



ZIMBABWE

YOUTH

ACHIEVEMENTS

— UPDATE —



It is the duty of the whole society from the family level upwards, to ensure that our young people reach their full potential. They need our support.



7 November 2024 | Africa Youth Day

H.E. E.D. MNANGAGWA

PRESIDENT



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

A LETTER TO FELLOW ZIMBABWEANS

Dear Friend,

A photograph on my desk kept me accountable: a twenty-two-year-old standing before a shuttered vocational centre, weeds through cracked concrete, staring at a promise never delivered. It reminded me every day why this work matters.

When I arrived at the Ministry, nearly 50% of our youth were not in education, employment, or training – a time bomb. Centres were crumbling and youth desks didn't exist. The real crisis was not the infrastructure but that we had stopped trying.

This youth achievements update proves we started again. I've stood in a mining village where young people increased production from 100 to 800 kilograms of gold per month. I saw their faces when they realised the government believed in them.

I must be honest: the work is not finished. It has only begun. We have shown the President's model of empowering youth works, but not yet everywhere or for everyone. Youth unemployment rose in our statistics because the crisis is that large. To claim we've solved it would be a lie.

What I can tell you is this: we know the problem, the President's solution works, and we are determined to scale it.

Let's build it together.

With gratitude and determination,

Hon. Tino Machakaire

Minister of Youth Empowerment,
Development and Vocational Training

November 2025



PART 1: VISION & MANDATE

FROM PROMISE TO ACTION

EMPLOYMENT & FINANCIAL INCLUSION

- 2023
 - Youth Unemployment: 16.8%
 - Limited Youth Bank Loan Access
- 2025
 - Youth Bank Loans issued: 385
 - Total amount: \$1,213,708.85

INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPACITY

- 2023
 - Vocational Centres: 25 deteriorating, 15 non-operational
- 2025
 - Vocational Centres: 45 fully upgraded & 15 operational as satellite

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- 2023
 - Direct Youth Businesses Supported: 14
- 2025
 - Hundreds of Direct Youth Businesses Supported
 - Revolving Funds Ventures
 - Presidential Youth Empowerment Scheme

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

- 2023
 - International Partnerships: Fragmented, limited coordination
- 2025
 - International Partnerships
 - Development partners mobilized



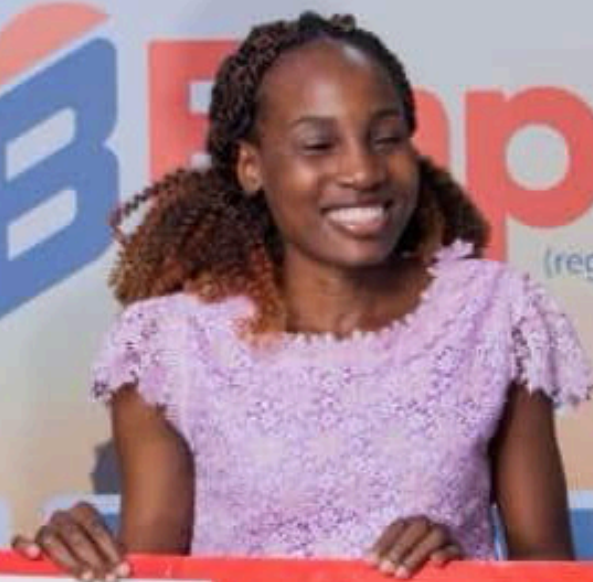
TOWARDS YOUTH FUND

- Multi million dollar capitalisation of Empower Bank
- Launched Presidential Youth Emowerment Fund
- Private sector match funding and youth quota allocations



The president wants to see more young millionaires, my goal is to build the first billion dollar youth fund to bring his vision to reality.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



CHEQUE

CHEQUE NO: **0012023**

1st

**PRIZE, PITCH
COMPETITION**

DATE

12 December 2023

PAY THE SUM OF: Two thousand dollars

2,000.00USD

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY:

