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LOOKING BACK  
BEFORE WE  
MOVE FORWARD



# MILESTONE EVENTS



# BILATERAL DESIGN DISCUSSIONS

February 2024

Lumbumbashi, The Democratic Republic of Congo



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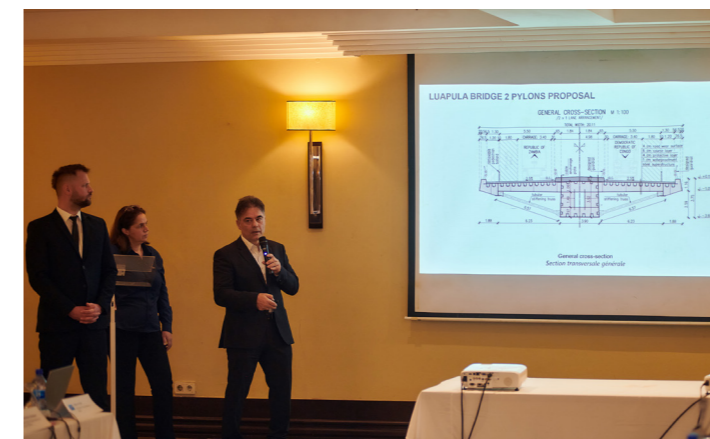
Print coverage

During a two day session in Lubumbashi in February the Governments of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Zambia (Zambia) engaged in comprehensive bilateral discussions to further refine the design and operational aspects of the bridge and one-stop border post (OSBP) facilities integral to the Kasomeno-Mwenda Toll Road (KMTR) Project.

Led by delegations from the Agence Congolaise des Grand Travaux (ACGT) and the Zambia Road Development Agency (RDA), the discussions were part of the inaugural meeting of the project's design committee. Key partners Rankin, SPECIÁLTERV, and MOSAÏQUE INGÉNIERIE presented their respective designs for the one-stop border post and bridge.



Inaugural meeting of the design committee.



# CCECC ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SIGNING

May 2024

Lusaka, The Republic of Zambia



China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) was awarded the road construction and drainage contract for the 184 km KTMR. This significant milestone in our mission to enhance regional infrastructure and connectivity was marked by the signing of contracts for both the DRC and Zambia on the 30th of May, 2024 in Lusaka.

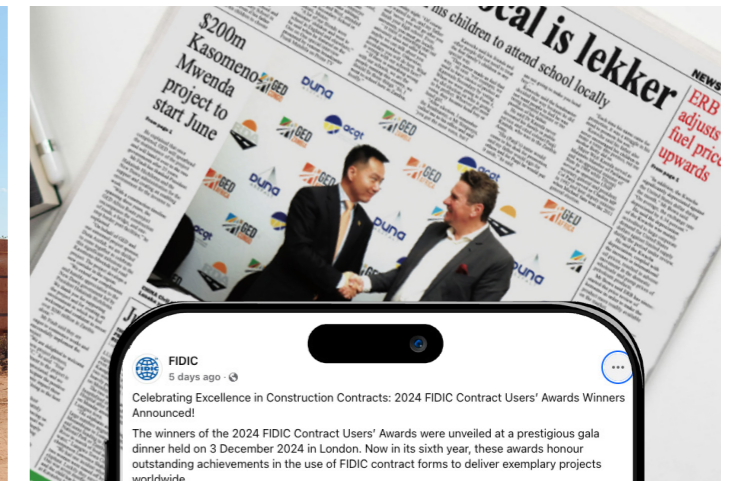


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The contract between CCECC and GED Africa's subsidiaries was awarded Project of the Year at the 2024 FIDIC Contract Users' Awards.

The KMTR project was commended for its exemplary collaboration among clients, legal teams, and stakeholders across multiple jurisdictions. We are especially grateful to our legal partner, LnP Beyond Legal, whose expertise in FIDIC contract execution is unparalleled.



# EGIS SIGNS AS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OPERATOR

June 2024

Lubumbashi, The Democratic Republic of Congo



GED Africa officially partnered with Egis as the Operations and Maintenance Operator for the KMTR.



