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MINISTER MKENDA RECOGNISES MUHAS CONTRIBUTION TO ADVANCING HEALTH RESEARCH



Participants at the 14th MUHAS Scientific Conference.

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The Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Adolf Mkenda, officially opened the 14th MUHAS Scientific Conference held at the Mloganzila Campus from July 1–3, 2026. He emphasized that research is a cornerstone of higher education development and the improvement of healthcare services.

Prof. Mkenda commended MUHAS for its contribution to generating research that addresses health challenges in the country and noted that the outcomes of the conference would provide important recommendations to policymakers aimed at strengthening the health sector.

The MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa,



The Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Adolf Mkenda delivering his opening remarks during the 14th MUHAS Scientific Conference.

said the conference brought together approximately 500 participants from Tanzania and abroad, who presented their research findings through oral and poster presentations .

He noted that research conducted by the University continues to improve healthcare services, advance innovation, and contribute to the implementation of the National Development Vision 2050.

Duringtheconference,MUHAS signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD) and African PopulationandHealthResearch Center (APHRC) to strengthen collaboration in research, training, and consultancy, as well as to enhance regional centres of excellence, with the aim of generating scientific evidence to support national development.

The University also launched modern Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) services, which will enhance disease diagnosis, precision medicine, research, and outbreak control, while strengthening the capacity of local experts and positioning MUHAS as a national and regional hub for advanced genomic services.



Prof. Adolf Mkenda launches modern Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) services during the 14th MUHAS Scientific Conference.

MUHAS, ANKARA UNIVERSITY AND TİKA ADVANCE EMERGENCY AND PAEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE

On 17 August 2026, MUHAS hosted a high-level delegation from Ankara University, Türkiye, in an official visit that marked two significant milestones in strengthening healthcare, training, innovation and international collaboration between Tanzania and Türkiye.



H.E Ambassador Dr. Bekir Gezer, Prof. Appolinary R. Kamuhabwa, Prof. Dr. Necdet Ünüvar, and Mr. Halim Ömer Sout, TİKA Country Director display the signed MoU between MUHAS, Ankara University and TİKA

The delegation was led by Prof. Dr. Necdet Ünüvar, Rector of Ankara University, and included Prof. Dr. Kaan Orhan, Vice Rector, alongside senior academic and clinical leaders from the University. The visit was also attended by His Excellency Dr. Bekir Gezer, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Tanzania, and Mr. Halim Ömer Sout, Country Director of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA).



H.E. Ambassador Dr. Bekir Gezer and dignitaries from MUHAS, Ankara University and TİKA cut the ribbon to officially launch the Paediatric Dental Sedation Unit.

Welcoming the delegation, MUHAS Vice Chancellor Prof. Appolinary R. Kamuhabwa highlighted the importance of translating the longstanding friendship between Tanzania and Türkiye into practical partnerships that advance health training, research, innovation and clinical services. He also welcomed opportunities for collaboration with Ankara University in areas aligned with MUHAS priorities.



The Ambassador, MUHAS Vice Chancellor, TİKA Country Director and a delegation from Ankara University pose for a group photo with children from Yatima Group Trust Fund during the official launch of the Paediatric Dental Sedation Unit

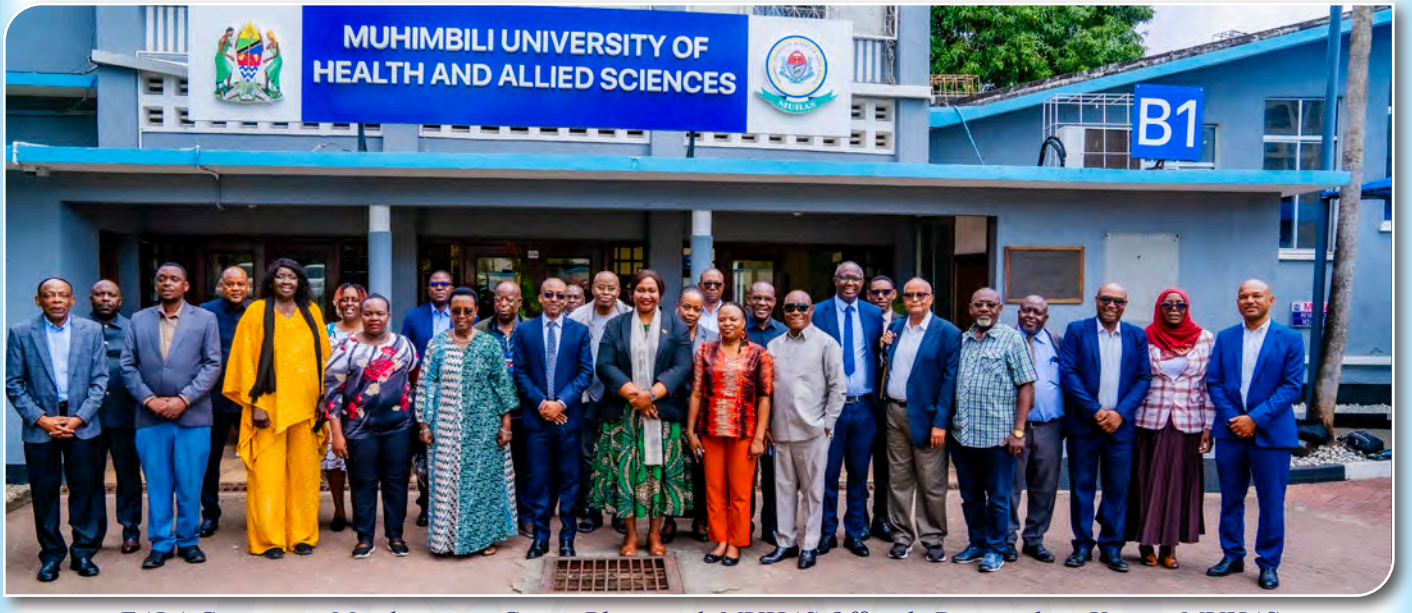
The visit brought together MUHAS leadership, including Deputy Vice Chancellor–Academic Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, as well as principal, deans, directors, heads of departments, staff and students, particularly from the School of Dentistry and Emergency Medicine Department. Dr. Rachel Mhavile, representing the Executive Director of Muhimbili National Hospital, also attended the event.

A key highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between MUHAS, Ankara University and TİKA, with a strong focus on advancing emergency and prehospital care through the Inaugural Paramedic Education in Tanzania initiative. The collaboration marks an important step towards establishing Tanzania's first Diploma in Paramedicine and strengthening the country's prehospital emergency care capacity through education, knowledge exchange and international expertise.

The visit also marked the official launch of the Paediatric Dental Sedation Unit at MUHAS, established through collaboration with Ankara University and support from TİKA. The Unit is expected to strengthen safe, specialised and child-friendly dental care while enhancing clinical training and professional capacity in paediatric dentistry.

The occasion also featured a cultural performance by the Dhow Countries Music Academy from Zanzibar, adding a vibrant dimension to the celebration of the friendship between Tanzania and Türkiye.

EALA COMMITTEE VISITS MUHAS CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AND JKCI TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL HEALTH INITIATIVES



EALA Committee Members in a Group Photo with MUHAS Officials During their Visit to MUHAS.

The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Committee on General Purpose visited the MUHAS Centres of Excellence in Cardiovascular Sciences and Oral Health Sciences at Mloganzila Campus on 22 September 2026, followed by a visit to the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) on 23 September 2026, to assess progress in regional health initiatives and explore opportunities for stronger collaboration.

At Mloganzila, the Committee assessed the development and operationalisation of the Centres, including infrastructure and equipment, specialist training, research and innovation, and specialised health services. The Committee received briefings from the Director of the East Africa Centre of Excellence for Cardiovascular Sciences (EA-CoECVS) and the Dean of the School of Dentistry, highlighting the Centres' contributions to specialist training, research, specialised healthcare, and health infrastructure.

Speaking during the visit, Committee Chairperson Hon. Mary Mugyenyi said the engagement provided an opportunity to exchange experiences, identify challenges and explore measures to strengthen the contribution of the Centres of Excellence to the East African region. Members of the Committee commended the progress made through the two Centres.

The Acting Vice Chancellor of MUHAS, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, highlighted the contribution of Government-funded Centres of Excellence to specialised healthcare, teaching, and health research



Dr. Deogratious Mzurikwao explains an AI-powered innovation to EALA committee members during their visit to the EACoECVS, Mloganzila Campus.



EALA Committee Members in a Group Photo with MUHAS and JKCI Officials during their Visit to JKCI

in Tanzania and the region. He noted their contribution to improving cardiovascular disease management, strengthening healthcare services, and reducing the need for referrals abroad.

Prof. Balandya also briefed the Committee on Phase II of the construction project, which includes a modern 600-bed specialised cardiac hospital. He said funding had been secured and procurement of a consultant was underway.

At JKCI, the Committee was accompanied by the Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor – Planning, Finance and Administration, Prof. Enica Richard, and the Director of EA-CoECVS, Prof. Rodrick Kisenge. Members received a briefing on JKCI's infrastructure, investments, and capacity to provide specialized cardiac and other medical services, and explored opportunities to strengthen collaboration with MUHAS, particularly in practical clinical training for students.

The visit was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and members of the MUHAS Project Implementation Committee.

MUHAS, NOVARTIS EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

MUHAS held a meeting with a delegation from Novartis, Switzerland on 31 August 2026 to explore potential areas for strategic collaboration between the two institutions.

The meeting was chaired by the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, and brought together representatives from both institutions to exchange views on potential areas of mutual interest, including research, capacity building, and other opportunities for collaboration.

Welcoming the delegation, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa highlighted MUHAS's continued growth and its commitment to establishing strategic partnerships with leading institutions and organizations. He identified research and capacity building as among the key areas where MUHAS is seeking meaningful collaboration.

Dr. Maryam Amour, Head of the Internationalization and Convocation Unit, gave a presentation on the history and development of MUHAS



MUHAS Vice Chancellor poses for a group photo with delegates from Novartis Switzerland and members of the IC Unit during a courtesy visit to his office.

and highlighted priority areas for potential collaboration. She also highlighted MUHAS's long-term vision to establish a Medical City at the Mloganzila Campus.

Speaking on behalf of Novartis, Dr. Lutz Hegemann, President of Global Health and Swiss Country Affairs, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to visit MUHAS and engage in discussions on potential areas of partnership. He noted that Novartis would work towards bringing the relevant experts and stakeholders together to identify practical areas of collaboration, describing the initiative as a promising opportunity to bring complementary expertise together.

