



# CMST UPDATE

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Ready for a cause: Participants geared up for the task — Pic: CMST

## 'PROFESSIONALLY FINALISED CATALOGUE & NATIONAL MUST-HAVE LIST KEY TO EFFICIENCY'

**A** well finalized product catalogue and national must have-list are pivotal to a cost efficient and capable dispensation of health care.

Secretary for Health, Mr. Chris Kang'ombe made the remarks in Lilongwe on Thursday when he officially opened a two-day workshop to finalise the Central Medical Stores Trust Catalogue and National Must-Have List, with financial assis-

tance from Clinton Health Access Initiative.

Mr. Kang'ombe weighed the country's strain of limited financial resources against the prevalent disease burden and found it necessary to be more efficient on spending on medicines and medical supplies.

He then noted that the catalogue and must-have list would therefore help decide on a more responsive and cost-effective way of ordering and stocking medicines and medical products.

Chief Executive Officer for CMST, Mr. Feston Kaupa said a professionally finalised catalogue would also help streamline procurement towards achievement of the population's health gain.

Deputy Director for CHAI, McDuff Phiri, said CHAI is pleased to be a part of this process and is looking forward to the finalization of these documents.

He observed that the collaboration with the Ministry of Health and CMST was excellent and

that directly interact with service users, hence well versed with needs of their trade.

In March 2014, a meeting was held in Mangochi where participants reviewed the 2009-2010 CMST Catalogue.

In total, 958 items were added and 256 items were deleted, leading to a net change of 702 items. The current revised draft catalogue has 2878 items. — **CMST**