



> PHIZ Launch

Successful launch of PHIZ through a three-day National Inception Meeting (8-10 October 2025), bringing together key government institutions, the EU, UN agencies, academia, civil society and development partners.

> PHIZ Engagement

Strengthened PHIZ's institutional learning through a peer-to-peer exchange with the Zambia National Public Health Institute, participation in the TEI Regional NPHI Meeting in Kenya, and the 5th Annual Southern Africa Regional NPHI Meeting in Eswatini. These exchanges provided opportunities to learn from established NPHIs, share experiences on institutional development and operationalization, and strengthen PHIZ's integration into regional and continental public health networks.

> PHIZ Governance

Formal inauguration of the PHIZ Steering Committee on Universal Health Coverage Day (12 December 2025), establishing a 19-member multidisciplinary governance mechanism reflecting Zimbabwe's whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

> PHIZ Legal Status

Key legislative milestone achieved during the Legal Framework Development Workshop on 25-27 February 2026, with consensus to establish PHIZ through a dedicated Act of Parliament, ensuring institutional autonomy, financial sustainability and a science-led mandate.



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Support across Three Levels

WHO's Country Office, Regional Office for Africa and Headquarters provide coordinated support to PHIZ, combining country-level convening and implementation support with regional and global technical expertise, strategic guidance, partnerships and peer-learning opportunities.



Year Two - Looking Ahead From Foundation to Operationalization

1. Advance the development of a firm Legal and Regulatory Framework for the PHIZ through an Act of Parliament.
2. Institutionalize PHIZ Interim Operational Team.
3. Develop, Launch and Implement PHIZ Strategic Plan to strengthen delivery of all essential public health functions (ePHFs).
4. Deepen South-South and North South Collaborations.

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