



ADDRESS

BY

**THE PRESIDENT,
HIS EXCELLENCY, CDE. E. D. MNANGAGWA**

AT

**THE COMMISSIONING OF ADLAM HOUSE AND
THE NURSES HOME,**

PARIRENYATWA GROUP OF HOSPITALS

HARARE

8 MAY 2026

Director of Ceremonies;

National Chairman of ZANU PF and Minister of Defence,
Hon. O. C. Z. Muchinguri-Kashiri;

Minister of State for Harare Metropolitan Province,
Hon. C. Tawengwa;

Minister of Health and Child Care,
Hon. Dr. D. Mombeshora;

Other Honourable Ministers;

Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet,
Dr. M. Rushwaya;

Chairman of the Public Service Commission,
Dr. V. Hungwe;

Senior Government Officials;

Mayor of the City of Harare, His Worship, Cllr. J. Mafume;

The Chief Medical Officer, Parirenyatwa Group of
Hospitals, Dr. T. Magure;

Chairman of Prevail Group, Mr. P. Tungwarara;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my singular honour and privilege to officiate at this historic milestone marking the commissioning of newly refurbished Adlam House and Nurses Home, here, at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals.

Today's event and the beautifully refurbished infrastructure before us is another confirmation of the success of our development philosophy, **“Nyika inovakwa, inotongwa, inonamatirwa nevene vayo/ Ilizwe lakhiwa, libuswe likhu-le-ke-lwe ngabanikazi balo”**. We are further celebrating unity, hard work and the shared national determination to transform and modernise every sector of the economy, ourselves. Congratulations, **Makorokoto. Amhlophe.**

Undoubtedly, a nation's development is inseparable from the general well-being of its people. Under the Second Republic, my Administration is modernising our health system through infrastructure development, human capital development and capacity building as well as

improved service delivery. These facilities dovetail with the broader goal under Vision 2030, to build an upper middle-income economy anchored on a healthy, productive and empowered population.

The transformation we have seen here has been realised under the Whole-of-Society Approach, that is, the public, private sector and general citizenry, working hand-in-hand to build our great motherland, Zimbabwe. Sector by sector, we must continue to have confidence in our own skills, systems and innovations. Well done to all the teams and stakeholders who worked tirelessly to make this project a reality. No nation or community develops by depending entirely on others.

It is also commendable that, this exceptional and indeed breath-taking makeover here at Parirenyatwa Hospital was achieved through the use of our own local resources. This is how it ought to be.

Let us always strive to use our own brick and mortar, steel and wood, and all other products to consolidate and broaden the value chains of our country's construction industry.

Overall, it is pleasing that notable progress is being made across our health delivery sector towards the realisation of Universal Health Coverage as well as access to affordable, quality and specialist health services. The reduction of maternal mortality reflects strengthened maternal and child health services.

Life expectancy is also rising, a testament that the interventions deployed by Government alongside other stakeholders, are yielding positive results. Additionally, we are strengthening specialized care and emergency response systems.

Modern and digitally enabled medical equipment is being procured and installation is underway across our health centers. This broad and pro-active shift being championed by my Government, entails that patients receive diagnosis and treatment plans in a single visit. The pursuit to create a resilient, as well as data and evidence-based national health system, that maximises patient outcomes across rural and urban areas, is being accelerated.

Under this Strategy, district and rural health centers, including clinics are enabled to provide a level of patient care and treatment, previously reserved for the referral and central hospitals.

Our air ambulance system is scoring great milestones with over 2,000 evacuations conducted to date, supported by strategically located bases across the country. No one and no place is being left behind.

The Presidential Hospital Renovation Programme is ongoing nationwide and will reach every hospital across all districts in the country. So far work has begun at Mpilo and Sally Mugabe Hospitals as well as here, at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals.

I am particularly pleased with the progress on the refurbishment of Mbuya Nehanda Maternity Hospital. The women of our great country, no matter where they live, deserve dignity, safety and comfort as they access quality health services, including pre-natal, ante-natal and post-natal services, among others.

