

# Chisamba District Profile

Chisamba district was established by the Government of the Republic of Zambia 2012, after detaching it from a mother district –Chibombo. The district was established to enhance and increase efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of local authority services in the province.

Chisamba is situated along the Great North Road, about 70Km from the North of Lusaka. It covers a total surface area of 5, 526 square kilometers and lies between Latitudes 14° 58' 52" South of the equator and longitude, 28° 22' 40" East. The district shares borders with Kabwe district to the north, Kapiri-Mposhi district to the northeast, Luano district to the south-east, Chongwe and Chibombo districts to the south and west respectively.

The district has one constituency namely Chisamba constituency and twelve wards namely Chisamba, Chamuka, Chikonkomene, Liteta, Miswa, Mutenga, Mulungushi, Muswishi, Mwantaya, Mwapula, Kamano, Monangombe

According to the 2010 Census report, the district had a population of approximately 103,983 of which 51,955 were females and 52,028, were males. Using the growth rate of 3.05%, the estimated population for 2020 for Chisamba is 149,121 with 74,508 females and 74,613 males.

Agriculture is the main economic activity in Chisamba district and a significant source of citizen's income. Small scale agriculture consisting of crop, livestock and fisheries production has dominated the agriculture sector. The district has over 32000 small scale farming families and 256 commercial farmers, the majority of whom are white Zambians. The district has immense unexploited potential for agro-processing and value addition.

Chisamba district has two chiefdoms under the leadership of Chief Chamuka and Chief Liteta. The indigenous ethnic group of Chisamba is Lenje. The Lenje People are also called Bene Mukuni. They are believed to be among the first people to come to Zambia from the Cameroon region. They were led by a woman whose five children and a grandchild are the current chiefs of the Lenje people, Chief Mukuni Ng'ombe, Chief Liteta, Chief Mungule, Chief Chitanda and Chief Mukubwe. The other two, Ng'abwe and Chamuka, were given chiefdom jurisdiction as a way of appreciating their loyalty to the expanse of the Lenje chiefdom. There are various other tribes present in the district.