



# Zambia's Progress and Perspective for Cholera Elimination. Annual GTFCC Meeting: 3 June 2019

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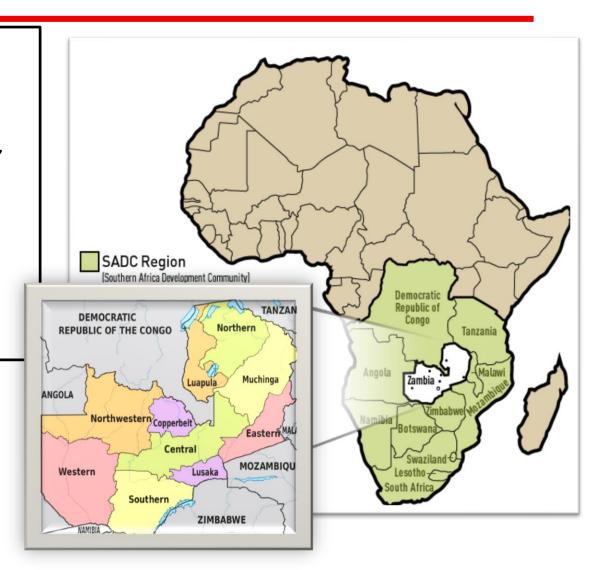
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#### **Zambia: Country Profile**



- Located in Sub-Saharan Africa; member of SADC
- Landlocked country surrounded by 8 neighbours:
   Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo,
   Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania,
   Zimbabwe
- Surface area: 752,614 km<sup>2</sup>
- Capital City: Lusaka
- 10 provinces
- 120 districts
- Population: ~17 million





#### **Country's Recent Progress on Cholera Control**

- High level political will and commitment
- Established ZNPHI to lead in public health security; hosts the Africa CDC RCC
- ZNPHI coordinated a multisectoral response to control the 2017/2018 cholera outbreak
  - IMS strategy
  - Improved WASH during the outbreak
  - Reactive OCV campaign (Over 1.2 million people vaccinated)
- Mobilised and utilised local resources (>92%) for responding to the 2017/2018 outbreak
- Contained two outbreaks in short period (<2 months) in localised areas</li>
- Legal Instruments: Reinforcement of PHA through an SI, widening the scope of public nuisances, extending annual fish ban, Solid waste management bill
- Keep Zambia clean, green and healthy campaign



#### **Country Perspectives on Cholera Elimination**

- To reduce morbidity and mortality; and eventually eliminate cholera in Zambia by 2025
- To enhance epidemiological and laboratory surveillance
- To have an effective coordination arm for cholera elimination under the Office of the Vice-President
- Use of IMS to quickly respond to outbreaks
- Upgrading of slums; improving WASH
- Community engagement to effect behavioural change
- Conducting OCV campaigns in identified hotspots



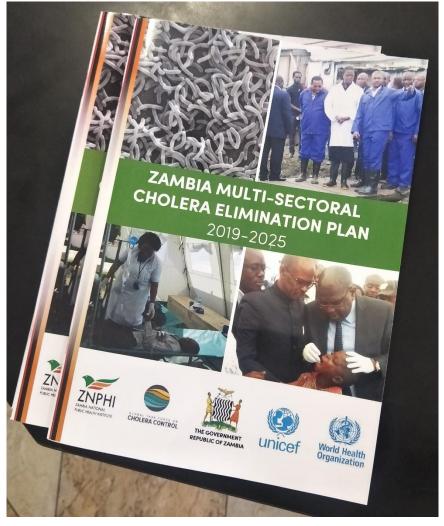
#### **Support Expected from GTFCC**

- Support resource mobilization for the implementation of the MCEP
- Technical support for
  - Reinforcement of surveillance
  - Laboratory surveillance system
  - Research and evidence generation
  - Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Hotspot review
- Quick access to OCV
  - Preemptive and reactive campaigns



## Zambia launched the National Multisectoral Cholera elimination plan at the 72nd WHA







### Thank you!