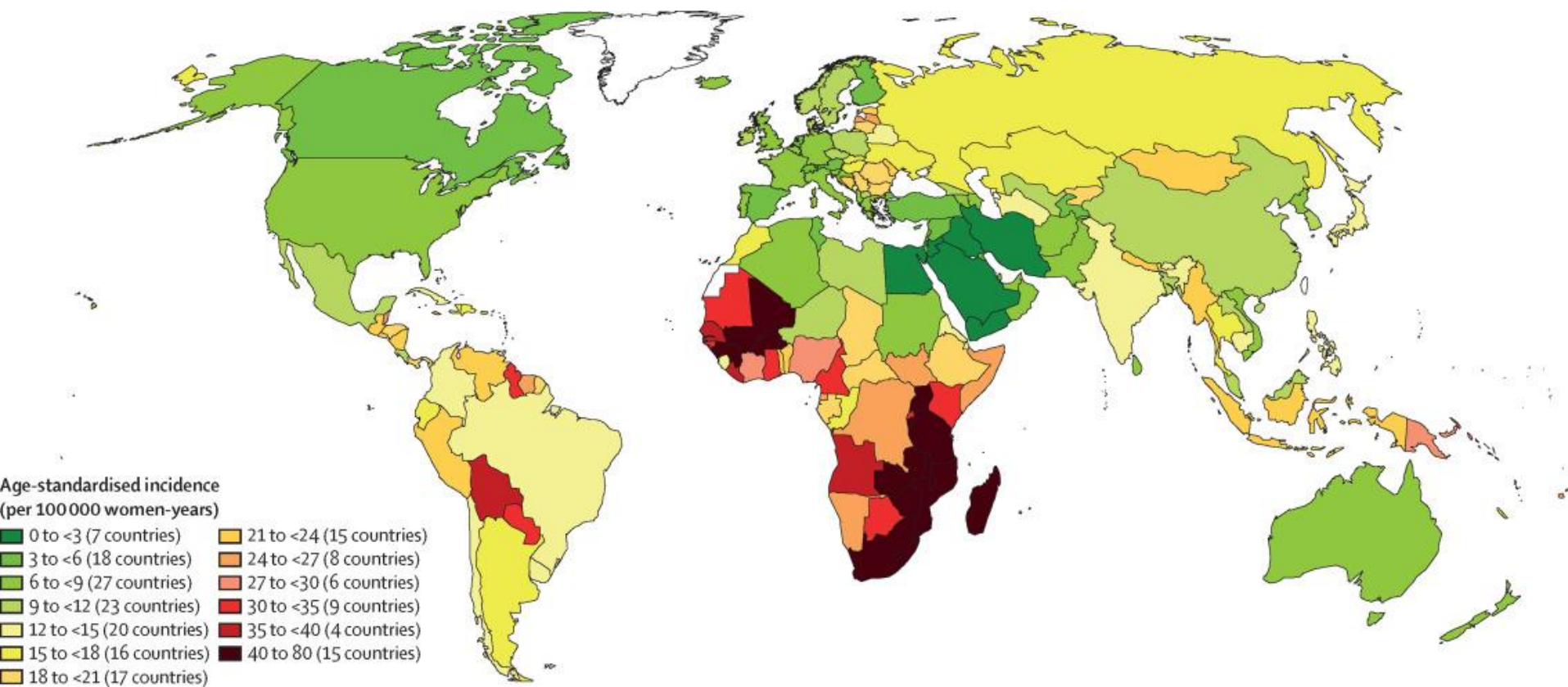


# Cervical Cancer Prevention Program

## The Impact of Covid-19

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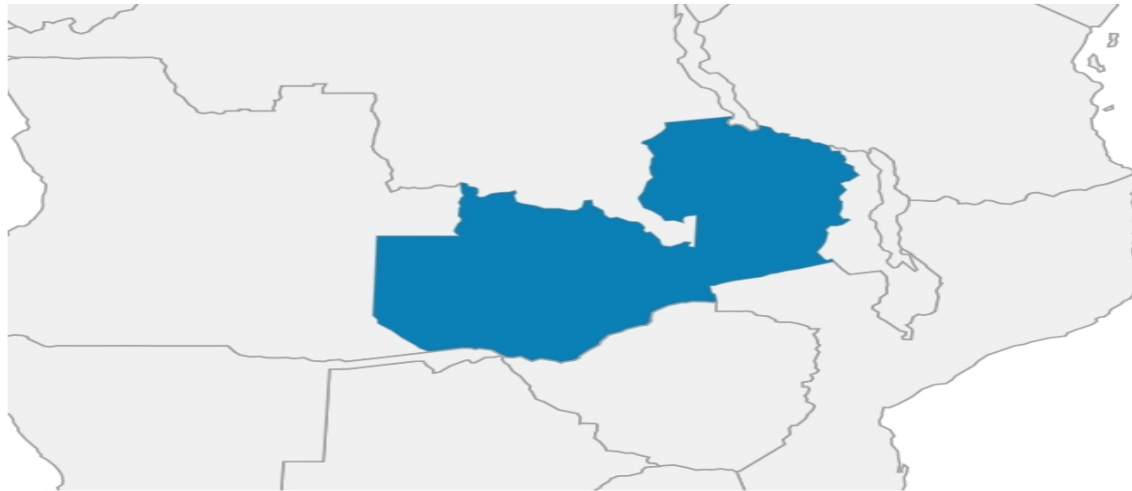