The meeting provided an opportunity for participants from both institutions to exchange views, share ideas, and discuss potential areas for future collaboration.

MUHAS AND RUDN UNIVERSITY SIGN MoU TO ADVANCE HEALTH SCIENCES COLLABORATION

On 23 September 2026, MUHAS and Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University), Moscow, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Cooperation to strengthen collaboration in science and education.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Appolinary A. R. Kamuhabwa, Vice Chancellor of MUHAS, and Prof. Oleg A. Yastrebov, Rector of RUDN University, following high-level discussions between the two institutions.

The agreement provides a framework for collaboration in medical sciences, healthcare, pharmacy, nursing, public health and medical education, including student and academic staff mobility, joint research and educational projects, publications, conferences, seminars and professional development.



Prof. Appolinary A. R. Kamuhabwa, Vice Chancellor of MUHAS, and Prof. Oleg A. Yastrebov, Rector of RUDN University



A group photo of delegates from MUHAS and RUDN University after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Following the signing, the delegation visited the RUDN Institute of Molecular and Cellular Medicine and its research laboratories, as well as the Skolkovo Innovation Center, Rapid Bio, and R-Pharm, to explore opportunities for collaboration in biomedical research, innovation, biotechnology and health technology.

The engagement builds on the momentum generated by H.E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan's official visit to the Russian Federation, contributing to stronger Tanzania–Russia institutional partnerships.

YCIT DELEGATION VISITS MUHAS TO EXPLORE EXPANDED ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION

MUHAS on 18 September 2026 hosted a delegation from Yancheng Institute of Technology (YCIT), China, for discussions on strengthening the Joint Multidisciplinary Laboratory and expanding academic training and collaborative research between the two institutions.

The delegation comprised Prof. Liu Shuangyu and Dr. Dong Bian, who were joined by the Dean of the School of Dentistry, Dr. Ferdinand Machibya; the Head of the Internationalization and Convocation Unit, Dr. Maryam Amour; and other MUHAS staff.

Welcoming the delegation, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, expressed MUHAS's appreciation for initiatives undertaken through the partnership with YCIT, particularly the establishment of the Joint Multidisciplinary Laboratory. He reaffirmed the University's commitment to supporting ongoing and future initiatives to strengthen and expand the partnership.

The discussions explored opportunities for collaboration in academic training, research, and innovation, including the development of a multidisciplinary laboratory focusing on dental 3D printing and medical regeneration.

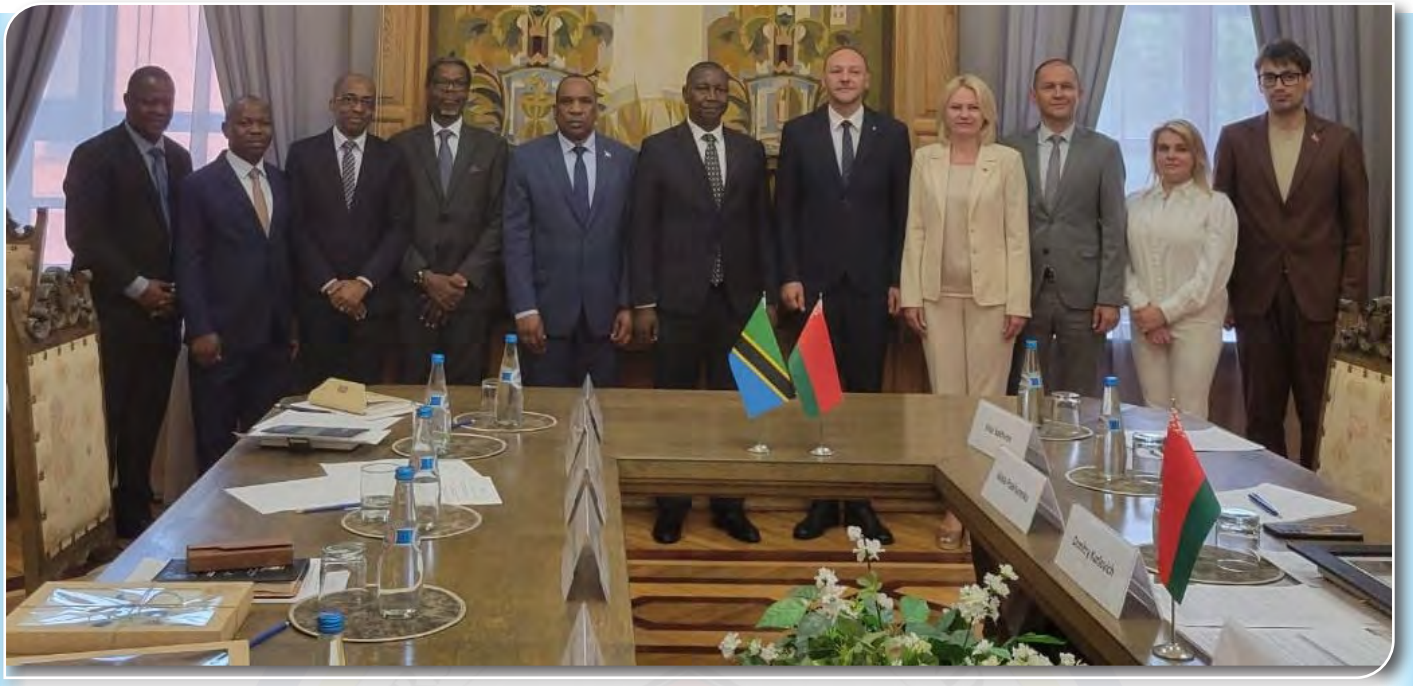


A delegation from YCIT, China, in discussion with members of the School of Dentistry.

MUHAS JOINS HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION IN ESTABLISHING COLLABORATIONS WITH BELARUS

The MUHAS Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, joined the Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Adolf Mkenda, and Tanzania's Ambassador to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, Hon. Fredrick Kibuta, on an official visit to the Republic of Belarus.

During the visit, the delegation met with the Belarusian Ministries of Education and Health, as well as leadership of the Belarusian State University (BSU) and Belarusian State Medical University (BSMU). The parties have agreed to develop memorandums of understanding for collaborations in areas of specialized and super specialized health education, research and service.



Tanzania delegation with management of the Belarusian State University

WHEN RESEARCH MEETS A CHILD HEALTH CHALLENGE: MUHAS LAUNCHED PRORota TRIAL

On 18 August 2026, MUHAS in collaboration with the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) and international research partners, launched the PRORota Clinical Trial in Dar es Salaam. The study sought to determine whether probiotics could improve the effectiveness of the rotavirus vaccine, reduce diarrhea disease among children and potentially contribute to the fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The research addressed a persistent child health challenge. Despite Tanzania's progress in achieving high rotavirus vaccination coverage, diarrhea disease continued to affect children under five, contributing to hospital admissions and increased antibiotic use. At the same time, antimicrobial resistance was making infections increasingly difficult to treat.

PRORota brought together researchers and experts from Tanzania, Norway, Malawi and Côte d'Ivoire, with expertise spanning microbiology, infectious diseases, epidemiology, health economics, social sciences and public health. The study was supported by the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP).

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Tumaini J. Nagu, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office – Regional Administration



Prof. Tumaini J. Nagu, Deputy Permanent PMO-RALG, responsible for Health, addresses the participants of the PRORota Clinical Trial kick-off meeting

and Local Government (PMO-RALG), responsible for Health, emphasized the importance of research in supporting the Government to make evidence-based decisions and improve the delivery of health services.

Speaking at the launch, MUHAS Deputy Vice Chancellor–Research and Consultancy, Prof. Bruno Sunguya, emphasized the importance of collaboration in addressing complex health challenges, noting that PRORota brought together expertise and resources to generate evidence relevant to Tanzania and other African countries.

The findings were expected to contribute to policies, guidelines and healthcare practices in child health, vaccination and appropriate antibiotic use, further demonstrating MUHAS' commitment to research that responds to real health challenges and translates scientific evidence into better outcomes for communities.



The Guest of Honour, Prof. Tumaini J. Nagu in a group photo with members of the PRORota Clinical Trial and other dignitaries who attended the meeting.

STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC, HEALTHCARE AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH HEALTH FACILITIES

MUHAS through the Campus College of Medicine, is strengthening collaboration with health facilities and local government authorities to enhance training, healthcare services and research.

On 11 September 2026, the Principal of the Campus College of Medicine, Prof. Enica Richard, accompanied by Deans from the Schools of Clinical Medicine, Diagnostic Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Dentistry and Nursing, among other staff, visited health facilities under the Ubungo



Principal of the College of Medicine, alongside Deans and staff, during their visit to Ubungo District Hospital.

Municipal Council to explore potential areas of collaboration.

The delegation visited Amani Health Centre, Kimara Health Centre and Ubungo District Hospital, where discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between MUHAS and the Ubungo Municipal Council in training, healthcare services and research.

On 18 September 2026, the delegation also visited Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital to explore further opportunities for collaboration in training, healthcare services and research.

The proposed collaborations are expected to enhance MUHAS students' practical and clinical learning and exposure while strengthening the capacity of health facilities through academic and professional engagement.

These engagements are also part of MUHAS preparations for the utilization of the Mloganzila Campus and the strengthening of clinical training opportunities for students.



Principal of the College of Medicine, alongside Deans and staff, during their visit to Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital.

MUHAS AND MNH MLOGANZILA DISCUSS STRENGTHENING PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

MUHAS management led by the Principal of the Campus College of Medicine, Prof. Enica Richard, together with Deans of Schools and representatives from various Schools, on 8 July 2026 held a meeting with the management of Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Mloganzila. The meeting included the Deputy Executive Director, Director of Medical Services (DMS), Director of Nursing Services (DNS), and Director of Surgical Services (DSS).



MUHAS Management and MNH Mloganzila Management during a meeting held at Mloganzila Hospital

The meeting discussed strategies to strengthen clinical placement for MUHAS students as part of preparations for the official commencement of operations at the College of Medicine, Mloganzila Campus. Both sides agreed to continue strengthening their collaboration to ensure that students have a conducive learning environment while contributing to the provision of quality healthcare services.

MUHAS PROGRAM WINS INAUGURAL LANCET-ELSEVIER FOUNDATION EVIDENCE TO IMPACT AWARD

The Essential Emergency and Critical Care in Tanzania (EECCiT) program, led by MUHAS has won the inaugural Lancet-Elsevier Foundation Evidence to Impact Award. This international award recognizes research teams that move beyond generating evidence, to applying implementation science with communities and health systems to improve how care is delivered in practice.

