

PRS YEAR IN REVIEW

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

What have we been working on in 2024?

We were engaged by multilaterals and local organisations implementing transformational projects with government in various Ministries including Green Economy and Environment, Education, Agriculture and Health. We conducted evaluations, technical baselines, data collection, situation analysis, policy analysis and managed stakeholder engagements to enhance human and economic development, and achieve meaningful and sustainable impact for Zambian citizens.

In 2024, our clients included the World Bank Group on climate change, social protection and education; UNICEF on education; University of Illinois and World Vision on livelihoods and economic development; CIMYTT on agriculture; HAUS Finnish Institute of Public Management on SME business strategy development; Tech Analytics on energy; and Busara on public health. We also worked collaboratively with Genesis Analytics and Bongo Hive.

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2024 REFLECTIONS - THE PRS THOUGHT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

At PRS we embrace expertise, innovation, passion and courage, which are the cornerstones of the PRS Thought Leadership Program (TLP). The PRS TLP was launched in July 2024.



In collaboration with Money FM, we are building a platform for Zambian industry thought leaders to steer conversations and shape the future as they turn their insights into influence.

The PRS TLP promotes originality and authenticity, encouraging leaders to explore their ideas transparently and honestly, and to open them up to scrutiny firstly by their peers, and then by industry, community and society.

Since its inaugural launch, the TLP has hosted outstanding thought leaders, sharing unique local perspectives on pertinent topics including climate change and sustainability, digital transformation and artificial intelligence, economics, human development and children's welfare.

We are giving an opportunity to thought leaders to establish their authority as industry experts at the forefront of quality innovation. In 2025, we aim to enhance this platform through increasing peer engagement and exchange.

As we embark on recruiting more leaders into the program, we are looking for forward-thinking actionable ideas that encourage debate and lead to local, relevant and impactful solutions for key day-to-day challenges that Zambian and African communities are grappling with.

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the 2024 TLP cohort of thought leaders shaping industry discourse



SILVIA NANYANGWE

“Awareness is key. If everyone can take up the mantle of advocacy or activism, it will make a significant difference in addressing climate change”

Executive Director of Center for Climate Change Action & Advocacy and Manager at Ener-G Africa specialising in climate justice and advocacy. For TLP, Silvia was highlighting the critical relationship between human activities and the environment.



TREVOR HAMBAYI

“It is not what the government can do for the Zambian SME's, it is what the Zambian SME's can do for the country.”

Senior Managing Partner for Development Finance Associates, consulting for International Aid Organizations and the World Bank and specialising in SME finance. For the TLP, Trevor was analysing the 2025 National Budget.



MBILIYA LUHANGA

“Research has shown that there's also more neglect and abuse that could be happening in an institution just because of the nature of too many people around.”

Program Manager at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) specialising in child welfare and working with vulnerable children, families, and communities. For TLP, Mbiliya was discussing child care reforms in Zambia.



LUKONGA LINDUNDA

“It's essential to know how customers access products and how to deliver those products effectively. Many businesses thrive because they leverage digital platforms to meet these needs.”

Co-Founder and Executive Director at BongoHive specialising in leveraging technology for economic and social Impact in emerging markets. For TLP, Lukonga emphasised the necessity for entrepreneurs to leverage technology for commerce.



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2024 PRS Thought Leadership Program cohort

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KEY PUBLICATIONS

We published extensively researched articles on key national issues available on our [website](#). Read our article on whether inclusion strategies targeted at girls are leading to the marginalisation of boys in Zambia, what does the evidence say? We also conducted an exploratory study to highlight how people have been affected by increased loadshedding from ZESCO.



Are Inclusion Strategies Targeted at Girls Leading to the Marginalization of Boys?

By Mwaka Hachisaala, Esther Tatenda Zulu

A growing sentiment has emerged in Zambia that boys are falling behind particularly academically, overshadowed by the commendable progress of their female counterparts. While anecdotes suggest a perceived gender gap particularly in academic performance, it is crucial to examine the broader context and explore whether statistical evidence aligns with observations that boys are being left behind.

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Surviving The Outages: The Struggle and Resilience Amid Zambia's Load-shedding Crisis

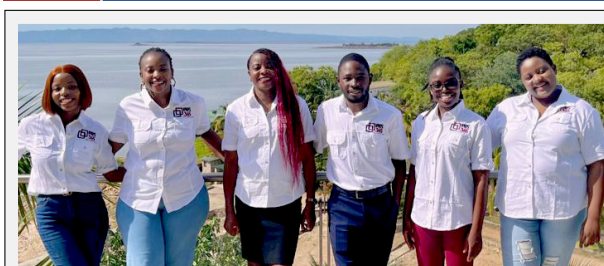
By Esther Tatenda Zulu, Mwaka Hachisaala

The 2023/2024 rainy season brought yet another severe drought, causing a substantial decrease in water levels in the main reservoirs, including the Kariba Dam, which is one of the largest sources of hydroelectric power for Zambia, despite the widespread anecdotal evidence of the detrimental effects of loadshedding, there has been a lack of empirical studies quantifying these impacts. To address this gap, we conducted an exploratory study focusing on the effects of loadshedding in Lusaka.

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END OF YEAR MESSAGE



To our clients, collaborators and champions, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Thank you for partnering with us to create impact and improve the quality of life for Zambian communities.

Come partner with us again in 2025 as we work towards building an economically and socially prosperous Africa! We will also continue to amplify the ideas of thought leaders and the innovative work they are doing!