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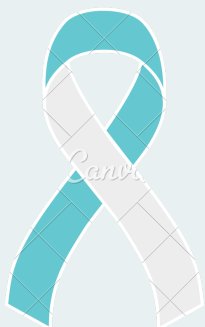
*IMPILO EHR Staff induction meeting in Harare*

## **Zim-TTECH, MoHCC scales-up uptake of the Electronic Health Records (EHR) system**

Each year, in October, Zim-TTECH sees the beginning of a new financial year . The Country Operational Plan 2022 (COP22) spans from October 2022 to September 2023. This year started on a high note with the induction of the new EHR team joining the organization following the recently awarded PEPFAR supported five year grant, '**Strengthening Epidemiology and Strategic Information**'. The award will be implemented through the “Impilo” Electronic Health Record and Case Based Surveillance (EHR/CBS) program. The program aims to build the Ministry of Health and Child Care’s (MoHCC) capacity at the national, provincial, and district levels to collect key strategic information (SI) required to measure progress towards achieving epidemic control and generate a strong evidence base for informed program decision-making in Zimbabwe. The program will be implemented in all the 10 Provinces of Zimbabwe . The EHR/CBS system is meant to reduce the current burden of paper data collection for health workers and ultimately improve the quality of care in public health facilities

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**While the rest of the World commemorates Breast Cancer awareness month, we reflect on our efforts to fight Cervical Cancer.**

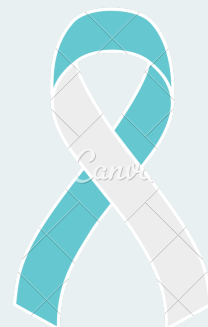


**From October 2021 -September 2022 (COP21)**

**92 547** Women (25-49years) were screened for Cervical cancer.

**4036** Women (25-49years) tested positive for Cervical cancer.

**2902** Women (25-49years) were treated for Cervical cancer.



## Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe teams host I-TECH Global Executive Director, Pamela Collins.

*Angela Musonza (PZAT Tsholotsho DREAMS lead) and Pamela Collins*



The I-TECH Global Executive Director, Pamela Collins based at I-TECH University of Washington HQ in Seattle, USA, visited Zim-TTECH in October in a bid to have a first hand experience and appreciate I-TECH support to the Ministry of Health and Child Care HIV programming.

Pamela joined the DREAMS team in Bulawayo for a visit to Tsholotsho in Matabeleland North Province where she interacted with the DREAMS in-school primary package beneficiaries, the 'No-means-No' package, the 72 hour GBV response task force at Chepfunye Primary School. The No-means-No in-school initiative trains young girls between the ages of 10 to 14 years in high risk environments in developing verbal and physical skills to defend themselves during a physical or sexual attack. From the school Pamela was taken to Mbamba village to meet up with Adolescent girls and young women who have gone through the primary and secondary packages and are now enterprising through different income generating projects like baking, hairdressing, dressmaking and gardening.



*A student at Chepfunye Primary school taking the visiting delegation through the 72 hour GBV response room*



### **Pictures on the left**

*Ngwiza garden owned and run by young women who came together and approached the local leadership for space. Now the young women sale leaf vegetables, tomatoes, carrots and onions in the village and are no longer at risk of being exploited for money as they are now financially independent.*



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## World Mental Health Day Commemorations

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**World Mental Health Day** is marked every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world and to mobilize efforts to support those experiencing mental health challenges. Celebrated under the theme, 'Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority', this year's commemorations came while the whole world is recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic that continues to take a toll on people's mental health.

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### Zim-TTECH Mental health Initiative

According to the WHO, globally, 75–90% of people with Mental Health conditions do not get the treatment they require. 45% of the world's population live in countries with one psychiatrist per 100 000 people **Source: WHO/mhGAP/MOHCC** . The burden of mental health in Zimbabwe is now a public health concern including the existing gap on screening Mental Health among People Living with HIV. The government of Zimbabwe developed National Mental Health Policies and Plans to bridge the gaps. WHO intends to support MoHCC on integration of MH & Primary Health Care under the *"Special initiative for Mental Health"*

Zim-TTECH plans to capacitate lay cadres to screen common mental health problems in people living with HIV as well as provide first line response using LIVES/Problem Solving Therapy (PST) approach. Secondly Zim-TTECH will screen and manage common mental health conditions using mhGAP/PST approach as well as facilitate oversight of the lay cadres.



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## DREAMS, CDC, visit in Matabeleland North

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Our DREAMS teams had an opportunity to host Meagan Cain, (Health scientist) and Joseph Edward Logan (Epidemiologist) from CDC Atlanta. The duo was accompanied by the CDC Zimbabwe delegation and visited Matabeleland North Province. Their visit was part of enhancing knowledge and appreciation of the DREAMS program in Bubi, Tsholotsho, Lupane and Nkayi districts.

The delegation interacted with each ZimPAAC DREAMS district teams and stakeholders in a bid to understand the operationalization and outcomes of the DREAMS core package of interventions in the four districts.

The visit also sought to demonstrate how PrEP adherence support groups were promoting continuations among AGYW and YWSS. In Tsholotsho the teams showcased the in-school primary and secondary interventions i.e, the primary package, No-means-No and the Families matter program.

To showcase clinical service delivery, Guidance and Counselling teachers in schools presented the primary processes and linkage to secondary services. Learners at Chepfunye primary school in Tsholotsho demonstrated their knowledge in practice as well as showcased the 72-hour GBV response room.



Mbalenhle Ndlovu, 22 years, from Mbamba Village, Tsholotsho our DREAMS project beneficiary.

Now well known for her baked delicacies in Mbamba Village, Mbalenhle is now able to look after her 2-year-old son and no longer financially depend on relationships that might put her at risk of contracting HIV and unwanted pregnancies. Mbalenhle went through the DREAMS primary and secondary packages where the financial literacy aspect changed her life,

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***"My life has changed ever since I learnt about financial literacy and budgeting. I saved some money from a group ISAL and started my baking business. I bake and sell muffins, scones and doughnuts. I am now financially independent and able to sustain myself and my son."***

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**6849** vulnerable AGYWs

*between 15-24years,*

*were reached through Economic Strengthening form October 2021 to September 2022(COP21)*

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With support from The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) under the ZimPAAC consortium, Young women like Mbalenhle have been empowered with life skills that enable them to be self-sufficient.



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## DREAMS CDC visit in Pictures...

