



Annual Report 2024



Vision: A Zambia where economic opportunities for the poor enable them to improve their livelihoods, move out of poverty and be equal members of society.

Mission: To contribute to the economic well-being of the poor through effective provision of appropriate financial services.



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Message from the Chair



Tanmay Chetan
Chairperson

Zambia faced several economic headwinds during 2024, primarily due to an extended severe drought that led to higher cost of living and a lower growth of the economy. According to the IMF, the Zambian economy grew by an estimated 1.2% in 2024, down from 5.4% in the year prior. On the other hand, inflation remained stubborn through the year, averaging over 15% for 2024 and continuing into the new year.

As one would expect AMZ encountered these challenges directly in its work, particularly in its financing of agriculture and allied activities. In addition to a lower-than-expected demand for financial services, a part of the agriculture portfolio had to be restructured given that our farming clients had lost their crops and did not have the means to settle their debts.

Under these severe constraints, AMZ did very well to maintain its client levels while still registering a reasonable increase in its loan portfolio. Aside from the restructured portfolio, its portfolio quality remained relatively strong on all other products, despite the headwinds. AMZ doubled down on its operating costs during the year to ensure that the impact from the macro-economy could be mitigated to some degree and has done well to control costs in an otherwise difficult year.

It is worth noting that despite the macro-economic and operational challenges, AMZ was honoured to be ranked amongst Africa's top three financial institutions on its impact, in results of the annual research released by 60-Decibels, and impact research organisation. A large proportion of the sample of our clients, nearly 90%, reported better incomes and improved quality of life as a result of access to finance through AMZ. Importantly, clients also noted high impact on their ability to educate their children and take better care of their household's health. We are pleased to see this affirmation coming out of the study.



Perhaps the biggest upside in a challenging year was an appreciation by all of us, that our growth in the small value lower-income market segment is likely to taper off in the coming years, given our already wide and deep reach. As a large institution, AMZ is well placed to slowly begin diversifying its products and services more widely across the Zambian financial landscape.

I thank our clients for trusting in us and hope that circumstances will improve substantively in the coming year

The first steps in this approach began taking shape during the year, with the introduction of new products for asset financing – for example, motor vehicles for taxi drivers – and graduated SMEs that require larger levels of financing. While retaining our ethos with smallholder farmers being our primary focus, it is time to look more widely at the economic landscape and identify gaps where we can play a meaningful role. The next few years are likely to see further progress on this approach.

Aside from the operational updates, we are excited to invite three highly respected impact investors as new shareholders to AMZ. While we are still awaiting regulatory approval at the time of writing this piece, we expect the addition of the new shareholders to herald a new era in the evolution of the institution, and we are keenly awaiting them joining our efforts. More on this in the coming year.

Message from the Chair

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As always, I extend my appreciation to the management of AMZ, led by our CEO Susan Chibanga, for navigating a difficult year with strategic clarity, continued commitment and empathy. Equally, my gratitude goes out to the hundreds of branch staff who have worked tirelessly to bring AMZ to this scale and spread, and I hope they will see strong resurgence in their work in the coming year. Equally, my thanks to the wonderful group of our directors, who keep guiding the institution with purpose.

Last but most importantly, I thank our clients for trusting in us and hope that circumstances will improve substantively in the coming year. We look forward to continuing the journey together.

CEO Report 2024



Susan Chibanga
Chief Executive Officer

Greetings!

As we reflect on 2024, we acknowledge a year marked by both notable achievements and challenges, which have shaped our journey. The Ministry of Finance reported that “Annual inflation in the fourth quarter, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), averaged 16.3 percent from an average of 15.5 percent in the third quarter of 2024. This was mainly on account of price movements of food items and non-food items”. <https://www.mofnp.gov.zm/?wpdmpro=2024-fourth-quarter-economic-review>. Major macroeconomic indicators were significantly under pressure, resulting in constricted economic growth. Suffice it to say, the results improved in the fourth quarter, with the current farming season recording sufficient rainfall and promising better results.



Strategic focus

In 2024, AMZ encountered considerable headwinds, including economic deterioration and rising inflation. These factors placed pressure on the quality of our loan portfolio, particularly within the agricultural sector.

Owing to the setbacks mentioned, and as the country experienced a severe drought in the last farming season, several of our clients experienced material financial setbacks. Having multiple livelihoods, both smallholder farmers and petty traders recorded declines in cash flows as a result. This destabilized their repayment trends. In response, and demonstrating AMZ's commitment to client support and resilience, 1,488 Lima loans totalling ZMW 13.46 million (33% of agricultural clients and 0.9% of the total clientele) were restructured in December. This restructuring, while not standard practice, underscores AMZ's commitment to supporting its clients.



Additionally, this created an opportunity to strengthen partnerships to adequately support our clients through this difficult season. AMZ, together with the insurance companies, offered support to the farmers through the weather insurance cover plan, from which payouts averaged 20%-25% of the premium amounts.

Operationally, the management embarked on improving efficiency through decentralised purchases and automation of the back office. In supporting of these efforts, management set up the following systems and software:

- **Microsoft 365 Rollout and Digital Filing:** Enhancing internal communication, collaboration, and document management across the organization through SharePoint. Digital filing is significantly reducing the need for printing and related costs. With this platform, client information is secured.
- **USSD Repayment:** In streamlining our collection processes and enhancing risk management by the reduction of cash handling, the USSD platform provides our clients with a convenient and accessible loan repayment channel that allows real-time credit to their loan accounts.
- **Decentralized Cost Management:** Empowering branch-level management of fuel and motorbike repair expenses to enhance efficiency.
- **Expansion and Diversification:** Despite the challenges, Management was swift in leveraging opportunities for expansion and diversification. The year saw the piloting of two satellite locations in Mpongwe and Mwense districts, aimed at deepening reach and widening options for our clientele and the market. Furthermore, AMZ witnessed increased adoption of the Motorbike lease, which addresses mobility gaps for the rural client.
- **Strengthened partnerships:** Management strengthened its partnerships for agriculture equipment lease, providing crucial support to rural smallholder farmers for mechanisation and access to solar equipment. Additionally, AMZ participated in the finance fair to boost its visibility and reinforce industry leadership.



We recognize that a transaction is only the means that creates a platform for AMZ to interact with its clients. Beyond this is the value and lasting impact realised through efficiency, wider options, convenience, sustainable partnerships, and strengthened relationships.

While the economic climate remained challenging throughout the year, AMZ chronicled and improved financial performance in the latter quarters despite ongoing portfolio quality considerations. These responses amplified resilience for both the institution and the clients. A strong demonstration of the will and resolve to navigate unfamiliar tides with innovation as a response.

Furthermore, a major highlight of late 2024 was the successful signing of the equity injection agreements from three potential investors: EDFI AgriFI, IDH Farmfit Fund, and Abler Nordic. Once regulatory approval is obtained, this partnership will enable AMZ to:

- **Enhance Services:** Introduce new and improved financial products, including deposit services.
- **Expand Reach:** Establish operations in more communities, particularly in underserved rural areas.
- **Improve Efficiency:** Upgrade our systems to deliver faster and more accessible services.

This step underscores the confidence of our partners in AMZ's mission to create opportunities and transform lives across Zambia.

Unveiling of the Long-term Strategic Plan:

Guided by our strategic focus on delivering value for our stakeholders. The year marked the unveiling of the AMZ 2024-2030 strategic plan, themed "Value beyond the Transaction". Under this plan, we recognize that a transaction is only the means that creates a platform for AMZ to interact with its clients. Beyond this is the value and lasting impact realised through efficiency, wider options, convenience, sustainable partnerships, and strengthened relationships.

The strategic plan aims to deliver portfolio and clientele growth with continued product diversification and geographical expansion. AMZ will penetrate new market segments and forge stronger partnerships, setting up agency operations and broadening its offerings for an extended reach. As an organization, we look forward to the unfolding and leveraging of the opportunities ahead.



Outlook for 2025

In the coming year, AMZ is strategically positioned to achieve further growth and impact through the following commitments:

- **Enhanced Risk Management Framework:** Establish a dedicated risk department to strengthen underwriting practices and mitigate credit risk.
- **Geographical Expansion:** Launching 4-6 additional satellite operations to deepen our reach and operate efficiently in targeted areas.
- **New Product Lines:** Introducing asset financing and invoice discounting and further adjustments to the loan ceiling across the products.
- **Enhanced Research:** Refining our client impact assessment methodology, conducting ongoing dropout surveys, and undertaking in-depth market analysis to inform our strategies.
- **Capacity Building:** Enforcing HR policies to prioritize staff training and development across all roles and functions.

Conclusion

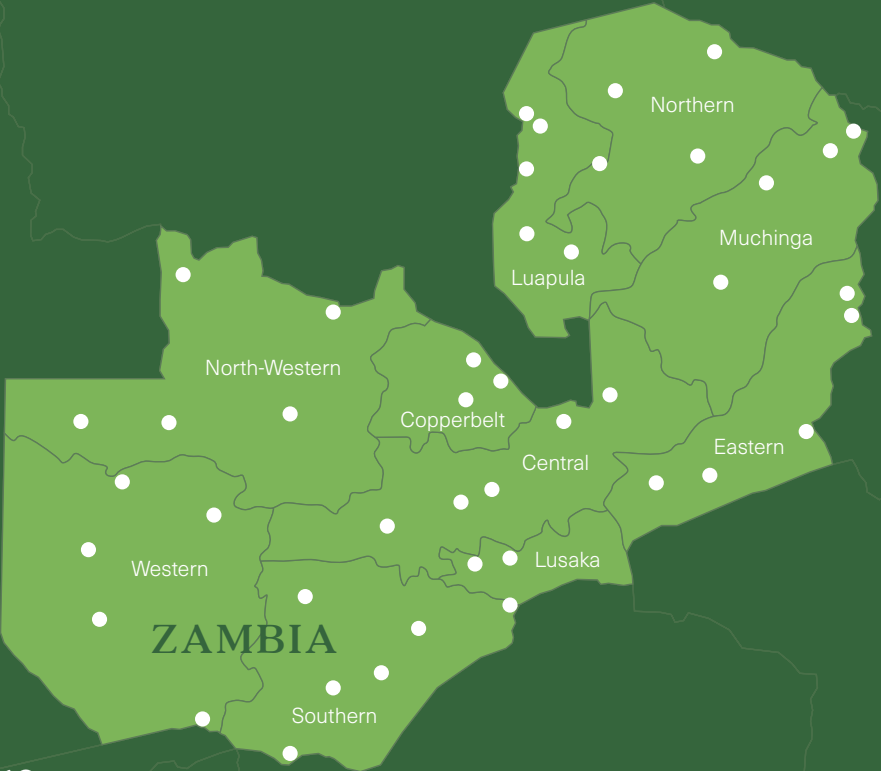
2024 was a testament to AMZ's resilience and adaptability in the face of significant economic challenges. Through strategic innovation, product diversification, and disciplined cost management, we concluded the year with a strengthened financial position, evidenced by improved performance. We enter 2025 with a clear vision and are optimistic about the years' results.

Our continued success is deeply rooted in the unwavering commitment of our employees, the support of our Board of Directors, the trust of our partners, and the loyalty of our clients. I extend my sincere gratitude to each of them and look forward with optimism to delivering balanced outcomes for all.

Areas of Operation

AMZ is headquartered in Lusaka and currently operates from the following 40 branches and 4 satelites.

Head Office
Plot 57A Lukanga Road, Off Zambezi Road, Roma, Lusaka
Post net 745, Manda Hill, Lusaka
Telephone: +260 968 820 574



New Branches Opened in 2024

- | | |
|--|---|
| Eastern Province
Nyimba
Plot No. 741
Roadhook, Nyimba | Southern Province
Chirundu
Along Bedroom Road,
Near Boom Ground,
Garbon- Chirundu |
| Luapula Province
Samfya
Plot/Stand No. 1462
Mwamfuli Village,
Samfya Town Centre | Kalomo
Plot KALOM/
LN71016/4, Kalomo |

Satellite Branches

- | | |
|---|--|
| Copperbelt Province
Mpongwe
Plot/Stand No. 3
(Middle Shop Behind),
ChowWa Road Market
Area Shop No. 2,
Mpongwe | Luapula Province
Mwense
Mwense Town Centre,
Matero Township |
| Eastern Province
Chama
Plot number CHA/756,
Civic Center Road,
Chama | Muchinga Province
Mafinga
Tendere Village,
Tendere Township,
Mafinga |

- | | |
|---|--|
| Central Province
Chibombo
Kabwe
Mkushi
Mumbwa
Serenje | Northern Province
Kasama
Mbala
Mporokoso
Luwingu |
| Copperbelt Province
Kitwe
Ndola | North-Western Province
Mwinilunga
Kabompo
Kasempa
Solwezi |
| Eastern Province
Lundazi
Chipata
Petauke | Southern Province
Choma
Itezhi Tezhi
Monze |
| Luapula Province
Kawambwa
Mansa
Nchelenge | Western Province
Kaoma
Lukulu
Mongu
Senanga
Sesheke
Zambezi |
| Lusaka Province
Chongwe
Lusaka | |
| Muchinga Province
Chinsali
Isoka
Mpika | |

Areas of Operation

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Chama
Plot number CHA/756,
Civic Center Road, Chama | Kaoma
C and C Building,
Plot No. 1375 Freedom Way
Telephone: +260 957 419 283 | Luwingu
Address: Plot# 310
Wamukulu Raod Burma,
Luwingu | Ndola
A1 Langford House,
Junction Broad Way &
President, Avenue North
Telephone: +260 950 664 380 |
| Chibombo
Along Great North Road,
Plot No. 11, New Boma
Telephone: +260 953 243 603 | Kabwe
Shop No.10, Stand No.
10652, Sunshare Building,
Great North Road
Telephone: +260 956 312 014 | Mafinga
Tendere Village, Tendere
Township, Mafinga | Nchelenge
Chandwe Village, Mununga
Road, Kashikishi township,
Nchelenge
P.O. 740026 Nchelenge |
| Chinsali
Plot LN1002892-2D56,
Kasama Road, Opposite
Chinsali Post Office, Chinsali
Telephone: +260 950 612 167 | Kasama
Plot/Stand No. 4387 Central
Town, Luwingu Road Area
Telephone: +260 770 950 668 | Mansa
Plot/Stand No. 819 Cathedral
Road, Chibote Area
Telephone: +260 972 740 277 | Petauke
Kazumba House, Plot No.
1/246, Boma Road, Petauke
Telephone: +260 956 955 974 |
| Chongwe
Shop 5, plot 8958 / M,
Great East Road
Telephone: +260 950 846134 | Kasempa
Address: Along Mumbwa
Road, Opposite Mount Meru
filling station | Mbala
Plot/Stand No.923B
President Avenue
Telephone: +260 957 750 062 | Mporokoso
Address: Plot #91 Old
Sengelelo Market,
Mporokoso |
| Chipata
Office No. 3, Abubakar Bax
Complex. Plot No. 2083,
Highway Road, Chipata
Telephone: +260 956 949 979 | Kawambwa
Plot/Stand No. 617
Independence Avenue
Telephone: +260 954 435 357 | Mkushi
Plot No. 2079, Ndanji
complex, Independence
Avenue, Mkushi
Telephone: +260 760 128 855 | Senanga
Nzuli Commercial Area,
Senanga Main Market
Telephone: +260 976 261 045 |
| Choma
Office #11 and 12 of L Tembo
Complex, Plot #1077
Lusaka Road
Telephone: +260 954 039 243 | Kitwe
Plot/Stand No. 1051, Shop 4,
Accra Road, Kitwe
Telephone: +260 955 282 568 | Mongu
Plot 331 Mubonda House
along Independence Avenue
Telephone: +260 955 316 842 | Serenje
Plot/Stand No. 516 N'ganswa
Road, Serenje |
| Isoka
Town Centre, Old Great
North Road, Opposite Old
Market, Isoka | Livingstone
Address: Stand Number 103,
Mosi-o-tunya road, Shop B,
Akapelwa facing, Livingstone | Monze
Plot No. 10C, Independence
Avenue, Monze
Telephone: +260 977 874 696 | Sesheke
Nakatindi Road, Town Centre,
Sesheke District
Plot No. D7, P.O. Box 20 |
| Itezhi Tezhi
Plot/Stand No. 500 Shimbizhi
Market Area, Itezhi Tezhi | Lukulu
Plot/Stand No. 196 Along
Lukulu Kaoma Road, Lukulu | Mpika
Plot No. 4040, Wilmo
Building, Great North Road,
Mpika
Telephone: +260 950 824 354 | Solwezi
Office #8 Chikola Complex,
Plot #361 Chikola Street
Telephone: +260 955 745 790 |
| Kabompo
Plot no. 2721, M8 Road,
Indeco, Kabompo
Telephone: +260 974 282 558 | Lundazi
Plot 609 Chama Road,
Lundazi
Telephone: +260 979 811 713 | Mumbwa
Plot #271 Luangwa Road
Telephone: +260 955 559 223 | Zambezi
Address: Plot No 127,
Chipatela Road, Zambezi |
| | Lusaka
Shop No. 22A, Kanele Mall,
Kafue Road
Telephone: +260 955 628 490 | Mwinilunga
Address: 41546 Ikelenge
Road, Boma, Mwinilunga | |