Invited Guests, Comrades and Friends;

No health system can function without skilled, disciplined and committed professionals. As such, human capital development remains at the center of our national socio-economic progress. Hence, my Government established the Health Services Commission, to oversee the training, retention and motivation of our health workforce.

Through this initiative, we are building technical competencies on one hand and entrenching discipline, ethics, loyalty and patriotism across the health professionals, on the other.

Student nurse training and medical education, are critical pillars of our health system. Nurse Trainees, along with doctors and all other health care personnel being trained throughout institutions of higher learning are the backbone of the health delivery system of tomorrow. My Government stands ready to scale-up the requisite support to ensure that they have suitable and well-equipped facilities appropriate for their training.

May I take the opportunity of this occasion to express my profound gratitude to all the tutors, consultants and clinical instructors for their role in building a cohort of world-class, and highly sort after health service personnel.

Your work is often behind the scenes, but its impact is profound and far reaching, not only within the country but on the African Continent and beyond. These standards should never be comprised. As Government we recognise your efforts. We will do more to support and complement your efforts. Well done.

To the Trainees, Student Nurses, and other health service personnel who will pass through this institution; may the transformation of these premises serve as a source of inspiration, not only in your respective professional journeys, but also in your private lives.

I know that the years of training in the health sector, like in other fields, is not easy. It demands sacrifice and endurance. But it is through this process that you will be professionals who can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with others from across the world.

Rise up to the challenge. Never look down upon yourselves, your health sector or our country as a whole.

All things are possible. Dare to dream; work with zeal to achieve your set goals and transform your future.

Take pride in wholeheartedly providing life-saving health care services to your communities, parents, siblings and relatives. **Ngazvikufadzei kurapa nekuraramisa mhuri yeZimbabwe.**

Always remain mindful that **“Nyika inovakwa, inotongwa, inonamatirwa nevene vayo/ Ilizwe lakhiwa, libuswe, likhu-le-ke-lwe ngabanikazi balo”**. Zimbabwe is our only God given motherland. The onus is on us, to build and modernise it into what we desire, through hard work, perseverance, focus; brick upon brick and step by step.

The improvements and in some cases, complete overhaul of the student accommodation and welfare facilities here at Parirenyatwa is a glimpse of the environment, which I, as your President, desire for you, our young professionals.

The establishment of recreational, sports and leisure amenities, including the swimming pool, must be effectively used for the wholistic physical and mental wellbeing of the students. We want this institution to churn out medical professionals who are both competent and socially balanced.

May I emphasise that discipline, acting in the national interests and saving lives remains central in our health sector. On its part, my Government is committed to improving conditions of service and addressing the legitimate concerns of our civil servants. The impact of service disruption on patients, including ordinary citizens and the economy as a whole, cannot be ignored.

My Administration will continually engage and dialogue with the health sector for the realisation of sustainable, progress and win-win solutions.

As I conclude may I highlight once again, that the success of this Adlam House and the Nursing Home Refurbishment Project reflects the importance of partnerships.

The collaboration between my Government, private sector and development partners showcase what can be achieved when we work together towards a shared goal, with unity of purpose.

I commend our various partners, including the Angel of Hope Foundation for strengthening outreach services and improving access to healthcare.

More partners and players, including our nationals in the Diaspora are invited and welcome to play their part in the ongoing-irreversible journey of infrastructure

modernisation and transformation, in the health sector and social services in general.

The commissioning of this project is not the end of the road, but an important landmark on a long journey. Let us, therefore, remain focused in our ongoing quest to build a modern health system, characterised by enhanced patient care, quality services and improved working conditions for our professionals, who must serve all the people of our great motherland, Zimbabwe.

With these remarks, it is now my singular honour and privilege to declare Adlam House and Nurses Home, here at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals, officially commissioned.

God bless you.

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I thank you.