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"Promoting Good Pharmacy Practice to Save Lives"

WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY

By Annette Ezekiel

The Deputy Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Godwin Mollel said that he will continue to cooperate with the community of pharmacists and support the efforts made by those professionals while acknowledging that pharmacists are the "cornerstone" of health services in the country. These remarks were made on 25 September, 2023 at a meeting organized by the Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC) which brought together various health stakeholders including the Pharmacy Council, PST, Pharmacy Students Association (TAPSA), Action Medeor, MUHAS, TCU, and NACTVET in commemorating World Pharmacist's Day with the slogan **"Pharmacy Strengthening Health System; Improve pharmacy training and Services, Fight Against Antimicrobial Resistance"**.

Dr. Mollel said that the Government will continue to manage the employment area and increase the number of pharmacist positions. Dr. Mollel promised to work on the issue of professionals who have upgraded their education so that they can be recognized in the service systems. Dr. Mollel promised to be an advocate of clinical pharmacy services that continue to be provided in the country,



Deputy Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Godwin Mollel in a group photo with health professionals including Pharmacy Council Registrar, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe during the meeting organized by the Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC) on 25 September, 2023



The Deputy Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Godwin Mollel addressing various health professionals during the meeting organized by the Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC) on 25 September, 2023

he called on pharmacists to adhere to the ethics and guidelines that govern the profession in their workplaces.

On her side, the Registrar of the Pharmacy Council, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe called on pharmacists to adhere to professional ethics while executing their duties and focus more on educating the public on various issues to prevent diseases in order to reduce the unnecessary use of medicines.

In addition, the Registrar called on pharmacists to conduct research in several operational areas, and in various fields, including research on the control of antimicrobial resistance and issues that affect the interests of pharmacists in line with their scope of practice as required by the act.

The CSSC Director, Mr. Peter Maduki commended on the various efforts made by pharmacists in the country especially in protecting public health and provision of education regarding rational use of medicines.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH HAS CALLED UPON PHARMACISTS AT ALL LEVELS IN PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES TO IMPROVE FORECASTING (BOTTOM-UP QUANTIFICATION)

By: Wilbard Semvua

The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Godwin Mollel has called upon pharmacists to improve the forecasting of medicines and medical devices by a careful consideration of useful factors such as expected number of patients and diseases that are affecting our community. The goal is to improve availability and access to medications in all public health facilities and thus prevent unnecessary stock outs due to poor planning.

Dr. Mollel gave these remarks as he was part of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and AIDS which visited the Medical Stores Department (MSD) - Dar Es Salaam on 13 September, 2023 for the purpose of witnessing how responsibly the MSD carries out its fundamental role of ordering and distributing medical products to public health facilities.

Dr. Mollel urged fellow Members of Parliament (MPs) to collaborate with Councilors of their constituents to ensure that the agenda of 'availability of medications' is ever discussed and implemented as it touches every citizen.



The Director General of MSD, Pharmacist Mavere Tukai speaking to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and AIDS when visited MSD, Dar es Salaam on 13th September, 2023



The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Godwin Mollel speaking during the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and AIDS when visited MSD, Dar es Salaam on 13th September, 2023

The Director of MSD, Pharmacist Mavere Tukai emphasized that the MSD is firmly implementing its strategic objectives which encompasses the same agenda of medicine availability as well as ensuring construction of new medicine warehouses such as the ones currently under construction in Dodoma City and Mtwara Region. He insisted that MSD has already submitted to the Ministry the request for funds for the purpose of expanding financial capital to improve service delivery and medical supplies access to all public health facilities.

PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNICIANS URGED TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE SERVICE DELIVERY

By: Anna Temu

Pharmaceutical technicians and assistants are obligated to adhere to treatment guidelines and manage the correct delivery of pharmaceutical services in order to control and prevent antimicrobial resistance that continues to grow in the country. This was said by the Chief Pharmacist, Pharmacist Daud Msasi while opening the Annual General Meeting of the Tanzania Pharmaceutical Technicians Association (TAPHATA) on behalf of the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Health in Dodoma on 24 August, 2023.

