



SPEECH

BY

**THE PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY,
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AT

**COMMISSIONING OF ZIMPLATS MUBAIRA
HOSPITAL PROJECT**

**MHONDORO RURAL HOSPITAL
20 APRIL 2023**

Director of Ceremonies;

Vice President and Minister of Health and Child Care,
Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Dr C. G. D. N. Chiwenga;

Second Secretary and Vice President of ZANU PF,
Col (Rtd) K.C.D.Mohadi;

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

Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution,
Mashonaland West Province, Hon. M. Mliswa-Chikoka;

Other Honourable Ministers here present;

Senior Government Officials;

Chief Executive Officer of ZIMPLATS, Mr A. Mhembere;

Our Traditional Leaders;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Comrades and Friends.

It is my privilege to join you today in Mashonaland West Province, to witness another milestone realised in the health delivery sector. This commissioning of the Mubaira Hospital Projects, which were funded by ZIMPLATS, is timely following soon after the celebration of the World Health Day, held under the theme: “**Health for All**”. Further, it was only last week when I was in Kadoma to also commission another health facility. These projects attest to the importance of public-private partnerships in our quest to realise health and the overall well-being of our people as outlined in our Constitution and the National Development Strategy.

I commend ZIMPLATS for being a consistent partner in the implementation of policies, programmes and projects undertaken by the Second Republic. I recall that in 2018 and 2020, I was at Kadoma General Hospital and Gutu Hospital, respectively, to commission and handover projects facilitated by ZIMPLATS.

Here at Mhondoro-Mubaira hospital, ZIMPLATS through its Corporate Social Responsibility programme, has constructed and equipped a new theatre, staff accommodation and laundry facility. A borehole has also been drilled as well as the maternity ward refurbished and equipped, among various other works.

These interventions are most appreciated and will go a long way towards enhancing access by our communities to quality health services and our country's targets for achieving Universal Health Coverage. I congratulate the Board and Management of ZIMPLATS for the job well done. **Makorokoto, Amhlophe.**

Ladies and Gentlemen;

My Government remains committed to scale up responsive measures towards ensuring efficient and quality service delivery in health delivery sector.

These include building and upgrading health facilities across the country to ensure equitable access and reduction of walking distance by our communities.

My Government is scaling up health worker training by increasing the number of training schools as well as the intake of trainees. Primary Care Nurse training has since be re-introduced. Meanwhile, I commend our Village Health workers who are in the frontline of health delivery in rural areas.

The acquisition of ambulances, medical consumables, drugs and other accessories is ongoing. Additionally, solar systems for power back- up have been installed in over 1000 health facilities throughout the country.

As we appreciate this generous gesture by ZIMPLATS, I want to challenge other private sector companies to take a leaf from the outstanding work we are witnessing here today.

To this end, the Second Republic welcomes private-public partnerships which complement my Government's efforts towards strengthening our health delivery system and increasing the spread of our health facilities across provinces and districts.

As a result of financing such facilities, ZIMPLATS is among the leading private sector companies in transferring knowledge, technology, and capacity building in our health sector through such private-public sector initiatives. Over and above this, the projects implemented by ZIMPLATS here at Mhondoro Hospital and across other provinces are critical building blocks for improving the overall quality of life of our people.

The company is further applauded for rolling out impactful community wellness interventions under its Local Enterprise Development Programme.

The activities attest to the company's clear vision and commitment to community development, anchored on healthy population and productive societies.

Going forward, ZIMPLATS are encouraged to stay the course through its Local Enterprise Programme to develop more innovate programmes that guarantee world class health facilities. In doing so, interventions in the health system must incorporate people's needs and priorities, while complementing the thrust of the Devolution and Decentralisation Agenda, which we are championing as the Second Republic.

To further help accelerate the achievement of outcomes of universal health coverage, stakeholders in the health and pharmaceutical sector must also develop and adopt supply chains that are responsive to community needs and the overall national development ethos.

I urge our communities to remain alive to the need to maintaining healthy lifestyles, exercising, eating well and good personal hygiene.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

In conclusion, I once again commend ZIMPLATS and all stakeholders who have demonstrated high levels of professionalism, unity of purpose and commitment to ensure the success and speedy completion of the various projects we have witnessed today.

Equally, I take the opportunity of this event to call upon our communities to continue promoting and preserving the prevailing peace and tranquil environment as we head for the upcoming Harmonised General Elections. Violence has no place in our villages, wards and districts. It must be rejected in whatever form.

In unity, love and harmony; let us continue to work hard towards modernising, industrialising and growing our economy. Brick by brick, stone upon stone, step by step, we should never tire to create a better and prosperous future, while building the Zimbabwe we want.

With these remarks, it is now my singular honour and privilege to declare the ZIMPLATS Mubaira Hospital Project officially commissioned.

God bless you all.

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I thank you.