



## REPORT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN ZAMBIA LAUNCHED

By Mary M. Maambo

Minister of Youth, Sport and Child Development, Hon. Moses Mawere, MP, says Zambian children are faced with many challenges, not least among them, violence in its many forms, which include gender-based violence (GBV), exploitation and neglect which lead some children to seek a living on streets of major towns and cities. Hon. Mawere said this during the launch of the Zambia Violence Against Children Survey (VACS) which is funded by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and its partners on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Lusaka's Hotel Intercontinental.

Mr Mawere said that he was optimistic that through the findings of the survey all stakeholders would continue to work together to find lasting solutions to address the scourge of violence against children and protect the children from violence in its many forms.

Speaking at the same event, the United States Ambassador to Zambia, Mr Daniel L. Foote said a survey would help to provide a comprehensive assessment of the incidences of violence against young people and related risk factors. Mr Foote indicated that the survey would form a foundation for formulating effective policies and strategies to mitigate violence and monitors progress towards protecting children and youths.

Meanwhile, the University of Zambia (UNZA) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Luke Mumba, who was represented by Dr Elijah Bwalya, Head of Media and Communication Studies Department in the School of Humanities, said it was such an honour for the University to have been given the responsibility to coordinate such an undertaking.

Prof. Mumba added that the collaboration was in line with UNZA Strategic Plan 2018—2022 as it complemented UNZA's core areas of teaching, research and community service. He said that the data collected from this survey would not only provide statistics for policy making and planning at national level but would also be of great value in the University's teaching and research functions.



*Minister of Youth, Sports & Child Development, Hon. Moses Mawere, MP, (2<sup>nd</sup> left) shakes hands with U.S Ambassador to Zambia, Excellency Mr Daniel L. Foote (2<sup>nd</sup> right), during the Launch of the Violence against Children Report on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Intercontinental Hotel, Lusaka. Looking on is UNICEF Country Representative, Ms Noala Skinner (left) & Country Director, Save the Children International, Mr Duncan Harvey (right).*

VACS was launched in 2014 through the United Nations Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention (UNDCP) with the support of the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Child Development, (UNZA), Department of Population Studies, Central Statistics Office, and Save the Children International.

In view of the fact that in Zambia, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence, this survey was designed to produce national level estimate of experience of physical, sexual, and emotional violence in childhood.

The 2014 Zambia VACS is the first national survey of violence against children is a cross-sections household

survey of 23-24 year olds. A total of 2,770 households for females and 3,324 households for males were selected for the survey. Out of these, 1819 individuals aged between 13-24 years (891 being females and 928 males) participated respectively bringing the overall response rate to 85.6%.

The results of the survey show that there is great need to have a well-coordinated response strategies, programmes and policies by both Government and all stakeholders to address abuse and violence against children as it a problem and a rife in Zambia .



## UNZA HOSTS 4<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CHEMISTRY, MATERIALS AND ENERGY



*Minister of Transport and Communication, Hon. Brain Mushimba (Seated, middle) with Dean, School of Natural Sciences, Dr Vincent Mweene (seated, 3<sup>rd</sup> left), Chairperson of the Symposium, Dr Onesmus Munyati (seated, right), Committee Member, Dr James Nyirenda (seated 2<sup>nd</sup> right) and other delegates pose for a group photo on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka.*

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Minister of Transport and Communication, Hon. Brain Mushimba, MP, who was the Guest of Honour of the symposium, says that Zambia has chosen a knowledge-driven economy with science and technology as key drivers for economic growth and improving the quality of life and the symposium series sits very well with the national development agenda.

Mr Musimba was speaking at the Fourth National Symposium on Chemistry, Material, and Energy organised by the Department of Chemistry in the School of Natural Sciences of the University of Zambia in association with the Chemical Society of Zambia held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka under the theme **“Research and Innovation in Chemistry: Panaceas for Sustainable National and Regional Development”**.

He added that the importance of Chemistry in an economic development and human welfare could not be overemphasised as it was essential in improving many aspects of our lives and was vital in making different types of products ranging from pharmaceuticals, food and beverages, soaps and detergents and many other products that improve the quality of life.

