



LAMECH MWANYANGAPO CANCER FOUNDATION

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**Proposal for Public-Private Partnership between
the Ministry of Health and Social Services and
Lamech Mwanyangapo Cancer Foundation**

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Abstract

At the core of this visionary proposal lies a groundbreaking partnership poised to revolutionize cancer care within the borders of Namibia. Through the amalgamation of diverse resources, ranging from medical expertise to cutting-edge technology, this collaboration aspires to redefine the landscape of cancer care by making it more accessible and comprehensive than ever before. By aligning its objectives with the overarching goals of the national healthcare system, this initiative not only seeks to enhance the quality of care for cancer patients but also strives to alleviate the burden on the healthcare infrastructure. In doing so, it endeavors to infuse new rays of hope into the lives of patients and their communities, standing as a testament to the potential of collective efforts in transcending medical frontiers and fostering a brighter, healthier future for Namibia.

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1. Executive Summary

The Ministry of Health and Social Services is presented with an opportunity to establish a strategic partnership with the Lamech Mwanyangapo Cancer Foundation. This proposal outlines a public-private partnership (PPP) that leverages the strengths of both parties to enhance cancer care services in Namibia. The partnership aims to utilize the premises at Oshakati State Hospital for the establishment of a state-of-the-art Cancer Clinic/Oncology Centre. This collaboration promises mutual benefits, including improved access to quality cancer treatment for government patients and the Foundation's mission to provide comprehensive cancer care services.

2. Introduction

The Lamech Mwanyangapo Cancer Foundation is dedicated to transforming cancer care services in Namibia, particularly in the northern region. This proposal seeks to establish a PPP between the Ministry of Health and Social Services and the Foundation to utilize the **Oshakati State Hospital** premises for a Cancer Clinic/Oncology Centre. This collaboration aligns with the Ministry's vision of expanding specialized healthcare services through **strategic partnerships**.

3. Background

The prevalence of cancer in Namibia calls for innovative approaches to provide accessible and quality treatment. The Foundation's commitment to establishing a Cancer Treatment facility aligns with the Ministry's efforts to improve healthcare delivery. The Foundation's strategic partnership with experts and industry leaders, combined with the Ministry's infrastructure, can lead to a transformative impact on cancer care in the northern regions.

A. Namibia's Path towards Universal Health Coverage:

Namibia is dedicated to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as outlined in the Harambee Prosperity Plan. UHC ensures that all individuals and communities have access to essential health services without experiencing financial hardship. The Lamech Mwanyangapo Cancer Foundation's proposal supports this vision by offering specialized cancer care services that align with the principles of UHC.

4. Proposal Details

4.1. Mutual Benefits:

1. **Enhanced Healthcare Services:** The partnership will result in an upgraded Cancer Facility/Oncology Centre, offering advanced treatment options and specialized care.
2. **Financial Sustainability:** The Foundation's fundraising efforts will contribute to the sustainability of the Centre, reducing the Ministry's financial burden.
3. **Community Impact:** The partnership will address the urgent needs of cancer patients, ensuring timely and effective treatment for disadvantaged patients.

State patients will receive treatment at a subsidized fee. Minimizing financial hardship and enhancing accessibility to healthcare, specifically in the treatment of cancer.

4.2. Role of Lamech Mwanyangapo Cancer Foundation:

1. **Investment in Infrastructure:** The Foundation will lobby for investments in facility upgrades and equipment. The Foundation will facilitate the engagement of experts who will impart their skills to the employees of the Ministry of Health and Social Services, fostering knowledge transfer. This initiative not only enhances the capabilities of the Ministry's staff but also brings forth advantages associated with skill transfer.
2. **Expertise:** The Foundation will bring in medical expertise, best practices, and modern technologies to enhance cancer care services.
3. **Fundraising:** The Foundation will raise funds to the project's establishment and continuous operation.

4.3. Optimal Utilization of Oshakati State Hospital Premises:

1. **Effective Premises Allocation:** The premises of the Oshakati State Hospital will serve as the designated host for the Cancer Treatment Facility, strategically harnessing the already established infrastructure and available resources.
2. **Integrated Service Delivery:** Through this synergistic partnership, a harmonious integration between essential government healthcare services and the domain of specialized cancer care will seamlessly unfold, accentuating the quality and comprehensiveness of patient services.
3. **Leasing Arrangement:** In accordance with a mutually agreeable arrangement, the Foundation with its stakeholders will lease the premises from the government, ensuring a transparent and fair financial transaction beneficial to both entities.

4.4. Financial Framework:

1. The Foundation will meticulously explore diverse financial frameworks aligned with Public-Private Partnership (PPP) principles, particularly focusing on the modernization of government-leased properties.

2. Funding Acquisition:

The Foundation will proactively engage in sourcing funds to facilitate the acquisition of essential equipment and specialized expertise crucial for the effective functioning of the Centre.

3. Sustainable Revenue Management:

In line with ensuring enduring financial sustainability, the Foundation will actively partake in revenue generation by means of property leasing, thereby making a substantial contribution to the overall revenue of the Centre.

5. Alignment with National Strategies

A. Namibian Development Plan 5 Mission:

The Namibian Development Plan 5 aims to improve the quality of life for all Namibians through inclusive and sustainable development. The proposed partnership directly aligns with this mission by enhancing healthcare services and addressing a critical need in the community.

B. Harambee Prosperity Plan:

The Harambee Prosperity Plan emphasizes the importance of equitable and accessible healthcare services. The partnership's objective to provide specialized cancer care resonates with the plan's focus on improving healthcare delivery.

C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Goals:

The partnership aligns with UNDP's Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being, by improving access to quality healthcare services.

D. World Health Organization (WHO) Goals:

The partnership supports WHO's global health targets, including reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases such as cancer, and ensuring access to essential healthcare services.

6. Implementation Plan

1. **Initial Assessment:** Conduct an assessment of Oshakati State Hospital's premises to determine necessary upgrades and modifications.
2. **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** Draft a MoU outlining roles, responsibilities, financial arrangements, and governance structures.
3. **Facility Upgrades:** Initiate facility upgrades based on the assessment, ensuring compliance with medical standards.
4. **Equipment Procurement and Installation:** Procure state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology required for cancer treatment.
5. **Staff Recruitment and Training:** Recruit and train medical professionals to provide specialized cancer care services.
6. **Operational Launch:** Officially launch the Cancer Clinic/Oncology Centre, celebrating the partnership's achievement.
7. **Monitoring and Evaluation:**
 - a. Establish a Monitoring and Evaluation framework to track progress, patient outcomes, and financial sustainability.
 - b. Regular reviews will ensure effective collaboration, address challenges, and adapt strategies as needed.

7. Conclusion

The envisioned collaboration between the Ministry of Health and Social Services and the Lamech Mwanyangapo Cancer Foundation stands as a remarkable stride towards reshaping cancer care services in Namibia. By leveraging the facilities of the Oshakati State Hospital for the establishment of the Cancer Treatment Facility/Oncology Centre, a dual achievement of enhanced patient outcomes and sustainable financial viability comes to the forefront. The positive ripple effects of this partnership are poised to reverberate throughout the community, underscoring its potential for profound societal impact. With unwavering belief, we anticipate this pioneering alliance to set a benchmark for harmonious effort in the realm of healthcare progress, radiating a beacon of inspiration for future collaborative initiatives.

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We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate for the betterment of cancer patients and the healthcare sector in Namibia.