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Crown Agents USA and USAID to improve health and education systems through better public financial management (PFM) in Zambia: *Zambia AGIS project builds on Crown's global success strengthening PFM systems*

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is partnering with [Crown Agents USA](#) (CA-USA) to strengthen the capacity of people, processes, and procedures involved in public financial management to deliver better health and education systems in Zambia. The Accountable Governance for Improved Service Delivery (AGIS) project is designed to help the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) build on existing initiatives to increase the efficiency of the Ministries of Health (MoH) and General Education (MoGE) by enhancing financial management systems, strengthening national to subnational linkages, and promoting gender equality and youth empowerment.

Building on Crown Agents' [184 years in international development and experience across more than 100 countries](#), AGIS' work will lay the ground for USAID and others to focus on higher systemic governance and PFM reforms. The project has a 5-year budget of approximately \$7.3 million.

“Crown Agents USA has always been about transforming the future for people around the world, and we are pleased to bring our [deep public financial management expertise and knowledge of local context to improve service delivery through accountable governance in Zambia](#),” said Crown Agents CEO Lawrence Michel. “Thanks to USAID and our partners, this work will support the Zambian people in their efforts to improve health and education outcomes, and accelerate economic opportunities.”

This activity focuses on targeted top public financial management priorities that will improve internal control, internal audit, and procurement. The specific objectives for this activity are:

- Improve fiscal management and accountability processes in the delivery of public services.
- Support existing interventions that drive public financial management reforms within MoH and MoGE.
- Strengthen the public financial management capacity of local government structures to implement central level institutional reforms that ultimately support improved health and education outcomes.
- Strengthen capacity of MoH and MoGE personnel to adhere to established policies and procedures in audit, procurement, and internal controls.

CA-USA's partners on the project include RTI International, Connexus, PLACID Consultancy Limited, National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Deloitte Zambia, and Techno Brain.

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