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**Quantification** 

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# **Background -Mining areas in Zambia-**

- The rapid economic progress in Africa has contributed to the problem of environmental pollution.
- Major economic activity in Zambia is mining, and this is mainly done in the Copperbelt region (Cu-Co) and Kabwe (Pb-Zn).



Mine in the Copperbelt region



Mining wastes are directly discarded into the Kafue River in the Copperbelt region.



Mine in Kabwe





# **Background - Kabwe City-**

- Kabwe city re-ranked among 'the 10 most polluted places in the world' (Blacksmith Institute, 2014).
- However, no studies have been done to assess metal pollution levels in edible tissues of chicken and cattle from Kabwe.
- No recent study is conducted in human.



To assess the metal pollution levels in soil, domestic animals and children in Kabwe.

Clarify if soil Pb contamination is source for animals and human, using Stable Pb isotopes.

# Research achievement



# **Outline of PAST study**

Pb & Cd

contamination in

<u>chicken</u>

# Pb pollution in children?

2012~2015

### Soil contamination and diffusion

2009~2011

### Pb & Cd contamination in <u>Cattle</u>

2008~2009

Kabwe Pb & Zn Mining

goat

### Soil sampling location in Kabwe (n=101, May 2009)



(Modified from Google Earth)

### Zn, Pb and Cu concentrations in Kabwe soils



	Zn	Pb	Cu
Range	<u>5 – 91,000</u>	<u>9 – 51,000</u>	<u>2 – 5,000</u>
Median	610	280	40
<b>FAO Limits</b>	500	150	100

# Cd and As in Kabwe soil



### *Itai-itai disease* (public hazard in Japan) → Soil Cd: 25-50 ppm

### GIS (Geographic Information System) analysis



# **Outline of PAST study**



Kabwe Pb & Zn Mining

### **6 towns were selected for cattle sampling**



### **Regional difference of Pb in cattle liver in Zambia**



### Regional difference of Cd in cattle kidney in Zambia

- Kabwe
  - Higher levels of Cd in kidneys
- Chibombo
   Cd levels were similar to Kabwe
- Other towns
   Lower Cd levels
- Asterisk: *p* < 0.001 (Dunettee test)



### **High Pb and Cd levels in muscle and offal** of Free-range chickens (n=17) in Kabwe



Scavenging Free-range chicken



**Exceeded the permissible limits** 

### **Pb and Cd comparison in liver of Broiler (n=32) and Free-range (n=17) in Kabwe**



# **Outline of PAST study**

# Pb pollution in children?

2012~2015

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Kabwe Pb & Zn Mining

### Human sample collection from Kabwe mine area was done in May 2012

#### Map of Kabwe



**Road to Lusaka** 

• We collected samples from local communities around Pb-Zn mine.

 0-7 years old children were main participants.

 3 Health Centres (Makululu, Kasanda, Chowa area)

299 blood
250 urine
250 feces
It was difficult to

(It was difficult to collect urine and fecal samples from all participants) One of the Health Centres where we collected samples

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# Metal exposure through road dust ?

# Some children are barefoot

# Scrap metal scavenging at mine

### **Blood Pb concentration in children in Kabwe**



Note: 1= increased function and = L decreased function.

Source: ATSDR, 1992

Fig. 1. Blood-lead levels associated with adverse health effects.



Number of children and percent

# BPb: Kasanda vs Makululu (Male and female analyzed separately )



Kasanda was significantly higher in both male and female.

### Sex difference (boys vs. girls)



## Age difference (0-3 years vs 4-7 years)



### **Correlation between Age & blood Pb**



# **Summary of PAST study**

# Pb pollution in children

2012~2015



### Pb & Cd contamination in <u>chicken</u>

2009~2011



Soil contamination and diffusion

Kabwe Pb & Zn Mining

Pb & Cd contamination in <u>Cattle</u>



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# Research achievement



**Research activities** 

JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> ~ JULY 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