Empowerbank

MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND

- President Mnangagwa launches the single largest youth empowerment drive
- Multi-sectoral funding, agricultural machinery handover
- Rigorous anti-corruption safeguards
- Youth Model Parliament–Democracy Simulation for hundreds of Young Zimbabweans



Empowerment is more than resources or rhetoric—it's when our youth shape laws, run enterprises, and lead with courage.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



ZIMBABWE YOUTH COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTED

- SADC Skills Recognition Accord signed
- Zimbabwe and Zambia systems harmonize
- Boosted regional graduate employability and youth mobility.



When we build youth into governance, we build a nation that outlives politics and personalities. Institutional change is change that endures.

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NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE IN ZIMBABWE

- We revived and scaled Youth Service, training over a thousand youths per intake in vital skills.
- We made Youth Service certification the passport to public service in Zimbabwe.
- Our graduates now get priority jobs, funding, and support for successful reintegration.
- We've built a new generation—skilled, patriotic, and ready to serve our country.



A nation rises when its youth serve with purpose. Our National Youth Service must build leaders, not followers.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



MILLIONS DELIVERED THROUGH MINING EQUIPMENT SCHEME

- Presidential Youth Mining Equipment Scheme launched
- Provides mining equipment to formalize youth mining activities
- Promotes legal and regulated mining operations



We hand our youth not just tools, but
the keys to their future.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION

- Distributed dozens of tractors and combine harvesters to youth farmers
- One tractor allocated to each district across Zimbabwe
- Farming equipment worth millions of dollars delivered
- Transforms youth participation in agricultural value chains



Every tractor we delivered is a seed of hope—youth driving Zimbabwe's harvest and prosperity.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



FIRST LADY'S HISTORIC ANTI-DRUG MARCH

- Participated in national anti-drug march led by First Lady Auxillia Mnangagwa
- Demonstrated whole-of-government approach to drug crisis
- Mobilized thousands of youths in awareness campaign



When we march together against drugs, we march for the future of our children.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



LARGE SCALE DRUG PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

- Led comprehensive drug and substance abuse prevention campaign in Mashonaland East
- Raised millions of dollars for prevention initiatives
- Reached over half a million youths nationwide with anti-drug information



We fight for a generation free from drugs and full of promise.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



NATIONAL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY 2026-2030 CABINET APPROVAL

- Cabinet approved National Youth Empowerment Strategy on August 12, 2025
- Five-year comprehensive framework for youth development
- Built on five pillars: economic empowerment, technology, education, governance, and health
- Aligned with Vision 2030 and National Development Strategy 2



This strategy is our promise to every young Zimbabwean.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



CHINESE EMBASSY YOUTH MAKER COLLABORATION

- Meeting with Chinese Embassy Chargé d'Affaires
- Strengthened Youth Maker Program partnership
- Ongoing collaboration for youth entrepreneurship and income generation



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ON THE FUTURE

MINISTRY OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

ZIMBABWE-CUBA BILATERAL YOUTH COOPERATION

- Strengthened bilateral ties with Cuba in youth development
- Knowledge exchange on youth programs and policies
- Expanded international partnerships for technical cooperation



When Zimbabwe and Cuba share knowledge, we multiply the power of youth on both continents.