EECCiT was one of three winning projects selected by an international scientific jury for demonstrating community need, meaningful co-design, clear implementation strategies and outcomes, and long-term sustainability. Each winning team receives support for continued implementation together with international visibility through The Lancet Global Health and an opportunity to present its work on a global stage.

Critical illness is far more common in African hospitals than is often assumed. The African Critical Illness Outcomes Study (ACIOS), led by the MUHAS team and published in The Lancet in 2025, found that one in eight hospital inpatients across 22 African countries is critically ill. Most are being cared for outside intensive care units, and more than half do not receive the essential care they require, including oxygen, intravenous fluids and vital-sign monitoring.

These findings reinforce a central insight behind Essential Emergency and Critical Care (EECC): critical care is not synonymous with intensive care. Critically ill patients are found throughout health facilities - in emergency units, maternity and pediatric wards, surgical wards and general medical wards - where timely, basic actions can mean the difference between recovery and deterioration. EECC defines the foundational, low-cost and lifesaving care that every critically ill patient should receive, regardless of diagnosis, age or location in a health facility.

EECCiT has translated this approach into a structured implementation program for primary healthcare facilities in Tanzania. EECC coverage has increased from 27% to 75% in health facilities, and the implementation was associated with a 31% reduction in inpatient mortality across participating facilities. “Our work has demonstrated that it is possible to improve the quality of care given to critically ill patients in primary healthcare in Tanzania,” Professor Tim Baker, Co-PI commented.

For MUHAS, the award affirms the university’s role in producing research that does not stop at publication. It demonstrates what can be achieved when evidence, government partnership, community participation and implementation science are brought together to address a neglected health-system priority.



EECCiT project PI, Dr. Karima Khalid presenting the award to MUHAS VC, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa



Winners and delegates of the Elsevier-Lancet awards in Cape Town

PUBLIC LECTURE EXPLORES SUSTAINABLE USE OF SINGLE-USE MEDICAL PLASTIC DEVICES

MUHAS, through the Department of Behavioural Sciences, in collaboration with the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Amani Medical Research Centre, on 1 September 2026 hosted a public lecture on the After the Single-Use (ATSU) Programme.

The lecture brought together academics, researchers, healthcare professionals, and students to discuss ways of reducing the environmental impact of single-use medical plastic devices while maintaining safety and quality of care.

Discussions examined the growing use and disposal of these devices and the resulting environmental challenges. Participants explored measures to reduce unnecessary use and waste, strengthen collaboration among healthcare institutions, manufacturers, and policymakers, and improve the assessment of materials used in medical products.



A group of photo of presenters, discussant, facilitator and participants of a public lecture on sustainable use of single-use medical plastic devices

The lecture also highlighted the need for more sustainable healthcare practices that balance patient safety with environmental protection and long-term health system resilience.

The session featured presentations by Prof. Alice Street, Global Principal Investigator of the ATSU Research Programme; Prof. Anne Kveim Lie, Country Lead – ATSU Norway; and Dr. Peter Ernest Mangesho, Principal Research Officer at Amani Medical Research Centre and Country Lead – ATSU Tanzania. Prof. Emmy Metta served as host, while Prof. Deodatus Kakoko was a discussant.

DIGITAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT ADVANCES COLLABORATION ACROSS AFRICA

MUHAS hosted a three-day kick-off workshop for the DigiAfya Project, Digital Public Health Assessment Framework for Yielding Advancements, from 18–20 August 2026 in Dar es Salaam, bringing together consortium partners to establish a shared foundation for the project's implementation.

Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), the 36-month project will adapt, validate, and apply the Digital Public Health Framework (DigiPHrame) to assess digital health interventions in low-resource settings. It



Participants of the kick-off workshop for the DigiAfya Project poses for a picture

aims to generate evidence to support the effective, sustainable, equitable, and context-responsive implementation and scaling of digital health interventions across Africa.

The project also places strong emphasis on capacity building, with four PhD students, one based at each of the four core partner institutions, receiving international supervision, mentorship, and peer-learning opportunities.

The University of Bremen will contribute to PhD supervision and the adaptation of DigiPHrame, which comprises 13 specialised domains and 207 assessment items, including areas such as artificial intelligence.

The consortium comprises Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences (HNU), Germany; MUHAS, Tanzania; the University of the Western Cape (UWC), South Africa; and the University of Rwanda (UR), Rwanda, with the University of Bremen, Germany, participating as a partner.

The project's Principal Investigators are Dr. Felix Holl (HNU), Dr. Felix Sukums (MUHAS), Prof. Jennifer Chipps (UWC), and Prof. Celestin Twizere (UR), supported by Dr. Laura Maaß, a postdoctoral researcher from the University of Bremen, and other members of the research team.

MUHAS LAUNCHES HEALTHCARE SIMULATION TRAINING OF TRAINERS COURSE TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION

MUHAS has launched the Foundation of Healthcare Simulation Training of Trainers (ToT) Course to strengthen the use of simulation-based approaches in health professions education.

The course commenced on 27 July 2026 and was officially inaugurated by the Principal of the College of Medicine, Prof. Enica Richard, reaffirming the University's commitment to innovative approaches to health professions training.



Training participants attentively following the proceedings of the training session.



A group photo of Prof. Enica Richard with the training organizers and participants.

The initiative marks another milestone in the growing collaboration between MUHAS and the University of South Florida (USF) Department of Emergency Medicine and USF Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS).

Facilitated by Dr. Michael Simoes and Dr. Llerena Louis, the course brought together faculty from the Departments of Emergency Medicine, Anaesthesiology, and Nursing, as well as fellows in

Paediatric Emergency Medicine. The training focused on developing local expertise in simulation-based education.

Participants gained practical skills in designing, facilitating, and evaluating simulation-based learning, equipping them to integrate these approaches into health professions training and support to the development of future healthcare professionals.

Simulation-based education provides learners with a safe and controlled environment to develop clinical competence, teamwork, communication, and decision-making skills before providing care to patients.

TWENTY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS GRADUATE FROM SPARK-FETP-NCD EPIDEMIOLOGY TRAINING

MUHAS in collaboration with the Ministry of Health's Epidemiology Unit, on 24 July 2026 concluded a three-month SPARK-FETP-NCD Short Course in Epidemiology, graduating 20 health professionals from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar. The training equipped participants with practical epidemiology skills to strengthen the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).



The Guest of honor during the poster viewing session.

Speaking during the closing ceremony, Dr. Vida Mmbaga, representing the Director of Preventive Services at the Ministry of Health, urged the graduates to apply their knowledge in supporting disease prevention, community awareness, and efforts to reduce the burden of NCDs.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Emmanuel Tayari, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Supplies at the Ministry of Health, commended MUHAS for its technical expertise and contribution to the successful implementation of the programme. He described the initiative as a timely investment in Tanzania's public health workforce, noting its contribution to strengthening disease surveillance, data analysis, research, and evidence-informed decision-making.



A group photo of the Guest of Honour, Dr. Emmanuel Tayari, together with the training organizers and participants.

Representing the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mucho Mizinduko, said the training had enhanced participants' ability to detect and monitor NCDs and design appropriate public health interventions within their communities.

Funded by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), the programme contributes to Tanzania's efforts to strengthen its public health workforce and improve the prevention and control of NCDs.

MUHAS TRAINS NURSES ON NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING TO STRENGTHEN EARLY DETECTION OF HEARING LOSS

MUHAS conducted a two-day training workshop on newborn hearing screening from 24–25 July 2026 for nurses from Muhimbili National Hospital (Upanga and Mloganzila), Temeke Regional Referral Hospital, and Amana Regional Referral Hospital.

Implemented under the Hear Africa Connect Project, the training aimed to strengthen nurses' knowledge and practical skills in newborn hearing screening to support early detection, referral, and timely intervention for infants with hearing loss. Early identification is important for supporting children's speech, language, and cognitive development and improving their long-term quality of life.

The Hear Africa Connect Project is a collaboration between Tanzania and Germany, funded by the State Chancellery of Lower Saxony and the Lower Saxony Ministry of Social Affairs, Germany. Since its launch in September 2024, the project has expanded to eight hospitals across Tanzania, where more than 8,000 newborns have been screened.

Officially opening the workshop, the Principal of the College of Medicine at MUHAS, Prof. Enica Richard, emphasized the importance of strengthening healthcare workers' capacity to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

The training was coordinated by Dr. Julius C. Kessy, Lecturer at MUHAS, together with Sr. Domina Thomas, and facilitated by Sr. Salome Mwalukimba from Muhimbili National Hospital.



Participants of the workshop on newborn hearing Loss screening following a presentation during a training session

BEYOND THE SCALE: MUHAS ADVANCED EVIDENCE-BASED WEIGHT LOSS MANAGEMENT

From 31 August to 11 September 2026, MUHAS hosted the Weight Loss Management Short Course at its Muhimbili Campus in Dar es Salaam. The two-week program brought together health professionals, fitness trainers, corporate wellness personnel and individuals seeking practical, science-based solutions to one of the fastest-growing public health challenges—obesity.

Led by specialists and trainers from within and outside MUHAS, the course combined evidence-based lectures with highly practical learning experiences. Participants learned body composition assessment, nutrition, behavior change, physical activity prescription and long-term weight management strategies through interactive sessions designed to bridge science with everyday practice.

One of the program's most memorable components took place in the kitchen, where participants prepared a meal under the guidance of a Culinary Scientist. Rather than eliminating familiar foods, they learned healthier cooking techniques, portion control and methods that preserve both nutrition and flavor. Practical exercise sessions, led by a professional exercise and fitness specialist, further demonstrated how structured physical activity can be safely prescribed as part of evidence-based obesity prevention and treatment.



Participants take part in a practical session preparing healthy meals under the guidance of a culinary scientist.



Participants take part in a physical exercise session led by a fitness trainer.

The impact of the training extended well beyond the classroom. Participants described the course as life-changing, citing measurable improvements in their understanding of weight management, renewed confidence in counselling patients and a deeper appreciation of sustainable lifestyle change. Their testimonials reflected MUHAS' vision of delivering continuing professional education that empowers practitioners to create healthier communities across Tanzania.

