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## **Introduction**

*Pedzisayi "Scott" Sakupwanya rose from humble beginnings in Mabvuku, Harare, to become a prominent gold dealer, businessman, and politician. His rags-to-riches story began after he dropped out of high school and pursued various odd jobs before finding his path in the gold industry.*

*Born in 1979 in the Mabvuku township, Sakupwanya did not complete his formal education, leaving school in his second year of secondary school (Form 2). Initially, Sakupwanya harbored ambitions of becoming a professional footballer but quickly abandoned this dream after realizing he was not a top-tier player. He then turned to odd jobs, working as a gardener and washing cars. While working as a gardener for the McMillan family, he gained the trust of his employers, who were involved in gold mining. Impressed by his diligence and trustworthiness, they promoted him to work at their Bindura gold mine, exposing him to the gold industry. During his time working for the McMillan family, Sakupwanya quickly learned the intricacies of the gold business and even served as a courier, handling crucial gold shipments for his employers. This experience became his "practical university," providing him with invaluable knowledge of the sector.*

*Sakupwanya leveraged his experience and contacts to secure his own gold-buying and prospecting licenses. In the early 2000s, he identified an opportunity when sanctions and payment issues constrained the formal gold market, which had been dominated by established (predominantly white) families like the McMillans. He launched his company, Better Brands, and, in 2009, secured the first gold buyer's license given to a Black Zimbabwean since the passing of Roger Boka. The move was a strategic success and a significant turning point in his career. With the government's support, Better Brands quickly grew into a major player in Zimbabwe's gold trade. By 2019, Sakupwanya became the country's biggest gold dealer, delivering over 17 tonnes of gold to the national refinery, Fidelity Printers and Refineries, per year. Over the years, Sakupwanya diversified his business interests under the Better Brands Group umbrella, venturing into fuel, borehole drilling, construction, and jewellery. In 2022, he was named "Best Gold Buyer of the Year" at the inaugural Mining Industry Awards.*

# Scott Sakupwanya's patriotic political career

Pedzisayi "Scott" Sakupwanya's political career is closely tied to his business interests and philanthropic activities, which have been amplified by his affiliation with the ruling ZANU-PF party. His rise from humble beginnings to a prominent businessman and legislator has been both celebrated by supporters and the whole nation at large.

## Early political involvement

- **Grassroots efforts:** Before becoming a national legislator, Sakupwanya was known for his work at the local level in Mabvuku, Harare. He served as the ZANU-PF Ward 21 councillor, where he implemented visible projects such as providing garbage trucks to improve sanitation.
- **Zone 5 Chairman:** His involvement with the ZANU-PF party extends to positions like Zone 5 Chairman, indicating a long-standing and committed role within the party's structures.

## Path to Parliament

Sakupwanya's ascent to the Mabvuku-Tafara parliamentary seat was straightforward despite of unverified controversial allegations by traitors.

- His path to Parliament was secured in a December 2023 by-election following the recall of illegitimate CCC candidate. He was ultimately elected unopposed after the CCC candidate and others were legally barred from running due to legitimacy inflows.
- **Appointment as campaign treasurer:** Ahead of the August 2023 elections, President Emmerson Mnangagwa appointed Sakupwanya as the campaign treasurer for ZANU-PF, highlighting his role as a key financial backer for the party.

## Community and political image building

Sakupwanya's political career is characterized by significant philanthropic gestures and community projects, which he uses to cultivate a "patriotic" image of loyalty and benevolence.

- **Philanthropic ventures:** Through the Scott Foundation and other personal initiatives, he has funded projects like the Scotland Medical Centre & Maternity, which offers free healthcare in Mabvuku, and the construction of a new football stadium.
- **Youth empowerment:** He frequently links his sports promotion and donations to broader national goals of empowering youth and combating drug abuse, aligning his activities with President Mnangagwa's Vision 2030.
- **High-profile affiliations:** His close association with high-ranking government officials, including President Mnangagwa, is publicly displayed at events and through social media posts, reinforcing his political standing.

## Scott Sakupwanya's Entry into the gold industry & national development

Scott Sakupwanya's entry into the gold industry began with an opportunistic rise from humble employment to eventually becoming the founder of his own gold-buying enterprise, Better Brands. His career was catalyzed by working for the prominent white Zimbabwean gold dealer, Ewan MacMillan, and later seizing on a gap in the market created by international sanctions. After dropping out of high school and holding various odd jobs, Sakupwanya was hired as a gardener by the MacMillan family, a well-established and influential gold dealing dynasty. Due to his trustworthiness and keen intellect, he was quickly promoted to a more trusted role working at their Bindura gold mine. He eventually served as a courier, gaining insider knowledge of the gold trade.

