The Inclusiveness of Africa's Recent High-Growth Episode: How Zambia Compares

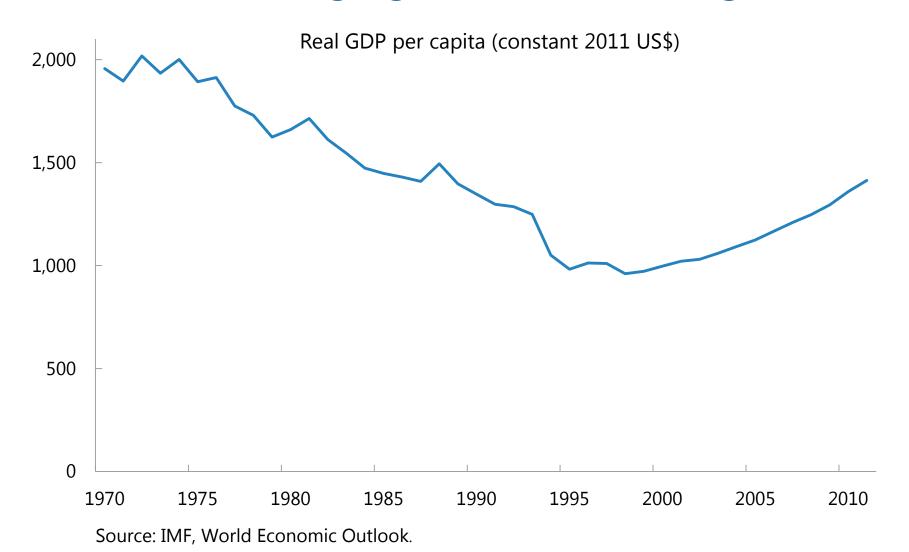
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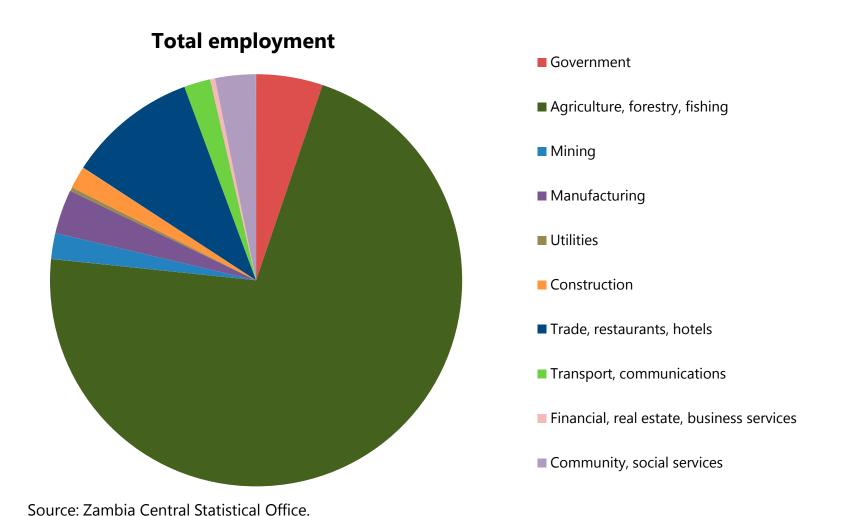
Income is Growing Again After a Prolonged Decline



