



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



*Delegation from the Japanese and Zambian side during the handover ceremony of medical equipment at Chawama Hospital in Lusaka on 3rd May 2022*

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The first provision of medical equipment to the 5 target hospitals by the project started in 2021 July and September respectively. These donations were both procured at a cost of ZMW 1.4 million mainly for Covid-19 emergency response. As you may be aware the provision of medical equipment is on item 3 of the project’s activities – Medical Equipment Maintenance and Management. The aim of the project in the provision of medical equipment is to ensure that quality of care and treatment is strengthened and Universal Health Coverage attained.



Prof. Kasonka delivering a speech on behalf of the Hon. Minister Health Ms. Sylvia Masebo

**I**n addition to ZMW 1.4 million medical equipment, the project procured the ZMW 10 million essential medical equipment which took the project five (5) months to process.

This was because each and every single item on the procurement list had to be done in consultation with the Biomedical engineers and Medical Superintendents from each of the 5 general hospitals, the head of Medical Equipment at LPHO and brought to the attention of the Provincial Health Director Lusaka Province. However, due to COVID-19, there were challenges in importing most of the medical equipment. The project took into account delivery period, quality of the product’s specs as well as availability of spares for all products in the event that the product needed repairing. After a successful procurement the project started the distribution process to each hospital as the medical equipment arrived in the country through various contracted suppliers. For equipment that needed user training, the project provided medical equipment engineers to orient the facility staff on usage and maintenance of the equipment. The project can confirm that all equipment that was procured for the facilities was delivered and in some facilities are already in use. In light of the above on 3rd May 2022, an official handover ceremony of medical equipment was conducted at one of the target hospitals - Chawama General Hospital. The ceremony was a very colorful event with cultural dances by a local dance troop who entertained the guests from morning to early afternoon. Official dignitaries graced the event - the Chief Representative JICA

Zambia Mr. Yonebayashi, Counsellor Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of Japan Mr. Ominato, Medical Attache Dr. Osonoi, the Provincial Health Director Dr. Mwale, the Chief Expert Advisor Dr. Norizuki, all 5 Medical Superintendents from the 5 hospitals, Hospital Administrators, Nursing Officers, LPHO officials, JICA Health team, Area ward councilors, the press and representing the guest of honor Hon. Masebo was the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health Technical Services Prof. Kasonka. Handing over the equipment, JICA Zambia Chief Representative Mr. Yonebayashi said that Health Capital Development is very essential for national development and JICA Zambia is committed to ensuring that quality health care is achieved through the hospital management project. He added that the equipment being handed over was a true reflection of the needs of the hospital on the ground. While the Counsellor Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of Japan Mr. Ominato, said that the equipment donated enables the hospitals to serve the people effectively. I expect that the Zambian side will maintain these essential machines and devices in good working condition, he said. In addition, Mr. Ominato reassured the Zambian people that the relationship between Zambian people and Japan in the health care sector will continue deepening. Receiving the equipment on behalf of the Ministry of Health Zambia, Prof. Kasonka said the continuous improvement of quality of care at the hospitals strengthens the ministry’s referral system, reduce congestion and equitable human and social economic development.



Cultural group entertains guests at the handover event at Chawama Hospital



Mr. Norihito Yonebayashi JICA Zambia Chief Representative speaking at the handover ceremony



Dr. Norizuki explain Dr Osonoi, Medical Attache Embassy of Japan, the picture display of medical equipment at the project stand during the handover ceremony



Dr. Masataro NORIZUKI takes an interview with ZANIS (Zambia News and Information Services)

## PROJECT TEAM PAYS COURTESY CALL TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH P.S PROF. KASONKA

The project team lead by the Project Manager Lusaka Provincial Health Director Dr. Consity Mwale and the Project Chief Advisor Dr. Masataro NORIZUKI paid a courtesy call to the Permanent Secretary Technical Services Professor Lackson Kasonka Ministry of Health Zambia as Project Director on 27th April 2022. The meeting started with a presentation of the projects' goals and activities by the Project Chief Expert Advisor to bring the PS to speed on what has been obtaining on the ground.

Prof. Kasonka was happy with the set goals and activities stating that this opened his mind. He added that the issues highlighted in the project's pillars were exactly what he experienced when he was previously a director at the University Teaching Hospital. "I can see that most of the issues outlined can be directly dealt with and I acknowledge that some staff may appear disjointed but they need to know that it's a job and medical practice is a totally different job that requires high levels of commitment". The professor further highlighted how leaders in facilities constantly need to get people around the table and to communicate the vision. As project Director he was happy that most of the work of the project planning had been done and he would ensure that the project is a success and implementation had already started for the Joint Coordination Committee meeting on 10th June, 2022.



*Project team meets the Project Director Prof. Kasonka MOH P.S Technical Services at his office*



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### Installation of Operating Light at Matero General Hospital theatre