offenders,” said Mr Nsingo.

As a development control authority, HLB is mandated to regulate and monitor such activities in line with national legislation and its own set of bylaws.

Mr Nsingo said Council was working on constructing a livestock pound to accommodate animals that are impounded after being found straying.

However, construction of a modern-day livestock pound is a capital intensive and as such Council is considering courting partners to undertake the project. Owners of impounded livestock would be charged a fee for having their animals housed at the pound and failure to collect them within a stipulated period they will be auctioned.

The auction will be necessitated by the fact that some costs will have been incurred in providing all the requirements needed for the survival of the livestock. “Controlling pigs has proven to be a major challenge, and as a result, Council may be left with no option but to put them down. We are already working towards that,” said Mr Nsingo.



## Community Chronicles



# Hwange Councillors Join Hands to Save Woman`s Life

**HWANGE** Local Board (HLB) Councillors have joined efforts to raise US\$30,000 needed for a life-saving heart transplant for Leocadra Nyoni (25), a local resident who is expected to undergo the procedure in India.

Nyoni was diagnosed with rheumatic heart disease this years ago — a condition that results from rheumatic fever, an autoimmune response to a strep throat infection that causes lasting damage to the heart valves.

Ward 2 Councillor Fani Chirwa, who is spearheading efforts by fellow Councillors and community leaders to raise funds for Nyoni's overseas medical treatment, says progress has been slow as most contributions from individuals remain modest.

“There is enthusiasm from community members to contribute, but we are still far from reaching our target, having raised just over US\$2,500 so far. We have been going door-to-door in Lwendulu Wards appealing for donations, and we are also selling branded T-shirts inscribed with messages encouraging people to donate, with a small markup added to help raise additional funds,” she said.

What makes Nyoni's situation even more heartrending is that, apart from suffering from rheumatic heart disease, she is also a single mother struggling to raise a visually impaired child on her own. Each day is a battle, not only against her own fragile health but also against the harsh realities of providing for a child with special needs. Yet, despite the odds, Nyoni remains remarkably resilient, drawing on sheer willpower to keep going. Her story captures the quiet heroism of many single mothers who shoulder immense burdens with little recognition or support.

“Leocadra's upbringing and family background have not been the best, making it difficult for her to raise

**A cry for help for a heart transplant**

FOR Leocadra Nyoni 25 years of Age  
Rheumatic heart disease

**Donate Now** \$30,000 USD needed

**Bank Account Details**

<b>Cabs bank</b>	<b>USD NOSTRO CABS</b>
Account number Zig	Account number
1146791496	1154561429
Account holder	Leocadra Nyoni
Leocadra Nyoni	EcoCash: 0777773738

**Father's details:** Stuff Nyoni  
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*I'm celebrating this 100 He made it to half*

**HOUSE OF CARE FOUNDATION**

such a large amount on her own. That is why we have turned to crowdfunding for support. We are also being assisted in our efforts by House of Care Foundation. In addition, we have written letters of appeal to local corporates, particularly mining companies, and to the District Development Coordinator, seeking both corporate and government assistance,” Cllr Chirwa said.

Nyoni and her mother, who is expected to accompany her to India should the trip materialize, have both secured their passports. In addition to the medical costs, the family also faces the burden of raising funds for air tickets and accommodation expenses.

Those wishing to make cash donations can do so through the following accounts:

**CABS Bank (ZiG Account): 1146791496**

**CABS Bank (Nostro Account): 1154561429**

Both accounts are under the name Leocadra Nyoni. Alternatively, contributions can be sent via EcoCash to **0777 773 738**.



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