



ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PRESS STATEMENT (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

TWENTY- EIGHT (28) PEOPLE ARRESTED IN MKUSHI AND SERENJE DISTRICTS, CENTRAL PROVINCE FOR OPERATING ILLEGAL PHARMACIES AND AGRO VETERINARY SHOPS

Lusaka, Monday, 30th September 2024 Twenty-eight (28) people of Mkushi and Serenje Districts, Central Province have been arrested for operating unregistered pharmacies and agro-veterinary shops contrary to section 14 (1) of the Medicines and Allied substances Act No. 3 of 2013 of the Laws of Zambia.

This followed an operation that was conducted by the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) Kapiri Mposhi and Serenje Districts, between the 13th and 28th September 2024. The activity was aimed at curbing the increasing illegal trade in medicines and allied substances on the Zambian market. The outlets were mapped during the sensitisation program that was conducted prior to the operation.

The details of the offenders are as follows:

Nos	Name of responsible person	Sex	Age (Years)	Name of the outlet	Location
1.	Ms. Yvonne Meya	F	25	Health Shop	New Market, Mkushi
2.	Ms. Elizabeth Daka	F	50	Unmarked	New Market, Mkushi
3.	Mr. Kedrick Mulenga	M	28	Kedrick Health Shop	Itala Market, Mkushi
4.	Ms. Mupeta Exldah	F	31	Cheepa Drug Store	Itala Market, Mkushi
5.	Mr. Edward Sinkanyika	M	26	E.S Shop	Tazara Area, Mkushi
6.	Mr. Musa Katalo	M	31	BM Health Shop	Itala Market, Mkushi
7.	Mr. Gershom Mulambu	M	29	Gershom Pharmacy	Itala Market, Mkushi
8.	Mr. Simon Zulu	M	21	Smith's Health Shop	F.T.C Market, Mkushi

9.	Ms. Liness Mwenya	F	22	Mary Part General Dealers	Itala Market, Mkushi
10.	Ms. Theresa Namwala	F	27	Theresa Pharmacy	Itala Market, Mkushi
11.	Mr. Ephesians Kunda Musonda	M	31	Ephesians	Kawama Area, Mkushi
12.	Ms. Carol Kunda Lubungu	F	45	Paleda Shop	New Market, Mkushi
13.	Mr. Chuulu Royness	F	21	Unmarked Health Shop	Itala Market, Mkushi
14.	Ms. Stella Kapwaya	M	24	Stella	Tazara Area, Mkushi, Mkushi
15.	Mr. Mfitumukiza Mois	M	27	Fine Shop	Research Area, Mkushi
16.	Mr. Kenneth Masangu	M	41	Chiwena Agro	Mkushi Town Centre
17.	Ms. Matiloah Chilola	F	25	Jemimi Agro	Mkushi, Town centre
18.	Ms. Majory Chituba	F	23	Shaluna Agro Vet	Mkushi, Town Centre
19.	Ms. Agathar Machai	F	24	Buach NMM General Dealers	Mkushi, Town Centre
20.	Mr. Maxwell Tembo	M	38	HM Agro Limited 23 & 24	Mkushi, Town Centre
21.	Ms. Evalyn Sampa	F	55	Lubuto	Serenje Bus Stop, Serenje
22.	Mr. Moses Silweca	M	55	Big Sims	Serenje, Main Market
23.	Mr. Nicholas Zulu	M	33	Nono's Herb	Serenje, Main Market
24.	Mr. Gineoye Mwape	M	30	Yusumani Investment	Turn off, Serenje
25.	Mr. Kunda Benaya	M	33	Yusumani Investment	Turn off, Serenje
26.	Mr. Felistus Mbao	M	29	Land Serve Agro	Mkushi, Town Centre
27.	Mr. Lanson Mushibwe	M	29	HM Agro	Mkushi, Town Centre
28.	Mr. Moses Chanda	M	36	Luanshya Agro	Mkushi, Town Centre

The suspects were released on police bond and will appear in court soon.

We wish to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that only registered pharmaceutical outlets are operational. This is important in ensuring that members of the public are exposed to safe, quality and effective medicinal products and allied substances.

Failure by all pharmaceutical outlets in adhering to the set standards as regards to the sale of medicines and allied substances will result in offenders being prosecuted.

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