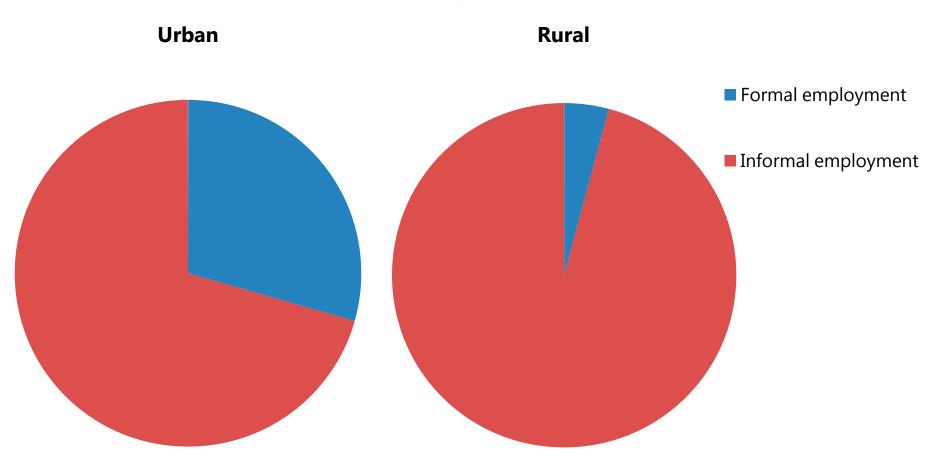
Strong Growth but High Poverty Rates

	1998	2006	2009	2010
Incidence of poverty	72	63		61
Rural	83	80		78
Urban	49	30		28
Unemployment (% of labor force)		14.0		13.2
Rural		5.0		5.0
Urban		32.3		29.2
Growth:			2006	-10
GDP volume (average percent change)			6.4	
Excluding mining			6.1	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing			3.8	
GDP volume per capita			3.9	
Real GDP per capita (US\$, 2010 prices)	847	995	1031	1221

Agriculture the Dominant Source of Employment

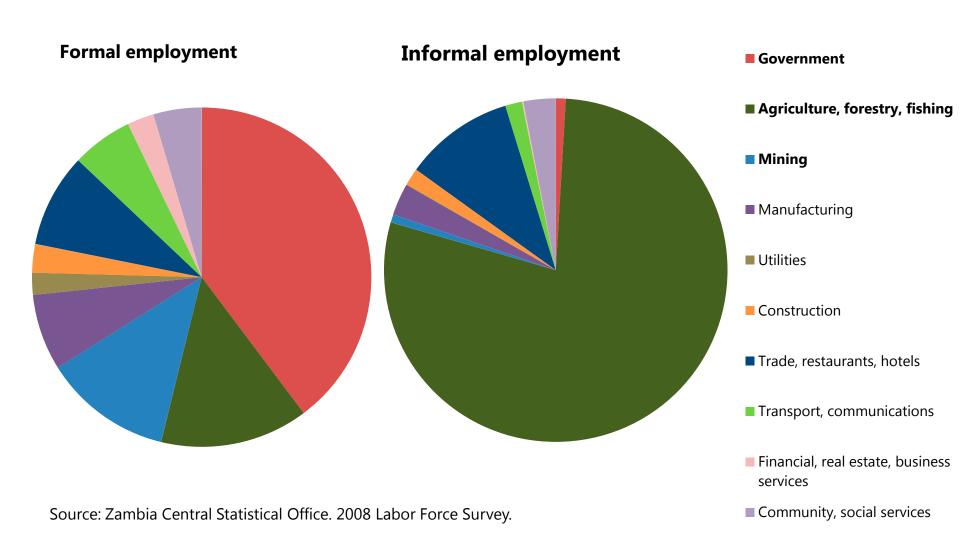


Informal Employment Dominant



Source: Zambia Central Statistical Office. 2008 Labor Force Survey.

Formal Employment Concentrated in Government Informal Employment Concentrated on Agriculture



Country Sample

- Zambia surveys: 1998, 2004, 2006, and 2010
- Comparison sample:
 - Cameroon, 2001-2007
 - Ghana, 1998-2005
 - Mozambique, 2002/03-2008/09
 - Tanzania, 2001-2007
 - Uganda, 2002/03-2009/10

How is inclusive growth defined?

• Absolute measure: Did the poorest quartile experience positive real per capita consumption growth?

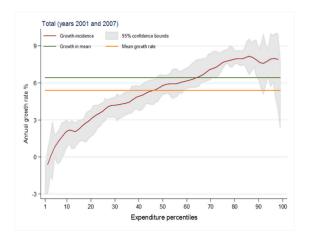
• Relative measure: Did consumption increase more rapidly among the lowest quartile than the highest quartile?

