



ZAMBIA CIVIL SOCIETY IMMUNISATION PLATFORM

2025 CSO CAPACITY BUILDING & ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THEME:
**IMMUNISATION FOR ALL IS HUMANELY
POSSIBLE**

PROGRAMME

Venue: Chrisma Hotel, Livingstone

Date: 11th - 13th August 2025

My Child Is Vaccinated, Immunised and Protected, (VIP)

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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen ZCSIP Governance.
2. To review the platform's performance
3. Review the progress made in the implementation HSS/EAF and BCU both at National & Subnational levels (Districts & CSOs)
4. Build ZCSIP member's Capacity
5. Share knowledge and experiences.



PARTICIPANTS

1. Ministry of Health
2. ZCSIP executive board & platform members
3. EPI Partners (CIDRZ, WHO, UNICEF, AKROS, PATH, REDCROSS, JPIEGO & Amref)
4. Christian Health Association of Lesotho (CHAL)
5. Gavi Alliance Secretariat
6. Ministry of Health – Lesotho
7. Gavi CSO Constituency



Welcome Message from the CHAZ CEO

On behalf of the Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ), I extend a warm welcome to all national and international delegates attending the 2025 ZCSIP Annual Conference.

This year's theme, **"Immunisation for All is Humanly Possible,"** reflects our shared commitment to ensuring that every child is reached, protected, and prioritised. As Secretariat of ZCSIP, CHAZ is proud to stand alongside government, civil society, and partners in strengthening immunisation systems across Zambia.

We are especially grateful for the presence of senior Gavi officials and our regional collaborators. Your participation underscores the value of partnership and belief in Zambia's model of inclusive, community-driven health delivery.

Together, let us use this gathering to inspire action, foster innovation, and reaffirm our promise to every child.

My Child is VIP – Vaccinated, Immunised, and Protected.

Mrs. Karen Sichali-Sichinga

Chief Executive Officer

Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ)



DAY 1

Sunday, 10th August, 2025

Arrival of All participants

DAY 2

Monday, 11th August, 2025

Moderator:

Time	Topic	Facilitators
08:30hrs - 09:00hrs	Registration	
09:00hrs - 09:10hrs	Opening Prayer	Volunteer
	Housekeeping & Introductions	All
	Meeting Expectations	Volunteers
09:10hrs - 11:00hrs	- Official Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speeches ZCSIP Chairperson CHAZ CEO MoH PS Gavi CEO - Guest of Honor - Awards Presentations (Entertainment by a Dance Troupe from Livingstone)	Friday Nkhoma
11:00hrs – 11:30Hrs	Key Note Presentation - Theme: The Unique role for Civil Society in ensuring that Immunisation for All is Humanely Possible	Key Note Speaker: Jamilya Gavi Senior Country Manager for Zambia
11:30hrs – 12:10hrs	Gavi 6.0 and CSO Engagement	
12:10hrs – 13:00hrs	Overview (HSS/EAF Progress, BCU, HPV, Measles Rubella, Malaria etc) Contribution of Zambian CSOs to the EPI	Dr. Sakala NEPIM
13:00hrs – 14:00hrs	LUNCH	ALL
14:00hrs -16:45hrs	Client Satisfaction Surveys: Key Findings from the last 8 months.	Friday Nkhoma
	Responding to Immunisation queries. The case of Child-Line Life-Line Call Centre.	Nkolola Kapembwa
	Reaching Urban parents and Guardians: The Bus Outreach Strategy	
16:45hrs -17:00hrs	Logistics Closing Prayer Tea Break End of Day 1	

DAY 3

Tuesday, 12th August, 2025

Moderator:

Time	Topic	Facilitators
08:30hrs – 09:00hrs	Registration Opening Prayer	
09:00hrs – 10:15hrs	The ZCSIP Advocacy Strategy.	Yoram Siame
10:15hrs - 10:45hrs	Tea Break	
10:45hrs – 11:30hrs	Financial & Programmatic Reports	Joseph Mwanakatwe
11:30hrs – 13:00hrs	District Platform formation – A Case Study of Lusaka	Chairperson Lusaka District Platform
13:00hrs – 14:00hrs	LUNCH	
14:00hrs – 15:00hrs	Orientation on CBVs Job Aids	Friday Nkhoma
15:00hrs – 16:30hrs	Poster Sharing on Promising Practices- Gallery Walk and side events.	Friday Nkhoma
16:30hrs – 16:45hrs	Gavi CSO Constituency Presentation	Mutana Gakuru
16:30hrs – 17:00hrs	Closing Prayer Tea Break End of Day 2	

