



KISII COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Focus on The Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital



Making Things Happen

The story of the reinvigorated Kisii Health Sector



PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Pic 1

A lab technician carrying out a test at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital. The county government has equipped the facility with modern equipment to facilitate effective service delivery.

Pic 2

Governor James Ong'wa flagging off Ambulances at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital. The county government purchased 10 ambulances to be distributed to the nine subcounty hospitals and one at KTRH to provide ambulatory services.

Pic 3

A 50 self contained unit hostel block ready for commissioning at the KTRH. It will ease accommodation challenges for doctors on exchange programs as well as interns.

Pic 4

A radiologist explains how a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine works. The machine is installed at KTRH serving patients a wide range of the Western and Nyanza regions.

Pic 5

The newly completed 100 body capacity mortuary and anatomy and histology lab at the hospital. It will replace the previous 25 body capacity morgue and be base for anatomy students in the medical school.

Pic 6

The modern kitchen at KTRH that the county government renovated and installed cooking gas. Initially, the hospital relied on firewood for cooking food for both workers and patients.



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Background

The health sector in Kisii County has faced major infrastructural development over the past six years since the implementation of devolution in Kenya.

Under Governor James Ongwae the health sector has received massive funding to support transformation of various hospitals within the county not only at the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital but also in the sub county hospitals that have benefited from the government's robust equipment distribution plan.

All Level-4 hospitals in the sub-counties are getting a face lift in a hospital expansion programme aimed at increasing the scope of services including specialist attention to patient's right at the grassroots. Ultimately, this will drastically ease pressure at the county's referral facility since non-critical cases can be handled at the sub-county hospitals which are spread across the nine sub-counties.

So far, the county government has put up theatre units in Nyamache, Kenyena, Ogembo and Keumbu sub-county hospitals. The facilities are offering surgery services, cases which would otherwise be referred to KTRH. Surgical cases like Caesarean Section (CS) and minor surgeries are now carried out in these hospitals that are closer to people.

An x-ray unit, a theatre and modern casualty wing are also being put up at Marani sub-county hospital.

The KTRH, located in Kisii central business district-hospital road, started in 1916 as a Centre treating wounded soldiers during world war I. it was later upgraded into a district hospital before getting elevated into a level 5 hospital in 2007.

Through an act of county assembly (KTRH act of 2014), the hospital metamorphosed into a teaching and referral facility in collaboration with the Kisii university. Currently it also serves as the Kisii county referral hospital.

In addition, the hospital serves as a training facility for Kenya medical training college students, private universities and many more tertiary institutions in the region and beyond.

The hospital's strategic location elevates it to a broad spectrum referral facility serving a catchment area of more than 6million Kenyans from the neighboring counties and countries namely: Migori, Homabay, Nyamira, Narok, Kericho, Bomet counties. Citizens from our neighboring countries namely Tanzania and Uganda find it irresistible to get taste of our good services.

The hospital's mandate revolves around four thematic areas which include preventive, curative, rehabilitative, research and development. Currently, it is a 450 bed capacity facility which increases to 700 bed capacity with the commissioning of the new 250 bed capacity ward.

Vision

To be a Centre of Excellence in the Provision of Health Care Services in the Region.

Mission

To Provide Quality, Promotive, Preventive, Curative, Rehabilitative Healthcare Services, Training and Research.



Word from The Governor...

It gives me pleasure to report to you that as a County Government, we have prioritized the health of our people. This indeed fits well with the National Government's Big Four Agenda.

We have embraced various approaches in pursuit for Universal Healthcare for Kisii residents. This focus is informed by the fact that a healthy county is a wealthy county and by extension, a healthy nation is a wealthy nation.

The infrastructure is now in place and our future plan is to see how we can present a mechanism that will provide cheaper health solutions for our people.