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 08:00 - 17:00

Operational and Financial Highlights

60%
Women Borrowers

6,874
Village Banks

89%
Rural Borrowers



ZMW
356m
Loan Portfolio

ZMW
149,365
Active Borrowers

Operational and Financial Highlights

	2022	2023	2024
No of Branches	30	37	40
No of Satellite Branches	-	-	4
No of Village Banks	4,733	5,819	6,874
Number of Active Borrowers	131,847	152,920	149,365
• Women Borrowers (%)	54%	54%	60%
• No of Rural borrowers (%)	92%	87%	89%
Loan Portfolio (USD)	12,110,327	11,682,476	12,814,788
Loan Portfolio (ZMW)	219,256,252	300,909,048	356,438,215
PAR 30 day + Write offs + Restructured	1.95%	1.16%	6.34%
Average Loan Size (USD)	92	76	86
Average Loan Size (ZMW)	1,663	1,968	2,386
Average Loans Size / Estimated GNI per capita	8%	6%	6%

Loan Portfolio vs No. of Active Borrowers

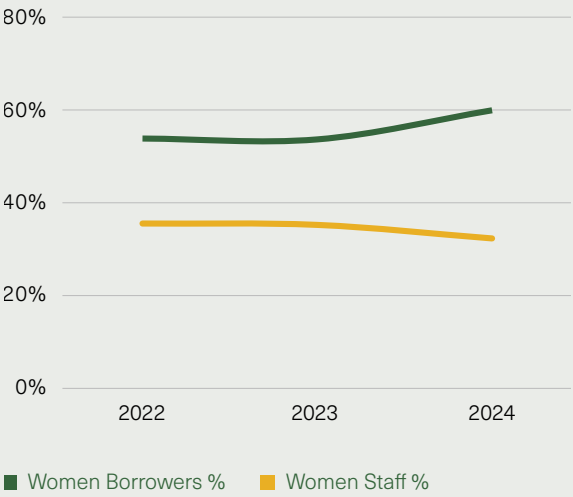


Operating Cost & Efficiency

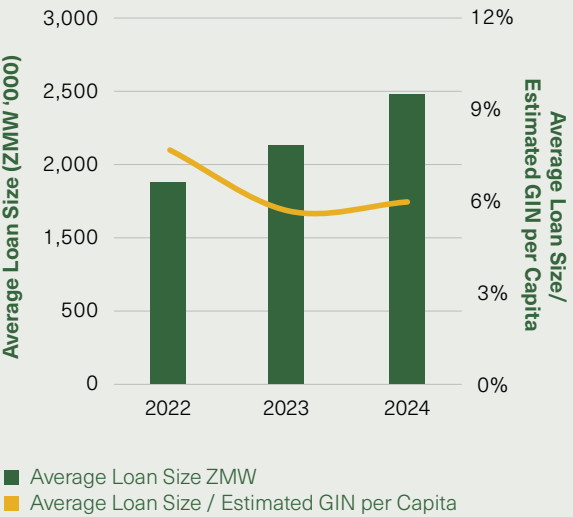




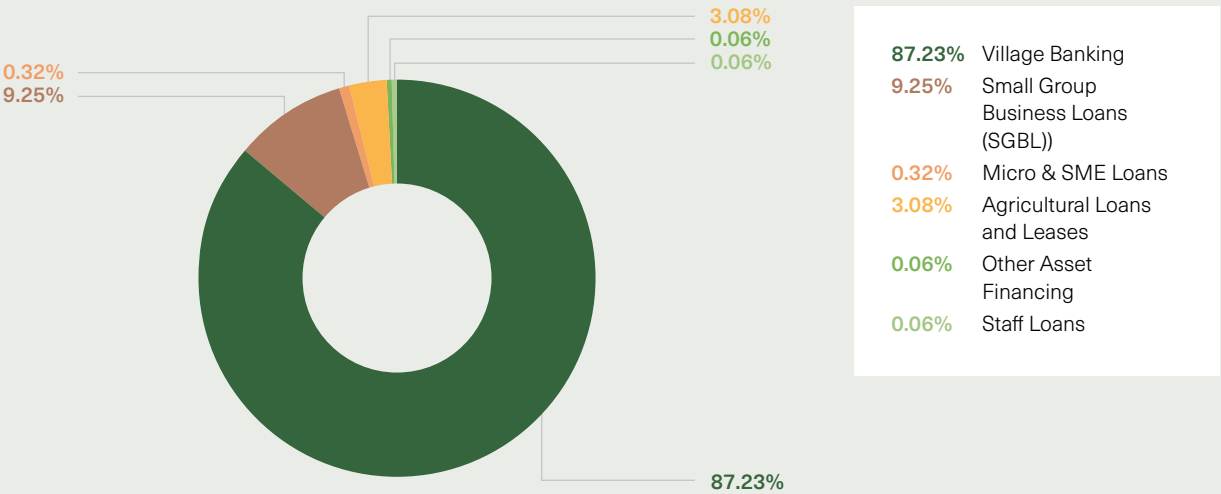
Gender Distribution



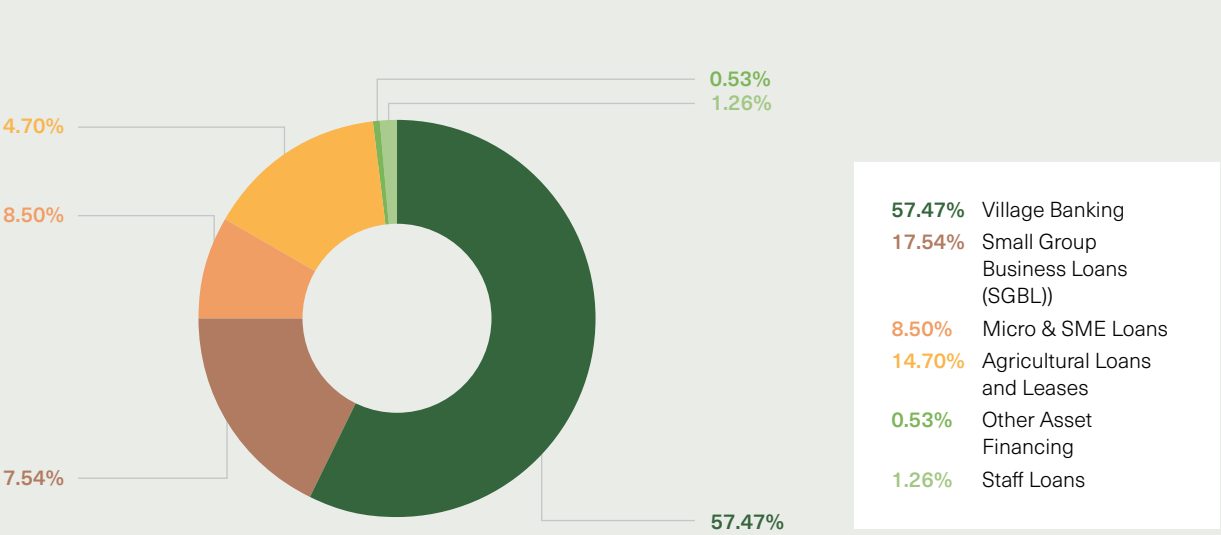
Average Loan Size & Estimated GNI per Capita



Client by Product Type



Portfolio by Product Type



92.5%
Operating Self
Efficiency

43.2%
Operating Cost Ratio

-17.1%
Return on Equity

	2022	2023	2024
Margin Analysis (as a % of loan portfolio)			
a) Interest and Fee Income	71.5%	69.8%	66.4%
b) Cost of Funds	21.8%	21.7%	23.9%
c) Net Interest Margin (a-b)	49.6%	48.1%	42.5%
d) Loan Loss Provision	1.5%	1.4%	6.4%
e) Net Margin before Operating Expenses (c-d)	48.1%	46.7%	36.1%
f) Personnel Cost	22.0%	23.6%	20.2%
g) Admin Cost	23.1%	25.1%	23.0%
h) Total Operating Cost (f+g)	45.2%	48.7%	43.2%
Net Margin (h-e)	3.0%	-2.0%	-7.1%
Financial Ratios			
Operating Self Sufficiency	108.6%	98.6%	92.5%
Solvency Ratio (Equity/Assets)	30.0%	21.3%	14.2%
Debt/Equity	232.9%	370.5%	604.5%
Operating Cost Ratio	45.2%	48.7%	43.2%
Return on Equity	13.1%	-2.7%	-17.1%

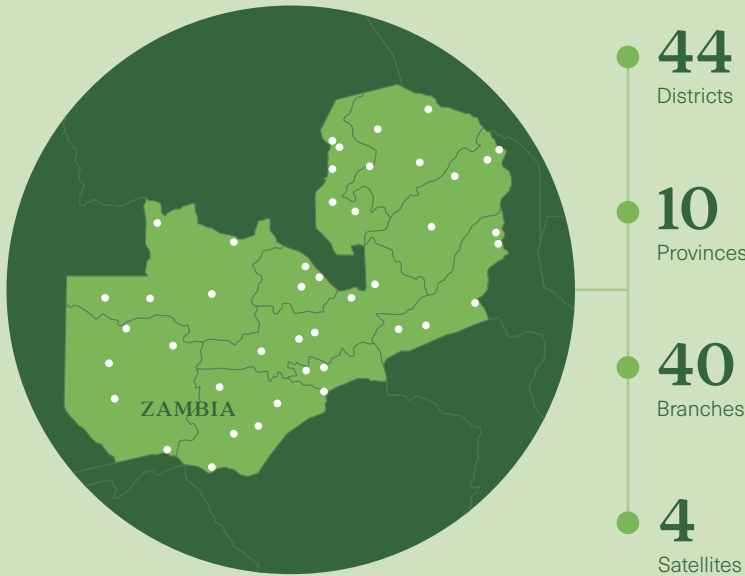


AMZ Social Performance Dashboard

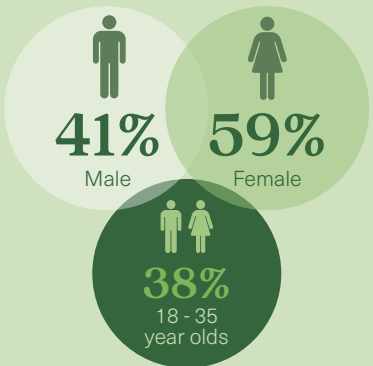
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Outreach: Direct outreach to the poor at the national level

Branch location



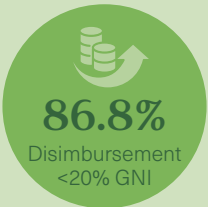
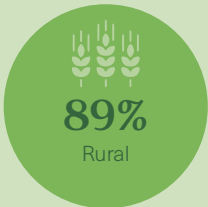
Client composition



149,365 Number of active borrowers

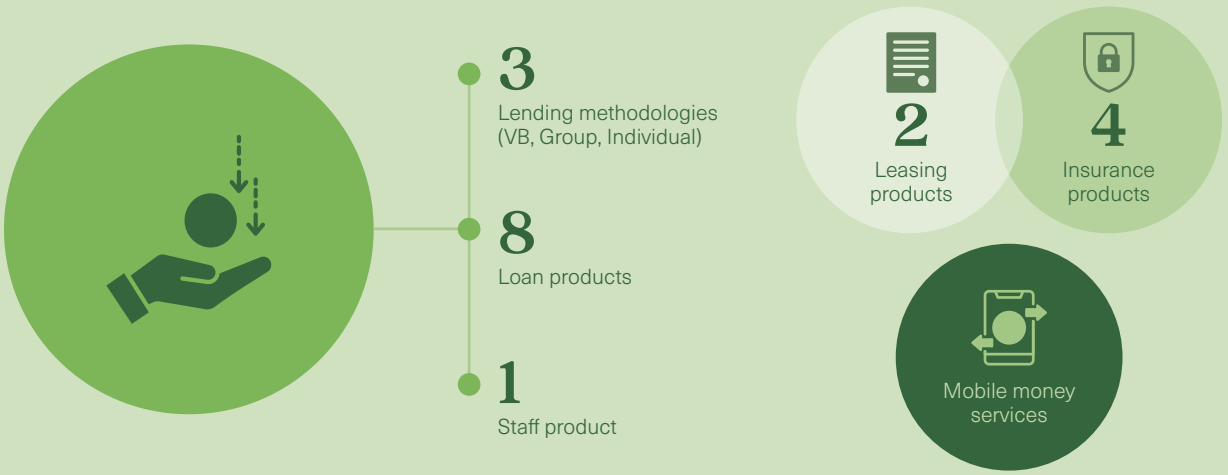
356m Total outstanding (ZMW)

2,393 Average loan size (ZMW)

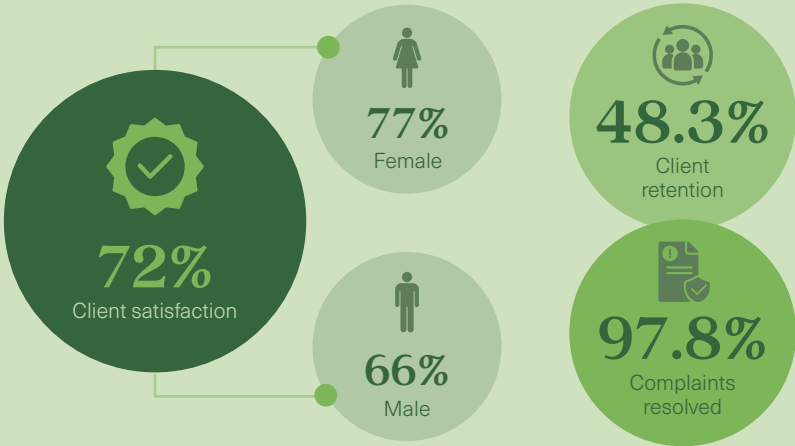


Number of funeral & hospitalization sales	41,115
% claims	100.0%
Number of Credit life claims	426
% claims	100.0%
Number of weather index sales	2,722
Number of mobile money agent	50,042

