

## BACKGROUND

ZACH is the medical arm of Christian churches in Zimbabwe. Its mandate is to improve the quality of health and health care delivery in Zimbabwe. It is ecumenical in practice. ZACH has a membership of 126 mission hospitals and clinics. ZACH believes in the holistic approach to health and healing. Most of the health care in the rural areas of Zimbabwe is provided by mission hospitals. Mission hospitals constitute a core component of the health care system of Zimbabwe, operate within the health policy framework of the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, and have close liaison relationship with the MOHCW to assure synergy in the delivery of health services in Zimbabwe.

### THE CHAPPL NETWORK

ZACH with support from the Zimbabwe Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), started the above project to bring improved health service provision to the rural populations in the area of HIV & AIDS care and prevention.

Basically ZACH sought to establish a framework in which limited resources could be concentrated to generate models for broader replication and scaling up. Ten hospitals were identified to form a network known as CHAPPL (Care for HIV/AIDS, Prevention and Positive Living). The selection of the hospitals was based on geographical and denominational distribution as well as demonstrable evidence of innovation in improving HIV/AIDS care and prevention services. Each province in the country is represented in the ten selected hospitals. It is expected that the original ten hospitals will act as mentors to new hospitals to the programme as the programme expands.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

- Expanded training and mobilization of all hospital staff and selected community leaders in HIV/AIDS, especially in new interventions available for prevention and care, with a focus on responses to the epidemic based on knowledge of serostatus.
- Implementation of post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and improved HIV/AIDS care (e.g. opportunistic infection clinics) for hospital staff, expanded and promoted VCT, and preparation for or implementation of Highly Active Anti Retroviral Therapy for hospital staff (as a way towards HAART for hospital patients)
- A training and hiring programme to provide expanded “integrated counseling capacity” for HIV prevention, care and support targeting both health professionals and lay community workers in PPTCT, VCT and HIV/AIDS care issues.
- Strengthened PPTCT services at mission hospitals (raising PMTCT uptake to  $\geq 80\%$ ) in all ten mission hospitals plus expanded community access to VCT
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### THE CHAPPL NETWORK MISSION HOSPITALS

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| • Bonda          | Manicaland   |
| • Chidamoyo      | Mash West    |
| • Gutu           | Masvingo     |
| • Howard         | Mash Central |
| • Luisa Guidotti | Mash East    |
| • Murambinda     | Manicaland   |
| • St Alberts     | Mash Central |
| • St Lukes       | Mat North    |
| • St Theresas    | Midlands     |
| • Tshelanyemba   | Mat South    |

## CHAPPL NETWORK ACTIVITIES

### PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- Baseline study
- Community mobilisation
- Process evaluation
- Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)
- Training
- Prevention of mother to child transmission
- Development of training curricula
- Integrated HIV counseling for prevention and care
- Development of protocols for post exposure prophylaxis of HIV at the workplace
- Documentation and replication



## THE ZACH GOAL

To develop and implement a set of core HIV & AIDS prevention and care activities that have high impact, are cost effective and appropriate to the health care context of rural health institutions can be affected of Zimbabwe. Through this expansion of HIV prevention and care activities to rural health institutions can be affected

## ZACH VISION

ZACH envisages a healthy society in which all people in Zimbabwe have access to a sustainable high quality holistic healthcare system

## MISSION

Following the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ, ZACH will adopt a holistic approach to health and healing, encompassing principles of equity, quality and accessibility. ZACH will promote the highest standard of health care among its members for the benefit of all people in Zimbabwe.



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## THE ZACH Care for HIV & AIDS, Prevention and Positive Living (CHAPPL) NETWORK PROGRAMME

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BY



THE CHAPPL NETWORK

“Ensuring quality in HIV & AIDS prevention, care and support through networking.”