



# **Financing Alliance** for **Health**

## Country Fact Card – Zambia

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## Political landscape

### Current Government

- **President:** Edgar Lungu
- Zambia enjoys political stability compared to its surrounding neighboring countries like DR Congo
- President Lungu was re-elected in August 2016
- Greatest challenge facing this government is an economic slump owing to a reduction in copper prices

### Political priorities

- Economic diversification and job creation
- Poverty and Vulnerability
- Reduced Developmental Inequalities
- Enhancing Human Development
- Conducive Governance Environment for Economic Diversification

### Risks

- Heavy reliance on copper exports
- External debt distress is high; elevated from medium by a joint IMF-World Bank debt sustainability analysis



## Macroeconomic Indicators

- Population (2014) **15.7 M**
- GDP Per Capita **\$1,722**
- Government revenue as % of GDP **16.8%**
- Real GDP Growth per capita (2016 proj.) **6.2%**
- GDP per capita growth **3.3%**
- Inflation **6–8%**
- Classification: Low Middle Income



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Health Indicator	National
Neonatal/Infant/Under 5 mortality/ 1000 live births	24/45/75
Maternal Mortality Rate/100k live births	398
HIV Prevalence rate	12.9%
Life expectancy at birth	61.16 years (2016)
Percentage of children under 5 years stunted	40.1%



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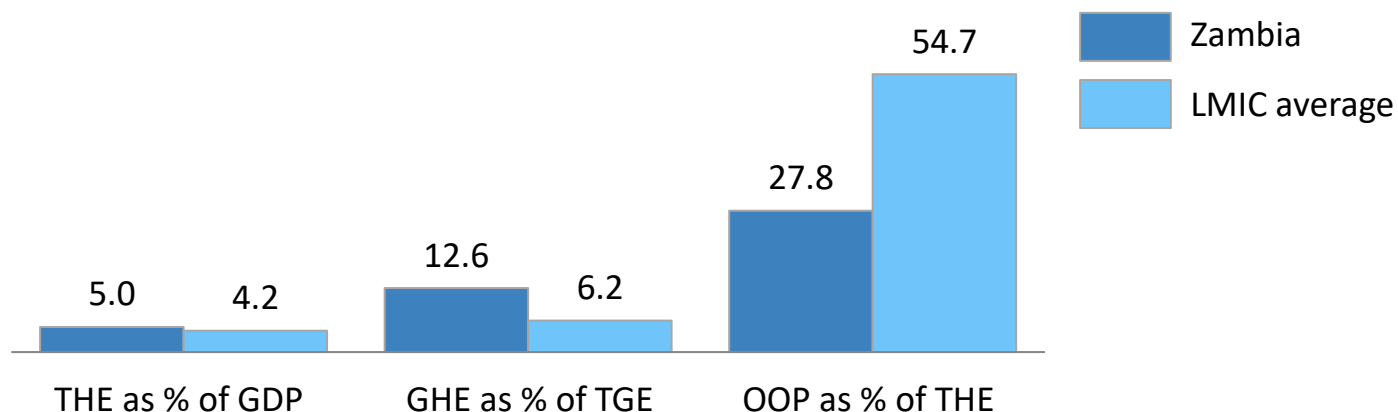
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Zambia's health expenditure compared to other LMICs Source: WHO (2015)



- **Revenue generation:** Primarily from Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) from general tax. External donors (off and on-budget), make up for 34% of THE.
- **Pooling:** In 2015, GRZ launched the Social Health Insurance (SHI) scheme. First phase targeting civil servants and formal employees aim to enrol 4.5m Zambians; phase 2 targeting informal sector to reach 11m. Hospital based insurance schemes provide additional risk pooling.
- **Purchasing:** Provided by MOH (district, provincial and tertiary hospitals) and Ministry of Community Development, Mother and Child Health (MCDMCH) (health posts, rural and urban health centres). MOH received 57% of THE by GRZ, MCDMCH received 42% while other line ministries got < than 1% of THE.



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