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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Dr. Kelly Oluoch
Chief Executive Officer

It is both an honor and a privilege to extend a warm welcome to you as you peruse through this 45th edition of the KMTTC Newsletter. In the pages that follow, you will delve into the remarkable journey of an institution that stands at the crossroads of healthcare innovation, education, and service to the nation.

The mandate of KMTTC transcends mere institutional boundaries; it is intricately interwoven with the tapestry of national, regional, and global health agendas. Our commitment to nurturing skilled healthcare professionals resonates not only within our nation's borders but reverberates across continents. Our efforts align with the strategic vision of Kenya's healthcare system, embracing the principles of equity, accessibility, and quality care for all.

At KMTTC, we recognize that transformation requires collective effort. Our partnership

with both national and county governments serves as a cornerstone in enhancing the quality of teaching and learning for our students. By collaborating closely with these entities, we bridge classroom knowledge with practical experience, preparing our graduates to address the unique healthcare challenges of our diverse communities.

In the same spirit, I extend heartfelt gratitude to the Presidency led by H.E. President William Ruto, for the unwavering support to the College. This support reflects a shared vision of advancement and growth as we collectively contribute to a healthier future. It brings me immense pleasure to highlight the inauguration of new classrooms at Iten Campus, a momentous occasion graced by H.E. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua. This event underscores our dedication to creating conducive learning environments that inspire and empower our students.

Partnerships remain at the core of our journey, and our efforts to seek collaboration with organizations such as Jhpiego and the International Vaccine Institute exemplifies our unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare knowledge and practices. Our partnership with UNESCO on the "03 Plus" initiative, which underscores our commitment to inclusive healthcare educa-

tion and practices. Together, we shape the future of healthcare delivery, ensuring that our graduates are equipped with the skills and insights needed to excel in a dynamic healthcare landscape.

I'm proud to share that KMTTC has secured the second position in the Webometrics rankings - an achievement that reflects the caliber of education and research we offer. Further, the recognition of KMTTC with the Golisano Health Leadership Award by the Special Olympics stands as a testament to our enduring efforts in advancing health equity for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

In our dedication to our staff, we continue to prioritize their well-being through initiatives such as the Staff Retirement Benefit scheme, demonstrating our commitment to their holistic growth and security.

As you peruse the pages ahead, I invite you to immerse yourself in the stories of progress, partnership, and dedication that define KMTTC's journey. Together, let us continue shaping a future where excellence in healthcare education translates into improved lives, healthier communities, and a brighter world.

DP RIGATHI GACHAGUA INAUGURATES NEW CLASSROOMS AT KMTC ITEN



H.E. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua visited KMTC Iten Campus on June 23, 2023, to commission newly constructed classrooms and lay a foundation stone for a new tuition block.

These developments have been made possible through the funding by the Keiyo North National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF), under the leadership of Member of Parliament Hon. Adams Kipsanai.

During the commissioning ceremony, DP Gachagua commended Hon. Kipsanai for his effective utilization of resources, emphasizing the positive impact the classrooms will have on the students.

He further praised Hon. Kipsanai, saying, “We are appreciative of the MP’s ef-

forts in providing the funds for these classrooms.”

The Deputy President pledged his support for the completion of the tuition block, stating, “In line with this, I pledge to support the construction of the tuition block.”

Hon. Kipsanai expressed his gratitude for the government’s support in strengthening the health systems to better serve the people of Kenya. He stated, “We are happy to see KMTC Iten become a Centre of Excellence in the training of healthcare professionals in the county, and that is why we have embarked on further infrastructural development journey to actualize this.”

He highlighted the ongoing projects at KMTC Iten, mentioning, “In addition to the tuition block under



“The government is committed to improving the health and well-being of its citizens and we are cognizant that it begins here, with the training of the necessary human resources.”

H.E. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

construction with support from the NG-CDF, the College is in the process of constructing more classrooms and has purchased a bus to enhance teaching and learning.”

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, conveyed the College’s gratitude saying, “We are grateful for the government’s support and pledge to continue churning competent graduates to support the actualization of the Universal Health Coverage Agenda.”

The commissioning of the classrooms and the laying of the foundation stone for the new tuition block at KMTC Iten mark significant progress in expanding educational facilities and improving the training of healthcare professionals.

KMTC CEO JOINS FIRST LADY DURING COMMISSIONING OF SEGERA MISSION HOSPITAL



The College CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch on March 2, 2023 joined the First Lady H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto during the official commissioning of Segera Mission Hospital in Laikipia County.

In her remarks, the First Lady noted that people living in arid and semi-arid regions face many unique health and well-being challenges that require a compassionate and urgent response. “Being the only hospital in a 72-kilometer radius, the Segera Mission Hospital will provide essential medical services that save thousands of Kenyans the expense of traveling far for treatment,” she said. Adding that “the maternity wing, in particular, will significantly reduce the risks associated with childbirth, at a time when one in eleven women die due to inadequate access to quality healthcare.”



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First Lady of Kenya H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto

On his part, the CEO noted that in addition to offering health services, the hospital would serve as a center for training medical professionals. Segera Hospital

will provide an opportunity for KMTC students to gain practical experience in a real healthcare setting, to enable them to acquire the skills and knowledge they need to become competent in their various cadres.

“The College will further seek to work closely with the Segera Mission Hospital and the County leadership in its corporate social responsibility initiatives like mounting of medical camps, aimed at providing free medical services for the benefit of the Laikipia residents,” Dr. Oluoch reported.

The Segera Mission was founded by Rev. Carlton “Pappy” Gleason in 2002 to serve the people of Laikipia and its environs through community development, education and healthcare.

First Lady H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto (left) with KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd right) during the official commissioning of Segera Mission Hospital.

MINISTRY PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGE TO EMPOWER CAMPUSES



The Ministry of Health will work hand in hand with the College to enable completion of Chuka Campus as pledged by H.E. President William Ruto, Health CS Ms. Susan Nakhumicha has said.

The CS was speaking on February 6, 2023 during the official handover of Chuka Campus by the Tharaka Nithi County Government to the National Government. She undertook to follow up on the resources required to ensure completion and operationalization of the new facility within the shortest time.

Speaking to the students, Ms. Wafula encouraged them to leverage on the opportunity given to them by KMTC to actualize their dreams. “I am a living example that you can start at KMTC and ascend to

the pinnacle of your career,” she added.

While thanking the Governor for his support, the CS reported that the Ministry will continue to partner with the College to ensure KMTC graduates are absorbed into the job market both locally and internationally.

Tharaka Nithi County Governor Hon. Muthomi Njuki reiterated his Government’s commitment to continue supporting the College and by extension the Ministry of Health to give Chuka Campus an identity. “The five acres of land on which the Campus now sits and the foundation laid for construction of a modern tuition block is part of this support,” he said.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch

thanked both leaders for their unwavering support, assuring them that the College remains committed to supporting quality health services delivery. “We thank the Ministry for undertaking to push for the allocation of funding to enable us realize the dream of relocating Chuka Campus to its new location,” the CEO said.

KMTC Chuka Campus, whose foundation stone was laid in 2018 by H.E Dr. William Ruto, has a current student population of over 500 undertaking courses in Nursing, Clinical Medicine, and Orthopaedic & Trauma Medicine.

CS Ms. Nakhumicha S. Wafula (right), Tharaka Nithi County Governor H.E. Muthomi Njuki (left), and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd left) during a visit to Chuka Campus construction site.

HEALTH PS VISITS KMTC, PLEDGES SUPPORT

Ministry of Health, State Department for Health Standards and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Dr. Josephine Mburu on March 1st, 2023 called on the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch during a courtesy call to the College.

The PS, who is an alumna and former staff of the College, expressed her joy at being back at the institution that nurtured her. “KMTC is a part of me and has played a huge part in my growth as a professional,” Dr. Mburu said.

On this premise and commitment by Government to quality and equitable health services to all Kenyans, the PS emphasized that “standardization and quality assurance in health training are essential in ensuring healthcare professionals receive the best education and training”, the PS added. Towards expanding training opportunities for qualified applicants and opening up access to these opportunities, Dr. Mburu challenged the College Board and Management to take advantage of new innovations and inventions in health training. She further encouraged the College to leverage on technology to circumvent challenges arising from limited resources.

On his part, Dr. Oluoch thanked the PS for her visit to the College and commitment to improving health training standards in the country.

The CEO briefed the PS on



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**Ministry of Health PS
Dr. Josephine Mburu**

the milestones the College has achieved toward strengthening the health systems in the country. “In the 2022 graduation ceremony held in December, the College released 15,915 graduates into the health sector towards

bridging the human resource for health gaps that continue to persist,” the CEO said. Further, Dr. Oluoch added, as proof of the confidence and trust the public has in the institution, the College has been ranked the best middle-level training institution in the country, three years in a row, by Webometrics.

The PS was accompanied by Director Administration, State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Mr. Adan Harakhe, and Director, Health Sector coordination and Intergovernmental Relations Dr. Joseph Lenai.

Health Ps. Josephine Mburu (right), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (3rd right), Senior Managers and Ministry Officials during a visit to the Simulation Laboratory.

NEW DIRECTOR JOINS THE KMTC BOARD: STRENGTHENING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND GROWTH



Mr. Benson K. Giuthua – New Board Director The College is delighted to welcome Mr. Benson Giuthua, to KMTC as a new Board Director, representing the Principal Secretary National Treasury. He brings a wealth of qualifications, prior work experience, and a commendable dedication to nation building.

With his extensive experience as the Director of Human Resource at the National Treasury and being a full member in the Institute of Human Resource Management, the College is

confident in the expertise and insights he will bring to the table. His educational background, including a Bachelor's Degree from Kenyatta University, a Master's Degree in Human Resource Planning & Development from Indraprastha University, and completion of the Organizational Development programme at the University of Queensland, Australia, further solidify his credentials in the field.

Over his 20-year career in

human resource planning, management consultancy, and corporate governance, he has made significant contributions within various government ministries and departments. His past roles as a board member of the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority, as well as his involvement in the institutional reforms of the East African Community, demonstrate Mr. Giuthua's ability to drive strategic development and transformational change.

His leadership at the State Law Office, overseeing the establishment and operationalization of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, speaks to his capacity for executing important organizational initiatives and ensuring their successful implementation. Furthermore, Mr. Giuthua's recognition as an Order of the Grand Warrior recipient in 2021, awarded by the President of Kenya, underscores his outstanding contributions and his unwavering commitment to nation building.

The College looks forward to harnessing his expertise, integrity, and energy as it embarks on an exciting new strategic direction for KMTC. With his guidance, as part of the KMTC Board of Directors, the College is confident in its ability to continue advancing its mission of providing quality healthcare education and training.

KMTC RECEIVES THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLISANO HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD



The College is the recipient of the Golisano Health Leadership Award by the Special Olympics for its long-term efforts in championing health equity, especially for people with intellectual disabilities in healthcare.

The College was awarded on June 19, 2023 in Berlin, Germany, alongside Bangladesh, China, Germany, Chile, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States of America.

The award was received on behalf of the College by the acting Deputy Director of Finance, Planning and Administration Dr. Kenneth Riany, in the presence of Kenya's Second Lady H.E. Pastor Dorcas Gachagua.

