

# NEWSLETTER



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#### **GENDER & AMR**

ReAct Africa has been working to mainstream gender in the community and Youth Engagement projects.

This is in recognition of the impact of AMR Gender and vice versa.

Further, Gender and AMR impede the progress of achieving the sustainable development goals. *See page 4 & 5* 

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#### **ASPIRE**



Since the first quarter, ReAct has progressed with Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) training sessions across the four facilities (The University Teaching Hospital (UTH) Children's Hospital and Levy Mwanawasa in Zambia and Mama Lucy Kibaki and AAR Hospital) in Kenya.

In order to have a deeper understanding on the implementation of AMS in the selected facilities, a baseline assessment was conducted using the WHO tool on stewardship assessment.



ReAct Asia Pacific Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Unifying Voices of the Region on Addressing AMR:
United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting
(UNGA HLM 2024) on AMR and beyond



21st & 22nd August 2024

Jakarta, Indonesia

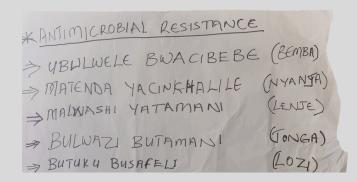
## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



Employing a bottom-up approach, ReAct Africa undertook a Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) study in June involving women in Matero, Lusaka, Zambia. The initiative focused on raising awareness about Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) by emphasizing Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) practices to combat common AMR drivers like overuse and misuse of antimicrobials. This tailored approach enhances comprehension and makes the problem relatable.

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Furthermore, the Matero UCZ women embarked on contextualizing and translating AMR into various local languages. This endeavour shows a significant stride in simplifying the message of AMR, contributing to fostering behavioural changes within communities.





### ReAct Africa & South Centre Annual AMR Conference 2024

ReAct Africa and South Centre co-hosted the 9th regional AMR annual conference in partnership with International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ICARS), Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP), AMR Policy Accelerator and support from The Swedish **International Development Cooperation** Agency (SIDA), Wellcome Trust, the Fleming Fund and the Ministry of Health Zambia through Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI). The conference was hosted in Livingstone, Zambia from 9th -11th July 2024 under the theme "Global Accountability for AMR response: Investing in priorities for Africa.".

#### **Key takeaways**



Enhance Global Accountability and Governance for AMR Response



Leverage Digital Technology and Big Data for AMR Surveillance and Response



Increase Investment and Develop an Economic Case for AMR



### **Youth Engagement**



ReAct Africa has continued to expand youth engagements across the continent. In the last month, engagements have been strengthened in Zambia with the support of Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI) through the Antimicrobial Resistance Coordinating Committee (AMRCC).

ReAct Africa and ZNPHI-AMRCC are in the process of developing One Health youth clubs, raising AMR Champions across disciplines. The first outreach was held on 2nd August at Eden University-Barlastone Campus, in Lusaka Zambia where we had a total number of 65 students from environmental health, school of medicine, nursing, social sciences and natural sciences. The students were inclusive of 31 males and 34 females. The main objective of this outreach was to educate students from different disciplines on AMR and the importance of the role of Youth Engagement in AMR.



# AMR Governance & Accountability Survey

The collated responses will form part of Africa's position on AMR High Level Meeting <a href="https://ee-eu.kobuotoolbox.org/x/Xh1wF3rbO">https://ee-eu.kobuotoolbox.org/x/Xh1wF3rbO</a>