

## Aspirations of Zimbabwean psychology fraternity as of 2020 captured by Society of Zambezi Psychology (SPZ)

### [A better Psychology]

- 1) Ensure that immediately after registration as a psychologist can freely carry their private practice without the unnecessary mandatory 3 years service in public institutions before registration.
- 2) Allow harmonization of student post graduate internship with allied health internship, so that after completion of postgraduate (Masters) studies in a psychology program recognized by both allied health and ZIMCHE, the holder of such qualification is qualified as a registered psychologist.
- 3) Reunification of all psychologists, intern psychologists, mental health practitioners, psychology graduates, students and various stakeholders across all cultures and race.
- 4) Ensure the inclusion of all psychology students from properly registered institutions to be included in the AHPCZ register as psychology undergraduates or postgraduates.
- 5) Help those who would want to register as psychologists with:
  - (a) The necessary information and process to be followed.
  - (b) Provide names of supervisors available for supervision.
  - (c) Provide names of places and institutions where internship can be carried out
  - (d) Make necessary follow up on members as away to ensure that they are complying with syllabus demands for internship prior registration and provide necessary support
- 6) Ensure that where internship is done it should be remunerated fairly as is done with other health professionals in the setting of work be it in public health or private.
- 7) Ensure there is clear scope of practices for various branches of psychology which:
  - (a) Are clearly written down
  - (b) Follow international benchmarks of psychology such as APA, BPS
- 8) Encourage sound ethical practices by psychologists, interns, graduates members especially in all psychological work or practice
- 9) Ensure dual registration for psychologists eg Msc Community Psychologist can register as a research psychologist at attainment of either an Mphil or Dphil in psychology
- 10) Allow psychology to be practiced at various centers as long as it:
  - (a) Comports to the mores of psychological ethics
  - (b) Is being practiced by a registered person/s
  - (c) Such practice fits in a researched theoretical frame.

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