

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**ZAMBIA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE-MPONGWE CAMPUS**

**REPORT ON THE STUDENT SUPPORT/INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES  
BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THE ZCA-MPONGWE COLLEGE/GKVTC**

THE PRINCIPAL  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The report covers the period 19<sup>th</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. The report aims to highlight progress that has been made with respect to construction of extra facilities in order to accommodate the increase in number of students.

The report is a continuation from the previous report which was given on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

### **1.0. Student enrollment and population**

#### **1.1. Enrollment**

A total of 145 students have been enrolled for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2021/2022 academic year which started on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021.

#### **1.2. Returning students**

The total number of returning students stands at 61.

#### **1.3. Total student population**

The total number of students currently in the College is 206

### **2.0. Student accommodation**

The former Practical room 3 and the Carpentry rooms have been fully converted into hostels and new students are being accommodated, the floor, windows and other unfinished parts were finished and made suitable for student accommodation.

70 bunker beds have been done and are being used by 1<sup>st</sup> year students, this gave us a total of 140 bed spaces and we had to get 5 more from the old stock to fully accommodate the new students.



### **3.0. Dining tables and chairs**

15 dining tables and accompanying 150 chairs have been fully fabricated and are currently being used by students (each table has 10 chairs). These are adequate to cater for the increased number of students. As reported in the first report, due to inadequate space in the dining hall, the outdoor space is being used for now to accommodate the extra tables for student use.



### **4.0. Kitchen**

Cooking is still being done using the outside cooking shelter using firewood, there is urgent need to procure boiler pots and industrial stove to enhance cooking for the large numbers of students.

An industrial weighing scale was bought to facilitate the weighing of food requisitions at the kitchen.



#### **5.0. Classroom desks and chairs (learning space)**

120 tables and 120 chairs have been fabricated and are being used by 1<sup>st</sup> year students, 25 extra chairs and desks were gotten from the old classroom so that the 145 new students are all taken care of. Learning space is adequate for all students.





#### **6.0. Student ablutions**

Due to the increased number of students, we had to construct extra shower blocks outside the hostels. We used savings from the fabrication of desks, tables, practical room 3 and carpentry room. This enables us to construct a male shower block with 4 compartments and a female one with 3 compartments.



## **7.0. Laundry bays**

In order to address the lack of space for students laundry, we managed to get concrete sinks for outdoor laundry and these were placed both at the male and female hostels. The only part remaining is connecting water to the sinks.



## **8.0. Recommendations**

As we continue in ensuring that the College has all the necessary facilities for students learning and welfare, the following still need to be addressed:

- 8.1. Additional toilets and bathrooms due to increased number of students.
- 8.2. Two laboratories i.e. basic science and food science laboratories need to be put in place.
- 8.3. Another bore-hole need to be sunk at the farm area in order to sustain farm activities as the current bore-hole is not enough to supply water both for students and farm use.
- 8.4. There is urgent need for a College bus to enable easy movement of students more especially for their practicals in selected farms within Mpongwe.