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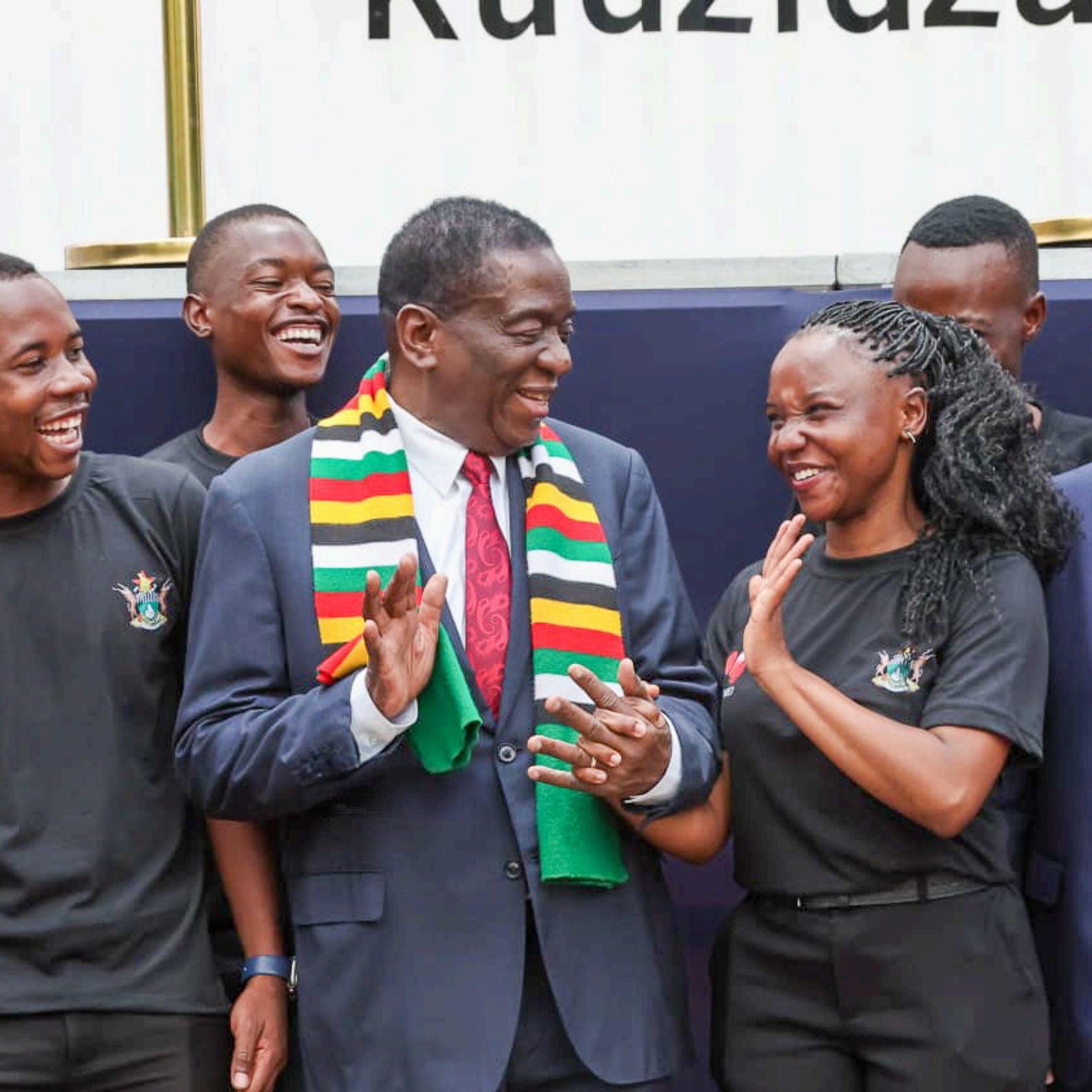
GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES MILLIONS TO DRR

- Seventeen youth-led disaster innovation projects are funded
- Projects integrated into the national DRR plan via Cabinet memo
- Youth-Led Disaster Risk Reduction in Budget Revision
- National Treasury directs funds to implement symposium recommendations



True leadership doesn't wait for history. It acts to prevent disaster, to protect life, and to empower youth before the storm arrives.

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TVET ENROLLMENT HITS MONUMENTAL HEIGHTS

- Gender Parity Realized
- National vocational certificate holders break records and exceed expectations
- More than 50% female participation—a monumental feat
- Vocational Graduate Employment rate hits highest records
- Systemic overhaul delivers the highest-ever rate of graduate employment



When every young woman and man can create and command opportunity, our country has already won its future.