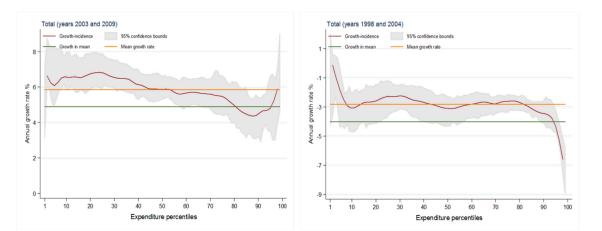
Growth Incidence Curves For Zambia

In contrast to the earlier period, consumption growth per capita was strong across the board between 2006-10, but tilted toward the poorest segment

Growth Incidence Curves

 Zambia's recent experience is similar to Cameroon and Uganda, with consumption tilted toward the poorest

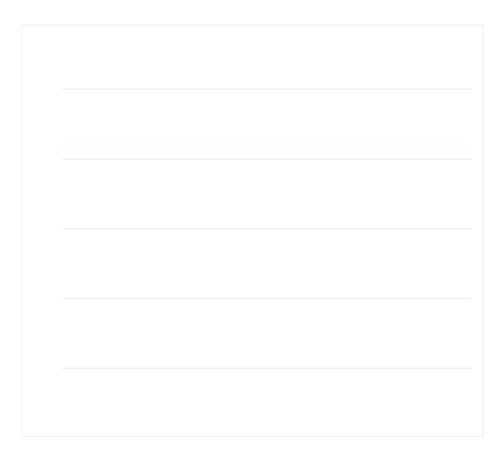




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Growth Incidence Curves For Zambia

• Consumption Growth very weak in rural areas but much stronger in urban areas; partly explaining the slight poverty improvement



Determinants of Household Consumption

- A few variables explain between 60 and 70 percent of household consumption
- Household size is the most important factor with each new member raising consumption but at a declining rate; age and education are also associated with higher consumption
- Large urban-rural differences have provided the incentive for a continued migration from rural to urban areas
- Government workers are the highest paid while agricultural workers earn the least, but their consumption is converging, especially in Zambia



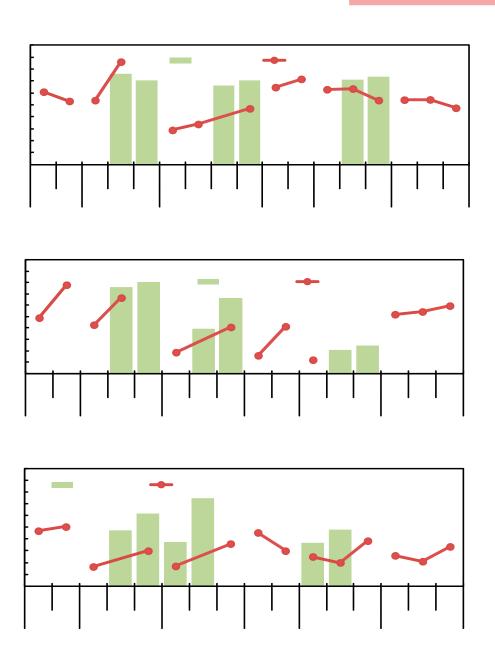
Evolution of Employment

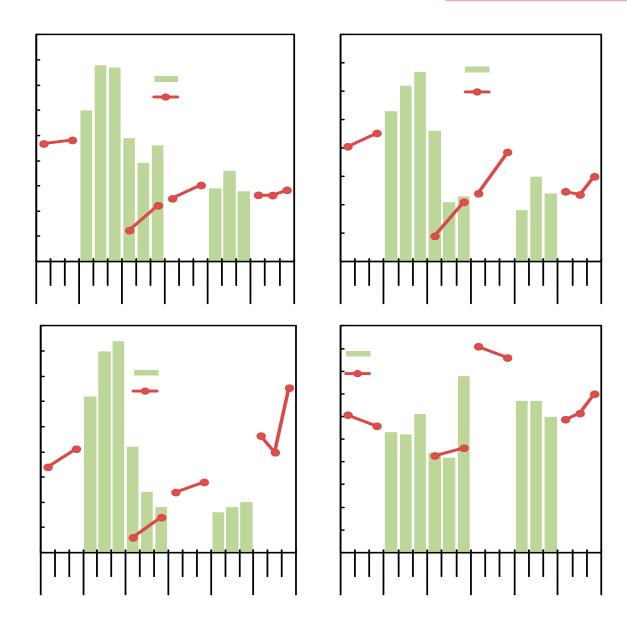
- Significant employment growth based on our definition of all income generating activities
- Agricultural employment growth was strong in a few countries, including Zambia, but did not translate into consumption gains in Zambia, possibly because of weak productivity growth
- Formal sector employment growth weak and lags far behind comparable LICs in Asia

