The 2010 census records over 30 languages spoken in Zambia. English, the country’s official language, is spoken by only about 2% of the population as a first language, but it’s the most commonly used second language, especially by those with higher education levels. The census indicates that Zambia’s most widely spoken languages are Bemba (spoken by 35% of the population), Nyanja or Chewa (20%), Tonga (12%) and Lozi (6%).