

The Zephania and Mildrate Matanga Medical Centre (ZMMMC)

Vision and mission.

1. MISSION STATEMENT

ZMMMC is a registered Family Trust (Charity, Not-for-profit organization) founded in 2014 by Dr. Zephania Matanga and Mrs. Mildrate Matanga and is operating as a Private and Public partnership in collaboration with the government of Zimbabwe through the Ministry of Health and Childcare. ZMMMC was operationalized on July 17, 2023. ZMMMC is motivated to provide Primary health care to, but not limited to expecting mothers, babies thereby reducing the infant mortality rate. The Centre shall also assist people suffering from long-term illnesses such as HIV resulting in the reduction of morbidity rates and significantly decrease disability incidences. ZMMMC programs are intended to focus on disease prevention, alleviating poverty and strengthening communities. In addition, economically, to reduce work hours lost to temporary and permanent impairment.

2. PREAMBLE

The layout of the current Zephania and Mildrate Matanga Medical Centre facilities was designed to promote efficiency and flexibility in the provision of out-patient, maternity care and critical care services within the current context and in line with the National Regulations and requirements for establishing such facilities in Zimbabwe. All the buildings were designed for specific activities and are defined by the activity they contain covering the outpatient department, maternity care, and critical care services. In addition, laundry and mortuary structures will be constructed to enhance the disease control regime at the Centre. Zephania and Mildrate Matanga Medical Centre has been designed and built to be a safe environment for all. The buildings have been designed and built to appropriate fire and structural safety standards and enable good infection control using correct rooms for different activities. To achieve effective infection control measures, clinical wash-hand basins, with taps that can be operated by wrists or elbows and allow hands and forearms to be washed under running water have been included. The layout of Zephania and Mildrate Matanga Medical Centre has also been designed to enable healthcare waste to be collected and managed safely thereby promoting cleanliness and hygiene within the facility. This included establishment of the waste zone with the provision of an incinerator and bottle crusher.

The Medical Centre was economically designed taking into consideration the construction costs, efficiency, maintenance and running costs through adopting simple but compliant lay outs, using appropriate local materials and details and the incorporation of intelligent environmental design and appropriate electrical specification putting more emphasis on the use of renewable energy (Solar). The design also allows patients and staff to feel comfortable as we have constructed three staff houses, one house reserved for the owner's family and guests with future plans to construct nine more. The orientation of the buildings allows for the maximization of cross ventilation and reduces solar heat gain. Zephania and Mildrate Matanga Medical Centre complies with the Zimbabwean Standards and Regulations Building codes on healthcare facilities which sets out standards to which all buildings must conform covering design, construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance. Planning permission and relevant approvals were sought and put in place before construction started and regulatory inspections were conducted at all the relevant stages.

3. LOCATION

Zephania and Mildrate Matanga Medical Centre is in the Chirasauta community in Matanga village, Ward 27, Chikomba District, Mashonaland East Province in the southeastern part of Zimbabwe about 250km from Harare (**Clinic Coordinates: 19°02'54.2"S 31°34'42.5"E**).

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Operational hours

8 AM to 5 PM daily.

The medical facility was constructed on approximately 30 000 square meter piece

of land and is surrounded by a diamond mesh security perimeter fence.

4. OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE AND TIME:

ZMMMC shall operate as a Private and public partnership with the Government of Zimbabwe. This partnership is outlined in the memorandum of Understanding between ZMMMC and the Government of Zimbabwe. ZMMMC commenced its operations on July 17, 2023, and it currently operates during day hours from 8am to 5pm with one hour lunch. However, the plan is to eventually provide a 24-hour service subject to enough staffing situation. In the short term, there is a plan to set aside one Saturday per month for Doctor's visit to meet patients.

5. History:

The Zephania and Mildrate

Matanga Medical Centre was founded by Dr. Zephania Matanga and Mrs. Mildrate Matanga in 2014 supported by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Rotary Club of Winnipeg and sponsored by the Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre (INC). This Centre is in a small village called Chirasauta in Zimbabwe where both Dr. Zephania Matanga and Mrs Mildrate Matanga were born. Dr. Matanga was motivated to undertake this project because he became visually impaired at the age of five due to measles. At that time, a lot of children were afflicted by measles and polio. A lot of them died because there were no health facilities in this village. Dr. Matanga was one of the lucky ones who survived. Regardless of his disability and with the support of his parents, he was able to go to school and become successful in life. He left this village a long time ago and never thought he will have anything to do with it, however, when he went back in 2007 for the funeral service of his mother, a lot of community members approached him to see as to whether he can help them. The reason being that the village was still in the state it was during the days he became disabled. At the beginning, Dr. Matanga was feeling overwhelmed and helpless and hesitantly agreed to look into their problems. They needed two things, a High School and a Clinic. As he considered their request the following words came to his mind: There will always be poor people in the world. Therefore, he should be openhanded toward his fellow people who are poor and needy in the world. So, when he came back to Canada, he worked tirelessly to ensure that the health and educational needs of this community are met. He, therefore, committed himself to mobilize resources to support this community through Manitoba Council of International Cooperation and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. After fifteen years of working hard and at times feeling hopeless the Zephania and Mildrate Matanga medical Centre received its first patients on July, 27, 2022 as part of a series of outreach programs undertaken by the Chikomba District Medical Office and become full operational on July 1st, 2023.

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