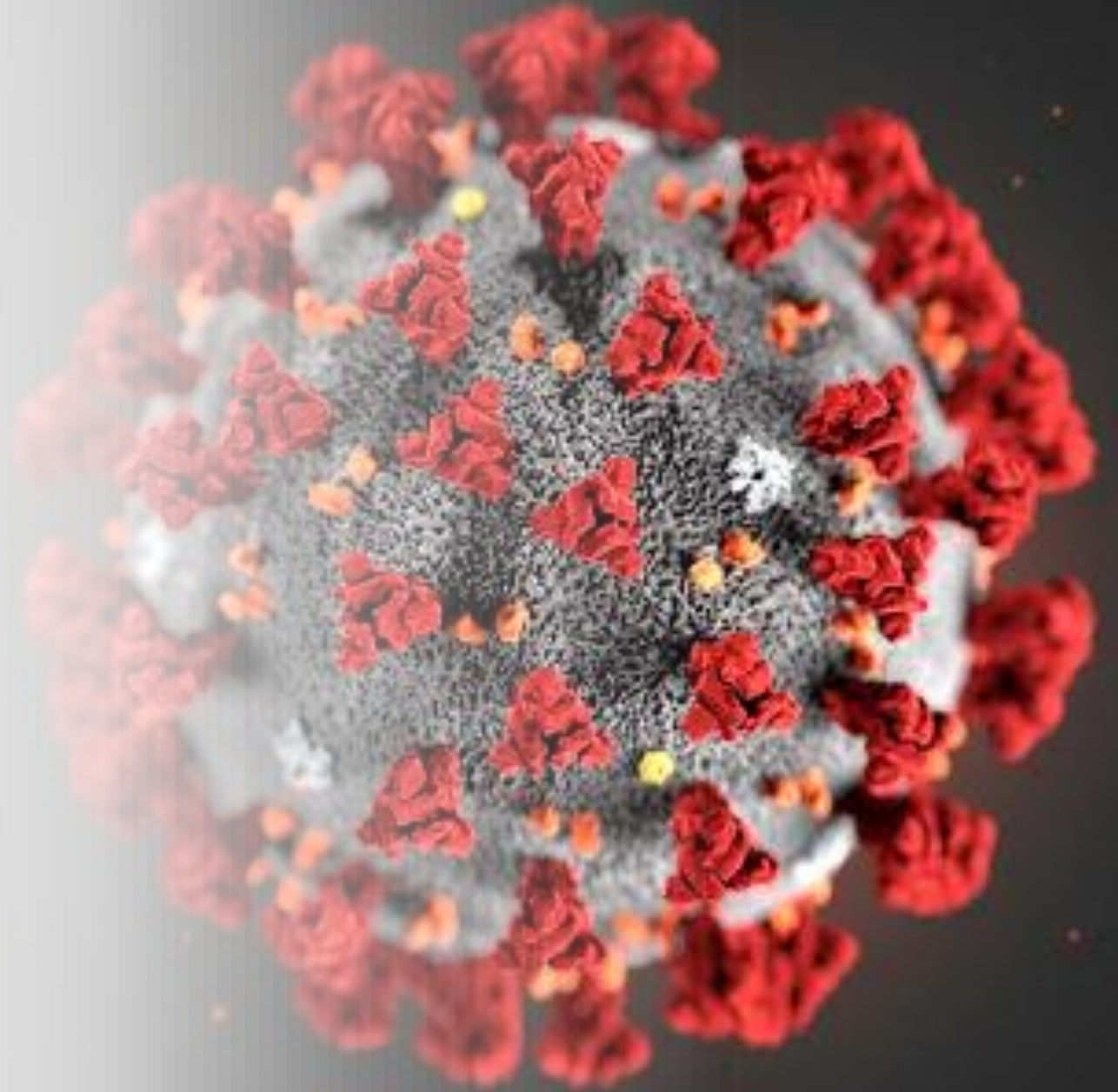


Zambia COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project

**Operational Innovations to Address
Gender Gaps in Human Capital in
the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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Part of the Global COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Program (SPRP) using the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA 1).

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Objectives:

To prevent, detect and respond to the COVID-19 threat in Zambia and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness.

Focus Areas:

1. Emergency Public Health Response to COVID-19;
2. Resilient Health Service Delivery including **Addressing Gender gaps**;
3. Project Management, Governance and Accountability.

Addressing Gender Gaps – An Integrated Approach

Collaborating at Project level is Key:

- ✓ Girls' Education and Women's Empowerment and Livelihoods (GEWEL) Project

- ✓ Zambia Education Enhancement Project (ZEEP)

The Project will work with the Ministries of Gender, Education and other relevant actors to implement Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) activities:

- Providing comprehensive health care and referral for SGBV survivors; training of Health Care Workers
- Support one stop centers for SGBV in selected health facilities;
- Raising awareness in schools and communities on SGBV and related services.

Innovative Response to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

Implementation of GSBV prevention activities within the Zambia Safe Schools Framework (ZSSF):

ZSSF seeks to ensure implementation and enforcement of laws and policies on school related violence, including SRGBV at school and community level

- ✓ Implementation of a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) incorporating SGBV sensitive measures in the Health Sector;
- ✓ Updating of GBV referral pathway and briefing of schools about support services available *such as One Stop Centers for SGBV*
- ✓ Strengthening data and information systems on GSBV *i.e. include in HMIS indicators on SGBV*
- ✓ Improving curriculum for training of health care providers by updating content on SGBV

Development of the ZSSF was a collaborative effort at GP level

Thank you