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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

## PRAYER ITEMS.

- We thank God for new hospital staff.
- We pray for good relationship between staff members and the community.
- We thank God for Protecting us from Covid-19 and no life has been lost due to this pandemic.
- We pray for the government of Malawi and for God's intervention on issues of SLA invoices to be paid in good time for survival of our hospital.

## Current DGMH Management members

Ishmael Jonathan Nyirenda –  
Acting Medical Officer In-  
Charge

Dyson Matimati - Principal  
Hospital Administrator

Andrew Chunga - Senior Human  
Resources Management  
officer

Daudie Banda -Senior Administrative  
Officer

Wadana Mkandawire -Principal  
Nursing Officer

Moses Silungwe –Acting Head  
of Clinical Department

Frank Nyirenda– Hospital  
Accountant

Rev. Hathor Mhone – Hospital  
Chaplain

Erasmus Blessings Mbemba-  
Acting PHC Director

Innocent Kamukama – Staff Representative

## NEW MANAGEMENT MEMBERS AT DGMH

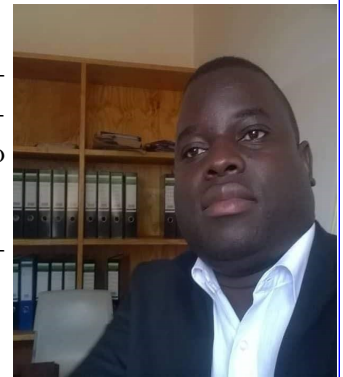


Mr. Ishmael Nyirenda (Clinical Superintendent) has been entrusted with leadership position as the Acting Medical Officer In charge –(AMOIC) for David Gordon Memorial Hospital since last year, 2021.

He is one of the long serving members with a lot of experience.

Mr Dyson Matimati, the Principal Hospital Administrator (PHA), has joined DGMH after being transferred from Embangweni Mission Hospital to DGMH in the same capacity as PHA.

In the picture to the left, the Principal Hospital Administrator, Mr Dyson Matimati



Rev Hathor Mhone, is the new Chaplain for DGMH replacing Rev Mpama Jere. The chaplaincy committee organizes daily morning devotions as part of spiritual care for the patients, staff and community. All patients, staff and community at large partake the devotion.



Morning devotions are being conducted the whole week in which Monday's ,Wednesday's and Friday's are special for all the staff members while Tuesday's and Thursday's are for staff , patients and guardians in the wards.

The prayer programs which were suspended in Wards have been resumed after noticing that the number of Covid 19 cases have drastically drop.

In addition to the above programs the Chaplaincy department has introduced intercession prayers which will be conducted every quarter of the year to be praying for all things affecting the hospital.

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## SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*For where two or three are gathered together In my name , there am I in the midst of them.*

*Matthew 18 :20*

*(KJV)*

*"Give ,and it will be given to you, Good measure , pressed down , shaken together running over , will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you ."*

*Luke 6 :38*

## PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray for all our beloved who have lost their lives during the pandemic and the year 2021. [MTSRIP](#).
- Pray for all our partners who assist us both in material and financially and not forgetting our prayer partners. God should give us good health and protect us from this pandemic of Covid –19.
- God must enlarge your territories in everything that you do to us .You have been assisting us in all our request and even in times when we were not expecting to receive we receive from you our brethren's.
- In the process to prepare for the enemy we decided to reach out to you our dear brethren for financial help for us to procure different materials required in preparing and fighting the pandemic you did not fail us.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL !!!!!



Daudie Banda is the new Senior Administrative Officer (SAO) replacing Anastazia Nyirenda. He was formerly working for Ekwendeni Mission Hospital and then transferred to DGMH in the same capacity as a Senior Administrative officer.

Mr Moses Silungwe is the new Acting Head of Clinical Department. He took over from Mr Nyirenda who is now the Acting medical officer in charge for DGMH. Management members endorsed Moses Silungwe as Acting Head of Clinical Department to make sure that both offices could be active in terms of service delivery at the same time.

Moses has been working as a Senior clinical officer for a number of years and he is one of the hard working man.



## UPDATE ON COVID - 19

After a massive campaign on Covid - 19, most of the people around Livingstonia have been coming for testing. The data shows that 88 people were tested and 47 of out the total number were found positive. A number of staff members were infected and more than 13 tested positive were staff members.