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Concord for Young Women in Business

Integrity - Empowerment - Accord



YOUTH MODEL PARLIAMENT

- The “Community Digital Training Centres” bill, born out of the Youth Model Parliament
- System introduced into Zimbabwe's official legislative process
- Bill #07/2025 Targets record breaking number of Digital Centres by 2026
- Government tabling and Treasury review commence for nationwide roll-out.



Laws should not be relics—they must evolve where the youth are. When parliament echoes the ideas of our young people, that is living democracy.

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LAUNCH OF 2026-2030 NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY

- President approves and launches National Strategy
- Multi-billion dollar budget allocated
- All ministries receive enforceable, quantifiable KPIs
- National Youth Empowerment Symposium draws thousands of stakeholders



A strategy without teeth is wishful thinking. This is the hour when plans become visible, and visible action becomes legacy.

Hon. Tino Machakaire



ZIMBABWE-ZAMBIA BI-NATIONAL COMMISSION YOUTH MOU

- Signed MoU on Youth Affairs at inaugural Zimbabwe-Zambia Bi-National Commission
- Co-chaired by Presidents Mnangagwa and Hichilema
- Covers joint programs, leadership development, mentorship, and youth exchanges
- Includes vocational skills exchanges and multi-purpose youth centres
- Strengthens regional youth cooperation



Our Youth MoU must unite Zimbabwe and Zambia with the same power and shared opportunity.

Hon. Tino Machakaire

12-14 November 2025, RAINBOW TOWERS HOTEL, HARARE, ZIMBABWE



OUR PARTNERS | INTERNATIONAL

TIER 1: UNITED NATIONS & GLOBAL MULTILATERALS

UN Resident Coordinator's Office

- Coordinated by Ambassador Edward Kallon.
- UN Country Team deployed hundreds of millions dollars in 2024 under ZUNSDCF 2022-2026.
- Manages whole-of-UN approach with 51% through 10 Joint Programmes.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- Technical Cooperation Programme launched July 2025 developing National Youth Investment Plan and Youth-inclusive Agrifood Systems Strategy.
- Supported youth exhibitors at October 2025 symposium, mainstreaming thousands of youth into climate-smart agriculture.

UNICEF Zimbabwe

- Leading Generation Unlimited
- Tech Innovation Hub at Ruwa VTC
- TUI Junior Academy reaching tens of thousands of children across schools.
- The imaGen Ventures Youth Challenge has impacted adolescents nationwide since 2018.