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Asset Ownership and Access to Resources

- Ownership of consumer durables
 - Increased considerably over the past decade
 Ghana and Cameroon have shown the fastest improvement
 - Supports welfare improvement based on consumption growth
- Zambia:
 - 1998-2004: no change
 - 2004-2010: Strong increase
- All countries have shown improvements in access to public resources
 - For Zambia, negligible improvements over the 1998-04 period
 - Access to services (especially piped water, proper sewage and access to a health clinic) has surged since then.

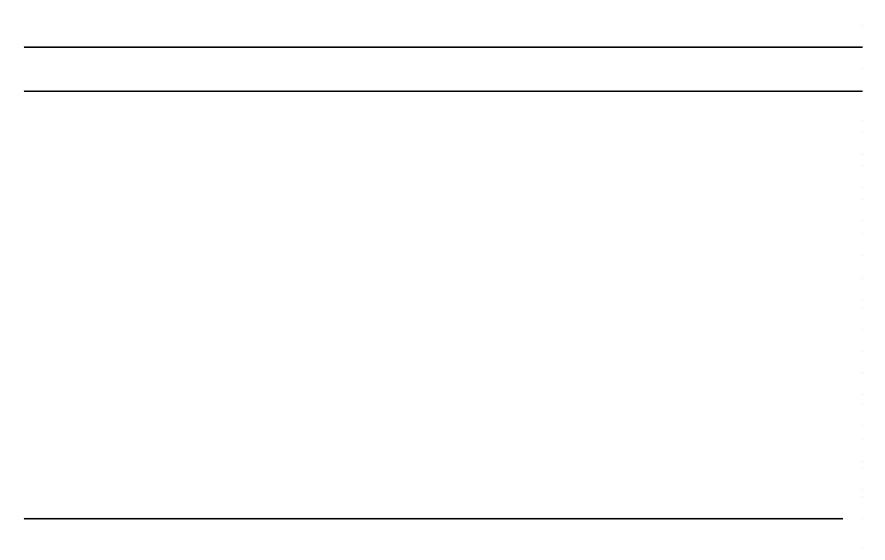




Conclusions

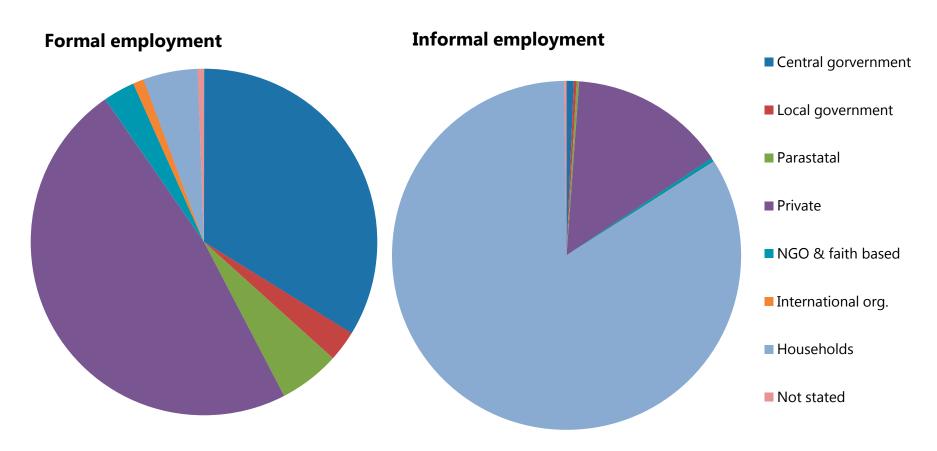
- Zambia has made significant improvement since 2004 in terms of per capita consumption growth, employment growth and access to services
- But has failed to make durable inroads into the very high poverty rate.
- This reflects poor economic performance in rural areas with no change in real consumption growth per capita for the poorest half of the distribution
- Given strong linkages between agricultural growth and poverty reduction, policies to improve agricultural output and productivity will accelerate poverty reduction.