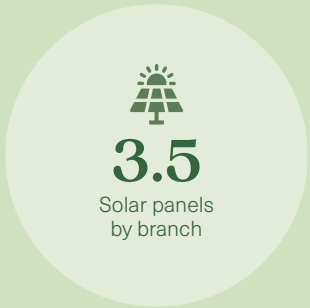
Services: Suitability of processes and products



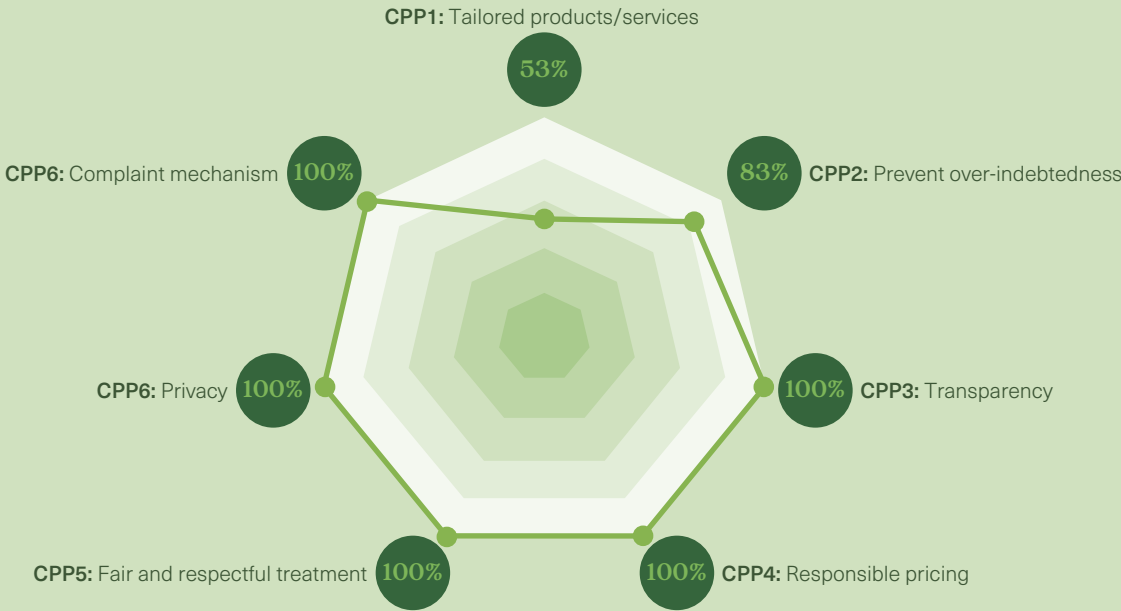
Client satisfaction



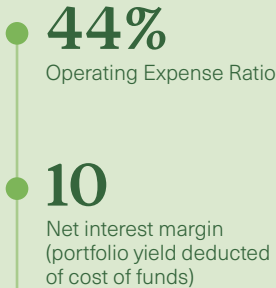
Environment



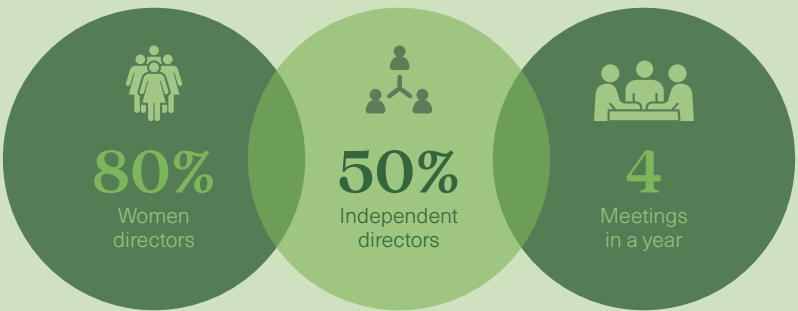
Client protection principles



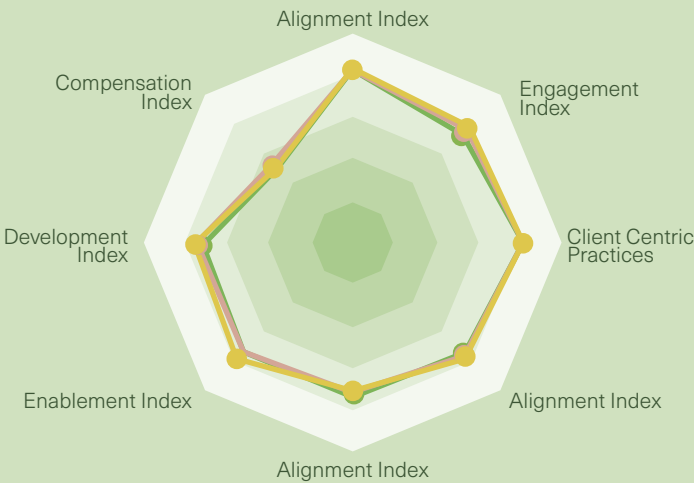
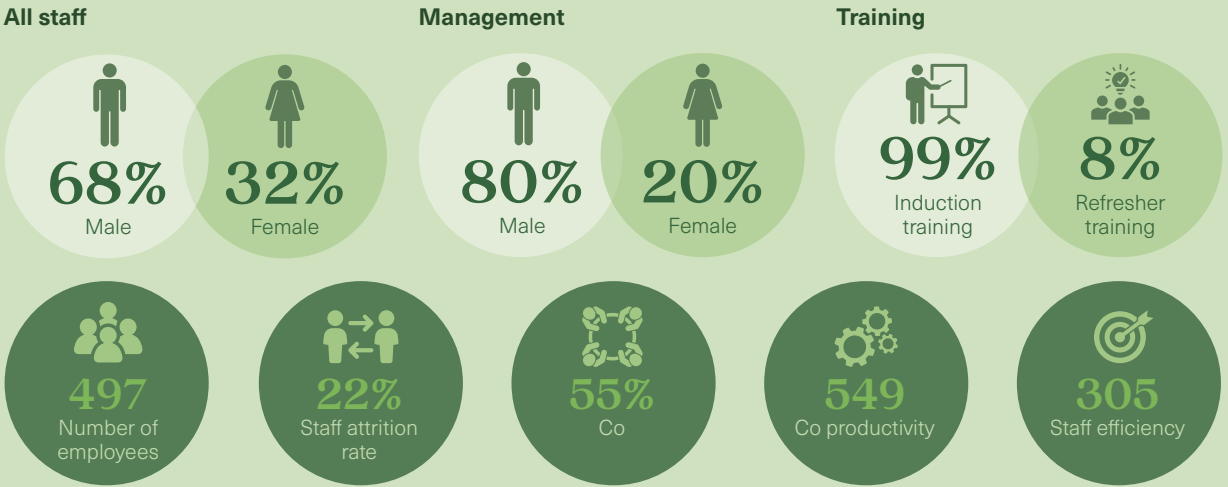
Performance - The long-term financial health



Governance



Staff: Creation of a dynamic, professional, value-based organization



Outcomes measurement: V. Improvement of clients' financial stability and incomes

	Total	Women
Quality of life improved	95%	98%
Healthcare improved	86%	87%
Ability to manage finances improved	96%	99%
Savings improved	90%	93%
No difficulty to fund an emergency expense	89%	89%



Key Initiatives

The 2024 Objectives were around the following:

1. Product diversification across all branches
2. Growth of non-credit lines such as microinsurance, mobile money, and leasing
3. Staff capacity building through training, staff retention
4. Geographical expansion through operationalization of new branches
5. Cost Management
6. Digitization of operations (USSD, Digital filling, procurement process)
7. Increase customer satisfaction and retention



Key Initiatives

Directors’ report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Directors present their report on the activities of Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited (“AMZ”) or “the Company”), together with the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

1 Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is to provide financial services to the rural and urban unbanked population in Zambia.

2 The Company

The Company was incorporated on 7 May 2010, under the Companies Act of Zambia as a private company limited by shares. The Company is also licensed under the Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia to conduct microfinance services. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is:

Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited
Plot 57A Lukanga Road, Roma
P O Box 745 Post Net
Lusaka

The Company’s results for the year are as follows:

	2024	2023 Restated
Interest income calculated using the effective interest rate method	218,426,800	174,295,156
Loss before income tax	(15,841,305)	(6,352,487)
Income tax credit	3,046,844	342,016
Loss for the year	(12,794,461)	(6,010,471)

The Company had **40** branches as of 31 December 2024 (2023: 36 branches).

3 Shareholding

Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited’s shareholding consists of Agora Microfinance NV with 89.80% shares, Moringaway Limited with 8.78%, and Agora Multipurpose Co-operative with 1.42%. The total number of authorised ordinary shares is 6,500,000 with a par value of ZMW 10 per share.

Details of the Company’s authorized and issued share capital are included in note 14 in the notes to the financial statements.

5 Dividends

The Directors did not propose a dividend to be declared in 2024 (2023: Nil).

6 Directors’ remuneration

Directors’ fees paid during the year were **ZMW 203,952** (2023: ZMW 330,577) as disclosed in note 21 in the notes to the financial statements.

7 Directors and Company Secretary

The names of the directors and the secretary who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the report are as follows:

Directors

Tanmay Chetan
Chairperson

Maluba Wakung’uma
Non-Executive Director

Glenda Chintu Mazakaza
Non-Executive Director

Jitske Cnossen
Non-Executive Director

Susan Chibanga
Executive Director/CEO

Company Secretary

MINT Advisory

8 Average number and remuneration of employees

Total employee benefits expense for the year was ZMW 66,410,230 (2023: ZMW 61,331,699) as disclosed in note 9 in the notes to the financial statements. The average number of employees throughout the year was 527 (2023: 466).

Month	Number	Month	Number
January	555	July	523
February	556	August	509
March	557	September	504
April	558	October	502
May	542	November	499
June	533	December	495

9 Gifts and donations

There were no donations made during the year (2023: Nil).

10 Property and equipment

The Company acquired property and equipment amounting to **ZMW 9,219,535** (2023: ZMW 25,020,176), as disclosed in note 15 in the notes to the financial statements. In the opinion of the Directors, the recoverable amount as disclosed on the property and equipment is not less than the amount at which they are included in the

financial statements.

11 Research and development

The were no expenditures incurred for research and development during the year (2023: ZMW Nil).

12 Related party transactions

Related party transactions during the year consisted of a series of loan agreements with the Company’s shareholders and remuneration of key management. Further information about these transactions is included in note 21 in the notes to the financial statements.

13 Prohibited borrowings or lending

There were no prohibited borrowings during the year (2023: Nil).

14 Know your customer (“KYC”) and money laundering policies

All KYC requirements are conducted by the branches and filed in hard copy at the branch level. Additionally, all potential borrowers are checked using the Credit Reference Bureau.

15 Corporate Governance

Importance of corporate governance

The Company is governed by the Articles of Association as revised on 6th August 2024. The 'Articles' define the corporate governance structure and mandate of Directors and Senior Management. The Company business and strategic plan also outlines in detail the governance structure, which includes the Shareholders, Board of Directors, Audit and Finance, Remuneration and Nomination, Asset and Liability, and the Research and Social Performance Committees.

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Board committees

During the year 2024, the Board and Committees met as follows:

Meeting	Number of times met
Board	5
Audit and Finance Committee	4
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16 Other material facts, circumstances, and events

The Directors are not aware of any material facts, circumstances, or events that occurred between the accounting date, the date of this report, and the date of approval of these financial statements by the Board that might influence an assessment of the Company's financial position or the results of its operations.

17 Going concern

The Company made a loss for the year ended 31 December 2024 of **ZMW 12,794,461** (2023: ZMW 6,010,471 (restated)). As at that date, the Company's assets exceeded its liabilities by **ZMW 63,163,154** (2023: ZMW 69,707,615 (restated)).

Trade payables and other liabilities have continued to be settled in the normal course of business. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

The Company has forecasted a net profit of ZMW 16,200,000 for the year ending 31 December 2025 and expects to generate positive cashflows of ZMW 40,800,000.

The Directors have assessed the Company's going concern and concluded that there is no doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. This is based on the known conditions and events that are relevant to the Company's ability to meet its obligations as they fall due.

18 Auditors

Following the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Auditors, Messrs KPMG Chartered Accountants ("KPMG"), will retire as Auditors of the Company at the forthcoming Annual General Meetings and have expressed willingness to continue in office, a resolution for their re-appointment and fixing their remuneration will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Auditors' remuneration for the year was **ZMW 719,016** for the audit of the statutory financial statements, and **ZMW 832,420** for the provision of other non-audit services (2023: ZMW 954,036 and ZMW 331,667 respectively).

By order of the Board

Company Secretary
Date:

Directors' responsibilities

with respect to the preparation of financial statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited ("the Company") that give a true and fair view, comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements which include a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory notes, in accordance with IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards) and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act and the Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia. In addition, the Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report.

The Directors are also responsible for such internal controls as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for maintaining adequate accounting records and an effective system of risk management, as well as the preparation of the supplementary schedule included in these financial statements.

The Directors have assessed the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern and have no reason to believe that the business will not be a going concern in the year ahead.

The auditor is responsible for reporting on whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework described above.

Approval of the financial statements

The financial statements of Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited, as identified in the first paragraph, were approved by the Board of Directors on 27 May2025 and are signed by:

Director

Director

Independent auditor’s report

To the shareholders of
Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited (“the Company”) set out on pages 10 to 57, which comprise the Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the Statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited as at 31 December 2024, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards) and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act, Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Zambia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Key audit matter

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Impairment of loans and advances to customers

See note 4, use of estimates and judgements, note 12 loans and advances to customers, note 23(a) credit risk section of the financial instruments fair value and risk management, and note 29(d) financial assets and liabilities accounting policies.

Key audit matter

Loans and advances to customers amount to ZMW 327,335,521 which constitutes 76% of the total assets of the Company. The total allowance for credit losses on these financial instruments at 31 December 2024 was ZMW 18,316,907.

In determining the impairment allowance, management applies significant judgments and assumptions, which include:

- Assumptions used in the expected credit loss model, such as forward-looking macro-economic factors (e.g. foreign exchange rates, inflation, unemployment rates, interest rates, country reserve rates, and gross domestic product (“GDP”));
- The measurement of modelled provisions, which is dependent upon key assumptions relating to the probability of default (“PD”), loss given default (“LGD”), and exposure at default (“EAD”); and
- The identification of exposures with a significant increase in credit risk (“SICR”).

Due to the significance of loans and advances to customers, the increased credit risk, and the significant judgment and estimation uncertainty, this matter was a key audit matter in our audit of the financial statements.

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures included the following:

We tested the design, implementation, and operating effectiveness of relevant key controls over management approval of origination of loans and advances to customers through inquiry and inspection of documentation.

With the involvement of our Financial Risk Management specialists:

- We assessed whether the macro-economic factors (e.g. foreign exchange rates, inflation, unemployment rates, interest rates, country reserves rate, and GDP) were reasonable by comparing against independent sources of information.
- We further assessed the modelling principles applied to the PD, EAD, and LGD in the credit risk model following the requirements of IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments (IFRS 9).
- In addition, we also considered whether stress tests had been incorporated in the macroeconomic factors such as GDP for reasonableness by comparing to independent statistical analyses.

We, as the audit team, performed the following.