BELARUS TRACTORS SCHEME

15% DEPOSIT, PAY BALANCE OVER 3 YEARS

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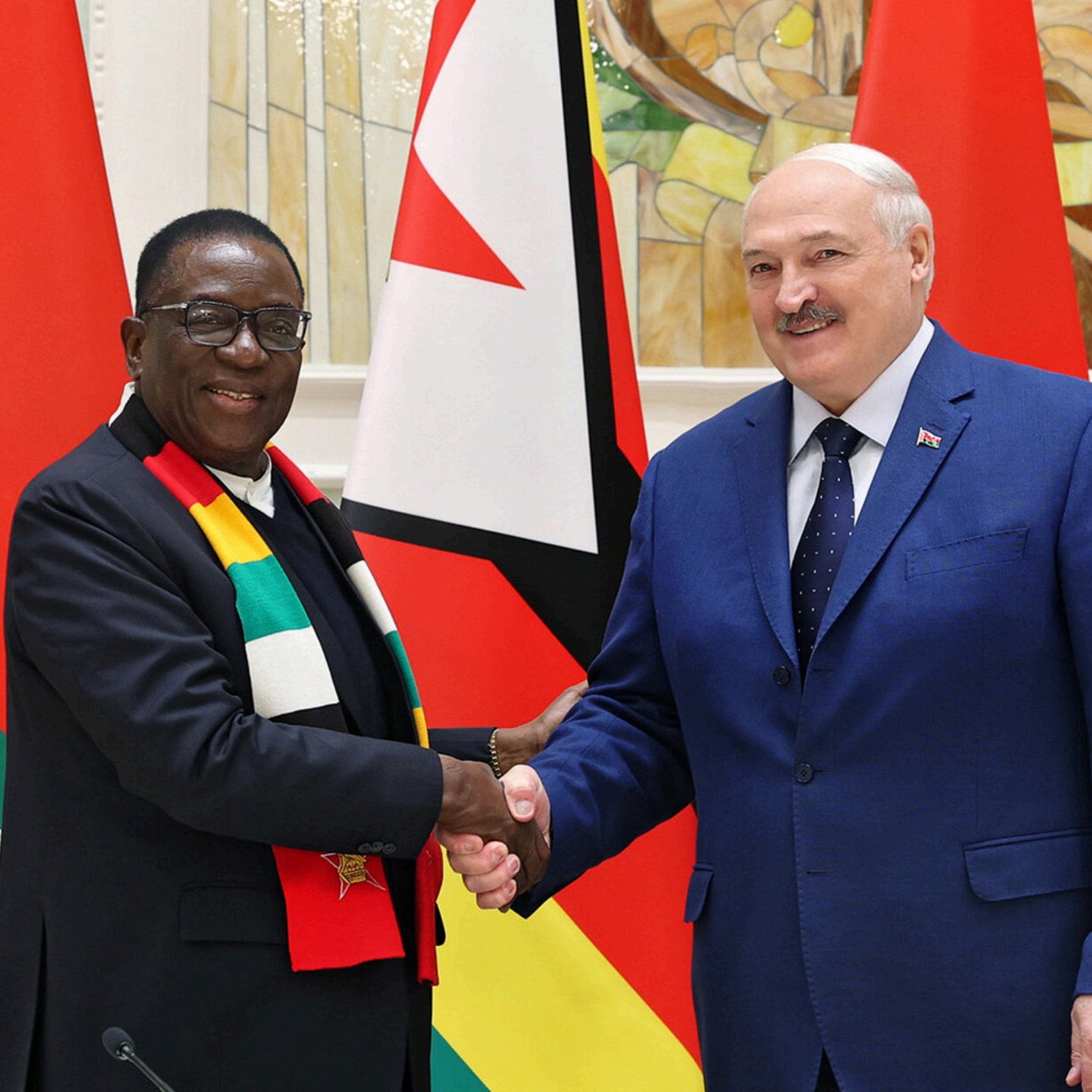
TIER 2: BILATERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Government of Belarus

- Zimbabwe Digital Skills Development Programme.
- Targeting millions of youth over three years (2025-2028).
- Training in programming fundamentals, AI, data science, and Android development through Government Experience Exchange Program.

People's Republic of China

- Chinese Embassy Youth Maker Programme delivering Mbire Youth Boer Goats Project.
- Supports 30+ youth clubs with 200+ goats each.
- Two-year rotation system ensures sustainability with fish farming diversification.



OUR PARTNERS | GOVERNMENTAL

TIER 2: BILATERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Government of Russia

- World Youth Festival 2024
- Zimbabwe Digital Skills Development Programme.
- Targeting millions of youth over three years (2025-2028)

African Development Bank

- Multi-million dollar grant approved May 2025 for Skills Required for Employability and Productivity Project.
- Expected outcomes: thousands of direct jobs, tens of thousands of indirect jobs, thousands of youth trained.



OUR PARTNERS | GOVERNMENTAL

TIER 2: BILATERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

South African Government

- Life-skills training and capacity building for young people.
- Youth entrepreneurship development.
- Agriculture and agro-processing (youth-led) to support rural development.
- Technology transfer and skills development.

