



WGH is an organization built on a global movement with the largest network of women and allies working to challenge power and privilege for gender equity in health. It was established in 2015 and has grown to include 41 Chapters in 36 countries, and expects to have 100 by 2023. With around 5,500 members and 70,000 supporters in over 90 countries,

We are the Zambian Chapter of Women in Global Health with over 220 members dedicated to ensuring that we advocate for our vision and mission in this nation.

### We believe

We believe that everyone has the right to attain equal levels of participation in leadership and decision-making regardless of gender.

### Our Vision

Gender equality within global health leadership.

### Our Mission

To improve global health through Gender Transformative Leadership by the utilization of: advocacy, training, education, research, policy recommendations, mentorship and networking opportunities

We hope you enjoy reading about what's happening in our local chapter, if you would like to find out what's happening globally please subscribe to the Women in Global Health Weekly bulletin.

**Women in Global Health Zambia Leadership**



# September 2022

## CHAPTER BULLETIN

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This bulletin is made available every last Friday of the month and distributed via our mailing list and Whatsapp Group. We are introducing a new quarterly section called 'Zambian Heroine of health' which will highlight the women in our nation who have made a huge impact on health.

For more information kindly get in touch with our communications Team via our email address: [wghzambia@womeninglobalhealth.org](mailto:wghzambia@womeninglobalhealth.org)

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# Chapter News



## **UHC CAPACITY BUILDING: NACHIZYA NAMUKANGA MULENGA**

Congratulations Nachizya Namukanga Mulenga on being awarded a spot in this years Women Delivers SRHR in UHC Capacity Building session. The session is set to begin at the end of September and is aimed at translating the WHO's present handbook on SRHR and UHC into something actionable for advocates at the national level.

## **AFRICAN WRITERS CONFERENCE; ALICE KASONKOMONA**

Alice Kasonkomona an upcoming writer, will be attending the African writers conference.

The conference is aimed at empowering, connecting and networking African writers. It has been held for the last four years. This year the conference will be held from the 2nd to the 6th of November in Duala Cameroon under the theme "Writing Africa: A Nexus of Hope".



## **WELCOME TO WGH ZAMBIA!**

Following our last update of our chapter membership database on 29th September 2022. Our chapter has grown to include 223 members. We would like to welcome all our new members and urge you to sign up for a Team!

Our teams include advocacy, communications, research and capacity building



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# Chapter News

## Women in Global Health Zambia

### We men supporting gender equality in Leadership Launch

This Campaign aims to engage men in the conversation about gender equality

16th September 2022

15:00 - 16:00 (CAT)

Zoom meeting



Event 1: We recently launched the We Men Supporting Gender Equality Campaign. Be a part of our advocacy effort by sending your quote to: <https://forms.gle/mwx35iN7Auhqxgh46>

## Calling on all women working in health!

If you work in the health sector and have experienced any form of sexual abuse and harassment at work: submit your story anonymously to the #HealthToo platform.

Contribute to the body of knowledge to make this issue visible and drive reform to end it.

# #HealthToo



Event 1: #HealthToo is a womeninGH project to document stories of women #HealthWorkers who have experienced Sexual Exploitation, Abuse & Harassment (#SEAH) at work. Share anonymously & help drive policy change: <https://bit.ly/3xtmkZD>

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# WGHH Peer to Peer Meeting

Women in Global Health held it's first ever peer to peer meeting in Nairobi Kenya this september 2022



# Zambian Heroine of HealthCare



28th September 2022

By Shikanda Kawanga

IT IS worth noting that Community Health Workers (CHWs) have a critical role to play in addressing health disparities. It is against this background that CHWs have for a long time been integrated into the health care delivery system. And in most cases, CHWs are volunteers.

One such example is 37-year-old Siyanga Mundia, who volunteers as a community health worker.

“I am psychosocial counselor as well as a care giver and counselor. I have served in different communities within Lusaka such as Chelstone Township as a counselor, Kalingalinga Township as a caregiver and Beitcure Hospital also as a caregiver,” She said.

Ms. Mundia describes herself as a passionate caregiver as well as a counselor because it gives her joy caring for others.

She narrated that she has been volunteering as a Community Health Worker for over two years now.

Despite having worked as volunteer at different health facilities, Ms. Mundia has certificates in, First Aid, Health Care Assistance, psychosocial counseling & HIV/AIDS and currently pursuing a diploma in social work.

Ms. Mundia draws her inspiration from any hard working woman who really sees to it that what is supposed to be done is done in order to achieve or save a life.

Our Women in Global Health Pay Women Report estimates that six million women work unpaid and underpaid in core health systems roles, effectively subsidizing global health with their unpaid and underpaid labor. Men also occupy health roles that are unpaid, but the vast majority of unpaid health workers are women.

This is the time to value every health worker and recognize the skills and experience of the millions of women who currently work unpaid. Rather than see them as volunteers, they should be seen as change agents who are the experts in their own communities. Creating decent jobs for all women in health would significantly contribute to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 and reduce the 18 million global health worker gap. Investing in women working unpaid to enter formal sector jobs in health would have the wider benefits of increasing gender equality and women’s economic empowerment

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# Upcoming Events



## 2022 Scientific Conference & Annual General Meeting

### Theme:

"Challenges and  
Innovations amidst the  
Covid-19 pandemic;  
Prioritising women,  
adolescent and child  
health"

Venue: The Quorum  
14th October, 2022

Charges: K350 Members  
K500 Non-members  
K50 Students

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Medical Women's Association of Zambia

Women in Global Health Zambia will be participating in this year's Medical Women's Association of Zambia (MWAZ) conference.  
Register today!

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