EAST, CENTRAL & SOUTHERN AFRICA
HEALTH COMMUNITY

69th Health Ministers Conference Programme

Taj Pamodzi Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia
19th to 21st February 2020
The East, Central and Southern African Health Community (ECSA-HC) is an inter-governmental health organization that fosters and promotes regional cooperation in health among member states. Member states of the ECSA Health Community are Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Eswatini, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Vision

To be the leader in health in East, Central and Southern Africa, contributing towards the attainment of the highest standard of physical, mental and social well-being of the people in the region.

Mission

ECSA Health Community recognizes health as a fundamental human right. As an inter-governmental organization, ECSA promotes the highest standards of health for the individuals, families and communities through advocacy, capacity building, brokerage, coordination, inter-sectoral collaboration and harmonization of health policies and programmes.

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Main Theme:

Innovation and Accountability in Health Towards Achieving Universal Health Coverage

Sub themes:

- Efforts to improve adolescent and young people’s health
- Opportunities for achieving water and sanitation health global target equity and access to eye healthcare in the ECSA region
- Innovative approaches towards achieving food safety and improving quality of life
- Challenges of substance use and mental health in the ECSA Region
- Tackling emerging and re-emerging health threats: A regional One health approach to managing recurrent outbreaks in the region
Registration: Tuesday, 18th February 2020

14.00 – 18.00: Registration

Day 1: Wednesday, 19th February 2020

08.00 – 09.00: Registration

09.00 – 10.45: Opening Session (See Separate Programme)

◊ Keynote Address: Innovation and Accountability in Health Towards Achieving Universal Health Coverage – Dr Githinji Gitahi, MBS, Group CEO, Amref Health Africa

10.45 – 11:15: TEA BREAK

11.15 – 13.00: Plenary Session 1:

◊ Report of the 12th BPF and 28th DJCC – DJCC Chairperson

◊ Update on the Accountability Framework for Tracking the Implementation of HMC Resolutions – Ms Lynette Kamau, APHRC


◊ Nursing Africa to Health: The Challenges and Opportunities for Optimal Nursing Workforce in the ECSA Region (Panel Discussion) – World Bank, ICN, ECSACON, JHPIEGO

Discussion
Short Presentation by Female Health Company

13:00 – 14:00: LUNCH

14:00 – 16.00: Plenary Session 2: Equity and Access to Eye Healthcare in the ECSA Region

◊ Equity and Access to Eye Healthcare in the ECSA Region: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities for Universal Coverage - Prof. Wanjiku Mathenge

◊ Universal Eye Health Coverage: Working Together for Better Outcomes in the ECSA Health Community - Dr Aaron Magava, IAPB

Discussion

Opportunities for Achieving Water and Sanitation Health Global Target

◊ Opportunities for Achieving Water and Sanitation Health Global Target – Mr Kumbulani Ndhlovu, SNV Zambia

◊ Opportunities for Achieving Water and Sanitation Health Global Target – Mr Tobias Musonda, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Environmental Protection, Zambia

Discussion
Short Presentation by WaterAid

16.00 – 16.20 TEA BREAK

16.20 – 18.20 Plenary Session 3:

◊ Consultation on the Lancet Commission on Synergies Between Universal Health Coverage, Health Security and Health Promotion

Visit to Exhibition Booths
Cocktail Party

19th February 2020

Time
18:30 Onwards

Venue
Taj Pamodzi Hotel

End of Day 1
Kids Operating Room (KidsOR) is a global health charity, working to provide high quality, safe surgical services for children in low- and middle-income countries.

KidsOR partners with Ministries of health, professional associations, partner hospitals and local surgeons to supply and establish dedicated paediatric operating rooms, provide training for surgeons and anaesthesia providers.

Working across Africa and Latin America, KidsOR have provided over 16,000 children with access to safe surgical services, and as a result, more than 250,000 years of disability have been prevented.

Since 2018, KidsOR have equipped /established 18 operating rooms in 9 countries across Africa.

“We believe that no child should die or live a life of disability or pain because of a surgically treatable condition.”

