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## **PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR OFFICIATES COMMEMORATION IN HONOR OF THE FIRST MUHAS CHANCELLOR, THE LATE DR. ALI HASSAN MWINYI**



*Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Adolf Mkenda, handing over the first MUHAS Chancellor's regalia to H.E. Dr. Hussein Mwinyi.*

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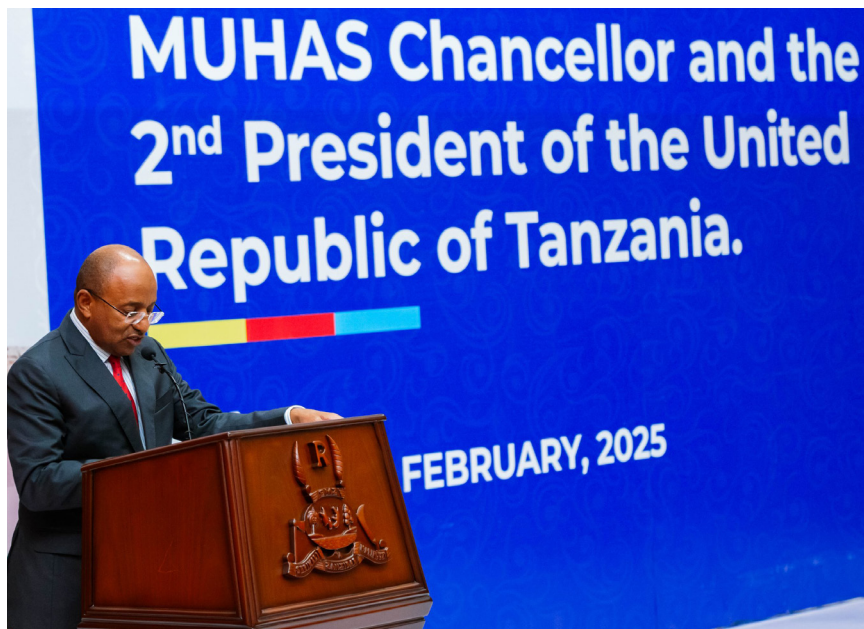
On February 28, 2025, the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, officiated a commemoration to honor the First MUHAS Chancellor and the Second President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi. The commemoration recognized and appreciated the significant contributions of the

late Mwinyi to the development of education, health, and general social welfare.

During this event, the President of Zanzibar launched the Ali Hassan Mwinyi MUHAS Endowment Trust Fund (AHMMEF). This strategic initiative is aimed at supporting the sustainable development of education and research at the university, providing long-term financial support

*A University exceling in quality training of health professionals, research and public services with a conducive learning and working environment*





*H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, officiating a commemoration to honor the First MUHAS Chancellor and the Second President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi.*

for innovative projects, academic programs, and the welfare of students and faculty.

“I congratulate the university on this initiative and encourage all people of goodwill to cooperate with the University in developing and managing this fund, as it is one way

to honor and advance the vision of the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi,” said H.E. Dr. Mwinyi.

Additionally, to strengthen the training environment, healthcare services, and research, H.E. Dr. Mwinyi laid the foundation stone for the construction of the College of Medicine through

the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) project at the Mloganzila campus. This is a significant step toward expanding the university’s infrastructure, increasing student enrolment, and improving the quality of training for students.

The Minister for Education, Science, and Technology, Prof. Adolf Mkenda, stated that under the leadership of the late Dr. Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the university has successfully increased student enrolment by over 100% at all levels, from Diploma to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). “We have every reason to be proud of his life here on earth, and as the education sector, we have a great debt to continue honoring him and the vision he had,” said Professor Mkenda.

The Vice Chancellor of MUHAS, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, stated that this symposium will be held annually and will bring together professionals from the health and education sectors to discuss the achievements and future of these sectors.



*Invited guests applauding following the official opening of the commemoration to honor the first MUHAS Chancellor, the late Dr. Ali Hassan Mwinyi.*



# TIKA DONATES AMBULANCE TO MUHAS TO BOOST DISASTER RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY TRAINING



*A group photo of participants after the handover ceremony of a state-of-the-art training ambulance donated to MUHAS by TiKA.*

The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TiKA) has donated a state-of-the-art training ambulance to the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) to strengthen Tanzania's emergency medical services and disaster preparedness efforts.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, expressed gratitude for the generous donation, highlighting its significance in enhancing disaster response training and saving lives. He emphasized that the ambulance would play a

crucial role in training healthcare professionals, supporting government initiatives, and preparing for the upcoming 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON).

“With this collaboration, we are introducing the first paramedic



*TiKA President Serkan Kayalar, Turkish Ambassador-designate to Tanzania, H.E. Bekir Gezer cutting a ribbon as a symbolic gesture to hand over ambulance to the MUHAS management.*



course in the country and expanding our disaster response training across Tanzania,” Prof. Kamuhabwa said. He outlined a nationwide disaster training program set to begin in 2025, covering Dodoma, Zanzibar, Arusha, Mwanza, and Morogoro.

The Head of the Emergency Medicine Department at MUHAS, Dr. Said Kilindimo, acknowledged TiKA’s ongoing support, including the recent “Training of Trainers” course in Izmir,

Turkey, which equipped 20 instructors with advanced disaster response skills. He reiterated MUHAS’s commitment to introduce paramedic training hence improving Tanzania’s emergency healthcare system.

TiKA President Serkan Kayalar reaffirmed the agency’s commitment to collaborating with MUHAS, emphasizing that the impact of the donation would extend beyond the

university to benefit the broader community.

The handover ceremony took place on March 4, 2025, and was also attended by the Turkish Ambassador-designate to Tanzania, H.E. Bekir Gezer; TiKA Country Director, Madam Filiz; MUHAS Deputy Vice Chancellors; the Principal; the Dean of the School of Clinical Medicine; staff; and students from the Department of Emergency Medicine.

## MUHAS RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION FOR CALIBRATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

On January 29, 2025, MUHAS received a generous donation for calibration of medical equipment from Dan Chuster and Ms. Charmika Schuster, facilitated by BETA Organization (USA). The donation, provided by the DAK Foundation, is set to enhance the University’s Biomedical Engineering (BME) training and research capabilities.

The donated equipment includes: one SPO2 MS100 Simulator, two Oxygen

Analyzers, one NIBP Simulator, one ECG MS400 Simulator and one ECG Machine. In addition to the donation, Dan Chuster and Ms. Charmika conducted a hands-on demonstration of the ECG MS400 Simulator with the ECG Machine, offering MUHAS students’ invaluable practical exposure to these vital medical calibration tools.

This donation enhances knowledge, practical skills, and technological advancement in biomedical

engineering education at MUHAS, ensuring that the students are well-equipped for the evolving demands of healthcare technology.

MUHAS extends its heartfelt appreciation to Dan Chuster, Ms. Charmika, BETA Organization, and the DAK Foundation for their invaluable support in fostering technological innovation and excellence in biomedical engineering education.



*Mr. Dan Chuster conducting a hands-on demonstration of the donated equipment.*



# MUHAS SIGNS A MoU WITH SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY

Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, during the IV Tanzania-Italy Business and Investment Forum at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam.

The partnership aims to foster joint research in priority areas identified by both universities, as well as enhance training, consultancy, academic exchange, and capacity-building initiatives.

Other areas of collaboration include strengthening neurological research, enhancing the MUHAS genetic laboratory and clinical biorepository, and conducting specific research on multiple sclerosis, among other scientific projects.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, MUHAS Vice Chancellor, and Prof. Marco Salvetti of Sapienza University.



*Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, MUHAS Vice Chancellor, and Prof. Marco Salvetti of Sapienza University signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for partnership*

Salveti of Sapienza University. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Hon. Stanslaus Nyongo, Deputy Minister for the President's Office – Planning and Investment;

Ambassador Giuseppe Coppola, Ambassador of Italy to Tanzania; and Advocate Monica Simbo from MUHAS.

## MUHAS HOSTS STANFORD MBA STUDENTS FOR DISCUSSION ON HEALTHCARE ADVANCEMENTS

On March 29, 2025, MUHAS was honored to host a delegation of MBA students from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, accompanied by Associate Professor Dan Iancu.

