



# ZIEH NEWSLETTER

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## 15 Water for Kids (wfk) Members visit Zambia

Fifteen (15) members of WFKs UK were in Zambia to hand over the water project in Kamaila Village in Central Province. The visitors included Environmental Health Officers, Engineers and retirees from different fields who came to work in Kamaila village prior to the hand over of the water project.

The team paid a courtesy call on His Worship the Mayor of Lusaka who welcomed them to Zambia and thanked them for the works they were doing in the Country. He urged them to continue with the good work.

The Engineers in the delegation came on a special assignment of helping design a portable water kit to help Environmental Health Officers

analyze water on site. They worked hand in hand with EHOs from Lusaka City Council who provided all the necessary information they required.

Visits to different firms which were thought could help manufacture the designed kit were conducted. Routen water samples were collected from George Compound to give a picture to the designers on how water sampling was currently being conducted.

Environmental Health Officers were also part of the delegation. The EHOs got a feel of working on Environmental Health issues in Zambia. They joined their



Some of the WfK members in Kamaila

colleagues from the Lusaka City Council who hosted them for the time they were around.

## Message from the President

The Zambia Institute of Environmental Health (ZIEH) has scored many developmental challenges since its establishment. These achievements include launch of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree programme in Environmental health (EH) studies at the University of Zambia (UNZA), successful completion of phase one construction works of two classrooms and office block at UNZA Ridgeway campus and successful completion of water distribution and sanitation project at Kamaila Basic School and Susu/ Katete villages.

The Institute has continued to enjoy good working rela-

tionship with the North Western Region through Water for Kids (WfK) project. The successful implementation of the Kamaila project was due to timely release of funds by WfKs management and effective management of the project by the Project Managers who worked tirelessly and deserves special thanks for the job well done.

At International level, ZIEH is a member of International federation of Environmental Health (IFEH), Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) and we are twinned with the UK North Western Region of the CIEH. At local level, ZIEH is a broad

member of Medical Council of Zambia where it also serves on its various functional committees.

The challenge of ZIEH is the need to continue collaborating with WfKs in the improvement of water and sanitation reticulating system in new projects, review the institution's constitution and to develop a five year strategic plan, complete Phase two construction works of the classroom and laboratory block at the UNZA Ridgeway campus; procurement of utility motor vehicle and minibus for students and construct students' hostel. It is also our challenge to bring on board more members.

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### Special points of interest:

- ◆ ZIEH is a member of the International Federation of Environmental Health, supported by the CIEH NW Region UK
- ◆ ZIEH has an overseas membership in the UK
- ◆ ZIEH is twinned with the CIEH NW Region UK



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hear from you



Natasha one of the WfK trustee presenting gifts to ZIEH  
through the President Mr. Mbewe while Sarah looks on

## EDITORIAL

The Zambia Institute of Environmental Health (ZIEH) has been existing for many years but very few people know about it. Now is the time to take the institute out of the shell so that it can also shine.

Plans are under way to have ZIEH registered under the act of parliament. This will enable ZIEH contribute effectively to the nation as it will help regulate all issues pertaining to Public Health/ Environmental Health.

Already, ZIEH has secured a sit on the Medical Council of Zambia Board. The appointment to the board is not mean achievement as it will help ZIEH highlight issues concerning it to the Medical Council of Zambia Board.

In order for ZIEH to impact more, all Environmental Health Officers and other stake holders should get fully involved

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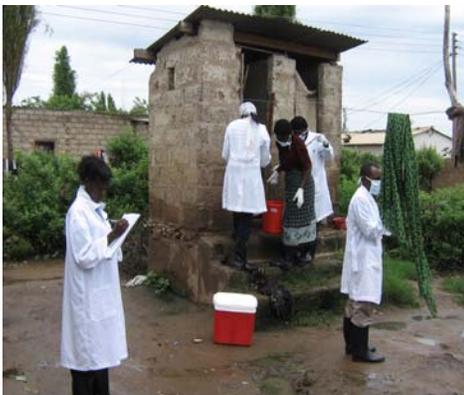
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## LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL UNDERTAKES A STUDY

The Lusaka City Council Public Health Department is undertaking a study on the effectiveness of Lime on the prevention and control of Cholera.

Lime has been used in the peri urban areas latrines of Lusaka.

The few times dosing of lime has been done, very few cases



*Officers on the ground undertaking the study.*

of Cholera has been reported in the City.

This has prompted the Public Health Department of Lusaka City Council to undertake the study.

There are different partners involved in the Lime study. These include UNICEF, Lusaka District Health Management Team (LDHMT), Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company (LWSC) and the commu-

nity in the project areas.

Four (4) peri urban areas have been identified for the study. These areas are George, Chunga, Chipata and Ng'ombe Compounds.

The study is challenging as it involves the collection of samples both water (from the wells) and Stool (from the pit latrines). The samples are then analysed at the LWSC laboratories for water and stool. As an Institute we shall ensure that you are informed about the findings through this same media. Make sure that you do not miss the next issue.

