



## ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### PRESS STATEMENT (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

#### **FOURTEEN (14) PEOPLE ARRESTED IN KASEMPA, KABOMPO AND SOLWEZI, NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE FOR OPERATING UNREGISTERED AGRO- VETERINARY SHOPS**

**Lusaka, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 ....** Fourteen (14) people of Kasempa, Kabompo and Solwezi Districts, North-Western Province were arrested between the period of 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 for operating unregistered Agro-veterinary Shops contrary to section 14 (1) of the Medicines and Allied substances Act No. 3 of 2013 of the laws of Zambia.

This followed an operation that was conducted by the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) and Zambia Police Service. The activity aimed at curbing the increasing illegal trade in medicines and allied substances by agro-veterinary dealers on the Zambian market. The outlets were mapped during the sensitization program that was conducted prior to the operation.

The details of the offenders are as follows:

S/N	Name of Responsible Person	Sex	Age (Years)	Name of Drug Outlet	Location
1.	Sydney Mwaba	M	30	Solex Agro-vet Shop	Boma Market, Kasempa
2.	Matildah Muhandu	F	35	Matildah Agro-vet Shop	Boma Market, Kasempa
3.	Jordan Mundambu	M	28	D.T Agro-vet Shop	Boma Market, Kasempa
4.	Kooze Munachikube	M	35	Melekel Agro-vet Shop	Boma Market, Kasempa
5.	Prince Silavwe	M	31	Tonic Agro-services Ltd	Boma Market, Kasempa

6.	Vincent Mulongoti	M	32	Man Mulo Agro-vet Shop	Boma Market, Kasempa
7.	Osborne Nsama	M	70	Manyinga Agro & Livestock Services	Manyama Market, Kalumbila
8.	Boyd Mutobo	M	23	Cowpa Agro-vet	Manyama Market, Kalumbila
9.	Natasha Lilema	F	26	Farm Depot	Boma Market, Kasempa
10.	Paul Katoma	M	22	Nev-J Enterprise Agro Shop	Solwezi Main Market, Solwezi
12	John Swani Mumi	M	38	Mwata Agro Shop	Solwezi Town Centre, Solwezi
13.	Tickson Kachoba	M	32	Mabildam Enterprise Agro-vet Sop	Solwezi Main Market, Solwezi
14.	Francis Loloji	M	29	TMF Agro-vet Shop	Solwezi Town Centre, Solwezi

The suspects were released on police bond and will appear in court soon.

We wish to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that only registered Agro-veterinary shops are operational. This is important in ensuring that members of the public and animals are exposed to safe, quality and efficacy medicinal products and allied substances.

Failure by all Agro-veterinary shop dealers in adhering to the set standards as regards to the sale of medicines and allied substances will result in offenders being prosecuted.

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