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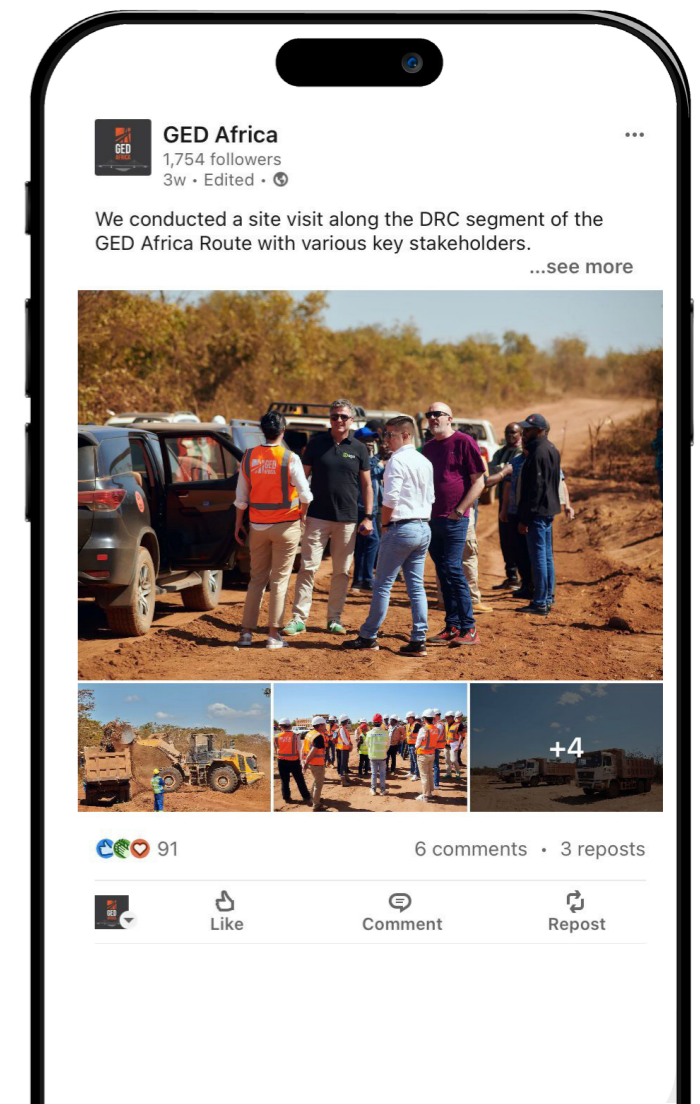
As GED Africa's operations and maintenance operator for the KTMR Project, Egis will leverage their expertise through a 33-month fixed operating equipment contract and a 7-year operations and maintenance contract.



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# SITE VISIT WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS



June 2024

Kasenga, The Democratic Republic of Congo

The site visit in June included a drive from Kasomeno to Kasenga and a tour of the bridge site over the Luapula River. This visit came on the heels of a signing ceremony earlier that week that cemented Egis as the project's official operations and maintenance operator.



Representatives from Duna Aszfalt Zrt., ACGT, Direction Generale des Migrations, CCECC, MoDarSet (MOSAÏQUE INGÉNIERIE) and local government officials joined the GED Africa team for this event.



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Construction of CCECC camp and future laboratory

# HUNGARY-ZAMBIA INVESTMENT FORUM

June 2024

Lusaka, The Republic of Zambia



Representatives from GED Africa had the privilege of attending and presenting at the Hungary-Zambia Investment Forum in Lusaka, Zambia. Kanyuka Mumba and Ernest Mate from GED Zambia, along with Krisztina Kántor, CFO of GED Africa from Hungary, participated in the event organized by the Hungarian Embassy in Pretoria.

The Business Forum aimed to enhance bilateral and business relations between Zambia and Hungary. GED Zambia highlighted that the KMTR Project stands as one of the largest European investments in the region.



# GED ZAMBIA ATTENDS 58TH ZAMBIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

June - July 2024

Ndola, The Republic of Zambia



GED Zambia was proud to attend the 58th annual Zambia International Trade Fair in Ndola. The event's theme "Unlocking international economic potential through collaboration and partnership" perfectly aligns with our mission to facilitate cross-border trade and development through the KMTR Project.



We were honored to be hosted in the new building officially commissioned by the Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Charles Milupi. The Minister visited our stall and spoke with our GED Zambia team about the latest exciting project developments.

# TECHNICAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE



July 2024

Lusaka, The Republic of Zambia

In July Government representatives from the Republic of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo met alongside GED Africa Ltd, Duna Aszfalt Zrt. and other key technical partners for a three-day bilateral discussion to advance the KMTR Project.

The discussions covered key elements of the design and flow of the OSBP and tolling plazas as well as the finalisation of the operations manual of the OSBP and the temporary border crossing at Chalwe.



This event demonstrated the commitment of all stakeholders to ensuring the project's success and its impact on the economic development of the region.

Read the full Press Release on the GED Africa Website

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VIEW THE FULL EVENT GALLERY HERE



# BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING (BIM) WORKSHOP

September 2024

Budapest, Hungary

In September, GED Africa was honored to be hosted by Duna Aszfalt in Budapest, Hungary, for a transformative Building Information Modelling (BIM) workshop. BIM, a cutting-edge digital tool for infrastructure development, allows for the creation of detailed 3D models that enhance the planning and execution of projects like roads and bridges. The workshop provided valuable insights into leveraging this technology for linear projects, with a focus on the KMTR Project. This collaboration not only strengthens our commitment to advancing infrastructure in the regions we serve but also highlights the growing partnership between Africa and Hungary. The delegation included representatives from the Project's government partners from DRC and Zambia, ACGT and RDA respectively.



WATCH THE EVENT OVERVIEW VIDEO HERE



# BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING (BIM) SITE VISIT

September 2024

Budapest, Hungary



The visit also included a tour of Duna Aszfalt's M49 highway project, where our team and government officials from Zambia and the DRC witnessed innovative methods in action, including asphalt laying, remote machine operation, and modern surveying techniques. The day concluded with plans to integrate BIM into the KMTR Project, further solidifying the international collaboration between Africa and Hungary.



# PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO HUNGARY

October 2024

Budapest, Hungary



In a historic event, His Excellency President Felix Tshisekedi of the Democratic Republic of Congo made his inaugural visit to Hungary, where he and Prime Minister Viktor Orbán concluded a comprehensive strategic cooperation program. This momentous occasion marks the first time a president from the DRC has traveled to Hungary.

GED Africa is proud to play a role in strengthening ties between Hungary and the DRC, as both nations work towards shared goals in regional development, infrastructure and economic growth.

## TAKE A LOOK AT THE INAUGURAL PRESIDENTIAL VISIT ON SOCIAL MEDIA



[READ THE FULL ARTICLE ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT HERE](#)

