ZAMBIA’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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Role of ZNPHI

- Technical arm dedicated to safeguarding public health security through:
  - Surveillance and disease intelligence
  - Emergency preparedness and response capability
  - Specialised laboratory functions
  - Research and Information management
  - Workforce development
- Core to ensuring UHC, in line with GRZ Health sector transformation agenda
- Consistent with international best practice for strengthening national and global public health security
- Aligned to African Union aspiration and Africa CDC’s 3-tier operational model; hosts Southern Africa RCC
- Provides platform for actualizing the One Health concept
- Serves as national focal point for the International Health Regulations (IHR)
Update on Zambia Situation

ZAMBIA COVID-19 STATISTICS
STATUS UPDATE – 15 APRIL 2020

3 NEW CONFIRMED CASES

CUMULATIVE CASES: 48
TOTAL RECOVERIES: 30
TOTAL DEATHS: 2
ACTIVE CASES: 16

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Country Interventions

• **Coordination**
  – National Epidemic Preparedness, Prevention, Control & Management Committee (NEPPC&MC)
  – Committee for PSs, chaired by the Secretary to Cabinet
  – National Public Health Emergency Operations Centre activated; Incident Management System (IMS) in place

• **COVID-19 Contingency Plan** developed

• **COVID-19 Emergency Fund** established by Cabinet

• **COVID-19 Statutory Instrument** signed and effected

• Travel restrictions
COVID-19 IMS Structure

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Country Interventions cont’d

• **Surveillance**
  – Active surveillance at POE and Health Facilities
  – Screening of international passengers
  – Follow-up (Phone / physical) of travellers from high-risk areas
  – Keeping track of and investigating alerts
  – Incorporating private healthcare facilities

• **Case Management**
  – Designation of isolation facilities
  – Development of clinical management guidelines
  – Training of HCWs (over 500 trained)
Country Interventions cont’d

- **Laboratory Diagnostic Capacity**
  - PCR test for diagnosis of COVID-19
  - UTH Virology Laboratory (National Influenza center) and School of Veterinary Medicine, UNZA have COVID-19
  - Lab testing scale up to Copperbelt –TDRC (capacity building in other regions)
  - Working with WHO, Africa CDC, US CDC, Hokkaido University for further support
Country Interventions cont’d

• Infection Prevention & Control (IPC)
  – PPE mobilisation and stockpiling
  – Training of Staff: Clinical, Point of Entry, Rapid Response Team, Police, Immigration, Customs, Bankers

• Risk Communication
  – Community engagement
  – Call center established
    • 909 (toll-free)
    • 0953898941 / 0964638726 / 0974493553
  – Media engagement
  – Distribution of IEC materials (English & Local languages)
  – Training of Health Care Workers (HCWs)
Overview of COVID-19 Contingency Plan

- Aligned to continental strategy:
  - Surveillance
  - Case Management
  - Diagnostic capacity
  - Infection Prevention & Control
  - Risk Communication

- Key guiding principles
  - Coordination
  - Multi-sectorality: ‘One Health’
  - Port Health
  - Supplies & PPE stockpiling
  - Resource Mobilisation
  - M&E
Role of Stakeholders

• Media cooperation
  – Promote Community Sensitisation
    o Messages using print and electronic media – averts, health education messages
  – Reach every district in the nation
    o Update population with key message an what Government is doing to avert fear
  – Responsible reporting
    o Report accurate and verified data
  – Respect patient rights
    o Patients have a right to confidentiality and privacy
    o Avoid details of the individual (race, residency..)
Ending COVID-19 is a collective responsibility and it begins with You!