

2026 IIAG Scorecard - Zambia

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

2025 SCORE/100	2025 RANK/54	CHANGE 2016-2025
58.4	15 th	+5.1

TREND

Increasing Improvement	Bouncing Back	No Change
Slowing Improvement	Slowing Deterioration	Not Classified
Warning Signs	Increasing Deterioration	

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
SECURITY & RULE OF LAW	60.8	11	+0.3
SECURITY & SAFETY	79.5	12	+0.6
Absence of Armed Conflict	98.7	24	-0.4
Absence of Violence against Civilians	85.2	21	+4.4
Absence of Forced Migration	98.0	4	+0.1
Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour	57.7	26	-7.4
Absence of Crime	72.9	9	+0.2
Public Perception of Security & Safety	64.5	9	+6.9
RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE	55.8	16	-3.3
Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law	76.8	12	+4.7
Impartiality of the Judicial System	61.0	12	-8.8
Judicial Processes	48.9	25	-10.5
Equality before the Law	51.0	22	-3.5
Law Enforcement	42.8	21	-1.4
Property Rights	55.8	26	+2.7
Public Perception of the Rule of Law	54.5	10	-6.4
ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY	54.1	11	+4.3
Institutional Checks & Balances	49.1	17	-9.2
Absence of Undue Influence	59.3	7	0.0
Civic Checks & Balances	69.5	12	+12.4
Disclosure of Public Records	36.1	24	+10.9
Accessibility of Public Records	54.5	6	+15.4
Public Perception of Accountability	56.3	11	-3.7
ANTI-CORRUPTION	53.7	11	-0.4
Anti-Corruption Mechanisms	48.2	12	+3.6
Absence of Corruption in State Institutions	58.4	15	-6.7
Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector	47.0	16	-4.8
Public Procurement Procedures	51.9	9	-16.5
Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector	57.8	13	+14.9
Public Perception of Anti-Corruption	58.8	9	+7.0

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	55.5	20	+7.2
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	58.5	25	-2.8
Civil Registration	62.5	28	-12.5
Capacity of the Statistical System	57.6	22	+10.8
Effective Administration	55.9	19	+4.8
Tax & Revenue Mobilisation	54.1	23	+0.2
Budgetary & Financial Management	61.1	26	-12.5
Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document	59.5	15	-7.8
BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT	49.3	24	+4.9
Regional Integration	45.8	27	-4.2
Economic Diversification	52.8	39	+1.5
Business & Competition Regulations	75.5	7	+5.3
Access to Banking Services	35.9	13	+10.2
Labour Relations	55.9	19	+0.9
Secure Employment Opportunities	24.9	47	+0.5
Public Perception of Economic Opportunities	54.2	8	+20.3
INFRASTRUCTURE	38.2	32	+6.8
Transport Network	22.4	31	-0.7
Access to Energy	29.1	36	+6.2
Mobile Communications	81.2	19	+24.9
Internet	37.4	18	+10.7
Shipping & Postal Network	41.8	20	+30.5
Public Perception of Infrastructure	17.5	34	-30.4
RURAL ECONOMY	76.0	8	+19.6
Rural Land & Water Access	81.6	9	+40.3
Rural Market Access	62.2	15	+45.3
Rural Economy Support	82.2	7	-0.3
Rural Representation & Participation	77.9	15	-7.0

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION	60.8	14	+7.1
PARTICIPATION	62.0	12	+15.5
Freedom of Association & Assembly	50.0	11	+12.5
Political Pluralism	29.4	36	-3.1
Civil Society Space	82.2	10	+36.6
Democratic Elections	62.7	12	+15.7
Deliberative & Participatory Governance	73.7	7	+20.8
Public Perception of Political Participation	73.8	4	+10.5
RIGHTS	64.9	12	+9.5
Personal Liberties	50.3	19	-1.0
Freedom of Expression & Belief	71.2	14	-5.7
Media Freedom	60.2	17	+3.8
Digital Freedom	71.8	17	+23.3
Protection against Discrimination	55.6	6	+11.2
Public Perception of Freedom of Speech	80.5	10	+25.4
INCLUSION & EQUALITY	55.0	19	-0.2
Equal Political Power	42.3	30	-12.3
Equal Political Representation	54.4	14	+0.2
Equal Civil Liberties	57.0	28	-12.1
Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities	62.8	20	+9.8
Equal Access to Public Services	52.1	16	+12.6
Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality	61.1	14	+0.4
WOMEN'S EQUALITY	61.3	29	+3.7
Political Power & Representation of Women	53.4	24	-4.1
Rights & Civil Liberties for Women	95.8	1	+10.9
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women	57.9	19	+2.4
Access to Public Services for Women	25.2	40	+10.3
Laws on Violence against Women	80.0	29	0.0
Public Perception of Female Leadership	55.5	23	+2.7

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	56.7	21	+6.2
HEALTH	65.6	13	+6.7
Access to Healthcare	65.5	10	+8.2
Access to Water & Sanitation	47.1	33	+7.6
Control of Communicable Diseases	87.0	14	+6.0
Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	60.1	46	-1.3
Child & Maternal Health	74.0	21	+5.4
Health Quality	62.5	7	+14.2
Public Perception of Health Provision	62.8	11	+6.9
EDUCATION	64.6	11	+9.8
Equality in Education	56.6	19	+18.2
Education Enrolment	51.7	11	+16.3
Education Completion	58.3	13	+2.2
Human Resources in Education	85.5	20	-2.3
Education Quality	53.4	18	+0.3
Public Perception of Education Provision	82.4	4	+24.3
SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE	49.1	33	+5.2
Social Safety	46.4	16	+8.3
Poverty Reduction Policies	51.8	23	+2.5
Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation	44.1	46	+4.9
Decent Housing	52.6	42	+19.0
Food Security	51.4	38	-2.0
Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty	48.3	11	-1.7
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	47.4	36	+3.0
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	55.2	28	+9.2
Enforcement of Environmental Policies	39.7	35	-1.2
Air Quality	40.4	38	+9.7
Sustainable Use of Land & Forests	35.9	50	-6.4
Land & Water Biodiversity Protection	65.8	6	+3.4