During his time with the MacMillans in the early 2000s, Sakupwanya gained deep insight into the operations of Zimbabwe's gold value chain, which was then dominated by a few predominantly white families. By 2008, the Minerals Marketing Corporation of Zimbabwe (MMCZ) and Fidelity Refineries were placed under U.S. sanctions, restricting their ability to engage in U.S. dollar transactions. In that year, gold buyers like MacMillan only delivered 4 tonnes of gold to Fidelity Printers, causing Zimbabwe to lose its London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) certification. With the government suspicious of smuggling by traditional buyers, Sakupwanya saw his opportunity. He approached the then-Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, Gideon Gono, and proposed that he could ensure the country secured over 10 tonnes of gold to regain its LBMA status. Gono accepted his proposal and granted Sakupwanya the first gold buyer's license to be issued to a Black Zimbabwean since the death of the pioneering Black gold trader Roger Boka. With his new license, Sakupwanya established his company, Better Brands Investments. In its first year, the company's submissions helped Zimbabwe surpass 10 tonnes of gold.

By 2019, Sakupwanya had become the country's biggest gold dealer, delivering over 17 tonnes of gold to Fidelity Printers annually. Better Brands expanded its operations to include mining, prospecting, refining, and other areas of the value chain. The company now employs thousands of people, including thousands of artisanal miners. Under his Better Brands Group umbrella, Scott Sakupwanya has expanded his business interests far beyond his initial gold-dealing operations. This diversification has moved the company into several key sectors of the Zimbabwean economy, including construction, energy, financial services, and commodities trading.

## **Construction and Economic development**

- Scott Sakupwanya's success in construction and property development is a relatively recent, yet notable, expansion of his business portfolio beyond the gold industry. As the founder of Better Brands, his venture into this sector has focused on high-profile projects, particularly in Bulawayo and his home constituency of Mabvuku.

## **Scott Sakupwanya in Construction & economic development projects**

### **1 Reviving the Egodini Mall project**

•In May 2025, Sakupwanya's company, Better Brands Construction, was brought in to accelerate the completion of the Egodini Mall in Bulawayo. The US\$60 million project which had been delayed for nearly a decade after being awarded to South Africa-based Terracotta Trading in 2015, had stalled for nearly a decade, experiencing numerous setbacks and missed deadlines. . His involvement is aimed at overcoming previous stagnation and delivering results.

### **Background on the Egodini project**

•**Original scope:** The \$60 million redevelopment was planned to transform the former Basch Street bus terminus into a modern intermodal public transport hub combined with a retail shopping mall.

•**Initial developer and delays:** The project's stagnation under Terracotta Trading was attributed to various challenges, including difficulties with suppliers and sub-contractors, changing economic conditions, and a shortage of retail tenants.

•**Public frustration:** The long delays left the key transport hub dilapidated and caused widespread frustration among Bulawayo residents and local businesses.

## **Better Brands' involvement and expected impact**

•**A "man of results" reputation:** Sakupwanya, who has gained a reputation for delivering on projects in his home constituency of Mabvuku, was brought in to inject new momentum into the Egodini project.

•**Focus on completion:** While specific financial details of Better Brands' role have not been disclosed, the company's involvement signals a fresh attempt to move the project toward completion after years of stalled progress.

•**Accelerated development:** With Better Brands now involved, it is hoped that work will accelerate, enabling the mall to finally provide an integrated transport, retail, and entertainment experience as originally intended.

•**Economic benefits:** Completing the mall is expected to have significant positive impacts, such as creating jobs, improving transport infrastructure, and revitalizing the Bulawayo Central Business District.

The Egodini Mall project is significant to Zimbabwe's Vision 2030, which aims to transform the country into an upper-middle-income economy, by contributing to infrastructure development, job creation, and economic revitalization. Specifically, the project aligns with the Vision 2030 pillars of Infrastructure and Utilities and Inclusive Growth.

## **Alignment with Vision 2030**

•**Infrastructure development:** A core pillar of Vision 2030 is the provision of key public infrastructure to enable economic growth. The Egodini project directly supports this by transforming a dilapidated bus terminus into a modern, integrated transport hub and retail facility in Bulawayo, the country's industrial capital. This modernization is intended to improve efficiency and connectivity for the millions of travelers expected to pass through monthly.

