

Zambia Institute of Environmental Health - Livingstone District Chapter

Preparation for the World Environmental Health Day-26th September, 2016

Whose theme is “TOBACCO CONTROL....A RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL TOBACCO PANDEMIC”

As Environmental Health Officers from government and private institutions we have organised ourselves and agreed to take part in the commemoration of this year’s World Environmental Health day.

WE PICKED THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF TOBACCO CONTROL;

1. THE EFFECTS OF SECOND HAND SMOKE
2. SMOKING CESSATION ACTIVITIES
3. THE SALE OF TOBACCO IN PLAIN PACKAGING
4. THE ILLICIT TRADE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
5. THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS

These areas were chosen because they perfectly suit our district.

We have so far held three meetings of which one meeting was just for the EHOs and the rest with stakeholders i.e. Bar, Restaurant, Lodges, Hotels owners and some public places in-charges. During the meeting with stakeholders we had some presentations which we made.

We have prepared fliers which we are distributing along with government of Zambia, statutory instrument no.39 of 2008 from the local government act (laws, volume 16, Cap 281) prohibition of smoking in public places, Regulations, 2008.

We are going to have one drama show during the commemoration day by the local drama group.

We are also organising the brass band from Zambia Air force to lead the march past where some selected schools and stakeholders will participate too.

We will also have some radio discussions and phoning sessions where some environmental health officers will be discussants. Radio airtime is paid for by Livingstone district medical office. Officers will discuss theme, the effects of smoking, SI No.39, Public places displaying notice in red stating “NO SMOKING IN PUBLIC” in visible and strategic places by clients.

Thereafter, there will be monitoring and reinforcement programmes by EHOs from all government agencies and private institutions

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