During the visit, MUHAS and the Stanford team engaged in insightful discussions on critical issues surrounding healthcare delivery in Tanzania. The exchange highlighted the pivotal role MUHAS continues to play in advancing healthcare not only within Tanzania but across the region.



*Stanford team in a group picture with MUHAS Vice Chancellor and the Head of Internalization and Convocation Unit at MUHAS*



# MUHAS HOSTS PROF. JEAN NACHEGA AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS IN AFRICA

On February 13, 2025 MUHAS had the honor of hosting Prof. Jean Nachege, a professor at the University of Stellenbosch, Pittsburgh, and Johns Hopkins, who delivered a keynote speech on “The Journey to Building Sustainable and Impactful Scientific Leadership, Research Capacity, and Partnerships in Africa” during the Early Career Investigator Workshop attended by MUHAS faculty.

Prof. Nachege shared his personal journey in building a career in research and establishing successful research partnerships in Africa, discussing the challenges he faced and how these partnerships have contributed to addressing major public health issues such as Mpox, HIV/AIDS, COVID-19, and Sickle Cell Disease across the African continent.

He highlighted key achievements, including grants, cross-continental implementation research projects, and capacity-building programs that



*MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa handing over an appreciation award to Prof. Prof. Jean Nachege.*

would have been unattainable without such partnerships. He emphasized the importance of building networks of scientists across Africa while acknowledging the vital role played by scientists from around the globe.

Prof. Nachege commended the excellent work done by MUHAS in seeking and securing grants and expressed an interest in providing mentorship and guidance to early

career investigators at MUHAS.

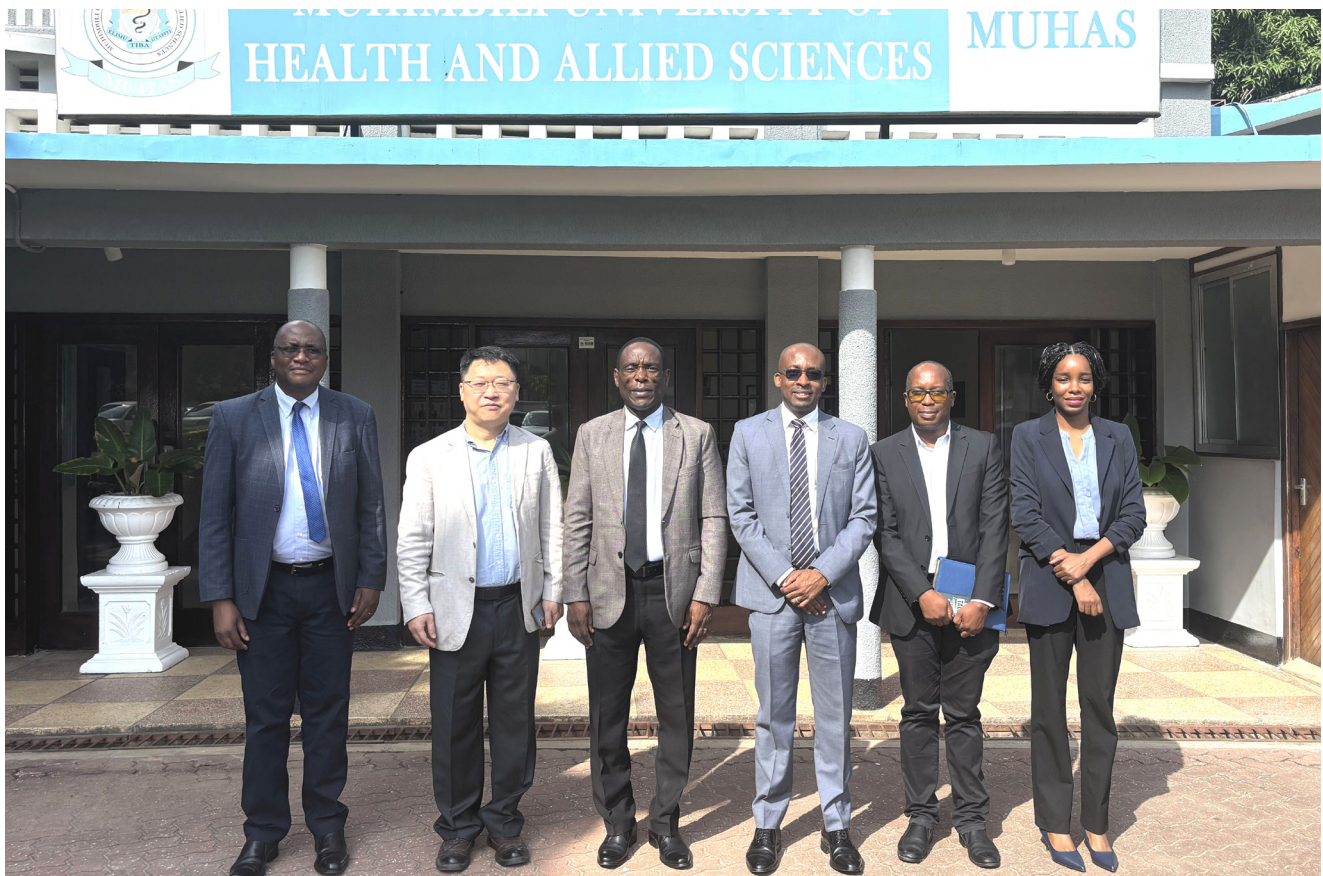
Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, thanked Prof. Nachege for his insightful keynote address and concluded by reaffirming the university’s commitment to strengthening its staff’s research grant writing skills, enhancing research facilities, and fostering meaningful partnerships with other institutions.



*A group photo of Prof. Jean Nachege and MUHAS team after delivering his Keynote speech at MUHAS*



# DR. DONG BIAN FROM YANCHENG INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY VISITS MUHAS



*Dr. Dong Bian in a picture with MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof Appolinaty Kamuhabwa, DVC-A, Prof Emmanuel Balandya, DVC-PFA, Prof Erasto Mbugi, Dean School of Dentistry, Dr Ferdinand Machibya and Head ICU, Dr. Maryam Amour.*

On February 3, 2025, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) welcomed Dr. Dong Bian from Yancheng Institute of Technology (YIT), China. His visit marked a significant step in the growing partnership between the two institutions following the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in September 2024.

During his visit, Dr. Bian paid a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor of MUHAS, Prof. Appolinaty Kamuhabwa. He was joined by the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, the Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Ferdinand Machibya, and the Head of Internationalization and Convocation, Dr. Maryam Amour. Together, they engaged in a productive

discussion on strengthening collaboration between MUHAS and YIT, particularly in the areas of training, research, and innovation.

As the coordinator of the MUHAS-YIT Joint Multidisciplinary Additive Manufacturing and Regeneration Laboratory Project, Dr. Bian's visit underscored the commitment to advancing this initiative. The project aims at establishing a multidisciplinary additive manufacturing and medical regeneration laboratory at the MUHAS School of Dentistry.

In this visit, Dr. Bian was able to setup implementation of the dental laboratory 3D printing project at the School of Dentistry, initiate talk for additional collaboration between MUHAS Institute of Traditional

Medicine and Chinese Traditional medicine under Yancheng Institute of Technology (YIT) as well as establishment of collaboration between MUHAS School of Pharmacy and Chinese School of Pharmacy under YIT on production of pharmaceutical products.

Beyond academic and research collaborations, the meeting also explored the possibility of making strategic investments at the MUHAS Mloganzila Campus to enhance institutional capacity and infrastructure.

Dr. Bian's visit reaffirmed the strong ties between MUHAS and YIT, paving the way for impactful collaborations that will benefit both institutions and the broader academic and scientific community.



# UNICEF-GLOBAL BEHAVIORAL INSIGHT TECHNICAL MISSION VISITS MUHAS

On January 30, 2025, a delegation from UNICEF's Social and Behavior Change (SBC) team visited the MUHAS to explore opportunities for deeper collaboration in behavioral sciences. The visiting team included Dr. Benjamin Hickler, Behavioral Science Research and Design Lead from UNICEF Innocenti Global Office of Research and Foresight, and Ms. Awet Araya, SBC Manager at UNICEF Tanzania Country Office.

