

8th - 9th of December 2026

About Public Health Symposium.

Zimbabwe's public-health sector is confronted with a complex mix of communicable diseases, a growing burden of non-communicable diseases, maternal and child-health priorities, climate-related health threats, workforce constraints and pressure on health financing. Responding effectively requires stronger collaboration among government, academia, healthcare institutions, development partners, communities and the private sector.

The Public Health Symposium is an initiative of the Harare Institute of Public Health; a public health research, training and think tank based in Harare, Zimbabwe. The Symposium was first launched in December 2022 in Harare. Overall, the Symposium provides a national platform for policy dialogue, networking, research dissemination, professional development and institutional collaboration. The premier event brings together public-health practitioners, policymakers, researchers, academics, healthcare providers, students, civil-society organizations, development partners and private-sector representatives.



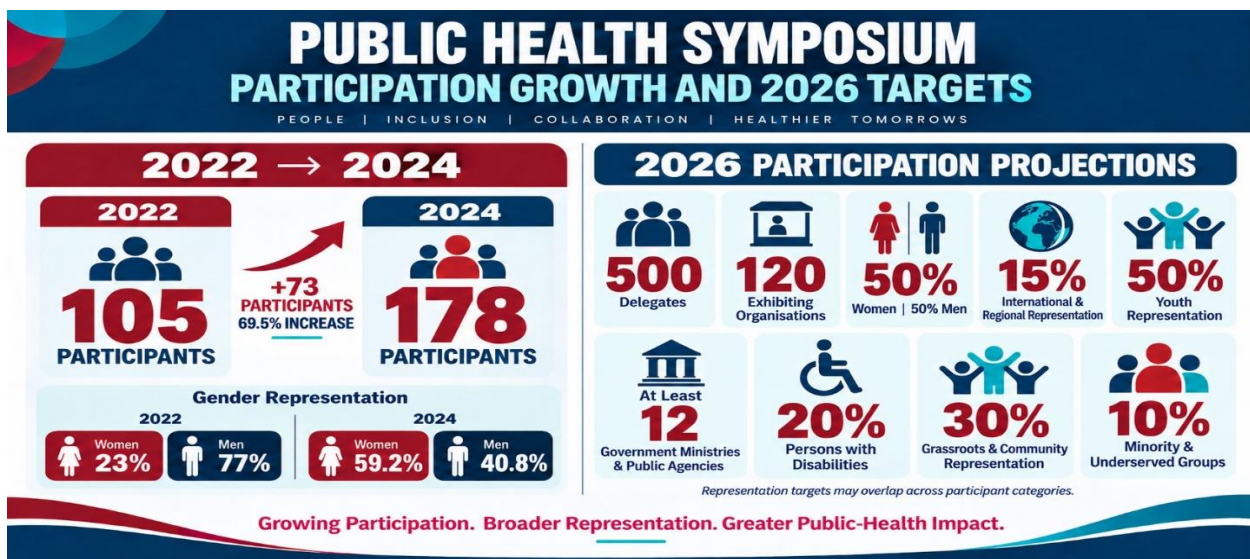
The inaugural 2022 edition resulted in the Monomotapa Communiqué, which affirmed participants' commitment to stakeholder collaboration and evidence-based public-health interventions. It highlighted the importance of strengthening primary healthcare, community health programmes and sustainable approaches to public-health financing. The symposium seeks to:

- I. Bring together experts and stakeholders across the public-health value chain to share good practices and generate evidence-based solutions.
- II. Identify contemporary and emerging public-health challenges and develop sustainable interventions.

- III. Strengthen networks among public-health professionals, institutions and policymakers.
- IV. Connect stakeholders with government ministries, development partners and private-sector organisations.

The second edition, held in 2024, demonstrated significant growth and broader representation. It attracted 178 participants from government, academia, development organisations, professional bodies, the private sector, media and community-based organisations. Women constituted 59.2% of delegates, young people approximately 56%.

These editions generated proposals for longer-term sector platforms, including a Public Health Journal to strengthen research dissemination and a Public Health Practitioners Association of Zimbabwe to promote networking, professional development, knowledge exchange and collaboration.



2026 Public Health Symposium

The 2026 Public Health Symposium, is organised by the Harare Institute of Public Health in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Child Care. The Symposium is scheduled from 8th to 9th of December 2026 at The Great Indaba Conference, Monomotapa Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe. Held under the theme, “Heritage-Based Solutions for Building Resilient Public Health Systems,” the Symposium will explore how Zimbabwe can combine scientific evidence and modern innovation with indigenous knowledge, cultural experience, community structures and locally available resources to build a responsive and sustainable health system. This dialogue is particularly timely as traditional donor support becomes increasingly uncertain, with shifting international priorities and reductions in foreign assistance disrupting health programmes, staffing, research and access to essential services across Africa including programmes addressing HIV, malaria and immunisation. The Symposium will therefore provide an important platform for government, academia, healthcare institutions, communities, development partners and the private sector to examine sustainable domestic financing, strengthen local ownership, mobilise new investment and develop practical solutions that reduce dependency while protecting essential public-health services.