"We ask you to fulfill your duties effectively in serving the public and provide education relating to medicine as well as use of the knowledge you have acquired to control the antimicrobial resistance that continue to grow rapidly in the country", said Msasi. He added that pharmaceutical technicians and assistants should ensure that drugs are well managed and maintained at the required quality in order to meet the correct needs of medicines in treating the public.



Chief Pharmacist, Pharmacist Daud Msasi speaking to the participants during the Annual General Meeting of the Tanzania Pharmaceutical Technicians Association (TAPHATA) in Dodoma on 24 August, 2023.

Speaking in the same meeting, the Acting Registrar of the Pharmacy Council, Pharmacist Godfrey Ngonela said that pharmaceutical technicians and assistants should work professionally to provide the best services to the people in accordance with their motto which says: "Mteknolojia Dawa – Jicho la Huduma Bora za Dawa Nchini". He also requested them to improve their professional competence through continuous training by learning new things through the internet and to renew their license to practice as well as to be registered so that their information is known to the Pharmacy Council.

On his part, the Assistant Registrar of the Pharmacy Council, Pharmacist Boniface Magige emphasized that the Pharmacy Council will continue to work with TAPHATA to ensure that pharmaceutical services are provided effectively in the country. He also asked them to observe the ethics and conduct of the profession so that pharmaceutical services can reach all citizens regardless of their race or ideology.

TAPHATA Chairman, Mr. Geoffrey Mtembeli thanked the Chief Pharmacist and the Pharmacy Council for collaborating with them by listening and solving the various challenges facing the association.



Assistant Registrar, Pharmacist Godfrey Ngonela speaking to participants who attended TAPHATA Annual General meeting on 24th August, 2023 in Dodoma.



PHARMACY COUNCIL SUBMITS ITS FIVE YEARS STRATEGIC PLAN TO STAKEHOLDERS

By Wilbard Semvua

On 31st August the Registrar of the Pharmacy Council, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe met with various stakeholders from the government and private institutions with the aim of discussing and receiving opinions on the Council's Draft Strategic Plan for the financial years 2023/24 - 2027/28

"It is expected that this meeting will come up with an integrated strategic plan, which, in addition to involving policies and national development plans, aims to improve performance within the Council to bring efficiency and productivity", underscored the Registrar when giving her opening remarks.

In addition, she emphasized by saying, 'to ensure that citizens are provided with quality professional services, listening and understanding their expectations is important'.

The Coordinator of Investments in Public Organizations from the Office of Registrar of National Treasury, Mr. Josephat Massaba said that this Strategic Plan proposed by the Pharmacy Council is going to be in line with the reforms that the Government is making on Public Institutions and Organizations. But it is also important for the Council to start thinking about setting long-term plans to ensure that there is sustainability of the existing plans that are for a period of 5 years.

"As we know, the commercial competition is great and the pharmacy profession continues to grow, so it is important that the Council put in place a good and long-term plan to ensure that what is used in the implementation of its duties is not lost", Mr Massaba added.

For his part, a stakeholder from the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) Mr. Damasi Matiko, Clinical Trials & Pharmacovigilance Manager said that, "the concept of creating a Strategic Plan for the institution as the Council is a fundamental matter

because it provides guidance to the Chief Executive of the Council who is the Registrar to be able to carry out his/her duties. As we have seen, this Strategic Plan has identified various measurement indicators and strategic goals that will help move forward the work of this Council".



Council and its Stakeholders in a meeting to discuss and receive opinions on the Council's Strategic Plan Draft for the financial years 2023/24 - 2027/28

Mr. Matiko appreciated that cooperation between TMDA and the Council has been considered in Council's new strategic plan. He said that "As it is known, the Director General of TMDA and the Registrar signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on how to cooperate, so I believe that this strategy has considered the activities that will be implemented for the next five years".

And the representative from the Medical Store Department (MSD), Pharmacist Mwanasehe Jumaa said "There are areas that we think should be improved so that the beneficiaries who are us pharmacists can benefit and do our work at the required standards'.



REGISTRAR - PHARMACY SCHOOLS DEANS FORUM

By Anna Temu

It is high time to review the standards for the provision of pharmacy degree training in order to meet the societal expectations and also to be recognized inside and outside of Tanzania. With the economic changes that are currently going on around the world, it is good to reflect on where we came from, where we are and where we want to go. This was said by the Registrar of the Pharmacy Council, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe during a meeting with Deans of pharmacy schools in the country on 13th and 14th September 2023 at the Council Headquarters in Dodoma to discuss on how to improve education and training at the degree level in the country.