# ZAMBIA PRESIDENTIAL DELIVERY UNIT

October 2024

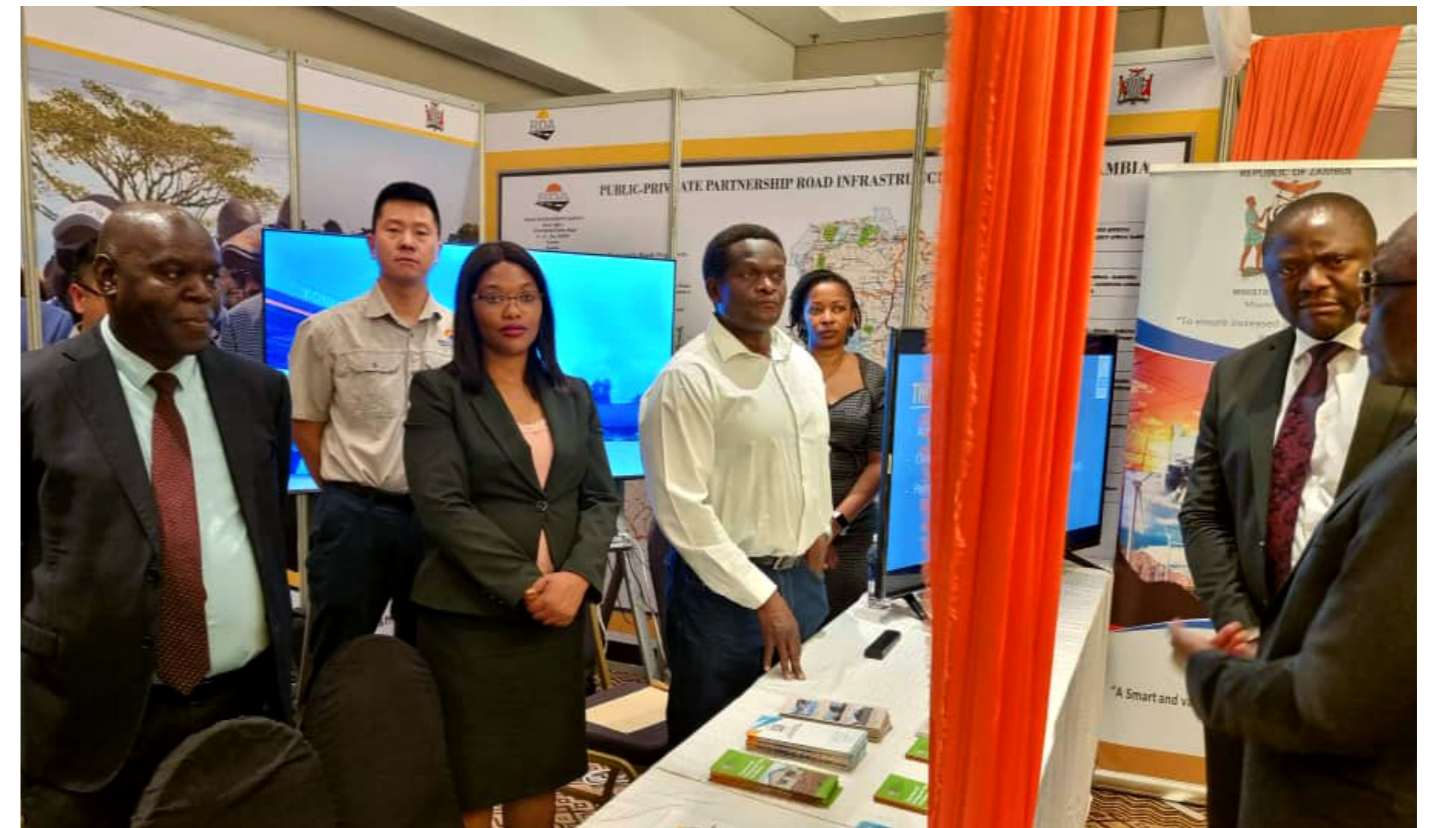
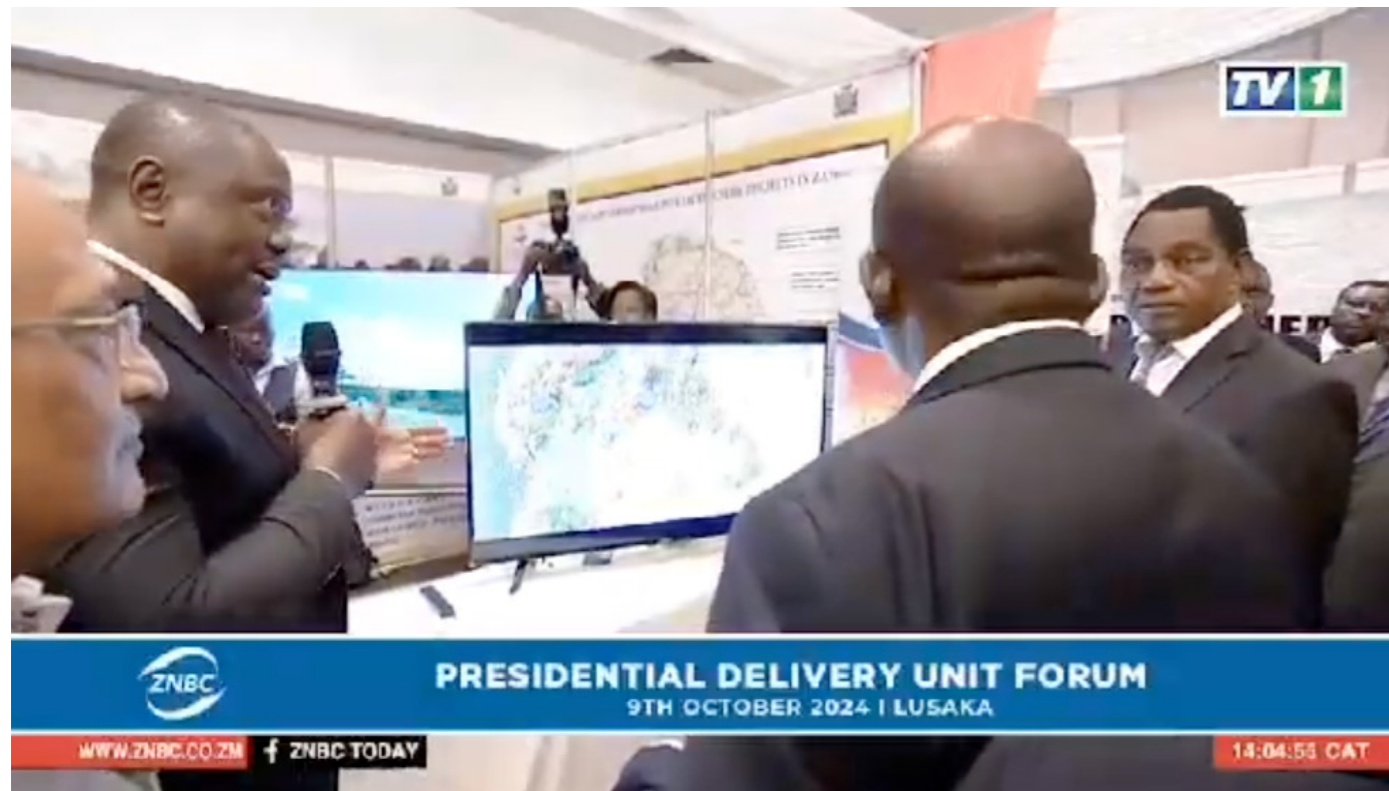
Lusaka, The Republic of Zambia