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PROGRAMS IN AFRICA

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IN AFRICA

- The recipient of our one millionth smile was a boy from Tanzania named Osawa.
- In addition to cleft surgery we also support speech therapy, cleft nutrition and cleft orthodontics.
- We support training in cleft surgery, speech therapy, cleft nutrition and cleft orthodontics.
- We launched our Nursing Care Saves Lives training course in East Africa in 2012 and to-date have trained 500+ nurses across the continent.
- We are certified by the American Heart Association as an international training centre for Basic Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life support.
- We have partnered with the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) and West African College of Surgeons (WACS) to provide scholarships for cleft surgery training.
- We support continuous education in pediatric anesthesiology.
- We drive awareness through hosting cleft weeks within local communities.
What is ZAMRA?
The Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) is a Government Agency established by the Medicines and Allied Substances Act (No. 3) of 2013 of the Laws of Zambia and is responsible for regulating the manufacture, importation, storage distribution, supply, sale and use of medicines and allied substances. The main mandate of the Authority is to ensure that all medicines and allied substances being made available to the Zambian people consistently meet the set standards of quality, safety and efficacy.

Our Vision:
“To be a leader and center of excellence in regulation of medicines and allied substances”

Our Mission:
“To protect and enhance public and animal health through the regulation of medicines and allied substances.”

Our Core Values:
Integrity
Efficiency
Accountability
Transparency
Professionalism

Our Goal:
To attain increased adherence to set standards in order to curb the circulation of unauthorised, substandard and falsified medicines and allied substances thereby promoting and protecting public and animal health in Zambia.

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Day 2: Thursday, 20th February 2020

08.30 – 11.00: Plenary Session 4: Efforts to Improve Adolescent and Young People’s Health

◊ Adolescent Health in the Context of Universal Health Coverage – Dr J. Tewari, UNFPA

◊ Adolescent Mothers and Preterm Birth: Can an Intrapartum and Immediate Postnatal Care Package Improve Outcomes? The Preterm Birth Initiative East Africa’s Implementation Trial in Kenya and Uganda – Peter Waiswa and Jesca Sabiiti, Makerere University/Ministry of Health Uganda

◊ Lessons Learnt in Improving Adolescent Nutrition in Africa – Ms Lucy Murage, Nutrition International

◊ Efforts to Improve Adolescent and Young People’s Health: Perspective from KidsOR—Gareth Wood


◊ The Role of Nurses and Midwives in Improving Adolescent Health – Lillian Mwape, ECSACON Zambia

Discussion
Short Presentations by Smile Train and SAfAIDS

Innovative Approaches Towards Achieving Food Safety and Improving Quality of Life Food Safety

◊ Innovative Approaches Towards Achieving Food Safety and Improving Quality of Life – Mr Blaise Ouattara, FAO

◊ Innovative approaches and accountability to food safety as our food systems evolve from a policy perspective - Dr C. Namukolo, IFPRI

Discussion

11:00 – 11.20: TEA BREAK

11.20 – 13.00: Plenary Session 5: Prioritizing Challenges for Substance Use and Mental Health in ECSA Region

◊ Prioritizing Challenges for Substance Use and Mental Health in ECSA Region – Dr Chioni Siwo, National Mental Health Coordinator, Zambia

Tackling Emerging and Re-emerging Health Threats: A Regional One Health Approach to Managing Recurrent Outbreaks

◊ Tackling Emerging and re-emerging Health Threats in Africa: The Africa CDC Perspective – Dr Ahmed Ogwell

◊ The Epidemiology and Control Strategies for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus - Dr Shikanga O-tipo, WHO Country Office Zambia

◊ Planning a New Public Health Laboratory and Protecting the Worker on Bio-safety Cabinets - Gregers Chalker, Air Filter Maintenance Services

Discussion
Short Presentation by Yashi Life Sciences
Day 2: Thursday, 20th February 2020