WORKSHOP STRENGTHENS GENDER EQUITY INTEGRATION IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

MUHAS, through the East African Centre of Excellence for Cardiovascular Sciences (EA-CoECVS) Phase II Project, held a capacity-building workshop on 31 July 2026 to strengthen faculty members' and curriculum committee representatives' ability to integrate gender equity principles into curriculum design, review, and implementation. The workshop also aimed to align MUHAS curricula with



EA-CoECVS Project Coordinator, Prof. Rodrick Kisenge, in a group photo with facilitators and participants of the workshop

national and institutional gender mainstreaming policies.

Opening the workshop, the EA-CoECVS Project Coordinator, Prof. Rodrick Kisenge, provided an overview of the project and emphasised the importance of equipping academic staff with the knowledge and skills to integrate gender mainstreaming principles into teaching, learning, and curriculum development.

In his keynote address, Prof. Obadia Nyongole encouraged participants to adopt diverse and innovative teaching approaches that enhance student learning. He also emphasised the importance of treating students fairly and equitably to foster an inclusive learning environment.

The workshop brought together academic staff from various MUHAS departments. Facilitators included Prof. Deodatus C. Kakoko, Prof. Tumaini Nyamuhanga, Prof. Obadia Nyongole, and Prof. Esther Innocent, who led discussions and practical sessions on integrating gender equity into curriculum development and implementation.

MUHAS KTH PROJECT HOSTS WORKSHOP TO IMPROVE CARE FOR MOTHERS AND NEWBORNS

The MUHAS Knowledge Translation Hub (KTH) Project hosted a five-day workshop from 10–14 August 2026 to identify priority interventions for improving the health and survival of mothers and newborns, particularly in resource-limited settings.

The workshop brought together stakeholders to review maternal and newborn health services and assess interventions based on their effectiveness, cost, availability, and feasibility. Key priorities identified included HIV testing and prevention of pregnancy-related complications during antenatal care; timely and safe delivery, assisted delivery, and emergency caesarean sections; and kangaroo mother care, breathing support, and treatment of newborn infections.

Participants also examined barriers to accessing timely, quality care, including shortages of health workers, referral delays, inadequate medicines and medical supplies, limited equipment, blood and oxygen shortages, and gaps in diagnostic services. Discussions emphasized that improving maternal and newborn health also requires strong health systems, adequate staffing, effective referral services, training, leadership, and community engagement.

The workshop provided input towards the development of a practical package of priority interventions to support policy and planning and help ensure that mothers and newborns receive appropriate care when they need it.



A group photo of stakeholders who participated in the workshop to review maternal and newborn health services.

FIVE-DAY SHORT COURSE STRENGTHENS ADVANCED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH SKILLS

MUHAS through the Directorate of Research, Publications and Innovation, conducted a five-day short course on Advanced Qualitative Research from 14–18 September 2026, bringing together postgraduate students and researchers to strengthen their knowledge and skills in qualitative research.



Participants of the Advanced Qualitative Research Course in one of the training sessions

The training covered advanced qualitative research methodologies, data analysis, and critical thinking and analytical skills to support high-quality research.

The course is part of MUHAS's efforts to strengthen research capacity among postgraduate students and researchers and promote research that contributes to advances in health and allied sciences.

MUHAS HOSTS TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND RESEARCH INNOVATION

The Directorate of Research, Publications and Innovation hosted a two-day workshop on Intellectual Property (IP) and Research Innovation from 1–2 September 2026, bringing together staff from different departments, students, members of the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), and representatives from COSTECH.

The workshop aimed to strengthen institutional capacity in intellectual property management and support the translation of research results into innovations that contribute to improved health outcomes, economic development, and societal benefits.

Officially opening the workshop, Prof. Nahya Salim, Director of Research, Publications and Innovation, thanked the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) for supporting the initiative. She emphasized that understanding Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is not only the responsibility of legal professionals or technology transfer offices, but is also an important competency for researchers, students, innovators, entrepreneurs, and institutional leaders.



Workshop participants and facilitators during the opening session

Speaking on behalf of COSTECH, Dr. Erasto Mlyuka congratulated MUHAS for hosting the workshop and highlighted the importance of collaboration in advancing research and innovation. He noted that the initiative forms part of a broader strategic programme and called for continued collaboration to strengthen intellectual property management and innovation



A group photo of the Guest of Honour together with the workshop organizers and participants.

systems.

The workshop also featured an overview of the MUHAS Innovation Ecosystem, presented by Flavian Sanga, Acting Coordinator of the MUHAS Innovation Unit. The presentation highlighted efforts to foster innovation, support researchers and innovators, and facilitate the transformation of research outputs into practical solutions.

HEMODIALYSIS TRAINING STRENGTHENS KIDNEY CARE CAPACITY AMONG HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

MUHAS, through the Muhimbili Renal and Rheumatology Research Group, on 14 September 2026 officially opened a professional haemodialysis training course for doctors and nurses from hospitals across Tanzania.



Prof. Karim Manji, the Guest of Honour, poses for a group photo with the facilitators and participants following the official opening of the training.

The training aimed to strengthen healthcare professionals' knowledge and practical skills in providing safe and quality care to patients with kidney diseases, particularly those requiring haemodialysis. More than 26 participants from regions including Kagera, Arusha, Morogoro, and Dar es Salaam took part in theoretical and practical sessions.

Speaking during the opening, the Course Coordinator, Mr. Pius Temba, said the training provides an opportunity for healthcare professionals from different regions and professional backgrounds to exchange experiences and build a network to strengthen kidney care services in Tanzania.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Karim Manji, said the training is particularly important amid the growing burden of kidney disease globally. He noted that available statistics indicate that 7–15 out of every 100 people in Tanzania have kidney problems, while more than 4,000 people receive dialysis services.

Prof. Manji urged participants to make full use of the training by learning from experienced professionals and applying the knowledge and skills gained to improve dialysis services, patient safety, and the quality of kidney care in their respective workplaces.



Prof. Francis Furia, facilitates a session during Hemodialysis Training held MUHAS.

MUHAS STRENGTHENS PALLIATIVE CARE THROUGH SPECIALIZED TRAINING

MUHAS conducted a two-week specialized Palliative Care training programme for healthcare professionals from different parts of Tanzania from 28 September to 8 October 2026.

Speaking during the opening of the training, Dr. Christina Malichewe, Specialist in Oncology and Palliative Care and MUHAS Training Coordinator, said the programme aimed to strengthen healthcare professionals' knowledge and skills in providing quality palliative care to patients living with chronic and life-limiting conditions, including cancer.



Dr. Christina Malichewe, Specialist in Oncology and Palliative Care and MUHAS Training Coordinator, facilitates the session.

The training brought together healthcare professionals from various parts of Tanzania, including Kigoma, Maweni Hospital, Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Mtwara and Iringa.

Dr. Malichewe emphasized that palliative care plays an important role in alleviating pain and addressing the physical, emotional and other challenges experienced by patients and their families, particularly those affected by conditions such as cancer, kidney and heart diseases, stroke, brain disorders and mental health conditions.



Participants following a palliative care training session held at MUHAS

She added that the training equipped healthcare professionals with practical skills to provide patient-centred care aimed at improving the quality of life of patients and their families throughout the course of illness and treatment.

MUHAS AND TMDA STRENGTHENED PHARMACOVIGILANCE CAPACITY ACROSS AFRICA

On 11 September 2026, MUHAS in collaboration with the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), officially concluded a two-week Advanced Pharmacovigilance Training that brought together health professionals from Mainland Tanzania, Zanzibar and other African countries.

The program was designed to strengthen the capacity of professionals involved in the development, regulation, research, teaching and use of medicines, vaccines and medical devices.



Prof. Raphael Sangeda in a group photo with facilitators and participants displaying their certificates after the closing ceremony of the training.

Participants gained advanced knowledge and practical skills in detecting, assessing and reporting adverse events, contributing to stronger pharmacovigilance systems and improved patient safety.

Closing the training, Prof. Raphael Sangeda urged graduates to apply the knowledge acquired in establishing robust safety monitoring systems within their respective institutions, emphasizing that effective pharmacovigilance is essential for protecting the public from medicine- and vaccine-related risks.

TMDA's Manager for Clinical Trials and Pharmacovigilance, Mr. Damas Matiko, also encouraged manufacturers, importers and distributors of medical products to participate in future editions of the program, noting that pharmacovigilance compliance is a legal requirement under Tanzania's 2018 Pharmacovigilance Regulations.

PREPARED TO SAVE LIVES: MUHAS RESIDENTS COMPLETED DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING

On 24 July 2026, final-year Emergency Medicine residents at MUHAS successfully completed the Disaster and Emergency Response Training (DERT) at the East Africa Centre of Excellence for Cardiovascular Sciences (EA-CoECVS), marking an important milestone in preparing the next generation of emergency physicians.

The intensive one-week program combined classroom learning with realistic field simulations, equipping residents with practical skills in triage, patient assessment, rapid decision-making, communication, and coordinated teamwork during disasters and mass casualty incidents. The exercises recreated



Final-year Emergency Medicine residents in realistic field simulations exercise during the Disaster and Emergency Response Training

the pressure and complexity of real emergencies, allowing participants to apply their clinical knowledge in a controlled but highly demanding environment.

As Tanzania continued to strengthen its emergency preparedness including preparations for major national events such as AFCON; building a resilient emergency care workforce remained a national priority. Through DERT, MUHAS invested in health professionals prepared to respond effectively when lives depend on timely, organized, and evidence-based emergency care.



Final-year Emergency Medicine residents pose for a group photo with their facilitators after successfully completing the Disaster and Emergency Response Training.

MUHAS RECEIVES ADVANCED TRAINING EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION

MUHAS has received advanced teaching and simulation equipment to strengthen training in Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), marking a significant milestone in enhancing competency-based medical education.

The equipment was officially handed over on 10 July 2026 under a three-year project (2025–2027) implemented by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Obs/Gyn) in collaboration with the School of Nursing (SON) and the Centre for International Reproductive Health Training (CIRHT) at the University of Michigan.

The project aims to improve the quality of pre-service medical education through competency-based training in family planning and comprehensive abortion care. It also seeks to contribute to reducing maternal mortality and morbidity in Tanzania by strengthening curriculum delivery, building the capacity of academic staff, expanding simulation-based



The Vice Chancellor inspecting the donated equipment.

learning, promoting research, and improving the quality of clinical services.

Speaking about the project, Dr. Fadhlun M. Alwy Al-Beity said that, through the support of CIRHT at the University of Michigan, the Department has received modern teaching and simulation equipment valued at approximately US$65 million. She noted that the equipment will significantly enhance simulation-based learning and practical skills training for students and healthcare professionals.



Group photo of the Vice Chancellor with participants of the handover ceremony from the Campus College of Medicine and the School of Nursing.