The Registrar emphasized that in order to ensure changes take place and bring up productivity and positive results, the Council must work closely with education stakeholders and put in place effective plans to improve education and training in the country.

On the other hand, Dr. Maryam Ramadhani, a representative from the Tanzania Commission of Universities (TCU) said the commission is ready to cooperate and provide professional support using their experience from other disciplines.

On winding the session, Pharmacist Godfrey Ngonela who is the Acting Registrar - Registration, Professional Development and Research Directorate at Pharmacy Council said that public education is still crucial especially for students who are going to study higher education in foreign countries to understand the procedures and courses they intend to pursue and in which areas their studies will be useful so that when they return they will not find it difficult to develop themselves. Currently this continues to be a challenge.

Among the meeting resolutions, was the holding of these consultative meetings every six (6) months to discuss the development of the profession and academics in the country.

IMPROVE YOUR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCES FOR PROVISION OF QUALITY PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

By: Anna Temu

Pharmacy Council registrar, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe called upon pharmacists to improve their professional competences in various specialties for provision of quality pharmaceutical services. She made these remarks during orientation training to newly registered pharmacists on 23 September, 2023 in Dodoma. Pharmacist Shekalaghe challenged pharmacists not to be satisfied and contented with the education they have attained because the scope of providing health services has now increased.

The Registrar advised pharmacists to provide education to the community about pharmacy courses, especially for students graduating from secondary education and wishing to study abroad. "It is good for the public to know the requirements for pursuing pharmacy degree. The students must fulfill the criteria of qualifying form six as well as pass the subjects of physics, chemistry and biology so that when he returns he can be recognized and registered" she insisted.

"There has been a wave of students finishing form four and going abroad to study pharmacy degree, that is not right"; said the Registrar. I call on parents and guardians to get full information from the relevant authorities including Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), the Pharmacy Council and other professional councils before sending their children for further studies so that when they return they can meet their expectations".

Assistant Registrar, Pharmacist Boniface Magige encouraged pharmacists to have cooperation between themselves and other health professionals in order to strengthen and improve health service delivery. "Our profession depends on other health professions so it is important for you to collaborate with other health professionals to increase efficiency in your workplaces", said Magige.



Pharmacy Council Registrar, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe speaking to the newly registered pharmacists during Admission and Registration Ceremony held in September, 2023.

On his part, the Assistant Registrar at the Directorate of Registration, Professional Development and Research, Pharmacist Godfrey Ngonela said that it is important for pharmacists to fully adhere to professional ethics in accordance with their oaths to protect the health of the public.



Acting Registrar - Registration, Professional Development and Research Directorate Pharmacist Godfrey Ngonela addressing the newly registered pharmacists on professional ethics and conduct during registration ceremony in Dodoma

PHARMACY COUNCIL PROVIDED SUPPORT TO A TAPSA ORGANIZED EVENT “PHARMA EXPO AND WALKATHON WEEK”



Pharmacist Amour Idd, from Pharmacy Council educating the public on issues related to rational use of medicines Council's roles and responsibilities during PHARMA EXPO AND WALKATHON) held on 20th to 22nd September, 2023 at MUHAS grounds in Dar es Salaam.

By: Annette Ezekiel

Pharmacy Council participated in the exhibition of medicines, medical devices and various health services (**PHARMA EXPO AND WALKATHON**) week organized by Tanzania Pharmaceutical Student Association (TAPSA) in collaboration with School of Pharmacy - Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) from 20th to 22nd September, 2023 at MUHAS grounds in Dar es Salaam.

The special week was formulated to bring together the pharmacy fraternity, such as pharmacy graduates, pharmacy profession regulators and other pharmacy stakeholders and the public, to foster partnerships, collaborations and provide awareness and understanding of the various services and products provided by the pharmacy professionals.

These exhibitions provided the Council an avenue to deliver public education especially on issues related to rational use of medicines and registration requirements for pharmacy students and those who desire to engage in pharmacy business.

