

Zimbabwe Public Health (ZPH)

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*Zimbabwe National Public Health Institute
(ZNPHI)*

Public Health in Zimbabwe : Past to Future

Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education

Ministry of Health and Child Care

Zimbabwe College of Public Health Medicine

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Definition & Standards in Public Health

- Public Health
- Public Health Medicine
- **Public Health Projects-Programs-Systems**
- **Institution & Capacity Building & Systems**

- Public Health & Hygiene
- Tropical Medicine and Tropical Health
- Community Medicine and Community Health
- International Health- Global Health

Zimbabwe Public Health Institutions

- **Ministry of Education:** *Public Health Work Force*
 - Community Medicine Department: College of Health Sciences-University of Zimbabwe- Public Health Work Force
- **Ministry of Health and Child Care:** *Public Health Service Delivery- Structure-Capacity-Systems*
 - Mother and Child Health
 - Epidemiology and Disease Control
 - Control and Elimination of HIV, TB and Malaria
 - Environmental Health
 - Nutrition
 - Public Health Laboratory
 - Government Analyst
 - Health Planning
 - National Health Research Institute
 - Essential Drug Action Program
 - Expanded program of Immunization
 - *Central and Provincial Public Health Specialist in MCH and EDC*
- **Professional Association-** *Professional workforce-Regulation-CME-Standards*
 - Zimbabwe College of Public Health Physician
 - Zimbabwe Public Health Association

ZPH-Back to the Future

Past

- Zimbabwe Public Health Act
- 1980-1992: Equity in Health-Primary Health Care (PHC) and District Health Systems (DHS) Health for All (HFA): Alma Atta-1979
- Zimbabwe National Health Service Integration-Decentralization- Supermarket Approach
- Promotion, prevention, treatment-rehabilitation
- ZPH-Institutional Structure & Specialist Work Force → Provincial & Central- Epidemiology & Disease Control- Mother and Child Health
- Field Epidemiology-MPH- Public Health Without Walls
- Msc. Clinical Epidemiology-M.Med Clinical
- Bio-Security Breach– HIV and Cholera

Future

- NCD Emergency: Hypertension-Cancer-Diabetes- Renal Diseases
- Socio- Economic-Political Emergency: Debt-Sanctions-Drought-Austerity
- *Review and strengthen Network of PH-Institutions*
- Schools of Public Health (Models: Ethiopia, Uganda, Ghana)
- **M.Med PH-Specialist & Fellowship Training (Model South Africa, UK and ECSA)**
- **Expand to ZPH specialist work force to District**
- *Zimbabwe National Institute of Public Health*
- New WHO- 2017- Global Public Health
- PHC Astana- 2018 and WHO 3B2019-2023 and UHC 2019 – SDG 2025-2030

ZPH-Barriers-Challenges-Gaps

- Inadequate Public Health Work Force: Qualification-Accreditation-Regulation: MPH-FETP-M.Med- Fellowship
- Institution strengthening: Public Health Associations & Schools of Public Health & National Institutes of Public Health
- Global Health: Massive Fragmented Health Financing: Decline in Public Health : Global Fund: HIV, TB.US-PEPFAR & PMI Malaria: GAVI: Old and New Vaccine: Public health projects, programs, systems and lack of investment in Public Health and National Health Institutions-Structure, capacity and Systems.
- Bill and Melinda Gates investing in Research and Innovation compared to Rockefeller investing in Public Health training and service delivery.
- Zimbabwe and Africa Bio Security Breach: HIV, Dysentery, Cholera, Ebola, Yellow Fever and now NCD
- Towards a National Public Health Institute- Inadequate Coordination-Alignment and Harmonization

2020-Zimbabwe Public Health Action

- Joint Review of *Zimbabwe Public Health (ZPH) Functions and Task Force*
 - ZPH- Conversations: Consultations-Dialogue-Debate-Consensus
 - ZPH : Coordination-Alignment and Harmonization- National Health Transformation
 - Strengthening Network of Institutions working on Public Health and Clinical Medicine
- **Zimbabwe Expanding International Cooperation and Collaboration in Public Health**
- New WHO Three levels-Zimbabwe Model
 - South-North-South Collaboration-SADC-AU-China-US-CDC-India-Brazil-Public Health and NHIS England & Scotland in Public Health
 - GOZ: New University of Zimbabwe education 5.0 strategy (Teaching, research, community service, innovation, industrialization)
- Strategic position of the Departments of Community Medicine- School of Health Sciences –UZ and NUST- Midland State University- Ministry of Higher Education and Training

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- **Institutional Development experiences**

- Opportunities (Education 5.0)
- Barriers (austerity measures)
- Strengths (excellent institutional arrangements, political will and human resource capacity)
- Need for a coordinated service , research, vocational and academic training , publication and development

- **Right timing and priorities 2020-2025**

- Strengthening and expanding Public Health Work Force
- Public health publications and History of Public Health
- National Health Observatory
- Non-Communicable Disease Control
- Primary Health Care and Community Public Health
- Public Health Monitoring and Evaluation and Research
- Health Promotion and Prevention