The delegation was received by MUHAS Deputy Vice Chancellor for Planning, Finance, and Administration (DVC-PFA), Prof. Erasto Mbugi, on behalf of the University's management at the Vice Chancellor's Office. The delegation then proceeded to the School of Public Health and

Social Sciences (SoPHSS), where they engaged with Acting Dean Dr. Malale Tungu and Dr. Hussein Mohamed, the SBC contact person between MUHAS and UNICEF Tanzania.

The visit aimed to strengthen and expand MUHAS-UNICEF collaboration in key areas of behavioral sciences, including capacity building through short courses, SBC research and analysis, and information knowledge management in implementation science.

Welcoming the delegation, Prof. Mbugi expressed MUHAS's enthusiasm for working with UNICEF. Dr. Tungu provided an overview of SoPHSS's programs and highlighted potential areas for collaboration.

Dr. Hickler reaffirmed UNICEF's commitment to advancing SBC research and capacity building at MUHAS. "SBC is critical across multiple disciplines, including immunization, child protection, water hygiene and sanitation, and nutrition. Given its dynamic nature, we will continue to explore additional areas of collaboration," he said. Ms. Araya echoed his sentiments, emphasizing UNICEF's interest in working closely with MUHAS on SBC and Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE). "

MUHAS and UNICEF share a long-standing relationship in key areas such as child protection, maternal and child health, nutrition, and implementation science. Dr. Mohamed provided an overview of past collaborations highlighting on socio-anthropological studies on Ebola and Marburg virus disease. Further reinforcing their partnership, MUHAS and UNICEF co-organized Tanzania's first-ever symposium on Social and Behavior Change in Emergencies in 2023.

MUHAS is also a member of the Eastern and Southern Africa Regions Academia for SBC Consortium and participated in a co-creation event in Nairobi in November 2024. UNICEF Tanzania is now working closely with academic institutions to strengthen the Tanzania chapter of the consortium.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Mbugi underscored the need for a Long-Term Agreement (LTA) between MUHAS and UNICEF to ensure sustainability and expand collaborations beyond SBC. He also stressed the importance of behavioral change in responding to preventable epidemics in the country.



*The Deputy Vice Chancellor- PFA, Prof. Erasto Mbugi with a delegation from UNICEF's Social and Behavior Change*



# A DELEGATION FROM GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH VISITS MUHAS

A delegation from Global Alliance Team visited the MUHAS to explore and establish deeper collaboration opportunities in musculoskeletal health. The visiting team included Prof. Anthony Woolf, Co-Chair Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health, Dr Frank Manase, Public Health Palliative Care Consultant Physician-CEO & Founder of the Community Centre for Preventive Medicine.

The visit aimed to establish rehabilitation training program for high level health professional carders and community health care workers. It was highlighted that pain from joint and bone health is one of the major health problems that trigger health seeking behaviour.

Welcoming the delegation, the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bruno Sunguya expressed MUHAS's enthusiasm for working with Global Alliance. Prof. Bruno highlighted potential areas for collaboration in conducting research and dissemination of publications in terms of symposium, conferences, developing guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), developing different programs and hosting continuing educational professional development with



*A group photo of the delegation from Global Alliance with the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bruno Sunguya and other MUHAS staff after a courtesy visit at the VC's Office.*

accreditation points as well as staff and student exchange programs.

Prof. Woolf reaffirmed Global Alliance's commitment to advancing health care professionals at primary secondary and referral systems to be equipped with basic but specific skills and knowledge on bone and joint health. He emphasized Global Alliance's interest in working closely with MUHAS on training interns, health workers as well as supporting

community workers.

The delegation then proceeded to the College of Medicine where they engaged with Principal College of Medicine, Prof. Enica Richard and other faculty from Schools and Directorates. They discussed and reached a consensus on establishing new and strengthening existing research and training activities, forming a stronger consortium around areas of common interests.

## MUHAS AND JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE FOUNDATION UNITE TO ADVANCE HEALTH IN TANZANIA

On March 20, 2025, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKF) held a strategic meeting to explore opportunities for collaboration in promoting health across Tanzania.

The meeting brought together key

representatives from both institutions, including MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Apolinary Kamuhabwa, along with Dr. Maryam Amour, Prof. Julie Makani, Prof. Irene Minja, and Ms. Janeth Manongi. Representing JMKF were Chief Executive Director, Ms. Vanessa Anyoti, Dr. Catherine Sanga, and Dr. Sheila Njaku.

Discussions focused on potential areas of partnership such as joint research, community outreach, capacity building, and health advocacy. JMKF shared highlights of their work in maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health, while MUHAS emphasized its robust research portfolio and impactful initiatives,



including the Sickle Cell Program.

The meeting concluded with the identification of specific areas for collaboration, including joint research projects, improved community health interventions, training opportunities, and platforms for disseminating research findings. Both parties agreed to formalize the partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This collaboration is set to leverage the unique strengths of MUHAS and JMKF to drive meaningful improvements in health outcomes and research in Tanzania.



*A team from JMKF in a group pictures with MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa and other MUHAS representatives after a discussion at the VC's Office.*

## SENIOR NIHR OFFICERS VISITS MUHAS

On February 24, 2025, Senior Officers Dr. Sarah Puddicombe, Assistant Director of the NIHR Global Health and International Research Programmes, and Clare McIver, Head of Global Health Research Programmes at the Department of Health and Social paid a courtesy visit

at MUHAS Deputy Vice Chancellor-Research and Consultancy's office, Prof. Bruno Sunguya. They had a discussion focused on pathways to impact with the NIHR keen to learn from recipient institutions and to improve its funding.

MUHAS in collaboration with the APPRISE group of researchers, is implementing a research program on perioperative care funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

During the discussion Prof. Bruno Sunguya said that through this engagement, MUHAS aims to leverage its established connection with the NIHR to capitalize on available funding opportunities and advance its research agenda, ultimately impacting the health of communities.

The NIHR offers a wide range of funding areas including capacity building, impactful research initiatives as well as to strengthening its collaboration with MUHAS and exploring available funding opportunities within the organization.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Vice Chancellor- Research and Consultancy Prof. Bruno Sunguya, Prof Tim Baker (PI - APPRISE), and Dr Godfrey Barabona (Program manager).



*Deputy Vice Chancellor-Research and Consultancy, Prof. Bruno Sunguya with Senior NIHR officers during their visit at MUHAS*



# MUHAS AND UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO CONDUCT A FIVE-YEAR PROJECT TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS



*Ag. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bruno Sunguya and Dr. Agness Massawe from School of Nursing with the representative from University of Minnesota*

On February 20, 2025, the Acting MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bruno Sunguya, together with Prof. Jennifer Connor from the Institute for Sexual and Gender Health at the University of Minnesota (UMN) and Dr. Agness Massawe from the School of Nursing at MUHAS, held an introductory meeting for a five-year project on training healthcare professionals to address the healthcare needs of women who have experienced Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Tanzania. The project focuses on curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation.

This study is a collaboration between MUHAS and the University of

Minnesota and is funded by the National Institute of Health. Dr. Agness Massawe from the School of Nursing and Prof. Jennifer Connor from the Institute for Sexual and Gender Health lead the study.

MUHAS and UMN have partnered with the School of Nursing for nearly eight years on four projects primarily focused on sexual and reproductive health, particularly the effects of female genital mutilation on girls and women. The project aims to develop training materials tailored to the needs of healthcare providers in Tanzania, as well as to deliver a pilot training program at MUHAS.

During the meeting, Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Bruno Sunguya congratulated the team for their good work and urged them to continue collaborating as a team, generating innovative ideas and publishing more research findings to share the impact with the society. He also added that MUHAS management is ready to support the team if they require assistance during the study.

The meeting took place at the Vice Chancellor's office and was also attended by Prof. Crista Agbakwu from UMASS Chan Medical School.



# TRANSFORMING CRITICAL CARE IN AFRICA: FINDINGS FROM THE ACIOS STUDY

On February 27, 2025, *The Lancet* published the African Critical Illness Outcomes Study (ACIOS), a groundbreaking collaborative research effort led by the Provision of Essential Treatments in Critical Illness Tanzania (POETICTz) research group at MUHAS and the African Partnership for Perioperative and Critical Care Research (APPRISE). This study sheds light on the critical care crisis across Africa, exposing the high burden of critical illness alongside a severe shortage of Essential Emergency and Critical Care (EECC) services.

