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# KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE

*Training for Better Health*

## NEWS BULLETIN

*September - November 2022*

### Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to yet another issue of the KMTC bulletin covering the months from September to November 2022.

In this issue, you will read all about what the College has continued to do to enhance teaching and learning for our students, ensuring they continue to leave their mark in the health sector.

Notably, in the month of November, the College received official certification as a Qualifications Awarding Institution following a successful evaluation by the Kenya National Qualifications Authority. As you can imagine, this incredible news has been received with much excitement as it means that our graduates have now been linked to training and career opportunities globally, thanks to their qualifications being aligned and verifiable to potential employers as well as higher education institutions.

In the same breath, a partnership between the Ministry of Health, and the Higher Education Loans Board

(HELB) has leveled the playing field ensuring that regardless of our student's financial background, they can access our training. In line with this, HELB will disburse the loans to needy students. Thanks to the College's continued deliberate efforts in pursuing and leveraging partnerships with the Governments and key development partners, KMTC has continued to attract additional resources leading to an increase in the College's asset base.

Further, these partnerships have led to the creation of formal linkage from training to practice, academic progression, student support/mentorship, knowledge sharing, and strengthening of alumni relations.

As the training arm of the Government, the College remains committed to supporting the country in achieving the aspirations of the Universal Health Coverage agenda. In this regard, we have adapted our curricula in order to produce professionals who have the capacity to identify and adjust to new environments in continuous learning



**Dr. Kelly Oluoch**  
Chief Executive Officer

along with service delivery.

Towards this, KMTC will continue to pursue partnerships crucial to capacity building and creating spaces for skills training, innovations in teaching and learning, technological advancement, and students support. These will be geared towards accelerating achievement of the Government's goal of safeguarding the health and well-being of all Kenyans.

### KMTC CEO among Top Achievers



>> CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (4<sup>th</sup> right) during the Business Daily Top40Under40 awards ceremony at a Nairobi Hotel.

KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch has been recognized as a top achiever, placing him among the top 40 under 40 men in Kenya.

During an event organized by the Nation Media Group on Friday September 11, 2022 to recognize the winners in this category, Dr. Oluoch was awarded a certificate, trophy, and the title Business Daily Top40Under40 Men Winner 2022.

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## Updates from the Academic Department

**T**he three months covered in this issue of the bulletin have seen life-changing events for our KMTC students take place. We are therefore quite excited to welcome you to peruse the enlightening pages of this collection of information on key events in the College.

As has been our norm, KMTC continues to mount new courses in response to emerging and re-emerging health challenges. In addition, in line with our goal to bring about transformative learning experiences for our students, KMTC in partnership with the Jacksons' Clinics of USA is set to mount two new Higher Diplomas in Physiotherapy. This is geared towards developing physiotherapists that are prepared for practice and can adapt to the rapidly changing profile of the population. It is in the same spirit

that we joined the world in commemorating the World Physiotherapy Day celebrations on September 8, 2022.

In acknowledgment of society's changing conceptions of healthcare, we have adapted our teaching practices accordingly. We remain aware of the huge responsibility placed on us as a training institution that at the very heart of it, produces those who stand between life and death for many of our people. Along with this, the College has undertaken a review of several curricula to align our training with industry standards and keep our students abreast of innovations in the healthcare practice.

In addition to our core mandate, we have continued to take time out to engage with our communities through various Corporate Social Respon-

sibility initiatives. In the month of October, we undertook a free medical camp in Kilifi County that saw a sizeable number of community members attended to by our faculty and staff. Geared towards giving back to the communities, these medical camps double up as proof that we are training young men and women to equip them with skills and competencies to deal with the very real health challenges experienced by communities.

We hope that as you continue to interact with this publication, you will be enlightened on the contributions you can make, as a stakeholder, to make KMTC a better institution, more responsive to the needs of those it serves.

Enjoy reading and we welcome your feedback.



*KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, Nairobi Campus Management and Students following the win at the Nairobi ASK show.*



## KMTC Higher National Diplomas Equated to University Bachelor's Degrees

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) on October 28, 2022 received a certificate of registration and accreditation from the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) following a successful evaluation and subsequent endorsement as a Qualification Awarding Institution (QAI).

Following the accreditation, the College's Higher National Diploma Qualifications now fall in the KNQA level 7 which makes them equivalent to the Bachelor's degree, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) III, Certified Public Secretary (CPS) or Master Craft Person I.

