

debt obligations which are charges as stipulated in the Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2016, and to cover centralized provisions for contingency items. For this action, the MFNP will be a contractual partner for loan/grant agreements.

*Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation (MWDS):* MWDS is responsible to develop and manage water resources as well as ensure universal access to clean and safe water and adequate sanitation services as provided for in the Government Gazette Notice No. 1123 of 2021. For this action, the Ministry policies and its key national programmes like National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme, National Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Programme, and the Zambia Water Investment programme, will be translated into action.

*Ministry of Energy (MoE):* MoE's mandate is to develop and manage energy resources in a sustainable manner for the benefit of the people including enhancing an enabling environment for the renewable energy production.

*Ministry of Education:* The Ministry of Education's mandate is to formulate and implement Education and Science Policies, set and enforce standards and regulations, licence, supervise and provide education and skills development, as well as promote science, technology and innovation education. Teachers, parents and students may be involved with the boys and girls at local level to improve the Menstrual Health Hygiene Management. In this action, MOE will benefit from capacity building and will be supported to improve WASH in Schools.

*Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development:* The Ministry's mandate is to promote a decentralised, effective local governance system and facilitate the delivery of municipal services and infrastructure development through Local Authorities in order to effectively and efficiently contribute to sustainable socio-economic development. The Ministry also facilitates rural development and customary affairs for improved quality of life and economic well-being of citizens in the rural areas. All the local authorities have devolved the authority for management of WSS to private enterprises (Commercial Utilities (CUs)). The local authorities as shareholders of the CUs appoint a Board of Directors to oversee the operations of the CU. The day-to-day running of the utility is the responsibility of the appointed management. By this action, local authorities will benefit from investment and capacity building activities and will all support improved water, sanitation and hygiene service delivery. The local authorities may also enter into agreements with the commercial utilities and/ or other private partners to warrant adequate operation and maintenance of small scale solar powered water schemes.

*Ministry of Health (MoH):* MoH's mission is to provide equitable access to cost effective, quality healthcare services as close to the family as possible. In this action, MoH will benefit from capacity building and will be supported to improve climate resilient and environmentally friendly healthcare (CRESH) facilities.

*Gender Division,* under the Office of the President, responsible for coordinating and monitoring the effective implementation of Gender policies with other government Line Ministries and cooperating partners.

*Commercial water utilities (CU):* The mandate for all commercial utilities is to supply water and sanitation services to both rural and urban areas in the provinces they service. For this action, Southern Water and Sanitation Company, Chambeshi Water and Sanitation Company, Nkana Water and Sanitation Company, Lukanga Water and Sanitation Company as well as Eastern Water and Sanitation Company are key implementing partners. They will take on a threefold role in the envisioned action: They are implementers and target group of the action benefitting from and steering investment and capacity building activities; they will play an intermediary role between citizens and state institutions; and they will provide improved water services.

*Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA),* statutory body established under the Water Resources Management (WRM) Act No. 21 of 2011, main purpose is to serve as the regulatory body for the management and development of water resources across the country. The Authority is responsible for promoting a gender-sensitive, integrated, interactive, participatory and multisectoral approach to water resources management and development

*National Water Supply and Sanitation Council (NWASCO):* NWASCO's mandate is to regulate the provision of Water Supply and Sanitation services in Zambia. For this action, they will be a key partner in assessing the performance of the CUs through existing KPIs, developing guidelines and supporting the Water Utility platform.

Final rights-holders include all Zambians covered by the National Water Utilities by increasing their access to green energy and water supply.