Spanning 180 hospitals across 22 African countries, including Tanzania, this international prospective study analyzed data from 20,000 adult

in-patients. The findings reveal an alarming burden of critical illness, with 12.5% (one in eight) of hospitalized adults being critically ill and 69% of these patients are treated in general wards. The death rates are high; 21% of critically ill patients die within 7 days of hospital admission, compared to just 2.7% of non-critically ill patients and more than half (56%) of critically ill patients do not receive basic, lifesaving EECC care interventions, such as oxygen for respiratory failure or fluids for circulatory failure.

The results indicate that many of these deaths could be prevented with an increased focus on EECC – which is simple, with low-cost, effective and can be provided across all hospital settings, including general wards

where most critically ill patients are currently treated. This calls for a fundamental shift in how critical care is understood and delivered, making EECC a core component of universal health coverage to save millions of lives. Tanzania is leading the way, becoming the first country to integrate EECC into its national strategic plan. MUHAS, in collaboration with UNICEF, and the Ministries of Health in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, will begin implementing EECC in primary health facilities across Zanzibar and five regions on mainland starting April 2025. This marks the first phase of a nationwide rollout, setting the stage for comprehensive EECC integration.

## ACIOS African Critical Illness Outcomes Study

## A point prevalence study of critical illness in 22 nations in Africa

### Methods

Investigators examined *all* adult in-patients in *all* wards and units in hospitals across Africa

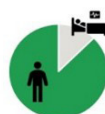
### Population

22 countries  
180 hospitals  
19 872 patients  
Median age 40 years

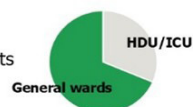


### How many are critically ill and where are they cared for?

12.5%  
hospital  
inpatients are  
critically ill



68.6% of  
critically ill patients  
are cared for in  
general wards



### What EECC do they receive?



48.4% of patients with respiratory dysfunction receive oxygen  
54.0% of patients with circulatory dysfunction receive iv fluids or vasopressors  
49.4% of patients with a low conscious level receive an airway intervention  
56% are **not receiving** essential emergency and critical care

### In-hospital deaths



20.7% of critically ill patients die in-hospital within 7 days  
2.7% of non-critically ill patients die in-hospital within 7 days  
The odds ratio of mortality if critically ill is **7.72**

### What does this mean?



There is a large burden of critical illness in African hospitals. Ensuring that essential emergency and critical care (EECC) is provided to all critically ill patients has the potential to save many lives



# ZANZIBAR MINISTER FOR HEALTH GRACES THE 2025 SPARCO-TANZANIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



*Zanzibar Minister for Health, Hon. Nassor Mazrui speaking during the 2025 SPARCO-Tanzania Annual General Meeting*

The Sickle Pan-African Research Consortium (SPARCO)—Tanzania project, funded by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) and hosted in the Sickle Cell Programme under the MUHAS Department of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, has successfully held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 30 - 31 January, 2025, in Zanzibar.

The event was graced by the Zanzibar Minister for Health, Hon. Nassor Mazrui, and brought together members of SPARCO-Tanzania and key stakeholders in the field of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) from all over Tanzania to reflect on the progress made, reinforce commitments and discuss future strategies toward improving SCD care in the country.

The AGM provided a platform to disseminate findings from various

initiatives undertaken over the past three years and outline plans for the remaining project period (Years 4 and 5). Key discussions centred on the ongoing cross-consortium studies, sustainability strategies, and means to advance the care, research, training, and advocacy for SCD in Tanzania.

While giving his opening remarks, the Principal Investigator (PI) for SPARCO-Tanzania, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya who is the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic at MUHAS, welcomed all members to the AGM, emphasizing that their contributions were fundamental to the successes of SCD efforts in Tanzania.

In his speech, Hon. Nassor Mazrui, applauded SPARCO-Tanzania for its remarkable contributions to SCD research and healthcare. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to

strengthen SCD services in Zanzibar, including the implementation of newborn screening and decentralization of care to district hospitals.

On the other hand, SPARCO-Tanzania Coordinator, Dr. Agnes Jonathan, stated that challenges remain in identifying and diagnosing SCD due to limited diagnostic equipment and low community awareness. However, she emphasized that efforts are being made to enhance screening, diagnosis, and early interventions to prevent disease progression.

On her part, Dr. Ahlam Amour from Mnazi Mmoja Hospital, thanked SPARCO-Tanzania for the support in enhancing research on SCD in Zanzibar and highlighted a recent paper published in Genes (Basel), titled *“Sickle Cell Disease in the Islands of Zanzibar: Patients’ Characteristics, Management, and Clinical Outcomes”*. She also reaffirmed commitment to continue conducting research that will strengthen SCD healthcare services and improve patient outcomes.

The meeting was attended by representatives from various institutions, including the Ministries of Health from Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania, representatives from hospitals as well as healthcare workers, researchers, and patient organizations involved in cell disease care.



*A group photo of participants who attended the 2025 SPARCO-Tanzania Annual General Meeting with the Guest of Honor, Hon. Nassor Mazrui*



# MUHAS EMPOWERS RESEARCHERS THROUGH GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

On February 3 to 7, 2025, the Directorate of Research, Publications and Innovations (DRPI) at MUHAS, through the Office of Sponsored Projects, hosted a dynamic and practical Grant Writing Workshop designed to strengthen the capacity of researchers in crafting competitive proposals for funding bodies such as the NIH, Wellcome Trust, and UKRI.

The workshop was officially opened by Prof. Bruno Sunguya, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Consultancy, who set the tone by emphasizing the importance of turning strong research ideas into fundable proposals. Across the five days, participants explored in depth the processes and requirements of grant writing, starting with understanding diverse funding opportunities and eligibility criteria, then moving into crafting essential documents like biosketches, budgets, letters of support, and research strategies.



*Deputy Vice Chancellor- Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya speaking with participant of the workshop*

Each day built on the last. Participants not only learned the theory behind successful grant applications but also got into creating, reviewing, and refining their own documents in small breakout sessions tailored to their funder of choice. By the end of the workshop, participants had made significant strides toward finalizing proposals aligned with specific calls, and left with personalized feedback,

peer reviews, and mentorship plans in place.

The workshop concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Siana Nkya, who applauded the participants' enthusiasm and progress. She also acknowledged the DRPI team for spearheading such a meaningful initiative. The participants left inspired and better equipped to chase funding success.



*Facilitators and participants of Grant Writing Workshop held at MUHAS*



# MUHAS WOMEN COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH A CALL FOR RIGHTS, EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT



*Ag. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya giving his speech during Women's Day celebrations*

On 07<sup>th</sup> March 2025 The women of Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) came together in a vibrant and empowering celebration of International Women's

Day (IWD). Under the global theme **"For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, Empowerment"**, the event underscored the significance of gender equity, professional growth, and

leadership among women in health care, academia and general.

The event, held at the university's main campus, brought together MUHAS women staff, female students, along with invited guests from ministry of education, science and technology. The day was marked by speeches, presentation on Gender and Leadership Ethics in Institutional Responsibilities, How to Balance Work and Family Responsibilities, spoken poems, live music, show case of artistic works, interactive sessions aimed at fostering dialogue on challenges and opportunities for women in healthcare institution.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor of MUHAS, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya opened the ceremony with a message of encouragement, highlighting the



*MUHAS Women marching around the Muhimbili campus in celebration of International Women's Day.*



progress made by women in the field while acknowledging the barriers that still exist. “Women have made great strides in different sectors but we must continue to advocate for equitable opportunities, fair representation, and supportive work environments,” Prof. Balandya said.

Keynote speaker Dr. Avemaria Semakafu, the Former Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and MUHAS alumna presented on Gender and leadership in institutional responsibilities and also shared her inspiring journey as a woman in a male-dominated specialty. “We must challenge stereotypes, mentor the younger generation, and take bold steps towards leadership roles,” she urged. Also Prof. Sylvia Kaaya, MUHAS Professor presented on how to balance work and family as women.

The discussions emphasized the need for institutional support, such as flexible work policies and leadership



*MUHAS women cheering as the Vice Chancellor gives a speech*

training programs, to ensure women thrive in their careers. MUHAS students also took center stage, presenting research and innovative projects led by female scholars. The presentations demonstrated the immense potential of young women in driving scientific advancements and contributing to the health sector’s growth.

