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Editors Note

Dear CIDRZ Family,

This past quarter was filled with excitement and celebrations as we honored CIDRZ 20 years of work to support the Government of the Republic of Zambia. We hope you have all participated in the online CIDRZ Heroes competition sharing with the world the impressive work CIDRZ is doing in our communities. Throughout this year ongoing activities are planned to celebrate all of our achievements with our CIDRZ Family and the world.

There were so many other exciting activities that took place as well this quarter, including the launch of CHEKUP I, and we invite you to take some time to read about all the impressive work we accomplished in the next few pages!

Keep up the good work!

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Feeling Distressed Anxious and in a state of Despair?

Sometimes CIDRZ jobs may be quiet stressful because we are striving every day to help out someone out there in the community or office. This often leaves us feeling deeply empty, distressed, anxious and sometimes in a state despair more especially if this pressure begins to affect our work performance of which it has the potential to do so.

If you have such feelings and identify yourself with such, you have tried to Manage and think you are failing to cope, you have two options at your disposal as stated below;

- ❖ Reach out to your supervisor and discuss with your supervisor your exact

feelings. If your supervisor deems it fit, they will contact HR for further assistance.

- ❖ Secondly, you may reach out to HR directly by contacting either Hastings Shantanga or myself.

The HR team, working in collaboration with the Mental Health team, shall avail you an appropriate Psychologist to walk with you hand-held off your situation.

Please note that our interest is to ensure you are back on your feet and you are able to perform better.



CIDRZ supports MOH with ICT equipment worth over ZMW18million

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) with support from US President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has over the last few years donated over ZMW 18million in Tablets, computers, and ICT support.

CIDRZ Director for PROUD-Z and Strategic Information, Dr Thea Savory revealed this at the handover ceremony of the remaining assorted items amounting to eighty-five thousand, five hundred and six kwacha

(ZMW85,506) and seven hundred and three dollars, forty-five cents (USD703.45) that shall be used in health facilities.

The donated ICT equipment included 99 tablets, 405 CPU's, 517 Laptops, 464 Monitors and 97 printers that are already in facilities, ensuring health facilities are able to implement real time data entry in the electronic Health Records System SmartCare.

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CIDRZ Supports the National HIV Differentiated Service Delivery TOT

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) supported the Ministry of Health (MoH) to conduct the first National Differentiated Service Delivery Strategic Initiative (DSD SI) training, for the Trainer of Trainers (TOT) through funding from the Global Fund.

The DSD Strategic Initiative aims to increase the proportion of men who know their HIV status and retain men living with HIV on treatment, through specific DSD models targeted at men. The training which serves as a cornerstone for the successful implementation of the DSD SI provides a strong foundation for provincial teams to implement DSD models according to

national guidance.

Through this training, capacity has been built in 5 Provinces namely, Southern, Lusaka, Muchinga, Copperbelt, and North-Western provinces. The training had 34 participants (20 health care workers from provincial health offices, 14 participants from partner organisations and civil society).

Four (4) participants were drawn from each participating province, consisting of Provincial HIV program lead, Strategic Information Officers, Supply chain focal point persons and Community focal point person.

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CIDRZ VMMC Team Supports LPHO Soccer Gala in Luangwa District

To reduce the incidence of HIV in Zambia, the Ministry of Health with its cooperating partners are implementing several interventions to help increase awareness and establishing environments conducive for the rapid scale-up of male circumcisions to 1,985,083. Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) therefore, remains happy to support and continues to provide the necessary technical assistance to help meet the VMMC targets in Zambia.

With support from CIDRZ, Lusaka Provincial Health Office (LPHO) organised a soccer gala in Luangwa District of Lusaka Province as part of their planned series of aggressive demand creation activities to reach the Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) key age bracket (15-29 years). The objective of the Soccer gala was to bring members of the community together and offer them services which included VMMC

and HIV Testing Services (HTS).

