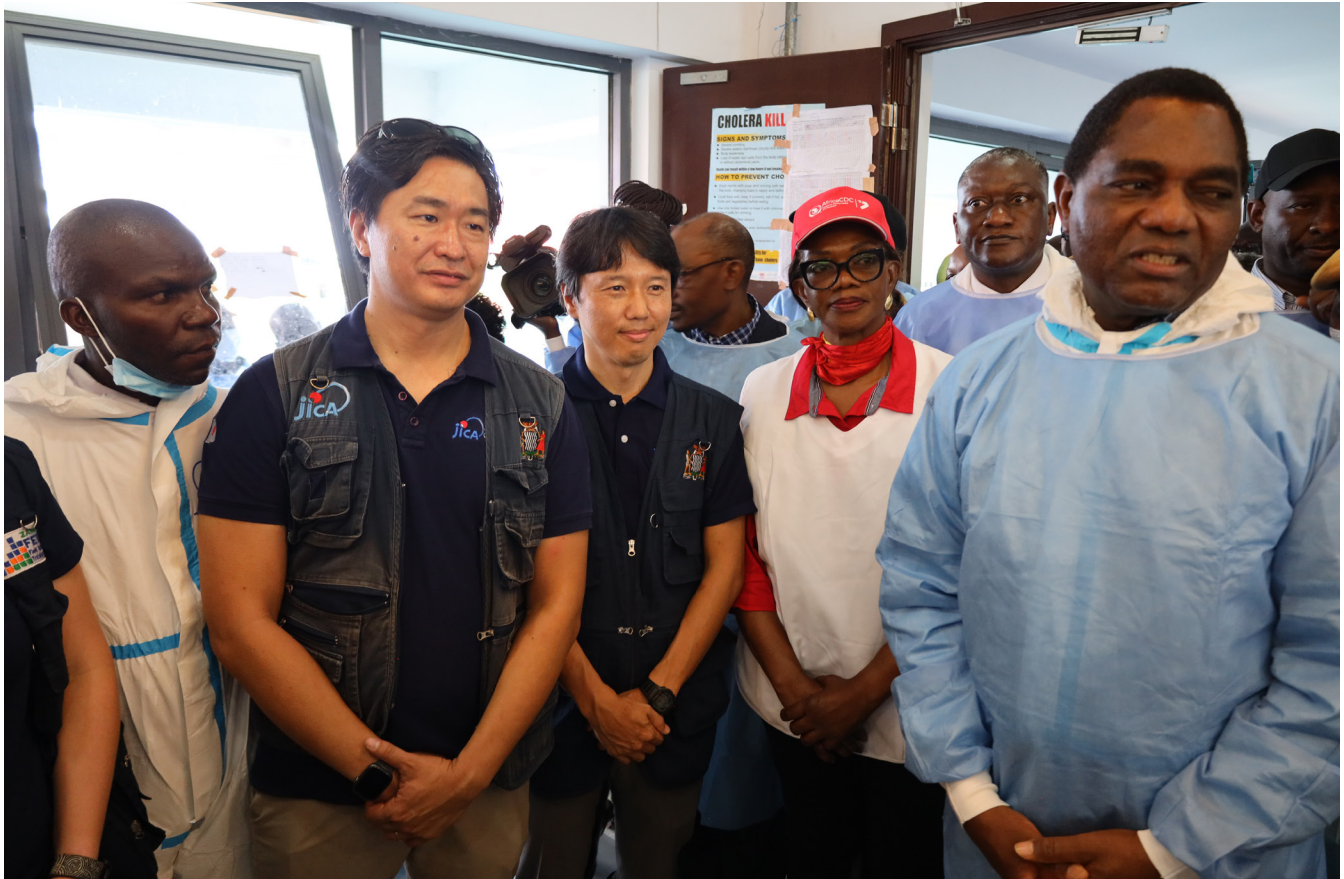


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CASSIOPEIA-BRINGING 5 STAR QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE 5 TARGET HOSPITALS FOR UHC

## JICA - THE PROJECT FOR STRENGTHENING MANAGEMENT CAPACITY OF GENERAL HOSPITALS IN LUSAKA DISTRICT



Dr. Masataro Norizuki - JICA Cassiopeia Project Chief Advisor; Mr. Keita Izumi - JICA Zambia Senior Representative; Ms. Sylvia Masebo - Honorable Minister of Health; Ministry of Health Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Dr. Kennedy Lishimpi with His Excellency, Zambian president Mr. Hakainde Hichilema at the National Cholera Treatment Center at Heroes Stadium on February 4th, 2024.

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## OFFICIAL HANDOVER CEREMONY FOR CHOLERA RELATED ITEMS



*Dr. Sophia Msiska - Clinical Care Specialist (LPHO); Dr. Simulyamana Choonga - Lusaka Provincial Health Director; Mr. Satoshi Ominato - Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan in Zambia and Mr. Izumi Keita - JICA Zambia Senior Representative*

**T**he Charge d'affaires at the Embassy of Japan in Zambia, Mr. Satoshi Ominato paid a courtesy call on the Lusaka Provincial Health Director Dr. Simulyamana Choonga on February 6th, 2024 together with other senior Japanese government officials as well as representatives from the JICA Zambia office. The delegation also included embassy staff and representatives from JICA Headquarters in Tokyo.

