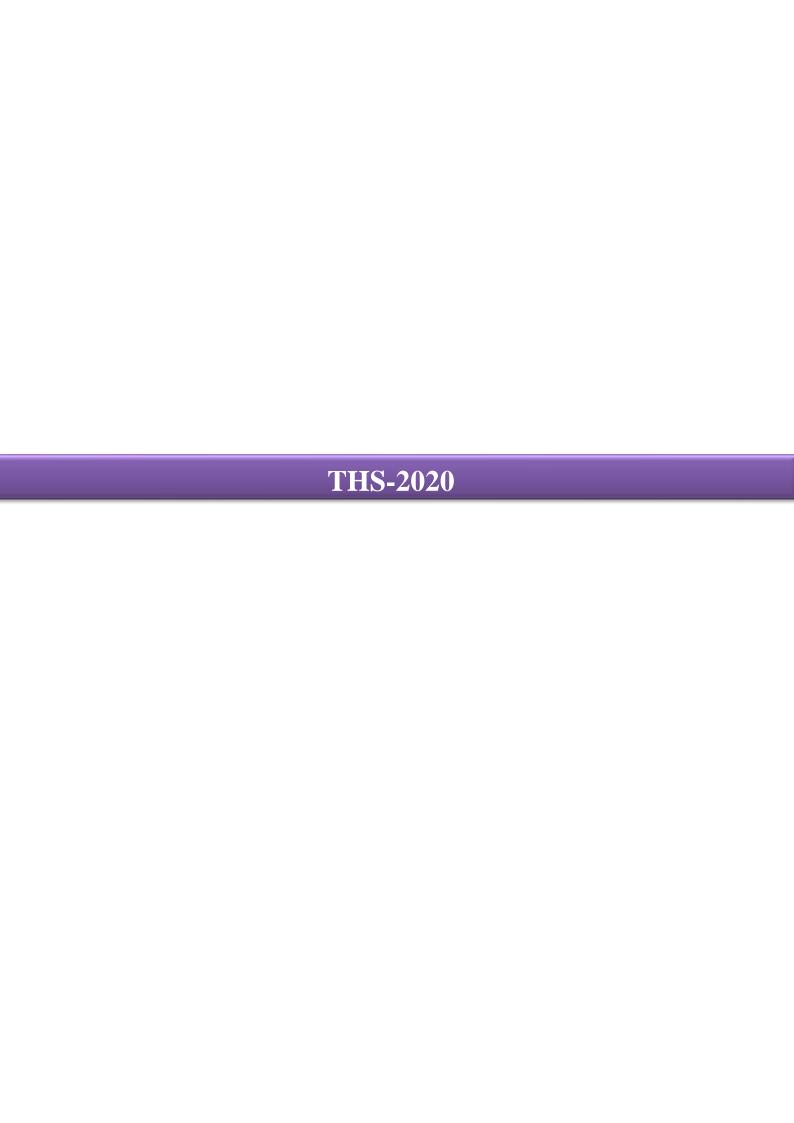


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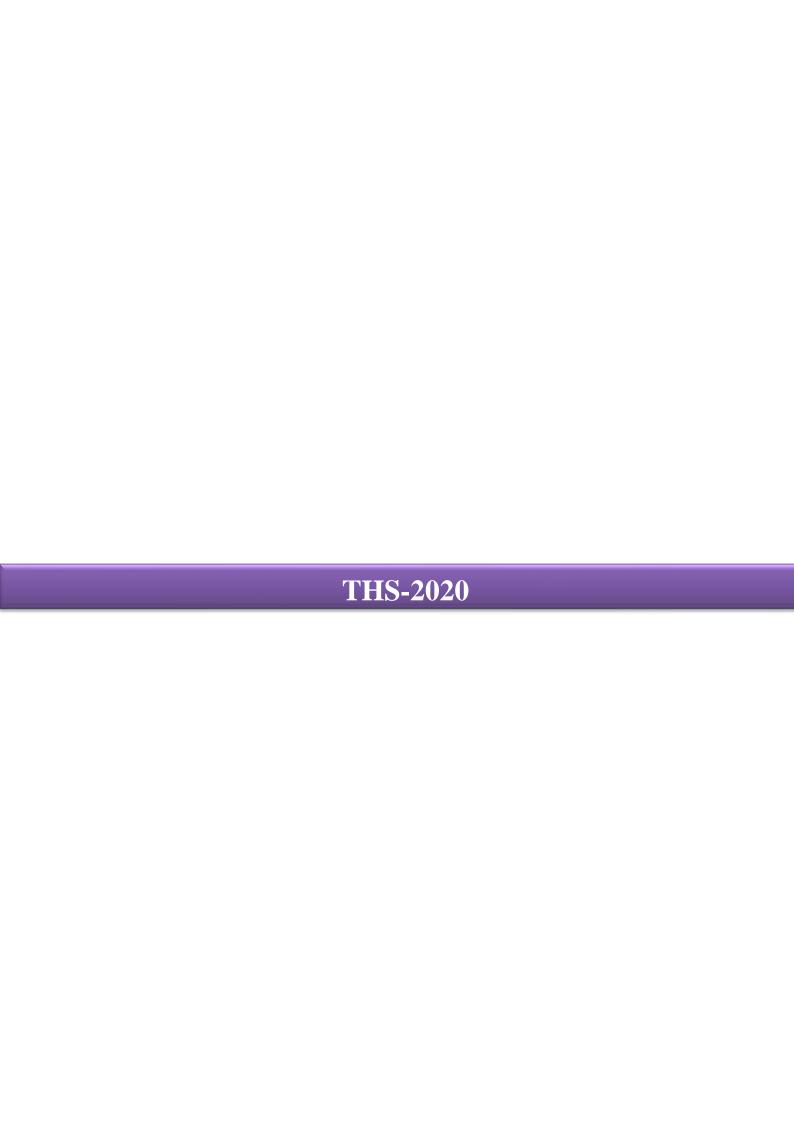
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### **Foreword**

The 7th Annual Tanzania Health Summit was held on 23-24 November 2020 at St. Gasper Hotel and Conference Centre in Dodoma. More than 560 health professionals from different health fields participated; including, representatives from the Government, NGOs, private sector etc.

The summit was officially opened by Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children who delivered a welcoming address. Within the two days, Tanzania Health Summit provided a wide range of discussions on health issues from 100 presenters of key note speeches, health forums and scientific paper presentation.

Experiences were exchanged with regards to summit central topics healthcare financing, Innovation and Technology in Health, Maternal and Child Health, Healthcare Data, Emerging Diseases and Health Policy. This book presents the abstracts of the 7th Tanzania Health Summit derived from different sub-themes, communicable and non-communicable diseases, basic science research, implementation research, integrative medicine, health policy & economics, case reports, reproductive and child health, ICT in health

and Gender. A total of 91 abstracts were presented by power point orally (12) and as electronic posters

(79).

### **About the Summit**

The Tanzania Health Summit is the annual largest healthcare platform in Tanzania. Every October, the Tanzania Health Summit attracts more than 1000 participants, national and international experts, from policy makers, health researchers, public health professionals, health insurers, medical doctors, nurses, pharmacist, private health investors, supply chain experts and the civil society. During the three-day summit, stakeholders and decision-makers from every field in healthcare work together to find solutions to the country's and regional health challenges and set the agenda for a healthier future.

The Tanzania Health Summit was founded in 2014 to bring together the public and private sector for collective decision to foster the improvement of health service delivery in the country.

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Scientific Conferences.

Dr. Chillo has also been involved in a developing several national guidelines and situational analysis reports including Global Action Plan on Physical Activity.

He also serves as a co-founder, President and chairman of the executive committee of Tanzania Health Summit since 2014, bringing more than three years of executive experience to lead the largest country's health forum. He established strong partnership with more than 50 health institutions in the country including the Ministry of Health (MoHCDGEC). He is also a co-founder of Tanzania Young Academy of Sciences inspiring young scientist to conduct problem solving researches in the country. Recently, he joined the national's public private health forum as an active board member. Dr. Chillo holds a medical degree and a PhD in cardiovascular science from Munich, German. He lives in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. In his free time he goes cycling and sometimes swimming, enjoys reading books and spending time with family.

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Tanzania Health Summit thanks and presents our heartfelt appreciation to all the organizations that in one way or another supported the summit and contribute to its success. Your kind support has helped to push the health agenda forwards and come-up with resolutions that will definitely impact positive changes to our healthcare delivery.





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