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Edgar Chagwa Lungu has been Zambia's 6th Republican President since 2015.

He is a politician and a lawyer.

As a statesman, he has re-engineered the health system on the premise of Primary Health Care, in pursuit of Universal Health Coverage.

In the three years of his leadership, President Lungu has signed into law the National Health Insurance Bill, underpinning compulsory health insurance, recruited over 20,000 health workers and constructed infrastructure at all levels of health care.

Leading from the front, he has personally started a mass movement to fight Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) through promotion of physical activity countrywide. He launched the inaugural National Health Week in 2016, which is catalytic in sustaining a social movement in Zambia for promotion of healthy lifestyles.

The health sector was empowered to up the tempo of implementation of the national cancer strategy, with a focus on early detection of four high burden cancers: breast, cervical, prostate and retinoblastoma.

He was the first African Head of State to announce a commitment to the elimination of cervical cancer, pledge which has been backed by the introduction of a national HPV vaccination programme, presence of cervical cancer screening services countrywide and construction of a modern centre of excellence for chemoradiation.