The aim of the visit was to underscore the friendly bilateral relationship that exists between Japan and Zambia as well as formally handover medical equipment worth over one point seven million kwacha for use during the cholera outbreak.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Mr. Ominato expressed sorrow at the of over 600 lives lost and reiterated the continued support from the Japanese government in assisting with alleviating the negative effect of cholera on the Zambian people and promised continued technical support through capacity building of health staff and other technical services.

On the other hand, Dr. Choonga expressed his gratitude at the continued support the people of Japan lend to Zambia through the various projects undertaken in the nation. He also called on the Japanese government to extend more support in the form of health infrastructure and thanked the Japanese government on the construction of the Five 1st Level Hospitals in Lusaka which have been in the fore-

front of fighting the cholera outbreak.

Dr. Sophia Taonga Msiska Simpungwe, who is the LPHO Clinical Care Specialist gave her appreciation to the JICA Cassiopeia Project Chief Advisor, Dr. Norizuki for the technical support extended via the project not only to the 1st Level Hospitals, but to the National Treatment Center as well.

Since the cholera outbreak in Lusaka in October 2023, the Japanese government through the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the JICA Cassiopeia Project have been working hand in hand with the Zambian Ministry of Health, the Provincial and District Health Offices to enhance service delivery in the Five 1st Level Hospitals the project works in collaboration with in terms of cholera treatment delivery as well as facilitating in the IPC set up at the National Cholera Treatment Center at Heroes Stadium.

To further the project mandate of enhancing management capacity in the hospitals they work with, the Japanese government through the Cassiopeia Project handed over commodities for use at Heroes Stadium Cholera Treatment Center as well as setting up of CTC signage and zoning of the different departments.

Handed over items ranged from disinfectant sprayers, thermometers, chairs and tables for use by staff, blood pressure monitors, megaphones (for community sensitization) as well as buckets and signage for Oral Rehydration Points placed in various communities across Lusaka province.



*Dr. Nobuyuki Kawachi - Technical Officer, Ms. Hagiwara Yu - JICA Short Term Expert with Dr. Masataro Norizuki project chief advisor preparing for the handover*



*Mr. Satoshi Ominato - Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan in Zambia*



*Dr. Simulyamana Choonga - Lusaka Provincial Health Director*



*Above: Dr. Norizuki setting up items for the handover ceremony*

*Below: JICA HQ and NCGM representatives at the hand over ceremony*





## ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT HIGHLIGHTS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND ZAMBIA

**T**he February 4th visit of by His Excellency, **Zambian President Mr. Hakainde Hichilema at the National Cholera Treatment Center located at the Heroes Stadium in Lusaka highlighted the bilateral and multilateral relationships enjoyed by Zambia and Japan and other cooperating partners.**

Speaking to dignitaries from various Zambian ministries, representatives from multinational organizations and various diplomatic corps, the republican president hailed the great relationships that the nation has with global partners including JICA and the Japanese government.

Representing JICA was Mr. Keita

Izumi, Senior Representative from the JICA Zambia office and Dr. Norizuki Masataro, Chief Advisor for the JICA Cassiopeia Project. The project has been working closely with Five 1st Level Hospitals (Chawama, Chilenje, Chipata, Kanyama and Matero) in the fight against the cholera outbreak. The collaboration had extended to providing technical support to Heroes Stadium which has been designated as the national cholera treatment center.

Mr. Hichilema and Ministry of Health Minister Ms. Sylvia Masebo thanked the Japanese government and JICA for the support they continue to extend to the Zambian people.

During the visit, the president

visited patients who were admitted at the facility as well as interacted with medical and support staff at the center. He also was shown the various equipment provided through support by cooperating partners like JICA.



*Mr. Izumi Keita - JICA Zambia; Dr. Norizuki Masataro - JICA Cassiopeia Project; Dr. Tadaaki Imamura - ZNPHI with Hon. Sylvia Masebo Minister of Health*

## CHIPATA FLH CARRIES OUT 1ST IPC ROUND

**T**he first Infection Prevention Control (IPC) round was successfully carried out by the Infection Control Team (ICT) at Chipata First Level Hospital on February 1st, 2024. The team comprising of **Ms. Nelly Daka - Environmental Health Technician; Ms. Evelyn Tembo – Matron (IPC Nurse) and Dr. Chiza Siame (IPC Doctor) were accompanied by JICA Cassiopeia Project expert - Ms. Michiko Nyanga, project short-term experts – Ms. Hagiwara Yu and Mr. Kanjin Kurobe in conducting the rounds.**

The departments visited were NHIMA, OPD, chest clinic, radiology, casualty, dental, VMMC, old theater and IPD wards where the group were met by IPC champions whom they exchanged views with on the gaps identified by ICT as well as the staff in areas that can be improved upon. The ICT is using a checklist that was developed by the Cassiopeia Project together with the Chilenje FLH ICT for use in the 5 FLHs that the project works with. The checklist is a list of questions which each team member and the departmental IPC champion must answer in terms of adherence to IPC protocols in each department. At the conclusion of the round, the ICT team brainstormed on a possible deadline to carry out other rounds for the remaining departments.