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>> Board Director Dr. Naomi Mutea (right), flanked by the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Deputy Director Academics Dr. Nyawira Mwangi (3<sup>rd</sup> right), Registrar Dr. Lucy Waweru (4<sup>th</sup> right) and students receives the certificate of registration and accreditation from KNQA Ag. Chairperson CPA Rosemary Njogu (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and Ag. CEO Dr. Juma Mukhwana.

## Collective Sigh of Relief as KMTC and HELB Partnership Bears Fruits



>>Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Mumburi-Muita, (2<sup>nd</sup> left), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) CEO Mr. Charles Ringera (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and HELB external resource mobilization Manager, CPA James Gachari during the launch of the fund.

KMTC students are a relieved lot following the good news that they will now be able to apply for Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) loans to enable them finance their education.

This comes after the official launch of the education financing scheme for KMTC students totaling to Kshs 680 million. Speaking during the event held on October 26, 2022 at the KMTC Nursing Assembly Hall in Nairobi, KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita reported that following the inking of a partnership between the College and HELB, KMTC will hand over an initial Kshs 170 million, disbursed by the National Treasury, to enable students start the application process immediately.

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## College to mount New Physiotherapy Specializations



>> CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (seated centre), Jackson Clinics' Dr. Richard Jackson (seated 2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Ms. Anne Jackson (seated 2<sup>nd</sup> right), Registrar Academics Dr. Lucy Waweru (right) and Principal Nairobi Campus Mr. Joseph Ahomo (left) with lecturers and staff during a meeting at the KMTC Headquarters.

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has announced the mounting of two new specialties in Physiotherapy to meet evolving market needs.

The Higher National Diplomas in Cardiopulmonary and Pediatrics will be offered, beginning March 2023.

Cardiopulmonary entails physiotherapy in treatment for patients affected by heart and lung diseases, while pediatrics neuro-rehabilitation deals with neurological and musculoskeletal diseases affecting children.

The programmes are designed specifically for practising Physiotherapists who already hold basic training in Physiotherapy-related fields, and will allow them to upgrade their skills to tackle challenging assignments in the profession.

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## College takes part in World Physiotherapy Day Celebrations

**T**he Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) joined the rest of the world in commemorating World Physiotherapy Day.

Speaking while officially opening the forum at the Nairobi Campus, the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch said the day marks the unity and solidarity of the global physiotherapy community. “Indeed, KMTC recognizes the important role played by Physiotherapists in facilitating the recovery of patients and the management of non-communicable diseases, of which Osteoarthritis falls in that category,” he said.

In line with this year’s theme of “Osteoarthritis and the role of physiotherapists,” the CEO said the majority of the population globally suffers from Osteoarthritis, a condition that causes arthritis.

The College is a major contributor to the wheels of healthcare service delivery in the country and contributes to a large extent to the growth of the physiotherapy profession.

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>> A section of KMTC students take part in a commemorative walk during during the world physiotherapy day. The celebrations were flagged off by Kenyatta National Hospital’s Director Surgery Division Dr. Kennedy Ondede.

## A Big Smile for Patients as Kilifi Campus Holds Free Medical Camp



>> A section of patients being attended to by a KMTC student during the free Medical Camp.

**T**he Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Kilifi Campus in conjunction with the County Government of Kilifi on October 1, 2022 organized a free medical camp at Chanagande Primary School in Kilifi County.

Over 500 beneficiaries were provided with medical consultations and services, including Immunization, Covid-19 vaccination, Family Planning, and Pregnancy tests, Cervical Cancer Screening, Eye checkups, Diabetes and Blood Pressure, Antenatal Care, Health Education, and treatment of minor illnesses.

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## KMTC Looking to Enhance Mutually Beneficial Outcomes for Radiography Students



>> CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right), Registrar Dr. Lucy Waweru (2<sup>nd</sup> right), SORK president Javas Kenyanya (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Secretary General, Samuel Kanja (left) during a meeting at KMTC.

**T**he KMTC Chief Executive Officer - Dr. Kelly Oluoch hosted the president of the Society of Radiography in Kenya (SORK) on October 5, 2022 to discuss areas of collaboration for mutually beneficial outcomes.

The meeting explored among others areas, creation of formal linkage from training to practice, academic progression, student support/mentorship, knowledge sharing and strengthening alumni relations.

The SORK president, Mr. Kenya Jevas was accompanied by a seven member team who are all Alumni of KMTC.

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## Health training gets a boost as five double cabin pickups are commissioned

The KMTc Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita has commissioned five double cabin pickups to enhance access to clinical areas by students and their supervisors.

The Chairperson was flanked by the Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch.

