

3RD EDITION PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM 2026

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Heritage-Based Solutions for Building Resilient Public Health Systems



CONFERENCE DATES
25-26 November 2026

VENUE
Sango Conference, Cresta Lodge, Harare,
Zimbabwe

ABSTRACT DEADLINE
30 October 2026

MOTTO
Harnessing Heritage. Strengthening Health
Systems.

Abstract submission is free
Selected presenters must register for the symposium.
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HERITAGE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR BUILDING RESILIENT PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS

Invitation to Submit

The Harare Institute of Public Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Child Care and strategic partners, invites researchers, policymakers, health professionals, practitioners, students, innovators, civil society organisations and institutions to submit abstracts for the 3rd Zimbabwe Public Health Symposium 2026. Submissions may present original research, implementation experience, policy analysis, case studies, best practices or public health innovations that contribute to resilient, equitable and sustainable health systems.

Scientific Themes

NO.	SCIENTIFIC THEME AND SCOPE
1	Heritage-Based Solutions for Resilient Public Health Systems Indigenous knowledge; traditional, complementary and integrative medicine; community participation; governance; ethics and quality assurance.
2	Sustainable Health Financing, Leadership and Health Systems Strengthening Domestic resource mobilisation; Universal Health Coverage; public-private partnerships; leadership; quality improvement; health information systems; monitoring and learning.
3	Primary Health Care, Community Health Workers and Allied Health Professionals PHC strengthening; community health systems; task shifting; service delivery; health workforce education, retention and motivation.
4	Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Implementation research; AI; telemedicine; electronic health records; big data and analytics; mobile health; precision public health.
5	Disease Prevention, Population Health and Health Security HIV, TB and malaria; NCDs; mental health; SRHR; nutrition; immunisation; AMR; surveillance; emergency preparedness; road traffic injuries.
6	One Health and Climate Change Climate and health; One Health; WASH; food safety; pollution; waste management; planetary health; disaster risk reduction and climate resilience.

Presentation Categories

Authors may indicate a preferred presentation category. The Scientific Committee will make the final allocation based on peer review and programme requirements.

- Oral presentation
- Poster presentation
- Innovation showcase
- Technical presentation
- Case study or best-practice presentation

Abstract Preparation Guidelines

- Abstracts must be written in English and must not exceed 300 words, excluding the title, author details and keywords.
- Use a concise title that clearly reflects the work being presented.
- Provide the full names, institutional affiliations and email addresses of all authors, and identify the corresponding author and presenting author.
- Research abstracts should be structured under Background, Methods, Results and Discussion (IMRD). Results should be sufficiently developed; statements such as ‘results will be presented’ are discouraged.
- Case studies, best-practice and implementation abstracts should describe the context or problem, intervention or approach, results or lessons learned, and implications for public health policy or practice.
- Innovation abstracts should state the public health problem, proposed solution, intended users, evidence of feasibility or testing, and potential for impact or scale.
- Include three to five keywords and identify the most relevant symposium theme and preferred presentation category.
- Where applicable, authors must confirm that relevant ethical approval and participant consent were obtained.
- Submissions should be original, accurate and approved by all listed authors. Abstracts should not contain tables, figures, references or unexplained abbreviations.

Review and Selection

All submissions will undergo peer review by the Scientific Committee. Abstracts will be assessed for relevance to the symposium theme, scientific or technical quality, clarity, originality, practical significance and potential contribution to policy, practice or innovation. Corresponding authors will be informed of the review outcome after completion of the assessment process. Acceptance is subject to the presenting author confirming participation and registering for the symposium.

How to Submit

Attach the abstract as a Microsoft Word document. The file name should include the surname of the corresponding author, for example: Moyo_Abstract_2026.docx.

Email	symposium@hiph.ac.zw
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Subject line	Abstract Submission - 3rd Zimbabwe Public Health Symposium 2026
Deadline	30 October 2026

Registration

Abstract submission is free. A symposium registration fee of USD 70 applies to confirmed participants, including accepted presenters. Registration arrangements will be communicated with the acceptance notification. Registration fee waivers will be available to student presenters, authors of outstanding abstracts and presenters demonstrating financial need.

Recognition of Scientific Excellence

Outstanding contributions will be considered for Best Oral Presentation, Best Poster Presentation, Best Student Presentation, Best Innovation Showcase and the Young Public Health Researcher Award.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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