

Luano District Profile

Luano derives its name from Luano valley which covers about three quarters of the district. The district was separated from Mkushi by the Government of the Republic of Zambia 2012 to enhance and increase efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of local authority services in the province.

Luano district is about 260 Km Northeast of the Capital City, Lusaka, 125 Km from Kabwe and 106 Km from Mkushi of Central Province and lies at 29° 21' E and 14° 21' S. Luano district is divided into two: the valley and plateau, and it covers a surface area of 9643.54 square kilometers. To the east, Luano district shares its boundary with Nyimba in Eastern province, in the south-east is Rufunsa in Lusaka province and in the west is Kapiri Mposhi in central Zambia.

Luano district has only one constituency namely Mkushi South Constituency and twelve wards namely Chimika, Ching'ombe, Chipaba, Kamimbya, Katukutu, Luambulu, Munda, Muswishi, Mwalala and Nkomashi, Mibanga and Lundashi.

According to the 2010 Census, Luano had a total population of 25,548 of which 12,519 were females and 13,030 males. Munda ward had the highest population of 5,755 while Chimika Ward the lowest population of 947. The district has a population density of 2.774/km². With a growth rate of 4%, the 2020 population is estimated to be 36,082 with 18,402 males and 17,680 females.

Luano district's main economic activity is agriculture. Other than maize, soya beans, groundnuts, sorghum, and finger millet are some of the other crops that are grown in the district. In Luano valley, many people have settled near the riverbanks where they grow crops such as maize. Some also depend on hunting of wild animals. In terms of mining potential, the valley is endowed with gold deposits.

The common languages spoken in Luano district are Lala, Swaka, Tonga, Bemba, Nyanja and Luano. The ethnic groups in Luano include the Lala and Swaka. A minority of Tonga immigrants are also found in Luano. Luano district has six chiefdoms namely: Mboshya, Kaundula, Chembe, Kanyenshya, Chikupili and Mboroma. The Mboroma chiefdom is headed by a Senior Chief. Chiefs Mboshya, Chembe and Mboroma are situated in the Luano valley while Kaundula, Kanyenshya and Chikupili are on the plateau part.