The vehicles for Kilifi, Msambweni, Bomet, Kapenguria, and Kapkater Campuses are an addition to the wide fleet of vehicles owned by the College.

While flagging off the vehicles, Amb. Muita said they are a big boost to both the College and health services in the country.

“The 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,” he said.



>> Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch during the commissioning of double cabin pick-ups to various campuses.

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## College joins the Fred Hollows Foundation in Celebrating its 30th Anniversary



>> Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, Deputy Director Academics, Dr. Nyawira Mwangi (centre) and Fred Hollows' country manager Jane Ohuma on the side lines of the celebrations at a Nairobi Hotel.

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTc) Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita on September 9, 2022 joined Fred Hollows Foundation in celebrating its 30 years of existence.

Speaking during the event, held in a Nairobi hotel, Amb. Muita lauded the partnership between the two institutions which has existed for more than a decade.

“I take this opportunity to appreciate Fred Hollows Foundation for standing in the gap to empower the health trainers with scholarships to join their colleagues regionally and internationally in the field of research,” he said.

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## College Hosts Tharaka Nithi Governor, Discusses Wide Range of Partnerships



>> Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi Muita (right), Tharaka Nithi County Governor Hon. Muthomi Njuki (centre) and the County Executive Committee Member for Health Dr Gichuyia Nthuraku during a meeting at KMTc.

The KMTc Board Chair - Amb. Zach Muburi Muita on October 21, 2022 hosted Tharaka Nithi, Governor Muthomi Njuki to discuss collaboration between the two institutions.

KMTc and the County Government have had a long-standing partnership.

In 2015, the College Board of Directors established KMTc Chuka with the support of Hon. Muthomi, who was then the MP for Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency (current Governor Tharaka Nithi County). Upon establishment, KMTc Chuka was hosted within Chuka University premises.

In 2018, the County Government allocated a five-acre piece of land for the expansion of the Campus, so that KMTc Chuka could operate from its own premises.

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## College scoops two awards in the Nairobi International Trade Fair



>> The Deputy President, H.E Rigathi Gachagua (centre), presents an award to the Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (4<sup>th</sup> left) flanked by the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (3<sup>rd</sup> right), and Nairobi Campus Principal Mr. Joseph Ahomo (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Deputy Principal Administration and Finance Ms. Carol Oyugi during the Nairobi International Trade Fair.

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has scooped two prestigious awards in the Nairobi International Trade Fair (NITF).

The College exhibition was ranked the Best Tertiary Level Education Institution Stand other than University. This was based on the branding, availability of information materials, product display, and customer satisfaction.

The second award was the Stand that Best Interprets Current Show Theme. The theme for this year's trade fair is 'Promoting Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Trade'.

The College displayed services under the sub-theme 'Training Health Professionals Towards Promoting Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Trade'. The Judges were satisfied that the College services in the exhibition showed maximum relevance to the theme.

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## College Signs MoU with County Government of Uasin Gishu



>> CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right), Uasin-Gishu County Governor Hon. Jonathan Bii with KMTC Senior Management and County Government officials during the signing of the MOU.

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) on October 4, 2022 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the County Government of Uasin Gishu to broadly work on a variety of mutually beneficial activities.

The agreement would permit College students to access clinical placement sites, fees financing and training opportunities.

The MoU was signed at the County offices during a visit of the College delegation, led by CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch.

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## College scoops three awards in the Mombasa International Trade Fair



>> Deputy President, H.E Rigathi Gachagua (2<sup>nd</sup> right), presents an award to Port Reitz Campus Principal Dr. Jacinta Mukonzo (right) during the Mombasa International Show. Looking on are Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Hon. Mithika Linturi (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Mombasa County Governor Hon. Abduswamad Sharraf Nassir (left).

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has scooped three awards in the Mombasa International Show, organized by the Agricultural Society of Kenya.

Deputy President H.E. Rigathi Gachagua presented the awards, to KMTC Port Reitz, Principal Dr. Jacinta Mukonzo who received them on behalf of the Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita.

For its exemplary branding, availability of information materials, product display and overall customer satisfaction, the College scooped the award for Best Tertiary Level Education Institution Stand other than University.

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## KMTC takes lead in Countrywide Blood Donation Drive



>> Kenya by Blood Champion, first daughter Ms. Charlene Ruto interacts with the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right), Deputy Director Academics Dr. Nyawira Mwangi (2<sup>nd</sup> right) Principal Lecturer Peter Mbugua (3<sup>rd</sup> left) and students during the launch of the Nationwide Blood donation drive at KMTC.