"This award is a great honor and demonstrates our commitment to promoting in-

clusivity as envisaged in the Kenyan Constitution," said Dr. Riany.

On her part, Pastor Gachagua said: "I appreciate KMTC for sharing their clinical experience in making better the lives of those with intellectual disabilities in our country."

While welcoming the good news KMTC Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch noted that persons with intellectual disabilities across the globe have been marginalized for generations. He reaffirmed that the College will continue to promote inclusivity by strengthening its partnership with Special Olympics in preventive care, health screenings, education, and support.

"The long-term partnership with Special Olympics in providing access to essential

healthcare services is one of our most valuable collaboration initiatives," said Dr. Oluoch. "Improving physical health, self-esteem, and social integration for people living with intellectual disabilities to achieve their highest potential remains our top priority. The award goes to all staff and students touching vulnerable groups' lives."

The Golisano Health Leadership Awards recognize health champions leaders and organizations making significant contribution to equal access to health, fitness, and wellness for people with intellectual disabilities. It promotes awareness for fulfilling the goals, values, and mission of Special Olympics Health work.

Second Lady H.E. Mrs. Dorcas Gachagua (center), Kenyan Ambassador to Berlin, Amb. Tom Omolo (right) and the Ag. Deputy Director of Finance Planning and Administration Dr. Kenneth Riany (left) during the Golisano Health Leadership Awards in Berlin Germany.

KMTC RANKS TOP IN THE LATEST WEBOMETRICS RANKINGS



For the fourth time in a row, the College has earned international recognition for excellence in training, emerging at position two in the latest Webometrics Universities and Tertiary Colleges rankings.

The College also ranked at position 35 among the best institutions of higher learning in the country, defeating higher learning institutions such as the African Nazarene University, Multimedia University, and Technical University of Mombasa, among others.

The first position in the University and Tertiary College category was scooped by the University of Nairobi and Kenya School of Government, consecutively.

Responding to the good news, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch welcomed the ranking, noting that the College has made major strides toward enhancing teaching and learning. “In the last few years, the College has continued to attract huge numbers of applicants, thanks to the marketability of our end products, the KMTC graduates,” he said.

The Webometrics ranking of World Universities, is a ranking system for the world’s universities based on a composite indicator that takes into account both the volume of the Web content (number of web pages and files) and the visibility and impact of these web publications according to the number of external site citations received.

Dr. Oluoch thanked the KMTC fraternity for enhancing the College brand visibility through the production and publishing of success stories and research projects.

“Consequently, we have improved our online presence, making our services noticeable across the globe,” he said.

Recently, the College Higher National Diploma qualifications were equated to university Bachelor’s Degrees, further enhancing the recognizability of KMTC graduates, both locally and in the global market.

A section of KMTC Headquarters and Nairobi Campus.

KMTC AWARDED FOR RESEARCH EFFORTS



The College has been awarded by the Public Health Officers and Technicians Council for presenting the highest number of scientific papers at the first International Public Health Scientific Conference held in Mombasa from 2nd – 5th April, 2023.

KMTC's impressive participation at the conference underscores its commitment to advancing the research mandate and the public health agenda in Kenya and beyond.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch expressed his delight, and assured that KMTC will continue to support and play a key role in developing practical public health solutions through training, research, and consultancy.

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KMTC Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch

er diploma levels across its campuses,” the CEO reported, adding, the College also trains nutritionists and dietitians, community health assistants and officers as well as other cadres that support healthcare service delivery at the primary level.

The aim of the conference was to offer a platform for the dissemination of public health knowledge, experience, and technology to inform evidence-based decision-making at policy and service delivery levels.

Notable guests at the conference were the Health Cabinet Secretary Ms. Susan Nakhumicha, Principal Secretary State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Dr. Josephine Mburu and Ag. Director General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth.

Others were the Council of Governors Chair of the Health Committee Governor Muthomi Njuki, Senate Chair of the Health Committee Sen. Jackson Mandago, among other key guests.

From L-R: Dr. John Muthuka Kyalo (Nairobi Campus), Samwel Ndama (Karuri), Amos Kilunda (Kitui), Nelly Kimonye (Manza), Stella Jumah (Nakuru) and Benedict Pombo (L. Victoria) following their win during the 1st International Public Health Scientific Conference.

STUDENT REPRESENTS COLLEGE AT THE 76TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Ms. Lukrasia Robai, famously known as ‘The Dancing Nurse’, was among participants at the World Health Organization (WHO) conference in Geneva, representing the College and the country on the world stage.

As a special guest at the WHO’s ‘Walk the Talk Health for all’ event held from 21st - 30th May, 2023, Lukrasia was actively involved in engaging participants through physical activities, particularly dancing, and encouraging active participation in the seven-day World Health Assembly. The initiative is aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle, raise awareness about Universal Health Coverage, and celebrate the significance of partnerships.

Ms. Robai expressed her excitement at the opportunity provided by the world’s leading health organization, which covered all her expenses. “I could not believe it when I received the invitation to engage participants at the WHO event in Geneva. It was an incredible experience to be a part of this Assembly where global health issues were discussed, along with how leaders can bring about positive change in the healthcare sector through modern technology,” Ms. Robai narrated enthusiastically.

The nursing student gained recognition after a video of her dancing for a pediatric patient at Kitale Level Four



Hospital went viral on social media.

She further emphasized that her innovative use of talent aims to bring smiles and make a difference in the lives of her patients and the community as a whole. Ms. Robai advised fellow students to broaden their perspective of the world, embrace accountability, and harness their creativity and talents to promote community health.

This extraordinary opportunity extended by the highest health body in the world highlights Ms. Robai’s dedication to using her talent for the betterment of healthcare. Her presence at the WHO conference underscores the

impact of individual innovation and the potential for positive change in healthcare promotion.

As Ms. Robai continues her journey as ‘The Dancing Nurse’, her experience and insights gained from the WHO conference will undoubtedly inspire others in the medical field and beyond to explore innovative approaches to healthcare delivery and holistic patient care.

WHO Secretary General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus with Ms. Lukrasia Robai during the World Health Conference in Geneva.

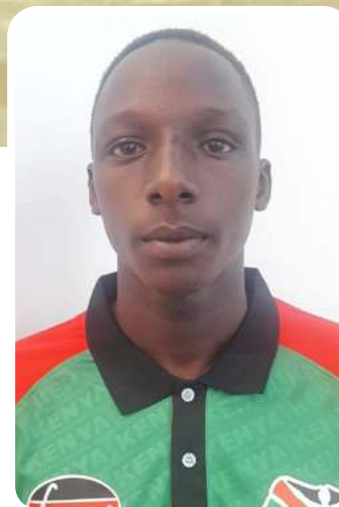
KMTC STUDENT MAKING WAVES IN THE NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. Oscar Kiptoo Kibet has always been passionate about playing hockey. Ever since he was a young boy growing up in Uasin Gishu County, he had dreamt of becoming a professional hockey player. His love for the game had led him to spend countless hours practicing his skills and perfecting his technique at high school. He has always known that pursuing a career in hockey would not be easy, but he was determined to work hard and make his dreams a reality.

After completing his high school education at St. Anthony Boys High School in Kitale, Oscar knew that he wanted to continue pursuing his passion for hockey. He was thrilled when he received a full scholarship from the Kenya Hockey Union to attend KMTC Port Reitz and study for a Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing.

Oscar's dedication and hard work both on the field and in the classroom did not go unnoticed. He quickly became a standout player for the Jaguar Hockey Club in the National Premier League, and was selected to be a member of the Kenya under 21 years hockey team. His passion and talent for the sport also earned him the position of team captain for the Port Reitz campus team.

But Oscar's biggest achievement to date was being selected to represent his coun-



Mr. Oscar Kibet (center) during the Africa Cap Junior Hockey tournament in Ismailia Egypt. (In-set; Oscar Kibet)

try in the Junior Africa Cup - a junior world cup qualifier tournament held in Ismailia, Egypt from March 11th - 19th 2023. This was a huge honor for Oscar, and he knew that he had to work even harder to ensure that he was able to perform at his best and help his team succeed.

Despite the pressure of playing at an international level, Oscar has remained focused and determined. He works tirelessly to improve his game, and his dedication paid off. He played a crucial role in helping Kenya secure a place in the Junior World Cup, and he was thrilled to have been a part of such an amazing experience.

Throughout his journey, Oscar has never lost sight of his academic goals. He continues to work hard in his studies and is known to be an all-round student who has excelled academically. Oscar's story serves as an inspiration to all those who are pursuing their dreams. With hard work, dedication, and a passion for what you do, anything is possible.

KMTC CEO CHAMPIONS EDUCATION AND LINKAGES FOR BETTER HEALTH



KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch during a panel discussion on education, nutrition, and health at the East African Healthcare Expo held at Strathmore University emphasized the importance of creating cross linkages between housing infrastructure, nutrition, and health.

He emphasized the crucial role of education in improving health indicators, empowering individuals to make informed choices, and facilitating access to better incomes and improved nutrition.

The expo, organized by Strathmore University Business School and the Kenya Healthcare Federation, from 3th - 5th May, 2023 served as a platform to showcase East Africa's potential as a hub for

health innovation and foster knowledge sharing among healthcare professionals.

The CEO underscored KMTC's commitment to community well-being through courses on nutrition, community health workers, and collaboration with AM-REF in training caregivers as community health assistants. He further emphasized the importance of leveraging technology and adequate resources to equip community health practitioners with the necessary tools to enhance health and nutrition outcomes.

Elaborating on the Government's "Bottom-up Economic Transformative Agenda," which prioritizes investment at the community level, Dr. Oluoch emphasized the sig-



“At KMTC, we offer various courses that are critical in making choices about housing, nutrition, and public health. Our trainees receive comprehensive education, including proper designs of houses that enable access to clean water and proper waste disposal,”

KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch

Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd right) during a panel discussion at the Africa Health Care Expo.

nificant cost-saving potential of investing in primary and preventive healthcare. “One shilling spent at the primary level saves nine shillings at the healthcare level,” he asserted, underscoring the importance of redirecting resources towards proactive measures and empowering individuals with the knowledge to make informed health choices.

By investing in primary education and preventive measures, the government aims to create a strong foundation that will lead to improved health indicators and reduced healthcare costs in the long run, he added.

This recognition of the importance of primary-level investment further emphasizes Dr. Oluoch’s passionate advocacy for education

and its vital role in empowering individuals to make informed choices about housing, nutrition, and public health. His statements at the Expo serve as a rallying call for increased attention and resources to be directed towards education, linkages, and preventive healthcare in Kenya and beyond.

Responding to a question about equity, Dr. Oluoch referred to Article 43 of the Kenyan Constitution, which guarantees access to quality healthcare for all. He noted the Commission for Revenue Allocation’s efforts to balance revenues across counties, ensuring equitable access to resources.

KMTC’s partnerships with counties in arid and semi-arid areas, as well as far-flung regions like Kwale, Lodwar,

and Garissa, were highlighted as a means to tailor educational programmes such as community health nursing to meet the unique needs of these communities.