## ZIEH Constructs a Classroom Block at Ridge Way Campus

ZIEH is glad to announce that the construction of Phase I consisting of two (2) class rooms, five (5) offices, a board room and sanitary facilities has been completed.. The block will be used by the students studying BSc. Environmental Health. The building truly reflects the type of programme offered.



*View of the block constructed at Ridge way campus*

ZIEH would like to thank the Ministry of Health, ZANARA/Ministry of Finance and World Bank for having responded positively to our request. The building is ready to accommodate the first and

second intake of students.

ZIEH through stake holders in Environmental Health is currently looking for funds to construct phase II consisting 2 classrooms, a laboratory and a cold room on top of the new building at a cost of 120,000 US dollars.

We are encouraging all members and interested people to find time and visit the School of Medicine - Environmental Health and support the phase II project.

## Water for Kids (WfK) /ZIEH Water Project Handed over

The Kamaila water project was officially handed over to the recipients on 31st October 2007. The project involved the distribution of water from boholes. 49 stand pipes have been installed at the project site. 25 standpipes are in the village where there is a solar powered pump while 24 are at and around the school with the pump powered by electricity. The project is the first of its kind in Zambia as there is no village which has piped water anywhere in Zambia.

The project beneficiaries included

*The residents confessed that the project had really improved their lives as they were no longer walking long distances to the nearest stream to fetch water*

villagers from Susu, Mwanachilenga and Mwayota villages. It was smiles on the faces of the Kamaila residents when WfK and ZIEH handed over the water project to them. The handover was attended by WfK members from UK, ZIEH executive members, the District Education

Board Secretary from Chibombo district, headmen from the villages and several residents. The residents confessed that the project had really improved their lives as they were no longer walking long distances to the nearest stream to fetch water.

At the same function, 70 households received wash stands donated by WfK. These were donated to promote hygiene standards among the villagers.

The handover was characterized by dances from the pupils of Upeme school.

## ZIEH Constitution under review

The constitution for the Zambia Institute of Environmental Health is under reveal under the chairmanship of the ZIEH Vice President Mr. Amos Musonda. The constitution has not been reviewed in a very long time.

Reviewing of he constitution is inevitable as it will help address some very critical issues which can not be addressed as they are not included

in the current constitution. ZIEH executive has appointed a committee to spearhead the review of the constitution

The executive is printing 100 copies of the current constitution to be distributed to all the districts so that all the stakeholders can have an input. It is important that all the members are part of the review. This is an opportunity to have those

hot issues to be included in the new constitution. The draft constitution is expected to be ready before next years ZIEH AGM so that it can be enacted at the general meeting. The review team will include the entire ZIEH Executive and two (2) members from the Environmental Technologist Institute.

## ZIEH AND CIEH RELATIONSHIP GROWS

The Zambia Institute of Environmental Health and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (UK) has been twinned for the past few years 8 years. The twinning has brought a lot of positive things in Zam-



*ZIEH Executive members and some CIEH and WfKs Members from the UK at the Long Acres Lodge in Lusaka.*

bia. This relationship has been growing each and every year that passes. The CIEH has been very instrumental in the establishment of a BSc in Environmental

Health at the University of Zambia. The North Western Region of the CIEH is the one twinned with ZIEH. 15 of CIEH members renewed their membership to ZIEH for the next 5 years. The CIEH—NW region has also renewed ZIEH's membership to the International Federation of Environmental Health

## BSc DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The 2008-2009 Academic year will have two intakes

-10 2nd year students

-25 3rd year students.

The number of applicants for this academic year was overwhelming and ZIEH would like to encourage all its members who were not selected not to give up but to continue applying. ZIEH also sadly noted that only Ministry of Health has responded well in sponsoring its Environmental Health staff on the program. Other Institutions like the Local Authorities and training institutions are still reluctant to sponsor.

However, ZIEH is planning to meet these institutions and encourage them to start sponsoring their Environmental Health staff on the program.

*"am very happy for this program and opportunity as it has been long over due "*  
F.K Mwale- 3rd year student

**Some of the third year students at break after a Lecture**



## COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP UP FOR GRABS!

The British Government through the British Council has started giving Scholarship to professionals in the Environmental Health field to work with the Local Authorities in the UK.

The British Council gives one scholarship every year through the Zambia Institute of Environmental Health (ZIEH). ZIEH Executive nominates one of its members for the fellowship.

In 2007, Mr. William B. Ndhlovu, the

Acting Director of Public Health at Lusaka City Council was nominated for the fellowship. He was hosted by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) North -West Branch from 8th September 2007 to 10th December 2007. Whilst in the Uk. Mr. Ndhlovu worked with 14 Local Authorities.



*Mr. Ndhlovu in U K*

In these Local Authorities, he worked on different Public Health aspects.

ZIEH will continue nominating its members for the fellowship. Make sure that you are paid up, you may be the next in line

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