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has partnered with the Ministry of Health and the Kenya Tissue and Transplant Authority, in a countrywide blood donation drive themed “Kenyan by blood.”

Speaking during the national launch at the KMTC headquarters grounds on November 18, 2022, Health Cabinet Secretary (CS) Ms. Susan Nakhumicha, in a speech read on her behalf by Head of Health Services Dr. Zainabu Gura, reported that the Ministry intends to go beyond the minimum clinical need for blood to collect the optimum need, which is one million (1,000,000) units annually into perpetuity.

The CS noted that achieving this would require each Kenyan to consider blood donation an act of patriotism. “It requires that each eligible Kenyan becomes a regular donor,” she added. [Read more](#)

## KMTC students to practice drug-free alternative treatment for chronic pain



>> The CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (4<sup>th</sup> right), receives a donation of training equipment from B-Braun Pharmaceuticals product specialist for Basic and Critical care Ms. Pamela Ondieki (3<sup>rd</sup> right).

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) students will now practice how to treat chronic pain and other sensory disorders following a donation of nerve stimulator machines by B. Braun Pharmaceuticals EPZ Limited.

The new equipment will aid Higher Diploma in Clinical Medicine (Anesthesia) students to provide drug-free alternative treatment for chronic pain.

Receiving the donation on November 21, 2022 at the KMTC Headquarters, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch welcomed the equipment and other consumables, noting it will go a long way in boosting the College’s efforts to enhance teaching and learning.

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## College Staff Increase Uptake of Research Activities



>> Seated: CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (center), Deputy Director Academics Dr. Nyawira Mwangi (left) and the Kenya Clinical Officers Association Chairperson, Albert Taiti, staff and students during the KCOA 24<sup>th</sup> annual Scientific Conference at the Coast.

The Kenya Medical Training College faculty and staff have taken research a notch higher leading to an increase in the number of published studies in peer-reviewed journals from nine in 2017 to 29 in 2021, the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch has said.

“In the last five years, there has been a significant increase in the number of research studies undertaken by College staff as well as participation in national and international scientific conferences and symposia,” the CEO said.

The CEO was speaking during the Kenya Clinical Officer’s Association (KCOA) 24<sup>th</sup> annual Scientific Conference held in Mombasa from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

Dr. Oluoch highlighted this as a noteworthy achievement observing that research is the backbone of the Health Sector.

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## KMTC Students set to get more education funding from LEAP

**T**he Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Students are set to benefit from increased education funding thanks to a continued collaboration between the College and Lending for Education in Africa Partnership (LEAP).

This was announced when the KMTC Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch hosted LEAP Director Ms. Gladys Mutisya at the KMTC headquarters, on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to explore opportunities to strengthen partnership between the two institutions.

“The College will continue seeking long-lasting solutions to ensure none of the students from needy backgrounds are disadvantaged due to lack of College fees,” he said. Adding “We thank LEAP for stepping in and bridging the gap to ensure students complete their training as scheduled.”

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Seated: CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (Centre) Registrar Academics, Dr. Lucy Waweru (left) LEAP Director Ms. Gladys Mutisya (right) and staff during a meeting at the Headquarters.

## Health CS Lauds KMTC for Taking Training to another Level



>> Health Cabinet Secretary Ms. Susan Nakhumicha (center) Ag. Health Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth (left) CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (3<sup>rd</sup> left) and Board Directors in the Sim Lab during the CS's familiarization tour of the College.

**H**ealth Cabinet Secretary Ms. Susan Nakhumicha has commended the Kenya Medical Training College for its quality training terming it as next level.

“I am particularly impressed by what I have been able to witness at the skills laboratory and the simulation laboratory,” she said, speaking on her official visit to the College on November 14, 2022.

She challenged the Board and Management to expand roll out of the facilities to more KMTC Campuses to ensure students gain adequate practical experience before handling actual patients in the clinical placement sites.

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## KMTC CEO Rallies Investors at High-Level Delegation



KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd left) during the panel discussion.

**K**enya Medical Training College Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch has rallied US investors to take advantage of untapped investment opportunities at KMTC.

“Thanks to the rising students’ population, the College has opportunities in areas of tuition fees financing, managed accommodation services, renewable energy among others,” Dr. Oluoch said, highlighting some of the prospects for investments.

The CEO was speaking at a moderated panel discussion of the USA Trade Mission to Tanzania and Kenya, hosted by Equity Bank, East African Business Council and Partners in Nairobi on November 1, 2022.

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