# **Exposure Pathway ?**

#### Blood Pb level exceeding the limit in 100% of Children

### Soil contamination and diffusion





Water contamination Plant/Vegetable contamination

### **High Pb and Cd levels in muscle and offal** of Free-range chickens (n=17) in Kabwe







**Exceeded the permissible limits** 

# **Eggs of Village Chicken**



### **Dog Blood Sampling**

# BEWARE OF DOGS

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AVENUE

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### KEEP THE GATE GL. OSED
- Share home environment
- Pb exposure ?
- Easy to collect

## Home visit with children to get GPS coordinates of dog owners





## Lecture of LEADCARE by Dr. Jack (Pure Earth) in Kabwe



### LeadCare<sup>II</sup>



#### <u>ONLY</u>

- 1 Drop of Blood
- 3 minutes
- Blood Pb level
- Less invasive



#### Measured Blood Pb on SITE (Kabwe)

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- 120 Dogs
- 85 Cattle
- 25 Chickens

## Research achievement



## **Co-Operation**



#### **Pure Earth ~Director of Research~**

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WHAT WE DO WHO WE ARE

EARTH

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## KAMPAI PROJECT - OUTPUT 2

## Objectives

#### Main objective

 Assess lead (Pb) concentrations, stable Pb isotope ratios and levels of selected biomarkers as well as establish the health and socio-economical impact Pb contamination in Kabwe

#### **Specific objectives**

- Measure blood Pb concentrations in children and pregnant mothers in communities around the mine in Kabwe
- Measure Pb concentrations in breast milk
- Measure biomarkers to determine the effects of Pb exposure
- Neurodevelopment assessment of Pb exposure in children
- Assess the e

## Study site



## Blood Pb concentrations in children, maternal blood and breast milk

- Lead crosses the placenta
- Maternal and umbilical cord blood Pb levels have a strong correlation
- Blood Pb levels of the infant is similar to that of the mother
- Milk Pb levels
- Pb levels in breast milk increase with level in maternal blood
- Concentrations in breast milk indicates prenatal exposure
- Fetuses and infants are at the highest risk of Pb neurotoxicity



## **Blood Pb measurements**



- Blood lead analysis will be conducted annually
- Impact of remediation measures will be evaluated

# Stable Pb isotope ratios and biomarkers

Stable Pb isotope ratios
➤ ICP-MS

➤ To clarify source of exposure

Blood biochemistry

COBAS Ready - blood chemical analyzer

To determine health effects

Plasma/Urine biomarker
➢ HPLC-UV

> To determine markers of exposure and effect

## Neurodevelopment Assessment

• Children under 3 years of age

Infants and their mothers will be followed up for a period of 48 months at birth and thereafter every year

➤The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) will be used to measure the cognitive, motor, language and behaviour of infants from one to 42 months of age

#### Neurodevelopment Assessment: 3-18 years old

- Zambia Child Assessment Tool (ZamCAT)
  - For preschool children to assess language, cognition and fine motor skills
- Neuropsychological Assessment Tool (NEPSY)
  - For 3-16 year old to assess subtle central nervous system deficits (social, academic and behavioural difficulties)
- Universal Nonverbal Intelligence Test (UNIT)
  - For 5 to 17 year old to assess general intelligence using nonverbal means
- Kaufman's Assessment Battery for Children (KABC-II)
  - For 7 through 18 year old to assess cognitive and mental processes (Sequential Processing, Simultaneous processing, Learning and Planning Ability)

## Economic impact assessment

- Economic assessment is a new area in this field
- The impact of lead in Kabwe will be "quantitatively" estimated to establish a model for new assessment system

## **Ethical Considerations**

- The following specific standards will be upheld:
  - Ethical clearance will be sort from UNZABREC and MOH
  - > Written informed consent will be obtained from parents
  - Minimum risk will be upheld in the drawing of biologic samples by the local medical personnel
  - Samples (cord blood, breast milk, blood, hair and urine) will be disposed off according to stipulated guidelines
  - The presence of the parent/caregiver during the neurodevelopmental testing will also be a requirement
  - Respondents will be assured of confidentiality of the results
  - Parents/guardians of affected children will be referred for further assessment and therapy for the child