*JICA Cassiopeia experts with the ICT group at Chipata FLH conducting IPC rounds in the NHIMA ward*



*Ms. Michiko Nyanga - JICA Cassiopeia expert at the decontamination corner in the IPD ward*

## CROSS SECTION OF ADMINISTRATORS FROM LUSAKA PROVINCE ATTEND BALANCED SCORE CARD TRAINING UNDER CABINET OFFICE

**F**rom February 5th to the 13th, more than 40 administrators from a cross section of government met in Chongwe to learn and discuss the use and implementation of the Balanced Score Card (BSC).

Under the auspices of JICA Cassiopeia Project, the Management Development Division (MMD) from Cabinet Office conducted the workshop to familiarize officers from different ministries, LPHO as well as various administrators from Chawama, Chilenje, Chipata, Kanyama and Matero FHLs on how BSC works and can be utilized.

The objective of the workshop was to build management capacity in the officers and to train them in how they can

look at situations differently, how they analyze issues that may arise in their work, and how to carry out decision making as well implementation of the policies or decisions. Emphasis was made on how government institutions and departments must assess both internal and external forces that may either hinder or help with the vision and direction of the department or institution. From the assessment, officers should then make decisions based on evidence observed and follow good practices in order to deliver good services to the Zambian people.

At the closing of the training, JICA expert Ms. Michiko Nyanga stated that part of the JICA Cassiopeia Project mandate is to build and enhance management capacity in the FLHs the project collaborates and

works with. She further highlighted on how the workshop was a timely and much needed accompaniment to the work that is being done by the hospitals in terms of using balance score cards in management decision making.



*Attendees of the 7 day workshop conducted at MIKA Convention Center from February 5th to the 13th.*

### COMMUNITY BASED VOLUNTEERS SET UP AND MONITOR ORPS

**U**nder the guidance of Dr. Masahiro Sano of NCGM, community based (health) volunteers (CBV) in Makeni Villa, John Laing and Kanyama compounds set up new Oral Rehydration Points (ORPs) where people can get Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) to avoid severe dehydration due to diarrheal diseases.

The focus is to reach children 5 years and under as they are more susceptible to dehydration at a more rapid pace than adults. The ORPs do not provide all treatment in suspected cholera cases as they

are not manned by medical personnel. The CBV are oriented in biometric data taking as well as identifying for signs of dehydration for those that visit them. Those who present with any type of diarrhea or vomiting are referred (and escorted) to the nearest cholera treatment center.

Also, the CBVs were oriented in chlorinating water to make it safe for drinking as well as for making ORS. Before setting up any ORP station, Dr. Sano would measure the chlorine concentration to check whether or not the water for drinking and making of ORS was safe.

Some source of water did not fall in the safe range of chlorine concentration hence the need to add chlorine to kill the

cholera bacteria.



*Dr. Masahiro Sano measuring free residue chlorine levels in water in Kanyama*

### IPC ROUND CHECKLIST GETS THUMBS UP FROM LPHO & LDHO

**R**epresentatives from LPHO, LDHO, the five first level hospitals JICA Cassiopeia Project works and representatives of the project gathered at the Lusaka Provincial Health Offices to discuss the way forward for conducting Infection Prevention Control (IPC) rounds in all Lusaka district health facilities by crafting a standardized IPC checklist.

The IPC checklist is used by infection prevention teams in the 5 targeted hospitals of Chawama, Chilenje, Chipata,

Kanyama and Matero to evaluate how the various departments at the facilities are adhering to IPC protocols in their work environment as well as personal hygiene of staff.



*Workshop participants during a plenary session*

Based on an IPC checklist developed by the Chilenje FLH Infection Control Team (ICT) in collaboration with JICA Cassiopeia Project, the 40 participants modified and agreed upon a standardized checklist that has already been distributed to district health facilities.

The health facilities ranging from first level hospitals to community health posts now have a chance use the checklist and give feedback to the LDHO on what is working or not working for them in the checklist.

The participants agreed on more workshops to be conducted to improve on the checklist in the future.



## PHOTO FOCUS



Lighthearted moment between Dr. Osuke Komazawa, Senior Director, Human Development Department, JICA HQ with LPHO Director Dr. Simulyamana Choonga



Dr. Sophia Msika - LPHO Clinical Care Specialist opening the IPC training workshop held on February 27th



MDD facilitator helping BSC workshop attendees during group work in Chongwe



Community Based Volunteer asking questions at the setting up of ORPs in John Laing compound



Dr. Norizuki Masataro with health care volunteers at the National Cholera Treatment Center at Heroes Stadium during the president visit on 4th February



Mr. Keita Izumi; Hon. Garry Nkombo - Minister of Local Government & Development listening to President Hakainde Hichilema at Heroes Stadium on February 4th



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