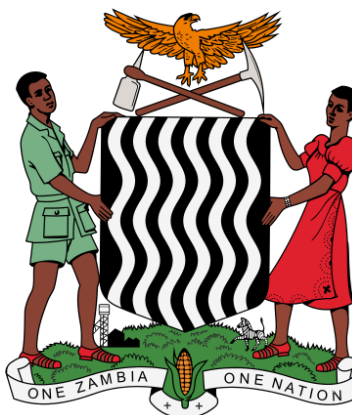


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AT THE DONATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO MATERO FIRST

LEVEL HOSPITAL IN LUSAKA

23RD MARCH 2018

- THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR CHITALU CHILUFYA, MP
- THE AREA MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR MATERO, MR. LLOYD MULENGA KAZIYA
- REPRESENTATIVE FROM COOPERATING PARTNERS JICA
- CHAIRPERSON, NAPSA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MS MARIAN MUNYINDA
- THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME AUTHORITY, MR YOLLARD KACHINDA
- THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR. ZYAMBO
- ALL SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PRESENT
- THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, MATERO FIRST LEVEL HOSPITAL
- ALL MANAGEMENT AND STAFF FROM MATERO HOSPITAL AND NAPSA
- COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS PRESENT
- INVITED GUESTS
- MEMBERS OF THE PRESS
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME AUTHORITY, THROUGH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MS MARIAN MUNYINDA, FOR INVITING ME TO GRACE THIS OCCASION. I ALSO THANK THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR CHITALU CHILUFYA FOR ACCEPTING A SHORT NOTICE INVITATION TO JOIN ME AT THIS DONATION. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR FINDING TIME TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT DONATION BY NAPSA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I AM A VERY PROUD MINISTER TO SUPERINTEND OVER AN INSTITUTION THAT NOT ONLY CARES ABOUT ACHIEVING ITS BUSINESS GOALS, BUT IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH IT OPERATES.

THE WORLD TODAY IS FACED WITH NUMEROUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES THAT REQUIRE CONCERTED EFFORTS FROM BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR PLAYERS TO ADDRESS. THEREFORE, AN INTERVENTION OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL DEFINITELY GO A LONG WAY IN CUSHIONING SOME OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE FACED WITH. SPECIFICALLY THIS GESTURE WILL BRING US CLOSER TO ACHIEVING OUR GOAL OF QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR ALL.

AS GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE A ROBUST SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AGENDA TO TURN THIS COUNTRY INTO A MIDDLE-INCOME PROSPEROUS ECONOMY WHERE EVERYONE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO BASIC THINGS THAT THEY NEED IN LIFE, SUCH AS HEALTH, EDUCATION, SHELTER, AND FOOD AMONG OTHER THINGS. HOWEVER, WE ALSO KNOW THAT DEVELOPMENT SOMETIMES TAKES LONG TO PERMEATE ALL LAYERS OF SOCIETY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES OTHER SOCIAL PARTNERS TO COME IN WITH SUCH INTERVENTIONS AS THIS ONE TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP AND MOVE THE COUNTRY FASTER TO ACHIEVING ITS BIGGER DREAMS WITHOUT LEAVING ANYONE BEHIND.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

ONE OF THE INTERVENTIONS BY NAPSA THAT WE BELIEVE WILL SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY IS THE EXTENSION OF COVERAGE TO THE INFORMAL SECTOR PROGRAMME. THIS PROGRAMME, TARGETED AT THE INFORMAL SECTOR, WHICH CONSTITUTES THE LARGEST ECONOMIC SECTOR IN THIS COUNTRY, LIKE IN MANY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WILL CHANGE THE FORTUNES OF MANY OF

OUR CITIZENS. WE WILL SEE THE REDUCTION IN OLD AGE POVERTY, AS MORE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, INCLUDING HEALTHCARE.

I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO EVERYONE WITH ANY FORM OF SOURCE OF INCOME, INCLUDING DOMESTIC WORKERS, MARKETEERS, TAXI DRIVERS, GUARDS AND SMALL-SCALE FARMERS, TO CONSIDER REGISTERING WITH THE NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME AUTHORITY. THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR FORTUNES ESPECIALLY AS YOU GET INTO OLD AGE AND ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO WORK ACTIVELY BECAUSE NAPSA WILL COME IN TO ASSIST YOU.

I AM THEREFORE DELIGHTED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME AUTHORITY AND COOPERATING PARTNERS TODAY TO HANDOVER THIS ASSORTED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT THAT NAPSA IS DONATING TO MATERO FIRST LEVEL HOSPITAL. WITH THIS DONATION, NAPSA IS DEMONSTRATING TRUE LOVE AND CARE TOWARDS THE RESIDENTS OF MATERO COMMUNITY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WHO SEEK MEDICAL HELP FROM THIS FACILITY. LIKE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL SAID, SOME OF THEM ARE

MEMBERS OF NAPSA AND THIS IS A DIRECT BENEFIT FROM THEIR OWN INSTITUTION.

WE HEARD THAT THE HOSPITAL CATERS FOR A POPULATION OF OVER 400,000 PEOPLE FROM THIS GROWING COMMUNITY AND OTHER SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS. THESE COMMUNITIES ARE GROWING VERY FAST AND PUTTING PRESSURE ON EXISTING FACILITIES. THUS, A DONATION SUCH AS THIS ONE FROM NAPSA COULD NOT HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME THAN NOW.

I WOULD LIKE TO IMPLOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS HOSPITAL ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE OF DELIVERING HEALTHCARE TO OUR PEOPLE TO ENSURE THAT YOU MAXIMISE USE OF THIS DONATION TO BETTER THE WELFARE OF PATIENTS IN YOUR CARE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

AS GOVERNMENT, WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THAT THE WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE IS TAKEN CARE OF THROUGH THE PROVISION OF BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES SUCH AS HEALTH. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO SEE MORE OF THE CORPORATE WORLD PLOUGH BACK INTO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE. I THEREFORE

IMPLORE OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO EMULATE THE NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME AUTHORITY.

MAY I ONCE AGAIN THANK MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF NAPSA FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD THAT MY MINISTRY WOULD PROVIDE ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT IN THE PROVISION OF NOT ONLY SOCIAL SECURITY TO ALL, BUT ALSO IMPROVING THE GENERAL WELLBEING OF OUR PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

I NOW OFFICIALLY HANDOVER THE DONATED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO MATERO FIRST LEVEL HOSPITAL.

GOD BLESS YOU.

I THANK YOU ALL.