

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



In picture : Japanese Expert - Dr. Rei Haruyama (Bureau of International Health Cooperation, National Center for Global Health and Medicine, JAPAN) at the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Workshop guiding participants from Matero Hospital on an activity

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**THE CHIEF
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PROJECT CONDUCTS FIRST WORKSHOP FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL SPECIALISTS FOR FIVE HOSPITALS, LDHO AND LPHO

In hospitals, the most common complications that affect admitted patients are related to Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs), these cause a heavy burden on patients, their families, a significant cost on the hospitals and more likely to cause post-operative deaths. In its continued collaboration with LPHO and LDHO the Project hosted an IPC workshop for hospital specialists in the 5 general hospitals.



Dr. Chongo and Dr. Norizuki presenting certificates to the hospital’s participants

Standard precautions for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) should be included in every hospital program and for all patients, and the implementation of effective IPC measures can prevent most Hospital Associated Infections (HAIs). Therefore, it is important that the risk of spread of infections in patients and staff in hospitals are minimized by the implementation of good infection control practices. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends at its “Minimum requirements for infection prevention and control programmes” such as hand hygiene, use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the safe use and disposal of sharps, sterilization of reusable medical equipment and instruments, routine clean-up of the surroundings, respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette, aseptic non-touch technique, effective waste management, appropriate handling of linen and vaccination. IPC activities in Zambia should be focused on HAIs including AMR (Antimicrobial resistance) in hospitals.

Infection control is output two (2) for the project and as the project continues to strengthen screening and monitoring systems in the 5 general hospitals, top of its agenda is consistent engagement of the IPC teams hence a strategic workshop recently held at the hotel Le Elementos in Lusaka to bring all hospitals in one meeting and engage. Facilitating the event was a Japanese expert in IPC Dr. Rei Haruyama. In her findings, Dr. Haruyama, highlighted that although some gaps exist, there is very good opportunity for hospitals to take advantage of the project’s strengthening

programmes that have been made available through different experts that bring on board their expertise. Dr. Haruyama was very delighted to note that the programme was a success as the hospitals opened up about the current challenges and their possible solutions in the pipeline.

In a speech read on behalf of the Provincial Health Director by Dr. Chongo – Head of Health Promotions and Environment Social Determinants, the PHD encouraged all the hospitals to enhance on IPC activities if they are to prevent any possible HAI’s that are likely to occur. He further highlighted that in every 20 hospitalized patients there will be one patient that contracts an HAI and these can be prevented and controlled through implementation of simple WASH strategies. The LPHO as a province reaffirmed its support to all the facilities for the implementation of IPC activities in order to achieve ideal environmental hygienic standards. In conclusion the PHD thanked the Japan International Cooperation Agency for the experts who came in the country to support IPC activities at the 5 general hospitals and encouraged IPC teams from hospitals to work towards making the facilities microbes free zones.

Finally, Dr. Nozuki, Chief Advisor for the JICA project, said that, “Through this workshop, a common understanding and agreement of the project’s IPC activities were reached and that the project will continue to work together to strengthen the hospital IPC program in Zambia with the IPC teams of the five facilities and the LDHO and LPHO, as it was done in the workshop”.



Chipta General Hospital IPC team at the recently held IPC workshop at the hotel Le Elementos in Lusaka



LPHO and LDHO team at the recently held IPC workshop at the hotel Le Elementos in Lusaka



Chawama General Hospital IPC team at the recently held IPC workshop at the hotel Le Elementos in Lusaka



Chilenje Hospital’s IPC specialists Ms. Lidia presenting the teams activity at the workshop

PROJECT SHORT TERM EXPERTS HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC) INSPECT ACTIVITIES AT MATERO GENERAL HOSPITAL

Since its inception the project has been hosting a number of experts in different fields in relation with the project's outputs hospital management by monitoring and prioritization of issues and take measures, Infection control (including Covid-19), supply and medical equipment management and lastly coordination of LDHO, LPHO, MOH and the 5 general hospitals. In February 2022, the project hosted Dr. Rei Haruyama an expert in Infection Prevention and Control and Dr. Yokobori who is an expert in hospital management. The two experts were in the country to support the project's activities and analyse the current structures, processes and gaps in hospital management and a check on IPC activities and how the project can strengthen their capacity. In order to efficiently do this the two experts visited Matero hospital where they interacted with Mr Kankoloto an IPC specialist. The two experts were shown around the hospital and made aware of the current IPC programmes in that facility as well as the current gaps that exist. Based on visits of a similar nature from different Japanese experts, the project draws its recommendations of programmes that can be implemented to strengthen their capacity.



Dr. Yokobori, Dr. Haruyama and Dr Norizuki with the IPC Specialist Matero Hospital Mr. Ezeckiel Kankoloto checking IPC activities at Matero General Hospital

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