The event was geared towards successfully positioning East Africa as a center for health innovation, fostering transformative developments in the region’s healthcare sector. The CEO’s passionate advocacy for education, linkages, and community empowerment left a lasting impact, inspiring attendees to strive for improved health outcomes through integrated approaches.

The CEO was joined in the panel by Strathmore Business School’s Ms. Annette Murunga and Dr. Joseph Odhiambo.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left) with one of the panelists on the sidelines of the Conference.



BIENNIAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE EXPLORES TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION TO STRENGTHEN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE



The College hosted its 7th Biennial Scientific Conference at its headquarters in Nairobi. The conference, held from 29th to 31st May 2023, was centered on the theme of “Embracing Technology and Innovation in Training and Research towards strengthening primary health care.”

The event aimed to explore the role of technology and innovation in enhancing healthcare education, community health, healthcare financing, emerging technologies, and innovations in healthcare, as well as the management of non-communicable diseases, infectious diseases, and epidemics.



“Aligned with the Government’s Bottom-up Economic Transformational Agenda, which emphasizes inclusivity and sustainable development, our objective is to contribute to the realization of Universal Health Coverage.”

KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Distinguished epidemiologist and Ministry of Health Acting Head of the Directorate of Health Policy, Monitoring, and Evaluation Dr. Joseph Siteneni, delivered the keynote speech, addressing the significance of the conference’s theme. He emphasized the importance of incorporating technology and innovation into training and research to bolster primary healthcare.

Making his remarks KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, had this to say “Aligned with the Government’s Bottom-up Economic Transformational Agenda, which emphasizes inclusivity and sustainable

Key note speaker Dr. Joseph Siteneni (seated center), DDA Dr. Nyawira Mwangi (left) and Registrar Dr. Lucy Waweru (right), with the conference organizing Committee members.



development, our objective is to contribute to the realization of Universal Health Coverage.”

Amb. Muita expressed the institution’s commitment to excellence in research and announced a comprehensive capacity-building initiative targeting teaching and non-teaching staff. “This initiative aims to equip researchers with the necessary skills in research proposal writing, grant writing, and publication to produce research outcomes of the highest quality and relevance,” he added.

Speaking at the same event CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch commended the diverse range of topics chosen for the conference, reflecting the College’s dedication to the principles of universal health coverage. Dr. Oluoch reported that KMTC has developed a comprehensive Science, Technology, and Innovation Strategy to guide the institution in advancing research, innovation, and the commercialization of healthcare products.

The conference attendees had the privilege of learning from esteemed speakers in the field of healthcare. These include Acting Head of the National Quality Institute Mr. Charles Maru, the Head of the Division of Primary Health Care Services and Family Medicine at the Ministry of Health Dr. Mohamud Mohamed, Ministry of Health’s Head of Health Financing Dr. Isabella Maina, Aga Khan Hospital’s Centre for Innovation in Medical Education Specialist Mr. Joash Kiptanui, East Africa Kidney Institute Project Manager Dr. Hossan Ajuck, and Ministry of Health’s National Vaccines and Immunization program Strategic Information Management and Communications Officer Dr. Rose Jalang’o.

Their expertise and contributions shaped the discussions and provided valuable insights into various aspects of the healthcare field. In addition, 24 scientific papers were presented.



A section of students and faculty during the conference.

Registrar Dr. Lucy Waweru speaking during the Conference.

The KMTC 7th Biennial Scientific Conference underscores the College’s role as a pioneering institution in healthcare education. With its focus on technology, innovation, and research, the College aims to drive advancements in healthcare and make a significant impact nationally and globally.

A BIG BOOST FOR LEARNING AS COLLEGE RECEIVES MODERN ULTRASOUND MACHINE

In a significant development for medical training in Kenya, KMTCC Nairobi Campus on June 13, 2023, received a cutting-edge Ultrasound Machine from Omaera Company.

This addition is expected to significantly revolutionize learning experiences through the integration of this state-of-the-art training equipment while the collaboration also marked the launch of the KMTCC Mindray Ultrasound School.

KMTCC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, while receiving the equipment, expressed deep appreciation for the partnership and emphasized its alignment with the College's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan key result area on quality training. He reaffirmed the College's commitment to forming such partnerships to ensure the production of highly skilled individuals who can meet both local and international market demands.

"With these kinds of partnerships, the College is determined to give the best skills training to you because we hold you at heart. I urge you to take advantage of the equipment to achieve your learning goals of excellence," Dr. Oluoch encouraged the students.



He further requested Omaera Company to consider extending its support to the other campuses, offering the Radiography and Imaging course. By providing standardized training equipment across all Campuses, KMTCC aims to ensure consistency and excellence in medical education.

Expressing joy at the collaboration, Mindray General Manager for East African Region Mr. Essien Webin, highlighted the company's experience in distributing pharmaceutical products and establishing ultrasound schools in various African countries. He reiterated his Company's commitment to honoring the memorandum of understanding with KMTCC and expressed enthusiasm about further cooperation between the two entities.

This partnership between KMTCC and Omaera Company marks a significant step forward in advancing healthcare education in Kenya, equipping future healthcare professionals with the latest training equipment and technologies.

The collaboration's dedication to excellence and standardized training ensures that students receive the highest quality education, ultimately benefiting patients and healthcare outcomes in the country.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (5th left) receives an Ultrasound Training Equipment from the Mindray Clinical Application specialist Ms. Mercy Goretty Owande (4th right).

HIGH HOPES AS JAPAN AMBASSADOR TO KENYA VISITS COLLEGE

KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita on 31st January, 2023, hosted the Japanese Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Okaniwa Ken during his inaugural visit to the College.

The College's long history with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), dates back to 1995 when it received a grant aid for the construction, rehabilitation of existing buildings, provision of equipment, and motor vehicles.

Speaking during the event, Amb. Muita thanked the Japanese Government for supporting the College, noting that funding has been of immense benefit to the College.

“At KMTC we aspire to maintain international standards in line with our mandate to produce competent health workers. The funding was instrumental in establishing the much-needed infrastructure to actualize this dream,” Amb. Muita said. Adding “We hope this meeting will be the first, in a series of many, as we explore ways to solidify the strong ties between Kenya and Japan.”

The Chairperson reported that the College is scaling up partnerships, aimed at synergizing the country's efforts in tackling health challenges in addition to actualizing the Universal Health Coverage agenda.



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch appreciated the Japanese Government for the funding while highlighting potential areas of collaboration, including staff training, teaching equipment, and expansion of simulation laboratory training, among others.

On his part, H.E. Ambassador Okaniwa indicated his Government's willingness to support Kenya's economic development and hinted at the possibility to further collaborate with the College in the future.

He noted that the good health of the citizens is the basis of development in any country and reported that Japan has already extended funding to Kenya's Ministry of Health to support the country's health sector.

The KMTC and JICA technical cooperation project geared towards improving the educational capacity of the College teaching staff resulted in the improvement of the teaching and learning environment, coupled with technology transfer to the staff which contributed immensely to the present face of the College.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Yume Yorita, Second Secretary (UNEP focal) at the Embassy of Japan in Kenya.

Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (2nd right), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right), Japanese Ambassador Ken Okaniwa (left), and the E-Learning Coordinator Dr. Wagaki Gicheru. (Inset Amb. Ken Okaniwa).

JHPIEGO PRESIDENT VISITS KMTC, PLEDGES SUPPORT



Jhpiego President and CEO Dr. Leslie Mancuso paid a courtesy call on the KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch on January 17, 2023 at the College headquarters in Nairobi.

The call was an opportunity to strengthen the long-standing collaboration between KMTC and Jhpiego, a non-profit organization for international health affiliated with Johns Hopkins University.

Speaking during the meeting, Dr. Oluoch acknowledged and extended deep appreciation for the generous support and assistance provided to the College over the years.

“As a training arm of the Government, we have a big mandate of producing a skilled health workforce to bridge human resources for health towards the realization of Universal Health Coverage,” he said.



“As Jhpiego, we remain committed to supporting ideas that ensure women and children have access to quality healthcare. We will continue to work closely with partners like KMTC in realizing this objective,”

**Jhpiego President
and CEO Dr. Leslie
Mancuso**

“This is a mandate we can only achieve through collaboration, and we sincerely thank Jhpiego for extending their support around building capacities of our lecturers and providing training equipment.”

On her part, Dr. Mancuso commended the College’s forward-looking approach to providing a skilled health workforce for local and international markets, noting that the sector is banking on innovative ideas to tackle emerging health challenges.

The visit concluded with the delegation touring the skills and simulation laboratory.

Jhpiego President and CEO Dr. Leslie Mancuso is welcomed by students on arrival at KMTC. Looking on is the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left), and the Nairobi Campus Deputy Principal Mrs. Felistus Muinde (3rd right).

EXCITING UPDATES ON EXAMINATION RESULTS AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT



In the latest examination results analysis, the College examined a total of 10,542 candidates across 18 departments during the January/February 2023 Final Qualifying Examination. We are pleased to report that 8,692 candidates successfully passed the examination, resulting in a commendable pass rate of 82.45 percent.

On the same note, we are thrilled to share some outstanding performances in specific programmes, with particular mention of the Kenya Registered Community Health Nursing. In these programmes, mean scores exceeded an impressive 60% in most of our campuses.

While this reflects the dedication and hard work of our students, it is important to note that there was a slight decrease in the pass rate com-

pared to the previous June/July 2023 Final Qualifying Examination, which achieved an 84 percent pass rate.

In addition to these examination results, we have been diligently working to ensure consistency and quality in our assessments. The College has reviewed examination guidelines, a crucial step in standardizing examination papers, maintaining the integrity and ensuring uniformity across our institution.

Furthermore, we have been proactive in curriculum development and review. Various new curricula have been successfully developed, covering a diverse range of programmes including upgrading Diploma in Mortuary Science, Higher Diploma in Orthopedic Technology (prosthetics), Diploma in Emergency Medical Technology, and Diploma in

Speech and Language Therapy.

Additionally, we have reviewed and aligned thirteen existing curricula with the requirements of the Kenya National Qualification Authority (KNQA). These curricular enhancements encompass a wide spectrum of healthcare fields, such as Clinical Medicine and Surgery, Nursing, Medical Social Work, and Emergency Medical Technician courses, among others.

These updates signify our commitment to providing high-quality education and maintaining the highest standards in healthcare training. We look forward to continuing our journey of excellence and supporting our students in achieving their academic and professional goals.

A section of candidates sit for the Final Qualifying Exams (FQEs).

UNLOCKING THE POWER OF RESEARCH, A GLIMPSE INTO KMTC'S ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS



Students in a laboratory for a practical session.

In recent times, the College has been witnessing a remarkable surge in the enthusiasm and engagement of dedicated staff in the realm of research. This surge has manifested itself in a series of dynamic and enlightening activities that have left an indelible mark on our institution's pursuit of academic excellence and innovation.

One such event was the Research Symposium held on March 30, 2023, focused on the intriguing theme of "Innovation and Intellectual Property Protection." With a resounding attendance of 110 participants, the symposium provided a platform for participants and experts to share their insights.