In a significant moment for the KMTR Project, Eng. Kanyuka Mumba, Head of Technical for GED Zambia, had the honor of presenting the project's progress to His Excellency President Hakainde Hichilema and Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi, Minister of Infrastructure, Housing, and Urban Development, at the Presidential Delivery Unit.

He highlighted key milestones of the Project, showcasing our dedication to advancing regional infrastructure and fostering development across Zambia.

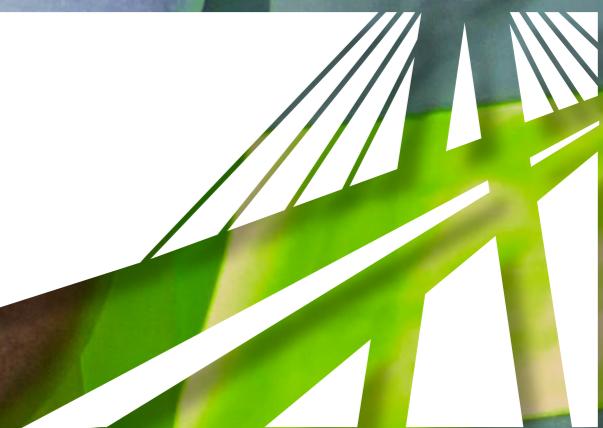
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# CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