The exhibition were meant to inform the public about pharmaceutical involvement in important areas like Pharmacy Practice and Patient Care, Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance through the Rational Use of Medicines; Pharmacovigilance and Patient

Safety; In-Home Monitoring and Testing of Various Health Conditions such as Diabetes,

Hypertension, and Asthma; Weight Control and Management; Operation of Community Pharmacies; Pharmaceutical Marketing and Sales.

On the other hand, The Pharma Walkathon was scheduled along with the World Pharmacists Day which is celebrated on September 25th every year and officiated by the Chief Pharmacists Daud Msasi. This year the theme was **"Pharmacy Strengthening Health Systems"**

The Council participated in the walk (Walkathon) in order to support the campaign of provision of public education on the rational use of medicines (RUM) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

Pharmacist Msasi acknowledged the efforts made by pharmacy students and promised to collaborate with them by ensuring that they harmonize and strengthen unity in order to tackle non - communicable diseases and antimicrobial resistance.

The Pharmacy Council commends these efforts by TAPSA to promote the pharmacy profession in Tanzania and beyond. TAPSA should continue to organize such events in the future.

Pongezi

Dkt. JOHN JINGU



Menejimenti ya Baraza la Famasi inakupongeza Dkt. John Anthony Jingu kwa kuteuliwa na Mhe. Rais Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan kuwa Katibu Mkuu Wizara ya Afya.

Shukrani

Dkt. SEIF A. SHEKALAGHE

Menejimenti ya Baraza la Famasi inatoa shukrani zake za kipekee kwa Uongozi na Ushirikiano thabiti uliotupa katika kipindi chote ulichokuwa Katibu Mkuu Wizara ya Afya.



KUDOS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVE TANZANIA (AMRET)



The Registrar of Pharmacy Council, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe speaking to AMRET members via zoom from Dodoma at AMRET's General meeting held at the University of Dar-Es-Salaam on 7th July, 2023.

By: Annette Ezekiel

The Registrar of Pharmacy Council, Pharmacist Elizabeth Shekalaghe congratulated the Association of Medical Representatives in Tanzania (AMRET) for convening the 3rd General Meeting since its establishment. The Registrar gave these compliments on July 7, 2023 when she was speaking with AMRET members via zoom from Dodoma at AMRET's General meeting held at the University of Dar-Es-Salaam.

"I congratulate you for the success of this meeting to discuss the challenges you are going through and come up with various plans for this association as you move forward. We are ready to cooperate with you just as we do with other professional associations" she said.

The Registrar continued by saying that, she recognizes that the medical representatives in the country are regulated in accordance with Section 46 of the Pharmacy Act, and emphasized the importance of the association to be regarded as a reflection of ethical and professional conduct to medical representative to the just as in other countries. She added that the pharmaceutical industry is growing and therefore need to be protected and respected.



Pharmacy Council Secretariat in a group photo with Association of Medical Representatives in Tanzania (AMRET) during AMRET's General meeting held in Dar es Salaam July, 2023

On the other hand, the Secretary of the Tanzania Association of Pharmaceutical Industry (TAPI), Mr. Abbas Mohamed said that he is aware of the importance of the pharmaceutical industry and hence urged AMRET members to embrace the industry ethics; and that they should; not only manage pharmaceuticals, but work together and also focus on conducting various research studies in order to have sufficient information in their presentations.

On his part, the Vice President of AMRET, Mr. Charles Fubusa called on the members to cooperate closely with leaders in order to deal with the various challenges facing the association and to ensure that they get permits allowing them to do these jobs from the Pharmacy Council as the law requires.

COUNCIL PROVIDES PUBLIC EDUCATION DURING TCU EXHIBITIONS



Pharmacist Emmy Mwakibolwa, educating the public on Council various issues and information, on the left is the Director General of Global Education Link (GEL) Abdulmalik S. Mollel

By: Annette Ezekiel

The Pharmacy Council has participated in the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) Exhibition that was held on July, 2023 at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam.

As an important stakeholder and regulator of the pharmacy profession, the Council participated in providing education to the public on the registration procedures and the criteria for joining the pharmacy profession.

Stakeholders from different places in the country visited Councils pavilion to acquire information on various issues including, registration procedures of university students studying abroad.