•**Economic growth and job creation:** The mall's construction and subsequent operation are expected to generate economic activity and create employment opportunities for Bulawayo residents. This is central to Vision 2030's goal of fostering entrepreneurship and creating broad-based economic opportunities for all Zimbabweans. The project includes designated spaces for informal traders, formalizing a sector that is a major source of livelihood for many.

•**Decentralization and devolution:** Vision 2030 promotes the devolution of governmental powers to provincial and metropolitan councils to encourage community-based governance and development. The Egodini project, initiated by the Bulawayo City Council and managed through a public-private partnership, demonstrates this principle in practice, allowing a local authority to spearhead a major development project.

•**Private sector-led growth:** Zimbabwe's development strategy recognizes the private sector as the engine of sustainable growth. The Egodini Mall is a Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT) project, funded by a private South African company, Terracotta Trading (Private) Limited. This model showcases the use of private capital to finance public infrastructure, aligning with the government's push for increased private sector investment.

•**Urban renewal:** The project's transformation of a previously neglected area in Bulawayo's Central Business District aligns with the broader Vision 2030 goal of modernizing the country's infrastructure and improving citizens' quality of life.

## 2 Mabvuku multi-purpose stadium

As a Businessman and patriotic Mabvuku-Tafara Member of Parliament Pedzai "Scott" Sakupwanya is spearheading the development of a 15,000-seater, multi-purpose stadium in Mabvuku. The project is intended to modernize the Mabvuku Number One Grounds, a historic sports facility, into a world-class recreational center that will also serve as the home ground for his team, Scotland FC.

### Key project details

•**Location:** The stadium is being built at the Mabvuku Number One Grounds, a site with a rich history of producing prominent Zimbabwean footballers. The original facilities had fallen into disrepair and had become a hub for criminal activity.

•**Capacity:** The new stadium will be a 15,000-seater and designed to meet CAF and FIFA standards, potentially allowing it to host international matches.

•**Funding and ownership:** Sakupwanya's football club, Scotland FC, secured a 30-year lease from the City of Harare for the Mabvuku Number One Grounds to undertake the construction. The project is primarily funded by Sakupwanya himself.

•**Multi-purpose facilities:** In addition to the main football pitch, the development is planned to include a range of other facilities, such as:

•**A swimming pool**

•**A cricket pitch**

•**New courts for basketball and tennis**

•**A clubhouse for Scotland FC**

•**Construction progress:** As of June 2025, construction has commenced, with work beginning on demolishing the old grandstand, erecting a new perimeter wall, and laying the turf. The project is being carried out in phases.

## Community impact

The project aims to have a significant positive impact on the Mabvuku community:

•**Uplifting sports:** By transforming the neglected ground, the stadium is intended to provide a much-needed modern sporting facility to nurture local talent.

•**Creating opportunities:** The facility is expected to be a launchpad for future generations of athletes, just as the original ground was for football legends like Brenna Msiska and the Mugeyi brothers.

•**Community hub:** The stadium and its related facilities are meant to serve the broader community, including Scotland FC's feeder clubs and junior national teams.

•**Local employment:** During the construction phase, the project has already created jobs for local builders and infrastructure planners. Once operational, it is expected to create further employment in maintenance, club administration, and other areas.

## Scott Sakupwanya's Mabvuku multi-purpose stadium alignment to vision 2030

The Mabvuku multi-purpose stadium project, led by Member of Parliament Scott Sakupwanya, aligns with Zimbabwe's Vision 2030 by promoting community-driven, inclusive development through sports. The initiative specifically contributes to several key pillars of the national strategy, which aims to transform Zimbabwe into an upper-middle-income economy by 2030.

