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## Tabetha Kanengoni-Malinga

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**Tabetha Kanengoni-Malinga** is the former Minister of State in Vice President [Phelekezela Mphoko](#)'s office. She was the Deputy Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture. Kanengoni made the headlines in September 2015 for accusing [ZIFA](#) of sabotaging the [Warriors](#).

Tabetha Kanengoni-Malinga



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Born

Tabetha Kanengoni

(1982-08-23) August 23, 1982 (age 36)

[Harare](#)

Nationality

Zimbabwe

Education

University of Cape Town, South Africa

Years active

2008-present

Political party

[Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front](#)

Spouse(s)

Mpehlabayo Malinga

Children

Nandipha, Unathi, Mbali and Thando

Parent(s)

[Elias Kanengoni](#) (father) and Sarah Kanengoni (mother)

## Background

Tabetha Kanengoni-Malinga was born Tabetha Kanengoni on 23 August 1982.<sup>[1]</sup> She is the first born in a

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family of four and she has two sisters and one brother. She is the daughter of the late Deputy Director (Internal) of the [Central Intelligence Organisation](#) (CIO), Elias Kanengoni and Sarah Kanengoni.<sup>[2]</sup> Tabetha is married to Mpehlabayo Malinga, the son of former [Bulawayo](#) mayor and [Zanu-PF](#) member, Joshua Malinga. Tabetha and Mpehlebayo have four children; Nandipha], Unathi, Mbani and Thando.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Education

Kanengoni-Malinga did her primary education at [Riverside Primary School](#) in [Gweru](#) where she became the head girl.<sup>[1]</sup> She studied for her ordinary and advanced level at [Girls High School](#) in [Harare](#). While she was at Girls High School, she was chosen to be Hostel Head and was also the captain of the basketball team. After completing her high school studies, she won a basketball scholarship to America after where she spent sometime before enrolling for a Bachelors degree in Politics and Gender Studies with the University of Cape Town in South Africa in 2005.<sup>[2]</sup> She was also the captain of the basketball team at the University of Cape town.<sup>[1]</sup> She is currently studying for a Masters degree in Strategic Management with [Chinhoyi University of Technology](#).

## Career

Tabetha played basketball for [Zimbabwe](#) before she ventured into politics.<sup>[2]</sup> Kanengoni-Malinga was also the Secretary for Gender and Culture in the Mashonaland Central Zanu-PF youth league from 2008 to 2009 before becoming the Deputy Secretary for Health and Child Welfare for the National Executive of the Zanu-PF youth league, a position she held from 2009 to 2014.<sup>[1]</sup> In 2013 she won the parliamentary seat for [Mazowe](#) Central constituency ahead of [MDC-T](#)'s Shepherd Mushonga and Zivanayi Chiweshe of [MDC](#).<sup>[2]</sup> She was appointed the Deputy Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture in 2013 before being appointed Minister of State in Vice President [Phelekezela Mphoko](#)'s office in September 2015.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Positions Held

- Secretary for External Relations in the [Zanu-PF Women's League](#) (since 2014)
- [Zanu-PF Central Committee](#) Member (2004–Present)

## ZIFA Clash

In September 2015, Kanengoni allegedly accused [ZIFA](#) of sabotaging the [Warriors'](#) 2017 Africa Nations Cup campaign and government's efforts to bring sanity into domestic football.<sup>[4]</sup> She is quoted as having said

*"They really mustn't trivialise the work that the government is trying to do in order to bring up football in Zimbabwe. And it seems they (Zifa) are acting more as saboteurs than contributing to the positive development of the game, so to me Zifa is sabotaging Zimbabwe football and that has to change forthwith. And I'm sure this change is coming very, very soon."<sup>[4]</sup>*

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## Trivia

- She once played basketball for [Zimbabwe](#).
- She is the ambassador for Curves Gym in Borrowdale

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