As the celebrations came to a close, attendees pledged to continue advocating for gender equity in their respective fields. The event concluded with an artistic show case, original poem, painting where MUHAS women showed their talent to call an action for lasting change in gender equity and women’s empowerment in healthcare and beyond.



*MUHAS women showcasing their drawing talents*



# VICE CHANCELLOR MEETS MUHAS STAFF TO DISCUSS THE INSTITUTION'S ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2024



*The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, speaking during the meeting with staff*

On February 5 and 12, 2025, the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, met with administrative and academic staff, respectively, to reflect on

the achievements made in 2024 and discuss progress, strategies for improving MUHAS, existing challenges, and solutions to address them.

During these meetings, Prof. Kamuhabwa highlighted the university's accomplishments in various areas, including the introduction of new academic programs, improvements in teaching systems and digital platforms, curriculum review and development, research projects and funding, publications and professional consultancy, financial planning and administration, and infrastructure development at the Upanga, Mloganzila, and Kigoma campuses.

The meetings were attended by the MUHAS Management, and staff had the opportunity to ask questions and receive clarifications and responses from the university leadership on a variety of issues.



*MUHAS staff during the meeting with the Vice Chancellor*

# THE VICE CHANCELLOR MEETS WITH MUHAS WOMEN STAFF TO DISCUSS GENDER ISSUES AT THE UNIVERSITY

On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, met MUHAS women staff to discuss women-related issues in the workplace. The meeting aimed to establish plans and strategies to enhance the well-being of women and improve the institution as a whole.

During the meeting, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa reaffirmed MUHAS's commitment to gender equality and empowerment, emphasizing the importance of creating an inclusive work environment that supports professional growth and well-being. He acknowledged the valuable contributions of female staff in advancing the university's mission and pledged continued support for initiatives that promote gender balance and career development.

Regarding strategic initiatives on gender issues, he highlighted that the university has established a committee and a gender desk responsible for receiving, discussing, and monitoring gender-related issues, particularly Gender-Based Violence (GBV) at the workplace.

Additionally, Prof. Kamuhabwa emphasized other strategies, such as raising awareness among staff and students on accessible and friendly GBV reporting mechanisms, organizing seminars and workshops to enhance understanding of GBV issues and available support services at MUHAS.

During the interactive session, MUHAS women raised various concerns, including workplace challenges, career progression, work-life balance, and access to leadership opportunities. The Vice Chancellor



*Prof. Doreen Mloka giving her remarks during a meeting with the Vice Chancellor regarding gender issues at the university*

and Deputy Vice Chancellor- Planning, Finance and Administration addressed these issues and encouraged open communication between employees and the university administration to promote gender equality and improve the wellbeing of staff, students and the institution as a whole.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to follow up on key action points raised during the discussion, ensuring that MUHAS continues to foster a supportive and equitable work environment for all employees.



*MUHAS staff following a discussion on gender issues during a meeting with the Vice Chancellor.*



# CELEBRATING WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY: A WALK FOR AWARENESS



*Participants in the World Oral Health Day celebrations during a charity walk.*

In celebration of World Oral Health Day on March 20, 2025, MUHAS School of Dentistry, in collaboration with Kinywa Salama Initiative, participated in a special walk, aimed at raising community awareness about oral health.

This charity walk started at the MUHAS School of Dentistry building and ended at Don Bosco Upanga, bringing together students from various disciplines, oral health professionals, and community members. The primary goal was to enhance awareness of the importance of oral health for overall physical and mental well-being, in line with this year's theme: "A Happy Mouth, is a Happy Mind."

Apart from the walk, specialists from the School of Dentistry provided free oral health screenings, dental health education, and distributed oral hygiene kits to participants. The School

of Dentistry extends gratitude to Kinywa Salama for their unwavering partnership in these efforts to ensure that everyone enjoys a healthy smile.



*Dean School of Dentistry, Dr. Ferdinand Machibya in a group photo with the participants after the charity walk*

## MUHAS MANAGEMENT MEETS WITH NURSE ANESTHESIA STUDENTS TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM CURRICULUM

On February 6, 2025, the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, together with the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academics, the Director of Undergraduate Education, the Director of Quality Assurance, the Dean of the

School of Nursing, lecturers from the School of Nursing, and the Head of the Anaesthesia Department, met with Nurse Anaesthesia students to receive their feedback and suggestions for improving the curriculum of the program at the university.

Speaking during the meeting, the Director of Quality Assurance, Prof. Obadia Nyongole, stated that it is a standard procedure and requirement for any curriculum to involve both internal and external stakeholders, including students, professional



*Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa speaking during the meeting with the Nurse Anaesthesia students held at MUHAS*

councils, employers, the Ministry of Health, and the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG). "We have succeeded, as the relevant Directorate, in receiving and sharing your suggestions with the stakeholders to improve the curriculum," said Prof. Nyongole.

The Dean of the School of Nursing, Prof. Edith Tarimo, mentioned that the initiation of this program was a government request through the Ministry of Health to reduce maternal and child deaths, as studies had shown that these deaths were due to a shortage of anaesthesia specialists in hospitals and health centers.

The Head of the Anaesthesia Department, Dr. Salehe Mrutu, stated that significant efforts had been made to train professionals by studying subjects that would help them serve Tanzanians. Prof. Lilian Msele, a lecturer and Chairperson of the Nursing Council, added that this program is legally established, and the council will continue to guide

it, noting that it is a positive step to improve the curriculum.

Additionally, Vice Chancellor Prof. Kamuhabwa emphasized that the suggestions made by the students should be implemented to help improve the curriculum. He urged the relevant departments to compare practices with other universities offering this

program to ensure effective teaching methods.

The meeting was attended by students from the Nurse Anaesthesia program, who had the opportunity to provide their feedback to the university leadership, which will assist in improving the curriculum.



*Nurse Anaesthesia student giving her comments at the meeting*



# MUHAS HOSTS SEMINAR TO EMPOWER CLINICAL POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS ON ETHICS, SAFETY, AND BEST PRACTICES



*Principal College of Medicine, Prof. Enica Richard giving her remarks during the opening of the seminar*

On March 21, 2025, the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), through the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, conducted a seminar aimed at empowering clinical postgraduate students on ethics, safety, and effective clinical practices.

The session was facilitated by distinguished professionals, including Dr. Renatha Joseph from the Department of Bioethics, who addressed ethics in clinical practice; Dr. Fransia Mushi from the Department of Surgery, who spoke on safety and best clinical practices; Prof. Francis Furia from the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, who discussed clinical research strategies; and Ms. Tasiana Njau from the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, who provided insights on stress and time management.

The seminar was officially opened by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Academic, represented by the Principal of the College of Medicine,

Prof. Enica Richard. She commended the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies for organizing this essential seminar, emphasizing MUHAS's commitment to upholding high standards of ethics and clinical practice. Prof. Richard expressed confidence that MUHAS graduates would become exemplary ambassadors of ethical and effective medical practices, positively impacting the nation's healthcare system.

Dr. Doreen Kamori, Director of Postgraduate Studies, highlighted

that MUHAS offers 84 postgraduate programs, with 70% being clinically oriented. She stressed that the seminar aimed to equip clinical postgraduate students with essential skills and competencies to enhance their professional capabilities and serve the nation effectively.

At the end of the seminar, postgraduate students expressed their appreciation for the initiative, with many commending the session as insightful and valuable. They emphasized the need for more seminars of this nature, recognizing their importance in reinforcing ethical and best clinical practices.

In this event, representatives from partner hospitals, including the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) and Mwananyamala Regional Referral Hospital, attended the seminar. They had an opportunity to address postgraduate students, further enriching discussions and fostering collaboration between academia and clinical practice.



*Participants of the seminar listening to Dr. Renatha Joseph, one of the facilitators of the seminar*

# MUHAS PARTICIPATED IN AN INNOVATION SHOWCASE COMPETITION

On 05<sup>th</sup> February 2025 eight innovation teams from MUHAS Participated in an Innovation Showcase Competition Hosted and Sponsored by our German partners - action medeor International Healthcare Tanzania.

The event was completed by announcing the teams behind SunGuard Cream, Parasitus AI, and Akili Yangu as the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Winners Respectively, followed by Afya AI and MamaCare.

The Secured Financial Awards will help the teams advance their prototypes, hence moving closer to their minimum viable products. Many Congratulations to all participants and winners, all the best in their next steps.