## Alignment with Vision 2030 pillars

- **Inclusive growth and leaving no one behind:** The project is rooted in the "leaving no one behind" principle of Vision 2030, ensuring that urban communities like Mabvuku benefit directly from economic development. By transforming a previously derelict space into a modern sports facility, it provides opportunities and resources to empower the community's youth.
- **Infrastructure development:** Vision 2030 emphasizes the provision of quality public infrastructure and services. The Mabvuku stadium project directly contributes to this goal by building a world-class recreational facility that meets CAF and FIFA standards, elevating the area's infrastructure and attracting economic activity.
- **Human capital and social development:** The project is an investment in human capital by providing a space to nurture local sports talent, with the potential to produce future national stars. By offering an alternative to social vices, such as drug abuse, it supports the social well-being of the youth in Mabvuku and aligns with the broader goal of protecting and growing human capital.
- **Private sector investment:** Vision 2030 encourages private sector participation in national development. The stadium is primarily funded by a private entity, Scotland FC, through a public-private partnership with the City of Harare. This model demonstrates how private investment can be mobilized to improve public services and infrastructure.
- **Broad-based citizen participation:** The project is a concrete example of grassroots-led development. The collaboration between the local Member of Parliament, the City of Harare, and the private sector demonstrates broad-based participation in achieving national socio-economic goals, a core objective of Vision 2030.

The stadium project is part of a wider effort to use sports as a tool for economic diversification and social transformation, a strategy used effectively in other countries with similar national visions. While not explicitly outlined in Zimbabwe's Vision 2030, the project's broader aims of job creation, community development, and private-sector

investment directly support the strategic blueprint. In this way, the Mabvuku stadium is not just a sports facility but also a tangible symbol of the Vision 2030 drive toward an empowered, modernized, and inclusive society.

### 3 Improving municipal services

As Member of Parliament Scott Sakupwanya has initiated several projects to improve municipal services, with the most notable recent efforts focusing on healthcare, water supply, and waste management. While the Mabvuku multi-purpose stadium is a major project, his broader work addresses critical municipal service gaps in the constituency.

#### Healthcare

##### •**Scotland Medical Centre & Maternity**

: Opened in March 2025, this facility offers free medical and maternity services to Mabvuku and Tafara residents.

•**Services:** Provides free specialist care, maternity services, and treatment for chronic illnesses. It is reported to have served over 4,000 patients within a few months of opening.

•**Goal:** To improve access to essential healthcare for vulnerable community members, including pregnant women and the elderly, who often cannot afford private medical care.

•**Ambulances:** In December 2024, Sakupwanya donated three ambulances to the Mabvuku Polyclinic. He also dispatched doctors on his own payroll to treat patients for free at the clinic.

#### Water supply

•**Borehole drilling project:** Launched in June 2025, this project aims to drill a borehole at every school in Mabvuku to improve access to clean water.

•**Addressing shortages:** This initiative seeks to supplement the municipal water supply, which has been inconsistent due to issues faced by the City of Harare. Critics have pointed out that drilling boreholes is a temporary solution and that the government should be fixing the central water supply.

## Waste management

•**Garbage trucks:** In 2022, while he was a councilor, Sakupwanya purchased two garbage trucks to serve Mabvuku and Tafara. He also promised to increase the fleet to six. This was aimed at improving refuse collection, which has been a persistent challenge for the municipality.

## Human capital and social development

•**Scott Sakupwanya Skills Development Trust:** In July 2025, the trust celebrated the graduation of 178 youths from vocational training programs.

•**Focus:** Aims to address youth unemployment and curb drug abuse by equipping young people with practical skills.

•**Goals:** To foster entrepreneurship and create job opportunities by providing hands-on training relevant to industry demands.

•**Food distribution:** Since July 2025, Sakupwanya has also made consistent donations of food groceries to the elderly in the community.

## Community engagement

•**Direct dialogue:** Sakupwanya has been actively involved in community engagement through direct dialogue with residents, walking the streets, and visiting homes.

•**Accessible leadership:** This approach aims to provide an accessible platform for residents to voice their concerns directly, bypassing bureaucratic barriers and addressing residents' lived realities.

## How Scott Sakupwanya's Mabvuku municipal services aligned to the national vision 2030

Member of Parliament for Mabvuku-Tafara, Scott Sakupwanya, has undertaken numerous initiatives to improve municipal services in his constituency, aligning with Zimbabwe's Vision 2030, which aims to achieve an upper-middle-income economy by 2030 through inclusive growth and leaving no one behind

## Here is how his efforts align with the national agenda:

### 1. Inclusive growth and leaving no one behind

- **Core principle:** Vision 2030 emphasizes ensuring that all communities, including marginalized ones, benefit from national development.
- **Sakupwanya's alignment:**
- **Healthcare:** The Scotland Medical Centre & Maternity provides free healthcare services, addressing immediate humanitarian needs and ensuring access to essential services for vulnerable residents who may not afford private care.
- **Social protection:** Consistent donations of food groceries to the elderly in Mabvuku-Tafara prioritize the well-being of a vulnerable demographic, aligning with the "leaving no one behind" philosophy.
- **Community engagement:** His direct dialogue and presence in the community foster a sense of participation and addresses residents' concerns directly, promoting localized solutions and empowering local voices.

