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Building a Stronger Pharmacovigilance System: NMRC Conducts Annual National Training.



The annual training, which is designed to strengthen pharmacovigilance knowledge and promote medicine safety reporting, attracted the largest number of participants in the history of PV trainings. The milestone reflects the growing commitment of healthcare professionals to improving patient safety and strengthening Namibia's medicine safety surveillance system.

Facilitated by Medicines Information and Safety Pharmacists Chelsea Moller, Nadine Sabati and Eunicke Heitha as well as colleagues from the Inspection and Licensing Department, Chanel Besser, Jason Bok and Solly Angala, the training equipped participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to identify, manage and report medicine-related safety concerns.

Throughout the two-day programme, participants received an overview of the Namibia Medicines Regulatory Council and the role of the Therapeutics Information and Pharmacovigilance Centre (TIPC) in ensuring the safe and rational use of medicines in Namibia. Sessions also highlighted the Centre's core activities, including medicines information services, pharmacovigilance, medicine safety communication, adverse event reporting and stakeholder engagement.

The training covered key pharmacovigilance concepts, including Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs), Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFIs), medication errors, product quality issues and the importance of timely reporting. Participants were guided through the different reporting tools used by the NMRC and learned how quality reports contribute to regulatory decision-making and the continuous monitoring of medicines after they have been placed on the market.

- Namibia Medicines Regulatory Council (NMRC), through its Therapeutics Information and Pharmacovigilance Centre (TIPC), successfully hosted its annual two-day National Pharmacovigilance (PV) Training on 24 and 25 June 2026. The training brought together 71 healthcare professionals from both the public and private sectors across Namibia for an intensive The programme of learning and practical engagement.

A key feature of the training was its practical approach. Participants worked through real-life case studies and completed pharmacovigilance reporting forms, allowing them to apply the knowledge gained during the presentations. These interactive exercises encouraged discussion, strengthened participants' confidence in recognising reportable events and reinforced the importance of accurate and complete reporting in safeguarding public health. Similar case-based practical learning has been a cornerstone of previous PV training programmes.

Speaking on the importance of the programme, the facilitators emphasised that pharmacovigilance is a shared responsibility among all healthcare professionals and the general public. Effective reporting of adverse drug reactions, medication errors and other medicine-related problems enables the NMRC to detect potential safety signals, implement appropriate regulatory actions and ultimately improve patient care across the country.

The National Pharmacovigilance Training is conducted annually as part of the NMRC's ongoing commitment to strengthening Namibia's pharmacovigilance system and building the capacity of healthcare professionals. By continuously investing in nationwide training and awareness, the regulatory aims to foster a strong reporting culture that supports the safe, effective and rational use of medicines for all Namibians.



The NMRC extends its sincere appreciation to all participants for their active engagement and commitment throughout the training. Their enthusiasm and willingness to strengthen medicine safety practices contribute significantly to protecting public health and advancing pharmacovigilance in Namibia.



Lastly, the NMRC also acknowledges the valuable support of the African Union Support to Safety of Medicines in Africa (AU3S) Project, funded by African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), whose partnership made the successful delivery of the training possible and continues to strengthen pharmacovigilance capacity and medicine safety initiatives in Namibia.