*The MUHAS winners of Innovation Showcase Competition with the Head of MUHAS Innovation Unit, Dr Nelson Masota, displaying their cash prizes.*

## NEWLY APPOINTED MUHAS CHANCELLOR VISITS THE UNIVERSITY

On February 4, 2025, the Chancellor, Prof. David Mwakyusa, visited MUHAS with the aim of introducing and familiarizing himself with the university's leadership after being appointed to the position by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, on November 27, 2024.

During the visit, Prof. Mwakyusa had the opportunity to meet with the MUHAS Management, including Deans, Directors, and Heads of Units, where they discussed important issues regarding the development of the University.

In this special meeting, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, welcomed him and introduced the Management team.



*The Chancellor, Prof. David Mwakyusa speaking during the meeting*





*The Chancellor, Prof. David Mwakyusa with Council members*

He explained that the meeting would provide an opportunity to hear a brief presentation on the University's history, achievements, ongoing projects, and future plans. The presentation was delivered by the Director of Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Doreen Kamori.

Following the presentation, the Vice Chancellor emphasized that a key challenge facing MUHAS in advancing its activities is the lack of sufficient financial resources. He pointed out that the government funding for development activities is limited and continues to decrease. As a result, the Management is working diligently to enhance internally generated funds to ensure the University operates efficiently.

Speaking at this meeting, Prof. Mwakyusa praised the university's Management for the great work accomplished and ongoing efforts. He said, 'I have seen many changes in the university's environment. Congratulations on the great work you have done and continue to do.'

Additionally, on February 7, 2025, the Chancellor had the opportunity to address the members of the University Council during the 76th meeting of the MUHAS University Council. In the meeting, the Acting Chairperson of the Council, Ms. Marsha Macatta-Yambi, formally welcomed the Chancellor and stated that the Council was honored to have him as Chancellor due to his extensive experience in leadership.

Prof. Mwakyusa expressed his delight at being appointed Chancellor of MUHAS, stating that he had returned home. 'I was a student here, later became a lecturer, and I was in leadership when the University was part of the Muhimbili Medical Centre (MMC),' he added.

Prof. Mwakyusa emphasized that the development of MUHAS is a collective responsibility and pledged to work closely with the university's Council and Management, stating that he is ready to offer assistance whenever necessary to ensure the continued success of the University.



*The Chancellor, Prof. David Mwakyusa with the MUHAS management*

## FORMER PRESIDENT KIKWETE VISITS MUHAS SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

January 14, 2025 – The former President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, visited the MUHAS School of Dentistry for a routine dental checkup.

H.E. Dr. Kikwete expressed his satisfaction with the quality of services provided and commended the doctors and the school for their excellent work.

The Dean of the School of Dentistry,

Dr. Ferdinand Machibya, thanked the former President for his appreciation and assured him of the institution's commitment to continuously improve the services and education provided for the benefit of the public.



*The former President, H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete in a group photo with the faculty from School of Dentistry during his visit at Dental Clinic*

## PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH VISITS MUHAS

On January 9, 2025 the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health, Dr. John Jingu, paid a visit to the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and held discussions with the university's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa.

During the visit, several key issues were discussed, including the importance of strengthening practical training for students through the use of skills laboratories and hospitals.

Dr. Jingu and Prof. Kamuhabwa toured the Public Health Education Center located within the Muhimbili Campus. The Permanent Secretary instructed the center's management to collaborate closely with MUHAS experts and students in public health education training.

Expressing his satisfaction, Dr. Jingu commended MUHAS for its significant contribution to the development of human resources in the country's health sector.

Prof. Kamuhabwa thanked the Permanent Secretary for



*Dr. John Jingu shaking hand with Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa after their discussion at VC's Office*

the continued collaboration with MUHAS and reaffirmed the university's commitment to producing healthcare professionals in line with the priorities of the Ministry of Health and the government at large.



# MUHAS AND WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VISIT U.S. EMBASSY



*MUHAS team together with faculty and students from Wright State University in a group photo with Ambassador Michael A. Battle at the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam*

On January 7, 2025, a delegation from MUHAS together with faculty and students from Wright State University (WSU), USA, visited the U.S. Embassy and had the honor of meeting His Excellency Ambassador Michael A. Battle.

During the meeting, students and faculty shared their experiences from the Collaborative Online International

Learning (COIL) Program in Global Health, as well as their fieldwork practice conducted in Bagamoyo. MUHAS representatives also highlighted the university's strong partnerships with U.S. institutions and the progress of ongoing research collaborations.

Ambassador Battle reaffirmed his commitment to supporting students

pursuing public health programs through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office at the Embassy. He emphasized the critical role of academic and publishing collaborations in advancing global health initiatives, addressing shared challenges, and strengthening educational ties between institutions.

## AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE DEAN VISITS MUHAS MLOGANZILA CAMPUS

The Associate Dean of Aga Khan University, Prof. Paschal Ruggajo, visited the Centre for Excellence

in Cardiovascular Sciences at the Mloganzila campus to learn about the facility's state-of-the-art construction

and modern architectural design.

During the visit, Prof. Ruggajo was accompanied by engineers and construction experts who toured various sections of the Centre, assessing the available equipment, space utilization, and infrastructure innovations. The team also explored the conference halls and the high-standard gym facility built within the Centre.

The visitors were highly impressed by the facility's quality, particularly the gym and the advanced technology laboratories, where they had the opportunity to observe how artificial intelligence is being utilized to enhance the healthcare sector. "This gym is so modern that even Tanzania's national team could benefit from using



*The Associate Dean of Aga Khan University, Prof. Paschal Ruggajo, and his team pictured with Dr. Nathanael Sirili during their visit to the Centre for Excellence in Cardiovascular Sciences at the Mloganzila campus*

it,” Prof. Ruggajo remarked.

The tour also included a visit to the Data Biorepository, a facility for preserving biological tissue samples, and the simulation labs used for hands-on training. Prof. Ruggajo commended the innovative approach taken in establishing these infrastructures.

Additionally, Prof. Ruggajo and his team reviewed ongoing construction projects under the HEET initiative, which includes administrative and teaching buildings. He praised MUHAS for its efforts and emphasized that the long-term vision of transforming Mloganzila into a medical science city is becoming a

reality.

The visit, which took place on January 17, 2025, was led by Dr. Nathanael Sirili, Deputy Coordinator of the HEET Project, representing Dr. Rodrick Kisenge, Director of the Centre for Excellence in Cardiovascular Sciences.

## PROF. SANGEDA HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN ORGANIZING THE COMMEMORATION SYMPOSIUM FOR MUHAS' FIRST CHANCELLOR

On February 28, 2025, the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. Kamuhabwa, presented an Appreciation Award to Prof. Raphael Sangeda in recognition of his exemplary leadership in organizing the commemoration symposium to honor the First MUHAS Chancellor and the Second President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi.

The symposium, which took place on February 28, 2025, brought together government dignitaries, scholars, alumni, and stakeholders to reflect on the late Dr. Mwinyi's contributions to the development of health education and research in Tanzania.

Speaking during the award ceremony, Prof. Kamuhabwa commended Prof. Sangeda for his dedication and exceptional organizational skills, which ensured the success of this historic event. Prof. Sangeda expressed his gratitude for the recognition and highlighted the collective effort of the organizing committee in making the symposium a memorable occasion.



*The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa handing over an Appreciation Award to Prof Raphael Sangeda.*

## PROMOTION OF ACADEMIC STAFF - 2024/2025

The University Council has approved the promotion of academic staff as follows:

### i) From Associate Professor to Professor



#### **Prof. Erasto Mbugi**

(Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)

Prof. Mbugi was last promoted to Associate Professor in 2020. He has earned a total of **10.15 promotion points (7.15 points)** from twenty-nine (29) scholarly publications – out of these, twenty-four (24) journal papers, twenty-one (21) in international journals, 1<sup>st</sup> author in four (4), three (3) abstracts, one (1) letter to editor, and one 1 case report; and **3 points** from teaching).



## ii) From Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor



**Dr. Nahya Salim Masoud**  
(Department of Paediatrics and Child Health)

Dr. Masoud was last promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2018. She has earned **12.38 promotion points (9.38 points)** from fifty (50) scholarly publications – out of these, forty-two (42) journal papers, forty-one (41) in international journals and 1<sup>st</sup> author in 3, two (2) abstracts and one (1) book chapter; and **3 points** from teaching).



