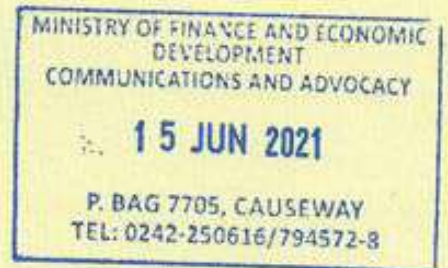




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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIGN USD1.8M ZIMFUND GRANT TO IMPROVE SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN CHITUNGWIZA**

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The Government of Zimbabwe and the African Development Bank (AfDB), on Friday 11 June 2021 signed a USD1.8 million ZimFund grant, which will go towards the procurement of materials for the rehabilitation, repair, maintenance and improvements of sewerage systems infrastructure in Chitungwiza municipality.

The grant, which is funded from the Zimbabwe Multi-Donor Trust Fund (ZimFund) earnings and interests, is aimed at addressing the municipality's perennial outfall and trunk sewer hotspots.

The materials will include sewer pipes & fittings, machinery, PPEs, sewer rodding & jetting equipment, GIS hardware & software, service vehicles, and solid shredder, among others.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Professor Mthuli Ncube hailed the Bank for its continued support towards the country's most critical sectors such as water, and sanitation and energy.

"The portfolio supported by the Bank is what we need as a country and we hope to continue getting assistance in these areas including dialogue on the policy-making front", said Minister Ncube.

African Development Bank Country Manager, Ms Moono Mupotola pledged the Bank's commitment to supporting Zimbabwe.

"We hope this grant will help bring back normalcy to the residents of Chitungwiza and significantly contribute towards the reduction of incidences of waterborne diseases such as cholera and typhoid", said Ms Mupotola.

Key attendants included African Development Bank Executive Director Dr Judith Kateera, who was in the country on an official visit, government officials and AfDB country office representatives.

The procurement process has been initiated and is at contract award stage for most of the packages. Implementation is expected to be completed in November 2021.

Chitungwiza Municipality is already a beneficiary of ZimFund's Urgent Water Supply and Sanitation Rehabilitation project (UWSSRP) Phase I and Phase II. Under the first phase of UWSSRP, the intervention included rehabilitation of Zengeza's Conventional Sewage Treatment Works that has a capacity of 35million litres a day, which saw four sets of sewage treatment ponds and five trickling filters being installed. Both phases 1 and 11 have already been completed.

ZimFund is a US\$145 million Water & Sanitation and Energy Infrastructure programme, which was established in 2010 after the 2008 Cholera outbreak. The ZimFund programme is generously supported by the governments and people of Australia, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom. ZimFund is managed by the African Development Bank (AfDB) as part of its operations to improve quality of life in Zimbabwe.

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