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Editors Note

Dear CIDRZ Family,

Thank you for taking time to read through this quarter's newsletter presenting some highlights of CIDRZ activities in the 3rd quarter of the 2021-2022 financial year. In this issue we celebrate our employees for their dedication and contribution to the fulfilment of our vision and mission of ensuring access to quality healthcare. Our participation in the national labour day commemoration and the internal celebrations held country wide exemplifies our gratitude towards our employees.

Remember to share the document with your contacts and continue inviting your connections to follow our social media pages.

Happy reading!!!

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UPCLOSE WITH CEO



Dr. Izukanji Sikazwe
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“Catch up” with Dr. Izukanji Sikazwe’s radio feature on the RED HOT Breakfast Show on **HOT FM Radio (87.7 FM)**

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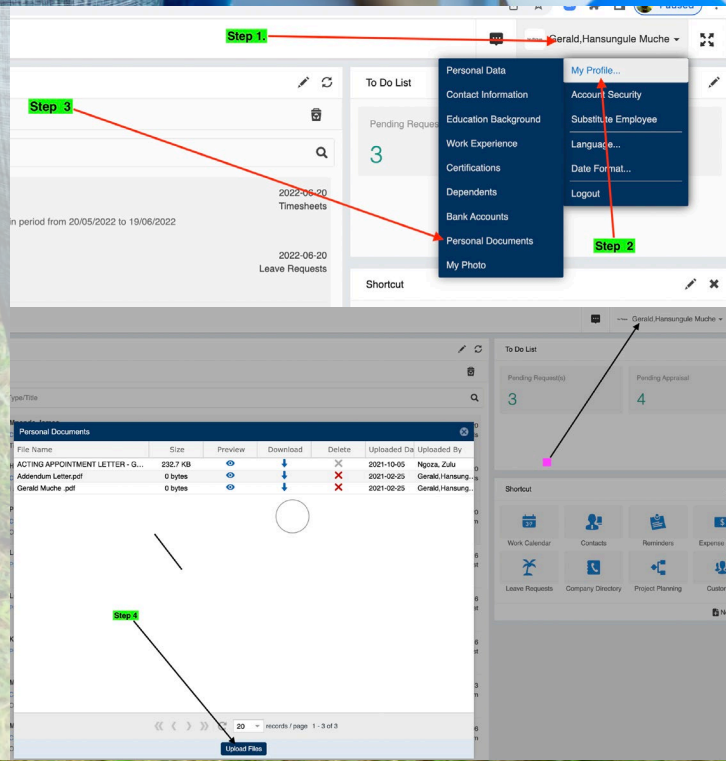
Acting Director Human Resources

Now you can upload personal documents in the PSA HR system

Did you know that you can upload your personal documents such as, **Children's Birth records, Marriage Certificate, COVID Vaccine Certificate and Academic or professional Certificates, and NHIMA Medical applications** on to your personal record in the PSA HR System.

Just follow the 4 steps in the screen shots.

Once you have uploaded them HR will be notified for approval. In case it is an application for processing like NHIMA, then just send an email to HR@cidrz.org and someone in HR will extract it for further handling.



The screenshots illustrate the process of uploading personal documents in the PSA HR system:

- Step 1:** Shows the user's profile menu with 'Personal Documents' highlighted.
- Step 2:** Shows the 'Personal Documents' upload interface with a file selection button.
- Step 3:** Shows a table of uploaded documents with columns for File Name, Size, Preview, Download, Delete, and Uploaded Date.
- Step 4:** Shows the 'Personal Documents' page with a list of documents and a 'Expand Filter' button.

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Tuesday, 28 June 2022

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Prescription of Spectacles to National Health Insurance Scheme Members

Starting Friday, 1 July 2022

Reference is made to the above subject matter.

Pursuant to section 5 of the National Health Insurance (NHI) Act No. 2 of 2018, the National Health Insurance Management Authority (NHIMA) is mandated to implement, operate and manage the NHI scheme. This includes developing guidelines, processes, and manuals for the effective implementation and management of the scheme.

To ensure the provision of quality health services to our members, a new patient flow has been developed that restricts the issuing of prescriptions for spectacles to accredited NHIMA Public and Private hospitals and clinics ONLY. Below are the steps our scheme members are supposed to follow:

1. Get a prescription from a NHIMA accredited eye / optical hospital/clinic after diagnosis
2. Present the prescription to the accredited optician
3. Optician will verify the prescription and send it to NHIMA for pre-authorization
4. Pre-authorization will be given by NHIMA to the optician within 48 hours
5. Client then collects spectacles from the prescribing facility within 28 days

All members are therefore notified that with effect from Friday 1st July 2022, prescription of spectacles shall be restricted to Public and Private Hospitals / Clinic only. Therefore, this means that it will now be a mandatory requirement for a scheme member to first get a prescription from a NHIMA accredited public and private hospital/clinic that will present to a NHIMA accredited optician so that the optician can request pre-authorization to issue spectacles from NHIMA.

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CIDRZ donates medicines and medical supplies worth over ZMW 7million to MoH through the USAID TBLON Project

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) has donated assorted medical accessories amounting to seven million, four hundred seventy-nine, five hundred sixty-nine kwacha (K7,479,569) to the Ministry of Health (MOH) through Zambia Medicines and Medical Supplies Agency (ZAMMSA).

CIDRZ Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO), Mr. Emmanuel Qua- Enoo, said the donation was made possible through funding from the United States Agency for

International Development (USAID) under the CIDRZ Tuberculosis Local Organisations Network (TBLON) project.

Mr. Qua- Enoo added that over the last 3 years USAID, through CIDRZ, has awarded 10 million dollars to support the MOH in implementing the TB Programs in Lusaka and Southern Province, of which \$3.9 million has been used to support the Ministry of Health's country-wide COVID-19 response.

