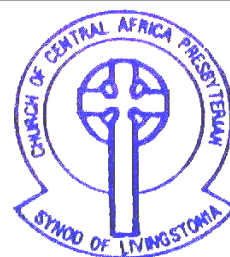


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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

PRAYER ITEMS.

- We thank God for the new hospital staffs; Dr. Innocent Mkungula Medical officer in charge, Chance Mvula pharmacy Assistance, Erasmo Mbemba Environmental Health Officer and Easter Kumwenda –Secretary. We pray that they should settle down well in their posts.
- We thank God for the protection against COVID-19.
- We Pray that the financial situation of the hospital may improve during this time of COVID-19 pandemic .

Current DGMH management members

Dr. Innocent Mkungula-
Medical Officer In-Charge

Anastasia Nyirenda-Senior
Administrative Officer

Wadana Mkandawire -
Principal Nursing Officer

Ishmael Jonathan Nyirenda-
Head of Clinical Department

Frank Nyirenda-Accountant

Rev. Shadreck Mpama Jere-
Hospital Chaplain

Chrissy Kaunda—Acting
PHC Director

Innocent Kayula—Staff rep

Dr. INNOCENT MKUNGULA TAKES OVER LEADERSHIP OF DGMH FROM MR. ISHMAEL NYIRENDA

After Mr. Ishmael Nyirenda (Clinical Superintendent) had served DGMH for 1 year and 2 months as acting Medical officer In-charge, he handed over the leadership to Dr. Innocent Mkungula. Dr. Innocent Mkungula has been entrusted with leadership position as the Medical Officer In charge –MOIC for David Gordon Memorial Hospital since 1st August 2020 .



In the Picture is Dr. Innocent Mkungula.

He is a Medical Doctor who has joined DGMH from August 2020 . His presence will increase the number of medical team which DGMH has been struggling to have. This beefs up the team hence improving delivery of services to the community

DGMH MEMBERS OF STAFFS DRILLED ON COVID 19

- ◆ DGM Hospital members of staff have received trainings on Covid-19. Two trainings were conducted. The first session targeted Clinicians and nurses. The training aimed at equipping clinical and nursing staff with knowledge and skills of how to handle and manage COVID-19 cases.
- ◆ The training was conducted courtesy of Rumphi District hospital with financial support from International Center for AIDS Care and treatment programs (ICAP.) The second session targeted drivers, watchmen, patient attendants, Mortuary attendant, and hospital messenger. The training was courtesy of Livingstonia Synod health coordination Office with financial assistance from development partners.
- ◆ Hospital management commended Livingstonia Synod Health Coordination Office and Rumphi DHO for the training sessions saying it has equipped the hospital workers with knowledge of Covid-19 as it recognizes the serious threat that the on going Covid-19 global outbreak poses to Malawi.

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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 .Fo 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 there lives during the pandemic and the year 2020.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 al 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.

THE HOSPITAL COVID PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN DGM

- ♦ Hospital is fulfilling its primary role of protecting the lives of its community during this time of CIVOD-19 pandemic. It has put in place plans to minimize or eliminate employee exposure to COVID-19. The hospital has plans to strengthened screening in all points of entry. Medical Masks and hand sanitizers are distributed to all workers. Personal protective equipment are available. The hospital has washing basins and soap in all entry points where everyone washes hands before entering .The hospital formed COVID –19 task force team with the following objectives : resource mobilization, Community awareness among others. Chaplaincy department works hand in hand with the task force to provide psychosocial support to people who are infected or affected by COVID –19

Below are some of the photos of the hospital staff demonstrating o how they are using the resources available in preparation for Covid 19 .