# MAP OF ZAMBIA



## Geography



## Numbers at a glance

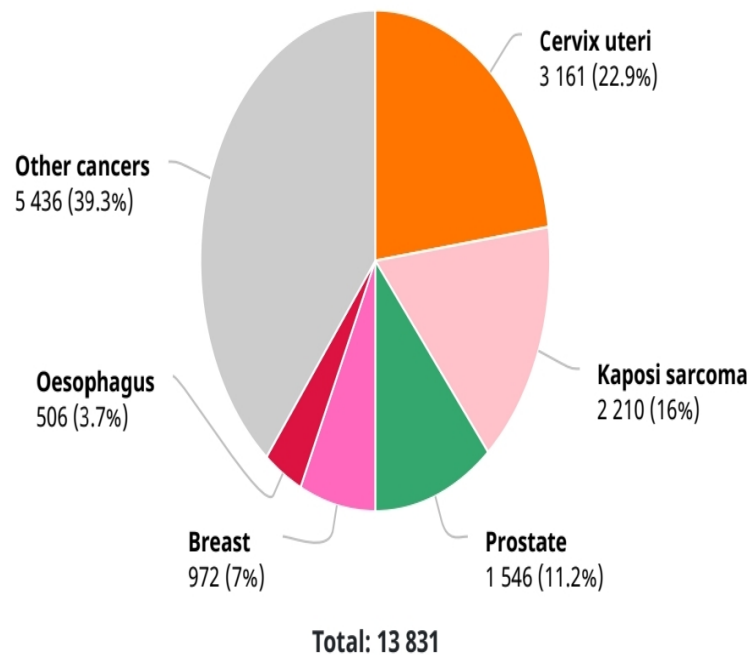
Total population

**18 383 956**

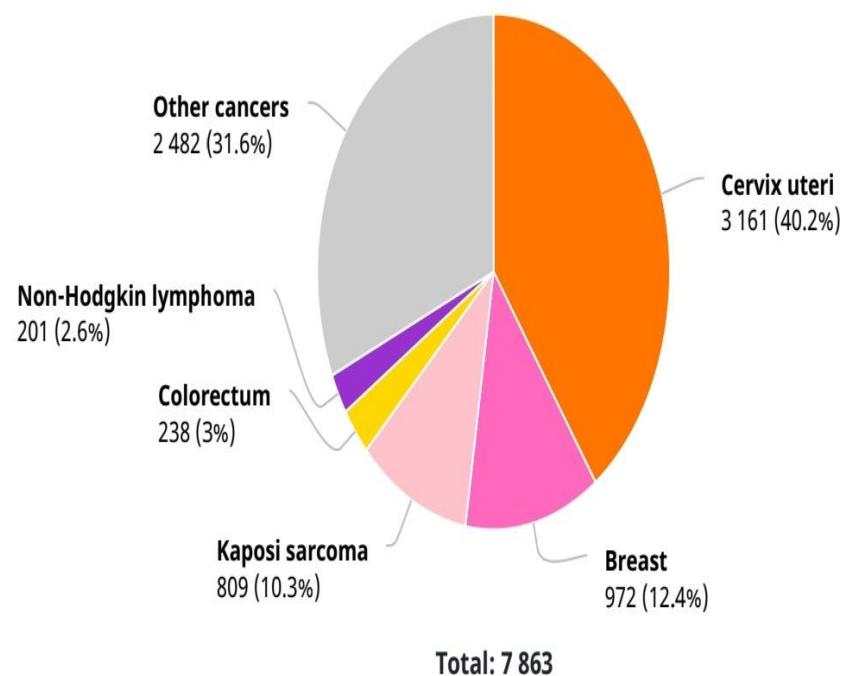
# Zambia

Source: Globocan 2020

Number of new cases in 2020, both sexes, all ages



Number of new cases in 2020, females, all ages



# CIDRZ Achievements

- Supported opening of **165** screening sites across the country
  - Purchase of equipment/Training/establishing new centers/mentorship
- Trained **281** nurses and doctors
- Screened ~250 000
  
- **Now supporting 7 districts in Lusaka Province with a TX-CURR 189044 (WLHIV 15y.o and above)**
  
- Introduction of HPV testing in the country (Nov 2019-35 sites initially)
  - Using Hologic Panther
  - 14 447 Tests conducted
  - 6406 positive (44.3%)

# Impact of Covid on screening

Challenge	Issue	Then...
Supply chain	<p>Delays esp int. equipment and supplies</p> <p>Budget deviations to purchase Covid supplies e.g. PEP</p>	<p>Wait</p> <p><i>“Please note that Covid has caused supply issues worldwide that we are still experiencing”</i></p>
Trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cerv ca trainings mostly hands on.</li> <li>• GRZ directive-no gatherings for persons ~10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postpone trainings</li> <li>• Blended approach (Developed Online curriculum/immediate One-on-one-Costly)</li> </ul>

# Impact of Covid on screening

Challenge	Issue	Then...