**Dr. Helga Naburi**  
(Department of Paediatrics and Child Health)

Dr. Naburi was last promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2017. She has earned **11.28 promotion points (8.28 points)** from fifty (50) scholarly publications – out of these, twenty-eight (28) journal papers, twenty-six (26) in international journals, 1<sup>st</sup> author in 3, three (3) protocols, thirteen (13) abstracts, five (5) case reports, and one (1) technical report; and **3 points** from teaching).



**Dr. Emmy Meta**  
(Department of Behavioural Sciences)

Dr. Meta was last promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2021. She has earned **11.45 promotion points (8.45 points)** from thirty (30) scholarly publications – out of these, twenty-six (26) journal papers, twenty-four (24) in international journals, 1<sup>st</sup> author in 8, one (1) book chapter and three (3) technical reports; and **3 points** from teaching).

The Appointments and Human Resource Management Committee at its 96<sup>th</sup> meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 has as well approved promotions of the following members of the academic staff from Lecturer/Honorary Lecturer to Senior Lecturer/Honorary Senior Lecturer as follows:

## i) From Lecturer to Senior Lecturer



**Dr. Happiness Pius Saronga**  
(Department of Behavioral Sciences)

Dr. Saronga was appointed Lecturer in 2017. She has earned **6.64 points (4.64 points)** from twenty-one (21) scholarly publications, out of these, eleven (11) journal papers, eleven (11) in international journals, 1<sup>st</sup> author in 3, seven (7) abstracts, three (3) technical reports; and **2 points** from teaching).

## ii) From Honorary Lecturer to Honorary Senior Lecturer



**Dr. Naizihijwa Gadi Majani**  
(Department of Paediatrics and Child Health)

Dr. Majani was appointed Honorary Lecturer in 2017. She has earned **3.33 promotion points (2.33 points)** from nineteen (19) scholarly publications, out of these, nine (9) journal papers, ten (10) in international journals, 1<sup>st</sup> author in 2, one (1) protocol, six (6) abstracts, and three (3) case reports; and **1 point** from teaching).



**Dr. Evance K. Godfrey**  
(Department of Paediatrics and Child Health)

Dr. Godfrey was appointed Honorary Lecturer in 2021. He has earned **3.33 promotion points (2.33 points)** from nine (9) journal papers, nine (9) in international journals, 1<sup>st</sup> author in 2, one (1) protocol, one (1) correspondence, three (3) abstracts, and four (4) case reports; and **1 point** from teaching).



**Dr. Zawadi Edward**  
(Department of Paediatrics and Child Health)

Dr. Edward was appointed Honorary Lecturer in 2021. She has earned **3.13 promotion points (2.13 points)** from ten (10) scholarly publications, out of these, seven (7) journal papers, seven (7) in international journals, 1<sup>st</sup> author in 3, one (1) abstract, and two (2) case reports; and **1 point** from teaching).

## PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



*MUHAS Vice Chancellor Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa giving a report on the construction of College of Medicine before the laying of the foundation stone*

On February 28, 2025, the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, H.E Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, laid a foundation stone for the construction of the College of Medicine under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) project at the Mloganzila Campus.

At the event, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, presented a summary of the project implementation and emphasized the strategic importance of the College of Medicine to the future of healthcare training in Tanzania. He highlighted that the MUHAS Mloganzila Campus is set to become a modern hub for

medical education and research in the region.

The construction is funded through a concessional loan of USD 45.5 million from the World Bank, with USD 30.5 million allocated specifically for expanding infrastructure at the Mloganzila Campus. The new



*H.E Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi together with Hon Prof. Adolf Mkenda and representative from government institution during the laying of the foundation stone at the Mloganzila Campus*



facilities will support increased student enrolment, foster advanced research, and contribute to improving the quality of healthcare professionals in the country.

Prof. Kamuhabwa mentioned that the buildings being constructed through this project include an administration block, a library and ICT building, lecture halls accommodating 1,400 students, 21 teaching laboratories, an

anatomy building, student hostels, a cafeteria, and campus infrastructure including a football field and access roads.

The Vice Chancellor expressed gratitude to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania under the leadership of President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and the World Bank for their vision and

support. He also called for additional funding to upgrade the access roads to tarmac standard and to construct more student hostels to accommodate growing demand.

The event was also attended by key government leaders, development partners, MUHAS staff and students, and members of the public.

## MUHAS CONDUCTS FREE MEDICAL CAMP AT MLOGANZILA CAMPUS



*An expert from MUHAS educating citizens attending the free medical camp at Mloganzila*

The MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, officially opened a special health camp that provided free medical services to Tanzanian citizens as part of the activities leading up to the laying of the foundation stone for the construction of the College of Medicine under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project.

At the camp, citizens received preliminary health screenings for eye diseases, ear, nose, and throat conditions, oral health, breast cancer, cervical cancer, hepatitis, and prostate disease through blood tests.

Additionally, citizens had the opportunity to receive education on the dangers of drug misuse and drug

resistance, infectious diseases, the manufacturing and repair of medical equipment, the processing of health data using artificial intelligence, and nutrition education. They also had the chance to view various products produced by MUHAS professionals in the fields of pharmacy and traditional medicine.

This health camp was held over two days, from February 25 to 27, 2025, at the Centre of Excellence in Cardiovascular Sciences, Mloganzila Campus and was also part of the activities to honor the first MUHAS Chancellor and the second President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi.



*A citizen receiving eye care services during a special screening camp held at Mloganzila.*

## MUHAS HEET TEAM MEETS UBUNGO DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AHEAD OF FOUNDATION STONE CEREMONY

On February 21, 2025, the Deputy Coordinator of the MUHAS HEET Project, accompanied by members of the Project Implementation Unit, paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Ubungu District Commissioner, Hon. Lazaro Twange. The purpose of the visit was to brief him on the ongoing construction of the College of Medicine at the Mloganzila Campus, which is being developed under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) project.



*A team from MUHAS during a discussion with the Ubungu DC at his office.*

The visit also aimed to inform the DC about a free medical camp that will be held at the Mloganzila Campus as part of the activities leading up to the laying of the foundation stone at the construction site. The camp is expected to provide essential health screenings services to the local community and raise awareness of MUHAS's role in improving public health.

The team also used the opportunity to formally invite Hon. Twange to the upcoming foundation stone-laying ceremony followed by a special commemoration of the late Dr. Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the first Chancellor of MUHAS and the second President of Tanzania, to be held at the East

Africa Centre of Excellence for Cardiovascular Sciences, MUHAS Mloganzila Campus.

During the meeting, the Deputy Coordinator expressed deep appreciation for the ongoing support MUHAS has received from the Ubungu Municipal Council, noting the productive engagements held with technical teams and representatives from various institutions like TARURA, TANESCO, DAWASA etc. These collaborations, he said, have played a key role in advancing the project's implementation.

Hon. Twange welcomed the MUHAS team and thanked them for the visit. He reaffirmed the Council's commitment to supporting the project and confirmed attendance at the upcoming events. "If there is anything else you would like us to do, please let us know — we are ready," he said.



*Ubungu District Commissioner, Hon. Lazaro Twange with a team from MUHAS HEET Project.*



## MUHAS HEET PROJECT ESIA TEAM ENGAGES KWEMBE WARD LEADERS AHEAD OF FREE HEALTH CAMP



*Prof. Emmy Metta, who oversees the Social Welfare component of the HEET project speaking during the meeting with Kwemba Ward Leaders at Mloganzila Campus*

On February 22, 2025, The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) team under the MUHAS HEET project convened a strategic meeting with Kwemba Ward leaders at Mloganzila to discuss the upcoming free health screening camp.

The meeting brought together members of the ward's development committee, local government officials, neighbourhood leaders, ward council representatives, the Ward Council Chairperson, and the CCM party

leadership. The primary goal was to inform and engage local leaders in mobilizing community participation for the upcoming two-day health camp, aimed at delivering essential health services free of charge.

Prof. Emmy Metta, who oversees the Social Welfare component of the HEET project, explained that a team of health professionals from the university is ready to offer a wide range of preliminary screening and health education services. These include eye

and oral health, breast and cervical cancer screening, hepatitis, prostate cancer, antibiotic resistance, nutrition, and other non-communicable diseases.