13:00 – 14:00: LUNCH
14:00 – 17:00: Ministers Closed Session

Session on Nursing Africa to Health – World Bank, ICN, ECSACON, JHPIEGO

Session on Tackling Emerging and Re-emerging Health Threats

- Enhancing preparedness against infectious diseases in Burundi - Dr Anatole Nkeshimana
- Apply Cross-Border Disease Control Initiative to Control Emerging and Re-emerging Infections in East Africa: Lesson from EAPHLNP - Dr Lyndah Makayotto
- Joint inter-country efforts in preparedness and response to public health emergencies under the One Health Approach: Lessons from joint efforts of Lesotho and South Africa - The Role of SATBHSS - Mr Khotso Mahomo
- Multi-pronged Approach to The Control of Recurrent Cholera Outbreaks: The Experience of Malawi - Dr Kagoli
- Preparedness and Ability to Respond to Acute Health Emergencies: Mozambique Experience with Cyclone IDAI 2019 - Dr Maimuna Eusebio Luis
- Defeating The Monsters in Public Health: Role of One Health in Managing Disease Outbreak in Tanzania - Dr Vida Mmbaga
- Managing the Re-current Outbreaks of Yellow Fever and EVD in Uganda - Past and Future Prospects - Dr Allan Muruta
- Optimizing Community Approaches to Tackle Public Health Emergencies: The Case of EBS Experiences and Lesson Learnt in Zambia - Dr Muzala Kapina
- Coordinating a Sub-Region to Tackle Acute Heath Threats in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Experience of The Zambia Regional Coordinating Centre of Africa CDS - Dr Victor Mukonka

Drafting of Resolutions and Meeting Report
Gala Dinner
20th February 2020

Time
18.00 - 23.00 hrs

Venue
Intercontinental Hotel
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Situated on a sprawling campus in Shimabala, Kafue town on the outskirts of Lusaka, Zambia Yash Life Sciences has the capacity to manufacture liquid, tablet and capsule formulations in massive quantities in its active phase-1 plant. The long term expansion will include all dosage forms to cover a vast majority of therapeutic categories.

YLS’s state-of-the-art Quality control laboratory is managed by highly skilled and experienced personnel. YLS wishes to transform it into a training ground for young scientists and a centre of excellence in regional cooperation.

Lack of medicines is a crisis to humanity which calls for collective approach to solve.

Passionate to the cause, YLS welcomes meaningful engagement with all stakeholders for effective, efficient and sustained service delivery.

Cooperation and collaboration in manufacturing and delivery of quality essential medicines, capacity building and active participation in national and regional advocacy programmes are intrinsic to Yash Life Sciences.

Let’s join hands to create an equitable society where healthy and happy populations converge for a singular cause – Health for All in Africa and beyond Africa!

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About SAfAIDS & the “My Choice, Our Choice” Regional Campaign on Ending Unsafe Abortion in the SADC Region.”

SAfAIDS is a regional NGO with its regional office in Harare, Zimbabwe, established in 1994 and operating across the SADC region; with Country Offices in Eswatini, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and Focal Points in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Namibia. SAfAIDS mandate is to promote SRH rights, gender equality, the HIV response, and related interlinkages with other development areas, within a human rights based approach. SAfAIDS, guided by its Vision 2020 Beyond HIV Organisational Strategy (2016-2020) recognizes it expanding regional comparative advantages, leveraging its influencing capacity, technical expertise and broad positioning in the southern African region, within a human rights-based approach that pivots principles of Do-No-Harm and Leave-No-one-Behind, and thus:

- Realizes SRHR for ALL, within a sustainable development goals (SDGs) framework
- Achieves gender equality and the empowerment of women and adolescent girls, reducing gender based violence and HIV, and facilitate gender transformative societies
- Catalyses economic and social development for women, young people and people left behind/key populations

SAfAIDS, through funding support from Sweden Regional SRHR Team, is implementing the 3 and a half year (2018-2021) regional policy and advocacy programme, which seeks to work at the regional level to influence policy in 3 thematic SRHR spheres of sexual gender-based violence, adolescent pregnancy and unsafe abortion with links to maternal mortality and access to youth friendly SRHR information and services. Under Strategic Objective 2, the programme seeks to advocate to SADC Member States to scale up prevention of unintended pregnancies and unsafe abortions among sexually active adolescents by 2021 through employing a number of strategies including developing and rolling out a regional campaign in the SADC region.