Notable presentations included experiences related to innovation, the captivating journey of innovation, and the art of commercializing innovation outputs. The symposium, graced by experts from diverse fields, sparked dialogues on patent-

ing work, best practices in innovation, and intellectual property protection, an essential stride toward fostering a culture of research and innovation within the College.

KMTC's commitment to research further found expression in an invaluable Memorandum of Understanding inked with MicroResearch Canada. This strategic partnership opens the doors to enhance our staff's capacities in research writing, journal publication, and grant writing skills. This is aimed at empowering researchers and educators with the tools they need to thrive in the world of academia and discovery.

Furthermore, the revision of the College's Research Policy, underpinned by meticulous Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), is nearing finalization, promising to be a beacon guiding our research endeavors with clarity and purpose.

Additionally, the College participated in the 4th Kenya National Malaria Forum, held on February 15th and 16th, 2023 in Nairobi. The event saw Mombasa Campus Principal Dr. Marsellah Ogendo present an abstract that underscored the alignment of frontline healthcare workers' preservice curricula with guidelines for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of malaria, a testament to KMTC's commitment to tackling health issues head-on.

These endeavors mark more than just milestones; they represent our unwavering dedication to academic excellence, research, and innovation. By actively engaging in research, KMTC continues to make significant contributions to addressing critical health challenges at na-

tional, regional, and global levels. It is also an opportunity for the College to shine brightly on the global stage.

In the following section, we delve deeper into these transformative initiatives and the inspiring individuals who are driving KMTC's research endeavors forward.

A. Published Studies

The following six (6) publications were done in various peer reviewed journals: -

- i. Determination of Sarcosine in Urine as a Predictor of Prostate Cancer using Enzyme linked Immunosorbent method - by A.O. Radol et.al. The Journal of Medial Research 2023;9(1): 3-7 ISSN-2395-7565.
- ii. Effect of a Health Communication Strategy on Uptake of Cervical Cancer Screening in Isiolo County, Kenya - by A. M. Linus et.al. Global Journal of Health Science, Vol 15, No. 2;2023 ISSN 1916 – 9736 E – ISSN 1916-1944.
- iii. A Survey on Knowledge, Attitude and Practice about Antibiotic Prescription and Resistance among Medical Practitioners in Kenya - by Ndegwa D. et al. AAS Open Research, 04 Feb 2022, 5:3 <https://doi.org/10.12688/aasopenres.13328.1>
- iv. Combating Antibiotic Resistance Using Guidelines and Enhanced Stewardship in Kenya: A Protocol for an Implementation Science Approach - by Gitaka

J., Ndegwa, D. et.al. *BMJ Open* 2020;10:e030823, doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2019-030823

- v. Predisposing Factors to Mental and Suicidal Behaviours among Students of Kenya Medical Training College Zone 6 - by Onchiri, A., Kombech M., Kandie, E. and Mogeni, V. *Journal of Advances in Medicine and Medical Research*, Volume 35, Issue 12, Page 36-63 DOI: 10.9734/jammr/2023/v35i125035 Published: 28.
- vi. Evaluation of Knowledge Translation Intervention for HIV and Rehabilitation Advocacy in Physiotherapy in Three Sub-Saharan African Countries by Konje Moses et.al.

B. Conducted Studies

The following five (5) studies were conducted: -

- i. Factors Contributing to Job Satisfaction among Academic Staff in KMTC: A Case Study of Campuses in the Lower Eastern Region by Muange, T. and Kitolo, S.
- ii. Psychological Aspects of Trauma and Coping Mechanisms in relation to COVID-19 among Health Workers in Nandi County by Mwangi, M., Onyango, C. and Chelimo, N.
- iii. Exploring Utilization of KMTC Volunteer run Free Clinics in Enhancing Health Care Access to the Most Vulnerable Communities by Ombasa, Z. et al.
- iv. Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids and Associated Fac-

tors among Medical Students during Clinical Rotation: A Case of Seven Campuses at Kenya Medical Training College by Milelu, M., Mboogo, E., Wachira, J. and Oruko, K.

- v. Determinants of Perceived Burnout among Health Care Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic; A Cross-sectional Study of Hospitals in Kenya by Pombo, B., Biiy, W., Wamalwa, J. and Adoma, T.

C. Funded Studies

The following 12 research proposals were recommended and approved for funding: -

- i. Effectiveness of Community Referral Mechanisms by Community Health Assistants Trained at Kenya Medical Training College on Maternal and Neonatal Health Uptake in Selected Communities, Kenya, by Hellen Mwangi.
- ii. Assessment of the Implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) at Kenya Medical Training College, by Sammy Amdany .
- iii. Instructional Cost of Training, Certificate and Pre-service Diploma Level Health Professionals at KMTC, by Jones Mwangi.
- iv. Post-Acute COVID-19 Sequelae Prevalence and Relative Risk in Persons Living with HIV: A Meta-analysis, by Dr. Caleb Mutua.
- v. Learner Satisfaction and Correlation with Academic Performance in KMTC campuses in Nyanza Region,

Kenya, by Dr. James Mailu.

- vi. E-learning as a disruptive Technology of Innovative Pedagogies in Kenyan Tertiary Institutions: A Systematic Review, by Dr. Kenneth Goga Riany.
- vii. Clinical Factors Associated with Tuberculosis Treatment Failure among Patients attending Selected Public Health Facilities in Nairobi County, Kenya by Churchill Okumu.
- viii. Effectiveness of and Interventions in Prevention and Management of Maternal Anemia in the advent of COVID-19, by Francis Wambura.
- ix. Factors Associated with Persistent Corona-virus Syndrome Events in the General Population: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis by Christopher Onyango.
- x. Incidence and Clinical Parameters of HIV-1 Paradoxical and Unmasking Immune Reconstitution Syndrome in ART naïve Pregnant Women in Selected Health Facilities in Kenya, by Dr. John Muthuka.
- xi. Mentorship Experiences during Clinical Nutrition Practice among Students Pursuing Nutrition and Dietetics program at Kenya Medical Training College, by Mary Milelu.
- xii. Perceived Impact of Information and Communication Technology on Learning Outcomes; A Trend Analysis of Kenya Medical Training College, by Charles Korir.

KMTC SRBS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CELEBRATES GROWTH

The College Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme and Staff Pension Scheme members trooped to KMTC Kisii Campus on May 30, 2023 for the Schemes' Annual General Meeting (AGM) while others followed the proceedings virtually.

The meeting whose attendees included the KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, and the Board of Trustees Chairperson Mr. Robert Ndalo, served as a testament to resilience, progress, and a collective vision for the future.

Mr. Ndalo, acknowledged the slow growth of the schemes during the previous year due to the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, projecting improved growth prospects in the coming months as economic recovery takes hold.

However, amidst the challenges, he proudly highlighted the significant milestones achieved, showcasing the unwavering dedication of the scheme's sponsor. "Despite the challenges encountered, we conducted awareness sessions for our valued members, established a Trust Fund to aid beneficiaries of deceased members, and set plans to operationalize a Post-Retirement Medical Fund," he highlighted.

In addition, Mr. Ndalo shared news of the approval of the

Governance Framework by the Board of Trustees and the reconstitution of the Board's Committees, solidifying the schemes' commitment to enhanced efficiency and transparency. He affirmed, "We will address any forthcoming challenges and will continue the journey towards providing superior benefits and support



"The Board stands resolute in its dedication to protect, preserve and grow your money, ensuring that our hardworking staff members can retire with the peace of mind they deserve, knowing that their future is secure."

KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita

to our esteemed members."

Amb. Muita reassured attendees that the Board of Directors would collaborate closely with the Trustees to develop essential policies to safeguard the two schemes from external shocks. "We are determined to ensure their resilience, come what may," he stated. Re-affirming the Board's unwavering com-



mitment to safeguarding the staff's retirement benefits, he stated.

On his part Dr. Oluoch emphasized the pivotal role of trust from members, urging them to place their unwavering confidence in the schemes. He stated, "Trust is the bedrock of our schemes' success. When our members trust the system, it empowers us to achieve unparalleled performance levels." He, however, recognized the dedication of the KMTC team in nurturing the schemes' growth and sustainability, extending gratitude to all members for their enduring support.

Attendees pledged to forge ahead, propelling the schemes to new heights for the benefit of all members.

Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita addressing members of the SRBS during the AGM held at Kisii Campus.

COLLEGE UNDERTAKES CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING TO TRANSFORM CLIENT EXPERIENCE



The College has undertaken customer service training for its staff across the country from the Finance and House-keeping units.

“This visionary move aims to revolutionize the College’s service delivery and raise the bar for customer satisfaction,” CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch highlighted when he officially opened the training workshop at KMTCC Mombasa on April 25, 2023.

“With a resolute commitment to providing top-notch services, KMTCC recognizes the pivotal role of exceptional customer service in today’s competitive landscape,” Dr. Oluoch said.

“We are a customer-centric institution, and it is imperative that we provide nothing short of excellence. This training will empower our staff to serve our clients with unrivaled efficiency and professionalism,” he added.

This training is geared towards transforming the customer service landscape in all KMTCC Campuses across the country. The comprehensive training program equipped finance and housekeeping unit staff with invaluable skills, ranging from effective communication techniques to empathetic problem-solving strategies. With these tools in hand, they are poised to provide nothing short of extraordinary service and solutions to clients.

KMTCC’s commitment to exceptional customer service shines brightly through this forward-thinking endeavor. As the staff underwent this transformative training, KMTCC’s reputation as a leading institution is set to soar even higher, cementing its position as a model of excellence in customer-centricity.

The CEO was accompanied by the Finance Manager Mr. Elijah Mititi, Corporate Communications Manager Ms. Marcellah Onsomu, and Deputy Administrative Manager Mrs. Ruth Muchui, among other staff.

A section of Staff during the training.

COLLEGE MANUFACTURES AND GIFTS PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED WITH ARTIFICIAL LEGS

More than 20 people struggling with physical challenges got fitted with prosthetic legs and began to walk without wheelchairs and crutches.

It was the first time the College under the Department of Orthopaedic Technology manufactured and donated such artificial limbs with the help of its students.

The all-inclusive medical camp, held on Friday, June 23, 2023, at the Nairobi headquarters saw area residents benefit from a wide range of medical services including eye, ear, nose, and dental clinics, ultrasound for expectant mothers, among other services.

“We recognize that mobility is a necessity. Through this initiative we are giving Kenyans a fresh sense of purpose and hope,” said CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch during the event which kicked off with a five-kilometer walk to create awareness of physical challenges alongside other medical conditions.

Adding that, “Corporate Social Responsibility provides an opportunity of giving back to the community and to create a lasting impact on society.”

For decades, the College has been playing an important role in preparing its learners for prosthetic technology with the aim of addressing challenges associated with



physical impairment. Beneficiaries narrated their harrowing tales of being stigmatized and neglected, with some explaining the struggles of purchasing prostheses.

According to the 2019 census, 2.2 percent (0.9 million people) of Kenyans live with some form of disability.

For Serah Wanjiku, a beneficiary, the donation was a dream come true: “I have been hoping that one day someone would come to my aid. Indeed, today my prayers have been answered. I am now confident walking around. I can dance and comfortably performs my daily tasks,” she narrated.