2026 THEMATIC AREAS

Share Research. Exchange Knowledge. Health Systems Strengthening.



THEME 1

Heritage-Based Solutions for Resilient Public Health Systems

Indigenous knowledge • Integrative medicine • Community participation • Policy and quality assurance



THEME 2

Sustainable Health Financing, Leadership and Health Systems Strengthening

Domestic financing • Universal Health Coverage • Partnerships • Governance and learning



THEME 3

Primary Health Care, Community Health Workers and Allied Health Professionals

Primary care • Community health systems • Task sharing • Workforce development



THEME 4

Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence

Implementation research • Digital health • AI • Telemedicine • Electronic Health Records



THEME 5

Disease Prevention, Population Health and Health Security

Disease prevention • Mental health • Nutrition • Surveillance • Emergency preparedness



THEME 6

One Health and Climate Change

Climate and health • One Health • WASH • Food safety • Adaptation and resilience

Researchers, policymakers, practitioners, students and innovators are invited to submit abstracts.

Why attends the Symposium?

Attend the 2026 Public Health Symposium to connect with policymakers, practitioners, researchers, healthcare providers, development partners, communities and private-sector leaders shaping Zimbabwe's public-health future. Through keynote presentations, panel discussions, research sessions, exhibitions and professional networking, participants will gain practical insights into emerging health challenges, share evidence-based and heritage-responsive solutions, showcase innovations, build strategic partnerships and contribute to national policy and implementation priorities. Convened by the Harare Institute of Public Health in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, the Symposium offers a credible platform for turning knowledge, local experience and modern innovation into practical action for stronger, more resilient public-health systems.

WHY ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM?

Connect. Learn. Showcase. Collaborate. Influence.



ENGAGE

Engage with policymakers, experts, researchers and healthcare leaders.



GAIN INSIGHTS

Gain insights into emerging public-health challenges and priorities.



DISCOVER SOLUTIONS

Discover evidence-based, innovative and locally responsive solutions.



BUILD CONNECTIONS

Build valuable professional networks and strategic partnerships.



SHOWCASE INNOVATION

Showcase research, programmes, products and institutional innovations.



SHAPE ACTION

Contribute to policy dialogue and practical action for resilient health systems.



Become a Sponsor or partner with us at the Symposium.

Partner with the 2026 Public Health Symposium and position your organisation at the centre of meaningful dialogue, innovation and action within Zimbabwe's public-health sector. Sponsorship offers valuable opportunities to strengthen institutional visibility, showcase products and programmes, engage policymakers and industry leaders, and build strategic relationships with healthcare professionals, researchers, development partners, communities and other decision-makers. Your partnership will also support research exchange, inclusive participation and the development of practical, locally responsive solutions for building resilient public-health systems.



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WHY PARTNER	Direct Visibility	Credibility	Heritage Alignment	Sustained Engagement	Full Recognition
	With public health professionals, researchers, policymakers and students	Academically hosted, government-partnered national event	Resilience and measurable community health impact	Visibility with delegates throughout the three-day symposium	Website, programme, signage, delegate materials and social media

PLATINUM USD 5,000	GOLD USD 1,500	SILVER USD 1,000	PARTNERSHIP In-Kind • 50 Delegate Seats
✓ Premier logo placement across all symposium materials ✓ Eight complimentary delegate registrations ✓ Speaking opportunity during the opening or a plenary session ✓ Full-page programme advertisement and lanyard branding ✓ Acknowledgement at the opening and closing ceremonies	✓ Prominent logo on banners, website and programme ✓ Four complimentary delegate registrations ✓ Dedicated exhibition table ✓ Half-page programme advertisement ✓ Verbal acknowledgement at the opening ceremony	✓ Logo on symposium website and programme ✓ Two complimentary delegate registrations ✓ Quarter-page programme advertisement ✓ Listed in sponsor acknowledgements ✓ Promotional flyer included in delegate packs	✓ Official Delegate Access Partner recognition ✓ Fifty delegate seats for allocation to your stakeholders ✓ Gold-tier logo placement across symposium materials ✓ Acknowledgement at the opening ceremony ✓ Partnership certificate presented on site

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