



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



*Picture L-R: Dr Norizuki Masataro - The Project's Chief Advisor; Dr Consity Mwale - LPHD, Ms Frazier Musonda - Lusaka D.PS, Mr Kazuhiko Tokuhashi - JICA Chief Representative, Hon. Sheal Mulyata - Lusaka Province Minister; Mr Elias Kamanga - Lusaka PS, Ms Tae Tanaka - JICA Project formulation Advisor (Health), Mr Mukupa Malama - Program Officer (Water,Health,Environment) and Mr Hara Takashi - Project's Coordinator.*

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**JICA PROJECT CONTINUES COVID-19 4TH WAVE PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL HOSPITALS**

**THE PROJECT EMPLOYS TWO (2) NATIONAL STAFF - COMMUNICATION AND PROJECT ASSISTANT OFFICER**

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The management of the Covid-19 virus has been a challenge for Africa and Zambia has not been spared. This has been due to limited hospital equipment as well as human capital in most of the facilities.



**I**n May 2021, The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) launched a new technical cooperation project - Strengthening Management Capacity of the First Level Hospitals in Lusaka District. The project's purpose is to ensure that capacity of hospital management is strengthened by monitoring and prioritizing issues related to management, infection control (including covid-19), supply and stock control of medical equipment and coordination with DHO, LPHO, MOH and the 5 general hospitals Chawama, Chipata, Chilenje, Kanyama and Matero. In line with the projects goals a donation of 25 Oxygen concentrators were procured

worth ZMW 875,000, with each Oxygen concentrator having the capacity to serve two (2) people. This means that a total of 50 patients could be served in severe cases simultaneously. The Chief Representative JICA Mr. Kazuhiko Tokuhashi presented the concentrators to the Lusaka province minister Hon. Sheal Mulyata on 21st September, 2021. Speaking at the handover ceremony, the Chief representative commended the hospital staff and assured them that JICA will continue to strengthen its partnership with the Ministry of Health and advance development of building resilient health systems.

Meanwhile, the honourable Minister thanked JICA and the People of Japan for their continued support in the health sector and other developmental agenda. She encouraged the hospital staff to ensure that the equipment received is put to good use and guarded jealously as it was a timely gesture that was in line with the New Dawn Administration's strategy against Covid-19.



*Hon. Minister Ms. Sheal Mulyata Speaking at the handover ceremony on September 21st, 2021.*



*The project's Chief Expert Advisor Dr. Norizuki Masataro and the Project Coordinator Mr. Hara Takashi at the handover ceremony.*



*The recruited national staff for the project: Communication Officer Ms. Mutuna Musonda and the Project Assistant Mr. Siangoma Stankuku*



## JICA'S PROJECT FOR STRENGTHENING MANAGEMENT CAPACITY OF THE FIRST LEVEL HOSPITALS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE HOSPITALS WITH COVID-19 4TH WAVE PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

Although the severity of the Covid-19 4th wave is not certain, the project will continue to implement measures like provision of equipment such as Thermo-guns, Pulse Oximeters, screening tents, signage and technical training to the project's targeted hospitals to ensure that they are well prepared to manage it's impact.



*Dr. Norizuki Masataro outside Matero General Hospital's testing tent September 27th, 2021*

### Photo Focus - Matero



**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT**

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