

NGO hails Dowa DHO Covid-19 preparedness

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Parent and Child Health Initiative (Pachi) executive director Charles Makwenda has commended Dowa District Health Office (DHO) for an elaborate coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic response.

Speaking last week when the organisation donated protective materials worth \$2 000 (about K1.5 million) to the DHO, he described the district's efforts as progressive and in line with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and government guidelines.

"This is the kind of response that is needed to prevent the spread of the virus. I am encouraged that even with little resources, the DHO has made so much progress," he said.

In her remarks, Dowa district medical officer Jacqueline Kanjadza said



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Makwenda (R) presents the materials to Kanjadza

they have so far identified a quarantine place, an isolation room and conducted trainings and sensitisation with different groups.

"Our quarantine room has a four-bed capacity and isolation place where to conduct tests. We also have trained various

district structures, including council members and we are conducting sensitisation through mobile vans and other channels," she said.

Kanjadza said the major challenge was that people were not practising social distancing at funeral services and other gatherings. ■