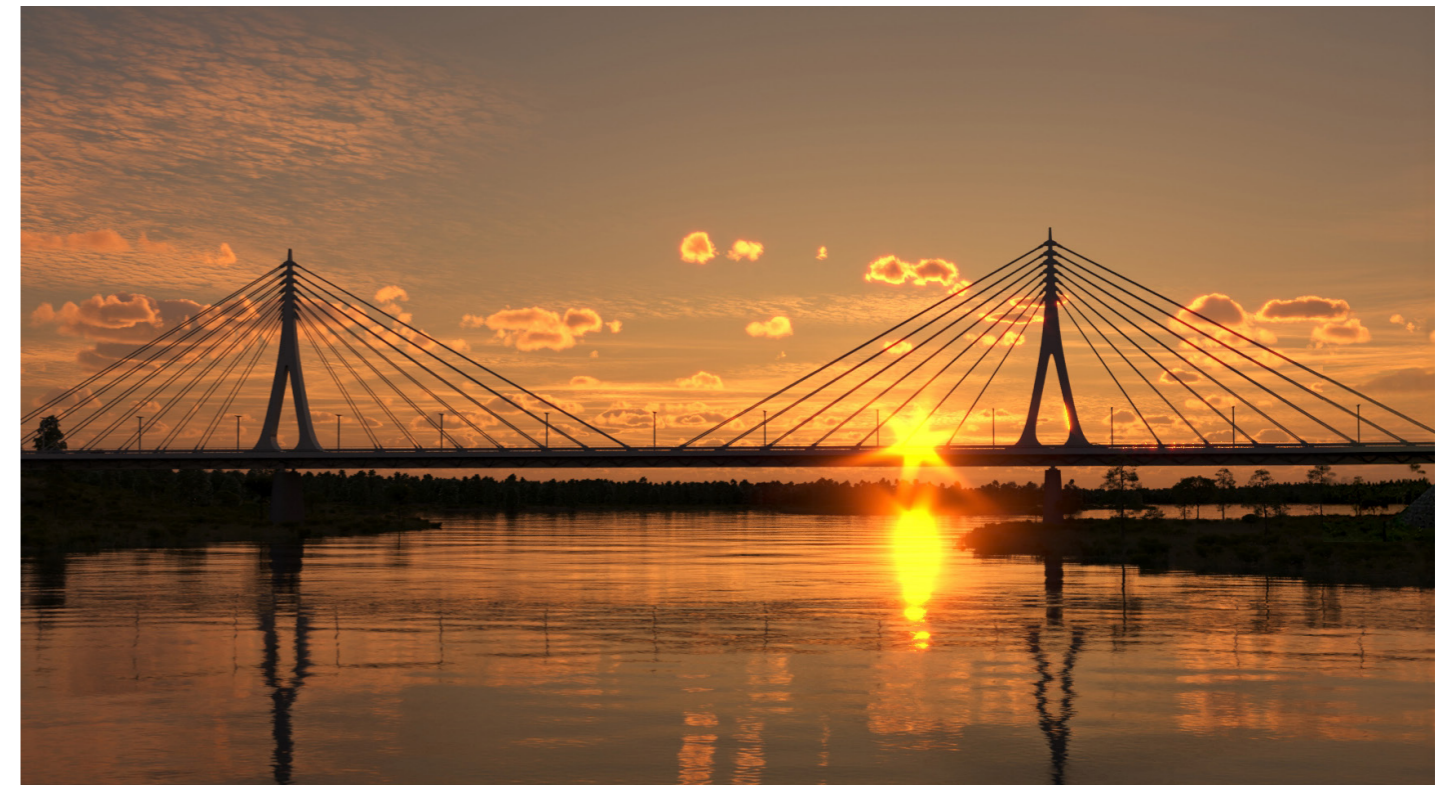


# BRIDGE DESIGN

July 2024

In July, a new bridge concept video was created in collaboration with SpecialTerv from Duna Aszfalt Zrt., the bridge design experts on the project.

The video captures the bridge's striking pylon design, which symbolises the unity and progress embodied by this landmark structure connecting these two great counties. It also highlights the placement of the OSBPs and toll plazas that will be integrated into the overall infrastructure.