The Regional Advocacy Campaign will engage Men and Boys as proponents of ‘My Choice, Our Choice,’ collaborating with AGYW, on ending unsafe abortions through influencing policy. The core focus of the Campaign is to engage men and boys as proponents of gender equality, working with adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), towards Ending Unsafe Abortions among Adolescent Girls and Young Women. Policy makers have a critical role to play in creating the right policy environment for preventing unsafe abortions among young women. The campaign will engage policymakers in SADC region to understand the scope and negative impact of unsafe abortion and need to address it through policy change. Adolescent girls and young women will be empowered to demand policy change and respect for their bodily autonomy.
ECSA-HEALTH COMMUNITY
GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY COURSE

GOVERNANCE AND IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE
FOR GLOBAL HEALTH NEGOTIATIONS

Duration: 5 days Full Time

MAIN GOAL OF COURSE

To create a pool of global health diplomats in ECSA region ready to participate in international global health negotiations and ensure that African interests and concerns are adequately represented.

COURSE CONTENT

- Overview of Global Health Diplomacy & Governance
- The Political Economy of Health: Globalization, Trade & Health
- The Role of Diplomacy in Global Health: Negotiating Partnerships for Global Health
- Global Health Governance Instruments
- Forums for International engagement on Health
- Reflections on recent outbreaks of international concern
- Global Health Security in the 21st century
- East Central and Southern Africa Health Community and Health Diplomacy
- Changing face of Global Health Financing Architecture
- Health Tourism
- The Global Health Diplomacy: Future and Vision for developing countries

COURSE DELIVERY MODE

The course is facilitated by experienced health experts and senior officials from regional organizations who apply a combination of problem based learning approaches including presentations.

OUTCOMES FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Be in position to advise governments on negotiation outcomes e.g of UN, WTO, WIPO & others
- Lead & coordinate effectively teams representing Low & LMICs in International fora
- Have knowledge for drafting diplomatic resolutions, policy instruments & other relevant documents
- Effectively protect and serve the political & socio-economic interests of Low & LMICs.

WHO MAY ATTEND

Senior Officials and policy makers who engage international discussions and negotiations on behalf of the countries in the ECSA region

For more information contact courses@ecsahec.org or doid@ecsahec.org

Fostering Regional Cooperation for Better Health
Day 3: Friday, 21st February 2020

08:00 – 09:00: Finalization of Resolutions (ECSA Secretariat and DJCC Members)
09:00 – 10:30: Plenary Session 6
  ◊ Responsive Caregiving for Early Childhood Development (Panel Discussion – AfECN, UNICEF and WHO)
  ◊ Update on Scaling-up Safe Surgery in Rural and District Populations in Africa – Dr Daniel Makawa, Ministry of Health, Zambia
  ◊ Update on the Cross-border Healthcare Access Study – Dr Freddie Ssengooba – Makerere School of Public Health

Discussion
10:30 – 11:00: TEA BREAK
11:00 – 12:00: Presentation and Adoption of Resolutions
  Meeting Closure
  LUNCH

END OF HMC PROGRAMME

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA
(Nurses and Midwives Act No.10 of 2019)

The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Zambia (NMCZ) is a successor of the General Nursing Council of Zambia (GNCZ) which was established in 1970 by an Act of Parliament. Consequently, the Council (NMCZ) will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee on 1st December 2020. Therefore, 2020 is a special year for the nurses and midwives in Zambia since the NMCZ Golden Jubilee coincides with the year (2020) of the nurse and midwife as declared by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The mandate of the Council (NMCZ) is to ensure public protection and patient safety from unsafe nursing and midwifery practices. Furthermore, the Council ensures public confidence in the nursing and midwifery profession through regulation of the nurses’ and midwives’ professional conduct, education, training and practice.

Therefore, in pursuit of its statutory functions provided for in the Nurses and Midwives Act No. 31 of 1997 which has been repealed and replaced by the Nurses and Midwives Act No. 10 of 2019, NMCZ is a strategic government agency, partner and technical arm of the Ministry of Health that greatly contributes to Government’s efforts aimed at achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Ministry of Health legacy goals and the national health vision 2030 which foresees ‘a Nation of healthy and productive people.’
GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The administration is headed by a President, who is the Chief Executive Officer.

The ESCHA Corporation, the governing body of the ESCHA Regional University System, is the highest authority. It consists of representatives from each of the six constituent colleges.

MISSION

The mission of ESCHA-CHS is to provide excellence in educational services to the East Central and Southern Africa region in training service provision and research through the constituent colleges.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary for professional practice in the health sciences.