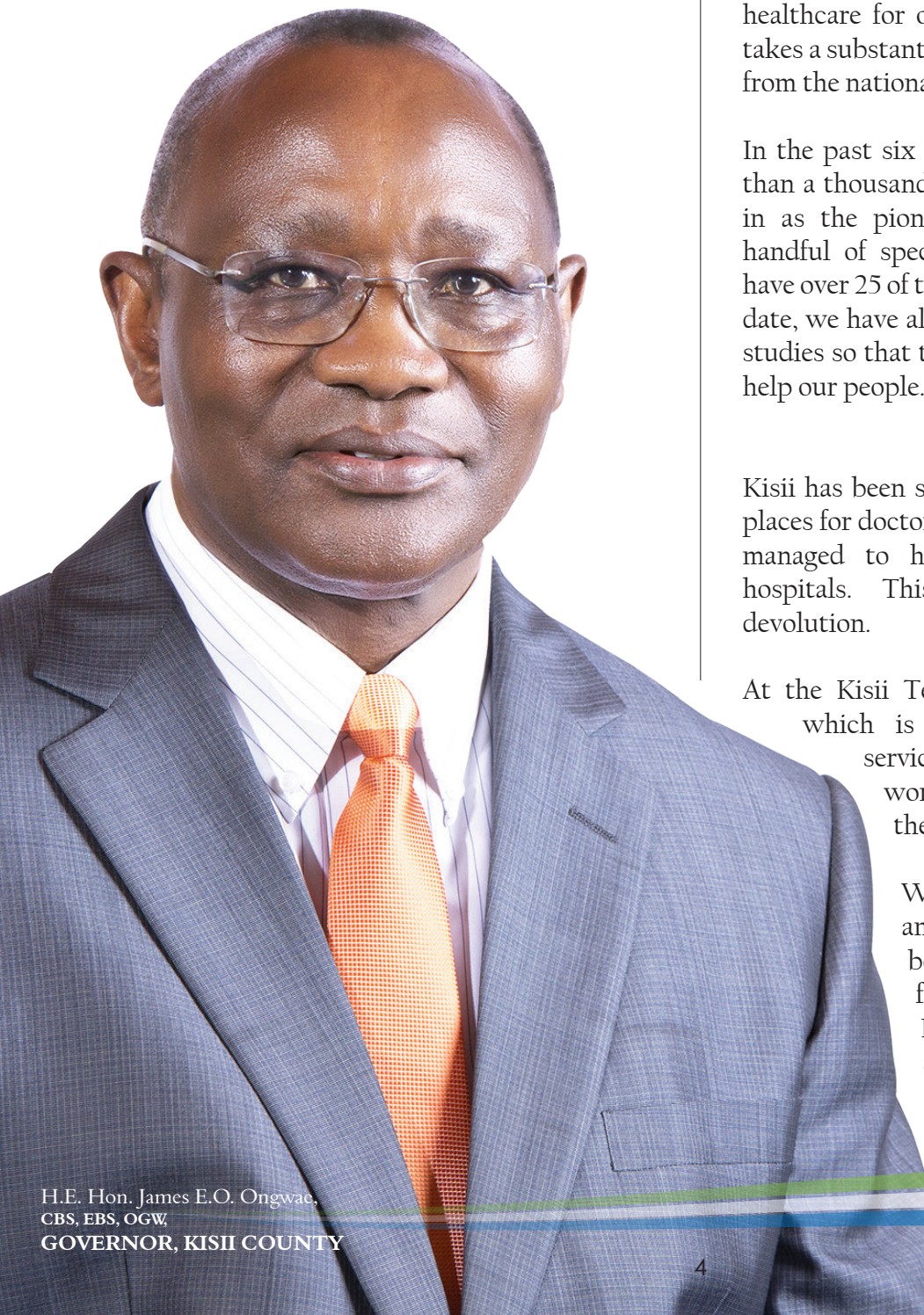
My position and that of my government is that health is an essential basic need and must be made affordable to the people. That is why we must also embrace the Universal Healthcare plan. I have involved various partners and stakeholders to pursue proper and quality healthcare for our people. This is why health takes a substantial share of resources we receive from the national exchequer.

