



PARIRENYATWA HOSPITAL FOOD HAMPERS HANDOVER

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VENUE: PARIRENYATWA HOSPITAL

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PROTOCOL

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Business Fight Covid Trust Representatives

Insurance Council of Zimbabwe Representatives

Parirenyatwa Staff Representative

Greetings to you all.

When the covid-19 pandemic struck and the national lockdown was imposed, most of us stayed indoors to stop the spread of the coronavirus. The need for medical care did not stop. Doctors, nurses and ancillary staff of this hospital rose to the call of duty to provide the required essential medical services particularly to those who were infected by the coronavirus. Despite the fear of exposure to the virus and the emotional strain caused by events surrounding the pandemic, you were committed to serving your patients. The nation of Zimbabwe will forever remember you and be grateful for the care you provided and continue to render as the pandemic rages on. We might not know you by name, but you are our Heroes.

The Insurance Council of Zimbabwe, through the coordination of the Business Fight Covid Trust, is here today to honour the medical and ancillary staff of Parirenyatwa Covid 19 Treatment Centre for the sacrifices you continue to make providing the much needed care to patients. I am honored to present to you food hampers on behalf of the Insurance Council of Zimbabwe which is an association of short term insurers and reinsurers in Zimbabwe. The donation of the hampers is part of the short-term insurance industry's efforts to assist in alleviating some of the pressures you are facing as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. As corporates, it is our social responsibility to stand ready to partner the Government

in resourcing and executing the necessary intervention activities in times of national need.

We are pleased to note that the Zimbabwe coronavirus infection curve is flattening but that does not mean we are out of the woods yet. The Insurance Council of Zimbabwe will continue to collaborate with the Government and other relevant stakeholders involved in the fight against the spread of the virus and treatment of covid-19 patients to render assistance where it is required.

Allow me to pay tribute to the Business Fight Covid Trust, that is mobilizing corporates to provide the required intervention to the Parirenyatwa Hospital which it has adopted and pledged to help for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Insurance Council of Zimbabwe hopes that its donation of food hampers will contribute in motivating the beneficiaries and their families. Once again on behalf of the Insurance Council of Zimbabwe, we thank you for your dedication to duty despite the daily challenges you face in providing care to all the patients.

We salute you.

Thank you.