- We inspected a schedule of loan exposures and inspected whether the staging of loans into stage 1, 2, or 3 based on the number of days overdue was allocated appropriately and met the Company’s definition of a significant increase in credit risk.
- We tested the completeness and accuracy of the data used in the ECL model, such as loan exposures, days arrears, asset classification, and other customer-specific data by comparing the inputs to supporting documentation such as customer statements.
- We assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments.

Emphasis of matter - Comparative information

We draw attention to Note 28 to the financial statements which indicates that the comparative information presented as at and for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 has been restated. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Director's Report as required by the Companies Act of Zambia and the Directors' responsibilities in respect of the preparation of financial statements and the Supplementary information. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards) and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act, Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters.

We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Companies Act of Zambia

In accordance with Section 259 (3) (a) of the Companies Act of Zambia (the Act), we consider and report that:

- there is no relationship, interest or debt we have with the Company; and
- there were no serious breaches of corporate governance principles or practices by the directors as defined by the guidelines on serious breaches of corporate governance issued by the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Independent Auditor's Report

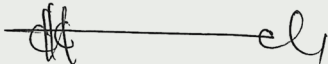
Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia

In accordance with section 97(2) of the Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia, we consider and report that:

- The Company made available all necessary information to enable us to comply with the requirements of this Act;
- The Company has complied with the provisions, regulations, rules and regulatory statements specified in or under this Act; and
- There were no transactions or events that came to our attention that affect the well-being of the Company that are not satisfactory and require rectification including:
 - transactions that are not within the powers of the Company or which is contrary to this Act; or
 - a non-performing loan that is outstanding, has been restructured or the terms of the repayment have been extended, whose principal amount exceeds five percent or more of the regulatory capital of the Company.

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KPMG Chartered Accountants
30 May 2025



Jason Kazilimani, Jr
Partner signing on behalf of the Firm

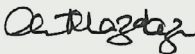
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Statement of financial position

as at 31st December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	Notes	2024	2023 Restated	1 Jan 2023 Restated
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	11	32,854,020	13,556,336	11,608,687
Prepayments and other receivables*	13	14,216,797	19,615,811	8,057,772
Loans and advances to customers*	12	327,335,521	291,549,945	210,689,315
Property and equipment	15	46,741,798	52,434,135	40,342,068
Right-of-use assets	22(a)	7,510,224	5,679,380	4,706,654
Intangible assets	16	5,957,986	1,968,615	2,271,080
Current tax assets	20(c)	5,083,107	4,898,923	-
Deferred tax assets*	20(d)	5,297,845	1,075,208	93,645
Total assets		444,997,298	390,778,353	277,769,221
Liabilities				
Current tax liabilities	20(c)	-	-	1,664,717
Amounts due to related parties	21(iv)	305,974	307,466	306,666
Other payables	17	9,479,304	11,911,726	7,210,641
Lease liabilities	22(d)	8,265,483	6,060,444	4,643,263
Borrowings	19	363,783,383	302,791,103	189,803,848
Total liabilities		381,834,144	321,070,739	203,629,135
Equity				
Share capital	14	68,888,710	62,638,710	62,638,710
Share premium		2,466,137	2,466,137	2,466,137
Revaluation reserve		6,790,500	6,790,500	5,212,500
(Accumulated losses)/Retained earnings*		(14,982,193)	(2,187,732)	3,822,739
Total equity		63,163,154	69,707,615	74,140,086
Total equity and liabilities		444,997,298	390,778,353	277,769,221

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 27 May 2025 and were signed by:



Director



Director

* The comparative information is restated on account of the prior period restatement. Refer to Note 28.
The notes on pages 36 to 84 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

as at 31st December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	Notes	2024	2023 Restated
Interest income calculated using the effective interest method*	5	218,426,800	174,295,156
Interest expense	7	(78,455,795)	(56,475,321)
Net interest income		139,971,005	117,819,835
Impairment losses on loans and advances	12(c)	(21,105,121)	(3,643,436)
Net interest income after impairment charges		118,865,884	114,176,399
Fee and commission income*	6	7,333,489	6,141,321
Other income	8	2,183,565	1,796,067
Other operating income		9,517,054	7,937,388
Total operating income		128,382,938	122,113,787
Finance income	10	4,007,443	11,283,600
Finance costs	10	(6,146,407)	(16,677,533)
Net finance costs		(2,138,964)	(5,393,933)
Operating expenses*	9	(142,085,279)	(123,072,341)
Loss before income tax		(15,841,305)	(6,352,487)
Income tax credit*	20(a)	3,046,844	342,016
Loss for the year		(12,794,461)	(6,010,471)
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss</i>			
Revaluation surplus (net of tax)	15	-	1,578,000
Total comprehensive income		(12,794,461)	(4,432,471)

* The comparative information is restated on account of the prior period restatement. Refer to Note 28.
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Statement of changes in equity

for the year ended 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	Share capital	Share premium	Revaluation reserve	Accumulated losses	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2023 as previously reported	62,638,710	2,466,137	5,212,500	17,120,233	87,437,580
Impact of prior period restatement*	-	-	-	(13,297,494)	(13,297,494)
Restated balance as at 1 January 2023	62,638,710	2,466,137	5,212,500	3,822,739	74,140,086
Total comprehensive income for the year (restated)					
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(6,010,471)	(6,010,471)
Other comprehensive income					
Revaluation surplus	-	-	1,578,000	-	1,578,000
Restated balance as at 31 December 2023	62,638,710	2,466,137	6,790,500	(2,187,732)	69,707,615
Balance as at 1 January 2024	62,638,710	2,466,137	6,790,500	(2,187,732)	69,707,615
Total comprehensive income					
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(12,794,461)	(12,794,461)
Other comprehensive income					
Issuance of shares	6,250,000	-	-	-	6,250,000
Balance as at 31 December 2024	68,888,710	2,466,137	6,790,500	(14,982,193)	63,163,154

Accumulated loses

Accumulated losses are the brought forward recognized income net of expenses of the Company, plus current year losses attributable to shareholders.

Share premium

Share premium represents the amounts paid by shareholders, over the nominal value, for their shares.

Revaluation reserve

Revaluation reserve arises from the periodic revaluation of land and represents the excess of the revalued amount over the carrying value of the land at the date of revaluation. Deferred tax arising in respect of revaluation of land is charged directly against revaluation reserves in line with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 12: Income Taxes.

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The notes on pages 36 to 84 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	Notes	2024	2023 Restated
Cash flows from operating activities			
Loss for the year*		(12,794,461)	(6,010,471)
Adjustment for:			
- Interest expense	7	78,455,795	56,475,321
- Depreciation of property and equipment	15	14,398,433	14,441,109
- Depreciation of right-of-use-asset	22(a)	4,317,868	3,086,550
- Amortisation	16	644,463	656,406
- Profit on disposal of equipment	8	(17,709)	(222,741)
- Derecognition of leases		-	270,624
- Derecognition of property and equipment		467,548	-
- Income tax credit	20(a)	(3,046,844)	(342,016)
		82,425,093	68,354,782
Changes in:			
- Loans and advances*		(35,785,576)	(80,860,630)
- Prepayments and other receivables*		5,399,014	(11,558,039)
- Amounts due to related parties		(1,492)	800
- Other payables		(2,432,419)	4,701,085
Cash generated from / (used in) operations**		49,604,620	(19,297,002)
Income tax paid		(1,359,977)	(7,203,187)
Interest paid	20(c)	(73,068,374)	(41,547,352)
Net cash used in operating activities		(24,823,731)	(68,047,541)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property and equipment	15	(9,219,535)	(25,020,176)
Acquisition of intangibles	16	(4,633,834)	(353,941)
Proceeds from disposal		17,709	222,741
Net cash used in investing activities		(13,835,660)	(25,151,376)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	14	6,250,000	-
Proceeds from borrowings	19	149,865,483	191,705,626
Repayment of borrowings	19	(94,018,475)	(93,646,342)
Payment of lease liabilities	22(c)	(4,139,933)	(2,912,718)
Net cash from financing activities		57,957,075	95,146,566
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		19,297,684	1,947,649
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		13,556,336	11,608,687
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	11	32,854,020	13,556,336

* The comparative information is restated on account of the prior period restatement. Refer to Note 28.
**As part of cash flows from operating activities, interest income amounting to ZMW218,426,800 (2023: ZMW174,295,156) was received in cash. This was not disclosed previously.
The notes on pages 36 to 84 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

(In *Zambian Kwacha*)

1 Reporting entity

Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited (“AMZ” or “the Company”) is incorporated in Zambia under the Companies Act of Zambia as a Company Limited by shares and is domiciled in Zambia. The Company is also licensed under the Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia, to conduct microfinance services. The address of its registered office is Plot 57A Lukanga Road Roma, Zambezi Road, Lusaka.

The Company's principal activity is to provide financial services to the rural and urban un-banked population in Zambia.

Details of the Company's accounting policies are included in note 29 in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Basis of accounting

a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards) and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act and the Banking and Financial Services Act of Zambia.

They were authorised for issue by the Company's Board of Directors on 27 May 2025.

b) Basis of measurements

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except where otherwise stated.

c) Going concern

The Company made a loss for the year ended 31 December 2024 of **ZMW 12,794,461** (2023: ZMW 6,010,471). As at that date, the Company's assets exceeded its liabilities by **ZMW 63,163,154** (2023: ZMW 69,707,615).

Trade payables and other liabilities have continued to be settled in the normal course of business. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

The Company has forecasted a net profit of ZMW 16,200,000 for the year ending 31 December 2025 and expects to generate forecasts of positive cashflows of ZMW 40,800,000.

The Directors have assessed the Company's going concern and concluded that there is no doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. This is based on the known conditions and events that are relevant to the Company's ability to meet its obligations as they fall due.

3 Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in *Zambian Kwacha* (“Kwacha”), which is the Company's functional currency. Unless otherwise indicated, the financial information is rounded off to the nearest Kwacha.

4 Use of estimates and judgments

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgments, estimates, and assumptions that affect the application of the Company's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

4 Use of estimates and judgments (continued)

Assumptions and estimation uncertainties

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment in the year ended 31 December 2024 is included in the following notes:

- Note 2 (a)(v) – impairment of financial instruments determining inputs into the ECL measurements model, including incorporation of forward-looking information; and
- Note 15 (ii) – valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs.
- Following a stable estimate of the Company's future results from operating activities, and based on future projected profitable growth, the Company recognised deferred tax assets amounting to ZMW 5,297,845 (2023: ZMW 1,075,208). The business plan prepared by Management shows that the Company will continue to make sufficient available profits for the period 2025 – 2028, with which the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

5 Interest income

	2024	2023 Restated*
Loans and advances to customers*	218,258,035	172,508,269
Investment securities at amortised cost	168,765	1,786,887
	218,426,800	174,295,156

* Refer to Note 28.

6 Fee and commission income

	2024	2023 Restated*
Commission on insurance fees	7,333,489	6,141,321

* Refer to Note 28.

Insurance fees refer to the commission from the micro-insurance credit life product as well as hospital and funeral insurance cover. AMZ sells micro insurance products from Sanlam Life Insurance, on which AMZ obtains a commission of 10% from the insurance company.

The table below provides information about the nature and timing of the satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including significant payment terms and the related revenue recognition policies.

Type of service	Nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligation, including significant payment terms	Revenue recognised under IFRS 15
Commission on insurance fees	This income is made up of credit life insurance and hospital and funeral insurance sold on behalf of Sanlam. AMZ is an agent and has no obligation to underwrite the insurance. Therefore, AMZ only collects premiums on behalf of the insurance companies and earns a commission.	Revenue related to transactions is recognised at the point in time when the transaction takes place.

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

7 Interest expense

	2024	2023
Interest bearing borrowings	76,785,857	55,177,890
Interest expense on leases (note 21(b))	1,669,938	1,297,431
	78,455,795	56,475,321

8 Other income

	2024	2023
Recoveries of loans written off	140,704	131,114
Profit on disposal of equipment	17,709	222,741
Mobile money commission	1,678,611	1,434,392
Other income	346,541	7,820
	2,183,565	1,796,067

9 Operating expenses

	2024	2023 Restated*
Employee benefits (note 9.1)	66,410,230	61,331,699
Depreciation Property and equipment (note 15)	14,865,981	14,441,109
Depreciation Right-of-use-asset(21(a))	4,317,868	3,086,550
Amortisation (note 16)	644,463	656,405
Auditors and tax remuneration	1,529,648	1,285,703
Repairs and maintenance	9,556,085	5,089,769
Other expenses*	44,761,004	37,181,106
	142,085,279	123,072,341

* Refer to Note 28.

9.1 Employee benefit

	2024	2023
Salaries	45,192,809	39,565,298
Statutory obligations	3,392,796	3,064,876
Incentives	5,838,376	8,307,587
Leave pay, pension, and other staff costs	11,986,249	10,393,938
	66,410,230	61,331,699

10 Net finance income/(costs)

	2024	2023
Finance income		
Exchange gains	4,007,443	11,283,600
Finance cost		
Exchange losses	(4,581,464)	(3,909,674)
Other financing expenses - Moringaway	(1,564,943)	(12,767,859)
Total finance cost	(6,146,407)	(16,677,533)
Net finance costs	(2,138,934)	(5,393,933)

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
Cash on hand	358,518	67,242
Bank balances	26,428,790	11,297,528
Mobile money E-value	6,066,712	2,191,566
	32,854,020	13,556,336

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

12 Loans and advances to customers

a) Summary

	2024	2023 Restated*
Loans and advances	356,438,215	300,909,048
Accrued interest	11,905,393	9,621,135
Gross loans and advances	368,343,608	310,530,183
Less: Provision for impairment of loans and advances	(18,316,907)	(1,948,396)
Net loans and advances to customers	350,026,701	308,581,787
Deferred costs*	10,946,984	9,532,821
Deferred loan fees*	(33,638,164)	(26,564,663)
	327,335,521	291,549,945

Deferred cost are transactional costs directly attributable to the issuance of loans and advances while deferred loan processing fees are fees that form an integral part to the issuance of loans and advances to customers. Both the deferred costs and fees are capitalised to the loans and advances in accordance with IFRS 9, Financial instruments.

* Refer to Note 28.

b) Maturity

	2024	2023
Due:		
- Within 1 month	3,846,578	9,002,531
- Between 1 to 3 months	44,935,842	60,704,039
- Between 3 months and 1 year	286,320,997	228,191,319
- Greater than 1 year	21,334,798	3,011,159
Loans and advances to customers	356,438,215	300,909,048

12 Loans and advances to customers (continued)

c) Movements in provisions for impairment of loans and advances are as follows:

	2024	2023
At 1 January	1,948,396	2,466,801
Charge for the year	21,105,121	3,643,436
Bad debts written off	(4,736,610)	(4,161,841)
At 31 December	18,316,907	1,948,396

13 Prepayments and other receivables

	2024	2023 Restated
Prepayments*	7,237,437	5,479,463
Staff advances	1,522,950	743,477
Money market placements	-	6,000,000
Other receivables	5,456,410	6,472,558
Mobile money commission receivable	-	381,237
Interest receivable on placements	-	539,076
	14,216,797	19,615,811

* Refer to Note 28.

