



2017 Enactus Zimbabwe Competition

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MSU wins 2017 Boost/Enactus competition

THE 2017 winning Enactus team Midlands State University will advance to represent Zimbabwe as the Enactus Zimbabwe Team at the Enactus World Cup 2017.

The 2017 competitions were held on July 14 at Celebration Centre in Harare.

From a group of 11 university teams from across Zimbabwe, the Enactus team from Midlands State University was named the 2017 Enactus Zimbabwe National Champion.

Nearly 600 student, academic and business leaders assembled at Celebration Centre for the competition.

More than 70 business executives serving as judges evaluated the community empowerment projects of the participating teams and provided valuable input on their continued efforts.

Among Midlands State University's award-winning outreach efforts were projects that included Project Upgrow and Tsapo Bag

which were all recycling projects that had the theme of gold in garbage. Other finalists include:

Second place: National University of Science and Technology

Third place: Bindura University of Science Education

Fourth place: Chinhoyi University of Technology

Special thematic awards were also up for grabs as follows:

CABS Financial Literacy Award

First place: Chinhoyi University of Technology

Second place: National University of Science and Technology

Third place: Midlands State University

Telecel Digital Award: Harare Institute of Technology and Midlands State University

Project Up Grow

The project aims to equip children at a Gweru probation centre with vocational skills of installing vertical gardening structures whilst managing waste by using recycled PET bottles.

The overall goal is to ensure that the children have a skill that will allow them to generate income and earn a living after they leave the institution hence empowering them to be entrepreneurs.

The project also seeks to provide enhanced nutrition at the institution as the pilot project was established there.

Project Tsapo

Motivated by Sustainable development goal 1 of ending poverty and goal number 10 of attaining zero hunger the Enactus Team from MSU decided to empower its community by introducing an innovative product they named the Tsapo bag that uses recycled EPS plastic to act as a temperature bag that is both a cooker and cooler hence solving the income and waste management problem in their society.

Since their intervention their primary target audience have been in a position to earn an income which has improved their livelihoods.

PSMAS launches free wellness programme for members

RESURGENT medical aid service provider Premier Service Medical Aid Society has launched a wellness programme for its members as it seeks to be a major player in keeping the nation healthy.

The Premier Lifestyle programme is a first of its kind offering free lifestyle change management to members on an unprecedented scale.

The Society is taking this step to offer its members services at all times.

This is a major shift from only being there for members when they fall sick, but is a way of showing concern by being there even when they are healthy.

Premier Lifestyle recognises that the global statistics indicate that 70 percent of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are due to modifiable lifestyle risk factors such as:

- Lack of physical activity
- Poor diet (mainly processed foods which are high in salt, sugar and fats)
- Risky behaviours such as smoking and high alcohol intake
- Stress

These have led to the increase in Hypertension (1 in every 4 Adult Zimbabweans), Type 2 Diabetes (10 percent of Zimbabwean adults), Cancer, Mental health problems (especially Depression and anxiety), and Chronic lung disease.

PSMAS has noted the increase in the burden of these conditions on its membership, which has affected members and employers and resulted in increased healthcare costs across the board.

PSMAS stands ready to play its part and assist the nation in attaining its Sustainable Development Goal of reducing the burden of NCDs in Zimbabwe by 2030.

As the largest medical aid society, with over 70 percent market share by membership, PSMAS has decided to take the lead in the fight against NCDs and invest in the health of its

membership.

Members will have access to a free health education portal, health risk assessments, health screenings (BP, blood sugar, cholesterol, cancer screening), biometric assessments, physical activity assessments and a chronic disease management programme.

Premier Lifestyle members will have access to health information and their personal health records on the Premier Lifestyle mobile app and website which can be shared with loved ones and their family medical practitioners as part of their managed care program

PSMAS understands the need to motivate behaviour change for lifestyle modification and have lined up incentives and rewards for members to enrol in and remain active on the programme.

These will be revealed as the programme gathers pace and as partnership agreements are ironed out.

Members will have access to Fitness centres, enjoy discounts on healthy food purchases at selected outlets, access gadgets for healthy lifestyle monitoring and stand a chance to win lots of prizes for attaining specific health goals and activity on the program

In order to ensure quality service delivery, PSMAS has set up a unit which will be continuously monitoring progress of the program and applying research based interventions for continuous improvement of the programme

The launch of Premier Lifestyle underlines the commitment that the PSMAS turnaround is not just about the business of medical aid but actual value addition across the health spectrum, from prevention to increasing access to healthcare all at an affordable and cost effective manner.

Indeed Premier Lifestyle is a prescription with positive side effects.

Arise becomes second largest NMBZ shareholder

ARISE, an investment company that was formed by a partnership between Norfund (a Norwegian investment fund), FMO (a Dutch development fund) and Rabobank (a Dutch commercial bank) has taken over 69,14 million shares of Norfund and FMO in NMBZ.

This makes Arise the second largest shareholder in NMBZ with 17,98 percent of shares.

The largest shareholder in NMBZ is African Century Financial Investments incorporated in Mauritius, which has 18,52 percent of NMBZ's shares.

Deepak Malik, the chief executive officer of Arise, said: "In taking and managing strategic minority equity stakes in Sub Saharan African financial service providers, we aim to build strong and stable institutions that will support the mass market, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and rural communities".

Arise supports the growth and development of African financial service providers, not only through

its investments in them but through providing them with technical and management services in the fields of governance, management, marketing, innovation, compliance and risk management.

This fits in well with NMB Bank's thrust to promote financial inclusion and help SMEs develop into formidable businesses.

NMBZ chief executive Benefit Washaya welcomed the partnership, which, he said, should enable NMBZ to benefit from being part of a wide network of African banks in which Arise has interests.

"NMBZ is excited and welcomes Arise as an important shareholder for our company and as an important contributor to building a stronger financial sector in Sub-Saharan Africa. NMBZ will benefit from the wide network of other African banks that are part of this group," he said.

The transaction has received the approval of the various regulatory authorities in Zimbabwe.



BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

The Chairman of the Bindura University of Science Education Council, Mr Thomas Zondo Sakala; the Vice Chancellor, Professor Eddie Mwenje; staff and students congratulate the BOOST Enactus Bindura University students for clinching the Team of the Year 2017 award and overall 3rd position at the Enactus Zimbabwe National Competitions held on the 14th of July 2017 in Harare.

The team is on a movement to establish farming practices that adapt to climate change, to increase food security and improve standards of living in arid and semi-arid regions through the technology of Water Acquisition and Sustainable Harvesting (W.A.S.H) by working collectively with small holder farmers and extension officers.

We applaud the leading role our students are taking in empowering disadvantaged people and improving their livelihoods in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable way. As a University whose motto is "Promoting science for human development", we are proud of the strides they are taking as they continue lifting the BUSE flag high.

Bindura University of Science Education has also introduced a Masters in Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture. The programme which aims to inculcate high end skills compliments government efforts in ensuring the national attains food security status under the Zimbabwe Agenda for Sustainable Socio- Economic Transformation- (ZIMASSET)

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