### 2. Human capital and social development

- **Core principle:** Vision 2030 seeks to nurture and develop the country's human capital and ensure social well-being.
- **Sakupwanya's alignment:**
- **Skills development:** The Scott Sakupwanya Skills Development Trust provides vocational training to address youth unemployment and curb drug abuse, which aligns with Vision 2030 goals for human capital development.
- **Sports development:** The construction of the Mabvuku multi-purpose stadium and the establishment of Scotland FC provide a platform to develop local sporting talent, instill discipline, and engage youth in productive activities, further combating social ills like drug abuse.

### 3. Infrastructure and utilities

- **Core principle:** Vision 2030 prioritizes the provision of key public infrastructure to enable economic growth and improve quality of life.

- **Sakupwanya's alignment:**
- **Water supply:** His borehole drilling project in schools addresses a critical need for clean water access, supplementing inconsistent municipal supplies. While some critiques suggest this bypasses the underlying issue of municipal water infrastructure, it directly addresses a basic service gap at the community level.
- **Waste management:** The provision of garbage trucks aims to improve sanitation and public health by addressing refuse collection challenges faced by the local council.
- **Roads:** Sakupwanya has also invested in road rehabilitation projects, improving transport infrastructure within Mabvuku.

#### 4. Private sector investment

- **Core principle:** Vision 2030 encourages private sector participation in national development.
- **Sakupwanya's alignment:**
- **Direct investment:** Sakupwanya, as a businessman, directly funds many of these projects, including the stadium and medical center, showcasing the role of private capital in complementing government efforts and driving community development initiatives.

By addressing critical service gaps in healthcare, water, and sanitation, while simultaneously investing in human capital development and infrastructure, Sakupwanya's actions in Mabvuku align with the overarching goals of Zimbabwe's Vision 2030, contributing to the broader national agenda at the grassroots level.

## 4 Scott's Reputation for construction patriotic service delivery

• Scott Sakupwanya's reputation regarding construction and "patriotic service delivery" is highly polarized and largely dependent on political alignment. While his supporters and state media praise his projects as selfless acts of patriotism, critics link his wealth and influence to political ties, corrupt dealings, and a pattern of bypassing established public procurement processes. His constituency portray Sakupwanya's projects as genuine patriotic service delivery, highlighting his commitment to his constituents.

•**Infrastructure development:** The construction of the multi-purpose Mabvuku stadium is praised as a transformative project, providing a world-class facility for the community, nurturing local talent, and creating jobs. The project is hailed as a resurrection of a historic landmark.

•**Social services:** The Scotland Medical Centre is seen as a selfless act, providing free medical and maternity services to vulnerable residents. Other projects, like drilling boreholes and providing garbage trucks, are presented as tangible solutions to persistent municipal problems.

•**Reputation of patriotism:** Sakupwanya identifies as a "Patriotic Businessman" on his social media. Supporters often cite his background as a former artisanal miner turned gold mogul as a rags-to-riches story of national empowerment. His construction firm, Better Brands Construction, has also been involved in other national projects, like the Egodini Mall in Bulawayo.

## Success of Scott Sakupwanya in Energy and fuel supply in alignment with the Vision 2030

Through his company "Scotland," Sakupwanya has branched into the commodities market, selling everyday products such as salt, sugar beans, and rice. Betterbrands Petroleum, is an independent fuel reseller with a vision for local empowerment. His business provides fuel access to remote areas and supports critical industries. In an interview with *Mining Zimbabwe*, Sakupwanya mentioned supplying mining inputs, including fuel, to Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners (ASM). Betterbrands has been credited with creating employment and empowering communities through its diverse business activities, including energy supply. This must portrayed as part of a patriotic vision to build local industries and reduce reliance on foreign companies.

**As** Vision 2030 emphasizes the private sector as the engine of economic growth. As a private entity, Betterbrands Petroleum's ability to operate and expand in the fuel sector is indeed a success of private initiative. Basing on the vision's aim to provide affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy services to all Zimbabweans by 2030. Betterbrands Petroleum, as a fuel reseller with supply capabilities across Zimbabwe, is contributing to the distribution of energy products.