VMMC remains part of the comprehensive HIV prevention interventions and helps reduce transmission by 60%, for male partners. [Read more.....](#)



USAID Controlling HIV Epidemic for Key and Underserved Populations Project (CHEKUP I Project) Launched in Livingstone District



Livingstone District is now the latest beneficiary of the health interventions aimed at improving health outcomes of Zambians by preventing new infections among priority and key populations most at risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.

With support from PEPFAR through USAID, CIDRZ shall work with other implementing partners including PACT and YWCA to provide;

- *Social Asset building,*
- *Parenting program,*
- *Family Planning,*
- *Post G.B.V Care (referral),*
- *Economic Strengthening Programs,*
- *HIV Testing and Prevention*
- *PrEP & Referral for ART,*
- *Condom Distribution,*
- *Mental Health and Educational Support.*

The CHECK-I project is a five-year USAID-funded project that CIDRZ is implementing in nine districts across the Copperbelt, Lusaka, Southern, and North-Western provinces. Ndola, Kitwe, Mufulira, Chingola, Lusaka, Livingstone, Luanshya, Chililambombwe, and Solwezi are among the districts where the project is being undertaken.

The program's purpose is to enhance Zambians' health by preventing new HIV infections in priority and critical populations, such as teenage girls and young women, adolescent boys and young men, individuals living with HIV, mobile populations, discordant couples, and key populations.

Mrs Rosemary Masaku, Provincial AIDS Coordination Advisor, Southern Province, said the Ministry of Health is grateful to the US Government for their continuous support in the battle against HIV in Zambia in her official launch speech.



She reaffirmed the government's commitment to collaborate with the US government and other stakeholders through relevant government ministries in order to address and improve all Zambians' health.

Mrs. Rosemary Masaku complimented CIDRZ on its 20-years of leadership in providing public health services in partnership with GRZ, and promised them of the government's support and collaboration as they implement this new program.

Meanwhile, Ms Arlene Phiri, USAID Zambia's HIV Prevention Advisor, expressed gratitude to the Zambian government for continuing to assist USAID Zambia and its partners. She stated that helping the people of Zambia would be difficult without it, as USAID exists to assist the government, and close partnership is essential.

She stated that the large number of stakeholders present at the launch demonstrated that the project had been well-received in the province, and that partners were ready to work together during its implementation.

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CIDRZ CEO among the first beneficiaries of the AU/Africa CDC Kofi Annan Foundation Fellowship



CIDRZ Chief Executive Officer, Dr Izukanji Sikazwe was among 20 fellows from 14 African countries to participate in the in-person training of the inaugural cohort of the 2021-2022 Kofi Annan Global Health Africa Union/Africa CDC – Leadership Fellows Program.

The African Union Commission launched the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) – Kofi Annan Global Health Leadership Programme on 25 May 2020 in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation, following its approval by the Governing Board of Africa CDC in March 2018. The aim is to support aspirational Public Health Leaders (Fellows) from Africa

in acquiring advanced skills and competencies to strategize, manage and lead public health programmes that will transform public health in Africa.

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CIDRZ Upgrades Antigen – Specific Assay Detection

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), with support from the MRC-funded transnational collaborative project “Human challenge with live-attenuated rotavirus to help find next-generation rotavirus vaccines in Africa” in collaboration with Professor Nicholas Grassly from the Imperial Collage in London has set up an Antigen-Specific ELISpot assay which will be used to examine boosting of mucosal immunity by a candidate parenteral vaccine currently in clinical trials.

This program is being spearheaded by the CIDRZ Enteric Diseases and Vaccine Research Unit (EDVRU) with technical assistance from two visiting scientists from the Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology Institute, Nice, France, Drs, Emmauela Martinuzzi and Nicolas

Glaichenhaus.