14 Share capital

	Number of ordinary shares 2024	Ordinary share capital 2024	Number of ordinary shares 2023	Ordinary share capital 2023
Authorised				
Ordinary shares class A	95,000	950,000	95,000	950,000
Ordinary shares class B	6,905,000	69,050,000	6,405,000	64,050,000
Total	7,000,000	70,000,000	6,500,000	65,000,000
Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of K 10 each (class A)	95,000	950,000	95,000	950,000
Ordinary shares of K 10 each (class B)	6,793,871	67,938,710	6,168,871	61,688,710
	6,888,871	68,888,710	6,263,871	62,638,710

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14 Share capital

	Ordinary shares class A	Ordinary shares class B	Total ZMW
At 1 January 2023	95,000	6,405,000	6,500,000
At 31 December 2023	95,000	6,405,000	6,500,000
At 1 January 2024	95,000	6,905,000	7,000,000
At 31 December 2024	95,000	6,905,000	7,000,000

The following movements in issued share capital occurred during the period:

	Ordinary shares class A	Ordinary shares class B	Total ZMW
At 1 January 2023	950,000	61,688,710	62,638,710
At 31 December 2023	950,000	61,688,710	62,638,710
At 1 January 2024	-	6,250,000	6,250,000
Issued during the year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	950,000	67,938,710	68,888,710

15 Property and equipment

	Land	Leasehold improvements	Capital work in progress	Motor vehicles and Bikes	Computer and office equipment	Furniture and fittings	Total
Cost							
At 1 January 2023	13,150,000	7,777,399	2,489,762	15,750,797	16,991,649	3,494,656	59,654,263
Additions	-	2,607,966	5,481,402	2,097,160	7,388,107	2,565,919	25,020,176
Transfers	-	-	(2,424,550)	2,097,160	261,890	65,500	-
Reclassification	-	-	(65,000)	-	-	-	(65,000)
Revaluation	1,578,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,578,000
At 31 December 2023	14,728,000	10,385,365	5,481,614	24,824,739	24,641,646	6,126,075	86,187,439
At 1 January 2024	14,728,000	10,385,365	5,481,614	24,824,739	24,641,646	6,126,075	86,187,439
Additions	-	818,810	208,027	3,076,200	3,008,523	2,107,975	9,219,535
Transfers	-	582,280	(5,481,614)	3,234,000	1,077,251	588,083	-
Write offs	-	-	-	(1,029,250)	(3,585)	(64,960)	(1,097,795)
At 31 December 2024	14,728,000	11,786,455	208,027	30,105,689	28,723,835	8,757,173	94,309,179
Depreciation							
At 1 January 2023	-	2,394,677	-	8,414,839	6,937,629	1,565,050	19,312,195
Charge for the year	-	1,763,910	-	6,576,928	5,162,591	937,680	14,441,109
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	-	4,158,587	-	14,991,767	12,100,220	2,502,730	33,753,304
At 1 January 2024	-	4,158,587	-	14,991,767	12,100,220	2,502,730	33,753,304
Charge for the year	-	2,183,315	-	4,640,376	6,053,219	1,521,523	14,398,433
Write offs	-	-	-	(574,691)	(3,116)	(6,549)	(584,356)
At 31 December 2024	-	6,341,902	-	19,057,452	18,150,323	4,017,704	47,567,381
Carrying amounts							
At 31 December 2024	14,728,000	5,444,553	208,027	11,048,237	10,573,512	4,739,469	46,741,798
At 31 December 2023	14,728,000	6,226,778	5,481,614	9,832,972	12,541,426	3,623,345	52,434,135

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15 Property and equipment (continued)

Measurement of fair values

i) Fair value hierarchy

The fair value of the land was determined at ZMW14,728,000 in 2023 by external, independent property valuers, having appropriately recognised professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of the property being valued.

The fair value measurement for property has been categorized as a Level 3 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used.

If the land was stated on a historical cost basis, the amounts would be as follows:

	2024	2023
Cost	7,937,500	7,937,500
Depreciation	-	-
Carrying amount at 31 December	7,937,500	7,937,500

The valuation was in line with the Company's accounting policy to recognise its land and buildings at fair value.

ii) Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs

Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Inter-relationships between key unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
The valuation technique used is the direct comparison.	The key assumptions were as follows:	The estimated fair value would increase or decrease if there is a change in the unobservable inputs.
This valuation method involves comparing the past sales of similar land in the area.	(i) Remaining useful life of the property; and	
	(ii) Cost of acquiring of the same or similar land.	

16 Intangible assets

	Capital work in progress	Software	Total
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	229,354	3,796,082	4,025,436
Additions	276,541	77,400	353,941
At 31 December 2023	505,895	3,873,482	4,379,377
At 1 January 2024			
Additions	-	4,633,834	4,633,834
Transfers	(17,500)	17,500	-
At 31 December 2024	488,395	8,524,816	9,013,211
Amortisation			
At 1 January 2023	-	1,754,356	1,754,356
Charge for the year	-	656,406	656,406
At 31 December 2023	-	2,410,762	2,410,762
At 1 January 2024			
Charge for the year	-	644,463	644,463
At 31 December 2024	-	3,055,225	3,055,225
Carrying amounts			
At 31 December 2024	488,395	5,469,591	5,957,986
At 31 December 2023	505,895	1,462,720	1,968,615

17 Other payables

	2024	2023
Withholding tax	2,600,570	3,282,170
Insurance fees payable to Sanlam	276,711	437,338
Insurance fees payable to Mayfair	211,677	432,091
Insurance fees payable to AcreAfrica	195,383	-
Audit and tax fees	541,417	896,413
Staff welfare	1,149,348	1,457,980
Other creditors and accruals	3,432,962	4,107,502
Other statutory obligations	1,071,236	1,298,232
	9,479,304	11,911,726

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18 Borrowings

	Principal	Maturity	Currency	Interest rate/ (excl. WHT)	Carrying value ZMW
31 December 2024					
Grameen Credit Agricole (GCA)	52,920,700	15 Oct 2027	ZMW	22.11%	47,602,505
Oiko Credit	99,000,000	31 Aug 2028	ZMW	AVG23.67%	85,173,139
Triple Jump	26,426,100	30 Sep 2028	ZMW	21.11%	27,880,108
Bank of Zambia	60,000,000	16 May 2027	ZMW	AVG 8.25%	54,089,103
MCE Social Capital	26,937,800	28 May 2027	ZMW	21.90%	32,205,042
FMO Entrepreneurial Development Bank	84,884,600	15 Jun 2027	ZMW	21.4%	53,642,720
Global Partnership	41,387,332	21 Dec 2026	ZMW	20.98%	41,489,480
Kiva	24,450	31 Dec 2026	USD	0%	662,921
Moringaway	20,838,661	30 Sep 2025	ZMW	23%	21,038,365
					363,783,383

	Principal	Maturity	Currency	Interest rate/ (excl. WHT)	Carrying value ZMW
31 December 2023					
Grameen Credit Agricole (GCA)	36,031,052	15 Jun 2024	ZMW	AVG23.8%	58,818,237
Oiko Credit	24,000,000	14 Apr 2025	ZMW	23%	10,885,692
Triple Jump	31,114,825	15 Oct 2024	ZMW	AVG 26.9%	16,206,258
Bank of Zambia	60,000,000	16 May 2027	ZMW	AVG 8.25%	60,876,361
MCE Social Capital	17,906,100	27 Jan 2025	ZMW	23%	13,987,076
FMO Entrepreneurial Development Bank	84,884,600	15 Jun 2027	ZMW	21.4%	75,108,088
Global Partnership	41,387,332	21 Dec 2026	ZMW	20.98%	41,489,477
Kiva	50,344	31 Dec 2024	USD	0%	156,528
Moringaway	51,392,563	31 Dec 2024	ZMW	21.50%	25,263,386
					302,791,103

All borrowings except the Bank of Zambia facility held have no security.

18 Borrowings (continued)

- The Grameen Credit Agricole loan has an interest rate of 22.1%.
- The Triple Jump facility had an interest rate of 21.11%.
- The Bank of Zambia facility had an interest rate of 8.25% secured by a shareholders guarantee.
- The MCE Social Capital facility had an interest rate of 23%.
- The FMO Entrepreneurial Development Bank facility had interest set at 21.4%.
- The Moringaway facility had an interest rate of 23%.
- The KIVA facility is worth USD24,450 with zero interest rate.
- Oiko credit facility had an average of 23.67% floating interest rate benchmarked to the Tbill 182 days and set quarterly.

Movement in borrowings

	GCA	OIKO	Moringaway	Triple Jump	FMO
2024					
At 1 January	58,426,912	10,400,000	25,263,386	15,433,022	74,274,025
Drawdown	-	75,000,000	20,838,661	26,426,100	-
Repayments	(13,066,311)	(6,800,000)	(26,828,329)	(15,433,022)	(21,221,148)
Finance cost	-	-	1,564,943	-	-
	45,360,601	78,600,000	20,838,661	26,426,100	53,052,877
Accrued Interest	2,241,904	6,573,139	199,704	1,454,008	589,843
At 31 December	47,602,505	85,173,139	21,038,365	27,880,108	53,642,720

	MCE	Bank of Zambia	Global Partnership	KIVA	Total
2024					
At 1 January	13,429,575	54,573,900	41,225,201	156,528	293,182,549
Drawdown	26,937,800	-	-	662,922	149,865,483
Repayments	(8,953,051)	(3,125,028)	-	(178,072)	(95,604,961)
Finance cost	-	-	-	21,543	1,586,485
	31,414,324	51,448,872	41,225,201	662,921	349,029,557
Accrued Interest	790,718	2,640,231	264,279	-	14,753,826
At 31 December	32,205,042	54,089,103	41,489,480	662,921	363,783,383

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18 Borrowings (continued)

Movement in borrowings

	GCA	OIKO	Moringaway	Triple Jump	FMO
2023					
At 1 January	16,518,631	17,200,000	-	31,114,825	39,793,250
Drawdown	52,920,700	-	51,392,563	-	45,091,350
Repayments	(11,012,419)	(6,800,000)	(38,897,036)	(15,681,803)	(10,610,575)
Finance cost	-	-	12,767,859	-	-
Exchange loss/(gain)	-	-	-	-	-
	58,426,912	10,400,000	25,263,386	15,433,022	74,274,025
Accrued Interest	391,325	485,692	-	773,236	834,063
At 31 December	58,818,237	10,885,692	25,263,386	16,206,258	75,108,088

	MCE	Bank of Zambia	Global Partnership	KIVA	Total
2023					
At 1 January	17,906,100	60,000,000	-	-	182,532,806
Drawdown	-	-	41,225,201	1,075,812	191,705,626
Repayments	(4,476,525)	(5,426,100)	-	(741,884)	(93,646,342)
Finance cost	-	-	-	-	12,767,859
Exchange loss/(gain)	-	-	-	(177,400)	(177,400)
	13,429,575	54,573,900	41,225,201	156,528	293,182,549
Accrued Interest	557,501	6,302,461	264,276	-	9,608,554
At 31 December	13,987,076	60,876,361	41,489,477	156,528	302,791,103

19 Income tax expense

a) Amount recognised in profit or loss

	2024	2023 Restated
Current tax expense	1,175,793	636,547
Deferred tax credit*	(4,222,637)	(981,563)
	(3,046,844)	(342,016)

* Refer to Note 28.

b) Reconciliation of effective tax rate

The tax on the Company's loss before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate as follows:

	2024		2023 Restated	
Loss before tax		(15,841,305)		(6,352,487)
Income tax using corporate tax rate	30%	(4,752,392)	30%	(1,905,746)
Non-deductible expenses	(14%)	2,271,787	(24%)	1,492,020
Over/under provision deferred tax (IFRS 16)	3%	(566,239)	(1%)	71,710
	19%	(3,046,844)	5%	(342,016)

c) Statement of financial position

	2024	2023 Restated
Balance at 1 January	(4,898,923)	1,664,717
Charge for the year	1,175,783	639,547
Tax paid	(1,359,977)	(7,203,187)
Balance at 31 December	(5,083,107)	(4,898,923)

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19 Income tax expense (continued)

d) Deferred tax assets and liabilities

The Company has no tax losses available for utilisation against future taxable income (2023: Nil).

Recognized deferred tax assets

Following a stable estimate of the Company's future results from operating activities, and based on future projected profitable growth, the Company recognised deferred tax assets amounting to **ZMW 5,297,845** (2023: ZMW 1,075,208). The business plan prepared by Management shows that the Company will continue to make sufficient available profits for the period 2025 – 2028, with which the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

Management anticipates they will be able to meet their budget forecasts for the year based on growth of the loan book and increased capital injection from shareholders and increase in external borrowings. Additionally, Management has intentions to increase other lines of income such as mobile money transactions.

Movement in temporary differences during the year.

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Recognised in income	Balance at 31 December 2024	Deferred tax asset	Deferred tax liabilities
2024					
Property, plant and equipment-cost	(271,144)	31,096	(240,048)	(240,048)	-
Loan loss provision – IFRS 9	(584,520)	(4,910,547)	(5,495,067)	(5,495,067)	-
IFRS 16 - leases	(114,320)	(112,258)	(226,578)	(226,578)	-
Incentive provisions	(340,012)	192,391	(147,631)	(147,631)	-
BOZ provision	281,906	576,691	858,597	-	858,597
Provision for legal cases	(47,118)	-	(47,118)	(47,118)	-
Tax losses					-
	(1,075,208)	(4,222,637)	(5,297,845)	(6,156,442)	858,597

19 Income tax expense (continued)

d) Deferred tax assets and liabilities

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Recognised in income	Balance at 31 December 2023	Deferred tax asset	Deferred tax liabilities
2023					
Property, plant and equipment-cost	273,896	(545,040)	(271,144)	(271,144)	-
Loan loss provision – IFRS 9	(740,041)	155,521	(584,520)	(584,520)	-
IFRS 16 - leases	16,992	(131,312)	(114,320)	(114,320)	-
Incentive provisions	(485,087)	145,075	(340,012)	(340,012)	-
BOZ provision	807,747	(525,841)	281,906	-	281,906
Provision for legal cases	-	(47,118)	(47,118)	(47,118)	-
	(126,493)	(948,715)	(1,075,208)	(1,357,114)	281,906

20 Related party transactions

Parent and ultimate controlling party

The Company is owned and controlled by Agora Microfinance NV (“AMNV”), Moringaway and Agora Multipurpose Co-operative. The Company has carried out transactions with its shareholders, the ultimate parent is AMNV.

The relevant transactions and balances are as below:

i) Borrowings

	2024	2023
Loan principal from Moringaway	20,838,661	25,263,386

ii) Interest

	2024	2023
Interest paid to Moringaway	9,286,622	5,720,274

iii) Other financing costs

	2024	2023
Hedging costs	1,564,934	12,767,859
Service fees	392,940	308,400
Guarantee fees	1,216,586	1,259,908
	3,174,460	14,336,167

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20 Related party transactions (continued)

Parent and ultimate controlling party (continued)

iv) Amounts due to related parties

	2024	2023
Guarantee fee payable to AMNV	305,974	307,466
Interest expense payable to Moringaway	199,704	-
	505,678	307,466

v) Issuance of shares

	2024	2023
Agora Microfinance Netherlands (AMNV)	6,250,000	-

vi) Transactions with Directors or Key management personnel

Key management

	2024	2023
Salaries and other short-term employment benefits	4,474,360	5,191,288
Loans and advances to Key management personnel	994,452	1,610,791

Detailed listing of loans and advances to Directors and key management personal

20 Related party transactions (continued)

Parent and ultimate controlling party (continued)

vi) Transactions with Directors or Key management personnel (conitnued)

	1-Jan-24			31-Dec-24		
	Opening Amounts ZMW	Additions / Disbursements ZMW	Repayments / transfers out ZMW	Closing amounts ZMW	Weighted interest range	Nature of loan
Director 1	77,500	-	(77,500)	-	13%	Staff Personal Loan
Officer 1	180,954	-	(180,954)	-	13%	Staff Personal Loan
Officer 2	307,993	-	(307,993)	-	15.5%	Staff Personal Loan
Officer 3	345,412	-	(51,273)	294,139	15.5%	Staff Personal Loan
Officer 4	346,678	551,378	(398,071)	499,985	15.5%	Staff Personal Loan
Officer 5	246,295	-	(94,320)	151,975	13%	Staff Personal Loan
Officer 6	105,959	-	(105,959)	-	13%	Staff Personal Loan
Officer 7	-	50,130	(1,777)	48,353	15.5%	Staff Personal Loan
	1,610,791	601,508	(1,217,847)	994,452		

The RNC Committee of the Board sets interest rates for staff loans annually, based on the local treasury bill interest rates and on the principle that staff loans are offered at or close to the cost of funds available to the Company. Within the year, Management revised the rate quarterly referencing the T-bill 182 +4% mark up. The average rate set for 2024 was 15.5% (relevant T-Bill Rate at the beginning of 2024 was 11.5%). Interest rates charged on balances outstanding from related parties are thirty seven percent of the rates that would be charged in arm's length transactions. The interest charged on balances outstanding from related parties amounted to **ZMW 439,730** (2023: ZMW 169,875).

