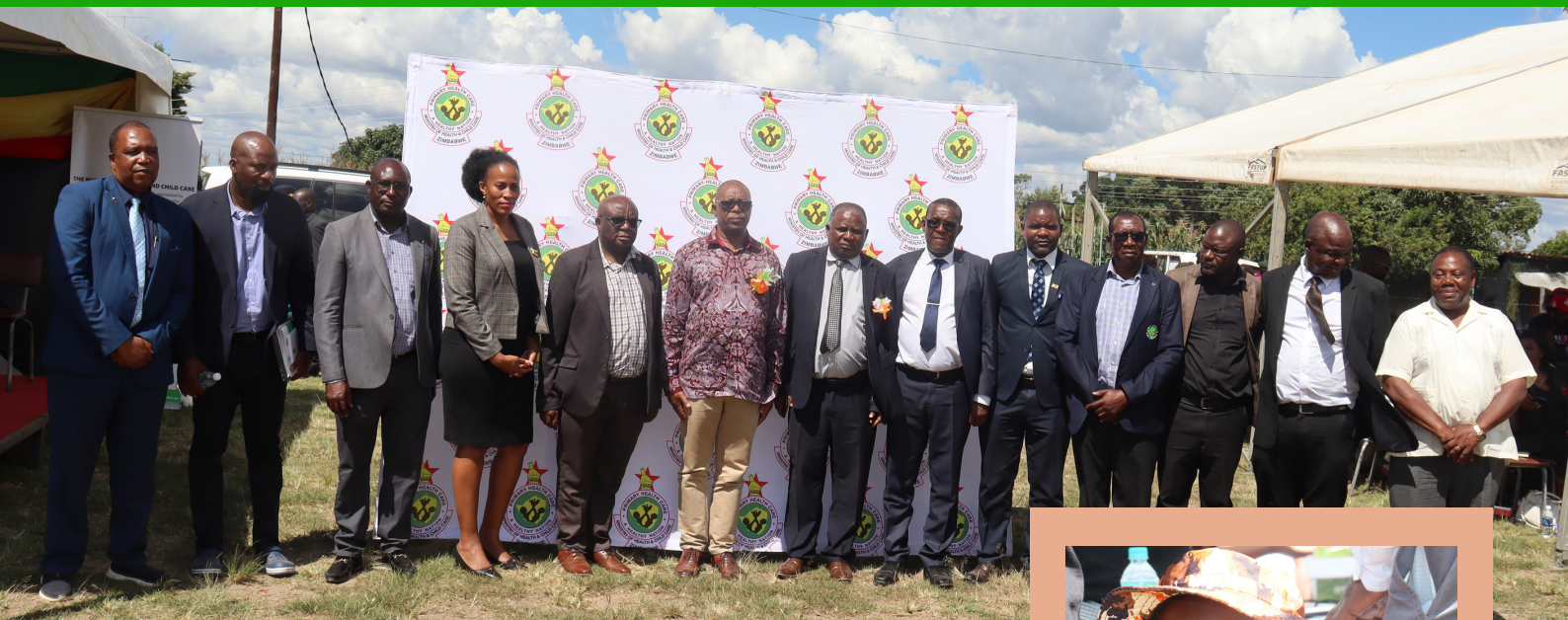


NEWSLETTER

JOINTED HANDS WELFARE ORGANISATION



Welcome Message

Welcome to the Jointed Hands Welfare Organization Newsletter, March 2025 edition. This month we reflect on the workshops, projects, and events we undertook to underscore our commitment to contribute to a harm and disease-free society.



Month Overview

The month of March carries a lot of significance to us, being the women's month makes it a crucial period to honor, celebrate, acknowledge, and push advocacy issues around the needs of women. Furthermore, we are one of the national organizations passionate about ending TB, in our country and across the globe. The month of March is dedicated to commemorating and raising the profile of TB, making the month of great essence to our organization.



ABOUT US

Jointed Hands Welfare Organization (JHWO) is a national Private Voluntary Organisation (PVO23/2013) with over 20 years of impactful experience, recognized nationally, regionally, and globally. Inspired by the World Health Organization's (WHO) holistic definition of health as complete physical, mental, and social well-being—not merely the absence of disease—JHWO strives to create a Harm- and Disease-free society. Our efforts are focused on reducing harmful norms, practices, policies, attitudes and behaviour to improve health, social, economic, and safety outcomes.



