

ZNNP+ Successfully Holds Extraordinary General Meeting, ushers in new constitution

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The Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with HIV (ZNNP+) successfully held its Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Thursday, 21 August 2025, at The Village Lodge in Gweru. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review and adopt a new constitution for the organization, marking a significant milestone in strengthening governance and operational efficiency within the network.

The EGM brought together representatives from all ten provinces of Zimbabwe, members of the ZNNP+ National Executive Committee, and key stakeholders, including the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the National AIDS Council (NAC), and the Zimbabwe AIDS Network (ZAN).

In opening remarks read on behalf of the National Executive Committee (NEC) chairperson, Mr. Marshall Makorovodo, Ms. Moreni Masanzu highlighted that the constitution resonated with the membership, and the review was meant to ensure that ZNNP+ moves in line with the changing HIV response landscape and remains relevant and attractive to all stakeholders. She further emphasized the importance of the new constitution in guiding the organization toward enhanced accountability, inclusivity, and sustainability.



Pic 1: Members from various provinces listen attentively to the update on the constitution review process

The adoption of the new constitution was met with unanimous approval, with all 53 present members endorsing the revised document. This collective decision reflects the unity and commitment of ZNNP+ members to advancing the rights, health, and

well-being of people living with HIV in Zimbabwe. The adopted constitution will be shared widely and shall inform the elective AGM later in the year.



Pic 2: Members voting to adopt the new constitution. The process was supervised by Prof. Davison Munodawafa, the chairperson of the ZNNP+ advisory board.

Stakeholders present commended the initiative and reaffirmed their support. Goodwill messages were delivered by representatives from UNAIDS, NAC, and ZAN, all of whom congratulated ZNNP+ on this critical step forward and pledged continued collaboration in implementing follow-up processes.

What stakeholders said:

Mr. Jeremia Manyika, UNAIDS – “Having supported the process, UNAIDS is excited to witness the ZNNP+ Constitution being unanimously adopted. In as much as there can never be a perfect document, but with the reviewed ZNNP+ constitution we are convinced that we have a strong standpoint to shape the sector.”

Mr. Takudzwa Kombora, NAC – “We appreciate the sector leadership for producing a trailblazing document after a very lengthy and elaborate process. It is indeed a great output hence the unanimous adoption. Congratulations!”

Mr. Tsuru Bore, ZAN – “ZNNP+ and ZAN have a shared history and looking at the 2025 ZNNP+ Constitution we are certain that we are going to pull out a few leaves as we are also equally intending to review our own Constitution.”



Pic 3: ZNNP+ Board Members, Executive Director and stakeholders including UNAIDS, NAC, ZAN, Legal Consultant and MIPA Forum representatives pose for photo with the draft constitution which was adopted as the new organizational constitution effective August 21, 2025

Mrs. Felinotho Tshibumba, the NEC Secretary in her closing remarks she said, "Coming up with a solid constitution requires togetherness, wisdom, patience, and most importantly it needs God. We happy the Lord is with ZNNP+!" In appreciation of the diverse and rich efforts extended by stakeholders, especially UNAIDS, UNWomen, and the National AIDS Council in the constitutional review process she used a native proverb that, 'one cannot catch a big bird alone but with the help of others.' The successful conclusion of this EGM marks the beginning of a new chapter for ZNNP+, reinforcing its position as a leading voice for people living with HIV and ensuring robust governance frameworks for the future.