In the past six years, we have employed more than a thousand health workers. When I came in as the pioneer governor, we only had a handful of specialist doctors. Right now we have over 25 of them. For our doctors to be up to date, we have allowed them to advance in their studies so that they return here more skilled to help our people.

Kisii has been said to be one of the most ideal places for doctors to work. This is why we have managed to have them in all sub-county hospitals. This was unheard of before devolution.

At the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital which is our premier health facility, services have been improved and our workers are committed to offer their best to our people.

We have invested in a 24-hour ambulatory service which has benefitted thousands of referrals from outlying facilities to either KTRH or elsewhere when such a recommendation is made by our doctors.



H.E. Hon. James E.O. Ongwae,
CBS, EBS, OGW,
GOVERNOR, KISII COUNTY



Medical supplies in our hospitals is up to date. We annually allocate over Sh 250 million for medical supplies and equipment in our hospitals which means our pharmacies are well stocked and most of the time patients who go to our facilities get their drugs at our stores.

General cleanliness is key for any health facility. This is why we have ensured steady and reliable supply of water to KTRH. The hospital has a borehole within its precincts. Additionally, there is a modern water treatment plant at the hospital and the commodity is accessible at various points within the facility. KTRH is also connected by the Gusii Water and Sewerage Company. We have also invested in rain water harvesting. Next to the new ward is a water tank that reserves 300,000 litres of water. This means at any given time, the hospital has this water on standby.

The construction of an anatomy lab, a hostel block for doctors, installation of various diagnostic machines, among other investments will not only improve services for our people but also help Kisii University establish a medical school in Kisii, the first of its kind in this region.

Due to the high population Kisi Teaching and Referral Hospital is serving, it is my hope that sustained engagement with the national government will see us get more resources to deliver this integral pillar of national growth. My desire is to see our people get the best health care services closer home and at a cheaper cost.

We have procured and installed a 64 slide Computerized Tomography (CT-scan) to add on the 16 slide which has served our people for the last three years at the KTRH. For the first time in the history of the hospital and indeed the region, we have installed a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine which is serving patients who would have otherwise sought the services in Nairobi or Eldoret. Notably again, we now have a Renal Unit at our premier hospital where we have installed dialysis machines. A similar unit at Nyamache Sub-County hospital is already operational.

The availability of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and High Dependence Unit (HDU) at the facility has offered relief for our people and given them hope.

Thank you!

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Deputy Governor's Message...



H.E. Joash Maangi, MBS
DEPUTY GOVERNOR

When we assumed office, we embarked on a development transformative agenda for Kisii.

Top on our priorities as envisioned in our manifesto is health. We believe that no meaningful development can be realized if we are leading a population that is not healthy. This is why we have directed massive resources to this all-important sector.

Before devolution, Kisii had barely 25 doctors. Right now, we have 167 doctors. They include 25 who are specialists in various fields. The county has 856 nurses, 142 laboratory technologists, 235 clinical officers among others who have been deployed to all 127 facilities in the county. This brings the total health workforce to 2,025. Indeed, health takes the lion's share of funds because it is a service sector and with a huge workforce.

We have paid special focus to primary health care. This ensures that our people receive comprehensive care.

This ranges from promotion and prevention to treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care proximal to people's every day environment.

With over 120 health facilities, our health personnel have worked with the community to ensure that there is total sanitation at the household level.

Kisii County has a 98% latrine coverage and the target is to have all our villages declared open defecation free by the end of this year.

In an attempt to make Kisii free of malaria, to date the department of health has distributed over two million insecticide treated nets to households. This has remarkably reduced the number of malaria cases reported in our health facilities.

Through regular inspection of food buying and eating outlets, safety of consumers is emphasized. Food handlers undergo routine health checks to ensure set standards are not compromised.

Relevant health personnel do active disease surveillance control and have put up a response system which has enabled them not to have cases of disease outbreaks like cholera, polio or measles.

We hope that going forward, more results will be harnessed if we sustain the efforts already in place and incorporate new ideas for the good of our people.