COVID 19 CASE AT THE HOSPITAL

- ♦ The hospital registered one COVID-19 case. A man of 50 years old .He was a fisherman. He came from lake shore district of Nkhatabay. The patient was first seen by a clinician who suspected him of being infected with COVID -19.The clinician instructed Male ward staffs to isolate the patient. The patient was put in isolation ward. Sample was collected the following day and tested positive COVID -19.The patient died day five in the ward. All male ward staffs who attended to the patient were quarantined for five days. The hospital arranged for Male ward staffs to go for testing and were confirmed

NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CLINIC

- ♦ Routine NCD (non communicable disease) clinic continued to be carried out at DGMH twice a month. NCD includes diabetes, hypertension, Asthma, mentally challenged and Epilepsy . Patients are checked blood sugar levels, blood pressure .Epilepsy patients are asked how many seizures has he or she had per two weeks The clinic has over 200 patients who are benefiting from the service. Non communicable diseases are highest cause of death among elderly in Malawi . High blood pressure is usually called the silent killer. The Clinic is run by NCD coordinator, Mr. Eden Kumwenda

SPIRITUAL GUID- ANCE

*Whatever you do,
do it heartedly as
to the Lord and
not to men,
knowing that
from the Lord
you receive the
reward of the in-
heritance for you
save the Lord
Christ*

Col. 3: 23-24

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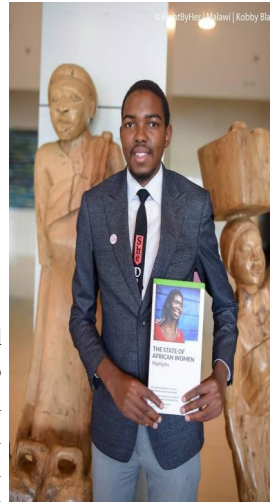
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NEW STAFF AT DGMH

DGMH has received a number of new staff.

The new staff that have joined DGMH includes; Dr. Innocent Mkungula (Medical officer in charge) Chancerose Mvula (Pharmacy Assistance) Mr. Erasmo Mbemba (Environmental Health Officer) and Easter Kumwenda (Secretary).

DGMH HAS RECRUITED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER



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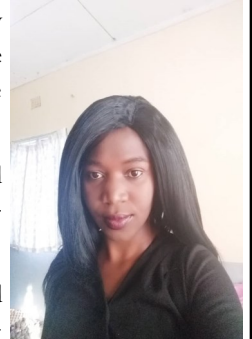
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Environmental Health Officer Mr. directly reports to the PHC Director. department has four thematic areas safety and hygiene, health and safety, control ,water and sanitation. For a DGMH has been relying on Rumph District Hospital to conduct its environmental related activities because there was no Environmental Health Officer. In the same vein the Environmental Health Officer conducted food inspection and premises auditing for Livingstonia catchment area, on food safety and hygiene. The objective of the activity was to ensure that hygiene standards of the premises are met so that they produce safe food and to provide advice or recommendations to food handlers or restaurant and shop owners



To the right is Easter Kumwenda the new Secretary and to the **left is Chancerose Mvula the new Pharmacy Assistance** whose duties are :

- ◆ Dispenses prescription medication and other medical products to patients under direction of the prescriber.
- ◆ Counts pills, labels bottles, prices, and compounds medications to prepare prescriptions for patients as directed.



- ◆ Gathers, organizes, and assesses patient information, Supplies patients with information and education on their prescriptions, Monitors prescription-filling process to ensure compliance with relevant regulations and pharmacy policies, Liaises with healthcare providers and patients to obtain correct prescription information, Answers patients' questions about their medications under the supervision of the pharmacist, Takes inventory of drugs on hand and records results, Places orders for additional drugs as directed by the pharmacist.



To the left is the former Medical officer in-Charge Mr. Ishmael Nyirenda and to the right is the New Medical officer In charge Dr. Innocent Mkungula



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

SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE PATIENTS, COMMUNITY AND STAFF AT DGMH

- ♦ As part of spiritual care for the patients, staff and community, the chaplaincy committee organizes daily morning devotions which is being lead by Rev. Shadrach Mpama Jere . All patients, staff and community at large partake the devotion.
- ♦ Morning devotions used to take place the whole week in which Monday ,Wednesday and Friday was special for all the staff members while Tuesday and Thursday was for staff , patients and guardians in thee wards.
- ♦ With the pandemic devotions have been affected in such that all prayers in the wards have been suspended together with the normal ones in which a limit of 100 people observing social distance and following all the control measures put in place for covid-19 are allowed to do so.

GENERAL HOSPITAL PROJECTS

Below are the toilets constructed by Livingtrees for guardian Shelter



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Below is one of the staff houses renovated by Living Trees