VISION

ESCHA-CHS seeks to be a leading provider of high-quality health sciences education to enable effective workforce development in the health sector.

INTRODUCTION

ESCHA-CHS, the East Central and Southern Africa College of Health Sciences, is a regional collegial body of six constituent colleges located in the East Central and Southern Africa region.

Affiliates Colleges

- East Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing (ESCACON)
- East Central and Southern Africa College of Medicine (ESCACM)
- East Central and Southern Africa College of Health Sciences (ESCAHC)
- East Central and Southern Africa College of Science (ESCACO)
- East Central and Southern Africa College of Education (ESCACEO)
- East Central and Southern Africa College of Business Administration (ESCACOB)
- East Central and Southern Africa College of Law (ESCACOL)

The college administration is assisted by the University Council, the Senate, the Executive Committee, and the College Administration. The Senate includes representatives from the constituent colleges.

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7. East Central and Southern Africa College of Law (ESCACOL)
STRATEGIC FOCUS

A Regional College and Center of Excellence

ECSA-COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

OBJECTIVES OF THE ECASA-CHS

- Develop a leading health education program for the specialists
- Conduct research and training programs aimed at developing, maintaining, and promoting academic programs at the ECASA-CHS
- Provide frameworks for common education qualifications in specialty training that
- Development of guidelines and standards in consultation with stakeholders to
- Effective and timely accreditation processes and
- Education, especially with education and professional regulatory authorities in
- Enhance the quality of teaching conducted by consultative professional colleges
- Professional and multi-disciplinary research and development of...
WaterAid envisions a world where everyone everywhere has access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene. Our mission is to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalized people by improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Over the past few years, WaterAid has worked in partnership with the ministries of health and health actors at the national level and collaborated with various agencies such as WHO and UNICEF to drive country level action around the achievement of health outcomes.

We work to support programming and policy change at national and international levels to ensure that the poorest communities gain access to water, sanitation and hygiene services. These three simple things can have a huge impact on health.

Our key areas of focus within the ambit of health are: (a) WASH in Health Care Facilities (b) Integrating WASH in Neglected Tropical Disease control and prevention strategies (c) Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management (d) WASH and Nutrition and (e) Hygiene Behavior Change and how this is further incorporated in vaccination programs such as Rota Virus etc.

We believe that investing in clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene in homes and healthcare facilities can help prevent diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera and neglected tropical diseases, tackle undernutrition, curb antimicrobial resistance and deliver quality health services that build human capital, strengthens economies, reduces future healthcare costs and contributes to national development.
Our Legal Mandate
The Health Professions Council of Zambia is a Statutory Regulatory Body established under the Health Professions Act No. 24 of 2009 of the laws of Zambia.

Our shared Vision
To be a leading regulator of health care and training services for public protection.

Our shared Mission
To safeguard the quality of health care services by regulating and monitoring the professional conduct of health practitioners, health facilities and training institutions.

Our shared Core Values:
Integrity, Innovation, Service Delivery, Accountability, Excellence, Fairness

Goal statement:
“Promoting Compliance in Health care and Training Standards.”

OUR CORE FUNCTIONS IN REGULATING THE HEALTH SECTOR
The Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) is established under an act of parliament specifically: the Health Professions Act No. 24 of 2009 of the laws of Zambia. The HPCZ’s principal functions are as follows:
1. register health practitioners and regulate their professional conduct;
2. license and regulate all health facilities both public and private;
3. accredit healthcare services which are provided by health facilities;
4. recognise and approve training programmes for health practitioners.

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The East Africa Public Health Laboratory Networking Project: Overview
Controlling the spread of communicable diseases in Eastern Africa region through improved diagnostic and disease surveillance

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<td>Establish a network of efficient, high quality accessible public health laboratories for the diagnosis and surveillance of tuberculosis and other communicable diseases.</td>
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Why the network?
- Tackle common health challenges, promoting efficiencies and synergies
- Enhance capacity of public health laboratories that are critical for conducting clinical diagnosis, guiding treatment, and managing epidemics
- Conduct joint disease surveillance and capacity building for emergency preparedness, including table-top simulations, joint investigations, and sharing of critical information on disease outbreaks
- Roll out service delivery innovations to underserved locations, and foster evidence-based approaches
- Leverage comparative advantages of each country and promote south-south knowledge sharing

