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COVID – 19 Advisory Centre for Local Authorities Established

A COVID – 19 Advisory Centre for Local Authorities (C19-ACLA) has been established by the Local Government Association of Zambia with support from the Germany Government through GIZ and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The establishment of the Centre is in line with Government's resolve to embrace a multi sectoral approach in responding to the COVID – 19 pandemic. This initiative will

supplement various response strategies being spearheaded by Government and other cooperating partners.

The main objective of the Centre is to enhance the preparedness and capacity of Local Authorities in Zambia by providing technical support and non-monetary resources through but not limited to:

- ☞ The provision of Manuals on tools that Local Authorities can use for Preparedness, Response and Recovery in pandemics
- ☞ Support Local Authorities in the development of Emergency Plans and provision of blueprints for emergency procedures and protocols for various scenarios before, during and after the pandemic
- ☞ Provide support to Local Authorities on how to trigger response using developed emergency plans, procedures and protocols in their respective districts
- ☞ Support Local Authorities in the development of project proposals for COVID 19 prevention and mitigation
- ☞ Manage an innovation fund which will support project ideas on how to produce materials required to combat COVID-19



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The Centre is open and running both as a resource and Call Centre based on demand from each Local Authority countrywide. Member Local Authorities are therefore encouraged to access the services being offered by the centre by contacting the Centre Coordinator Mr. Ernest M. Sumani on 0977254804.

The Association further wishes to appeal to all member councils to provide relevant information that may be requested by the Centre in the development of tailor-made solutions in responding to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This will further enhance

knowledge sharing among local authorities and other key stakeholders.

The Association has been appealing for more support towards local response to COVID-19. It is gratifying that this call is yielding positive results and in this regard the Association wishes to express its profound gratitude to GIZ and USAID for this support and further encourages other partners to emulate this gesture.

The Association further wishes to express its gratitude to the Ministry of Local Government for supporting this initiative.

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