



# DROUGHT MANAGEMENT IN ZAMBIA



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- It is not in place
- What is in place is a National Disaster Management Policy of 2005
- National Disaster Management Policy is operationalized through the Disaster Management Operations Manual which summarizes the roles, responsibilities and procedures relating to the management of Disasters, particularly drought

# Disaster Management Unit (DMMU)

- The DMMU is under the Office of the vice president
- It coordinates and collaborates with all stakeholders in disaster management
- Disaster actions and responses falls on it
- Thus drought response also falls under DMMU
- Mainly re-active in response

# How Droughts Have Affected Zambia

- Agriculture most affected ( crops, livestock, grazing fields)
  - Especially the southern region of Zambia
- Water availability in rural areas reduced

# Gov't's and People's actions

- Building dams for irrigation in the southern region
  - Irrigation policy has been put in place
- Drought resistant crops & conservation farming being promoted
- Boleholes are being dug
- People in the southern region are migrating to the northern region
- Provision of accurate weather and climate forecasts by ZMD
- Identification of drought prone areas