European Union Delegation to Zimbabwe

- Team Europe coordination managing ADEPT Africa programming and multi-country youth development initiatives.
- Democratic governance and youth participation support across member states.



OUR PARTNERS | GOVERNMENTAL

TIER 2: BILATERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Government of Botswana

- MoU signed between Zimbabwe and Botswana focused on skills development
- Botswana and Zimbabwe agree on deal to address youth skills gaps.
- Aim to strengthen youth empowerment via technical and vocational skills exchange.



OUR PARTNERS | GOVERNMENTAL

TIER 2: BILATERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Government of Mozambique

- Energy Cooperation covering electricity, petroleum infrastructure, renewable energy, and natural gas.
- Transboundary conservation agreement (the ZIMOZA TFCA), promoting youth opportunities in tourism, conservation and cross-border skills development.
- Cross-border development project (launched May 2025) funded by Italy via FAO to improve ecosystem management & increase youth participation in sustainable agriculture/value-chains in shared border areas
- Signing of MoU on Youth Affairs promoting bilateral engagement, opportunities and skills development across the board



OUR PARTNERS | GOVERNMENTAL

TIER 2: BILATERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

United Kingdom

- FCDO funding for Restless Development, TEACH/EDT programs, and UNICEF education partnerships.
- British Council Value Creation Challenge supporting youth entrepreneurship.



OUR PARTNERS | TECH & FINANCE

TIER 3: TECHNOLOGY & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Huawei Technologies

- DigiTruck mobile digital classroom initiative delivering state-of-the-art technology and internet connectivity.
- Digital Skills Ambassadors Program creating mobile training infrastructure nationwide.

EmpowerBank

- Youth-focused microfinance institution with millions in capitalization (in-principle approval).
- Public-private collaboration administering Presidential Youth Empowerment Fund and youth enterprise lending.

Econet Wireless Zimbabwe

- Telecoms infrastructure supporting entrepreneurship sponsorships, digital innovation programmes, and youth connectivity.

Old Mutual Zimbabwe

- Old Mutual Foundation providing finance, SME support, business incubation, and financial literacy training.
- International arm linked with youth enterprise development.



OUR PARTNERS | DEVELOPMENTAL

TIER 4: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NGOS

First Lady's Angel of Hope Foundation

- The First Lady, via the Angel of Hope Foundation, has led youth empowerment / stay-in-school
- Angel of Hope Foundation worked with Plan International and Scholastica to run life-skills training, debates, quizzes, and capacity building for students.
- The First Lady opened a drug rehabilitation centre (Mbare) under Angel of Hope
- Anti-drug campaigns, mobilising public messaging around “not anymore” for youth substance abuse.
- Epworth soap-making training for women (including youth) to generate income.
- Mobilised resources to rebuild schools and homesteads damaged by weather disasters
- Mobile health /e-health outreach supports youth well-being (especially in marginalized areas)



OUR PARTNERS | DEVELOPMENTAL

TIER 4: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NGOS

UNDP

- Youth entrepreneurship support via IBUHUB partnership – incubation, business development and job placements.
- Skills development and innovation via Youth Connekt Zimbabwe, connecting young people to opportunities and formal employment.
- Livelihoods support through the Prosperity Unit – promoting farming-as-business, non-farm value-addition (wood, honey, dried fruit) and youth-led MSMEs.



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OUR PARTNERS | FDI & CORPORATE

TIER 5: CORPORATE & TOURISM PARTNERS

Stanbic Bank

- Private sector business finance programs providing youth entrepreneurship funding.
- Financial inclusion initiatives for young entrepreneurs.

SPAR Zimbabwe

- FairChance Programme co-design partner offering entry-level jobs and internships for young women.
- Hiring practices consultation and life skills training collaboration.



OUR PARTNERS | FDI & CORPORATE

TIER 5: CORPORATE & TOURISM PARTNERS

CBZ Holdings Limited

- Financial services partner to youth funds and entrepreneurship programming.
- Youth enterprise financing supporting startups and SME growth.