JHWO addresses harmful norms—be it religious, traditional or otherwise, and challenging/emerging public health concerns such as communicable (Tuberculosis (TB), HIV), non-communicable diseases (NCDs— Multiple Myeloma and Lung Cancer), and reproductive, maternal, newborn, adolescent, and child health (RMNACH), including pandemic prevention preparedness and response. Collaborating with government ministries, civil society, private sector actors, and local communities, the organization delivers sustainable socio-economic and health interventions that prioritize inclusivity and impact. As the host of the Stop TB Partnership in Zimbabwe (STPZ), JHWO facilitates multisectoral TB Coordination and leads advocacy initiatives like the Multi-Sectoral Accountability Framework for TB (MAFTB), fostering collaboration to tackle TB and related challenges. We are also the host of the Global TB Caucus.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



WORLD TB DAY COMMEMORATION

On March 24th, we commemorated World TB Day under the global theme “Yes, We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver.” The event started with a pre-commemoration event in Marondera which was followed by a national commemoration event that was held in Mahusekwa, MashonaInd East Province. The event brought together healthcare workers, community leaders, and TB survivors to raise awareness about TB and its impact on societies. Through speeches, educational sessions, and community outreach activities, we highlighted the importance of early diagnosis, treatment adherence, ongoing research, and meaningful involvement of communities to combat TB. During the event, we had the privilege to share solidarity remarks on behalf of Civil Society Organizations in Zimbabwe. This year’s commemoration focused on mobilizing resources and support for TB programs, emphasizing the critical role every sector can play in the fight against this preventable and treatable disease.

HOPE FOR LUNGS PROJECT



We are excited to introduce the Hope for Lungs project. The Hope for Lungs project is supported by the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation (BMSF), as part of the Multi-national Lung Cancer Control Program (MLCCP) with the aim of “Improving access to early diagnostic services for Lung Cancer in Zimbabwe”. The project is a Lung Cancer control intervention in Zimbabwe focused on strengthening surveillance in lung cancer, identifying and supporting hotspot districts in addressing gaps in lung cancer awareness and the barriers to care, improving access to early diagnosis, and ultimately improving patient outcomes and survival rates. The project is being conducted by a consortium composed of JHWO and the Cancer Association of Zimbabwe under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Child Care through the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) department. The Hope for Lungs project was officially launched during the belated World Cancer Day commemoration in Karoi on the 27th of March 2025.

BELATED WORLD CANCER DAY COMMEMORATION

The World Cancer Day is commemorated every year on the 4th of February. In our effort to honor health awareness globally, we collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Child Care and other partners to hold a belated celebration of World Cancer Day in Karoi, Mashonaland West Province. This gathering aimed to honor those affected by cancer and highlight the importance of prevention, early detection, and treatment. During the event, with support from the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, we facilitated the launch of the Hope for Lungs Project and the launch of the National Cancer Care Plan (NCCP).



THE NATIONAL CANCER CASE PLAN LAUNCH

We are thrilled to announce the recent launch of the National Cancer Case Plan, a landmark framework aimed at enhancing cancer control efforts in Zimbabwe. The plan outlines comprehensive strategies for prevention, treatment, and patient support, ensuring that no one faces a cancer diagnosis alone. We are proud to be part of this initiative, working hand in hand with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, the Cancer Association of Zimbabwe, and other key stakeholders to make tangible improvements in cancer care. The formal launch is a significant step forward in mobilizing resources and reducing the cancer burden in our communities.



Christable Semondile
Senior Director–Bristol Myers Squibb
Foundation.

PRESENTING AT THE 143RD ECHO SESSION: KVP SIZE ESTIMATION RESULTS

In a collaborative effort to address health inequalities, our team recently presented at the 143rd ECHO session, where we disseminated the key results of our Key Populations (KVP) size estimation study. This presentation aimed to inform stakeholders about the demographics and needs of people at high risk of TB in Zimbabwe. The findings from this study are pivotal for tailoring interventions that effectively address the unique challenges faced by communities, particularly in TB prevention, treatment, and care. This data will help to drive informed policy decisions and resource allocations needed to improve TB health outcomes. Please access the KVP Size Estimation report [here](#).