The Chairperson of the Symposium, Dr. O. Munyati, in his closing remarks said he was delighted that participants come from various sectors and that their research would not only improve but add value to the production of the chemicals, equipment and other scientific requirements.

The symposium has now become one of the premier science annual event in the country from when the first one was held in November 2015 and has since gaining national recognition along the way. The Symposium had participation from various areas ranging from research, development, training, government, industry and others.

The papers presented were targeted at not only solving local solutions for local problems but also were of international character, contributing to the world body of knowledge. Some among the targeted group include: - Research Scientists, Teachers and Lecturers, Educationists, Police Makers and many more.

**“Research and Innovation in Chemistry: Panaceas for Sustainable National and Regional Development”**



## LUSAKA PROVINCE MINISTER TOURS EAST PARK MALL CONSTRUCTION SITE



*Lusaka Province Minister, Hon. Bowman Lusambo, MP, (3<sup>rd</sup> left), UNZA Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Luke Mumba (4<sup>th</sup> left), Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Enala Tembo-Mwase (left) listen to Chief Executive Officer of Graduare Property Development, Mr. Diego Casili (5<sup>th</sup> right) at the East Park Mall construction site on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.*

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Lusaka Province Minister, Hon. Bowman Lusambo, MP, was impressed with the works and has pledged to offer full support to the partnership as this will contribute to creation of employment opportunities for UNZA Students and the local people. Mr Minister said this during the tour of site on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Mr Lusambo toured the site that is currently being undertaken by Graduare Property Development Limited. This expansion project of East Park Mall is estimated to cost US \$85 million.

And University of Zambia Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Luke Mumba, was delighted at the government's decision to incorporate the private investor in supporting the institution as part of raising revenue which would help in liberating the University financially.

Meanwhile, Graduare Property Development Zambia Limited Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Diego Casili said the expansion project is expected to be completed by the end of 2019, he also assured the Honourable Minister that the project is aimed at benefiting the local people as young people have been employed at the facility.

The Mall is part of the Private Public Partnership initiative between the University of Zambia and Graduare Property Development Zambia Limited. The intention is to engage the private sector in the development of infrastructure and services to increase private sector involvement.

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## University of Zambia Principal Officers Undergo Team Building Training



*UNZA Vice-Chancellor Prof. Luke Mumba (Seated left) poses for a group photo with Facilitator, Pastor Choobwe Mudenda (seated middle), Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Enala Tembo-Mwase, (seated right), Registrar, Mr Sitali Wamundila (standing 3rd left), Bursar, Mr Arnold Kapambwe (standing 3rd right), UNZA Librarian, Ms Christine Kanyengo (2nd right) and Dean, Student Affairs (standing 2nd left), Assistant Manager, Training and Development, Mrs. Ivornie Muwowo-Simukoko (standing right) and Acting Manager, Training and Development, Mrs. Gift K. Zulu during the Team Building training in the Senate Chamber on Tuesday, 13th November 2018.*

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The University of Zambia (UNZA) Training and Development Office is holding a four day Team Building Training workshop for Principal Officers in the Senate Chamber from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The exciting sessions started with registration and later welcoming remarks by UNZA Vice-Chancellor, Prof Luke Mumba. The facilitators of the workshop are Success Practitioners, Mr. John Maxwell Certified (Team Building - Executive Leadership and Management), Messrs. Kama and Songwe (Contract Management and Administration) and Zambia Federation of Employers (Administration of Discipline) whose areas of focus are:-

- ◆ Team building-Executive Leadership and Management
- ◆ Contract Management and Administration
- ◆ Administration of Discipline

UNZA Deputy-Vice Chancellor Prof. Enala Tembo-Mwase at the close of the second day's Session said there were so many lessons and leadership skills to be drawn from the ongoing workshop which are very helpful for leaders, she also added that the sessions were refreshing and worth attending. The Workshop will be concluded with a Team Building Practical in Siavonga on Friday.