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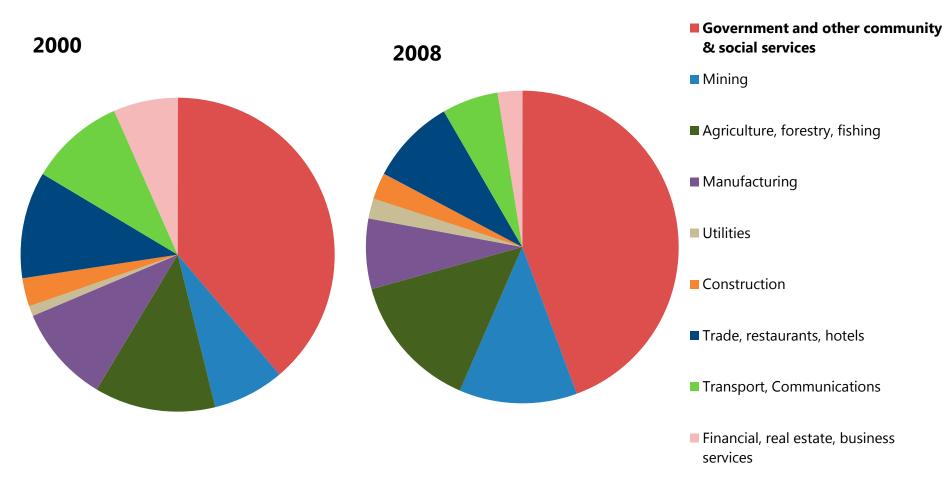


Government and parastatal large share of formal employment



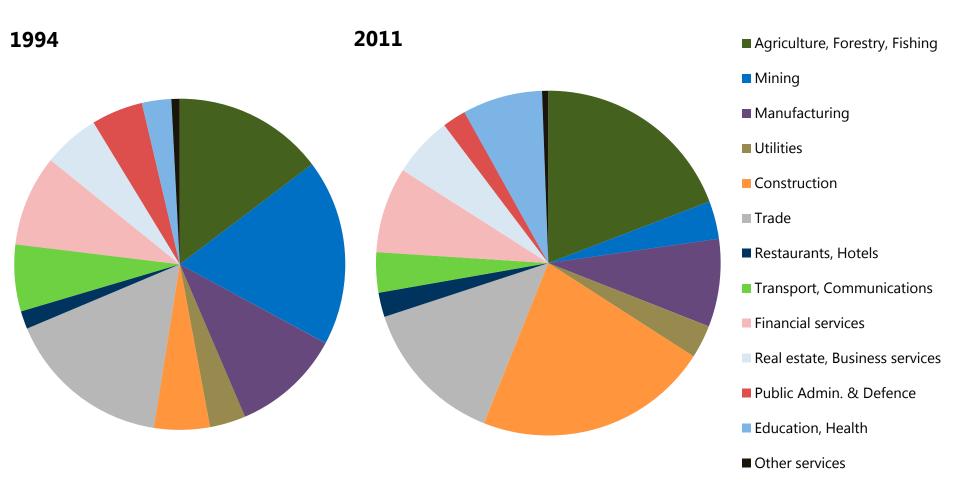
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Mining and Government Increasing Share of Formal Employment



Sources: ILO and Zambia CSO (2008 Labor Force Survey).

Zambia: Distribution of GDP



Source: Zambia Central Statistical Office.