



ZAMBIA

POPULATION SIZE¹
14.6 million

GDP
US\$22.2 billion

GDP PER CAPITA
US\$1,800

EXPORTS
US\$8.5 billion

EXPORT ABSORBED BY U.S.
US\$37 million (.4%)

IMPORTS
US\$8.2 billion

IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.
US\$141 million (1.7%)

U.S. ASSISTANCE
US\$395 million²

plus an additional US\$354.7 million in support through the Millennium Challenge Corporate Zambia Compact.³



Map Sources: ESRI, OCHA, UNCS.
The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Map created in Dec 2011.

ZAMBIA faces many challenges when it comes to advancing and protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) individuals, including the clear reluctance of authorities to protect these rights. During the 2012 constitutional review process, the country’s Human Rights Commission argued that the non-discrimination clause in the draft constitution should be interpreted to exclude LGBT individuals for “the protection of the greater good of society.”⁴

Section 157 of the Zambian Penal Code criminalizes sexual relationships between men, whether consensual or not, under threat of imprisonment of 5 years. Section 155 criminalizes sodomy (in both same-sex and different-sex couples) with a penalty of up to 14 years. In April 2013, a state-owned newspaper published a story appealing to the public to report anyone, male or female, involved in homosexual activity “so that the law can take its course.”

The draft constitution explicitly defines a family as a heterosexual couple.⁵

There is no legislation to protect employees against discrimination based on their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

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¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all trade and demography data from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) World Factbook found at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/> (accessed on July 18, 2014), and refers to 2013.

² Department of State, “Congressional Budget Justification, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, Fiscal Year 2015,” March 4, 2014, <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/222898.pdf> (accessed on July 18, 2014).

³ Millennium Challenge Corporation Zambia Compact program overview at <http://www.mcc.gov/pages/countries/program/zambia-compact> (accessed on July 20, 2014).

⁴ Human Rights Commission, “The First Draft Constitution: The Human Rights Commission’s Submission to the Technical Committee on Drafting the Zambian Constitution,” July 2012, accessed at <http://www.hrc.org.zm/media/>

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⁵ Article 54.2.