As of 31 December 2024, the balances with related parties are allocated to stages 1, 2 and 3 and have a loss allowance of **ZMW 38,669** (2023: ZMW 12,010). During 2024, an impairment loss amounting to **ZMW 26,659** was recognised in profit or loss in respect of these balances (2023: ZMW 2,124).

vii) Directors' fees

	2024	2023
Directors' fees paid	203,952	330,577

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22 Leases

Leases as lessee (IFRS 16)

The Company leases office space. The leases typically run for a period of 1 years to 5 years with an option to renew the lease after that date. Lease payments are renegotiated every time after the lease term to reflect market rentals.

Information about leases for which the Company is a lessee is presented below:

a) Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets related to leased properties that do not meet the definition of investment property are presented below:

	2024	2023
Balance at 1 January	5,679,380	4,706,654
Depreciation charge for the year	(4,317,868)	(3,086,550)
Additions	6,148,712	4,461,548
De-recognition of right-of-use assets	-	(402,272)
Balance at 31 December	7,510,224	5,679,380

b) Amounts recognised in profit or loss

	2024	2023
Interest on lease liabilities	1,669,938	1,297,431

c) Amounts recognised in statement of cash flows

	2024	2023
Total interest repayments	1,669,938	1,297,431
Total principal repayments	4,139,933	2,912,718
Total cash out-flow for leases	5,809,871	4,210,149

d) Lease liability

	2024	2023
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	4,858,060	4,547,942
Current portion of lease liabilities	3,407,423	1,512,502
Balance at 31 December	8,265,483	6,060,444

23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management

Financial risk management

Introduction and overview

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial assets and liabilities:

- credit risk;
- liquidity risk;
- market risks; and
- operational risks.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Company's management of capital.

Risk management framework

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The effective management of risk is critical to earnings and financial position within the Company where the culture encourages sound commercial decision making which adequately balances risk and reward.

The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions, products and services offered. The Company's approach to risk management is based on an established governance process and relies both on individual responsibility and collective oversight. This approach balances stringent corporate oversight with independent risk management structures within the Company.

Naturally, the Company faces a number of risks when conducting its business which it may choose to take, transfer or mitigate as described.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's loans and advances to customers. For risk management reporting purposes, the Company considers and consolidates all elements of credit risk exposure (such as individual obligor default risk and sector risk).

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(i) Management of credit risk

In order to manage this risk, the Board has a defined credit policy for the Company, which is documented and forms the basis of all credit decisions. The Company also makes allowance for impairment in line with the requirement of IFRS 9.

Management evaluates credit risk relating to customers on an on-going basis. If customers are independently rated, these ratings are used. Otherwise, if there is no independent rating, risk control assesses the credit quality of the customer, considering their financial position, past experience and other factors. Individual risk limits are set based on internal and/or external ratings in accordance with limits set by the board. The utilisation of credit limits is regularly monitored. Credit guarantee insurance is purchased when deemed appropriate in cases of death or disability. Credit risk on other financial assets were conducted but did not materialise into a significant adjustment.

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23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

(ii) Credit quality analysis

The table below sets out information about the credit quality of loans and advances to customers and the allowance for impairment/ loss held by the Company against those assets.

The carrying amount of loans and advances to customers represents the main credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk on these assets at the reporting date was:

Loans and advances to customers

	2024	2023
Stage 1 – Performing	359,214,175	307,016,781
Stage 2 – Not late	2,938,112	1,498,062
Stage 3 – Late	6,191,321	2,015,340
Gross loans and advances to customers	368,343,608	310,530,183

Impairment losses

The aging of loans and advances to customers at reporting date was:

	2024	2023
Neither past due nor impaired	348,768,580	298,405,917
Past due 1-29 days	10,445,595	8,610,864
Past due 30-59 days	2,938,112	1,498,062
Past due 60-89 days	1,442,818	561,726
Past due 90-119 days	1,412,677	484,007
Past due >120 days	3,335,826	969,607
Gross	368,343,608	310,530,183
Provision for impairment	(18,316,907)	(1,948,396)
	350,026,701	308,581,787

Impaired loans and advances are loans and advances for which the Company determines that it is probable that it will be unable to collect all principal and interest due according to the contractual terms of the loan/securities agreements.

23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

(iii) Concentrations of risk of financial assets with credit risk exposure

Industry sector risk concentrations within the customer loan portfolio was as follows:

	2024	2023
Agriculture and allied	51,760,924	35,200,216
Manufacturing, mining and production	149,836	564,363
Trade and services	300,042,261	259,027,418
Other sectors	16,390,587	15,738,186
	368,343,608	310,530,183

The majority of the Company's customers are individuals, who access financial services, either in community bank, solidarity groups, or as individuals. There is no distinct market that is dominant.

(iv) Collateral held and other credit enhancement

In order to determine the credit worth of a particular client, the Company has established a robust system for client assessment which includes determination of the cashflows of the business, determination of the value of collateral as well as the financial capability of the guarantor. In the case of group lending a three-tier guarantee is applied. All these factors help to determine the credit quality of the loan extended to the clients. Agora Microfinance ensures that the collateral pledged for Small and Medium Size Entities (SMSE) loans have a value that is at least 150% of the value of the loan facility requested by the client. This helps to mitigate the credit risk and, in the event that the collateral has to be liquidated, there is surety that the loan will be recovered.

As of 31 December 2024, the non-performing loans amounted to **ZMW 4,748,503** (2023: ZMW 1,461,267) and the collateral pledged against these loans amounted to **ZMW 4,927,686** (2023: ZMW 1,576,000).

(v) Amounts arising from ECL

Inputs, assumptions and techniques used for estimating impairment

Significant increase in credit risk

When determining whether the credit risk (i.e., risk of default) on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both qualitative and quantitative information and analysis based on the Company's experience, expert credit assessment and forward-looking information.

The Company primarily identifies whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred for an exposure by comparing the remaining lifetime PD as at the reporting date with the remaining lifetime PD for this point in time that was estimated on initial recognition of the exposure.

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23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

(v) Amounts arising from ECL (continued)

Because of the absence of credit ratings in Zambia, the Company allocates exposure to a credit risk grade based on data that is determined to be predictive of the risk of default (including but not limited to audited financial statements, management accounts, cash flow projections, available regulatory and press information about customers) and applying experienced credit judgement. Credit risk grades are defined using qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of the risk of default.

The Company has assumed that the credit risk of a financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial asset has low credit risk at the reporting date. The Company considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of “investment-grade”.

As a backstop, the Company considers that a significant increase in credit risk occurs no later than when an asset is more than 60 days past due. At 60 days past due (two months of non- payment consecutively), non-payment by the borrower can no longer be attributable to any administrative inconvenience but rather possible financial stress or character issues and the likelihood of catching up is remote with a possibility of the arrears remaining permanently. Days past due are determined by counting the number of days since the earliest elapsed due date in respect of which full payment has not been received. Due dates are determined without considering any grace period that might be available to the borrower.

The Company monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify significant increases in credit risk by regular reviews to confirm that:

- The criteria are capable of identifying significant increases in credit risk before an exposure is in default;
- The criteria do not align with the point in time when an asset becomes 90 days past due; and
- The average time between the identification of significant increase in credit risk and default appears reasonable.

Sensitivity analysis

If all the stage 2 instruments were stage 1, the ECL would have reduced by ZMW 542,318 as shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

	2024	2023
Impairment level with stage 2 loans	18,316,907	1,948,396
Impairment level with stage 2 loans assumed as stage 1	(17,774,589)	(1,744,894)
	542,318	203,502

The impairment provision decreases due to the reduction in credit risk. Exposures are not generally transferred from 12-month ECL measurement to credit- impaired and there is no unwarranted volatility in loss allowance from transfers between 12-month and lifetime ECL measurements.

23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

(v) Amounts arising from ECL (continued)

Modified financial assets

The contractual terms of the financial assets may be modified for a number of reasons, including changing the market conditions and other factors not related to a current or potential credit deterioration of the borrower. An existing financial asset whose terms have been modified may be derecognised and the renegotiated asset recognised as a new financial asset at fair value.

When the terms of a financial asset are modified and the modification does not result in de-recognition, the determination of whether the asset’s credit risk has increased significantly reflects a comparison of its remaining lifetime PD as at the reporting date based on modified terms with the remaining lifetime PD estimated based on data on initial recognition and the original contractual terms.

Definition of default

The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse by the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

The Company has adopted the Banking and Financial Services Act definition of default which takes into account the aging of the loan and the relevant provisioning percentages.

Incorporation of forward-looking information

The Company incorporates forward looking information into both its assessment of whether the credit risk of an instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition and its measurement of ECL. It formulates a “base case” view of the future direction of relevant economic variables and representative range of other possible forecast scenarios based on advice from the risk committee and economic experts and consideration of a variety of external actual and forecast information. This process involves developing two or more additional economic scenarios and considering the relative probabilities of each outcome.

External information includes economic data and forecasts published by the government and monetary authorities and selected private-sector and academic forecasters.

The base case represents a best estimate and is aligned with information used by the Company for other purposes, such as strategic planning and budgeting. The other scenarios represent more optimistic and more pessimistic outcomes. The Company also periodically carries out stress-testing of more extreme shocks to calibrate its determination of these other representative scenarios.

The Company has identified and documented key drivers of credit risk and ECL for each portfolio of financial instruments and, using an analysis of historical data, has estimated relationships between macro-economic variables and credit risk and credit losses. The economic scenarios used as at 31 December 2024 included the following key indicators for the year ending 31 December 2024:

- Each respective loan effective interest rate;
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth 3%; and
- Macro-Economic data such as foreign exchange, inflation, interest, country reserve and unemployment rates has been sourced from IMF for Zambia. The data is available for annual frequency. For Correlation analysis, interpolation has been done at quarterly level.

The predicted relationships between the key indicators and the default and loss rates on various portfolios of financial assets have been developed by analysing historical data over the past 5 years.

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23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

(v) Amounts arising from ECL (continued)

Measurement of ECL

The key inputs into the measurement of ECL are the term structures of the following variables:

- Probability of Default (PD);
- Loss Given Default (LGD); and
- Exposure at default (EAD).

To determine lifetime and 12-month PDs, the Company uses the average quotient of principal amounts impaired and delinquent trade receivables based on the five-year default history. Beyond a point of collectability, 100% PD is assumed. The PDs are adjusted to reflect forward-looking information as described above. Changes in the rating for the counterparty or exposure lead to a change in the estimate of the associated PD.

LGD is the magnitude of the likely loss if there is a default. The Company estimates LGD parameters based on the history of recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties and the expected cashflows from realizability of collateral discounted at the effective interest rate. The LGD models consider the structure, seniority of the claim and counterparty industry. LGD estimates are recalibrated for different economic scenarios. They are calculated on a discounted cash flow basis using the effective interest rate as a discounting factor.

EAD represents the expected exposure in the event of a default. The Company derives EAD from the current exposure to the counterparty and potential changes to the current amount allowed under the contract, including amortisation, and prepayments. The EAD of the financial asset is its gross carrying amount.

As described above the subject to using a maximum of a 12- month PD for financial assets for which credit risk has not significantly increased, the Company measures ECL considering the risk of default over the maximum contractual period (including any borrower's extension options) over which it is exposed to credit risk, even if, for risk management purposes, the Company considers a longer period.

Where modelling of a parameter is carried out on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped in the basis of shared risk characteristics, which include:

- Instrument type;
- Credit risk gradings;
- Date of initial recognition;
- Industry; and
- Geographic location of the customer.

The groupings are subject to regular review to ensure that exposures within the particular group remain appropriately homogeneous.

Write off policy

The Company writes off a loan balance (and any related allowances for impairment losses) when the Company determines that the loans are uncollectible. This determination is reached after considering information such as the occurrence of significant changes in the borrower's financial position such that the borrower can no longer pay the obligation. For smaller balance standardised loans, charge off decisions generally are based on a product specific past due status. Write offs are approved by the Board before they are actioned.

23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

(i) Management of liquidity risk

The Company ensures it has sufficient funds on demand to meet expected operational expenses including the servicing of financial obligations. This excludes the potential impact of expense circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted such as natural disasters.

Proactive liquidity management in line with Company liquidity standards ensured that, despite volatile and constrained liquidity environments because of the drought, adequate liquidity was maintained to fully support balance sheet strategies. This was achieved through continuous engagements with lenders for instance during the year, the Company secured ZMW 149 million. At the same time consideration has been provided to the adequacy of contingent funding, ensuring sufficiency to accommodate unexpected liquidity demands.

(ii) Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

Liquidity risk is monitored on a weekly basis by the Finance department and controlled as far as possible by ensuring the mismatch between maturing liabilities and investment of these funds are kept at a minimum.

The table below analyses liabilities of the Company into relevant maturity based on the remaining period at reporting date to the contractual maturity date.

The gross nominal outflow disclosed in the table below represents the contractual undiscounted cash flows relating to the principal and interest on the financial liability.

	Carrying amount	Gross nominal outflows	Less than 1 year	Between 2 – 5 years
31 December 2024				
Liabilities				
Amount due to related parties	305,974	305,974	305,974	-
Borrowings	363,783,383	478,547,582	216,330,797	262,216,785
Other payables	9,479,304	9,479,304	9,479,304	-
Lease liabilities	8,265,483	9,798,044	4,768,761	5,029,283
Total liabilities	381,834,144	498,130,877	230,884,836	267,246,068

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23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

(ii) Maturity analysis for financial liabilities (continued)

	Carrying amount	Gross nominal outflows	Less than 1 year	Between 2 – 5 years
31 December 2023				
Liabilities				
Amount due to related parties	307,466	307,466	307,466	-
Borrowings	302,791,103	392,627,179	132,970,585	259,656,594
Other payables	11,911,726	11,911,726	11,911,726	-
Lease liabilities	6,060,444	7,184,153	3,469,566	3,687,587
Total liabilities	321,070,739	412,030,524	148,686,343	263,344,181

The table above shows the undiscounted cash flows on the Company's financial liabilities on the basis of their earliest possible contractual maturity. The Company's expected cash flows on these instruments does not vary significantly from this analysis.

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk where changes in market prices, such as interest rate, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads (not relating to changes in the obligor's credit standing) will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

(i) Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk – non-trading portfolios

The principal risk to which non-trading portfolios are exposed is the risk of loss from fluctuations in the future cash flows or fair values of financial instruments because of a change in market interest rates.

