

Isoka District Profile

Isoka is one of the eight (8) districts found in Muchinga Province of Zambia. It is one of the oldest districts in the country as it celebrated its 100 years of existence in the year 2021.

The district is located at the far Eastern corner of the country between longitude 32° 29' 0" and 33° 50' 0" East and latitude 9° 45' 0" and 10° 49' 2" South. It covers an area of 4,665.91km² (466,591 Hectares) with most of the land being under customary tenure. The district shares international boundaries in the East with Malawi and shares its administrative district boundary in the North with Nakonde, in the South with Chinsali and East with Mafinga and in the South-East with Chama district of Eastern Province. Isoka District is approximately 950km from Lusaka the Capital of Zambia, about 106 Km from Chinsali the Provincial headquarters and slightly over 110km from the nearest Tanzanian town of Tunduma.

Isoka district has one Parliamentary Constituency- Isoka Constituency consisting of 14 wards namely: Luangwa, Kantenshya, Sansamwenje, Kapililonga, Itukuta, Milongo, Nkombwa, Kabandama, Mpungu, Kanyala, Chinyonga, Kalungu, Kawenga, and Kasoka.

According to the Zambia Statistical Agency 2010 Report (ZamStat), the total population of Isoka stood at 72, 189. The sex ratio being 48.9% males and 51.1% females, representing 35, 314 males and 36,875 females respectively. The district growth rate was at 2.3 percent per annum with that for males and female being 4.9 and 5.4 respectively.

Predominantly, the economy of Isoka district is dependent on subsistence farming and trading. The agriculture activities are divided into the four common categories of field crops cultivation, hot culture crops, vegetable production and livestock rearing. The key sectors of investment range from mining, agribusiness, tourism, energy, real estate (such as in the hospitality industry), fisheries and aquaculture, manufacturing, education, health, financial services, and general infrastructure.

Traditionally, the district has two main Chiefdoms namely: Chief Kafwimbi and Chief Katyetye. The Chiefs play an important role in the mobilization of their subordinates for developmental projects. The main tribes in the district are Namwanga, Tumbuka, Nyika, Mfungwe, Lambya, Iwa and the Tambo. The most widely spoken language in the district is Namwanga.