“This gadget you are seeing would have cost me more than Kshs. 150, 000. Because I did not have the money, I used a wheelchair, which is not very convenient,” she continued.

The beneficiaries, thanked the College for putting smiles on their faces, enabling them to feel recognized and have a sense of belonging. The medical camp benefitted over 500 people.

On the sidelines of the event, participants took part in a tree planting exercise. Dr. Oluoch, who was represented by the Deputy Director Academic Dr. Nyawira Mwangi, noted that the government has set an ambitious target to restore 10.6 million hectares of degraded landscapes, aiming to improve biodiversity and mitigate climate change effects.

Orthopaedic Technology students, guided by their lecturers, fit a beneficiary with a prosthetic limb during the medical camp.

KMTC partners with the office of the first lady to increase the country's tree cover



First Lady, H. E. Mama Rachel Ruto (right) is received by the Iten Campus Principal Mr. Nathan Masengeli (left), and a section of students.

On June 9, 2023, the First Lady of Kenya, H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto visited KMTC Iten Campus after spearheading a tree planting activity in several areas within Elgeyo Marakwet County.

The event which was attended by KMTC Iten Campus students and members of the county saw a number of indigenous trees planted.

Speaking during the event, the First Lady, emphasized the importance and the dire need of environmental conservation in ensuring a healthy and sustainable future.

“I am delighted to be part of this noble cause, which will not only enhance the beauty of our country but also promote a healthier and greener environment,” she said. A total of 13,000 trees were planted during the exercise. The Office of the First Lady has set a goal of planting 500 million trees by 2032.

“It is for this reason that each of our staff members and students will plant at least 30 trees annually, thereby contributing to the restoration of the environment,” said Dr. Oluoch. The team undertook a tree-planting exercise on the sidelines of a medical camp, that offered an array of medical services to area residents.

The staff and students offered their time and energy by actively taking part in the camp as part of their support for this initiative.

As a responsible citizen and in addition to training competent health professionals, KMTC has remained committed to the well-being of the communities, through various CSR initiatives, which are replicated across its 74 campuses situated across 44 counties in the country.

World blood donor day celebrated in Murang'a county with pomp and colour



Health CS. Nakhumicha S. Wafula (right), Murang'a County Governor Hon. Irungu Kang'ata (center), Murang'a Campus Principal Ms. Evelyn Nyamai (left), and a section of students during the World Blood Donor Day celebrations.

Murang'a County witnessed a vibrant and memorable celebration of World Blood Donor Day on June 14, 2023. As students and staff from KMTC Murang'a, esteemed guests including the Chief Guest, CS Health Ms. Susan Nakhumicha, Murang'a County Governor H.E. Irungu Kang'ata, and the Hungarian Ambassador Zsolt Mészáros joined residents in commemorating the day.

The event drew a large crowd eager to show their support for blood donation and its life-saving impact while the KMTC Murang'a students showcased their talents encompassing various forms of art, including music, dance, and drama, all centered around the theme of blood donation and its crucial role in saving lives.

The Chief Guest, CS Health Ms. Nakhumicha, delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing the importance of blood donation in addressing healthcare challenges. The Governor of Murang'a also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the organizers and encouraged the community to actively participate in blood donation drives to meet the growing demand.

Notably, the presence of the Hungarian Ambassador highlighted the collaborative efforts between Hungary and Kenya in the healthcare sector.

The event concluded with a call to action, urging individuals to become regular blood donors and emphasizing the significance of community participation in saving lives through this noble act.

CAMPUS GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, CONDUCTS OPEN DAY



Imenti Campus conducted market cleaning exercises at Kanyakine and Tharene on 26th and 27th April, 2023 respectively, in fulfillment of the College's aspiration to give back to the communities through various corporate social responsibility initiatives.

On April 28, 2023, the Campus opened its doors to members of the public eager to learn more about the College and how they can take advantage of the training opportunities offered by KMTc during the Annual Open Day. However, the Open Day was not just about showcasing the College; it was also an opportunity for the campus to extend their helping hands to the community.

Amidst the day's activities, free medical services were

offered to those in need, reminding everyone of KMTc Imenti's unwavering dedication to improving healthcare accessibility and making a tangible difference in people's lives.

Speaking at the event, Chief Guest, Imenti South Member of Parliament Hon. Dr. Shadrack Mwiti, who was represented by the area National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) Manager Ms. Charity Makena lauded the KMTc for establishing the Campus four years ago, leading to the economic transformation of the area. "We will continue to support this Campus, as it empowers our children with the necessary skills to thrive in an increasingly competitive global landscape," he added.

Principal, Mr. Samwel Njagi appreciated the assistance noting Campus has enjoyed a lot of support from the local leadership, community and Meru County at large. "I wish to thank Hon. Mwiti who is currently in the process of completing the construction of the office block we are operating from and for the NG-CDF bursaries some of our students continue to receive," he added.

The Open Day was attended by Abogeta East ward MCA Hon. Aaron Thurania, South Imenti Sub-County Deputy Commissioner Madam Mollyne Ockebe, Kanyakini County Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Evalyne Kawira, among others.

A section of Imenti Campus students during a cleaning exercise at the Kanyakine and Tharene markets.

YOU WILL SOON START ACCESSING COLLEGE SERVICES WITH THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON



Imagine a day when certificates and transcripts will be verified online; a day when all inquiries will be received and responded to with a touch of a button.

Well, that is what is likely to happen in a couple of months, thanks to our transformative journey under the Business Process Reengineering (BPR).

The College is embarking on BPR to enhance organizational processes, improve efficiency, and deliver superior outcomes for students, staff, and stakeholders.

In a training held in Mombasa from May 9th to 13th, KMTc equipped its staff to act as change champions, driving positive transformation within the institution.

Led by the Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch, the training aimed to empower staff to spearhead the implementation of reengineered processes that would streamline service delivery and enhance accessibility for clients.

Dr. Oluoch expressed confidence in the successful adoption of these processes, stating, “Our duty is to make it easier for our clients to access services while offering faster and better customer-centric solutions.”

The CEO further pointed out the importance of digital transformation, emphasizing that reengineering KMTc’s processes would enable the institution to meet its goals outlined in the upcoming Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

With a Vision to be a globally competitive institution for training health professionals, KMTc aims to train students to a higher standard while competing favorably with international higher learning establishments.

The training was facilitated by officers from the State Department of Public Service, led by the Director Public Service Transformation Division Ms. Betty Soita. Participants were empowered to act as advocates for change and foster a culture of continual improvement.

Their roles would involve effectively communicating the goals and benefits of BPR to stakeholders, addressing concerns, and facilitating smooth transitions during the implementation of new processes and systems.

The commitment of the CEO to provide the necessary resources and support for this transformation was evident throughout the training. The institution’s digital transformation efforts are expected to optimize student recruitment, improve the flow of information, and enhance the efficiency of transcript and certificate issuance and verification processes, among others.

As KMTc embraces Business Process Re-engineering, it positions itself as a leader in the field of healthcare training, ensuring that students and stakeholders receive outstanding services. The commitment to leveraging technology and fostering a culture of continuous improvement will enable KMTc to thrive in a globally competitive landscape.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (seated center) with managers and a section of staff during a training held at the Coast.

CAMPUS INSPIRES STUDENTS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CAREER FAIR



St. Joseph's Secondary School in Githunguri was buzzing with excitement as KMTTC Nairobi Campus took center stage at the highly anticipated annual career fair on, May 20, 2023. With a strong focus on empowering students and shaping their career aspirations, the event witnessed a remarkable turnout and left a lasting impact on attendees.

Speaking on the significance of the College's participation in such events, Nairobi Campus Principal Mr. Joseph Ahomo had the following to say, "Participation of the Campus in the career fair was driven by our strong commitment to nurturing and inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals. We believe in the power of education and the transformative impact it can have on individuals and communities. He added, "By actively engaging with students at such events, we aim to broaden their horizons and

ignite their passion for careers in the health sector."

The Nairobi Campus team, comprising of experienced faculty members, showcased a wide array of programmes and opportunities available at the College. Students flocked to the booth, eager to learn more about the diverse healthcare disciplines offered by KMTTC, including nursing, pharmacy, medical laboratory sciences, and more.

Engaging sessions with KMTTC representatives allowed students to have their queries answered, gain detailed insights into the admission process, and discover the rewarding career prospects within the healthcare industry. These interactive sessions provided a deeper understanding of the various medical courses available in the College and the potential impact graduates can make in improving the lives of indi-

viduals and communities.

Expressing gratitude for KMTTC's participation, the Principal of St. Joseph's Secondary School Mr. Francis Miano commended the College for the valuable contribution, stating, "We are immensely grateful to KMTTC Nairobi Campus for their significant role in our career fair. Their presence has broadened our students' horizons and motivated them to consider healthcare professions as rewarding career choices."

The presence of KMTTC at the career fair not only inspired students but also highlighted the critical need for healthcare professionals in Kenya. With the country facing a shortage of skilled health workforce, KMTTC's active involvement in such events underscores the importance of healthcare education and its role in meeting this pressing demand.

David Mwembe, a KMTTC Lecturer, interacts with a Section of St. Joseph's Secondary School students during the annual career fair held at the school.

CEO LAUDS PRINCIPALS, ENCOURAGES MULTI-SKILLING OF TRAINEES



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch has lauded KMTCC Principals across the country for their stewardship, enabling the College to maintain and enhance high-quality training.

The CEO was speaking during the quarterly Academic Council meeting that took place from 8th-9th March 2023 at the KMTCC Nairobi Nursing Assembly hall.

Dr. Oluoch reported that KMTCC was moving towards ensuring its students are multi-skilled to give them an edge in the competitive job market.

“Further, the College will seek to host international workshops to provide students with the opportunity to network with professionals and peers from different countries and cultural backgrounds,” the CEO said. “This will allow students to

stay up-to-date with the latest research and advancements in their field of study and can lead to new opportunities for research collaborations, internships, and job offers” he added.

To further enhance teaching and learning, Dr. Oluoch encouraged the Principals to engage in partnerships with their respective County Governments as well as other key development partners.

Additionally, the CEO encouraged Principals to support enhancement of sports activities in the College to improve interaction as well as help the students to keep fit.

With the growing demand for KMTCC graduates across the globe, the College is eyeing the setting up of a language center that will see students learn German, French, and English languages among

others to impart migrating workers with visa application skills.

Kapenguria Campus Principal and Chairperson of the Principal’s forum Mr. Ezekiel Kandagor conveyed the Principals’ gratitude for the timely disbursement of funds and purchase of learning materials, allowing Campuses to run smoothly.

The Academic Council consists of Managers, Principals, and Academic Heads of Department. It is entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding KMTCC’s place as the preferred institution of training for middle-level health professionals, by continuously auditing processes and systems and proactively finding solutions for any foreseen and unforeseen challenges.

A section of Principals during the Academic Council meeting at the Nairobi Campus Nursing Assembly Hall.

JOY AS CAMPUS RECEIVES A VEHICLE



KMTC Othaya Campus students could not hide their smiles after they received a vehicle on January 23, 2022.

The College in recent months has embarked on equipping its facilities with teaching equipment, transport vehicles, enhanced infrastructural development, among others in a bid to boost learning.

Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita said the Board is committed to upholding international training standards in the College for production of a global healthcare workforce.

“We have today met with the Nyeri County Governor Hon. Mutahi Kahiga, who has pledged his support by continuing to avail the County’s health facilities to provide attachment and practical experience for students,” he reported.

The Chairperson indicated that in addition to the County support, the area MP Hon. Michael Wainaina, had promised to support the growth of the Campus.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch lauded the support from the County, terming the partnership a fruitful one.

“In the same spirit, I wish to thank the KMTC Board of Directors for allocating resources for the ongoing construction of a tuition block consisting of six classrooms and an ablution block,” he said.

He noted that KMTC students will benefit from the infrastructural development projects across the Campuses. Dr. Oluoch revealed that KMTC students who had applied for Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) were set to receive the disbursement within two weeks.

Othaya Campus, established in 2016, has enjoyed a lot of community support with the land on which it sits having been donated by the local community.

Also present at the event were KMTC Board Directors Ms. Jeniffer Kibagendi, and Mr. Fred Wamwaki, senior Managers Dr. Leah Bii and Ms. Lucy Kuria, among others.

Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (right), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd left) and Board Director Mr. Fred Wamwaki (left) during the handing over of double-cabin vehicle to Othaya Campus.

JUBILATION AS MORE CAMPUSES RECEIVE VEHICLES



It was jubilation at the KMTCC Headquarters in Nairobi during the commissioning of nine vehicles for use by various Campuses.

“These vehicles will ensure students access their clinical training sites with ease, where they augment health service delivery to the local communities in the course of their training,” KMTCC Board Director Mr. Fred Wamwaki, representing the Board Chair Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, said.

The nine vehicles, four double cabin utility vehicles, four buses and one ambulance will go to Thika, Kaptumo, Kuria, Iten, Kabarnet, Othaya, Busia, Webuye and Nairobi Campuses.

“The Board is committed to addressing resource gaps in the College to continuously enhance efficiency and subsequently quality of training,” Mr. Wamwaki added. In line with this, he reported, the Board has put in place plans



to equip all Campuses with vehicles to strengthen transport system across the College.

He further said that the Board was keen on leveraging on technology in the College to ensure efficient use of resources available.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch thanked the Board for enabling the College achieve its mandate. “These vehicles will go a long way in enabling KMTCC maintain its quality of training considering 70 percent of the content is hands on,” he remarked.”

Our students will now have easier access to their clinical areas and practicum sites”, he added.

Dr. Oluoch noted that in addition, the buses would enable students take part in co-curricular activities.

In the last eight months, the College has purchased 21 vehicles to go towards enhancing teaching and learning in various Campuses. As at now, the College fleet stands at 140 vehicles which includes one ambulance that will be key in student’s learning.

It is expected that in the next few months, the remaining Campuses will each receive a vehicle as KMTCC moves to ensure all its Campuses across the country are fully equipped to the required standards.

Board Director Mr. Fred Wamwaki (with National flag), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (with KMTCC flag) Nairobi Campus Principal Mr. Joseph Abomo (right) during the commissioning of vehicles to campuses.

INSET: CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch gives his remarks during the event.

College Set to Enhance Sports Facilities Across all its Campuses



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch showcases his hockey playing skills during the official opening of KMTc Region one sports competitions at Shanzu Teachers Training College.

In a bid to nurture talents and promote healthy interactions among students, the College has announced plans to further equip all of its Campuses with state-of-the-art sporting facilities.

This announcement was made by the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch during the official opening of the Region One Sports Competitions held at Shanzu Teachers Training College on April 16, 2023.

“Sports have always played a vital role in fostering healthy interactions and promoting physical fitness among students,” the CEO said, highlighting his determination to ensure that all students have access to the necessary resources to develop their sporting talents.

“This move is not only aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle but also at helping to combat drug abuse,” he added.

Dr. Oluoch expressed his pride in the College’s sporting activities, held concurrently in four regions across the country, marking the first time since the COVID-19

pandemic. He acknowledged the critical role students play in the national health fabric and reiterated the College’s commitment to ensuring their full participation and engagement in sporting activities.

During the event, the CEO congratulated the committees involved in ensuring the success of the games and gave a special recognition to Oscar Kibet from Port Reitz Campus, who represented Kenya in the Junior International Hockey Competition held in Egypt earlier this year.

The participating Campuses’ Principals and staff were present at the event, showing their support for the initiative. The CEO wished the teams the best of luck and encouraged everyone to give their all in the spirit of friendly competition.

With the promise of enhanced sporting facilities in all KMTc campuses, students can look forward to a bright future where their talents can be nurtured, and they can engage in healthy activities that will benefit their minds and bodies.

KMTc PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN TACKLING THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS



British Columbia’s Professor Mohamed Ibrahim during a joint Mental Health Care Lecture at the School of Nursing Lecture Hall.

In its ongoing efforts to collaborate with international organizations to enhance training, KMTc has partnered with University of British Columbia (UBC) and has hosted a groundbreaking joint lecture focused on mental health care.

The event held at the KMTc School of Nursing in Nairobi ran from 2nd to 5th May, 2023, with the aim of shedding light on the importance of addressing mental health issues and the urgent need for improved identification as well as access to treatment worldwide.

“In line with our motto of ‘Training for Better Health’ we are cognizant that better healthcare must include mental health,” KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch said during the official opening ceremony. “The College



currently makes a significant contribution towards attaining mental health and well-being through quality training that includes several training programmes at pre-service and in-service levels, with a focus on developing competencies in mental health and psychiatry” Dr. Oluoch added.

He further revealed that KMTC’s forthcoming Strategic Plan for 2023-2028 will prioritize interventions for the mental health of the population, aiming to make a significant impact in this crucial area.

One of the highlights of the event was the growing partnership between KMTC and the University of British Columbia, which is rapidly evolving into a robust collaborative venture in the field of mental health and beyond.

“We are honored to partner with KMTC in addressing critical healthcare challenges, particularly in the area of mental health,” Prof. Ibrahim said. “By combining our expertise and resources, we can make significant strides in improving the well-being of individuals and communities,” he further remarked.

The joint lecture between KMTC and the University of British Columbia marks a significant milestone in the global pursuit of better mental healthcare. With ambitious plans and impactful partnerships, KMTC is poised to lead the charge in addressing mental health challenges in Kenya and beyond, making a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Participants in the public lecture included KMTC students from Mathari, Nai-

robi, and Karuri Campuses undertaking mental health specialized courses in Nursing, Clinical Medicine, and Public Health departments, faculty, staff, and other invited guests.

For KMTC, partnerships and collaborations play a crucial role in advancing health training and fostering the mission of producing competent healthcare professionals. By leveraging collective strengths and resources, the College continues to ensure the production of competent and skilled healthcare professionals who can address the evolving healthcare needs of the country and make a positive impact on the health and well-being of the population.

British Columbia University students with Deputy Director Academic Dr. Nyawira Mwangi, (seated center), alongside the joint lecture facilitators.

COLLEGE HOSTS A DELEGATION FROM BOOK AID INTERNATIONAL; SEEKS TO DEEPEN PARTNERSHIP



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch has conveyed the College's intention to deepen its partnership with Book Aid International to promote teaching and learning.

The CEO was speaking when he hosted a delegation from the organization when they paid him a courtesy call on, 13th March, 2023, at the KMTC Headquarters in Nairobi.

"The support through the donation of reading materials from Book Aid International has been critical in enhancing the quality of education offered at KMTC," the CEO said, adding, "We are grateful for the partnership, which has enabled us to provide our students with relevant and up-to-date learning resources."

In March last year, Book Aid International and Elsevier donated an assortment of books to the College.

Chair of the Board of Trustees for Book Aid International Dr. Alice Prochaska reiterated the organization's commitment to supporting the College, saying, "Book Aid International is proud to have been supporting KMTC for over ten years. We are committed to continuing this partnership and providing the necessary reading materials to support the education and professional development of students at the College."

Since 2010, KMTC has benefited from Elsevier, which is Book Aid International's largest donor of medical books.

On her part, Book Aid International Chief Executive Officer Ms. Alison reported in a tweet message, "We believe that access to books and learning resources is a fundamental right. Our partnership with KMTC has enabled us to provide books to thousands of students, helping to improve their academic performance. We look forward



to continuing this important work with KMTC."

The visit was aimed at strengthening the relationship between the two organizations and exploring ways to continue supporting the College with reading materials.

The two organizations expressed a commitment to work together towards a common goal of providing quality education to students at KMTC and thereby, improving the health standards in the country

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (center), Book Aid International Board of Trustees Chairperson Dr. Alice Prochaska (2nd left), CEO Ms. Alison (2nd right), Staff and a section of students. (Inset Ms. Alison).

Students Benefit from Bursary Allocations



Nandi County Governor H.E. Stephen Sang (right) with a section of beneficiaries.

A total of 198 KMTc students are among beneficiaries of a Kshs. 60 million bursary allocation by the Nandi County Government to support their access to education.

Handing over the cheque to the beneficiaries, Nandi County Governor Hon. Stephen Sang had this to say “We will be increasing bursary allocation in each subsequent year to ensure that we cushion a majority of the needy students in our society.”

The Governor reported that the disbursement was earmarked to benefit students from the County undertaking their studies in Universities and Colleges, Vocational Training Centres and Secondary Schools. In addition, the money would go towards supporting People Living with Disabilities access to education.

The Governor thanked members of the public who had actively participated in the identification of the bursary beneficiaries.

Receiving this good news, KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch thanked the Governor for his support noting that the College has continuously sought partnerships with the National and County Governments towards supporting the training of needy students.

“Just recently, as part of a joint effort with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), the College received an allocation of Kshs. 680 million that will go towards supporting needy students to finance their training at the College,” Dr. Oluoch said.

Nandi County is home to Mosoriot and Kaptumo Campuses, two of the 74 KMTcs located in various parts of the country.

KMTc PARTNERS WITH UNESCO TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROJECT FOR STUDENTS



Ms. Daphnee Blanc

The College has partnered with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in a project dubbed Our Lives, Our Rights, Our Future (03 Plus), to realize positive health, education, and gender equality outcomes through sustained reductions in new HIV infections, unintended pregnancy, and gender-based violence.

Speaking when she called on the KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, Regional Project Officer, Education for Health and Wellbeing Ms. Daphnee Blanc lauded the College for the passion and willing-

ness to take up the project. “Together, we will ensure that KMTc students reach their fullest potential,” she said. Adding that the project seeks to leverage on innovative strategies that resonate with the young people.

Ms. Blanc reported that the O3 plus project is founded on four key pillars which are institutionalized commitment to Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) as well as Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) through policies and curriculum. Others are greater uptake by students of improved quality SRHR services and information; Safer, more inclusive, and more supportive campus environment for all students; and increased evidence base for CSE/SRHR needs and effective approaches within institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Oluoch welcomed the partnership noting that it would support the College in creating a learning environment that promotes the health and well-being of students, and provide them with knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. “These efforts will help to create a more positive and supportive learning environment for all students allowing them to pursue their ambitions,” he added reiterating the College’s commitment to supporting the project targets.

