



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



Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting participants after successfully hosting the first JCC for the Project at the Taj Pamodzi hotel in Lusaka

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PROJECT**

**JICA HQ DIRECTOR
HEALTH TOURS THE
5 TARGET HOSPITALS
IN PROJECT SITE**

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JICA ZAMBIA CHIEF
REPRESENTATIVE
VISITS KANYAMA
GENERAL HOSPITAL**



THE FIRST JOINT COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED

The 1st Joint Coordination Committee meeting (JCC) was held for JICA’s technical corporation Project for Strengthening Management Capacity of the First Level Hospitals in Lusaka District on 10th June, 2022 at the Pamodzi hotel in Lusaka. The meeting was aimed at strengthening coordination among the stakeholders on project - the 5 target hospitals, Lusaka Provincial Health Office, Lusaka District Office and the Ministry of Health.



Professor Kasonka and Mr. Yonebayashi at the JCC meeting in Lusaka

The JCC meeting was chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Professor Lackson Kasonka who is also the Project’s Director. Other members in attendance were the Director for Health from JICA headquarters Dr. Ono, JICA Zambia Chief Representative Mr. Yonebayashi, the Lusaka Provincial Health Director Dr. Consity Mwale who is also the Project’s Manager, Lusaka District Health Director Dr. Mkandawire, senior members of LPHO staff, JICA headquarter visiting staff, the project team, the five Medical Superintendents from the target hospitals and JICA Zambia staff. In his remarks, the Project Dir. Prof. Kasonka said that the ‘New Dawn’ government was committed to ensuring that quality care is attained by enhancing leadership capabilities. The PS went on to say that JICA’s partnership is extremely important as it reinforces health systems, infrastructure and technical cooperation between the two governments by making tremendous strides in strengthening management capacity of the 5 general hospitals. He said it was exciting to note that the Project will be enhancing staff performance to improve output and by complimenting government goals through provision of medical equipment, infection and prevention control and 5S activity through the Kaizen Institute of Zambia (KiZ) and enhanced Zambia Inventory Control System (eZICS), Universal Health

Coverage (UHC) will be attained. While the JICA Zambia Chief Representative added that Japanese assistance looks at a more holistic approach from physical to technical aspects. Mr. Yonebayashi said that he was very happy with the feedback received on the ground from the people that use the facilities and the health professionals. He added that the outcome of the support might not be instant but the benefits are very beneficial in achieving Universal Health Coverage. The meeting proceeded with a one-year report from the Project Chief Advisor Dr. Norizuki, revised activity presentations from Mr. Peter Muleya, Dr. Chongo and Dr. Sophia Msiska, while Dr. Mwale presented the motion to have the project name changed from “The Project for Strengthening Management Capacity of 1st Level Hospitals in Lusaka District” to “The Project for Strengthening Management Capacity of General Hospitals in Lusaka District” with an abbreviation of CASSIOPEIA Project. This motion was approved and was yet to be approved by the Japanese foreign affairs as presented by Dr. Ono. Other items brought to the table were the issue of the many existing inventory management systems and the way forward on improving staff’s efficiency. In closing Dr. Ono said that the existing partnership between Zambia and Japan was very long term and she was very happy with the progress made so far. She added that LPHO, LDHO and MOH will have to put in significant effort to ensure success of the Project.



Dr. Musonda MS Chilenje hospital and Dr. Chanda MS Chawama hospital



Dr. Norizuki introducing Mr. Peter Muleya to Dr. Ono



Mr. Yonebayashi and Dr. Ono share a light moment before JCC meeting



Ms. Ogawa and Ms. Kaneko at the JCC meeting in Lusaka

JICA HQ LEAD DIVISION TEAM VISITS 5 HOSPITALS IN PROJECT SITE

The JICA headquarter director for Health Dr. Ono, toured the five target hospitals in Lusaka District on Saturday 11th June and Monday 13th June 2022. The director was accompanied by the project staff, the Programme Officer JICA headquarter Ms. Ogawa and Ms. Kaneko. The purpose of her tour was to appreciate the implementation of JICA's projects, see areas of need and interact with the end users of the facilities. The team interacted with the Medical Superintendents from Chawama, Chipata Chilenje and Kanyama general hospitals. They briefed the team on how the facilities used to operate before the upgrade and the numbers that they served. The shared message from all the MS's was that JICA's support is very holistic and the communities being served by the 5 target hospitals were very appreciative of this assistance. Dr. Ono was happy to be in Zambia and witness the works that have been put in through Japanese assistance. As an overseer of 40 other countries in Africa, she commended the Zambian government for the continued support of this cooperation between the two countries.



Chilenje Hospital staff lead the visiting JICA Director of Health Dr. Ono and team during a tour at the facility



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