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BUDGET INFORMATION				
13. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020122 Total estimated cost: EUR 21 400 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 12 900 000 This action is co-financed in joint co-financing by: Federal Republic of Germany (BMZ) for an amount of EUR 8 500 000.			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
14. Type of financing	Indirect management with GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)			

1.2 Summary of the Action

After the 2021 general elections in Zambia, a new administration was voted to power. The “new dawn” government has expressed strong commitment to fighting corruption and upholding rule of law. The practical implementation of this will be seen in the coming months and years.

Due to an increase of authoritarianism in the past, weak legislation was often abused and poorly implemented. In terms of corruption, Zambia’s ranking worsened, sitting at 117 out of 180 countries in 2021 on the Corruption Perception Index, compared to 113 in 2019. Corruption in Zambia severely hinders good governance and citizen’s access to services. In addition, the justice sector is highly politicised and punitive in nature, with even minor offences frequently attracting a custodial sentence (imprisonment). This contributes to the severe overpopulation of detention facilities and discriminates particularly against people living in poverty who are usually unaware of their rights and cannot afford legal services. The overall objective of the action is to contribute to the rule of law, accountability and human rights for all. The specific objectives (outcomes) are as follows: 1) improve legal framework for democratic governance and justice 2) enhance transparency and accountability of state institutions 3) enhance access to justice for people living in Zambia, women and men in all their diversity (please refer to section 3.1 for definition of results). This action will mainstream human rights, democracy and gender equality as crosscutting issues. It will engage with state and non-state actors. A particular focus will be on empowering civil society to enhance their role in democratic governance and participation as they play an important linkage between the citizenry and the state.

The proposed action intends to contribute to MIP priority area 3 to build a more fair, inclusive and peaceful society in Zambia and ensure collaboration between government authorities and non-state actors. Particular focus will be on specific objective (SO) 3.1- Promoting human rights and improve the democratic space for citizens in Zambia under the result related to the promotion of rule of law and respect of human rights. The action also contributes to SO 3.2 - Supporting public sector reform for improved delivery of public services and domestic accountability