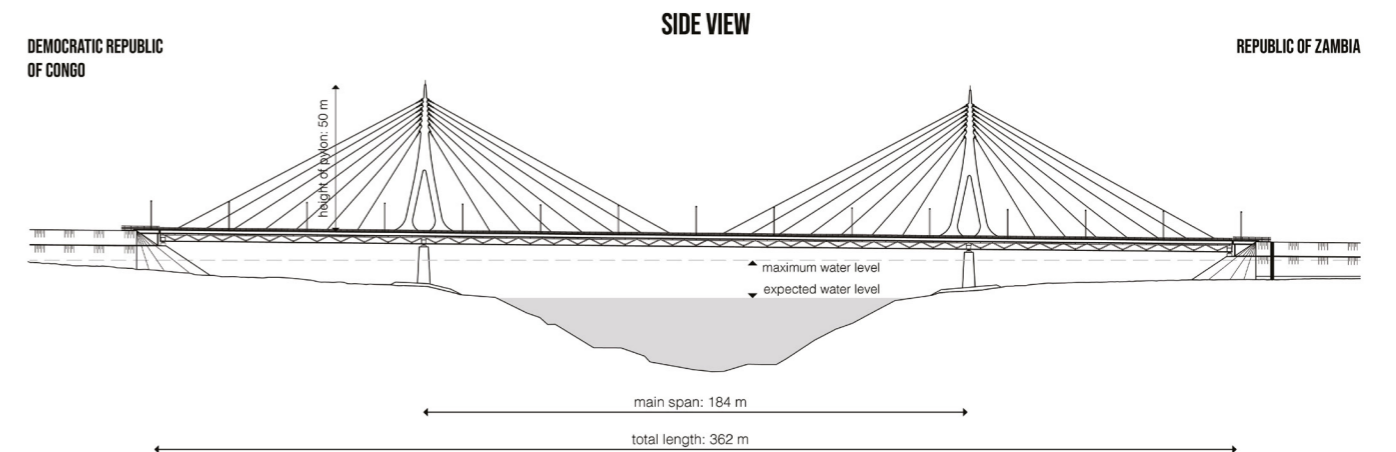


To watch the full technical video in French

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This bridge is a critical component of the KMTR Project, made possible through the continued support of the Zambian and Congolese governments, as well as our project sponsor, Duna Aszfalt Zrt.

# SPECIALTERV



# GED CONGO CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

2024



Works in the DRC have achieved significant progress this year, marked by key milestones that reflect steady advancement. With the contract signed and contractors mobilized, the site is now fully established and operational, with the Employer's Representative actively engaged on-site.



Construction is advancing with work on a 10-kilometer road stretch, 5-meter-high embankment on the Luapula river, the installation of a crushing plant, and the establishment of the contractor's accommodation and office sites.

[VIEW THE DRC CONSTRUCTION VIDEO UPDATE HERE](#)





# GED ZAMBIA CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

2024



This year has seen remarkable progress on the Zambian side of the Project. Following the signing of the contract and the mobilization of contractors, site establishment was successfully completed, with both contractors and the Employer's Representative positioned on-site.



Key construction achievements include the Luapula embankment, which now stands 5 meters high on both sides, and the nearcompletion of two major box culverts. Additionally, 25 kilometers of road alignment have been cleared, in preparation for further construction activities.







# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

# LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION PROGRAM

*On Going*

Luapula Province, Zambia | Lualaba Province, DRC



Livelihood restoration is a key requirement for Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) implementation as outlined by the IFC. GED Africa is committed to ensuring that Project-Affected People (PAPs) and the broader community are positioned for sustainable and improved livelihoods. This will be accomplished through the development and execution of comprehensive Livelihood Restoration Programs (LRPs).



The primary LRP will be Climate Smart Agriculture, deeply rooted in training and skills transfer for sustainable farming practices tailored to our host community's environment and resources. The approach includes identifying lead farmers across the project's footprint, facilitating cooperatives, advising on savings clubs and ensuring access to market for outputs.



The catalyst for this program is a demonstration and propagation plot of 3 hectares located in Gershom, Zambia. This important first step will ensure that we have strong, virus free cassava cuttings in preparation for the 2025 planting season.



# DATA COLLECTION

February 2024

Luapula Province, The Republic of Zambia



As part of GED Africa’s commitment to facilitating access to the employment opportunities created by the Project, we hosted a number of data gathering workshops.

Utilizing a secure digital platform, GED Africa has successfully collected personal data from over 1000 members within the host communities. This data will be stored for upcoming positions from various contractors that do not require any qualifications or experience.



