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Mpilo TB laboratory 60% complete

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Mpilo Hospital director of operations, Joel Charanga, said the project would boost the fight against TB.

THE upgrading of the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory (NTRBL) at Bulawayo to meet World Health Organisation standards is now 60% complete.

This was revealed during a tour on Wednesday when United Nations Developm engineer Yvonne Mpande was giving an update of the project status.

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UNDP resident representative, Ayodele Odusola, permanent secretary for Presi the President and Cabinet, Tafadzwa Muguti, permanent secretary in the minis Development, Rudo Chitiga and permanent secretary for Devolution in Bulawa government officials were present.

“So just to give you the current status of where we are, we are currently on the are around 60% in terms of progress,” Mpande said.

Mpilo Hospital director of operations, Joel Charanga, said the project would boo

“It's a flexible project which we are quite happy about. The overhead is going to which is the highest level in terms of TB testing on the continent,” Charanga sa

“And services will go beyond Bulawayo, beyond the southern region, beyond Zi which is a big plus for the nation as a whole.”

The facility will serve as a referral facility for the southern region of Zimbabwe

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TB remains a public health emergency, with 30 000 people falling ill, and more globally, despite it being both preventable and curable. In Zimbabwe, 16 300 TB from an estimated 30 000 incident cases.