During the handover ceremony, MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, congratulated the Department for securing the equipment and commended the project team for their commitment to successfully implementing the donor-funded initiative.

Prof Kamuhabwa also emphasized the importance of proper maintenance and optimal utilization of the equipment to maximize its long-term impact on teaching, learning, research, and clinical practice.

MUHAS RECEIVES REHABILITATION EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN TEACHING, RESEARCH AND CLINICAL SERVICES

MUHAS, through its Rehabilitation Unit, on 28 July 2026 received state-of-the-art equipment worth TZS 63.5 million to strengthen teaching and learning, research, innovation, and clinical service delivery.

The equipment was donated through the AFROREHAB2030 Project, co-funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) – Partnerships for Transformation programme. The project is implemented through a consortium of universities and health institutions from Tanzania, Kenya, Finland, and Norway.

Providing an overview of the project, Prof. Enica Richard, Principal of the Campus College of Medicine and the project's Local Principal Investigator, said AFROREHAB2030 has supported the development of a Master of Science (MSc) Rehabilitation curriculum, established a



Prof. Enica Richard, Principal of the Campus College of Medicine hands over the equipment to the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya

digital learning platform, and provided teaching and research equipment. The project also seeks to strengthen academic staff capacity, research, continuous professional development (CPD), and rehabilitation services across East Africa.

During the handover ceremony, the Head of the Rehabilitation Unit, Dr. Daniel Kitua, thanked MUHAS and the project partners for their support and pledged to ensure that the equipment is used responsibly and properly maintained for long-term benefit.

Receiving the equipment on behalf of the University, the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, thanked the donors and urged the Rehabilitation Unit to make effective use of the new resources to strengthen teaching, research, and professional development.

A LIFETIME OF KNOWLEDGE FINDS A HOME AT MUHAS LIBRARY

One of Tanzania's most respected epidemiologists, Professor Emeritus Japhet Killewo, has donated 16 books covering epidemiology, public health and primary health care to the MUHAS Library on 23 July 2026, enriching resources that support teaching, research and learning.

The collection includes Teaching Epidemiology, Epidemiology and Demography in Public Health and Primary Health Care in Tanzania through a Health Systems Lens—publications authored or co-edited by Prof. Killewo, reflecting decades of scholarship and contributions to health sciences.

Receiving the donation, Director of Library Services Dr. Rehema Chande described the books as "a valuable investment in knowledge that will support teaching, research and learning for many years to come."

Prof. Killewo said he hopes the books will inspire students, researchers and educators to embrace lifelong learning and evidence-based practice.



Dr. Rehema Chande, Director of Library Services, receiving books from Prof. Emeritus Japhet Kilewo

MUHAS JOINED GLOBAL "PLANT A PROMISE" INITIATIVE FOR A GREENER FUTURE

Ahead of the 12th International Conference on Public Health (ICOPH 2026), MUHAS joined the global "Plant a Promise" initiative by planting trees at the Muhimbili Campus, reaffirming the University's commitment to environmental sustainability and public health.

The tree-planting exercise was led by Acting Vice Chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellor-Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, alongside Deputy Vice Chancellor-Planning, Finance and Administration, Prof. Erasto V. Mbugi, Prof. George Ruhago, and Dr. Stella Mushy. The event brought together University leaders in a shared commitment to climate action and sustainable development.

The Plant a Promise campaign served as a global environmental pledge linked to ICOPH 2026,

encouraging universities and institutions worldwide to plant trees as a lasting promise to future generations. The initiative recognized the close relationship between healthy ecosystems, resilient communities, and better public health outcomes.

By participating in the campaign, MUHAS reinforced its commitment to advancing environmental stewardship as part of building healthier and more sustainable communities.



MUHAS leaders, led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor–Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, plant a tree as part of the global "Plant a Promise" initiative.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY PROVIDES ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

On 31 July 2026, a team from the Department of Orthodontics, Pedodontics and Community Dentistry (OPCD), School of Dentistry, MUHAS, visited Libermann Primary School in Dar es Salaam to provide oral health education and screening to children with Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) and their teachers. The team, led by Prof. Febronia Kahabuka, comprised postgraduate students, intern doctors and a nurse. Libermann Primary School is an inclusive school with a special unit for deaf children.

All children present received tailored education on oral hygiene and dietary practices, including a practical tooth-brushing demonstration, with a teacher assisting through sign language. The children were also screened for oral health conditions, and those requiring further professional care were referred to the MUHAS Dental Clinic for management.

Teachers and caregivers also received guidance on supporting the oral health of children with SHCN and were screened and advised to seek dental care where necessary.

The School of Dentistry, through the OPCD Department's Pedodontics Unit, conducts similar oral health outreach activities at least once a year as part of its commitment to promoting oral health among children with special health care needs.



A group picture of the Libermann school special needs children and teachers with staff from MUHAS

MUHAS EYE OUTREACH RESTORES SIGHT TO 650 PATIENTS IN MOROGORO

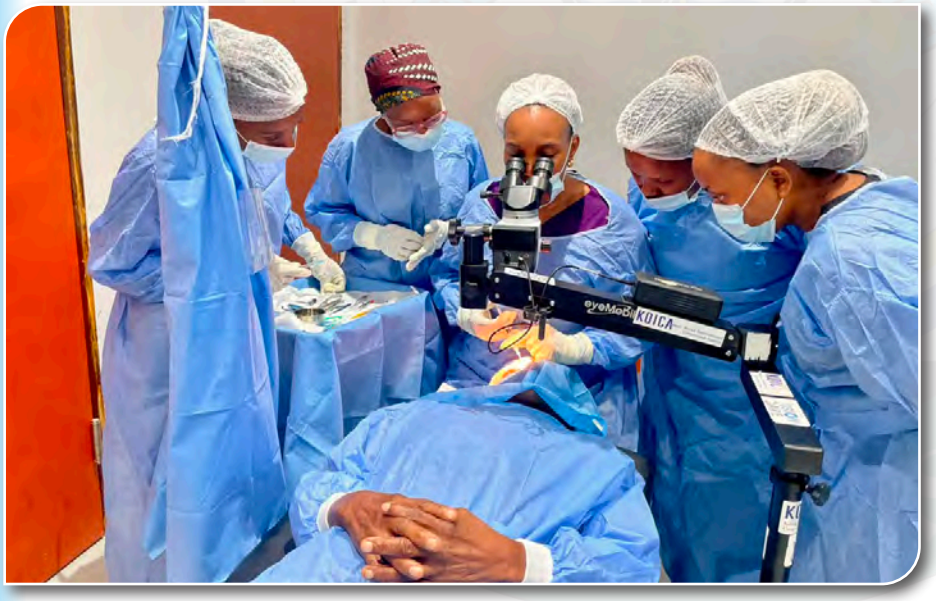
MUHAS through its Department of Ophthalmology, in collaboration with Focus Foundation and Charity Vision Tanzania, successfully provided specialized eye care services to 650 patients during a five-day outreach programme held at Gairo District Hospital in Morogoro Region from 20 to 24 July 2026.



A patient undergoes an eye examination to determine the appropriate corrective glasses during eye outreach programme.

The outreach brought essential ophthalmic services closer to communities with limited access to specialized eye care, helping identify and treat a range of vision-related conditions. The most common conditions diagnosed were glaucoma, cataracts, and refractive errors requiring corrective glasses.

As part of the programme, the outreach team performed 83 sight-restoring surgeries, including 70 cataract surgeries, 12 pterygium surgeries, and one conjunctival mass excision, significantly improving the quality of life for patients who had been living with preventable or treatable visual impairment.



MUHAS ophthalmologists perform eye surgery on a patient during the community eye outreach programme to improve access to specialized eye care and restore sight.

The outreach reflects MUHAS' continued commitment to improving community health through outreach services while providing opportunities for specialist-led care in underserved areas. Through strong partnerships with Focus Foundation and Charity Vision Tanzania, the initiative continues to expand access to quality eye care and contribute to the prevention of avoidable blindness across the country.

PRIME MINISTER COMMENDS MUHAS INNOVATIONS AND DIRECTS STRENGTHENING OF PRUCAN DEVELOPMENT

The Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, on 24 August 2026 visited the MUHAS exhibition booth during the National Education, Skills and Innovation Week in Tanga, where he viewed innovations developed by the University to address challenges in health, agriculture, and community well-being.

MUHAS showcased eight productive innovations, including ROBOSPINE, which supports children with spina bifida to stand, walk, and exercise; BILIMEASURE, a non-invasive device for measuring bilirubin levels in newborns; SIKUSMART, which predicts menstrual and ovulation cycles without requiring a smartphone or internet connection; and BRIDGING SILENCE, which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to translate sign language into Kiswahili text and speech.



Dr. Benson Mugaka explains the PRUCAM product to the Prime Minister of Tanzania, Hon. Mwigulu Nchemba, during his visit to the MUHAS booth at the National Education, Skills and Innovation Week held in Tanga.

Other innovations included BIOSAFE, a biological pesticide for controlling plant diseases; MoyoGuard, which records heartbeats within 30 seconds without internet connectivity; and QR DHARURA, which facilitates access to essential personal information during emergencies. The exhibition also featured products developed by the MUHAS Institute of Traditional Medicine, including PRUCAN, a medicine used to manage prostate-related conditions.

Speaking during the closing ceremony, Hon. Nchemba directed MUHAS to continue research and production of PRUCAN while ensuring that it obtains the necessary approvals and meets international standards. He also called for stronger collaboration with international institutions, including the World Health Organization (WHO), to support further development and validation of the medicine.

The Prime Minister further encouraged wider promotion of PRUCAN as a locally produced medicine and proposed that its branding reflect its Tanzanian origin, including the identity "Prostate Medicine from Tanzania."



A MUHAS innovator showcases and explains their innovation to students visiting the MUHAS booth.

The National Education, Skills and Innovation Week was held from 15–24 August 2026 at Usagara Secondary School in Tanga under the theme, "Education, Skills and Innovation: A Pathway to Achieving the National Development Vision 2050." The event showcased the contribution of education, skills, research, and innovation to addressing national development challenges.

LEADERS COMMEND MUHAS STUDENT AND RESEARCH INNOVATIONS AT NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Regional and University leaders have commended innovations developed by MUHAS students and researchers and encouraged continued efforts to develop practical solutions to local health and community challenges.