DAY 4

Wednesday, 13th August, 2025

Moderator:

Time	Topic	Facilitators
08:30hrs – 09:00hrs	Registration	Alice Saisha
09:00hrs – 09:30hrs	Chair-person's Report	Ronnie Jere
09:30hrs – 10:00hrs	Secretariat Report	Friday Nkhoma
10:00hrs – 11:30hrs	Reading, Adoption of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising	Alice Saisha
11:30hrs – 12:30hrs	Constitution Amendments	Ronnie Jere
12:30hrs – 13:00hrs	Adoption of New Members	Alice Saisha
13:00hrs – 13:20hrs	Announcements, Way Forward, Closing of the Meeting	ZCSIP Chairperson
13:20hrs	LUNCH End of Day 3	

DAY 5

Thursday, 14th August, 2025

- Departures of the Members/Partners
- Guest Team Field Visit in Livingstone and Kazungula sites

DAY 6

Friday, 15th August, 2025

- CHAZ & Lesotho Teams Departures for Lusaka and Maseru

ZCSIP EXECUTIVE



Ronnie Jere
ZCSIP Chairperson



Ethel Mushili
Vice Chairperson



Alice Saisha
Secretary General



Kein Kennedy Kambale
Board Member



Mulenga Muselele
Board Member



Judith Chikonde
Board Member



Jimmy Mutale Silwamba
Board Member



Peter Musonda
Board Member



Edwin Chiyaba
Board Member

Zambia Civil Society Immunisation Platform (ZCSIP) Profile



Overview

The Zambia Civil Society Immunisation Platform (ZCSIP) is a national coalition of civil society organisations established in **2014** to amplify the voice of civil society in immunisation service delivery, policy, and accountability. The platform brings together **65 member organisations** with diverse backgrounds working across all 10 provinces of Zambia.

Why ZCSIP Was Formed

ZCSIP was born out of the recognition that civil society plays a crucial role in advocacy, social accountability, demand generation, service delivery and has the potential to reach marginalized and underserved communities with health services. Prior to its formation, CSO participation in immunisation efforts was fragmented as the space was mainly dominated by the state. The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) Health Systems Strengthening was a turning point for Civil Society involvement in Immunisation. It provided the space for civil society organisations to partner with the government through the expanded programme on immunisation. ZCSIP was created to unify these voices, improve coordination, strengthen advocacy, and promote community-led demand generation. It was launched with the support of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, through the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Churches

Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ), which hosts the platform.

Vision

A Zambia in which all individuals and Communities enjoy life free from vaccine preventable diseases.

Mission

To advocate, promote and create demand for quality, accessible and affordable, Full Life Course Immunisation services for all.

Governance & Structure

The Platform has two main structures namely;

1) Governance body which is responsible for the Policy Formulation and Decision-Making of the Platform. This is further broken down into;

1. The General Assembly - which is the highest decision making body
2. The Executive Committee - providing oversight
3. The District Committee - strengthening grass-root structures

2) The Facilitating Organisation which is responsible for Policy and Programme implementation

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Strategic Priorities

ZCSIP's 2024 -2026 Strategic Plan is anchored on three key pillars:

1. Child-centred and Immunisation - Competent Membership - Building a strong base of CSOs capable of mobilising communities and promoting vaccine uptake.

2. Unified Voice for Advocacy - Amplifying civil society's role in policy dialogue, domestic resource mobilisation, and governance reform.

3. Community-Driven Demand Generation - Leveraging local influencers and behavioural insights to reduce vaccine hesitancy and reach defaulters and zero-dose children.

Platform's work

1. Supporting governance structures to ensure legitimacy (through the AGM)
2. Capacity building to reduce knowledge and information asymmetry
3. Creating an enabling environment that protects and fosters partnership equity
4. Creating mechanisms that ensure allocation of resources according to comparative advantage
5. Creation of a framework that protects weak but critical voices

Scope and Reach

- ZCSIP members work in all the 116 districts across all provinces.
- Over Community-Based Volunteers (CBVs) engaged through member organisations.
- Partnering with faith leaders, traditional authorities, women's groups, and youth-led initiatives to promote immunisation.
- Participation in national and sub-national technical working groups, EPI programme reviews, and policy platforms.

