

Zambia – Zimbabwe Paediatric Epilepsy Training

ASSIGNMENT: ZIMBABWE PAEDIATRIC EPILEPSY TRAINING

SPONSOR: ILAE

FACILITATOR: BRITISH PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATION

COLLABORATOR: PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE

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VENUE: LUSAKA ZAMBIA, L MWANAWASA UNIVERSTY

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Paediatric epilepsies contribute significantly to morbidity and mortality among the non-communicable disorders of childhood. In the African setting, there is lack of trained personnel, delayed diagnosis and inequitable resources distribution to mitigate the lifelong consequences of living with epilepsy.

The PAZ partnered with ILAE to train key personnel in the correct diagnosis, appropriate investigation, treatment and comprehensive care of children with epilepsy using evidence-based PET training package delivered by the BPNA.

Members of the Paediatric Association of Zimbabwe, consisting of paediatricians, nurses and administrative staff were invited to undergo three day Training of Trainers workshop under the guidance of the BPNA faculty members. Travel and accommodation bursaries were granted for the delegates coming from Zimbabwe.

Members of Zimbabwe Faculty trained:

Name	Designation	Address
1. Dr Gwendoline	PET TOT	Harare
2. Dr Louisa Mudawarima	PET TOT	Harare
3. Florence Chikwana	PET	Harare
4. Philipa Dingiswayo	Research Nurse	Harare
5. Rudo Nyamakura	Nurse Tutor	Harare
6. Ticha Mwoyofiri	PET	Gweru
7. Phil Chandigere	-	Harare
8. Tatenda Munemo	-	Marondera/Harare
9. Marian Kasekete	-	Marondera
10. Maunze Chenai	-	Harare
11. Linos Sibanda	PET	Bulawayo
12. Hammaskjold Makuza	-	Harare
13. Takapiwa	Secretary/Administrator	

The newly trained Zimbabwean faculty then trained their first of participants.

Delegates trained by:	Zimbabwean faculty:	21
	Zambian:	40
	Total:	61

Course evaluation feedback remarks given by the participants indicated that the Zambia-Zimbabwe PET was a resounding success.

Way Forward

In order to cascade the PET training to include more individuals treat children with epilepsy on a day to a day basis, the following was proposed:

1. Launch face to face PET 1 Zimbabwe in Feb March 2024
2. Write out grant proposal to fund the Zimbabwe training
 - Start Registration ahead of time, September
 - Secure venue, catering
 - Give out course materials in time
3. Explore Virtual PET training

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6. Zimbabwe faculty
7. Delegates