The Regional Commissioner of Tanga, Ambassador Dr. Batilda Burian, visited the MUHAS exhibition booth on 17 August 2026 during the National Education, Skills and Innovation Week at Usagara Secondary School. She commended the University for empowering young people to apply their knowledge and skills to develop solutions addressing real community needs.



Tanga Regional Commissioner, Ambassador Dr. Batilda Burian, is presented with a bottle of Morizela Juice, one of the products developed by MUHAS Institute of Traditional Medicine (ITM).

On 23 August, Prof. Larry Akoko of the Campus College of Medicine also visited the exhibition and encouraged students to apply engineering principles in developing and improving medical devices suited to local needs and environmental conditions. He emphasized the importance of involving end-users in the development process to ensure that innovations respond effectively to their needs and encouraged students to seek funding to advance their innovations from testing to practical application.



Prof. Larry Akoko in a group photo with MUHAS innovators during his visit to the MUHAS exhibition booth at the National Education, Skills and Innovation Week held in Tanga

On 24 August, Prof. Raphael Sangeda, representing the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, visited the exhibition and commended MUHAS innovators for developing solutions to health challenges in Tanzania. He viewed various innovations and highlighted the Institute of Traditional Medicine's efforts to integrate research, traditional medicine, and innovation to advance healthcare and improve community well-being.

The National Education, Skills and Innovation Week was held from 15–24 August 2026 under the theme, "Education, Skills and Innovation: A Pathway to Achieving the National Development Vision 2050." MUHAS's participation provided an opportunity to showcase innovations and highlight the contribution of education, research, skills, and innovation to addressing national development challenges.

MUHAS PARTICIPATES IN THE 50TH DAR ES SALAAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

MUHAS participated in the 50th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (SABASABA), held from 28 June to 13 July 2026. During the exhibition, members of the public visited the MUHAS exhibition booth to learn more about the University's academic programmes, research activities, innovations, health services, and other initiatives contributing to the advancement of health and well-being in Tanzania.



A MUHAS exhibitor explains the University's academic programmes to visitors during the SabaSaba International Trade Fair.

As part of its community engagement activities, MUHAS provided a range of free health services and educational sessions, including health screenings, nutrition counselling, newborn health education, First Aid education, and oral and dental health services. Visitors received free screening for oral and dental conditions, as well as professional advice on maintaining good oral and dental health.

The University also showcased various health training technologies, pharmaceutical products, diagnostic services, and other initiatives from the School of Pharmacy and the Institute of Traditional Medicine. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about products developed and manufactured through these institutions and to understand their contribution to healthcare, research, innovation, and pharmaceutical development.

MUHAS further showcased several innovations developed to address health and community challenges, including Resist Track, BioSafe, Moyo Guard, Bridging Silence, and Siku Smart. The innovations attracted significant interest from visitors, who were able to learn about their applications and potential contribution to improving health and community well-being.



A dental professional provides oral health services to visitors during the SabaSaba International Trade Fair.

Through its participation in SABASABA, MUHAS strengthened its engagement with the public by providing access to health information, services, research, innovations, and locally developed products, while highlighting the University's contribution to advancing health education, research, innovation, and healthcare services in Tanzania.



MUHAS Exhibitors Pose for a Group Photo at the SABASABA International Trade Fair

A THREE-MINUTE PRESENTATION EARNED FR. RAYMOND ATHANAS MUHAS' HIGHEST 3MT HONOR

On 16 September 2026, MUHAS hosted its annual Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition, where six PhD candidates competed to present years of scientific research in just three minutes. The competition challenged participants to communicate complex ideas with clarity, confidence and impact, using only one static slide.



Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, presents a certificate to Fr. Raymond Athanas, winner of the MUHAS Annual Three Minute Thesis Competition.

Fr. Raymond Athanas claimed the highest honour after impressing the judging panel with his outstanding presentation, while Baldwina Olirk and Sarah Kutika Nyagabona finished as first and second runners-up respectively.

Originally developed by the University of Queensland, the Three Minute Thesis competition has become a globally recognized platform for strengthening research communication. At MUHAS, it continues to encourage doctoral researchers to translate scientific discoveries into messages that can be understood beyond academic audiences, bridging the gap between research, policy and society.

MUHAS MEDICAL STUDENT WON NATIONAL ICT AWARD FOR INNOVATION

MUHAS medical student Walter Andrew Rwiza emerged as the winner of the 2026 Tanzania ICT Awards in the Best Use of ICT category, earning national recognition for his outstanding contribution to technology-driven innovation.

The award recognized Rwiza's portfolio of digital innovations, including Afya AI, Soma Tech Africa, Surveyoo, Nexgate, InvoPay, Payme Africa, and Textify platforms designed to address challenges across healthcare, education, finance and research through practical, technology-based.

Organized annually by the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology through the ICT Commission, the Tanzania ICT Awards honour individuals whose innovations have made a meaningful impact on the lives of Tanzanians. Winners are selected through a rigorous nomination and evaluation process that assesses the quality and societal value of their work.

Rwiza's achievement reflected MUHAS' growing culture of innovation, demonstrating how young health professionals are harnessing digital technology to develop solutions with the potential to improve lives far beyond the classroom.to develop solutions with the potential to improve lives far beyond the classroom.



MUHAS medical student Walter Andrew and other first-place winners in various categories at the TEHAMA Awards 2026 pose for a group photo with Guest of Honour, Hon. Angellah Kairuki, Minister for Communications and Information Technology and other dignitaries.

WIN AND LEARN MARKS 20 YEARS OF ADVANCING STUDENT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The 20th Win and Learn Academic Event, held on 18 July 2026 at MUHAS, brought together more than 450 students, researchers, judges and delegates from health sciences universities across Tanzania and the region to celebrate two decades of promoting research, innovation and academic excellence at MUHAS.

Held under the theme "Re-Imagining the Future of Healthcare: Youth-Led Innovation, Digital Transformation and Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Health System," the event reaffirmed the University's commitment to nurturing the next generation of healthcare leaders.

Opening the event, Chairperson Mr. Joel Jackson Mpoyiki described Win and Learn as a platform where students exchange knowledge, showcase innovation and embrace the philosophy that "you either win or learn." He also announced a new mentorship programme in collaboration with the Africa Academy of Public Health to support young researchers and innovators.

Patron Prof. Emmanuel Balandya reflected on the initiative's 20-year journey, highlighting its role in producing graduates equipped to address healthcare challenges through research and innovation while commending the event's growth into a national academic platform.

Guest of Honor Ms. Marsha Macatta-Yambi, President of MUHAS Convocation, urged young health professionals to transform research into practical solutions that improve health outcomes and contribute to Tanzania's Development Vision 2050. She emphasized lifelong learning, ethical leadership and strong partnerships in advancing healthcare.



Guest of Honor, Ms. Marsha Macatta-Yambi, the President of MUHAS Convocation speaks during the 20th Win and Learn Academic Event

Delivering the first keynote address, Prof. Bruno Sunguya encouraged participants to sustain the legacy of Win and Learn by embracing innovation, expanding partnerships and translating research into lasting impact for future generations.

The event concluded with an award presentation recognizing outstanding student achievements across seven competition categories. Winners received awards in recognition of their excellence in research, innovation and academic presentations, underscoring the Win and Learn philosophy that every participant gains valuable knowledge and experience while contributing to the advancement of healthcare.



A group photo of MUHAS Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya; the Guest of Honour, Ms. Marsha Macatta-Yambi; and the representative of the Director General of COSTECH, Dr. Judith Kadege, alongside the event's winners at the 20th Win and Learn Academic Event.

WIN AND LEARN PLATFORM HONOURS LONG-STANDING MENTORS FOR THEIR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

MUHAS, through the Win and Learn Platform, on 27 July 2026 held a Recognition and Reflection Session to honour distinguished Professors whose mentorship and long-standing support have contributed to the platform's growth, while reflecting on its achievements and future direction.



A group photo of the long-standing mentors with the President of the MUHAS Convocation and MUHAS leaders and staff

During the session, Prof. Karim Manji, Prof. Eligius Lyamuya, and Prof. Kisali Pallangyo were presented with trophies in recognition of their exceptional mentorship and contribution to the platform. Their guidance has supported and inspired generations of students and young professionals.

Speaking during the session, the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic and Patron of the Win and Learn Academic Event, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, described the platform as an important initiative for nurturing creativity and innovation among students and young professionals. He reaffirmed his commitment to providing strategic guidance and mentorship to support its continued growth.

Reflecting on the platform's journey, Prof. Karim Manji commended its progress and credited its success to the dedication of students, mentors, and organisers. He encouraged participants to think creatively and independently and remain informed about emerging global trends rather than relying heavily on artificial intelligence (AI).

Prof. Eligius Lyamuya highlighted the increased participation of female students as a positive sign of the platform's growth and encouraged participants to develop innovations that benefit society while enhancing MUHAS's visibility.

Prof. Kisali Pallangyo emphasised



A group photo of the long-standing mentors of the Win and Learn Platform with members of the platform.

that innovation begins with identifying challenges and developing practical solutions. He encouraged multidisciplinary collaboration and commended the organising team for expanding the platform's reach and impact.

The President of the MUHAS Convocation, Ms. Marsha Macatta Yambi, underscored the importance of partnerships in advancing innovation and sustainable development. She encouraged participants to collaborate with institutions and organisations within and beyond Tanzania while upholding integrity, mutual respect, and professionalism.

MUHAS STUDENTS GAIN INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVES

Four MUHAS medical students have been privileged to gain international clinical experience through elective opportunities facilitated through the University's Internationalisation and Convocation Unit, with placements at leading universities in Norway and Ireland.



MUHAS students enroute to the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway.

Emmanuela Maira and Yasinta Mwasaga, both MD Year Five students, are undertaking a four-week Orthopaedics elective at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway, from 14 September to 16 October 2026. Nickson Kasikana and Yumna M. Said are undertaking a four-week elective in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland, from 22 September to 20 October 2026.



MUHAS students enroute to University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland.

The electives provide the students with opportunities to strengthen their clinical knowledge and skills, engage with international clinical teams, and gain exposure to different healthcare and academic environments.

The opportunities reflect MUHAS' commitment to advancing internationalisation, academic mobility and professional development, while enabling students to gain valuable global exposure and represent the University in international learning environments.

MUHAS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH CONFERENCE

Over 50 MUHAS students attended the National Human Resources for Health (HRH) Conference, organized by the Mkapa Foundation, held on 14–15 July 2026 at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.



MUHAS students at the National Human Resources for Health (HRH) Conference

Held under the theme, "Reimagining Africa's Health Workforce: Innovation, Leadership & Resilience," the conference brought together health professionals, policymakers, researchers, students, and development partners to explore innovative approaches to strengthening Africa's health workforce.

