

Teamwork and partnership

An update on activities from our **Publishing Partners**



Crown Agents Zimbabwe work goes from strength to strength

Our work on strengthening Zimbabwe's maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) systems is set to continue, after we recently signed a contract to roll out Results Based Financing (RBF) across 42 districts in support of the Health Transition Fund (HTF).

Our contract is with Zimbabwe's Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) and is a progression of the work that we have been carrying out on the revitalisation of the Health Services Fund project that began in November 2012.

This change in funding mechanism now means that the health providers will be paid for predefined and verified results, but the project objectives will remain the same. The overall objective of the HTF is to improve MNCH by strengthening health systems and scaling up the implementation of high impact MNCH interventions through support to the health sector.

We will act as the Fund Holder and National Purchasing Agent. With a team with over 60 people, our responsibilities include contracting assorted service providers, verifying the delivery of the services, paying out against the contracts, capacity building of the MoHCC, and carrying out ongoing evaluation of the RBF model. The new programme is one of the most significant reforms in the Zimbabwean health sector and is currently due to run up to June 2015.



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Master of Public Health Graduate looking to give back to her community

Having grown up in Zimbabwe, Chipo Musara

decided early on in life that she wanted to pursue a career that focused on helping communities.

Having graduated with a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Liverpool - after studying 100% online - she has set about doing just that through

her organisation, RED-UK.

As CEO of RED-UK, Chipo is seeking to improve the livelihood of African immigrants in South Africa and Great Britain through educating individuals once abroad, and at home in her native Zimbabwe. With over 24 years' experience working with minority groups, Chipo's recent studies helped her to pursue her altruistic goals:

'Growing up in a developing country has enabled me to experience the suffering of communities due to poverty, diseases, and ignorance. It has therefore always been my passion to give back to my community by being part of the workforce that helps them, so I have always wanted a qualification such as a MPH to help achieve this.

'The MPH provided me with skills and knowledge; I now have the capacity to design actions to improve public health in communities. So the organisation was formed on what I learnt during my studies.'

Having studied everywhere from in airport lounges to on buses, Chipo graduated on campus in Liverpool this July. Despite describing her studies as 'tough and hard work' she is considering a Doctor in Public Health with the University of Liverpool, and is already confident of the impact her learning has had.

'I am already making an impact in my native country of Zimbabwe. RED-UK aims to change people's lives, and is already doing so in a positive way.'

For more information on the University of Liverpool's 100% online MPH, please visit: <http://www.university-liverpool-online.com/mph>



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