

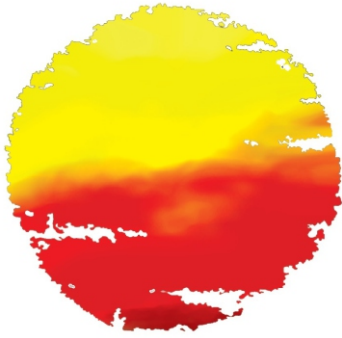
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Staff Reporter

UNICEF Country Representative, Dr Tajudeen Oyewale is impressed with the city's health facilities with Deputy Minister of Health and Child Care, Dr John Mangwiro dubbing Mufakose Family Health Service Clinic as one of most efficiently run and the cleanest in Zimbabwe.

The two were speaking during a field monitoring visit of Covid-19 vaccination sites under the City of Harare.

Dr Oyewale said, "From what we have seen this morning and this afternoon I can say the health system in Zimbabwe is impressive. I am very happy first of all to talk about the Covid 19 response."

"With Covid Response we know that many services will decline but the interesting thing is that from January this year we have seen there is an increase in the vaccination of children. I was told that an average of 150 children are vaccinated every day."

Dr Oyewale said he witnessed the vaccination of the child with polio vaccination.

He added that the presence of people at the Clinics show that people trust the health system.

Dr Mangwiro said the purpose of the visit was to make

sure that Covid-19 is being managed via vaccination, sanitising, masking up and social distancing.

"Vaccination for children is ongoing I have seen people coming to collect their ARV's. I have seen mothers who have come for anti-natal care.

This is still on going very nicely. This little Clinic (Mufakose FHS) here in Mufakose which I must say is the mostly efficiently run clinic and one of the cleanest clinics in Zimbabwe."

"We must accept when things are good compared to the other clinics I visited I was not impressed especially with Budiro. It has to be cleaned up. The nurses here (Mufakose FHS) are clear on what they should do."



## Council beefs up Covid-19 vaccination teams



Dr Chonzi

Staff Reporter

Council has increased the number of staff carrying out Covid-19 vaccinations at all its facilities and has engaged community volunteers to speed up the vaccination exercise.

This was revealed by Health Services director Dr Prosper Chonzi during a field monitoring visit of Covid-19

vaccination sites.

"The bottle neck was not the actual vaccination but data capturing. We have increased manpower not only from the clinics but also from the community mainly people who are volunteering," he said.

"Harare also caters for a lot of other people coming in from Chitungwiza, Epworth, Ruwa and other place. Our target for herd immunity is 1,7 million.

We are around 390 000. Our strategies to reach herd immunity include increasing vaccination centres, community involvement and involving private sector clinics and surgeries.

Health and Child Care Deputy Minister, Dr John Mangwiro said, "The queues we are seeing should be a thing of the past. We want people to be served efficiently and quickly. I have been talking to Dr Chonzi that nurses need to be taken care of."

# Harare water supply improves



Staff reporter

**T**he improvement in municipal water supply has resulted in the decline in bulk water sales by private players.

Resultantly ground water levels have improved.

This was revealed by the Manyame Sub-Catchment Council Chief Executive Engineer Wensley Muchineri.

Harare is now producing an average of 400 mega litres of water per day which is supplying over 65 percent of the city in addition to satellite towns such as Chitungwiza, Ruwa and Norton.

Eng Muchineri said bulk water abstraction in the city has gone down by about 60 to 65 percent.

“Off hand I can estimate that the abstraction has gone down by 60 to 65 percent” he said.

He said this has increased water availability for boreholes in the city.

“When you have bulk waters operators reducing their abstraction, water availability at neighbouring boreholes will also increase because essentially in hydrogeology we have what we call the radius of influence so when one is pumping, essentially what will be happening is that at a radius of close to 1 kilometre boreholes will be affected.”

“When they reduce their pumping it means that the ground water availability for neighbouring boreholes will increase,” he said.

Eng Muchineri thanked bulk water supplies for aiding local authorities in supplying water to residents and reminded those operating illegally to desist from the practice as the long arm of the law will eventually catch up

with them.

“Bulk water operators are playing a humanitarian role to ensure that water is also made available at the doorstep. We have places like Greystone Park and Glenlorne where even if you drill the borehole you might not get the water.”

He said the Upper Manyame Suburban Council in conjunction with the ZRP Harare Provincial Licenses Department are conducting random and periodic checks to ensure compliance by all illegal bulk water operators.



“Essentially what we want is a situation where all bulk water abstraction is being conducted outside the boundaries of the urban local authority to ensure that our boreholes are not affected drastically by massive abstraction of water.

## Automotive Division can improve: Eng Chigariro

Bothwell Petro

**A**utomotive division head Engineer Calvin Chigariro says there is room for improving the turnaround time in vehicle repairs once bottlenecks in spares availability are addressed.

The division is currently battling to bring back service vehicles, especially refuse trucks on the road as the city works on restoring service delivery.

Eng Chigariro was addressing members of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee who were assessing the state of affairs at the city's vehicle repair workshop,

“We are saying that hope is not lost these issues need to be addressed so that we reduce our turnaround times and reduce unnecessary failures because our trucks would be handled accordingly.

“The main problems are the delay in delivery of materials

and inadequate stocking of critical spares.

Our idea of a running workshop is one which does not start a procurement when a vehicle breaks down. We have to provide proper servicing of vehicles and equipment on time,” he said.

Eng Chigariro said the delay in payments to suppliers was leading to stock outs in consumables like grease and oils which are supposed to always be available.

“The other challenge is on maintenance and handling of the vehicles we use and at times it leads to premature breakdowns due to the environments the vehicles are being operated in. Thus our dumpsite must be improved so that when trucks move they will not encounter challenges.

“You find that each time we come out of rainy season we have cases of vehicle breakdowns due to the environments they operate,” he said.





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