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## PMRA UNVEILS NEW FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

**Lilongwe, Friday, 22nd September, 2023** - The Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority (PMRA) is today launching its new five-year strategic plan (2023/24-2027/28) at Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC) in Lilongwe.

PMRA embarked on the review of its retiring 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, an exercise that culminated in the development of the new blue print to effectively respond to the demands of the evolving regulatory landscape of the pharmaceutical industry and the shift in the organization's strategic direction in view of the PMRA Act, 2019. By leveraging innovative approaches and adopting best practices, the PMRA aims to enhance its regulatory capabilities and foster a culture of continuous improvement.

The new SP identifies four key strategic priority areas which will be the focus of PMRA for the next five years. These are:

1. Strengthen systems for efficient delivery of regulatory services.
2. Entrench client-centric systems and mainstream technology.
3. Establish a fit-for-purpose governance, human resource and organizational development structures.
4. Enhance resource mobilization and financial management.

The implementation of the Strategic Plan (2023/24-2027/28) is estimated to cost USD \$31,045,250 for the five years, with the largest portion of the budget geared towards construction of new laboratory which will create capacity for regulatory functions such as testing of allied and microbiology, that currently do not exist within the Authority.

Chairperson of PMRA's Board of Directors, Frider Chimimba expressed enthusiasm about the strategic plan, stating, "The Strategic Plan is part of the major strides the Authority is undertaking in its quest to further enhance the medicine regulatory system in the country. It comes at a time when PMRA has undergone functional review aimed at establishing new organizational structure in line with the PMRA Act and formal WHO global benchmarking whose outputs include an institutional development plan (IDP) and a roadmap towards achieving WHO Maturity Levels II & III of a functioning national regulatory authority."



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PMRA acknowledges the support rendered by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Promoting the Quality of Medicines Plus (PQM+) program in the development of the strategic plan.

Lastly, the Authority calls for continued support from partners and stakeholders towards successful implementation of the strategic plan.

For more information about the strategic plan and planned initiatives, please visit [www.pmra.mw](http://www.pmra.mw) or contact PMRA Public Relations Officer, Joseph Josiah on +265 885 313 011 or email at [jjosiah@pmra.mw](mailto:jjosiah@pmra.mw).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mphatso Kawaye', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mphatso Kawaye  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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**About PMRA:**

The Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority (PMRA) is a statutory organization established by the PMRA Act No. 9 of 2019 to regulate medicines, allied substances [Acaricides, Cosmetics, disinfectants, food Supplements, feed additives and supplements, traditional medicines, medical and surgical sundries, medical devices, reagents and condoms] and the practice of the pharmacy profession in Malawi.