

PRESS STATEMENT:

STATEMENT - SCALING UP NUTRITION PAY COURTESY CALL ON HER HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT

“Government is implementing the Scaling Up Nutrition Exercise. Currently the programme is being implemented in 16 districts out of 105 districts and is aggressively looking to expand the exercise to all parts of Zambia.” The Republican Vice President Mrs. Inonge Mutukwa Wina said this when a delegation from the Global Scaling Up Nutrition Secretariat paid a courtesy call on her.

The United Nations UN Assistant Secretary General Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, Gerda Verburg led the team and was accompanied by her Special Assistant, Alexander Came and Policy Specialist, Samantha Rudick.

The Vice President stated that the Scaling Up Exercise has targeted under 5 clinics and is carrying out Sensitization Activities required to improve food and nutrition in the country. Mrs. Wina emphasized the need for Capacity Building to ensure sustainability in Rural areas.

She also mentioned the School Feeding Programme as a measure that is in place to improve health and nutrition. The Vice President was accompanied by His Excellency the Zambian High Commissioner to Malaysia, who is also accredited to the Kingdom of Thailand, Mr. Walubita Imakando, Director Planning and Information in the Office of the Vice President, Mr. Victor Mbumwae, Director, National Food and Nutrition Commission, Mr. Musonda Mofu and Assistant Director, Mrs. Angelina Mukuka.

And the Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement said her organization is focusing the first 1000 days of a child’s life, young people and women.

Ms. Verburg advised the Zambian Government to organize a fund raising event to avoid depending on Donor Aide entirely. She said the Government must take ownership run with the vision of eliminating hunger and malnutrition.

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