



**DR. ATIMAN MEMORIAL COUNCIL DESIGNATED  
HOSPITAL-SUMBAWANGA-RUKWA**

*CONTACT PERSON: MEDICAL OFFICER INCHARGE BOX 351, SUMBAWANGA, TELL 025-2802327, FAX: 025 – 2802327 email: [dratimandh@yahoo.com](mailto:dratimandh@yahoo.com) or [sumbawangadiocesanhealthboard@gmail.com](mailto:sumbawangadiocesanhealthboard@gmail.com), website: [www.dioceseofsumbawanga.org](http://www.dioceseofsumbawanga.org)*



## **1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Dr. Atiman memorial Council Designated Hospital is a property of Sumbawanga Catholic Diocese. It was built in 1991 and started functioning as Health Centre and officially registered in 1996. The construction was made by Rev. Fr. Lukwille of the White Father who was the parish Priest of Christ the King Parish at a 9-hector area.

The major concern of establishing health services was to reduce the burden of diseases and congesting affecting the community at the Regional hospital and mainly aiming to reduce Maternal and infant's morbidity and mortality rate.

Due various services rendered by the Health Centre at the time many people were attracted although the facility could not provide some services, hence it was finally upgraded to a Hospital aiming client s to access health services more easily than the dependence to only one Hospital in Sumbawanga Town which is only referral point from various health facility could not provide some services, hence it was finally upgraded to a Hospital aiming clients to access health services more easily than the dependence to only one Hospital in Sumbawanga town which is only referral point from various health facilities in the Region.



- **CATCHMENT AREA, ITS POPULATION AND REFERRAL SYSTEM**

DR. Atiman memorial Hospital serves mainly the population of Sumbawanga Municipal, Kalambo district, Nkasi District, and Sumbawanga District council in Rukwa Region Tanzania, which lies between latitude 07<sup>0</sup>48' to 08<sup>0</sup>31' south of equator and longitude 30<sup>0</sup>29' to 31<sup>0</sup>49' east. It is found 3km from Sumbawanga town centre.

According to population census of 2022 the Region of Rukwa is having a population of 1,540,519 Many people living in Rukwa region are Fipa. Dr Atiman is the only Designated Municipal Hospital that serves population of three Districts as a referral center from dispensaries and health centers, because these three Districts have no Hospitals. The Hospital is easily reached through a road transport system.

The Hospital now is working in partnership with Sumbawanga Municipal Council under an agreement made both side's authorities that is between Sumbawanga Catholic Diocese and Sumbawanga Municipal Council. Their working condition is under specified terms of reference. This stage has made more people and especially pregnant women and children under five to access free services as per National guideline including other exempted groups, although there are some challenges due to scarcity of running costs and recourses.

The Hospital serves the following wards:- Mazwi , Malangali, Kizwite, Ntendo, Kasense, Matanga, Milanzi, Mollo, Pito, Majengo, Katandala, Msua, Momoka, Sumbawanga, Senga, Izia, Chanji, Mafulala both found in municipal of Sumbawanga, other places are Nkansi district, Kalambo District, Sumbawanga rural, as well as near regions Katavi and Songwe



The process of upgrading the Hospital to a designated Hospital started in 2005 and finally completed in 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2007. We are still making various expansions in order to accommodate various services needed by the community we serve.

The hospital offers outpatient services with 7 Consultation Rooms, PITC Room, Minor Theater, Injection Room, CECAP Room, Medical Records Room, Dispensing Pharmacy Room, Waiting Area and Cashier Office. Also, it offers eye OPD services with 4 consultation rooms, 126 beds, 2 ICU, CTC, Radiology department, dental services, laboratory unit, mortuary, administration bloc and 6 staff housing.



## 1.1 Our Values

Dr. Atiman Hospital is committed to:-

**Dignity and reverence**–Safeguarded by recognizing every life as a gift from God, so each individual is inherently valued.

**Trust**–Honest and open communication with patients and among staff.

**Team work**– recognize the contribution of all but requires sacrifice for the benefit of the patients so as to enhance the health of the communities served and works in cooperation with other organization to protect vulnerable populations throughout the Region and country at large.

**Cooperation**–Between patient’s staff as well as the various clinical professions as specialties.

**Integrity**–Honesty, fairness and self–scrutiny in everything we do, as the ideal means to protect overall safety assure confidentiality and privacy.

**Heritage:** Inspired by the example and teaching of faith, the ideal and tradition of catholic healthcare still constitutes the foundation upon which the tradition becomes better.

## 1.2 Mission

Dr. Atiman is institution dedicated to **provide holistic, preventive, curative and quality patient health care services that are efficient, accessible and affordable to community.**



## 1.3 Vision

**To achieve excellence health services delivery with compassion, dignity and respect.**

First and for most we dedicate ourselves to outstanding patient care. To this end the following principles to guide our daily interaction.

- We acknowledge our responsibility to educate and inform community about wellness, preventions of disease management and health maintenance.
- We support and promote the rights and responsibilities of individuals to participate in their healthcare.
- We treat patient, family, visitors and each other with dignity and respect.
- We recognize our medical staff, employees, volunteers and other health professionals as our most important resource.



## 2 The Need

Dr. Atiman Hospital has grown in size to meet the demands of an increasing and ageing population and many now expands across large areas, containing multiple specialist units dealing with emergencies and in and out-patient services.



The hospital operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; where the safety and security of staff, patients and visitors are key aspects in creating an environment conducive to patient treatment and recovery, and where healthcare professionals can operate without distraction.