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilization challenges-clients shunned static screening HFs</li> <li>• Access to HF controlled by security guards</li> <li>• Only essential and critical services allowed</li> <li>• Closure of CC clinics-Nurses moved to covid centers, nurses were sick</li> <li>• No mobile outreach services-restrictions on movement</li> <li>• Some studies had to close e. g the gynocular study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Incorporate covid measures in all activities</li> <li>• Vaccination of staff</li> <li>• Covid prevention measures enhanced</li> <li>• Re-enroll clients-changed objective</li> </ul>

# Impact of Covid on screening

Challenge	Issue	Then...
Lab results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priority on testing platform-Covid</li><li>• Overburdened machines</li><li>• Courier for covid samples</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cases slowly going down</li><li>• Use of other testing platforms e.g Xpert</li></ul>
Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• @Referral sites for excision Tx.</li><li>• Progression of disease</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calling back clients</li></ul>
Innovations in ART	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multi month drug disp. Large lesions for people on ART for a long time</li><li>• Community dispensation</li><li>• Resulting in low client flow in ART</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closely work with ART</li><li>• Conduct VAT on same visit</li><li>• Self collection swabs to be collect within the community</li></ul>



# Women queuing during mobile outreach Screening- no covid



# Village based screening

- Cervical cancer screening in the rural parts fo Western province.



## Women awaiting Screening (covid era)



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