



ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

**PRESS STATEMENT
(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)**

**EIGHT (8) PEOPLE NABED IN LUSAKA CHAWAMA COMPOUND FOR
OPERATING ILLEGAL PHARMACIES**

Lusaka, Monday ,21st August 2023 ...Eight (8) people of Chawama Compound in Lusaka have been arrested for operating pharmacy shops without Certificate of Registration issued by the Authority contrary to Section 14(1) of the Medicines and Allied Substances Act No. 3 of 2013.

The suspects were arrested during Operation USALAMA, conducted by a team of joint Enforcement Agencies and Regulatory Authorities comprising the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority, Zambia Police Service, Drug Enforcement Commission, Zambia Revenue Authority, Department of Immigration, Road Transport and safety Agency and the National Anti-Terrorism Center.

During the operation conducted from the 14th – 18th August, 2023, assorted pharmaceutical products were seized from drug stores that were being operated illegally in Lusaka's Chawama compound by Zambians and foreign nationals. In this case Seven (7) Zambians and one (1) Congolese national were arrested pending due process of the law.

The Authority wishes to reiterate its appeal to members of the public to refrain from illegal operation of pharmacies or risk prosecution in accordance with the provisions of the law.

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