What you need to know about the Antigen-Specific ELISpot Assay

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CIDRZ and ZPSA sign MoU

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded project Tuberculosis Local Organisations Network (TBLON), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Zambia Private Sector Alliance (ZPSA) to enhance TB sensitization and workplace screening.

The partnership will assist CIDRZ, and the Ministry of Health (MOH) to have easy access and carryout TB sensitization for people working in member companies affiliated to ZPSA. The MOU outlines the Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) to which the partnership will adhere to, this also includes the provision for the establishment of a TB workplace policy for ZPSA affiliate companies. [Click to Read more.....](#)



CIDRZ Provides Chongwe District Hospital Men's Clinic with a 40 inch LED TV

The Center for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) through the Men's Clinic program handed over a 40 Inch LED TV to Chongwe District Hospital. In handing over the TV, CIDRZ Coordinator – Community Posts & Men's Clinic Initiatives, Dr. James Zulu said with the raise in in numbers for men accessing the facility, the screen will be used in the waiting room to disseminate Health information to men waiting to be attended to and this is

important as many men will be able to be sensitized on issues affecting their health. "This 40inch TV was procured in the last year from the CIDRZ Achieve project with financial Support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)" said Dr Zulu.

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CIDRZ Equips Levy Mwanawasa Medical University Teaching Hospital

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded ACHIEVE program, now Proud-Z donated equipment worth over ZMW 930,000.00 to Levy Mwanawasa Medical University Teaching Hospital.

Donated items include six (06) Oxygen Concentrators 2D -LPM complete with installation, three (03) Oxygen Regulator Flowmeter Gauges, three (03) Oxygen Regulator High-flow wall mounted flowmeter

Gauges, and thirty-two (32) Suction machines all valued at ZMW 933,507.00.

And speaking on behalf of CIDRZ Board and Management during the handover ceremony held at Levy Mwanawasa Medical Teaching Hospital, Dr Mwanza Wa Mwanza who is the Director – Clinical Care Services at CIDRZ thanked the institution for the continued services it is rendering to the Zambian people and for acknowledging receipt of the supplies.

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PICTURE FOCUS – CIDRZ@20 Cocktail



EVENTS FOR THE 2ND QUARTER IN PICTURE



A Round Table Discussion on COVID-19 vaccines



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
A Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) researchers meeting with representation from MOH, ZNPHI, UNZA and other Research Institutions

PICTURE FOCUS – World TB Day



ICT Corner

“Safety and Security tips”

Ms. Angela Nkole Phiri

Planning Resource Management
Analyst/Technical Support Specialist

As part of operational efficiency CIDRZ has on many occasions distributed laptops (portable computer) to its employees. These laptops are considered CIDRZ property thus care is of prime importance in the way one looks after the laptop as well as uses it. However, it has been noticed with grave concern by the ICT department rising reports of laptops getting stolen. Kindly note that:

- 1. It is a cost to the organization when a laptop is lost.**
- 2. It's a cost on the project since it affects deliverables**
- 3. Depending on circumstances and once negligence is established, you will be required to pay for the laptop.**

It is with this concern that we advise ALL laptop users to follow some of the basic rules below for safety and security purposes

➤ **ALWAYS** ensure that your project procures or assigns you a laptop lock when getting a laptop whether new or old. This is used to secure the laptop to your desk or some immovable item.

- **NEVER** leave your laptop in the vehicle when you make a stopover at either a shop or any other place.
- **NEVER** put the laptop in the boot of the vehicle.
- **NEVER** leave your laptop at home if you feel that you are likely to be away from home for days. You could always bring it to the ICT department for safe keeping or lock it up in your office drawers.
- **NEVER** reassign the laptop to a colleague without ICT authorization.
- **NEVER** leave the laptop in the living room or any other room when going to sleep, safely lock it up in your bedroom.
- If you use public transport, **NEVER** leave the laptop unattended.
- If you are traveling to other countries, **NEVER** leave the laptop unattended.
- If you are attending a seminar, workshop, or training, **NEVER** leave the laptop unattended.
- **NEVER** give a CIDRZ laptop to friends or relatives for use, otherwise safety as well as security is compromised.