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CIDRZ hands over the first ever Zambia National Non-Communicable Diseases and Injuries (NCDIs) Poverty Commission Report to MoH

The Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) has launched the first Zambia National Non-Communicable Diseases and Injuries -NCDIs- Poverty Commission Report.

MoH Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Prof. Lackson Kasonka, said there is need to acknowledge that the national burden of Non-Communicable Diseases and Injuries (NCDIs) is a major health concern, and a huge strain on the health care system and the national economy.

“The NCDIs are fast replacing infectious diseases and under nutrition as leading causes of disability and premature death in developing countries. NCDIs kill around 38 million people every year, accounting for 68% of all deaths worldwide and causing half of all global disability. Low and middle-income countries (LMICs) like Zambia are hit the hardest, with over three-quarters of all deaths occurring in these countries.” Said Prof. Kasonka.

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ZTA TRAINS CIDRZ SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN ‘THERAPEUTIC ART’

The Zambia Therapeutic Art (ZTA) has trained 12 health care workers in therapeutic art as a tool to use to address trauma experienced by adolescents living with HIV in the government health facilities supported by the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ).

The 12 that were trained include three adolescent focal point nurses and nine adolescent peer educators from three government health facilities including Matero level 1 hospital, Chawama level 1 hospital and George rural health centre.

The 4-day ZTA children and young people’s course is a novel approach that combines the use of a supporting and non-judgmental environment using clay, paper, paint, pencil etc. to enable children and adolescents to express their thoughts and feelings; and thereby aid recovery from the impacts of traumatic life events.

The hands-on experiential training covered a

wide range of therapeutic art activities which the trainees could implement in practice such as the use of stories and the engagement of the senses in using art materials.

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Sixty-Six (66) Trained in Safe and Ethical Index Testing (SEIT), GBV LIVES, Social Network Strategies (SNS) and HIV Self-Testing.

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Controlling HIV Epidemic for Key and Underserved Populations (CHEKUP I) Project has trained 66 public health care providers in Safe and Ethical Index Testing (SEIT), GBV LIVES, Social Network Strategies (SNS) and HIV Self-Testing.

The USAID CHEKUP I Project was launched for implementation in nine districts across the Copperbelt, Lusaka, Southern, and North-Western provinces with the goal of improving the health outcomes of Zambians by preventing new HIV infections among priority populations most at risk of acquiring HIV.

To beef up manpower, the project recently recruited a total of 74 Lay Counsellors and

148 Peer Educators across the seven supported districts (Lusaka, Livingstone, Ndola, Kitwe, Mufulira, Chingola and Luanshya). This Community HIV (CHIV) team will be the frontline for the project in ensuring that high impact HIV prevention services are offered to the individuals most at risk of acquiring HIV in the community.

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Deputy Director -HIV at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr Peter Ehrenkranz visits Zambia.

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 partners with the Ministry of Health to develop Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD) reports using the national electronic medical records (SmartCare)



With funding from the Global Fund Differentiated Service Delivery Strategic Initiative (DSD SI), CIDRZ supported the Ministry of Health (MOH) DSD taskforce to host a stakeholder engagement meeting aimed at developing DSD summary reports that can be generated in SmartCare Legacy.

The meeting was attended by 15 participants drawn from the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Institute of Health Management (IHM), Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), MOH and CIDRZ. The participants included SmartCare developers, strategic information officers and program officers.

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USAID COVID-19 Task Force Delegation visit's CIDRZ

At the close of his three-day visit to Zambia in mid-May, United States Agency for International Development Agency (USAID) Executive Director of the COVID-19 Task Force, Jeremy Konyndyk, and the visiting delegation met with USAID partner, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), to appreciate the contribution of the USAID TBLON project towards the

country's COVID-19 response and to view the CIDRZ COVID-19 testing facilities. The team visited one of CIDRZ COVID-19 test centers located in Ibox Hill, Lusaka.

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Harvard University Partners with CIDRZ on the PEN-Plus Project

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) welcomed Dr. Gene Bukhman from Harvard University in the United States who was in Zambia on a 2 day familiarization visit.

Dr. Gene Bukhman who is the Director of Program in Global Noncommunicable Disease (NCDs) and Social Change at Harvard Medical School was in the country to familiarize himself with the details of the PEN plus project which is being implemented in Zambia by CIDRZ.

And MOH Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Professor Luckson Kasonka on behalf of the Zambian Government through the Ministry of Health expressed gratitude for the support being received through this project.

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CIDRZ Supports MOH with a Bioinformatics and Server Management Training for Sequencing Lab staff

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) through the USAID TBLON Project is supporting the Ministry of Health (MOH) to increase access to COVID-19 genomic sequencing.

The project has trained eighteen (18) laboratory staff in bioinformatics and server management which shall enhance the output from the Next Generation Sequencing for COVID-19. The training equipped participants with skills on how to use sequencing data to determine the strains of the virus in circulation in the target

population and if it has mutations that are of public health importance.

The trained laboratory staff have been empowered with the technical capacity to determine the prevalence of COVID variants that may be more deadly, infectious and with the capacity of evading the effect of the vaccines. This information is analysed and used to prepare the country's response to upcoming surges in cases (waves).

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REMEMBERING INNOCENT M MUNENE



*The CIDRZ family has lost another great human resource in **Innocent M Munene**, the **M& E Coordinator under Proud Z**.*

Innocent got injured in Mongu and was later transported to COPTIC Hospital in the last week of June and had undergone a Surgery but succumbed to the injury on the 3rd of July 2022.

CIDRZ is a unique and intellectually stimulating environment. It is both a springboard for, and confluence of, research ideas and evidence-based health service delivery practices.

Maurice Musheke
Social and behavioral
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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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