



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



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JAPANESE EXPATS VISIT THE PROJECT'S 5 GENERAL HOSPITALS AND ZAMMSA

The Project for Strengthening Management Capacity of the First Level Hospitals in Lusaka District recently hosted two short-term expats from the National Centre for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM) Japan and Bureau of International Health Cooperation Japan.



L-R: Dr. Kiyohara, Dr. Miyano, Mrs. Sondashi, Mr. Siankuku, Dr. Masataro and Mr. Kazuma

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one third of the world's population does not have regular access to essential medicines and without pharmaceuticals, it is very difficult for healthcare systems to function. Consequently, access to healthcare and essential medicines are increasingly being viewed as a fundamental human right. Additionally, the need for new technology medical equipment in health facilities is essential as it aids healthcare providers in diagnostics and treatment capabilities. As part of the project's overall goal of enhancing hospital management capacity of the first level hospitals, and activity three (3) on its outputs of Supply and Stock Control (Medicines and Medical Equipment Management), the project invited two (2) Japanese experts to assess and provide remedial measures on improving the medicines and medical equipment management. The two

experts paid a courtesy call on the Provincial Health Director Dr. Mwale, toured the 5 hospitals – interacted with the staff, patients and the projects national staff. Dr. Kiyohara, met with Matero and Chawama pharmacists to understand stock management and stock control from the facility side. Together with the project team, a courtesy call was paid on Zambia Medicines and Medical Supplies (ZAMMSA) where a tour was given to the team by the Acting Managing Director Mr. Kazuma and Director Logistics Mrs. Sondashi. This was a very insightful visit for the project as the team continues to investigate and understand the current situation on essential medicines management and the gaps that exist for the project to support in enhancing their management. Subsequently, Dr. Miyano met with the head of MET at Chawama hospital to understand how management of medical equipment is done at the hospital, the challenges

Commenting on the two experts visit, Dr. Mwale said the ministry cannot over emphasize the significance and gratitude towards the works that the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is doing with the Ministry of Health Lusaka Province.



L-R: Visiting Experts Dr. Miyano and Dr. Kiyohara with The Project Chief Advisor Dr. Masataro with The Acting Managing Director ZAMMSA Mr. Chipopa Kazuma



Dr. Miyano interacting with the Assistant Medical Equipment Officer at Chawama



Dr. Kiyohara interacting with Chawama hospital Head of Pharmacy Mr. Sinkonde

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The two components that coordination is identified with are communication and knowledge. Where the most consistent component is communication. In the case of our project communication is viewed as communication among the five institutions that the project works with i.e., the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Lusaka Provincial Health Office (LPHO), District Health Office (DHO) and the five general hospitals (Chawama, Chilenje, Chipata, Kanyama and Matero). Then the second component of coordination is knowledge, this is a very important component for the project hospitals and the all stakeholders. It is against this background that the project has set up satellite offices in the five general hospitals and LPHO office. The purpose of these offices is to make the project's staff accessible to top management for easy information exchange as well as management during the course of the project and after. The satellite offices will serve as 'Idea labs' meant for information exchange and sharing of ideas on how quality management and quality patient care can be enhanced in the project hospitals as well as among the aforementioned stakeholders. The satellite offices are open to all staff and stakeholders who would like to know more about the project and its activities in the general hospitals. The project team is positive that with this move, the project will easily communicate with the facilities and a lot of information will be gathered, that will aid the project in realising its goal and focus for better healthcare services.



One of the Project's 'Idea Labs' at Chipata General Hospital in Lusaka

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