The conference provided MUHAS students with a valuable opportunity to learn from experts, exchange ideas, and strengthen their leadership and professional skills while contributing to discussions on the future of healthcare in Africa.

MUHAS CONDUCTS INDUCTION WORKSHOP FOR MUHASSO LEADERS

MUHAS, through the Directorate of Student Services, on 20 August 2026 conducted an induction workshop for newly elected MUHASSO leaders to strengthen effective student leadership and enhance communication and collaboration between students and University Management.

The workshop was officially opened by the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, who congratulated the newly elected leaders on their election and urged them to uphold integrity, responsibility and accountability in representing their fellow students.



Director of Student Services, Dr. Hawa Mbawalla, delivers introductory remarks at the induction workshop for newly elected MUHASSO leaders.

In her introductory remarks, the Director of Student Services, Dr. Hawa Mbawalla, outlined the objectives of the workshop. She emphasized the importance of equipping student leaders with the knowledge and skills required to effectively fulfil their responsibilities and work constructively with University Management.

Prof. Balandya challenged the

leaders to leave a positive and lasting legacy by contributing to the improvement of the MUHASSO Constitution, supporting the University's development agenda, serving as an effective bridge between students and Management, and raising awareness among students about the new Mloganzila and Kigoma campuses, which are expected to commence operations in the 2026/2027 academic year.

The workshop covered key areas of student leadership, including accountability and discipline, ethical conduct, professional communication, financial management and accountability, leaders' rights and responsibilities, the role of student organisations within the University, and approaches to addressing and resolving student-related challenges. The leaders were also reminded of the importance of honesty, confidentiality, proper record-keeping and safeguarding MUHASSO property and resources.



Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, poses for a group photo with participants and facilitator of the induction workshop for elected MUHASSO leaders

THE VICE CHANCELLOR MEETS NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS

The MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, met with the newly elected MUHASSO leaders on 16 July 2026 to discuss their leadership responsibilities and provide guidance on their role as representatives of the student community.

Speaking during the meeting, Prof. Kamuhabwa urged the student leaders to uphold accountability in managing student funds, use university resources responsibly, and ensure that important university information reaches students effectively. He also encouraged them to uphold university regulations and educate their fellow students on academic integrity, stressing that



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, addresses students during the meeting.

examination cheating would not be tolerated.

In his address, the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, urged the student leaders to apply their knowledge beyond academic achievement by demonstrating leadership, innovation, and responsibility. He also encouraged them to prioritize their mental well-being and strive for academic excellence.

In this meeting, the Director of Student Services, Dr. Hawa Mbawala, presented a recap of the previous meeting with the 2025/2026 student leaders and provided an evaluation of the recent student elections. On behalf of the student leadership, MUHASSO President Mr. Said Katanga thanked the University Management for this meeting and presented issues raised by students.



MUHASSO President, Said Katanga, and the Vice President listen attentively to remarks by the Vice Chancellor.

The meeting concluded with an interactive discussion, during which the University Management responded to the issues raised and reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with the student leadership to enhance students' welfare, strengthen communication, and support a conducive learning environment.



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, poses for a group photo with members of the MUHAS Management team, student leaders and staff from the Directorate of Student Services.

MUHAS HOLDS STUDENTS' INFORMATION MEETING ON NEW MLOGANZILA AND KIGOMA CAMPUSES

MUHAS, through the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, on 26 August 2026 held a Students' Information Meeting to provide undergraduate students with information on the operations of the new Mloganzila and Kigoma campuses ahead of the 2026/2027 academic year.

Led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya, the meeting provided updates on the transition and preparations for teaching,

learning, and student life at the two campuses.

Providing an update on campus facilities, the Deputy HEET Project Coordinator, Prof. Nathanael Sirili, said key facilities, including student hostels, laboratories, the Anatomy Building, cafeteria, library, ICT facilities, offices, and access roads, were at advanced stages of completion and expected to be handed over on 15 September 2026.

He noted that the development of the campuses has involved collaboration with regional and district authorities in areas including health, water, roads, electricity, environmental management, land, and social services to support the provision of essential services and infrastructure.

Students were encouraged to embrace the transition as the University continues with preparations to provide a conducive environment for teaching, learning, and student life at both campuses. Speaking on behalf of the students, MUHASSO President Mr. Saidi Kataga commended the University Management for organizing the meeting, noting that it provided an opportunity for students to receive first-hand information and clarification on teaching and learning arrangements at the new campuses.



Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic, Prof. Emmanuel Balandya addresses students during the meeting.



Participants of the meeting listen attentively to the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Academic.

MUHAS REVIEWS 2025/2026 ACHIEVEMENTS AND SETS PRIORITIES FOR 2026/2027

The MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, met with University staff on 10 July 2026 to review the implementation of activities for the 2025/2026 financial year, outline priorities for 2026/2027, and receive a report on the allocation of staff offices in the University's new administration building at the Muhimbili Campus.

Speaking during the meeting, Prof. Kamuhabwa highlighted the University's significant achievements during the 2025/2026 financial year, particularly the implementation of development projects aimed at improving the teaching, learning and working environment. These include the construction of a new administration building, a sports ground, a modern parking facility at the Muhimbili Campus, continued construction of the College of Medicine at the Mloganzila Campus, and the development of the Kigoma Campus.

He further noted that in the 2026/2027 financial year, MUHAS will continue strengthening its information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure and improving the working environment. However, he cautioned that the University may face financial challenges due to increased operational costs associated with the commencement of activities at the new Mloganzila and Kigoma campuses until they achieve stable operations.

During the meeting, the Chairperson of the Office Allocation Committee, Prof. Gideon Kwesigabo, together with committee members, presented the proposed staff office allocation plan. Staff members were given an opportunity to provide comments and recommendations to help refine the arrangement and ensure it meets the University's operational needs.

Also speaking during the meeting, staff commended the University leadership for its continued investment in infrastructure development and efforts to improve the working environment. Among other recommendations, they suggested exploring the possibility of designating some offices for short-term rental on an hourly basis as a way of generating additional revenue for the University.



The Vice Chancellor and members of the MUHAS Management pose for a group photo with staff who attended the meeting in person, following its successful conclusion.

MUHAS COUNCIL COMMENDS MANAGEMENT FOR PROGRESS ON NEW STAFF OFFICES AND AUDITORIUM BUILDING

Members of the MUHAS Council, led by the Vice Chairperson, Ms. Marsha Macatta-Yambi, toured the newly constructed Staff Offices and Auditorium Building following the conclusion of the 82nd University Council Meeting held on 7 August 2026.



MNH Executive Director, Dr. Delilah Kimambo, DVC–RC, Prof. Bruno Sunguya, and other Council members and invitees tour the newly constructed Staff Offices and Auditorium Building.

The Council members were guided through the facilities by the MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, who provided an overview of the building and its facilities. The members expressed their appreciation for the progress made and commended Management for the work undertaken to provide improved facilities for staff and the University community.

Speaking at the end of the tour, Ms. Macatta-Yambi commended the progress and emphasized the importance of continuous improvement, proper care of the facilities, and preventive maintenance to ensure the building remains in good condition and serves the University effectively for years to come. The Council members also suggested a few additional touches to enhance the final outlook of the building and strengthen its branding.

Prof. Kamuhabwa thanked the Council members for their continued support and guidance to Management, noting that their contribution remains important in advancing the University's development and institutional goals.



MUHAS Council Vice Chairperson, Ms. Marsha Macatta-Yambi, delivers remarks after touring the newly constructed Staff Offices and Auditorium Building.

HEET UPDATES

MUHAS SIGNS STRATEGIC MOU WITH ASIA-BASED KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

As part of strengthening industrial linkages through the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project, MUHAS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Institute for Knowledge Management (TIIKM), one of Asia's leading knowledge management organizations.



Deputy Vice Chancellor–Planning, Finance and Administration, Prof. Erasto Mbugi, shakes hands with TIIKM Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Isanke P. Gamage, while displaying the signed MoUs.

The agreement was signed during the 12th International Conference on Public Health (ICOPH 2026), taking place in Bali, Indonesia, from 5–7 August 2026. The Vice Chancellor was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Planning, Finance and Administration, Prof. Erasto Mbugi, who also serves as the HEET Project Coordinator. The agreement was signed on behalf of TIIKM by its Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Isanke P. Gamage.

TIIKM collaborates with more than 50 institutions worldwide, including over 40 universities, making MUHAS the first university in Tanzania to establish this type of partnership with the organization. The collaboration will focus on strengthening research, promoting academic and scientific conferences, and building researchers' capacity to effectively communicate research evidence to policymakers and decision-makers.



The DVC–PFA poses for a group photo with MUHAS representatives who witnessed the signing of the MoUs between MUHAS and TIIKM in Bali, Indonesia.

The signing was witnessed by Prof. Nathanael Sirili, Deputy Coordinator of the HEET Project and Tanzania Coordinator for ICOPH 2026; Dr. Stella Mushi, Head of the Industrial Linkage Portfolio under the HEET Project; Prof. George Ruhago, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation for the HEET Project; as well as other representatives from MUHAS including Prof. Gasto Frumence, Dr. Juma Mfinanga and Dr. Gimbo Hyuha.

VICE CHANCELLOR DIRECTS ACCELERATION OF KIGOMA CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

The MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, on 9 September 2026 inspected construction works and surrounding areas of the MUHAS Kigoma Campus, directing contractors to accelerate outstanding works and ensure the campus is completed to the required quality standards and ready for use in the 2026/2027 academic year.



Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, inspects surrounding areas of the MUHAS Kigoma Campus

During the inspection, Prof. Kamuhabwa assessed progress on buildings, external works, and campus boundaries before meeting with contractors and project consultants to review the status of the project. He urged contractors to increase their workforce and ensure that the necessary materials and equipment are available to accelerate completion of the remaining works.

Prof. Kamuhabwa noted that delays could result in additional costs to the University, particularly for the storage of furniture, ICT, and laboratory equipment that is already being procured. He said MUHAS had fulfilled its responsibilities, including meeting its financial obligations, and therefore called for corresponding progress in construction.

The Vice Chancellor also directed contractors and project supervisors to expedite external works, particularly drainage and erosion-control measures in areas affected by gullies and depressions, in preparation for the forecast El Niño rains. He also called for proper installation and clear marking of the University's boundaries to protect the campus land from encroachment.



Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, accompanied by the Project Manager and the contractor's team, inspects construction works at the MUHAS Kigoma Campus.

In response, the contractors and project consultants presented progress reports and committed to implementing the directives, including deploying additional workers and ensuring the availability of required construction materials and equipment in accordance with the project contracts.

MUHASSO LEADERS VISIT MLOGANZILA CAMPUS TO ASSESS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Leaders of the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences Students' Organization (MUHASSO) visited the College of Medicine at the Mloganzila Campus on 18 September 2026 to assess the progress of infrastructure development under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project.



MUHASSO leaders, accompanied by Dr. Mohamed Hussein, assess progress on infrastructure development at the Mloganzila Campus.

During the visit, the student leaders toured various construction sites and received updates on the implementation of the project from university officials and technical experts.

Speaking during the visit, HEET Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Focal Person, Dr. Mohamed Hussein, commended the student leaders for taking the opportunity to learn about the project firsthand. He explained that the development is expected to expand MUHAS's capacity to accommodate more students, support the expansion of academic programmes, and improve teaching and learning facilities.

Dr. Hussein urged the leaders to share accurate information with their fellow students and serve as ambassadors of the University, particularly as MUHAS prepares to welcome new students in the 2026/2027 academic year.



MUHASSO leaders during their visit to the Mloganzila Campus, College of Medicine.

Speaking on behalf of the student leaders, MUHASSO President Said Katanga thanked the University Management for facilitating the visit. He encouraged fellow students to share their understanding of the developments with prospective students and contribute to promoting MUHAS.

The student leaders also had an opportunity to ask questions and receive responses from the experts and University officials accompanying them.

MUHAS MANAGEMENT REVIEWS PROGRESS OF THE HEET PROJECT AT MLOGANZILA CAMPUS



MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa chairing the Management Meeting to review the construction progress of the College of Medicine

The MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa, led a Management Meeting on 19 August 2026 to review the progress of implementation of the College of Medicine, Mloganzila Campus under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project.

The meeting focused on the progress of LOT 1 and LOT 2, with contractors presenting updates on the status of construction works and the remaining activities. The contractors are expected to complete the remaining works by 15 September 2026, following an extension granted for completion of the project.

The remaining works include internal and external painting; installation and connection of fire detection and firefighting systems; installation of air-conditioning systems, electrical and ICT fittings; transformer and water connections; as well as construction of the powerhouse and access roads.

Speaking during the meeting, Prof. Kamuhabwa commended the HEET Project Implementation Unit (PIU), consultant and contractors for their continued collaboration in the implementation of the project. He emphasized the importance of completing all outstanding works within the extended completion period while ensuring that the required standards and quality are maintained.

The contractors, in turn, expressed their appreciation to MUHAS for ensuring that payments were made on time and, in many instances, earlier than expected. They noted that timely payments



A representative from Hainan International Ltd. speaks during the meeting.

had contributed to the smooth implementation and progress of the construction works.

The meeting, held at the MUHAS Muhimbili Campus, brought together MUHAS Management, members of the HEET PIU, contractors, consultants, and other key stakeholders to review the project's progress, address outstanding issues, and coordinate activities towards completion of the remaining works.



Representatives from Mohammed Builders Ltd. follow the meeting attentively

MUHAS STAFF ASSESS KIGOMA CAMPUS READINESS AHEAD OF OPERATIONS

A team of 27 MUHAS staff members conducted a three-day assessment of the Kigoma Campus from 31 August to 2 September 2026 as part of preparations for the commencement of operations under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project.

Led by the Deputy HEET Project Coordinator, Prof. Nathanael Sirili, in collaboration with the Principal of the Kigoma Campus, Prof. Raphael Sangeda, the team comprised staff from College, Schools, Directorates, Units, and various offices. The team inspected key facilities, including the Academic and Anatomy Buildings, laboratories, cafeteria, student hostels, waste management facilities, and external areas across the 101-hectare campus site.

According to the Kigoma Project Resident Engineer, Selemani Malambo, construction had reached 92 percent completion, with finishing works ongoing. Prof. Sirili emphasized the need to complete the remaining works within the approved extension period and in accordance with the required quality standards, noting that contractual procedures would apply where agreed terms and conditions were not met.



MUHAS staff assess construction progress at the Kigoma Campus.

On the final day, staff were divided into four groups focusing on environment; student services; administration, and security and safety. Each group assessed the availability and status of facilities and requirements within its area and identified outstanding issues requiring action before the campus becomes operational.

The groups subsequently presented their findings and recommendations during a joint meeting chaired by Ms. Rose Temba. The recommendations will be consolidated into a comprehensive report to guide University Management in assessing campus readiness and planning for its effective operation.



A team of MUHAS staff touring and inspecting the surroundings of the MUHAS Kigoma Campus.

During the exercise, staff also acknowledged the strategic location of the campus and expressed appreciation to the Government, through the Kigoma Region, for providing the land for its development. Prof. Sirili thanked the participants for their detailed assessments and commitment to ensuring that the campus is adequately prepared for use.



MUHAS staff pose for a group photo at the entrance to the site designated for the Kigoma Campus.

MUHAS BRINGS STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER TO ADVANCE GREENING INITIATIVE AT KIGOMA CAMPUS

MUHAS, through the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project, convened a multisectoral stakeholders' meeting on 1–2 September 2026 to discuss the implementation of the Greening Initiative at Kigoma Campus.

The meeting brought together stakeholders from MUHAS, the Regional Administrative Secretary's Office–Kigoma, Kigoma Municipal Council, Tanzania Forest Services (TFS), ward and street authorities, and other environmental stakeholders.



Dr. Mohamed Hussein chairs a multisectoral stakeholders' meeting to discuss the Greening Initiative at the Kigoma Campus.

The team was welcomed by the HEET Project Deputy Coordinator, Prof. Nathanael Sirili, who thanked the stakeholders for their cooperation and highlighted the importance of their involvement in making the campus greener and more sustainable.



Multisectoral stakeholders pose for a group photo with HEET PIU members after a meeting to discuss the Greening Initiative at the Kigoma Campus.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Hussein Mohamed, Environmental Impact Assessment Focal Person for the HEET Project, who highlighted the benefits of campus greening, including improved air quality, reduced soil erosion and flooding, enhanced biodiversity, a healthier microclimate and improved campus aesthetics.

Stakeholders also conducted a walkthrough of the campus to identify suitable areas for planting trees, including along roads and walkways, around buildings and in student reading areas. Discussions also focused on appropriate tree species, planting spacing and the implementation timeline.

The initiative is expected to contribute to a greener, climate-resilient and more environmentally friendly Kigoma Campus for students, staff and the surrounding community.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE VISITS MLOGANZILA CAMPUS AHEAD OF OPERATIONS

A special committee of staff from MUHAS, led by the Principal of the Campus College of Medicine, Prof. Enica Richard, visited the Mloganzila Campus on 24 September 2026 to assess the facilities and support preparations for the campus to become operational following construction under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project.

Before a brief assessment meeting, the team toured key facilities, including the Student Hostel, Lecture Hall, Anatomy Building, Laboratories, Dining Hall, Administration Building, and Library and ICT Building. The team inspected completed and ongoing works and provided comments and recommendations to enhance the functionality, safety, and durability of the facilities.

Prof. Richard commended the committee for their contributions and said that, given the current stage of the project, the Campus College of Medicine would conduct similar weekly visits to ensure staff have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the facilities before the campus becomes operational.

Speaking during the visit, The Project Manager, Eng. Shadrack Magoro thanked the committee for participating and seeing the project's progress firsthand. He noted that their feedback and recommendations were important in strengthening project implementation and ensuring that the infrastructure meets the practical needs of its intended users.



Prof. Enica Richard poses for a group photo with a special MUHAS committee following a tour of project sites at the College of Medicine, Mloganzila Campus.

KIGOMA CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REACHES 92.43 PERCENT AS COMPLETION APPROACHES



HEET PIU members, MUHAS technical staff, and the contractor's and consultant's teams during a site inspection at the Kigoma Campus.

Construction of the MUHAS Kigoma Campus has progressed from 81.17 percent in July to 92.43 percent as of 23 September 2026, although the project remains behind schedule and requires accelerated implementation to complete the remaining works.

The progress was reviewed through a series of site inspections and coordination meetings conducted on 9–10 July, 22 July, 21–23 August, and 21–23 September 2026 by the MUHAS Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project Implementation Unit (PIU), together with the supervising consultant and contractor. The inspections covered major buildings and external works, including the Academic Building, Multi-User Laboratory, Anatomy Building, Student Hostels, Incinerator Building, access roads, and drainage systems.



HEET PIU members, MUHAS technical staff, and the contractor's team pose for a group photo following a site inspection at the Kigoma Campus.



HEET PIU members and the contractor's and consultant's teams inspect the external areas of the Kigoma Campus.

MLOGANZILA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROACHES COMPLETION

Construction of College of Medicine facilities at the Mloganzila Campus has progressed significantly, with the HEET Project Implementation Unit (PIU) continuing weekly inspections to monitor outstanding works, address defects and ensure that construction meets the required standards.

Construction under the two lots has continued to progress, with the project closely monitored through weekly inspection meetings held on 15 July, 12 August, 28 August, 4 September and 11 September 2026. The inspections assessed progress, identified outstanding works and defects, and monitored corrective measures. Contractors were directed to increase the workforce, extend working hours and implement phased completion plans, particularly for external works and other outstanding activities.

As the project entered its final stages, the weekly inspections



HEET PIU members and the contractor's and consultant's teams during a site inspection at the Mloganzila Campus

focused on outstanding works and defects, including external works, electrical and water connections, ICT cabling, roadworks, painting and office adjustments. The inspections identified areas requiring corrective action, with contractors directed to address defects and complete the remaining works in accordance with the required standards. No further extension was granted.

By the latest inspection, key facilities had reached advanced stages of completion, including the Student Hostel at 98.5 percent, Dining Hall at 97.5 percent, Lecture Hall at 94 percent, Anatomy Building at 93 percent, Laboratories at 89 percent, Library and ICT Building at 98 percent, Administration Building at 93.9 percent, while roadworks stood at 76 percent.

The project team is now focusing on completing minor works, rectifying defects, installing signage, removing unused construction materials and cleaning the sites. Engineers supervising the two lots have indicated that the facilities are expected to be ready for handover on 1 October 2026, subject to completion of the remaining works and fulfilment of contractual requirements.



HEET PIU members and the contractor's and consultant's teams during a site meeting at the Mloganzila Campus

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