Thank you!



Message from the Health CEC



Sarah Omache,
CEC, HEALTH

I am happy for taking an active role in steering H.E Governor James Ongwae's health agenda as envisioned in his re-election manifesto and aligned with the National Government's Big 4 Agenda.

In the six years I have been at the helm, Kisii has undergone a metamorphosis in this sector, guaranteeing our people services that were unheard of in the county before the advent of devolution. The health sector in collaboration with other departments, partners and stakeholders is committed to the implementation of the President's Big Four Agenda.

We have prioritized the actualization of Universal Health Care (UHC). This venture means that all individuals and communities will ultimately receive quality health services they need without suffering financial hardships.

Kisii County has 142 public and private health facilities, serving a population of 1,367,049 within a population density of 874/km². In terms of distance, accessibility is good with a health facility available within the recommended 5 km distance. Apart from the county referral hospital KTRH, we have nine sub-county referral hospitals.

These facilities have been equipped with adequate beds and other support equipment, making residents access primary services closer to their homes.

Under the guide of Governor Ongwae, the County Government is undertaking infrastructural improvements in all public health facilities. We have invited in additional human resource, diagnostic services, theatres, kitchens, laundries, an efficient ambulatory service, mortuaries among other things.

There are various performance indicators which show that we are on the right track and there is room for improvement. For example, under one year 72% of our children were fully immunised children while skilled hospital deliveries stood 71.4%.

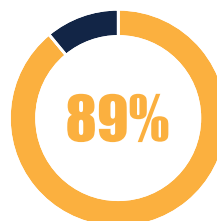
TB treatment success rate stands at 89% while family planning coverage is at 50%.

Various interventions have led to reduction of HIV prevalence rate from 8.9 % according to 2014 estimates to 4.4% in 2018.

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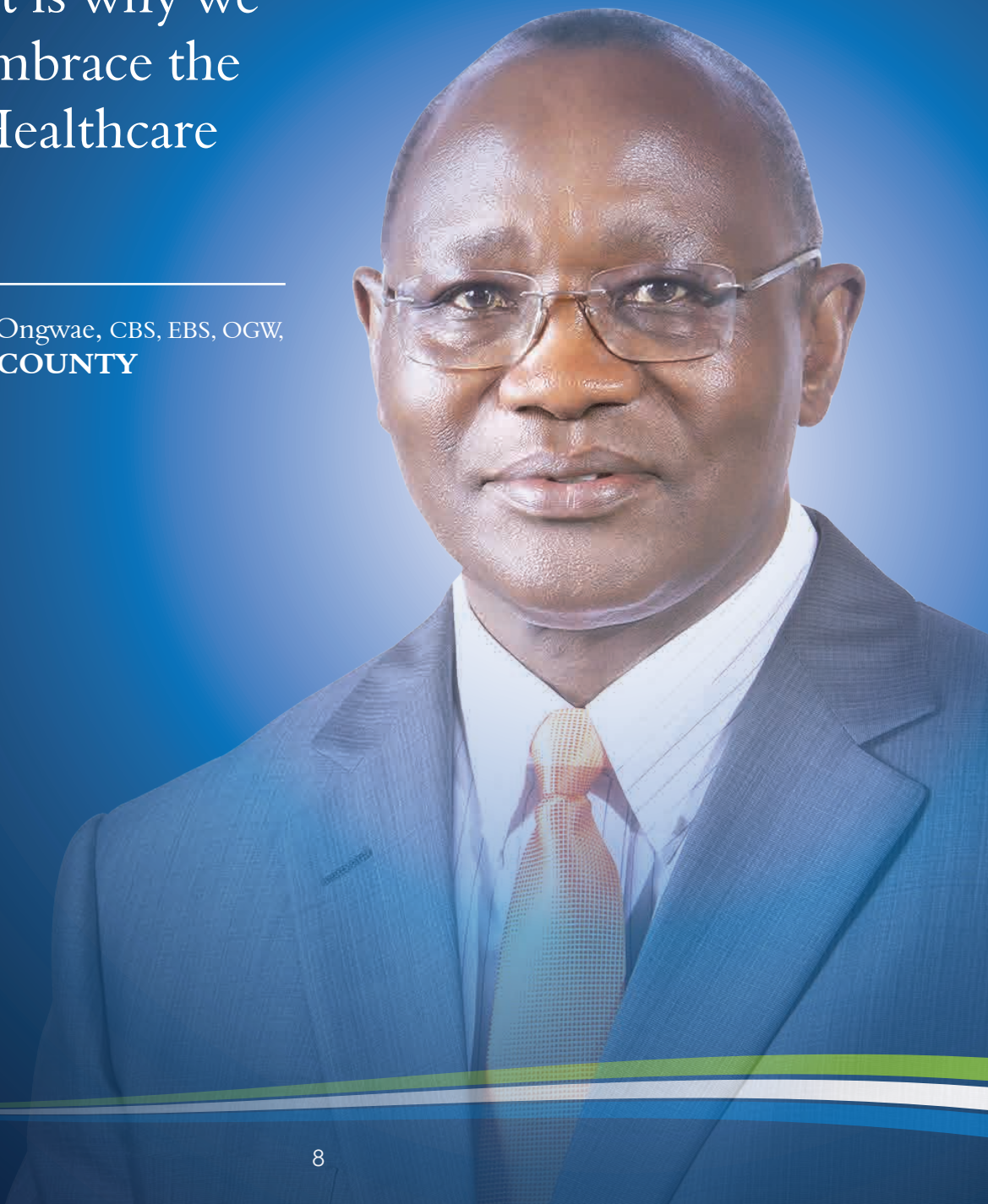
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CEO's Take on the Pace of Growth of KTRH as a Regional Medical Hub