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I would like to sincerely appreciate the organization for according me the opportunity to serve for two decades, with the great team that has helped me grow and make a great difference in people's lives through health care delivery.

Willibrod Mukuka
Driver



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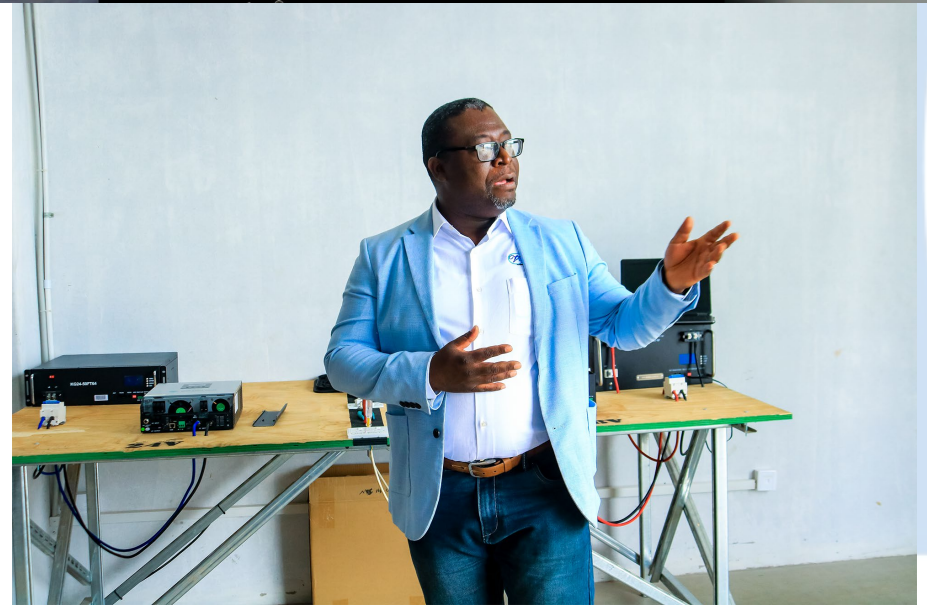
On the 5th of March 2022, the Open Range powered VenYou Solar solutions was launched at the Salama Park warehouse in Lusaka.

Venyou Zambia specialises in supply and installation of small, medium, and large-scale solar back-up and hybrid systems. These solutions will enable our local people to buy solar panels, batteries, inverters Solar Energy, power-back-up systems, and

power protection equipment from their doorsteps without having the trouble of ordering the equipment outside Zambia.

Customers in Zambia shall benefit from client staff Training, Logistics & materials handling, Specialised container solutions from 2.4KW to 120KW “Plug & Play” systems including Solar Supply chain management solutions..

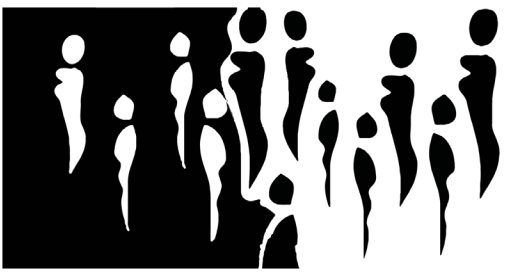
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I am happy to be a part of CIDRZ projects such as HEART /HILO/ACHIEVE that have made massive contributions to the people of Zambia through health service delivery. I continue to work hard in adding value to the CIDRZ story and I appreciate all who have been with me during my journey.

Anthony Willombe
Accountant





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Our Vision

A Zambia, and a region, in which all people have access to quality healthcare and enjoy the best possible health.

Our Mission

To improve access to quality healthcare in Zambia through innovative capacity development, exceptional implementation science and research, and impactful and sustainable public health programmes

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