




BancABC Roots Impact Programme

FINANCING ZIMBABWE'S NATIONAL
YOUTH FOOTBALL SYSTEM

*Manufacturing Talent. Empowering Youth.
Rebuilding Zimbabwean Football.*

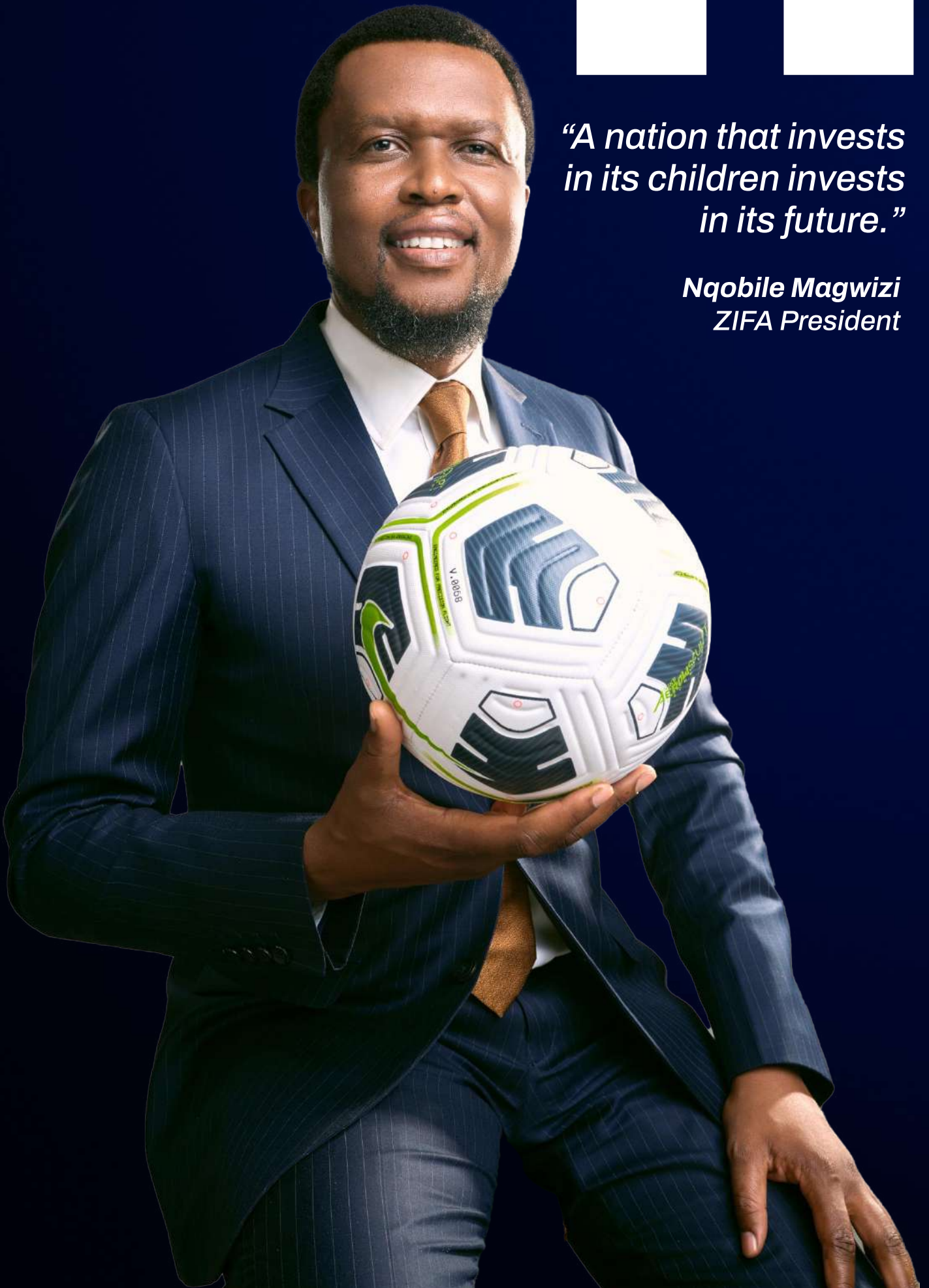
Under the Zimbabwe Football Association
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*“A nation that invests
in its children invests
in its future.”*

Nqobile Magwizi
ZIFA President



Welcome & Strategic Framing

The launch of the BancABC Roots Impact Programme marks a defining moment in the modernisation of Zimbabwean football. For the first time in our history, we are deploying a fully governed, national youth league system that places schools, communities, provinces and national teams inside one coherent development pipeline.