143rd ECHO Session

Topic: Key Vulnerable Population Assessment
Results Dissemination



Mr. A Nyambo
Facilitator
ACSMO
NTP



Mr K Mutungamiri
Presenter
SI Knowledge Manager
JHWO

Thursday	03 March 2025	14:00 Hours CAT
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THE COLLEGE OF PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS OF ZIMBABWE WILL AWARD 2 CME POINTS
FOR ATTENDING THIS SESSION
THE DIRECTORATE OF PHARMACY SERVICES WILL AWARD 5 CPD POINTS FOR ATTENDING THIS SESSION

HOPE FOR LUNGS PROJECT: MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MTD) MEETING

We convened a multidisciplinary team formation meeting for our Hope for Lungs project, an initiative dedicated to providing comprehensive and coordinated care to patients with lung cancer. The team's primary goal is to ensure that people with lung cancer receive early and accurate diagnosis, effective treatment, and supportive care throughout their cancer journey. The meeting emphasized the importance of collaboration among diverse professionals, including healthcare workers, community advocates, researchers, and policy-makers. Together, we are developing strategies to raise awareness about lung health issues, including TB and silicosis, particularly among vulnerable populations. This multidisciplinary approach will ensure that we address lung health comprehensively, creating sustainable solutions that can have a lasting impact.



COMMUNITY SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING: COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS RECEIVE BICYCLES.

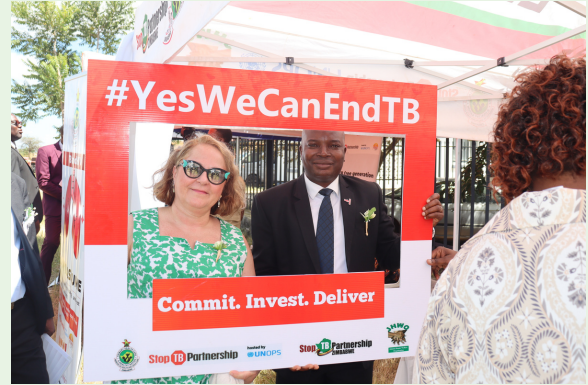
To promote resilient and sustainable systems for health, with funding from the Global Fund through FACT Zimbabwe, we distributed 140 bicycles to Community Health Workers (CHWs) in Umzingwane, Chirumanzu, Shurugwi, and Mangwe. The bicycle initiative empowers CHWs to overcome the challenges of long-distance travel in remote areas, enabling them to reach more families efficiently. With bicycles, CHWs can conduct more frequent home visits and health education sessions within their communities. This enhanced mobility will not only improve healthcare accessibility but also foster healthier communities as these dedicated cadres continue to champion health and well-being in their respective communities.



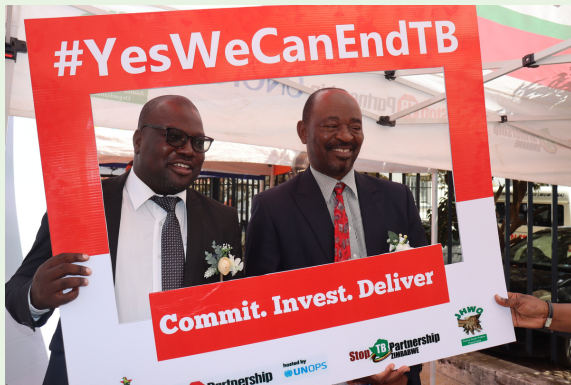
GALLERY



Christable Semondile (Senior Director– Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation) receiving a gift from the Hope for Lungs Project team during the MDT meeting in Harare.



National TB and Leprosy Control Programme Deputy Director, Dr Fungai Kavenga (in black suit) posing for photo with the Global Fund Country Team Fund Portfolio Manager for Zimbabwe Tajtana Peterson based in Geneva at the World TB Commemoration in Mahusekwa.



The AIDS and TB Programme, Director, Dr Owen Mugurungi (in red tie) posing for photo with the Mashonaland East Provincial Medical Director (Dr Paul Matsvimbo) at the World TB Commemoration in Mahusekwa.



Christable Semondile (Senior Director– Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation) signing the commitment board after the launch of the NCCP and the Hope for Lungs Project during the belated World Cancer Day commemoration in Karoi.



The Multinational Lung Cancer Control Program partners (from Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya and South Africa) at the World Cancer Day commemoration in Karoi.



Partners posing for a photo after signing the Hope for Lungs Project commitment board.

GALLERY



Health education session in Kwhite village, Mangwe.



Stakeholders meeting at Maguta hall.



Nyikavanhu Clinic during a meeting with Mine Managers, DHPO and DNO providing health education.