

Zambian LRC Improves Access to Evidence-based Research, Other Information Technologies

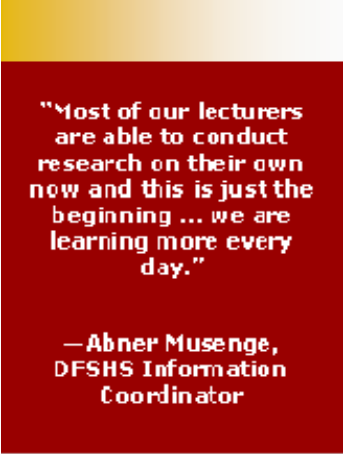
The Learning Resource Center (LRC) at the Defense Force School of Health Sciences (DFSHS) provides faculty and students access to the latest information on HIV/AIDS and other clinical topics via CD-ROM and the internet. LRC staff also offer training on basic computer use and using the internet and ICT resources to find vital information on HIV/AIDS and other related topics.

According to DFSHS Information Coordinator Abner Musenge, LRC staff initially fulfilled numerous requests for information from faculty. "We've trained most lecturers to effectively search for information, so they often use the LRC's resources to conduct their own research," he says.

With support from PEPFAR through the US Department of Defense, the Twinning Center established the DFSHS LRC in February 2007. LRCs have long been a core part of AIHA's partnerships in Eurasia, and this facility is one of two centers opened by the Twinning Center in Zambia to improve access to evidence-based medical resources.

In addition to providing computers, internet connection, and other equipment, the Twinning Center trained staff on evidence-based practice, information technology applications in healthcare, and library management.

While the school is not yet fully operational, the LRC is providing DFSHS faculty with access to the resources and information they will need to effectively teach information to the next generation of medical professionals who will serve the Zambian Defense Forces and the general public.



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now and this is just the
beginning ... we are
learning more every
day."**

**—Abner Musenge,
DFSHS Information
Coordinator**