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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

CASPR RADIO PROGRAMMES: The CASPR project conducted a Rapid Assessment to understand the motivators and barriers to COVID-19 vaccination.

Based on the results from the assessment, radio shows were conducted by the Ministry of Health and Child Care in collaboration with Pangaea Zimbabwe.

The aims of the radio programmes were to address emerging factors for COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy, to strengthen COVID-19 vaccine literacy and to expand

understanding of COVID-19 vaccine experiences and how perspectives influence uptake. The rapid assessment identified a knowledge gap that needed to be addressed to motivate the public to get vaccinated as the fight against COVID-19 is not over yet.

The radio programmes commenced on January 17 2022 and the final episode was broadcasted on the February 21st. The programmes were aired on Power Fm, ZiFm and Radio Zimbabwe radio stations.

Panelists from the Ministry of Health and Child Care have been addressing the emerging issues from the CASPR rapid assessment. The issues discussed included vaccination process, eligibility issues, vaccine effectiveness among other issues that emerged from the rapid assessment.

A hotline number was made available to radio audience who had further questions which they required further clarification from the MOHCC panelist.



IN THE NEWS AND PZ UPDATES

Youth Drop-in centres: Hope for the future A reflection of the SHAZ! HUB



Many youths in the country have become victims of drug and substance abuse, with many at risk of conducting STIs and HIV. A reflection on the SHAZ! HUB has proved that youth drop-in centers are essential in promoting the development of youths; a future that is focused on empowerment and positive growth.

Shaping the Health of Adolescents in Zimbabwe (SHAZ! HUB) was initiated by the Pangaea Zimbabwe AIDS Trust with the belief that access to comprehensive and quality people-centered sexual and reproductive health services is a right for all citizens. Speaking to Sister Mupakati who works at the SHAZ! HUB, she said the youth drop-in center has given hope to many adolescents and young people.

“Through the various activities that are being carried out at the SHAZ! HUB, the youth drop-in center has positively changed the lives of many young people here in Chitungwiza. Adolescents and young people have access to free health services and recreational services. Moreover, life skills trainings have empowered young people to develop themselves instead of engaging in high-risk behaviors such as drug abuse and unprotected sexual activities.

Some of these young people have become brand ambassadors who are teaching their peers in the community, making referrals for their peers to access different services.”
Find more about the SHAZ! HUB <https://www.pzat.org/current-programmes/>

Social Media Messaging for HIV testing in Zimbabwe

Through a National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded research project, in partnership with the Centre for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco (CAPS UCSF), Pangaea Zimbabwe AIDS Trust (PZAT) explored innovative strategies to mobilize adolescents and young people to increase uptake of HIV testing services in Chitungwiza using social media and mobile technology.

The aims of the study were

- To examine the efficacy of the messaging strategy to increase the number of youth seeking health services and testing for HIV.
 - To examine the efficacy of the messaging strategy to increase the proportion of high-risk youth identified at the clinic.
 - To examine the feasibility and acceptability of a peer-driven linkage-to-care and retention support strategy.
 - To explore factors related to high male engagement at the SHAZI HUB.
- <https://www.pzat.org/social-media-messaging-for-hiv-testing-in-zimbabwe/>

Pangaea Zimbabwe Teambuilding and Strategic planning Meeting

The Pangaea Zimbabwe held a teambuilding and strategic planning meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to allow interaction and engaged of the organization's employees. Moreover, emphasis was on the significance of a group's co-operative effort to achieve a common goal through understanding team members' differences and utilize these for one to perform effectively and efficiently.

Through the meeting, the Pangaea's leadership team comanaged to share the organization's five year strategic plan. Discussions were conducted with the aim of facilitating that employees understood and appreciated the vision, mission, key principles and the values Pangaea Zimbabwe seeks to uphold during the five year course. Find more about Pangaea on <https://www.pzat.org/about-us/>

MEET PANGAEA ZIMBABWE TEAM





WILD4LIFE TEAM



Maximizing Options to Advance Informed Choices for HIV Prevention (MOSAIC) team



Coalition to Accelerate and Support HIV Prevention Research (CASPR)



Zimbabwe Technical Assistance, Training and Education Center for Health (Zim-TTECH)



Administration Team



COMPASS PZ team



Finance and Admin team



**Shaping the Health of
Adolescents in
Zimbabwe !**



Interns team

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The Six Pangaea HUBS

Pangaea Zimbabwe aims to develop six hubs for focused planning and implementations. These six HUBS are:

- **Research/Implementation Science HUB**
- **Advocacy HUB**
- **Monitoring, Results, learning and Results Hub**
- **Community Engagement and Preparedness Hub**
- **Safe Spaces/ HUBs! Hub**
- **Internship Hub**

These HUBS present a future where Pangaea Zimbabwe enhances research opportunities, academic excellence, real-world problem solving, and knowledge creation and dissemination in order to realize the organization's vision.

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all human beings live healthy, productive,
and quality lives**