The O3 Plus project has been piloted in KMTc Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kisumu with a future possibility of cascading



ing to other Campuses across the country.

In a related development, following the partnership between the two organizations, UNESCO conducted a situational analysis that recognized KMTc for its commitment to safeguarding students’ health and well-being.

Speaking at a breakfast meeting on June 2, 2023 to disseminate the results, O3 plus National Programme Officer Ms. Jane Kamau emphasized that much more needs to be done. “We are committed to ensuring that young people make wise choices by creating an environment that allows them to speak out and seek help when they need it,” she noted.

Adding that, “UNESCO would continue to work closely with the College to ensure youth-friendly services are offered to the students through training and empowering the health service providers within the College.”

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch expressed his excitement at the involvement of students in the project emphasizing the importance of revolutionizing

service delivery at the College with a customer-centric approach.

Drawing inspiration from James Murphy’s book, “The Subconscious Mind,” Dr. Oluoch noted the immense power of the mind, stating, “Human beings are what they think about. It is possible for us to create an enabling environment for our students to live up to their full potential. In addition, the CEO highlighted the importance of making the youth aware of the immense power of their minds.”

The KMTc-UNESCO partnership has also undertaken the training of 30 peer-to-peer mentors. The peer-to-peer mentorship program not only facilitates the sharing of information but also helps to create a culture of openness, trust, and mutual support within KMTc. It encourages students to actively engage with their peers, fostering a supportive environment where individuals feel comfortable seeking help and discussing sensitive topics related to mental health, GBV, and sexual reproductive health.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (center) with UNESCO Regional Project Officer Ms. Daphnee Blanc (3rd left), UNESCO and KMTc Staff during the O3 Plus project meeting at the KMTc Headquarters.

College Explores Partnership with Austrian Organization



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (center), Lebenshilfe Vice President Mr. George Willeit (6th right) and KMTC staff during a meeting at the KMTC Headquarters.

KMTC has held preliminary discussions with Lebenshilfe Austria on possible areas of partnership to support students' transition from College to the job market.

Speaking when he received the organization's Vice-President Mr. George Willeit at the KMTC headquarters in Nairobi on January 16,

2023, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch welcomed the partnership noting that it is in line with the College's strategy of training for the global market.

"We are excited to be exploring this partnership with you to build our students' skills and competencies to enhance their marketability in the international job markets," the

CEO said.

On his part, Mr. Willeit expressed his optimism that by working together, the two organizations would be able to develop health professionals fit for practice in the country as well as the global context.

As a way forward, the two organizations agreed to form a technical working group to identify areas of cooperation that will ensure KMTC students benefit from the partnership.

Lebenshilfe Austria represents the rights of people with intellectual disabilities. It is the umbrella organization for a total of eight state self-help organizations, with its headquarters in Vienna.

Nyeri County Government ups support to the College



Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (center), Nyeri County Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga (2nd left) KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left), Board Directors, KMTC Managers, and County Government officers during a courtesy visit to the Governor's office.

Speaking on January 23, 2023, during a courtesy call on his office by the KMTC Board of Directors led by Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, Nyeri County Governor Hon. Mutahi Kahiga reiterated the County Government's commitment to KMTC Campuses in the County to enable them to discharge their mandate to Kenyans.

"Towards this end, we have seconded six Lecturers to Nyeri Campus to strengthen staff numbers in support of teaching and learning for our students," the Governor said.

He further pledged to continue availing County health facilities for student clinical training.

Amb. Muita thanked the Governor for his support, noting, "The Col-

lege is seeking to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to create an enabling environment for a seamless working relationship between the two organizations."

On his part, KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch requested the Governor to consider sponsoring needy students from the county through contributions to College revolving fund under the management of the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).

"We look forward to our continued partnership in empowering the youth," he added.

Present were KMTC Board Directors Ms. Jennifer Kibagendi, Mr. Fred Wamwaki, senior managers Dr. Lucy Bii, Ms. Lucy Kuria, Principals Ms. Zipporah Njeru (Othaya), Mr. Daniel Kimwetich (Nyeri), among others.

KMTC AND LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE TRAINING

In an effort to enhance healthcare education and service delivery, the KMTC Board Chairperson, Amb. Zach Muburi-Muita accompanied by CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, paid a visit to the Laikipia County governor Joshua Irungu, on May 18, 2023.

The primary objective of the visit was to explore collaborative opportunities between KMTC and the county government, with a focus on advancing healthcare training in the region.

During the meeting, Governor Irungu and Amb. Muita emphasized the significance of the partnership and expressed their shared commitment to working together for the betterment of the community.

Governor Irungu stated, “We are thrilled to host the KMTC delegation today and acknowledge the importance of healthcare education in our county’s development. We are dedicated to supporting KMTC’s initiatives by facilitating infrastructure development at the Nyahururu campus and exploring innovative funding models to assist financially disadvantaged students.”

He further emphasized the need to deploy additional teaching staff to the Nyahururu campus, ensuring that students receive high-quality training to prepare them for successful careers in the



Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (2nd left), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left), Laikipia County Governor Hon. Joshua Irungu (right) and county officers interact during a visit to the Governor’s Office.

healthcare sector.

Amb. Muita, expressed his delight at being in Laikipia County and extended gratitude for the warm reception. He affirmed KMTC’s dedication to expanding access to quality healthcare training and emphasized that collaboration with the county government would significantly impact the region.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch highlighted the importance of students’ exposure to real-life

clinical settings for their learning experience. “We eagerly look forward to close collaboration with the county government to provide clinical placement opportunities for our students in healthcare facilities within Laikipia County,” he said. Adding that “the hands-on experience is crucial for the students’ professional development.” The College and the County will work towards a Memorandum of Understanding to solidify the shared vision.

INSET: . Laikipia County Governor Hon. Joshua Irungu (right) and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left) during the visit.

COLLEGE SEEKS COLLABORATION WITH SAMBURU COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO BOOST HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND MEDICAL TRAINING

The College Chairperson, Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, accompanied by CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch, paid a courtesy call on the Samburu County Governor Jonathan Lati Leleliit for a discussion, aimed at fostering partnerships that would enhance healthcare services and medical training in the region.

The meeting, held at the Governor's office on May 19, 2023, commenced with a warm reception from Governor Leleliit, who expressed his gratitude for the visit and emphasized the importance of collaboration in improving the well-being of the people of Samburu County.

He highlighted the pressing healthcare needs in the region, including access to quality medical facilities, specialized training for healthcare professionals, and the importance of preventive healthcare initiatives.

On his part, Amb. Muita underscored the significance of quality healthcare education and training in addressing the health challenges faced by the county. He emphasized the potential for collaboration between KMTTC and the Samburu County government to establish sustainable healthcare initiatives.

Speaking in the same meeting, CEO Dr. Oluoch reaffirmed KMTTC's commitment



to equipping healthcare professionals with the necessary skills. "We intend to extend our reach and work closely with counties across Kenya, aiming to uplift healthcare standards and bridge the health workforce gaps in underserved areas," he added.

Through joint efforts with the Samburu County Government, residents can anticipate enhanced access to quality healthcare in the region.

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“The College’s goal is to ensure that the residents of Samburu have access to quality healthcare alongside human resources for health who are equipped with the necessary skills to provide comprehensive care. This visit signifies our commitment to fostering partnerships that will bring about positive change in the healthcare sector,”

**KMTTC Board Chairperson
Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita**

Samburu County Governor Hon. Jonathan Lati Leleliit (left) welcoming Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi Muita during a courtesy call.

COLLEGE TO FOSTER COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT FOR HEALTH TRAINING WITH NYANDARUA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, engaged in discussions with Nyandarua County Governor Moses Ndirangu Badilisha on May 23 2023.

The meeting focused on fostering collaboration around support for strengthened healthcare systems in Nyandarua County through health training.

Governor Badilisha emphasized the synergy of collaboration with the College, stating, “By partnering with KMTCC, we are harnessing the power of training in healthcare to enhance service delivery in Nyandarua County. Together, we can build a stronger healthcare system that meets the needs of our people and ensures a healthier future for our county.”

Also on the agenda was innovative funding models to support students’ education. The College in recent months embarked on an ambitious plan to rally like-minded partners towards establishing a financial kitty for its needy students.

The Governor expressed his commitment to supporting education and the county revolving fund for needy students, stating, “We will provide the necessary support for the revolving fund and explore additional avenues to ensure access to quality education for our students.”

In his subsequent visit to KMTCC Nyandarua and Kinangop Campuses, Amb. Muita gained firsthand insights into the current facilities and witnessed the positive

impact of KMTCC’s presence in the county.

The Board Chairperson later met with the area Member of Parliament, Hon. Zachary Kwenya, who expressed his commitment to supporting KMTCC students’ funding through bursaries. He stated, “I am fully dedicated to ensuring that students from KMTCC receive the necessary financial support for their education. Through the Kinangop National Constituency Development Fund, we will continue to allocate funds towards bursaries, enabling more students to pursue their healthcare studies and contribute to the development of our community.”

Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (left) and Nyandarua County Governor Hon. Moses Ndirangu Badilisha during a meeting at the County Governor’s office.

BUNGOMA COUNTY AND KMTC FORGE STRONG PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHCARE ADVANCEMENT

In a significant move towards bolstering healthcare services and training, the Bungoma County Government, led by Governor Hon. Kenneth Lusaka, has pledged its support to the College. This commitment was reaffirmed during a ceremony on February 3, 2023, where Governor Lusaka commissioned a tuition block and a double cabin utility vehicle at KMTC Webuye.

Governor Lusaka's dedication to a secure learning environment was evident as he also promised to install security lights in and around the campus, ensuring that all students have a safe place to study.

Recognizing the financial constraints faced by students, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch reported that KMTC has allocated Kshs. 680 million to assist needy students through the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB). "As the popular saying goes, it takes a village to bring up a child and therefore my request to our leaders is to contribute to this kitty to enable us support more students willing to train with us but are unable to due to financial constraints," Dr. Oluoch urged, emphasizing the importance of community involvement and encouraging leaders to contribute to this initiative.

In response to the CEO's request, Governor Lusaka pledged to collaborate closely with Members of Parliament from the County to



support financially challenged students and prevent dropouts due to fee-related issues. Furthermore, Tongaren MP Hon. John Murumba pledged to support 150 students from his constituency in their training at KMTC. Area MP Hon. Martin Wanyonyi Pepela undertook to allocate Kshs 10 million from the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) Kitty to support the construction of a modern administration block at the Campus.

In another significant development, KMTC and the Bungoma County Government entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on June 21, 2023, in an event held at the KMTC Headquarters. This partnership outlines areas of collaboration, focusing on improving medical education and enhancing healthcare accessibility within Bungoma County. Under the MoU, KMTC students will gain access to healthcare facilities across the

county, receive training opportunities, and benefit from financial support for their fees.

KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita expressed the College's commitment to training well-equipped healthcare professionals who can contribute to healthcare advancement and support the government's Universal Health Coverage agenda. On the other hand, Governor Lusaka emphasized KMTC's significant role in training health workers and the collaboration's potential to address human resource shortages in healthcare.