OUR PARTNERS | CRITICAL

TIER 6: FOUNDATIONAL LONG TERM RELATIONSHIPS

United Nations & Agencies

- United Nations system in Zimbabwe
- United Nations Resident Coordinator
- Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)
- International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- UN Women
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- World Health Organisation (WHO)

Youth & Sector

- Youth Empowerment and Transformation Trust (YETT)
- Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI)
- Zimbabwe Youth Council (ZYC)
- Zimbabwe Agricultural Development Trust (ZADT)
- National Association of Youth Organisations (NAYO)
- Empower Bank
- Zimbabwe Sunshine Group
- Restless Development
- Young Africa

Government & Institutions

- Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ)
- Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT)
- All Government ministries and departments

NGOs & Development

- MercyCorps
- Silveira House
- Plan International
- SNV Zimbabwe
- Action Aid Zimbabwe
- CAMFED
- Fambidzanai Permaculture Centre

Academic & Technical

- Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE)
- Centre for Agriculture and Food Policy (CAFP)



OUR PARTNERS | A-Z

ALPHABETICAL INDEX

- Action Aid Zimbabwe
- All Zimbabwean Government Ministries and Departments
- Amplify Change
- Angel of Hope Foundation
- Austrian Government
- Belgian Development Agency
- Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE)
- British Embassy Zimbabwe
- CAMFED
- Centre for Agriculture and Food Policy (CAFP)
- Chinese Embassy
- Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI)
- Education Coalition of Zimbabwe
- EFTCorp
- Empower Bank
- European Union
- Fambidzanai Permaculture Centre
- FAO
- Forestry Commission Zimbabwe
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
- Generation Unlimited
- German Government
- Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS
- Gold Youth Development Agency
- Goodwall Platform
- Government of Zambia
- Hospitality & Tourism SME Networks
- International Labour Organization
- IOM (International Organization for Migration)
- Irish Government
- KOICA (Republic of Korea)
- Kingdom of the Netherlands
- MercyCorps
- NANGO (National Association of NGOs)
- NAYO (National Association of Youth Organisations)
- National AIDS Council
- Norwegian Government
- Outward Bound Zimbabwe
- Peace and Sport (Monaco)
- Plan International
- RBZ (Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe)
- Regional Network of Children and Young People Trust
- Restless Development
- Roger Federer Foundation
- Russian Federation
- SADC (Southern African Development Community)
- SAYWHAT (Students and Youth Working on Reproductive Health Action Team)
- Silveira House
- SNV Zimbabwe
- SOS Children's Villages Zimbabwe
- SPAR Zimbabwe
- SRHR Africa Trust
- Stanbic Bank
- Swiss Confederation
- TUI Care Foundation
- UDACITY Platform
- UNDP
- UNESCO
- UNFPA
- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- UN Women
- UN Resident Coordinator
- UN System in Zimbabwe
- WFP (World Food Programme)
- WHO (World Health Organization)
- Wild Horizons
- Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe
- World Bank
- World Food Forum Zimbabwe Youth Chapter
- World Vision
- YETT (Youth Empowerment and Transformation Trust)
- Yoma Platform
- Young Africa
- (YAZ/YADC)
- Youth Aspire Development Trust
- Youth Power Network
- ZADT
- ZIMSTAT
- ZINECDA
- ZPCS
- Zimbabwe Sunshine Group
- Zimbabwe Youth Council (ZYC)
- Zimbabwe Youth Development Foundation

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NEXT MILESTONES | 2026

THE SECOND REPUBLIC'S YOUTH REVOLUTION

Q1: WE INTEND TO RAISE US\$1 BILLION ACROSS THE BOARD

- Public governance charter, independent oversight board with youth representatives, and transparent term sheet published.
- Fast-Track Incubation Pipeline 10,000 youth founders placed in top incubators. Target: 1,000 youth millionaires over five years through structured business acceleration.