Dr. Enock Ondari,
(MBChB, MMED-Obstetrics & Gynaecology)
CEO, KTRH

I take this opportunity to welcome you to the Kisii teaching and referral hospital, an institution which is growing in its status as a teaching and referral hospital. The hospital management board, which came into being through the KTRH Act of 2014, offers great governance thus the great strides made under its watch. In addition to the hospital board, there are various management committees in place which run the facility throughout. They include; hospital management team, executive expenditure committee, quality improvement team among others.

This institution has about 500 staff capacity spread across various cadres. Among this staff population, 25 are medical specialists in the following areas: gynaecology, ophthalmology, general surgery, maxillofacial surgery, orthopedic surgery, psychiatry and pediatrics.

Much appreciation goes to the county government which has remained opinionated and committed in hiring many more specialists and other medical staff since the inception of devolution in 2013.

An enabling environment created so far is what generally has propelled this institution to what it is today courtesy of a listening county government, absence of political interference, and appreciation of staff through monetary and non monetary incentives like promotions, re-designations, training of staff among others.

The county government has continuously undertaken various mega projects at the hospital with the sole aim of expanding services commensurate with the current status. Among the projects undertaken include purchase of diagnostic machines e.g. 16 slice CT- scan, construction of male ward, and construction of a new anatomy laboratory, several renovation projects, purchase of drugs among others.

In collaboration with the national government, the county government signed the agreement to allow managed equipment services (MES project) to be effected in our county referral hospital which encompassed radiology equipment, theatre equipment, sterilization equipment and renal machines. This greatly improved the scope of our service delivery and we owe it much to our sober county leadership.

We, as the hospital, have partnered with various local & international stakeholders to ensure that we are in tandem with emerging themes internationally especially on research which in turn shall change how we do things. Standardization is key to quality services and it can only be brought out through such partnerships. Needless to say, the hospital is open to all interested investors to have a share of our hospitality in order to help us grow.

We welcome all to Kisii teaching and referral hospital.



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Pic 1

A High Dependency Unit at KTRH

Pic 2

Governor James Ongwae explains his KTRH expansion agenda to visiting governors at one of the wards in KTRH.

Pic 3

Governor Ongwae being examined by a medic at KTRH.

