



It is with very great sadness and shock that we announce the death of Dr. Mwape Lyndon Kafwabolula, the TB and leprosy specialist (equivalent to NTP manager) at the Central Board of Health, in Zambia.

Lyndon died this week in South Africa as a result of the serious injuries he sustained in a car accident in Zambia two weeks ago. His wife and young family survived the crash unharmed.

As TB and Leprosy Specialist he was largely responsible for reviving TB control in Zambia following its collapse during the country's health sector reforms. The recent National TB Programme Review attended by many national and international TB experts praised the advances that had been made in TB control in Zambia since the last review in 2000. His dynamic and enthusiastic teaching style has raised a generation of committed regional and district TB coordinators. His insistence on quality and attention to accurate recording and reporting meant that Zambia reported complete national TB data to WHO for the first time last year. He was prepared to lead and build the new National TB Programme in the Ministry of Health once the Central Board of Health is disbanded this year. He was key in pulling together the Zambian application to the 5th Round of the Global Fund.

He qualified as a doctor from the University of Zambia in 1996 and trained in internal medicine and bacteriology in Zambia. He then trained in bacteriology and molecular biology in Nagasaki, Japan. He was also a part time lecturer at the University of Zambia and a member of the Steering Committee on the Introduction and Implementation of Anti-Retroviral Drugs in Zambia. He was a member of the National Epidemic Preparedness and Control Committee, chaired by the Minister of Health and was Principal Investigator for the Pro-TEST studies of TB/HIV collaboration and Principal Investigator for the CREATE consortium ZAMSTAR project.

His death is a great loss for TB control in Zambia and our deepest condolences go to his wife and family.