Network governance and leadership
- Operational Research and Knowledge sharing
  - Implemented multi-country studies (TB diagnostics, malaria drug resistance, etc.)
  - Conducted over 20 additional in-country studies at satellite facilities in remote areas.
  - Published over 16 manuscripts
  - Developed and refined ICT technologies to increase efficiency in operations and enhance learning (eLearning, e-surveillance, e-results framework, VCE systems)

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<td>Trained over 15,000 individuals to expand pool of qualified personnel and increase their skills and competencies</td>
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<td>Strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration in disease outbreak management to minimize contracted outbreaks by key sectors</td>
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### About the Regional TB Lab Strengthening Project

The Uganda National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory is the first Supranational Reference Laboratory (SRL) in East Africa, and the second in Sub-Saharan Africa. We attained this accreditation from the WHO in April 2013. The SRL started as the Uganda Bacteriological Investigation Unit in the late 1950s under the then East African Community. After the collapse of the East African Community in 1977, the laboratory reverted to the line ministries and became known as Uganda National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory (NTRL).

As SRL Uganda, we are currently implementing a Global Fund supported Regional TB Lab Strengthening Project in partnership with the East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC). SRL Uganda runs the operations of the laboratory, supporting and mentoring countries national TB Labs of 21 countries in the region to build resilient and sustainable TB diagnostic systems.

### About NTRL Uganda / SRL Uganda

**Who We Are**

Provide quality laboratory services and strengthen SRL diagnostic network through leadership and expert guidance and reduce the burden of TB in supported countries.

**Vision**

Every person in Sub-Saharan Africa has access to quality TB diagnostic services.

**Our Expertise**

- Diagnostic Testing
- Training & Mentorship
- External Quality Assurance (EQA)
- Proficiency Testing

We have been accredited by South African National Accreditation System (SANAS) for “Medical Testing Laboratory Tuberculosis and Molecular Tuberculosis” – ISO 15189:2012 and “Proficiency Testing by Interlaboratory Comparisons” – ISO/IEC 17043:2010 attesting to our world-class technical competency in TB diagnostics.

### Training & Mentoring National TB Labs in Africa

Ultimately, our target is to mentor other countries in our network to build their own resilient and sustainable TB Lab systems and eventually achieve WHO accreditation. We serve as a demonstration site, offering training and peer to peer mentorship for both local and regional lab personnel in various essential skill sets. Our teams also make several visits to various in country and regional sites to train, mentor, encourage and challenge the personnel to do better.

From our network, Mozambique has now achieved a Supranational Lab status, while Tanzania, Namibia and Kenya are in line to achieve WHO accreditation.
Headquartered in the Hague, and founded in the Netherlands in 1965, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation has a local presence in countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and an affiliate office in Washington D.C.

SNV is dedicated to a society in which all people are free to pursue their own sustainable development. We make a lasting difference in the lives of people living in poverty through increased incomes and access to basic services. We are driven by the Sustainable Development Goals and pledge to leave no one behind.

Our projects directly benefit millions of people. We create systems change by strengthening institutions and kick-starting markets that help many more to escape poverty beyond our projects.

We apply practical knowhow to create results. We use our extensive and long term in-country presence to apply and adapt our top notch expertise in Agriculture, Energy and WASH to local contexts.

We are proud to be a not-for-profit organisation that uses project financing to implement our mission. This requires us to work efficiently and to invest in operational excellence.
Essential nutrition training for your Front Line Workers

An up-to-date competence and evidence-based program for all front line workers (FLW) in ECSA -HC

Why invest in Nutrition capacity for frontline health workers?

- They form the first and most critical contact for all nutrition services at the community and health facility level.
- Most of the FLW cadres lack the competency, knowledge and skills required to deliver quality nutrition services.
- To improved quality of nutrition service delivery; reduced disease burden and hence the cost of health care.

Ensure FLW in your district don’t get left behind – invest in their skills and knowledge!

In ECSA region, malnutrition is a major driver of poverty and inequality. It is attributed to nearly 60% of all infant deaths in most of ECSA members’ states.