

# **MPIKA DISTRICT PEACE PLAN WITH POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS ON POLITICAL VIOLENCE**

## **Background / Rationale**

Mpika District, like many other parts of Zambia, occasionally experiences heightened political tensions, especially during election periods. Competition for political space, misinformation, intimidation, youth mobilisation for violence, and weak intra-party conflict-resolution structures often contribute to violence.

A Peace Plan seeks to promote dialogue, tolerance, peaceful competition, and adherence to democratic norms among political parties. It aligns with the **Zambian Constitution**, the **Electoral Process Act**, and national commitments to peace and security.

**Goal of the Peace Plan:** To foster a peaceful and violence-free political environment in Mpika District by strengthening collaboration, promoting political tolerance, and establishing preventive mechanisms against political violence.

## **Specific Objectives**

- **Promote peaceful co-existence** and constructive engagement among political party leaders.
- **Build trust** between parties, security agencies, civil society, and communities.
- **Discourage political violence** through joint commitments, behaviour change, and accountability.
- **Establish local mechanisms** for early warning, reporting, and mediation of political conflicts.
- **Strengthen youth engagement** in peaceful political participation rather than violence.
- **Promote awareness of laws** governing elections, human rights, and political conduct.

## **Key Issues Contributing to Political Violence in Mpika**

- ✓ Mobilisation of youths for intimidation.
- ✓ Hate speech, insults, and inflammatory messaging.
- ✓ Inadequate structures for mediation and conflict resolution.
- ✓ Misinformation and propaganda.
- ✓ Competition over campaign spaces and resources.
- ✓ Alcohol and substance abuse during campaigns.
- ✓ Lack of political tolerance and winner-takes-all attitudes.

## **Strategies and Interventions**

### **Dialogue and Joint Commitments**

- ✓ Hold regular district-level dialogue forums with political party district executives with support from cooperating partners.
- ✓ Sign this peace building referred as a District Peace Charter / Code of Conduct by all political parties.
- ✓ Create a rapid-response political conflict mediation team.

### **Civic and Peace Education**

- ✓ Conduct peace and conflict prevention trainings for party leaders, youth wings, and women's groups.
- ✓ Sensitize leaders on the Electoral Process Act, human rights, and responsibilities.
- ✓ Promote peaceful messaging through local radio stations, churches, and community meetings. It was agreed that one Radio program will feature all political party leadership at either district or constituency level to denounce political violence and these radio programs will be supported by Center for Future Generation.

### **Youth Engagement**

- ✓ Establish in house Youth Peace Clubs or Inter-party Youth Dialogues.
- ✓ Provide non-violent campaign training and mentorship for youths.
- ✓ Promote joint community service activities by youths from different political parties.

### **Community Outreach**

- ✓ Organize community peace debates and sensitization meetings whenever Mpika DC or Muchinga PS is going out for a field monitoring.
- ✓ Engage chiefs, church leaders, women leaders, and civil society in mediation.
- ✓ Promote public denouncement of violence by influential leaders.

### **Strengthening Law Enforcement**

- ✓ Work with police to ensure neutral and professional policing of political activities.
- ✓ Encourage all parties to report violence instead of retaliation.
- ✓ Reinforce adherence to the Electoral Code of Conduct.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Improved political tolerance among party leaders.
- Strengthened cooperation between parties and security agencies.
- Reduced cases of political violence.
- Empowered youths participating peacefully.
- Enhanced trust in democratic processes.
- A safer, more inclusive political environment in Mpika District.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

- Track incidents of political violence (before and after implementation).
- Collect feedback from party leaders, youths, police, and community members.
- Hold review meetings after major political events.
- Use community-based monitors to report changes in political behaviour.

### **Sustainability Measures**

- Integrate the Peace Plan into District Development Coordinating Committee (DDCC) activities.
- Build capacity of local leaders to maintain dialogue structures.
- Strengthen cooperation with civil society, chiefs, and churches for long-term peace building.
- Embed peace education into continuous political party leadership training.

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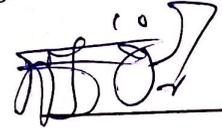
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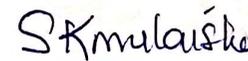
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