Interest rate risk is managed principally through monitoring interest rate gaps between the Company's borrowing rates and its fixed onward lending rates. Management also monitors the movement in Treasury bills rates of 182 days on a quarterly basis and then relates this to the amounts that they expect to pay in interest to the respective lenders. This also helps determine the minimum lending rate for the Company which will minimise or avoid interest rate gap losses as well as ensure that the Company has adequate return on funds available for lending.

23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

(i) Interest rate risk (continued)

Exposure to interest rate risk – non-trading portfolios (continued)

A summary of the Company's interest rate gap position on non-trading portfolios is as follows:

	Interest rate	Carrying amount	Less than 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years
31 December 2024					
Loans and advances to customers	Fixed	350,026,701	60,687,813	268,004,090	21,334,798
Total assets		350,026,701	60,687,813	268,004,090	21,334,798
Borrowings	Fixed/Variable	363,783,383	24,422,256	137,978,889	201,382,238
Lease liabilities	Fixed	8,265,483	1,214,515	3,643,545	3,407,423
Total liabilities		372,048,866	25,636,771	141,622,434	204,789,661
Interest rate gap		(22,022,165)	35,051,042	126,381,656	(183,454,863)

The negative interest rate gaps in 1 to 5 years is covered by the assets maturing in the less than 12 months, which are reinvested in the core business of lending to clients.

	Interest rate	Carrying amount	Less than 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years
31 December 2023					
Loans and advances to customers*	Fixed	291,549,945	77,379,309	211,159,477	3,011,159
Total assets		291,549,945	77,379,309	211,159,477	3,011,159
Borrowings	Fixed /Variable	303,182,103	20,259,356	73,399,244	209,523,503
Lease liabilities	Fixed	6,060,444	378,125	1,134,377	4,547,942
Total liabilities		309,242,547	20,637,481	74,533,621	214,071,445
Interest rate gap		(660,760)	56,741,828	136,625,856	(211,060,286)

* Refer to Note 28.

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23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk of adverse movements in exchange rates that will result in a decrease in the value of foreign exchange assets or an increase in the value of foreign currency liabilities. The organisation does not hedge its foreign assets or liabilities. The Company undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Hence, exposure to exchange rate fluctuations arises.

The company is exposed to foreign exchange risk primarily with respect to some bank balances and loans which are denominated in United States dollars and Euro.

A summary of the Company's foreign currency exposure on its financial assets and liabilities in Kwacha is as follows:

	EURO (ZMW exposure)	USD (ZMW exposure)	ZMW	Total
31 December 2024				
Assets	-	-	327,335,521	327,335,521
Loans and advances to customers	2,833	7,954,597	24,896,590	32,854,020
Cash and cash equivalents				
Other receivables (less prepayments)	-	680,529	6,298,831	6,979,360
Total assets	2,833	8,635,126	358,530,942	367,168,901
Liabilities				
Other payables	-		9,479,304	9,479,304
Amount due to related parties	-		305,974	305,974
Lease liabilities	-	2,351,985	5,913,498	8,265,483
Borrowings	-	662,921	363,120,462	363,783,383
Total liabilities	-	3,014,906	378,819,238	381,834,144
Net exposure	2,833	5,620,220	(20,288,296)	(14,665,243)

23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

	EURO (ZMW exposure)	USD (ZMW exposure)	ZMW	Total
31 December 2023				
Assets	-	-	291,549,945	291,549,945
Loans and advances to customers	25,526	10,719	13,520,091	13,556,336
Cash and cash equivalents				
Other receivables (less prepayments)	-	-	14,136,348	14,136,348
Total assets	25,526	10,719	319,206,384	319,242,629
Liabilities				
Other payables			11,911,726	11,911,726
Amount due to related parties	-	-	307,466	307,466
Lease liabilities	-	-	6,060,444	6,060,444
Borrowings	-	156,528	302,634,575	302,791,103
Total liabilities	-	156,528	347,478,872	321,070,739
Net exposure	25,526	(145,809)	(1,707,827)	(1,828,110)

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23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

The following significant exchange rates were applied during the period:

Closing rate		Closing rate	
2024 USD	2023 USD	2024 EURO	2023 EURO
27.83	25.71	28.97	28.46

Sensitivity analysis

A 10 percent strengthening of the Zambian Kwacha against the USD and EURO at 31 December would have (decreased)/increased the profits by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant. This analysis is performed on the same basis for 2022.

Profit or loss		Profit or loss	
2024 USD	2023 USD	2024 EURO	2023 EURO
562,022	(14,581)	283	2,553

A 10 percent weakening of the Zambian Kwacha against the above currency at 31 December 2024 would have had the equal but opposite effect on the profit for the year, on the basis that all other variables remain constant.

(d) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Company's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Operational risks arise from all of the Company's operations and are faced by all business entities. The Company's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Company's reputation with overall cost effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity.

23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Compliance risk

Compliance is an independent core risk management activity, which also has unrestricted access to the Managing Director and the Chairman of the Board. The Company is subject to extensive supervisory and regulatory regimes, and the executive management remains responsible for overseeing the management of the Company's compliance risk.

Money laundering control and occupational health and safety (including aspect of environmental risk management) are managed within the Compliance function and there are increasingly onerous legislative requirements being imposed in both these areas.

The Company has adopted anti-money laundering policies including "Know Your Customer" policies and procedures and adheres to the country's anti-money laundering legislation and the Bank of Zambia's regulations and directives.

The management of compliance risk has become a distinct discipline within the Company's overall risk management framework. Ultimate responsibility for this risk lies with the Board of Directors. A combination of key activities is undertaken to manage the risk such as identifying the regulatory universe and developing compliance management plans, training staff and other stakeholders on relevant regulatory requirements, and monitoring compliance. Compliance with the "Know-Your-Customer procedures" and Prohibition and Prevention of Money Laundering Act number 14 of 2001 as amended by Act number 44 of 2010. Anti-money laundering procedures and legislation became an area of major focus for the Company especially in 2018.

Accounting classifications and fair values

The table below sets out the Company's classification of financial assets and financial liabilities, and their fair values (excluding accrued interest):

	Amortised cost	Total carrying amount	Fair value
2024			
Assets	32,854,020	32,854,020	32,854,020
Cash and cash equivalents	327,335,521	327,335,521	327,335,521
Loans and advances to customers	6,979,360	6,979,360	6,979,360
Other receivables (less prepayment)	367,168,901	367,168,901	367,168,901
Liabilities	9,479,304	9,479,304	9,479,304
Other liabilities	8,265,483	8,265,483	8,265,483
Lease liabilities	363,783,383	363,783,383	363,783,383
Borrowings	305,974	305,974	305,974
Amount due to related parties	381,834,144	381,834,144	381,834,144

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23 Financial instrument fair value and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Compliance risk (continued)

	Amortised cost	Total carrying amount	Fair value
2023			
Assets	13,556,336	13,556,336	13,556,336
Cash and cash equivalents	291,549,945	291,549,945	291,549,945
Loans and advances to customers*	14,136,348	14,136,348	14,136,348
Other receivables (less prepayment)	319,242,629	319,242,629	319,242,629
Liabilities	11,911,726	11,911,726	11,911,726
Other liabilities	6,060,444	6,060,444	6,060,444
Lease liabilities	302,791,103	302,791,103	302,791,103
Borrowings	307,466	307,466	307,466
Amount due to related parties	321,070,739	321,070,739	321,070,739

* Refer to Note 28.

24 Capital management

Regulatory capital

The Company's regulator (Bank of Zambia) sets and monitors capital requirements for the Company as a whole. In implementing current capital requirements, Bank of Zambia requires the Company to maintain a minimum 15% ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets. The Company's regulatory capital is analysed into two tiers:

- Primary (Tier 1) capital, which includes paid-up common shares, retained earnings, statutory reserves less adjustment of assets of little or no realisable value.
- Secondary (Tier 2) capital, which includes qualifying subordinated term debt and revaluation reserves limited to a maximum of 40%. The maximum amount of total secondary capital is limited to 100% of primary capital. The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain creditor and market confidence and to sustain future developments of the business. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the period.

The Company's objectives when managing capital, which is a broader concept than the 'equity' on the face of the statement of financial position are:

- To comply with capital requirements set by the Bank of Zambia;
- To safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders; and
- To maintain a strong capital base to support its development of its business.



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24 Capital management (continued)

Regulatory capital (continued)

	2024	2023
(a) Paid-up common shares	68,888,710	62,638,710
(b) Share premium	2,466,137	2,466,137
(c) Accumulated losses*	(14,982,193)	(2,187,732)
(d) Sub-total A (items a to d)	56,372,654	62,917,115
Less		
(e) Goodwill and other intangible assets	(5,957,986)	(1,968,615)
(g) Sub-total B (items d to e)	50,414,668	60,948,500
(h) Total primary capital	50,414,668	60,948,500
II Secondary (Tier 2) capital		
Revaluation reserves. Maximum is 40% of revaluation reserve.	2,716,200	2,716,200
III Eligible secondary capital		
(The maximum amount of secondary capital is limited to 100% of primary capital)	2,716,200	2,716,200
IV Eligible total capital (I (g) + III)		
(Regulatory capital)	53,130,868	63,664,700
V Minimum total capital requirement		
15% total on and off-balance sheet risk-weighted assets	(62,796,357)	(56,987,975)
VI (Deficit)/Excess (IV minus V)	(9,665,491)	6,676,725

* Refer to Note 28

25 Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2024, Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited signed share purchase agreements for equity injection amounting to ZMW 172,962,000 (2023: nil).

26 Contingent liabilities

The were no material contingent liabilities (2023: ZMW nil).

27 Subsequent events

There were no significant events after the reporting date requiring disclosure or adjustment to these financial statements.

28 Prior period restatement

During 2024, it was noted that loan processing fees that form an integral part to the issuance of loans and advances to customers had erroneously been accounted for in accordance with IFRS 15 Revenue from customers and disclosed as fee and commission income as opposed to being accounted for as interest income calculated using the effective interest rate in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments.

In addition, transactional costs directly attributable to the issuance of loans and advances had not been accounted for in accordance with the requirements of IFRS 9, Financial instruments.

The said errors have been corrected by restating each of the affected financial statement line items for prior periods.

The correction has been applied retrospectively in accordance with IAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, and prior period figures have been restated where applicable.

The following tables summarise the impact of the restatement on the Company's financial statements.

i. Statement of profit or loss and OCI

	As previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
Interest income calculated using the effective interest	115,498,450	58,796,706	174,295,156
Net interest income	59,023,129	58,796,706	117,819,835
Net interest income after impairment charges	55,379,693	58,796,706	114,176,399
Fee and commission income	72,173,643	(66,032,322)	6,141,321
Other operating income	73,969,710	(66,032,322)	7,937,388
Total operating income	129,349,403	(966,465)	122,113,787
Operating expenses	(126,628,090)	3,555,749	(123,072,341)
Loss before income tax	(2,672,652)	(3,679,835)	(6,352,487)
Income tax credit	309,168	32,848	342,016
Loss for the year	(2,363,452)	(3,647,019)	(6,010,471)

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28 Prior period restatement (continued)

ii. Statement of financial position

The table below relates to restated statement of financial position as at 31st December 2023

	As previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
Loans and advances to customers	308,528,483	(16,978,538)	291,549,945
Prepayments and other receivables	19,528,483	87,328	19,615,811
Total assets	407,722,867	(16,944,514)	390,778,353
(Retained earnings)/ Accumulated losses	(14,756,781)	16,944,513	2,187,732
Total equity	(86,652,128)	16,944,513	(69,707,615)
Total equity and liabilities	407,722,867	(16,944,513)	390,778,353

iii Statement of Cash flow

	As previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
Loss before tax	(2,363,452)	(3,989,035)	(6,352,487)
Loans and advances to customers	(84,540,498)	3,679,868	(80,860,630)
Prepayments and other receivables	(11,493,039)	(65,000)	(11,558,039)
Net cash used in operating activities	(68,047,541)	-	(68,047,541)
Net cash used in investing activities	(25,151,376)	-	(25,151,376)
Net cash from financing activities	95,146,566	-	95,146,566
Cash and cash equivalent at 31 Dec 2023	13,556,336	-	13,556,336

iv 1st January 2023 balances

	As previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
Loans and advances to customers	224,041,289	(13,351,974)	210,689,315
Prepayments and other receivables	7,970,444	(87,328)	8,057,772
Deferred tax assets	126,493	(32,848)	93,645
Total assets	291,066,715	13,297,494	277,769,221
Retained earnings	(17,120,233)	13,297,494	(3,822,739)
Total equity	(87,437,580)	13,297,494	(74,140,086)

29 Material accounting policies

Material accounting policies

Set out below is an index of the material accounting policies the details of which are available on the pages that follow:

- a) Property and equipment
- b) Intangible assets
- c) Foreign currency transactions
- d) Financial assets and liabilities
- e) Loans and advances
- f) Cash and cash equivalents
- g) Income tax
- h) Share capital and reserves
- i) Employee benefits
- j) Interest income and expense
- k) Fees and commission
- l) Leases
- (a) Property and equipment
- (i) Recognition and measurement

Equipment is initially measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment loss.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes:

- the cost of materials and direct labour;
- any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use;
- when the Company has an obligation to remove the asset or restore the site, an estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located;
- capitalised borrowing costs; and
- Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of equipment.

Any gains and losses on disposal of an item of equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of the equipment and is recognised net within other income/other expenses in profit or loss.

(ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated over the depreciable amount, which is the cost of the asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value. Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives of each part of an item or property and equipment, since this most closely reflects the expected pattern consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset. Land is not depreciable.

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29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

The useful lives of items of equipment have been assessed as follows:

Item	Average useful life
Furniture and fittings	5 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Motor bikes	4 years
Computer and office equipment	4 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Capital work in progress	Not depreciated

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method of each asset are reviewed at the end of each reporting period. If the expectations differ from previous estimates, the change is accounted for as a change in accounting estimate.

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in profit or loss.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of equipment is included in profit or loss when the item is derecognised. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of equipment is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.

(iv) Revaluation

An external, independent valuation expert, having appropriate recognised professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of property being valued, values the Company’s land every 5 years. The fair values are based on market values, being the estimated amount for which a property could be exchanged on the date of the valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm’s length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably.

The surplus arising on the revaluation of properties is initially credited to a revaluation surplus, which is a non-distributable reserve.

If the asset’s carrying amount is decreased as a result of a revaluation, the decrease is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset, thereafter the remaining decrease is recognised in profit or loss.

(b) Intangible assets

Software

Software acquired by the Company is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Subsequent expenditure on software assets is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits of the asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is recognised in profit or loss as incurred. Software is amortized on a straight-line basis in the profit or loss over its estimated useful life, from the date on which it is available for use. The estimated useful life of software is three years. Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

(c) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of the Company at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the year.

29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Financial assets and liabilities

i) Recognition and initial measurement

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. However, foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss.

The Company recognises deposits with financial institutions and loans and borrowings on the date on which they are originated. All other financial instruments (including regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets) are recognised on the trade date, which is the date on which the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus or minus for a financial asset or financial liability not measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

ii) Classification

Financial assets

Classification

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or FVTPL.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cashflows that are SPPI.

A debt instrument is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI).

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

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All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

In addition, on initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

Other financial liabilities comprise trade and other payables, amounts due to related parties and loans and borrowings.

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29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

ii) Classification (continued)

Business model assessment

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, "principal" is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. "Interest" is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are SPPI, the Company considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition.

In making the assessment, the Company considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- average features;
- prepayment and extension terms;
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse loans); and
- features that modify consideration of the time value of money (e.g. periodical reset of interest rates).