Read more about our sustainability initiatives on our website

# GED AFRICA JOB PORTAL

March 2024

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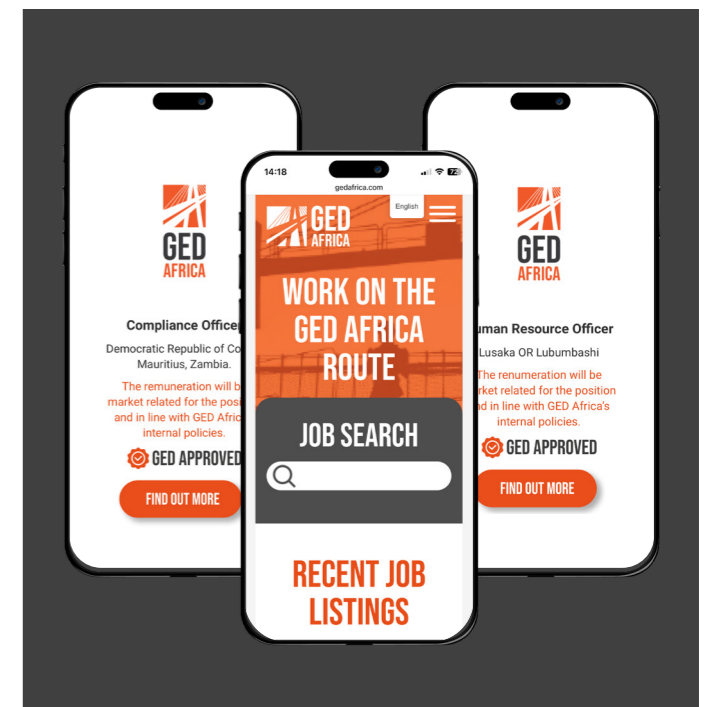
In March the GED Africa Job Portal was launched. It serves as a centralized hub for recruiting employees and sourcing services from local businesses. With numerous stakeholders involved in the KMTR Project, GED Africa recognized the need for a dynamic approach to recruitment, catering to both employment and subcontracting needs. This portal streamlines operations and maximizes project efficiency while staying true to our promise of fostering economic growth in the region.

Since launching our job portal in March, we’re proud of the progress made in connecting professionals and businesses:

296 - Digital CVs created

108 - Local businesses registered

**GED AFRICA, ITS SUBSIDIARIES, AND CONTRACTORS COLLECTIVELY HAVE CREATED OVER 300 JOBS FOR THE PROJECT, AND RISING.**



## Key Features of the GED Africa Job Portal:



Digital CV Creation



Business Registration



Job Listings & Applications



Localized Job Search

Visit the Job Portal

# FINANCIAL LITERACY

On Going

Luapula Province, Zambia | Lualaba Province, DRC



As part of GED Africa's commitment to supporting communities along the GED Africa Route, we have launched a Financial Literacy Campaign, with initial workshops already completed. This initiative provides PAPs with essential financial knowledge and skills, helping them make informed decisions about their compensation. Additionally, we facilitate the opening of bank accounts for participants, which contributes to sustainable economic growth in the region. This program is a key step in ensuring that local communities benefit from the project in the long term.



WATCH THE VIDEO OUTLINING THIS CAMPAIGN

# ROAD SAFETY COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

April - September 2024

Luapula Province, Zambia | Lualaba Province, DRC



GED Africa recognizes the need for increased road safety awareness with the road construction and higher traffic volumes that will come with it. To address this, road safety infographics are being developed as part of an upcoming Road Safety Community Campaign.

GED Africa conducted two focus groups in each country with school children from our host communities to ensure these infographics are engaging and relevant. The campaign aims to educate the youngest community members on essential road safety practices, promoting safer environments for all.



Read more about our sustainability initiatives on our website

# CROSSING THE ROAD SAFELY

**STEP 1** Choose a straight road segment

**STEP 2** Stop, Look, Listen & Think

**STEP 3** Look left, right and left again

**STEP 4** Cross walking briskly but don't run

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# CONSTRUCTION ZONES

*AVOID FOR SAFETY*



**STEP 1** Stay far away from construction equipment and big yellow machinery

**STEP 2** Never play near or climb on machinery, even when it seems unattended

**STEP 3** Don't play in construction areas



# WALKING ON THE ROAD

*SAFELY*



**STEP 1** Always walk on the side of the road



**STEP 2** Walk as far away from traffic as possible



**STEP 3** Never play on or next to the road



**STEP 4** Stop and wait for dust to settle before continuing



# LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY BOREHOLE INITIATIVE



November 2024

Kasomeno, DRC



As part of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), 13 new boreholes have been commissioned along the route between Kasomeno and Kasenga. This initiative aims to improve access to water for the project's host communities, contributing to enhanced quality of life and supporting sustainable development in the region.





## PARTNERS FOR PROSPERITY