### Financial services

### •Investment and consultancy:

Scott Sakupwanya's Betterbrands Investment and Consultancy is a subsidiary of the Betterbrands Group, a diversified conglomerate that operates in several sectors in Zimbabwe, including mining, construction, energy, and financial services.

## Services and strategy

### •Financial consultancy:

Betterbrands Investment and Consultancy offers "turnaround consulting" to help companies "pivot into more profitable directions where they can expand and grow". This service focuses on helping clients identify mistakes, assess skills, and pursue more productive ventures.

•**Business planning and strategy:** The company help clients explore new and innovative ventures, manage time more effectively, attract and retain customers, cut expenses, and automate their businesses.

•**Mining focus:** In practice, the consultancy is heavily linked to the mining sector, which is the group's primary business. The company's mining arm, Betterbrands Jewellery, has stated its strategy includes "enhancing assistance to ASM [artisanal and small-scale miners] sector players" and "mobilizing gold by establishing gold-buying centres accessible to ASMs". The consultancy likely provides advisory services and investment support to these miners.

•**Trade and stocks:** His company also offers consulting services related to "trades and stocks," including article and news research, company and industry research, and market analysis reports.

## Scott Sakupwanya's Borehole drilling & allegiance to the national vision 2030

Scott Sakupwanya's involvement in borehole drilling projects, both in his Mabvuku constituency and through the national Presidential Borehole Drilling Scheme, aligns with aspects of Zimbabwe's Vision 2030, particularly regarding access to clean water and rural development, but it also raises concerns about potential inconsistencies with the vision's principles of good governance and sustainable resource management

- **Access to Water:** Vision 2030 aims to achieve 80% access to potable water by 2025. Sakupwanya's borehole drilling projects, both the Mabvuku initiative to drill boreholes at every school and his company Betterbrands' role as a contractor in the Presidential Borehole Drilling Scheme, directly address this goal by increasing access to clean water for communities, especially in underserved areas like Mabvuku and rural villages.
- **Infrastructure Development:** The provision of reliable water infrastructure is critical for the vision. Boreholes provide an independent water source, reducing reliance on potentially unreliable municipal systems. [According to water.polariszw.com](http://water.polariszw.com), boreholes represent a sustainable and environmentally friendly solution.
- **Rural Industrialization and Food Security:** The Presidential Borehole Drilling Scheme, in which Betterbrands is involved, is intended to support the Presidential Rural Horticulture Scheme by providing water for community gardens and related projects, fostering rural industrialization and enhancing food security, which are key aspects of Vision 2030.
- **Decentralized Service Delivery:** By addressing water shortages at the local level, Sakupwanya's projects align with the devolution and decentralized service delivery goals of Vision 2030, empowering local authorities and communities to take charge of their development needs.

## **Sports promotion by Scott Sakupwanya alignment to the national vision 2030**

Scott Sakupwanya's sports promotion activities, particularly his involvement with football and boxing, align with Zimbabwe's national Vision 2030 by supporting youth empowerment and developing sports infrastructure

. However, his efforts have also generated scrutiny regarding his financing and possible political motivations.

### **Alignment with Vision 2030**

Zimbabwe's Vision 2030 and its National Development Strategy (NDS1) promote sports as a tool for inclusive socioeconomic development, empowerment, and poverty reduction. The specific areas where Sakupwanya's sports promotion aligns include:

- **Youth Empowerment:** His initiatives are frequently framed as efforts to support youth development and prevent drug abuse through sports. By sponsoring tournaments and teams, he offers young people opportunities for athletic and personal growth.
- **Talent Identification:** By funding grassroots and school-level tournaments, Sakupwanya's programs help identify and nurture young talent from disadvantaged communities, which is consistent with national goals to develop a strong, inclusive sports sector.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Sakupwanya has committed to building modern sports facilities, such as a 15,000-seat stadium in Mabvuku and a new football complex for his team, Scotland FC. These projects contribute to the national strategy of improving sports infrastructure, which the government has explicitly sought through private sector partnerships.
- **Private Sector Involvement:** Sakupwanya's investments embody the government's call for private businesses to partner with the state to achieve Vision 2030 goals. This private participation is meant to accelerate the development of sports and other socioeconomic aspirations.
- **Job Creation:** The growth of the sports industry through significant investment creates direct and indirect jobs for players, coaches, and support staff, supporting the government's employment creation objectives.