

**CLOSING REMARKS FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL  
MONITORING AND EVALUATION BEST PRACTICES  
CONFERENCE HELD FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2017, AT SEASCAPE HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM**

**Offered by**

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**Dear Conference Participants,**

First and foremost, on behalf of PO-RALG I would like to thank the organizers of this conference “Mzumbe University” for this initiative to carry out the First Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Best Practice Conference here in Dar es Salaam. We commend you for this initiative. Through this conference the Ministry in this context PO-RALG has noticed how Mzumbe University is committed in monitoring and evaluation of health services.

I have been here since the opening of this conference. I had the opportunity to observe what was going on, participate and share my experience in provisioning of health services. More than 90% of all presentations focused on policy implementation rather than policy formulation. Health Policy implementation being the key function in my Department at the PO-RALG, we are requesting the Mzumbe University to team up with PO-RALG to come up with an intervention that will address various issues that emerged from this conference. To mention a few; Mzumbe University should design short courses for lower level implementers at the dispensary and health center level. The training should focus on simple analysis and interpretation of collected data. This will help the facilities to make evidence - based planning. For effective implementation of the same we advise the University to prepare the training Calendar at the beginning of the year and share with the Ministry. This will help the LGAs to include this in their plans and budget. Formulate a feasible M&E framework to monitor fund utilization at the facility level.

**Dear Conference participants,**

I assure you that the PO-RALG will continue to work with you hand-in-hand to organize the upcoming conferences of this kind. As promised by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) that the next conference will be held in Dodoma, we welcome you and we will be together in preparation of the same. One of the tasks that are ahead include Mzumbe University and we PO-RALG to solicit funding for supporting more people at implementation level to attend in the next conference. This will enable them to learn and link their research findings and practical experience.

I also advise the Mzumbe team to make sure that in the next conference the people responsible for software development attend the conference so that they can hear the challenges the

implementer, (Users) of the softwares (Mifumo) face. I also advice that, the policy maker (Ministry of Health) is important partner and they should be included when preparing the next year's Conference.

With that remarks, I declare the First Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Best Practice Conference Officially Closed.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**