Key Achievements

- Mobilised over 1,301,197 from October, 2025 to date contacts through outreach, community dialogues, and interactive media.
- Supported the tracing of over 95, 436 defaulters, with a reintegration rate of over 90%.
- Played a critical role in the rollout of HPV, COVID-19, and Measles-Rubella campaigns.
- Launched the first-ever ZCSIP Advocacy Strategy to guide immunisation advocacy through 2026.
- Unveiled the parliamentary caucus on immunization with a composition of 22 Members of Parliament.

Slogan/Tagline

"My Child is VIP - Vaccinated, Immunised, Protected."

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Yoram Siame

He is the Churches Health Association of Zambia's Director of Advocacy, Planning, and Development and has extensive experience in advocacy and development work. He provided leadership in forming the Civil Society Immunisation Platform and implementing the Gavi-CSO Constituency Project, the Gavi-HSS Project, the HPV demonstration campaign, and cholera vaccination in Lusaka District. He is a Public Health and Development practitioner with over 24 years experience in Health Promotion, Advocacy and Institutional Development. He pioneered work that culminated in all CHAZ facilities' adoption of the Patient's Rights Charter. The Patient's Rights Charter has since become a requirement for health facilities in the country.

Mr. Siame served as Zambia's Civil Society Focal Point for the FP2020/2030. He also served as the inaugural Advocacy Subcommittee Chairperson of the Family Planning Technical Working Group. He is the Chairperson of the Advocacy Technical Working Group of the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP). His work includes capacity building and technical support for Christian Health Associations in Lesotho, Ghana, Nigeria, Malawi, Sierra Leone, and Uganda. He is also currently serving as a Steering Committee Member of the Gavi CSO Constituency Steering Committee.



Friday Nkhoma

He is CHAZ's Advocacy, Planning & Development Manager having joined CHAZ 10 years ago to coordinate and mobilise CSOs for EPI in the country. He coordinated the creation of the Zambia Civil Society Immunisation Platform (ZCSIP). He provides technical support to the Ministry of Health (MoH) EPI on CSO engagement for demand generation and CSOs to improve community demand generation and increase community acceptance and uptake of under-five immunisation services, including HPV, cholera, C19, and malaria.

A Public health specialist, with more than 20 years of work experience in the Health Sector. Friday sits on different Health National Technical Working Group (FP, EPI, CHU, MCH, Adolescent Health) and participated in the development of the Safe Motherhood Action Group Manual, Immunisation Manual, Country Multi-Year Plan (cMYP), National Immunisation Strategy (NIS), and different training manuals for new vaccine introductions for healthcare workers, including the adaption of the RED/REC Strategy.



Dr Jacob Sakala

Dr Jacob Sakala, BScHB, MBChB, MPH
Currently serving as National EPI Manager and coordinating immunization programme for the country since 2023. Also a Public Health Practitioner with 20 year experience in provision of front line health services and coordinating community centred health interventions at district, provincial and national level.