CEO Dr. Oluoch echoed these sentiments, underlining the partnership's capacity to offer students improved access to healthcare facilities, training opportunities, and financial support. He noted that the collaboration is poised to enhance healthcare services and training opportunities, benefiting both the community and the healthcare sector.

Bungoma County Governor Hon. Kenneth Lusaka (2nd left), Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (2nd right), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right), and Bungoma County Health Executive Committee Member for Health Dr. Andrew W. Wamalwa (left) during the signing of an MoU at the KMTC Headquarters.

College Explores partnership with IVI



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd right), International Vaccine Institute (IVI) Director General Dr. Jerome Kim (3rd right) during a meeting at KMTC Headquarters.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch on January 31, 2023 hosted the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) Director General Dr. Jerome Kim at the Headquarters in Nairobi for discussions on potential areas of collaboration.

Dr. Oluoch welcomed the prospect of partnering with IVI especially on research in the areas of vaccination and immunization.

“One of the College’s key mandates is conducting research and we are excited to explore this opportunity of partnering with you to increase staff technical capability in this area,” the CEO said.

On his part, Dr. Jerome Kim expressed his optimism and confirmed that the partnership would enable the College undertake capacity building of its staff.

As a way forward, KMTC and IVI agreed to jointly develop a memorandum of understanding to lay the foundation for this partnership.

IVI is an international not-for-profit organization whose mission is to discover, develop and deliver safe, effective and affordable vaccines for global public health. IVI is headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea and has 39 member countries and the WHO in its treaty.

College Commits to Enhance Partner with Regulatory Bodies



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (seated center), Public Health Officers and Technicians Council of Kenya CEO Dr. Aggrey Oriema (seated left) with senior Officials from KMTC and PHOTC during a meeting at the KMTC Headquarters.

The College will continue to work with regulatory bodies and other stakeholders to enhance teaching and learning as well as address any challenges that may arise in the process, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch has said.

The CEO was speaking when he received a report from the Public Health Officers and Technicians Council of Kenya (PHOTC) on, April 19 2023 at the KMTC Headquarters in Nairobi.

“We have recommended the use of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes to ensure students and staff are equipped with the latest skills and knowledge in their respective fields,” PHOTC CEO Aggrey Oriema said adding that “We have suggested the need to strengthen the Alumni Association to facilitate networking and collaboration among graduates.”

Dr. Oluoch welcomed the recommendations saying they would help the institution improve its academic standards and produce highly skilled healthcare professionals.

“We appreciate the recommendations from PHOTC and are committed to implementing them to enhance the quality of education and training we offer to our students,” Dr. Kelly said reiterating KMTC’s commitment to enabling its graduates compete effectively in the job market and contribute to the development of the health sector in Kenya and beyond.

Mr. Oriema, emphasized the importance of collaboration between the council and institutions like KMTC to ensure the quality of health services in Kenya.

The meeting was attended by among others, PHOTC’s Prof. Mohammed Karama and senior officials from both institutions.

KMTC and County Governments Collaborate to Enhance Clinical Attachment Opportunities for Students



Dr. Leah Bii addressing County Executive Committee members (CECMs) for Health during a meeting held in Machakos County.

The College has expressed its interest in deepening partnerships with County Governments to increase clinical attachment opportunities for students.

This was revealed during a meeting held with County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) for Health on April 18, 2023, in Machakos County, on the sidelines of the Council of Governors meeting.

Dr. Kelly Oluoch emphasized the importance of closer collaboration between the two institutions in ensuring students receive quality training. “KMTC occupies a critical niche in the race towards the comprehensive roll-out of the Universal Health Coverage agenda in the country and strengthening of health systems at the county level,” he said.

“For this reason, clinical attachment opportunities are

important for KMTC students because they provide the necessary practical skills required for their future careers in healthcare,” he added, in a statement delivered on his behalf by the Head of Inter-Governmental Relations Dr. Leah Bii.

Nyamira Health Services CECM for the Department of Health Services Dr. Timothy Ombati appreciated the role KMTC continues to play in supporting the provision of health services in county health facilities. “We commit to working with KMTC to address the challenges facing students during clinical attachment to ensure we support their skills development,” he said.

The meeting provided an important platform for stakeholders to discuss issues affecting the healthcare sector and explore ways of addressing them.

KMTC AND MOMBASA COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMIT TO WORK TOGETHER FOR IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES

The KMTC Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita has assured of the College’s commitment to supporting the Mombasa County Government in its efforts to improve health outcomes in the region.

The Chairperson was speaking when he met the County Governor Hon. Abdulswamad Nassir on March 29, 2023, in Mombasa.

Citing the upcoming Newborn and Infection Control Units at Port Reitz Hospital and the two ultra-modern Intensive Care Units at Coast General Hospital, Amb. Muita acknowledged the efforts of the county in improving health infrastructure and quality of healthcare services.

“These will provide a training environment for nurturing specialized skills that are highly sought after,” he noted.

Amb. Muita noted that KMTC Campuses within Mombasa have made it possible for a large number of students drawn from the county and across the country to access medical training. “Under the KMTC and Mvita National Government-Constituency Development Fund (NG-



CDF) working agreement, hundreds of students have been admitted to KMTC,” he reported.

On his part, Governor Nassir committed to continue supporting the College in its endeavor to enhance teaching and learning. Towards this end, he commissioned a team to be headed by the County Executive Committee Member for Health, Dr. Sabah Ahmed Omar, to develop modalities of further engagement.

Mombasa County is home to Port Reitz and Mombasa Campuses which have a combined population of more than 3,000 students. During clinical placement and community engagement, the students work closely with the rural and urban populations, therefore improving health service delivery in the county and country at large.

During his tenure as the Mvita MP Governor Nassir through the NG-CDF fund-

ed the construction of an ultra-modern tuition complex, enabling the Campus to grow its student population from 800 to the current 1,755.

The Board Chairperson was accompanied by the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, Principals Dr. Marsellah Ogendo (Mombasa), Dr. Jacinta Mukonzo (Port Reitz), Alex Deche (Kilifi) and Mombasa Campus Deputy Principal Riziki Mwangolo.

Present from the County were CECM Health Services Dr. Sabah Ahmed Omar, County Nurse Matron Mwaringa and Coast General Hospital CEO Dr. Iqbal Khandwalla.

KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (4th left), Mombasa County Governor Hon. Abduswamad Nassir (5th left), CEO Dr Kelly Oluoch (4th right) with KMTC and county government officials during a meeting held in Mombasa.



Mombasa Campus tuition block built through the support of Mvita CDF during Mombasa Governor Hon. Abduswamad Nassir’s tenure as the area Member of Parliament.

TRANSITIONS



Mr. Freddy M. Malombo
from Voi Campus was first appointed to KMTC in December 2009 as a Kitchen Attendant. Until his demise on 19/5/2023 he was, Support Staff Supervisor (II).



Mr. Gabriel Epem Lochuch
from Sigowet Campus was first appointed to KMTC on 1/12/2018 as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Nursing, a position he held until his demise on 18/2/2023.



Mr. James Kinywa Nyaga
from Embu Campus was first appointed to KMTC on 1/7/2003 as Subordinate Staff III and had been promoted from Auxiliary Supervisor III to Support Staff Supervisor. Until his demise on 17/2/2023 he was serving in the position of Support Staff Supervisor.



Ms. Mary Ayieko
from Manza Campus was first appointed to KMTC on 30/10/2008 as a Subordinate Staff and had been promoted from Support Staff to Support Staff Supervisor III. Until his demise on 20/4/2023 he was serving in the position of Support Staff Supervisor.



Mr. William Juma Sombe
from Nairobi Campus was first appointed to KMTC on 1/2/2001 as Subordinate Staff III and had risen through the ranks from Artisan III to Artisan I. Until his demise on 26/4/23 he was serving in the position of Artisan I.

CITIZENS' SERVICE DELIVERY CHARTER

S.NO	SERVICE	REQUIREMENTS	COST	TIMELINE
1	Enquiries	• Physical Visit/ • Phone call/ • Email • Digital media	Free	Within a day
2	Resolution of complaints	Formal	Free	10 days
3	Response to complaints, compliments or suggestions	Informal	Free	Immediate
4	Student recruitment	Required qualifications and availability of vacancies	Ksh 2,022 application fee	Per intake (<i>March and September intakes</i>)
5	Issuance of academic transcripts	Completion of Final Qualifying Exams and submission of application form	Ksh 1,000	10 days
6	Issuance of academic certificates	Graduation	Free	Five days after graduation
7	Replacement of lost academic certificate	Formal request	Ksh 5,000	Within 10 days
8	Verification of academic certificate	Original academic certificate	Ksh 2,000 (<i>Local requests</i>) Ksh 5,000 (<i>International requests</i>)	Two days
9	Verification of academic transcripts	Original academic transcripts	Ksh 1,000	Two days
10	Graduation	Successful Completion of studies	Ksh 2,500	First Thursday of every December
11	Resolving Student's Disciplinary appeals	Launch an appeal	Free	Academic quarterly
12	Alumni Membership	Graduation and registration	Prescribed fee	Immediate
13	Internship	Posting by Public Service Commission	Free	Immediate
14	Attachment	Application	free	Within five days
15	Consultancy and research services	Formal request	As per scope of engagement	As per scope of engagement
16	Tendering process	Submission of tender documents	Maximum Ksh 1,000	As per advertisement/ call for quotation
17	Payments to Suppliers	Duly signed supporting documents	Free	Within 20-90 days
18	Receipt of all payments to the College	Payment slip or bank advice	Free	Immediate

Number of days excludes weekends and public holidays.

The College commits to comply with the provisions of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities Act in the provision of services to persons living with disabilities

For complaints, compliments or suggestions report to the
College Public Complaints Office, KMTC HQ, 1st Floor Room 108

Email complaints@kmtc.ac.ke, or call 0742478789 or contact
The Chief Executive Officer KMTC, P.O. BOX 30195-
00100, TEL:020-2725711/2/3/4, or Fax:(+254)020-2722907,

OR

Email: info@kmtc.ac.ke, Website: www.kmtc.ac.ke . In case
you are dissatisfied write to the Commission on Administrative
Justice, P.O. BOX 20414-00200 Nairobi, or Call 020-2270000.

KMTC PROGRAMMES

1. Clinical Medicine and Surgery	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
2. Community Oral Health	(Diploma)
3. Dental Technology	(Diploma)
4. Health Records and Information Technology	(Certificate and Diploma)
5. Health Promotion	(Certificate, Diploma and Higher Diploma)
6. Medical Education	(Higher Diploma)
7. Medical Engineering	(Certificate, Diploma and Higher Diploma)
8. Medical Imaging Sciences	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
9. Medical Laboratory Sciences	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
10. Nursing	(Certificate, Diploma and Higher Diploma)
11. Nutrition and Dietetics	(Certificate and Diploma)
12. Occupational Therapy	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
13. Optometry	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
14. Orthopaedic Technology	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
15. Orthopaedic and Trauma Medicine	(Certificate and Diploma)
16. Pharmacy	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
17. Physiotherapy	(Diploma and Higher Diploma)
18. Public Health	(Certificate, Diploma and Higher Diploma)
Short Courses	



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