Pharmacist Paschalia Nyoni, educating the public on Council various issues and information.



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"Walking is the best way to get fit, and it can be so inspiring when you walk for a beautiful purpose". Pharmacy Council staff representative during the WALKATHON organized by TAPSA in September, 2023.



"Every step is a celebration" Newly registered pharmacists in a cheerful mood during registration ceremony on September, 2023 in Dodoma.



WIZARA YA AFYA BARAZA LA FAMASI



MAMBO YA KUZIGATIA ILI KUJIUNGA NA MASOMO YA SHAHADA YA FAMASI

UTANGULIZI

Baraza la Famasi ni taasisi ya Serikali iliyopo chini ya Wizara ya Afya na iliyoanzishwa kwa Kifungu cha 3 cha Sheria ya Famasi, Sura 311. Pamoja na majukumu mengine Baraza limepewa jukumu la kuhakiki ubora na ujuzi unaotolewa kwa wanataaluma wa kada ya famasi na kuwasajili baada ya kujiridhisha kuwa wanakidhi vigezo vya kuhitimu kutoka vyuo vinavyotambulika.

Kifungu Na.4 (i) cha Sheria kinaeleza kuwa Baraza kushirikiana na mamlaka za ithibati kutafanya tathmini ya viwango vya mafunzo ya kitaaluma vinavyotolewa.

Mambo ya kuzingatia wakati wa kujiunga na Shahada ya Famasi
Njia mbili (02) za kujiunga;

1. Kujiunga moja kwa moja (Direct entry)

Mhitimu wa kidato cha sita ili kujiunga na shahada ya famasi ni lazima;

(A)

Awe amesoma masomo ya mchepuo wa sayansi kwa Kidato cha nne na Kidato cha sita kwa masomo ya Fizikia, Kemia, Biolojia na Hisabati na kupata alama za ufaulu kwa mujibu wa mwongozo wa Baraza la Taifa la Mitihani (NECTA).

(B)

Awe amesoma mchepuo wa sayansi kwa masomo ya Fizikia, Kemia na Biolojia kutoka kidato cha sita na kupata alama za ufaulu za kujiunga na ngazi ya shahada ya famasi kwa mujibu wa mwongozo wa Tume ya Vyuo Vikuu Tanzania (TCU) wa mwaka husika.

2. Kujiunga kupitia vigezo linganifu (equivalent qualification)

Mhitimu wa ngazi ya Stashahada (diploma) ya famasi ili kujiunga na shahada ya famasi ni lazima;

A) Awe amesoma masomo ya mchepuo wa sayansi kidato cha nne ikijumuisha Fizikia, Kemia, Biolojia, Hisabati na kupata alama za ufaulu za kujiunga na kozi ya famasi ngazi ya kati (NTA L4-6) kwa mujibu wa mwongozo wa Baraza la Taifa la Elimu ya Ufundi na Mafunzo ya Ufundi Stadi (NACTVET) wa mwaka husika.

B) Awe amehitimu mafunzo ya kozi ya famasi ngazi ya diploma (NTA L6) na kupata ufaulu wa kuweza kujiunga na ngazi ya shahada ya famasi kwa mujibu wa mwongozo wa Tume ya Vyuo Vikuu Tanzania (TCU) wa mwaka husika.

Wahitimu wanaosoma shahada ya famasi nje ya Nchi Wahitimu hawa pia watafuata njia zilizoielezwa hapo juu ikiwa ni pamoja na;

A) Awe amesoma masomo ya mchepuo wa sayansi kwa kidato cha nne na sita au kuhitimu kozi ya famasi ngazi ya Stashahada (diploma) kwa mujibu wa mwongozo iliyopo.

B) Awe na cheti cha kumruhusu kusoma elimu ya juu nje ya Nchi kwa shahada ya famasi (No Objection Certificate/NOC) kutoka Tume ya Vyuo Vikuu Tanzania (TCU).

C) Chuo anachoenda kusoma nje ya Nchi kiwe kinatambuliwa na Tume ya Vyuo Vikuu Tanzania (TCU).

Kwa maelekezo zaidi wasiliana nasi kwa barua pepe info@pc.go.tz.

Imetolewa na;

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