



ILPPWA 2018 Zambia Children's Environmental Health Foundation Event

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The International Lead Poisoning Week of Action 2018 targeting the key stakeholders was done at the event of the National Independence Celebration on 24th October in order to get the most high level in the country including the Republican President His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia. The remarks by a grade 11 pupil of St Mary's Secondary School on behalf of Children's Environmental Health Foundation and the Children of Zambia was touching to the Guest of Honor the Permanent Secretary Mr Mwangala Liomba in the Office of the President, Southern Province was touching and now the Zambia Paint Report will finally get into the hands of our President. This is a Historical moment. CEHF also was awarded an award for being the most supportive in Health and Environment an Independence Award for



Independence Celebrations 2018. Children's Environmental Health Foundation is working with the Zambian Ministry of Education on awareness-raising on the effect of lead in paint. CEHF is working in 20 schools in Livingstone. The first launch of our ILPPWA was conducted at Hylands Secondary School in Livingstone in October 2015, and was greatly supported by the Ministry of Education, Health, Zambia Bureau of Standards, Zambia Environment Management Agency and Livingstone City Council. So Given Tebuho was presenting a speech (see below) as CEHF school member on 24th October 2018. During the Independence Day celebrating we had 13 schools that were participating.





[The following remarks and the full Independence Day proceedings, introduced by Michael Musenga of CEHF (pictured L & R) are in a video available on YouTube at The LEAD Group's channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZL6cH0b1944E4gX3jmGSeg>; and via Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5wMzS6UUGQ>]

- **The Guest of Honor, The Permanent Secretary, Southern Province**
- **The District Commissioner, office of the President , Livingstone**
- **The Town Clerk, Livingstone City Council**
- **All Protocols observed**

CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION (CEHF) REMARKS ON REGULATING LEAD PAINT ON THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 24TH OCTOBER, 2018

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Guest of Honor Sir, allow me to pass my remarks.

This week the World Health Organization (WHO) marks International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action (ILPPWA).



The campaign week runs from 21st to 27th October, 2018.

This year's theme for International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action is **"NEED FOR INDIVIDUAL CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS, INDUSTRY, and GOVERNMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO BAN LEAD IN PAINT"**. The theme is in line with our Independence celebration theme: **"CELEBRATING A SHARED FUTURE OF UNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY."** Lead paint is used to paint our homes, schools and toys and is an important source of lead exposure to children.

Lead poisoning from this is entirely preventable. Lead has devastating health consequences on human health in particular children.

The health effects can have lifelong impacts and damage to body organs, behavior problems as well as mental and physical problems and brain damage in children.



Lead paint, a major source of childhood lead exposure can cause permanent and irreversible brain damage in children.

Lead exposure, from all sources, is also responsible for a higher percentage of adult mortality than previously thought, though experts and many paint manufacturers stress that elimination of lead paint is a viable goal; safe and affordable alternative to lead additives are widely available.

The paint studies conducted in Zambia reveal need for strong regulations and enforcement for the sake of protecting children's health.

The paint studies conducted in Zambia and many other countries reveal need for laws for the sake of protecting our health. On behalf of the children of Zambia, I appeal to our parents, paint industry, academia, civil society organizations, communities and the government to work together in regulating lead in paint for the children's health.

Let us tackle lead poisoning as part of **Make Zambia Clean, Green and Healthy** which was recently launched by our beloved Republican President.

I therefore, present the IPEN / CEHF lead paint study, Zambia report to the guest of honor for onward transmission to our beloved President.

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