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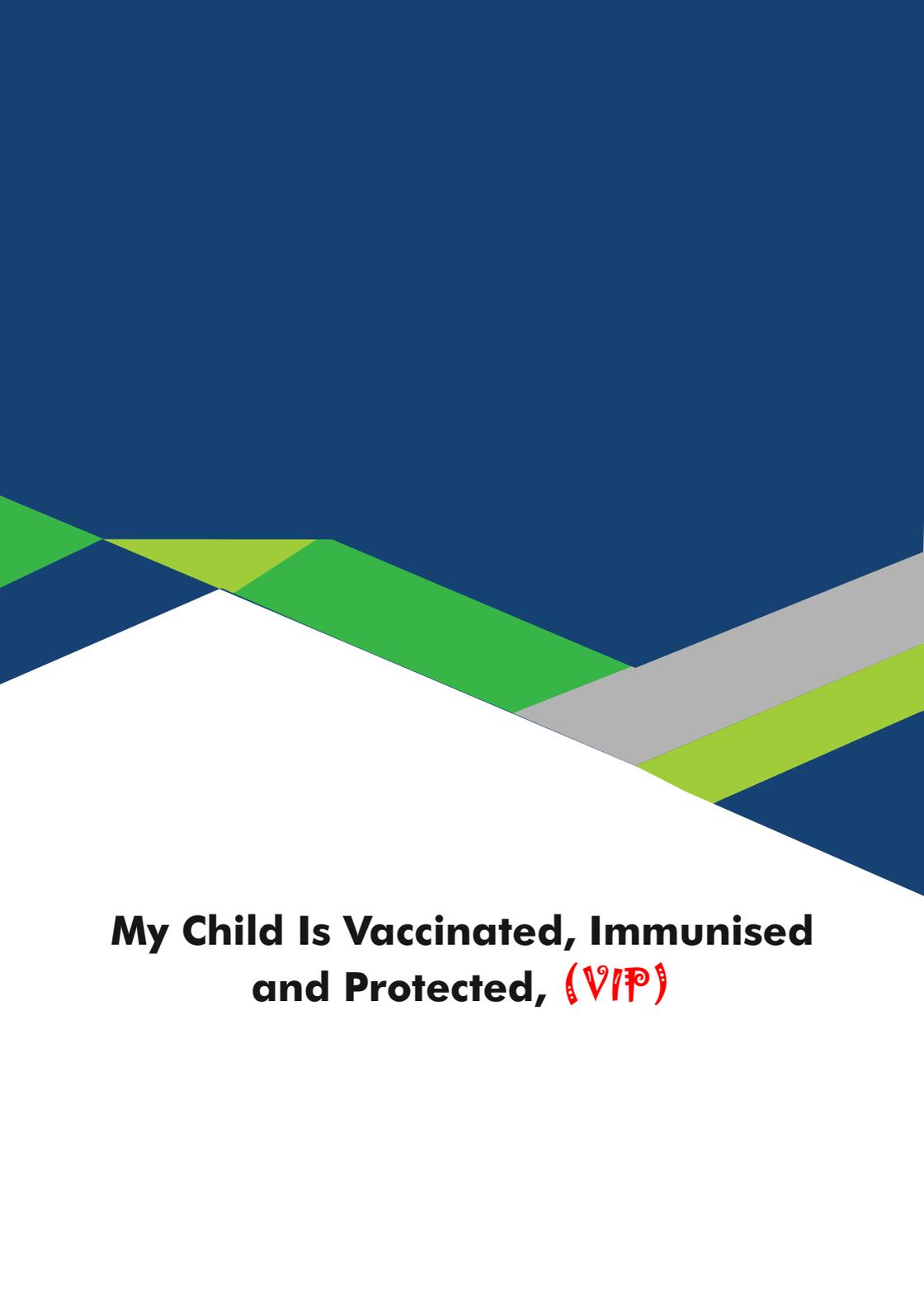


**Nkolola Pandwe
Kapembwa**

Nkolola Pandwe Kapembwa is a holder of General Nursing and Midwifery qualifications obtained from Monze Schools of Nursing and Midwifery respectively. She possess extensive experience and skills in Public Health, Child Health Care and Nutrition, Management of people living with HIV/AIDS/TB/STI, and Psychosocial Counseling obtained from various formal career development training and practical work experience in the public health service, Various NGOs and private sector as an Occupational Health practitioner.

Apart from the vast experience in health services management obtained from the Public/Quasi Health Systems and Non-Governmental Organizations in Zambia Nkolola has attended various relevant formal training among others the following: Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation in Childhood Programmes, Skills in conducting Health surveys by world vision and knowledge, attitudes practices survey. Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods for Data Analysis, Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Care Training by CIDRZ & MOH, Essential New born care training by Ministry of Health, Zambia Electronic Perinatal Record System training by CIRZ, Training in Life Saving Skills in Midwifery facilitated by Lusaka Urban District Health Management Team Maternity Services.

Nkolola has worked on a number of projects with Non-Governmental Organizations in Zambia among others the World Vision Zambia C-SAFE project which was a Complementary Feeding Programme for malnourished under five Children, orphans and vulnerable Children, pregnant and lactating women and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAS) and a CHAZ - CDS demand creation on immunization under Lifeline Childline Zambia.



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