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**GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONOR FUNDING OF
GOVERNMENT CENTRAL HOSPITALS IN ZIMBABWE**

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Abstract

The aim of the study was to explore the reasons for inadequate funds for central hospitals and develop strategies for strengthening the revenue base of the central hospitals in Zimbabwe. The objectives of the study were to review the challenges faced by hospitals in accessing funds from Treasury and donors, and to suggest possible solutions to the challenges. Questionnaires, consisting of both closed and open ended questions, were used to get data from accounting personnel at the three central hospitals in Metropolitan Harare. Data gathered was analysed using SPSS. Major findings of the research were that allocations from Treasury were not meeting the hospitals' budget requirements and the releases were not coming in time. The main recommendations of the study were that the government needs to prioritize the health sector more when allocating the little resources available and that the hospitals need to employ various revenue generation alternatives.

Key terms: Donor Funding, Government Contributions, Central Hospitals