"We are sharing this information with you so that you can pass it along to the citizens and encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity," said Prof. Metta. "All services will be offered free of charge over the two-day period."

Kwemba Ward Councilor, Hon. Prof. Nicholaus Lumbugo, expressed his appreciation to the MUHAS team for their proactive engagement with local leaders. He applauded the initiative and emphasized the responsibility of ward leaders to ensure maximum community participation.

In addition to the health camp briefing, the MUHAS team provided updates on the ongoing construction of new buildings at the Mloganzila campus. Ward leaders were given a platform to ask questions and offer feedback, with some suggesting that the health camp be made a recurring initiative to continue benefiting the community.



*The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) team from MUHAS in a group photo with the Kwemba Ward Leaders after the meeting held at Mloganzila Campus*



## ESIA TEAM ENGAGES KIGOMA REGIONAL TECHNICAL TEAM ON HEET PROJECT PROGRESS



*MUHAS ESIA team pictured with the Kigoma Regional Technical Team after their meeting*

On January 4, 2025, The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) team met with the Kigoma Regional Technical Team at the Regional Administrative Secretary's (RAS) office to discuss the progress of the construction of the MUHAS Kigoma Campus under HEET project.

The meeting was chaired by Acting Regional Health Officer Kedrick Mlokozi and brought together key stakeholders to enhance collaboration and ensure the smooth implementation of the project.

In this meeting, Dr. Hussein Mohamed, a focal person for environment, health and safety portfolio of the MUHAS HEET project, expressed gratitude to participants for their time and commitment. He highlighted the importance of community engagement in fostering ownership of the project among stakeholders.

He further said that this meeting aimed to provide updates on the construction progress and discuss the roles of various authorities, including the police, TARURA, TANESCO, KUWASA, environmental and land management officers, engineers, and social welfare representatives during

construction of the Kigoma campus.

Dr. Mohamed called on the respective authorities to provide timely support for the ongoing construction of the Kigoma campus. He emphasized that prompt responses to service requests would help prevent unnecessary delays.

Providing a detailed update on the construction, the Project Manager Eng. Ibrahim Muhsini presented the status of the work and outlined the types of buildings being developed at the site.

Moreover, Dr. Emmy Meta, a Social Impact Assessment Focal Person of the MUHAS HEET Project, reinforced

the importance of community involvement. She commended the Kigoma regional leadership and technical team for their collaboration and urged continued support, noting that the new campus would bring significant educational, economic, and social benefits to Kigoma and beyond.

During the discussion, stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to supporting MUHAS in achieving the project's goals. They assured that service requests would be handled without delay and urged MUHAS to maintain clear and timely communication to keep all parties aligned.



*MUHAS ESIA team in a meeting with the Kigoma Regional Technical Team at the RAS's Office*



## MUHAS KIGOMA CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REVIEWED IN SITE MANAGEMENT MEETING

On January 7, 2025, MUHAS held a site management meeting to review the progress of the ongoing construction of its Kigoma Campus. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa who emphasized the importance of adhering to the original project timeline and ensuring compliance with all contractual obligations.

The Vice Chancellor urged the contractor to recover delays caused

by the holiday season and reiterated the necessity of adhering to the catch-up program to ensure the project remains on schedule. The contractor assured the stakeholders of their commitment to making up for lost time and delivering the project within the agreed timeframe.

The Vice Chancellor also reminded the contractor and consultant that unnecessary project variations would not be entertained. He emphasized

that the project operates within a fixed budget, which is now being impacted by fluctuations in the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Tanzanian shilling.

In this meeting the HEET project management team was represented by the coordinator, deputy coordinator, project manager, head of estate unit, procurement, environmental and social impact focal persons.



*Site Management Meeting at the Kigoma Campus*

## MUHAS HOLDS FIRST HEET PROJECT MANAGEMENT MEETING TO OVERSEE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CONSTRUCTION

On January 29, 2025, MUHAS conducted the first HEET Project Management Meeting to oversee the construction of academic and support facilities for the College of Medicine at the Mloganzila Campus. The meeting

was chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa and brought together members of the HEET Project Implementation Unit (PIU), the consultant, and contractors involved in the project.

During the meeting, the contractor for Lot 1, M/S Mohammed Builders Ltd, responsible for construction of the Administration Building for the College of Medicine, a Library, IT





*The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa speaking during the First HEET Project Management Meeting*

facilities, and campus infrastructure, including a football field and roads; and the contractor for Lot 2, M/S Hainan International Ltd, handling the construction of lecture halls, laboratories, anatomy building, student hostels, and cafeteria;

presented progress reports on their respective works.

Additionally, the project consultant for design and supervision, Arqes Africa Limited provided an assessment of the contractors' compliance with

construction standards and identified areas requiring attention.

In this meeting, Prof. Kamuhabwa highlighted the importance of adhering to the timeline, compliance to World Bank procedures and applicable laws and regulations. He emphasized that MUHAS expects high-quality work. Prof. Kamuhabwa added that MUHAS expect to lay a foundation stone for the construction of the College of Medicine at the end of February 2025.

Contractors commended MUHAS management for initiating project management meetings at this early stage of construction. They noted that such engagements would help promptly address challenges, ensuring smooth implementation of the project. Furthermore, they commended the MUHAS management for timely addressing issues, including timely payments.



*Participants of the first HEET Project Management Meeting following the proceedings*



## MUHAS EMPOWERS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KIGOMA TO PURSUE SCIENCE STUDIES



*MUHAS team in a group picture with students from Kigoma Girls' Secondary School*

March 24–26, 2025, MUHAS through HEET project, successfully conducted a three-day outreach campaign across seven secondary schools in Kigoma region to encourage students, particularly girls, to pursue science subjects and careers in health sciences. The campaign, led by Dr. Hawa Mbawalla, the Gender and Inclusive Education Portfolio Lead for the HEET project and a Senior Lecturer at the School of Dentistry, aimed to raise awareness about opportunities in science and health-related fields and to inform students about the academic qualifications required to join MUHAS, especially its upcoming Kigoma Campus.

The MUHAS team also included Prof. Ester Innocent, Head of the MUHAS Gender Unit, and Dr. Alphonse Marealle, a member of the MUHAS Gender Committee. The team visited schools across three districts: Kigoma

Municipality, Uvinza District Council, and Kigoma District Council.

### **Kigoma Municipality – March 24, 2025**

In Kigoma Municipality, the team visited three secondary schools: Kigoma Ujiji Secondary School (625 students; 289 girls), Buronge Secondary School (1,576 students;

852 girls), and Gungu Secondary School (1,860 students; 960 girls). During these visits, MUHAS experts provided students with guidance on the importance of science education, the wide range of career paths available in the health sciences, and the entrepreneurial opportunities in the sector.



*A student from Kigoma Ujiji Secondary School speaking during the question-and-answer session*





*MUHAS team with students from Lugufu Girls' Secondary School*

They also presented information on MUHAS academic programs, entry requirements, tuition fees, and available financial support such as the *Samia Scholarship* and loans from the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB). Students engaged actively in Q&A sessions, with many inquiries focusing on tuition costs, scholarships, and admission criteria. Both teachers and students expressed their appreciation for the initiative and requested that similar visits be conducted regularly.

common misconceptions about science being difficult. Students were encouraged to make informed academic choices aligned with future opportunities and to build foundational skills required for success in health science fields.

## **Kigoma District Council – March 26, 2025**

The final visit was to Mwandiga Secondary School, which has 1,229 students (772 boys and 457 girls). The MUHAS team engaged students

from Forms One through Six, including those in science streams, offering comprehensive information on health science programs, career opportunities, and the admission process at MUHAS.

Interactive sessions allowed students to ask questions about the competitiveness of health science programs, required qualifications, and career pathways. The sessions were well received and demonstrated a strong interest among students in pursuing careers in science and health.

## **Uvinza District Council – March 25, 2025**

On the second day, the MUHAS team visited Lugufu Girls' Secondary School (46 science students) and Lugufu Boys' Secondary School (113 science students). They also spoke with students from the newly established Kigoma Girls' Secondary School, which has 294 students, including 104 in Form One and 190 in Form Five.

The team emphasized the importance of science in addressing community health challenges and dispelled



*Dr. Hawa Mbawalla speaking with students at Mwandiga Secondary School*