

Zambian Defense Force to Open Second LRC at Defense School of Health Studies in Lusaka

A training workshop was held Feb. 19-23 at Lusaka's Defense School of Health Studies in anticipation of opening a Learning Resource Center (LRC) at the institution later this year. The new center will be the second LRC established by a Twinning Center partnership linking the Zambian Defense Force with the US Naval Hospital in San Diego.

Divided into two tracks to better meet the needs of both technical staff and healthcare professionals, the workshop covered basic topics such as e-mail, Internet applications, computer skills, and Web site development, as well as more specialized material on the design of medical databases, evidence-based practice, health information retrieval, library management, and critical appraisal of research and information.

Learning Resource Centers help partners improve quality of care by providing access to the latest evidence-based clinical research and connecting them to a global network of HIV/AIDS experts.

Warrant Officer First Class Tommy Sajisa—information coordinator at the partnership's first LRC, which has been operating at Maina Soko Military Hospital for almost one year—joined the 17 participants for most sessions, sharing his own experiences and contributing to plans for the new center.