Q2: FIRST DISBURSEMENT WAVE

- 30% of year-one allocation (US\$300M) deployed within 180 days to qualifying youth programs. Quarterly independent verification mandatory.

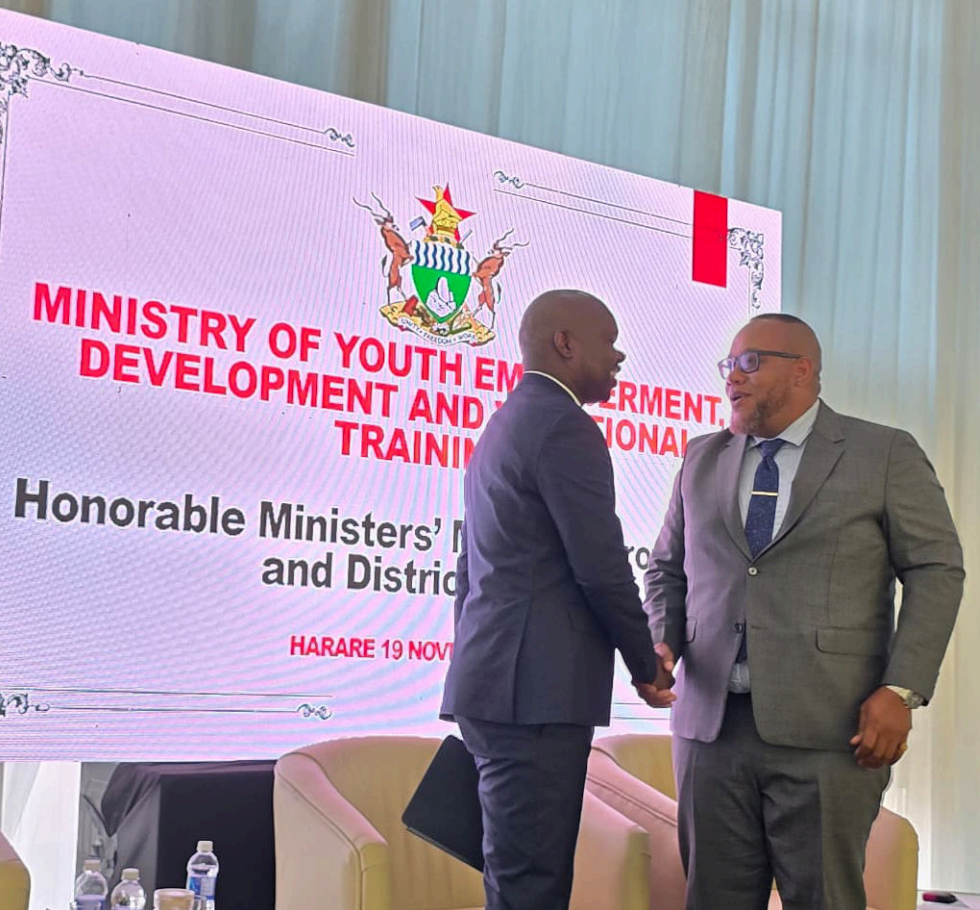
Q3: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

- 50% → Female beneficiaries
- 40% → Rural youth inclusion
- 10% → Youth in recovery or with disabilities

Q4: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

- One billion dollars. One hundred thousand graduates. One guarantee: opportunity for every young Zimbabwean willing to work for it.
- This is not a promise. This is a contract.







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A great nation is measured not by what it possesses today, but by the horizons it creates for its youth. May the foundations we lay in this era echo across the ages.

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H.E. E.D. MNANGAGWA

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Let every youth of Zimbabwe remember:
We are not inheritors of yesterday's
dreams; we are the architects of
tomorrow's reality. Progress is not a
moment. It is a legacy.

”

HON. TINO MACHAKAIRE



ZIMBABWE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

UPDATE BY **HON. MINISTER TINO MACHAKAIRE**

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