

# Choma Co-operative Union gets \$90,000 Czech help

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IN AN effort to revamp milk production by small-scale farmers in Southern Province, the Czech Republic Development Agency has handed over dairy farming machinery worth about US\$90,000 to Choma District Dairy Co-operative Union.

The equipment comprises a chaff truck,

mower and fertiliser spreader. The handover ceremony coincided with the official launch of the "Appropriate and Stable Fodder Production for Dairy Cattle on the Small-Scale Farmer 2014 to 2017 Project," funded by the Czech Republic Development Agency and will be implemented by Mendel University of Brno, Czech Republic.

Speaking during the handover and launch of the project in Choma on Wednesday, project

coordinator Vendula Tembo, said the aim of the project is to increase milk production by small-scale farmers by the Choma and Monze District Dairy Cooperatives through capacity building.

"The project will increase milk production for farmers in the Choma district cooperative by starting commercial fodder production enterprise, training farmers on fodder production and donating machinery during the project implementation period," Mrs

Tembo said.

And acting Southern Province permanent secretary Douglas Ngimbu thanked the Czech Republic for the donation and is confident it will revamp milk production and in turn create jobs.

"The donation and launch of the project will help integrate the stable feeding system and promote constant milk production, especially during the dry season," Mr Ngimbu said.

Earlier, Czech Development Agency Head of the Project Formulation Department Hynek Ciboch said he is hopeful the project will help accelerate income generation among small-scale farmers.

And Choma District Dairy Cooperative Union chairperson Farmer Nootle said the donation of the machinery and launch of the project will revamp milk production among small-scale farmers.

# North-West agro projects in K8 million boost

Projects include construction, rehabilitation of infrastructure

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GOVERNMENT has allocated K8,439,397 for implementation of projects in the agriculture sector in North-Western Province.

Ministry of Finance budget analyst Messiah Tembo said the projects include construction and rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure in all districts in the region.

Mr Tembo said part of the funds will go towards construction of camp houses, construction of dip tanks and rehabilitation of farmers' training centres.

"We have funds for major projects specifically for North-Western Province where we have allocated a substantial amount out of a total of K4.1 billion that Government set aside in the 2015 budget for various projects in the agriculture sector," he said.

Mr Tembo said this on Tuesday when he made a presentation during a public forum dubbed the: "2015

# Seven Zim women nabbed for illegal stay

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THE Department of Immigration in Livingstone has arrested seven Zimbabwean women for alleged illegal stay in Zambia.

Department of Immigration public relations officer Namati Nshinka said in an interview on Wednesday that the suspects were rounded up on Monday during a routine operation.

"Of the seven women that the immigration department rounded up, five could not justify their stay in the country," Mr Nshinka said.

He said the Department of Immigration requested the five women to leave the country immediately.

"We have since asked the women to go back to their country of origin and they left the country immediately after the interviews at our offices in Livingstone," Mr Nshinka said.

He said the other two have been detained and will be prosecuted for flouting immigration laws.

Mr Nshinka is concerned that some foreigners enter the country legally but end up flouting immigration laws by overstaying.

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