

SADCAS Accredits Medical Laboratories in Zambia under the CLSI Project

SADCAS has accredited the following Medical Laboratories in Zambia. The laboratories were mentored under the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) and Zambia Ministry of Health Project:

Organisation	Location	Accreditation Date	Scope/s
1. Ndola Teaching Hospital Pathology	Ndola, Zambia	2021-02-04	MED 055 Blood Bank Haematology Molecular Biology Serology
2. Arthur Davison Children’s Hospital Laboratory	Ndola, Zambia	2021-02-19	MED 062 Haematology Serology Microbiology Clinical Chemistry
3. Chest Diseases Laboratory	Lusaka, Zambia	2021-03-09	MED 063 Mycobacteriology

The CLSI is a globally recognized not-for-profit standards development organization with over 24,000 individuals with membership access, **1,200** volunteers, and 250+ products. The CLSI standards are recognized by laboratories, accreditors, and government agencies around the world as the best way to improve medical laboratory testing. The CLSI Global Health Partners are working in 4 continents namely: Africa; Central Asia; Eastern Europe; and North America in building capacity of medical laboratories for accreditation. The CLSI approach to projects has evolved over the years with focus being of developing local capacity building for the mentoring of laboratories. Thus, the role of CLSI is now to capacitate the local partner so that they undertake the mentoring. In Africa CLSI has mentored medical laboratories in the following countries: Kenya; Tanzania; Namibia and Zambia with the later 3 countries falling under the SADCAS operational boundary. In Zambia the project is working on getting 20 medical laboratories accredited of which 3 have already been accredited.

SADCAS accreditation ensures laboratories meet ISO 15189:2012, ILAC and SADCAS requirements including the operation of a quality management system. Medical Laboratory accreditation reinforces confidence in the quality of medical laboratories through a process that confirms their integrity, impartiality and competence.

SADCAS welcomes the Zambian Medical Laboratories to the family of accredited facilities.

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