Third wave was very infectious (fast spreading) but mostly with mild symptoms

## Covid -19 Vaccination exercise in secondary schools

In an effort to have a secured community from Covid -19, the hospital joined the Government of Malawi in an exercise of vaccinating secondary school students within its catchment area. The is an on going exercise until all students have been vaccinated.



*In the picture (left), an Health Surveillance Assistance going to one of the nearby secondary school for Covid– 19 vaccination.*

Actual vaccination exercise taking place in one of the nearby



secondary school. In the above *right picture* a student is voluntarily getting covid-19 vaccination.

So far most of the students have been vaccinated since this is done basing on the choice of the student.



# DAVID GORDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-SYNOD OF LIVINGSTONIA

## Statistics In Service Delivery

### CURATIVE

Indicators from curative, preventive and promotion departments of the hospital and their respective statistics.

INDICATORS	Oct-Dec 2021	Jan-March 2022
Out-Patient	11813	12241
Admission in. Maternity	277	287
Confirmed TB	5	3
Malaria new cases over five years	756	655
New skin infection	146	197
New eye infection	81	148
New oral infection	22	24
Road Traffic Accident	85	78
New ear infection	9	11
New STI cases	21	21
Common injuries and wounds	176	155

### ADMISSIONS BY WARDS

WARD		
	Oct-Dec 2021	Jan-March 2022
MALE	84	47
FEMALE	70	75
CHILDREN'S	184	94
MATERNITY	277	287
DELIVERIES (total)	260	285

### ADMISSIONS' TOP FIVE CONDITIONS

FACILITY		
	Oct-Dec 2021	Jan-March 2022
NCD	624	777
Trauma	111	109
Pneumonia	110	106
Malaria >5	48	43
Surgical Conditions	73	47

## DGMH embarks on an exercise of repairing and Constructing Shallow wells

Safe water supply is crucial to human health and well-being. Availability of safe drinking water in communities helps to prevent diseases such as cholera, typhoid and scabies.



Because of this DGMH through PHC department had been working on to build and maintain shallow wells to ensure safe water supply in its catchment area. 25 Shallow wells were repaired and 3 new shallow wells were constructed.

A new shallow well, left picture.

The maintenance team working on a shallow well. Right picture,

From the month of April 2022 DGHM through PHC Department will be maintaining 60 shallow wells within its catchment



## Relationship with the community

In July 2021 community demonstrated against reduced availability of drugs and medical supplies including bed sheets and mattresses, halting of Living Trees' projects. They also demanded the removal of PHA and MOIC

Indeed, some of the resources are indeed erratic due to challenges the hospital is going through

Services were disrupted. We are in the process of rebuilding the relationship. So far the MOU with LToL is at an advanced stage. Some meetings with local structures have been conducted (HAC, friends of Livingstonia)

## Availability of essential drugs

In an effort to minimize the problem of shortage of drugs at the hospital, an agreement was made with Central Medical Stores Trust (CMST), where drugs will be supplied on short term loan and payment be made later in the future. CMST is a government owned company which supply drugs to all government hospitals and health centers. This means that the hospital will strive at any time to have all essential drugs in stock.



## SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me*

*John 14: 1 (NIV)*

*"And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt: but will lay them upon all them that hate thee."*

*Deuteronomy 7:15*

## Readers Response

Readers are encouraged to comment on issues raised in this Newsletter.

Please kindly inform us if you know someone who may be interested in this Newsletter. Do not hesitate to inform us if you do not need another copy of this Newsletter in future.

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## CURRENT CHALLENGES AT DGMH

### Old infrastructures which need maintenance

DGMH is a memorial hospital and its structures were built in 1910. Most of the buildings are in dilapidated condition and need major maintenance.

Some of the buildings need to be modified to fit the purpose of the hospital. The pictures down show the general condition of the hospital:



*The face of the hospital.*



*The floor at Male Ward*



*The Veranda at the Female Ward*



*behind the Theatre*

The above pictures shows the current condition of the hospital buildings. There is need to repair the leaking roofs and replacing ceilings. Plumbing systems need to be overhauled and the floor of other buildings need to be maintained.

### Transport

The operating cost for the vehicles is very high and vehicles especially ambulances needs to be serviced more frequently because of the condition of the roads and the terrain of the area.



There are 4 ambulances which are down and need major services to go back on the road.

### Housing leading to high staff turnover

The institution can only manage to accommodate only quarter of the total staff while other employees find their own accommodation. This is a major contribution factor to staff turnover.