For too long, youth football has been fragmented, informal and unequal. Talent has been lost simply because young players were invisible to the system. With Roots Impact, that era ends. This programme integrates football directly into the education ecosystem, ensures every child is registered, safeguarded and monitored, and creates a merit-based national pathway that reaches every province and every community.

Our partnership with BancABC is fundamental. They are not merely sponsoring a competition — they are financing the future of Zimbabwean football by providing the financial, governance and ESG infrastructure that allows this system to operate with transparency, credibility and national reach.

Roots Impact is how we rebuild Zimbabwe's football from the ground up.

From the President of ZIFA
Nqobile Magwizi

BancABC is proud to be the Title Sponsor and Official Banking Partner of the BancABC Roots Impact Programme.

We see this programme not only as a football project, but as a national youth development investment. Through this partnership, we are helping Zimbabwe build a system that promotes:

- ⌘ Education
- ⌘ Gender equality
- ⌘ Financial inclusion
- ⌘ Youth empowerment
- ⌘ Strong governance

By financing a ring-fenced, audited, professionally governed national league system, we ensure that every dollar delivers measurable social and sporting impact.

BancABC is not sponsoring a league.

We are financing Zimbabwe's football future.

From the Title Sponsor
BancABC Zimbabwe



Why Roots Impact Programme Exists

Zimbabwe's youth football has historically been characterised by:



Fragmented competitions



Unequal access between urban and rural areas



Weak safeguarding and child protection



No structured pathway to elite football



Social risks including school drop-out, drugs and teenage pregnancy

The BancABC Roots Impact Programme was created to replace this with a single, nationally governed system.

They are designed as a year-round development platform, not a once-off tournament. The goal is simple: manufacture football talent in a safe, governed and merit-based environment.



The Four National Leagues

Zimbabwe now operates four fully national junior leagues for the season of **March to August**:



U-14

Boys

10 provincial teams



U-16

Boys

10 provincial teams



U-14

Girls

10 provincial teams



U-16

Girls

10 provincial teams

That equals:

40

provincial teams

18

minimum matches per
team per season

720+

official youth matches
per year

This is a real league system – with real teams, real players, real matches, real seasons.

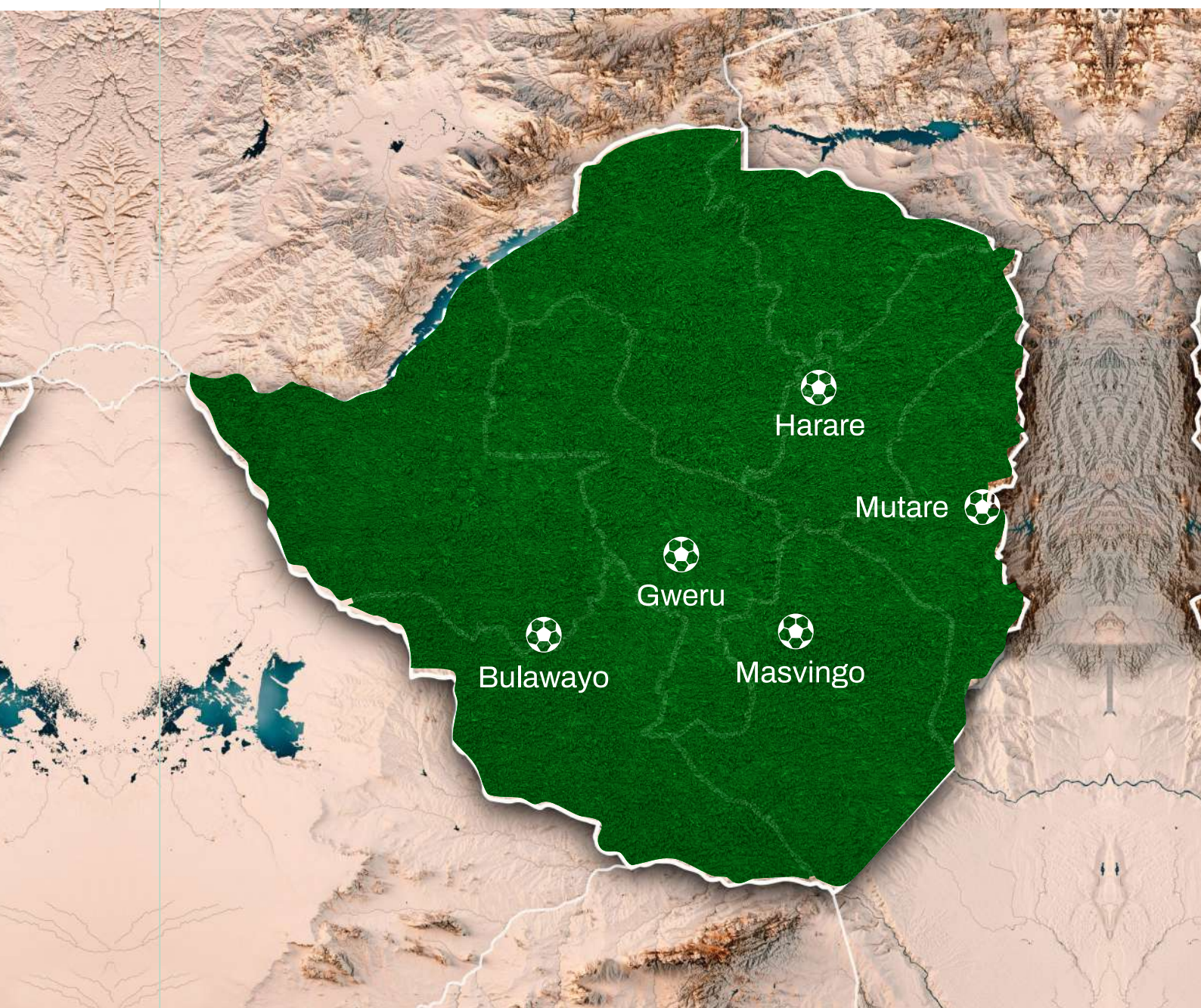
All BancABC Roots Impact Programme matches are played through five national competition hubs:

- ⚽ Harare
- ⚽ Bulawayo
- ⚽ Gweru
- ⚽ Mutare
- ⚽ Masvingo

This ensures:

- ⚽ Equal access for rural and urban players
- ⚽ Cost-efficient logistics
- ⚽ Safeguarding and supervision
- ⚽ Broadcast-ready venues

Zimbabwe becomes one integrated football grid.



Players enter the system through:

- 01 Schools (via the ZIFA-MoPSE MOU) - NAPH and NASH)
- 02 Community junior leagues
- 03 Open provincial trials
- 04 Existing academies
- 05 ZIFA-affiliated clubs

Every player is:

- ☒ Registered on FIFA Connect
- ☒ Covered by child-protection frameworks
- ☒ Tracked for long-term development

No child is invisible.
No province is excluded.



BancABC Roots Impact Programme connects directly to Zimbabwe's elite football pipeline:



Top provincial teams qualify for national round-robins, including diaspora selections, ensuring Zimbabwe captures talent wherever it exists.

This is how Zimbabwe builds stronger national teams



The BancABC Roots Impact Programme are governed through:

- ⚽ Standardised competition regulation
- ⚽ Qualified referees and coaches



- ⚽ Child safeguarding & reporting
- ⚽ Discipline & integrity frameworks

- ⚽ Provincial performance dashboards
- ⚽ Oversight by ZIFA, MoPSE, CAF and FIFA



This gives parents, sponsors and government full confidence.



BancABC is:

- ⚽ Title Sponsor
- ⚽ Official Banking Partner
- ⚽ Environment, Social, Government (ESG) and financial governance partner

They provide:

- ⚽ Ring-fenced escrow accounts
- ⚽ Dual-authorisation payments
- ⚽ Audit and compliance controls
- ⚽ Financial literacy & youth activation
- ⚽ National branding and community reach

This makes BancABC Roots Impact Programme an investment-grade football development.



Every dollar is protected through:

- ⚽ BancABC escrow accounts
- ⚽ Dual approval (ZIFA + BancABC)
- ⚽ Quarterly budgets
- ⚽ Audit and reporting

ESG outcomes include:

- ⚽ Youth development
- ⚽ Gender equity
- ⚽ Governance transparency
- ⚽ Financial inclusion
- ⚽ National development alignment



Through the BancABC Roots Impact Programme, Zimbabwe gains:

- ⚽ Disciplined and educated youth
- ⚽ Stronger national teams
- ⚽ Gender-balanced opportunity
- ⚽ Jobs and skills
- ⚽ National pride
- ⚽ A lasting football legacy

Football. Education. Opportunity. Nation-building.

