



ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PRESS STATEMENT

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14 (FOURTEEN) PEOPLE NUBBED IN WESTERN PROVINCE FOR OPERATING ILLEGAL AGRO-VETERINARY SHOPS.

Lusaka 4th April, 2025. The Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA), in conjunction with the Zambia Police Service (ZP) Western Province, has arrested and charged 14 people for operating Agro-veterinary shops without permits from the Authority. This was during inspections conducted from the 18th to the 28th to March, 2025, aimed at curbing illegal operation of pharmacies, health shops and agro-veterinary shops in **8 (eight) Districts** of Western Province.

The following persons were arrested and charged:

1. Mwendabai Mwendabai, Male aged 32 years of forest area, Mongu
2. Gladys Ondya , Female aged 50 years of NAPSA flats, Mongu
3. Mulonda Mary Subai, Female aged 29 years of Ilute compound, Mongu
4. Tilla Kanchele, Male aged 39 years of Mandanga compound, Mongu;
5. Precious Lubasi, Female aged 37 years of Mbutana Plots, Mongu
6. Mutinta Hamaamba, Female aged 35 years of Rentals, Sesheke
7. Lufwendo Titus, Male aged 31 years of airport compound, Kaoma
8. Racheal Sikumbi, Female aged 22 years of Zesco compound, Kaoma
9. Kailu Mayeba, Female aged 27 years of Zesco compound, Kaoma;
10. Nyambe Lewis, Male aged 33 years of Kalundu area, Kaoma;
11. Nancy Katoti, Female aged 53 years of Zesco compound, Kaoma;
12. Sunford Mubita, Male aged 24 years of research compound, Kaoma;
13. Kelvin Chimpati, Male, 45 years of Airport compound, Kaoma; and
14. Shadow Ngoma, Male aged 29 years of Zesco compound, Kaoma.

The above accused persons have been charged with one count of operating illegal Agro-veterinary shops contrary to Section 14 of the medicines and allied substances Act No. 3 of 2013 of the Laws of Zambia, and will appear in court soon.

We wish to issue a stern warning to all those who commit similar offences that we are equal to the task of ensuring that only registered/licensed pharmaceutical outlets sell Medicines and Allied Substances on the Zambian market. This is to guarantee safety, quality and efficacy of medicinal products and allied substances being consumed by the Zambian people. Failure to adhere to the set standards will result in offenders being prosecuted.

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