The Company holds a portfolio of long-term fixed-rate loans for which the Company has the option to propose to revise the interest rate at periodic reset dates. These reset rights are limited to the market rate at the time of revision. The borrowers have an option to either accept the revised rate or redeem the loan at par without penalty. The Company has determined that the contractual cash flows of these loans are SPPI because the option varies the interest rate in a way that is consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and costs associated with the principal amount outstanding.

Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

iii. Derecognition

Financial assets

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

The Company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire.

29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

iv. Modifications of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, then the Company evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different.

If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised, and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value plus any eligible transaction costs. Any fees received as part of the modification are accounted for as follows:

- fees that are considered in determining the fair value of the new asset and fees that represent reimbursement of eligible transaction costs are included in the initial measurement of the asset; and
- other fees are included in profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on derecognition.

If cash flows are modified when the borrower is in financial difficulties, then the objective of the modification is usually to maximise recovery of the original contractual terms rather than to originate a new asset with substantially different terms. If the Company plans to modify a financial asset in a way that would result in forgiveness of cash flows, then it first considers whether a portion of the asset should be written off before the modification takes place (see below for write off policy). This approach impacts the result of the quantitative evaluation and means that the derecognition criteria are not usually met in such cases.

If the modification of a financial asset measured at amortised cost or FVOCI does not result in derecognition of the financial asset, then the Company first recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset using the original effective interest rate of the asset and recognises the resulting adjustment as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. For floating-rate financial assets, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect current market terms at the time of the modification. Any costs or fees incurred and fees received as part of the modification adjust the gross carrying amount of the modified financial asset and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial asset.

If such a modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the borrower (see (vii)), then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses. In other cases, it is presented as interest income calculated using the effective interest rate method.

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The Company derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different. In this case, a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss. Consideration paid includes non-financial assets transferred, if any, and the assumption of liabilities, including the new modified financial liability.

If the modification of a financial liability is not accounted for as derecognition, then the amortised cost of the liability is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows at the original effective interest rate and the resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. For floating-rate financial liabilities, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect current market terms at the time of the modification. Any costs and fees incurred are recognised as an adjustment to the carrying amount of the liability and amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial liability by re-computing the effective interest rate on the instrument.

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29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

v. Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or for gains and losses arising from a Company of similar transactions such as in the Company's trading activity.

vi. Fair value measurement

Fair value' is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Company has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When one is available, the Company measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as 'active' if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Company uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would consider in pricing a transaction.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument on initial recognition is normally the transaction price i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Company determines that the fair value on initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique for which any unobservable inputs are judged to be insignificant in relation to the measurement, then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value on initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognised in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a bid price and an ask price, then the Company measures assets and long positions at a bid price and liabilities and short positions at an ask price.

Financial assets and financial liabilities that are exposed to market risk and credit risk that are managed by the Company on the basis of the net exposure to either market or credit risk are measured on the basis of a price that would be received to sell a net long position (or paid to transfer a net short position) for the particular risk exposure. Portfolio-level adjustments – e.g. bid-ask adjustment or credit risk adjustments that reflect the measurement on the basis of the net exposure – are allocated to the individual assets and liabilities on the basis of the relative risk adjustment of each of the individual instruments in the portfolio.

The fair value of a financial liability with a demand feature (e.g. a demand deposit) is not less than the amount payable on demand, discounted from the first date on which the amount could be required to be paid.

The Company recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

vii. Impairment

The Company recognises loss allowances for ECL on the following financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL:

- financial assets that are debt instruments;
- lease receivables;
- financial guarantee contracts issued; and
- loan commitments issued.

No impairment loss is recognised on equity investments.

The Company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the following, for which they are measured as 12-month ECL:

- debt investment securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial instruments (other than lease receivables) on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition.

Loss allowances for lease receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL.

The Company considers a debt investment security to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The Company does not apply the low credit risk exemption to any other financial instruments.

12-month ECL are the portion of ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Financial instruments for which a 12-month ECL is recognised are referred to as 'Stage 1 financial instruments.

Life-time ECL are the ECL that result from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instrument. Financial instruments for which a lifetime ECL is recognised but which are not credit-impaired are referred to as 'Stage 2 financial instruments. Financial instruments allocated to Stage 2 are those that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but are not credit-impaired.

Financial instruments for which lifetime ECL are recognised and that are credit-impaired are referred to as 'Stage 3 financial instruments.

Measurement of ECL

ECL are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. They are measured as follows:

- **financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date:** as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive);
- **financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date:** as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;
- **undrawn loan commitments:** as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Company if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive; and
- **financial guarantee contracts:** the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Company expects to recover.

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29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

vii. Impairment (continued)

Restructured financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or modified or an existing financial asset is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the borrower, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognised and ECL are measured as follows.

- If the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing asset.
- If the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the new asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of its derecognition. This amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt financial assets carried at FVOCI, and finance lease receivables are credit impaired (referred to as 'Stage 3 financial assets'). A financial asset is 'credit impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or past due event;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Company on terms that the Company would not consider otherwise;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or another financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

A loan that has been renegotiated due to a deterioration in the borrower's condition is usually considered to be credit-impaired unless there is evidence that the risk of not receiving contractual cash flows has reduced significantly and there are no other indicators of impairment. In addition, a retail loan that is overdue for 90 days or more is considered credit-impaired even when the regulatory definition of default is different.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for ECL are presented in the statement of financial position as follows:

- **financial assets measured at amortised cost:** as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- **loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts:** generally, as a provision; and
- where a financial instrument includes both a drawn and an undrawn component, and the Company cannot identify the ECL on the loan commitment component separately from those on the drawn component: The Company presents a combined loss allowance for both components. The combined amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the gross amount of the drawn component is presented as a provision.

29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(e) Loans and advances

'Loans and advances' captions in the statement of financial position include:

- loans and advances measured at amortised cost they are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective interest method; and
- lease receivables.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Company in the management of its short-term commitments.

(g) Income tax

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

i) Current tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

Current taxes and liabilities are offset in the statement of financial position only if the Company legal right and intention to settle on the net basis.

ii) Deferred tax

The Company applies IAS 12 – *Income taxes*, which states that deferred tax asset is recognised in respect of deductible temporary differences. A deferred tax asset should be recognised for the carry forward of unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

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Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- Temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit nor loss;
- Temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements to the extent that the Company is able to control the timing of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- Taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised. Such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

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29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(h) Share capital and reserves

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

(i) Employee benefits

All employees are members of the National Pension Scheme Authority to which both employees and the Company contribute. During 2019, the Company operated a mandatory private pension scheme with Madison Life Insurance through the Madison Pension Trust Fund. Employer contribution and later changed to Saturnia Regna Pension Trust limited, employer contribution is 4% of basic salary and employee contribution is 3% of basic salary. Obligations for both public and private contributions are recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income in the periods during which services are rendered by employees. In addition, employees may qualify for performance-based incentives as per the Company's internal rules.

There are no expected gratuity payments as per employees' contracts of employment.

(j) Interest income and expense

Effective interest rate

Interest income and expense are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

When calculating the effective interest rate for financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired assets, the Company estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not ECL. For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated using estimated future cash flows including ECL.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes base interest rate and fees and points paid or received that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or financial liability. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the entity had not acquired, issued or disposed of the financial instrument.

The accounting treatment of the costs incurred by the Company in the lending process, is dependent on the nature of the costs. To the extent that these costs are incremental and directly attributable to the origination of a loan measured at amortised cost, such costs will be included in calculating the effective interest rate.

Due to system constraints in not being able to capitalise the costs and fee income to the loan and directly affect the effective interest rate, the Company creates deferred transaction cost and deferred fee income accounts. Since no effective interest rate is calculated however contractual interest rate is used to calculate interest income. These deferred accounts unwind over the expected life of the loan to interest income, together with contractual interest on the loan in order to approximate the requirements of IFRS 9.

Calculation of interest income and expense

The effective interest rate of a financial asset or financial liability is calculated on initial recognition of a financial asset or a financial liability. In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. The effective interest rate is revised as a result of periodic re-estimation of cash flows of floating rate instruments to reflect movements in market rates of interest.

29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(j) Interest income and expense (continued)

Calculation of interest income and expense (continued)

However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

(k) Fees and commission

Fees and commission income and expenses that are integral to the effective interest rate on a financial asset or liability are included in the measurement of the effective interest rate.

Other fees and commission income-including account servicing fees, investment management fees, sales commission, placement fees and insurance commission are recognised as the related services are performed. If a loan commitment is not expected to result in the draw-down of a loan, then the related loan commitment fees are recognised on a straight-line basis over the commitment period.

Other fees and commission expenses relate mainly to transaction and service fees, which are expensed as the services are received.

A contract with a customer that results in a recognised financial instrument in the Company's financial statements may be partially in the scope of IFRS 9 and partially in the scope of IFRS 15. If this is the case, then the Company first applies IFRS 9 to separate and measure the part of the contract that is in the scope of IFRS 9 and then applies IFRS 15 to the residual.

(l) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company uses the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

i. As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of property the Company has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate

of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Company by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Company determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

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29 Material accounting policies (continued)

Material accounting policies (continued)

(l) Leases (continued)

i. As a lessee (continued)

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases, including IT equipment. The Company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term

30 Standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new accounting standards are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after 1 January 2025 and earlier application is permitted. However, the Company has not early adopted the following new or amended accounting standards in preparing these consolidated financial statements.

a) IFRS 18 - Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

IFRS 18 will replace IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and applies for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027. The new standard introduces the following key new requirements.

- Entities are required to classify all income and expenses into five categories in the statement of profit or loss, namely the operating, investing, financing, discontinued operations and income tax categories. Entities are also required to present a newly-defined operating profit subtotal. Entities' net profit will not change.
- Management-defined performance measures (MPMs) are disclosed in a single note in the financial statements.
- Enhanced guidance is provided on how to group information in the financial statements.

30 Standards issued but not yet effective (continued)

a) IFRS 18 - Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements (continued)

In addition, all entities are required to use the operating profit subtotal as the starting point for the statement of cash flows when presenting operating cash flows under the indirect method.

The Company is still in the process of assessing the impact of the new standard, particularly with respect to the structure of the company's statement of profit or loss, the statement of cash flows and the additional disclosures required for MPMs. The Company is also assessing the impact on how information is grouped in the financial statements, including for items currently labelled as 'other'.

b) Other standards

The following new and amended accounting standards are not expected to have a significant impact on the company's financial statements:

- *Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21).*
- *Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7).*



Appendix I – Unaudited

Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited

Details of operating expenditure

for the year ended 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	As on 31 December 2024	As on 31 December 2023 Restated
Advertising and branding	208,368	94,820
Audit fees	1,529,648	1,285,703
Bank charges	943,735	624,034
Computer expenses	420,657	142,097
Consultancy fees	1,378,041	1,675,029
Depreciation and amortisation	19,828,312	18,184,064
Directors' fees	203,952	321,483
Fuel on motor bikes and vehicles	13,650,204	9,320,824
General expenses	6,750,532	6,082,951
Information Technology	6,092,518	4,290,718
Insurance	936,522	638,234
Legal fees	589,575	197,295
Licensing expenses	640,041	553,526
Office expenses	55,061	87,702
Other premises costs	1,158,310	1,015,181
Professional fees	392,956	29,923
Recruitment and training	1,030,073	356,697
Repairs and maintenance	9,556,085	5,089,769
Salary and wages	66,410,230	61,331,699
Security expenses	4,389,908	3,811,034
Stationery	2,135,260	3,005,716
Telephone expenses	766,512	786,658
Travel – foreign	57,493	254,389
Travel – local	2,961,286	3,892,795
Total expenses	142,085,279	123,072,341

Appendix II – Unaudited

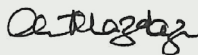
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Statement of financial position (before deferring of fees and qualifying costs)

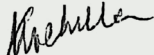
as at 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	Notes	2024	2023
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	32,854,020	13,556,336
Prepayments and other receivables	13	14,216,797	19,561,331
Loans and advances to customers	12	350,026,701	308,581,787
Property and equipment	15	46,741,798	52,434,135
Right-of-use assets	22(a)	7,510,224	5,679,380
Intangible assets	16	5,957,986	1,968,615
Current tax assets	20(c)	5,083,107	4,898,923
Deferred tax assets	20(d)	5,297,845	1,075,208
Total assets		467,688,478	407,755,715
Liabilities			
Current tax liabilities	20(c)	-	-
Amounts due to related parties	21(iv)	305,974	307,466
Other payables	17	9,446,459	11,911,726
Lease liabilities	22(d)	8,265,483	6,060,444
Borrowings	19	363,783,382	302,791,103
Total liabilities		381,801,298	321,070,739
Equity			
Share capital	14	68,888,710	62,638,710
Share premium		2,466,137	2,466,137
Revaluation reserve		6,790,500	6,790,500
Retained earnings		7,741,833	14,789,629
Total equity		85,887,180	86,684,976
Total equity and liabilities		467,688,478	407,755,715

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 2024 and were signed by:



Director



Director

Appendix III – Unaudited

Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited

Statement of financial position (before deferring of fees and qualifying costs)
for the year ended 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	Notes	2024	2023
Interest income calculated using the effective interest method	5	142,759,284	115,498,450
Interest expense	7	(78,455,795)	(56,475,321)
Net interest income		64,303,489	59,023,129
Impairment losses on loans and advances	12(c)	(21,105,121)	(3,643,436)
Net interest income after impairment charges		43,198,368	55,379,693
Fee and commission income	6	90,074,506	72,173,643
Other income	8	2,183,565	1,796,067
Other operating income		92,258,071	73,969,710
Total operating income		135,456,439	129,349,403
Finance income	10	4,007,443	11,283,600
Finance costs	10	(6,146,407)	(16,677,533)
Net finance cost		(2,138,964)	(5,393,933)
Operating expenses	9	(143,412,115)	(126,628,090)
Loss before income tax		(10,094,640)	(2,672,620)
Income tax credit	20(a)	3,046,844	342,016
Loss for the year		(7,047,796)	(2,330,604)
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss</i>			
Revaluation surplus (net of tax)	15	-	1,578,000
Total comprehensive loss		(7,047,796)	(752,604)

Appendix IV – Unaudited

Agora Microfinance Zambia Limited

Capital position (before deferring of fees and qualifying costs)
for the year ended 31 December 2024 (In Zambian Kwacha)

	2024	2023
Capital position		
I Primary (Tier 1) capital		
(a) Paid-up common shares	68,888,710	62,638,710
(b) Share premium	2,466,137	2,466,137
(c) Accumulated losses	7,741,833	14,789,629
(d) Sub-total A (items a to c)	79,096,680	79,894,476
Less		
(e) Goodwill and other intangible assets	(5,957,986)	(1,968,615)
(g) Sub-total B (items d to e)	73,138,694	77,925,861
(h) Total primary capital	73,138,694	77,925,861
II Secondary (Tier 2) capital	2,716,200	2,716,200
Revaluation reserves. Maximum is 40% of revaluation reserve.		
III Eligible secondary capital	2,716,200	2,716,200
(The maximum amount of secondary capital is limited to 100% of primary capital)		
IV Eligible total capital (I (g) + III)	75,854,894	80,642,061
(Regulatory capital)		
V Minimum total capital requirement	(66,200,012)	(59,536,597)
15% total on and off-balance sheet risk-weighted assets		
VI (Deficit)/Excess (IV minus V)	9,654,860	21,105,464



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