Pic 4

A medic displays the operation of one of the new machines installed at KTRH.

Pic 5

Governor Ongwae and health officials display a certificate of excellence for the health department.

Pic 6

An aerial view of Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital.

Pic 7

The First Lady H.E. Margaret Kenyatta on a tour of KTRH. Looking on is H.E. Governor James Ongwae.

Pic 8

KTRH CEO, Dr. Enock Ondari explains the condition of an accident victim receiving specialized services at KTRH.

Pic 9

A modern incinerator newly installed at KTRH



The Intensive Care Unit at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital

A Leap into the Future - KTRH

Kisii County government under Governor James Ongwae is keen on availing residents easy access to specialized treatment at lower costs.

A state of the art 64 slice Computed Tomography (CT Scan) Machine has been operationalized to help in specialized scans like for the heart and blood vessels saving locals and patients from the neighboring county the hustle of having to travel to Nairobi to seek such services. This is besides improving the turn round time for patients, who are being served now using the 16 Slice CT scan machine.

At KTRH, patients can also access services from State of the Art machines like digital X-ray machines, mamography machines and a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine, and kidney dialysis machines.

Also there are several operational theatres, High dependency and Intensive Care Units which are accessible at affordable rates.

The construction of a new 250 bed capacity ward, a modern funeral parlour complete with an anatomy and histology laboratory and a chapel suite all fully funded by the County Government through the devolved funds is now complete.

At the same time, the construction of a specialist Doctors' plaza is now complete and ready for occupation by our internal doctors and for those in exchange programmes.

In the area of human resource, the county has 25 specialists, 160 Doctors and 990 nurses. The has sent 45 Doctors for training on specialized courses. The county will hire an additional 100 nurses this year to help operationalize some of the health facilities built through CDF and other agencies at the grassroots.



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and
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Nurses

WATER



KTRH Water Supply and Storage System

The county government has ensured a steady, reliable and sufficient supply of water at our premier health facility, the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital. The hospital has a robust water supply, purification and storage system with capacity to run 24/7 in all general use including direct consumption, laundry and for theatre use.

A 300,000 litre underground water tank and several other water harnessing tanks strewn across the facility help preserve the precious commodity. The water system is enhanced with reliable boreholes and a high caliber water pump/high volume tower tanks to ensure water flows to wards by gravity. The facility also receives additional water supplies from the Gusii Water and Sewerage Company.

All public facilities in the county are also being connected to reliable water supply systems.

OXYGEN PLANT



KTRH Oxygen Plant

To ensure that patients in critical conditions and who are dependent on oxygen for stabilisation before treatment are taken care of, Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital has set up an oxygen plant.

This has helped cut cost for the local facilities including sub county hospitals that previously depended on Kisumu for oxygen supplies.

Now, hospitals within Kisii as well as those in neighbouring counties of Nyamira, Homa-Bay and Migori now procure their oxygen supplies from Kisii at a subsidised fee and this generates income that is key in maintaining the plant's operations.

INCINERATOR:

Waste disposal is a challenge in many health facilities in the country. This is why the county has invested in a modern incinerator at the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital. We project that waste from KTRH and our outlying facilities will be handled and disposed properly. The facility will also serve regional hospitals from the neighbouring counties as well.

AMBULANCES:

Our ambulatory service has saved thousands of lives in the past six years. Each of our nine sub-counties has a stand-by ambulance at the sub-county hospital.

The ambulances have well trained paramedics who can evacuate referral cases and accident victims to bigger facilities for specialised attention.

To ensure efficient service delivery, the Kisii County medical and health staff in all our facilities are a dedicated lot who are diligently giving their time to offer quality services to the patients.



CT Scan Machine at KTRH

New KTRH Radiology Unit to Save Patients From Prohibitive Levies

The KTRH radiology unit has several machines including mammograms which assist in imaging for breast cancer and other related diseases.

The Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital head of radiology Dickson Matara says the machine which was installed by the county government also serves patients from neighboring countries. He says a 16 slice Computed Tomography (CT) Scan which was procured by the county government has since reduced the number of referral cases to Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH). The 16-slice scanner scans approximately 200 cases per month. The newly installed 64 slice CT-scan is used for specialized scans like the heart and blood vessels.

In addition, the radiology department has orthopantomography (OPG) machine that deals with the pathologies of the whole teeth and mandible. The radiologist explains that Road Traffic Accident (RTA) victims with fractures on their teeth are mostly examined adding that approximately 40 cases per month are recorded. He says the hospital has fluoroscopy machine used for specialized examinations to diagnose diseases of the esophagus, stomach and intestines.

Matara further says that the state-of-the-art ultra sound at the hospital installed by Governor James Ongwae helps in determining breast and prostate cancer adding that it helps in determining the removal of biopsy histology.

The hospital at the same time has a state-of-the-art Magnet Resonance Imaging (MRI) at the hospital that deals with spine, abdominal, pelvic and brain scans.

Also, it is used in determining pathologies of the spine like the cervical spine, lumbar and thoracic spine.

“It scans the brain to examine the pathology of the brain like stroke, Magnetic Resonance Arteriography (MRA), Magnetic Resonance Venography (MRV) among others, he said. The hospital conducts approximately 150 MRIs monthly.

The general x-rays, examines x-rays of the whole body like chest, pelvic and abdomen. They determine ordinary pathologies like Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB), borne diseases like osteomyelitis. Approximately 1500 patients are examined per month.



A Renal unit at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital

Nyamache Sub-county Gets Renal Unit as Decongestion Plan Begins

The Kisii County government has operationalised a Renal Unit at Nyamache Sub County Hospital in Bobasi constituency to enable patients with kidney failure from the area access dialysis services in their locality.

Governor James Ongwae recently commissioned the five-bed renal unit alongside a second theatre and a water supply system at the Sub County hospital. Previously, the services were only offered at the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital (KTRH) which has a capacity of 10 beds.

“We have added a new theatre that is fully equipped. Patients in need of kidney dialysis will no longer travel to KTRH for dialysis,” said Governor Ongwae at the facility.

Governor Ongwae said his administration will open such services in all the Sub-Counties in order to bring services closer to the people.

The governor who also commissioned a water supply system said water challenges at the facility and the nearby medical training college will be a thing of the past.

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My Government has invested heavily in the health sector especially in infrastructure, human resource, provision of drugs, equipment and capacity building,” added the Governor.

“Since upgrading of the facility to a Sub County hospital, my administration has installed modern diagnostic equipment, hired and deployed more doctors and other health workers, and; established a theatre complex that is operational alongside the renal unit and second theatre,” said Ongwae.

He observed that women who develop complications during birth no longer have to travel to Kisii for caesarean section procedures as they can access this service at the hospital.



Working with Partners for Additional Resources to Fund Health Sector Needs



His Excellency Governor James Ongwae engaging with various development partners

Just like other counties, Kisii does not have sufficient resources to solely run the health sector.

This is why the County Government has resolved to engage other partners in pushing the health agenda for the people in line with the constitution.

Through the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), efforts are being made to enroll the most vulnerable of the Kisii population onto the scheme. In the arrangement, the County Government, through its agents at the grassroots is identifying the neediest who will be the initial beneficiaries. This is being implemented by the Department of Youth, Culture and Social Services.

In addition, there is the Linda Mama program across all health facilities in the County, which aims at boosting the safe deliveries and life expectancy of both the mother and the child.

There is more collaboration in the area of communicable and noncommunicable diseases. Partners assisting the department of health in this front include UMB, Living Goods, KNEAD, the Aga Khan Foundation and DAUWOYE.

There is also Tupime Kaunti, AHF, World Bank, Afya Ziwani, KMET, CHAK, LVCT among others.

Through them, the department has been able to reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases and rolled out high impact interventions on the HIV/Aids program.

Additionally, with the support of World Bank under Transforming Health Systems for Universal Care project, Kisii is able to provide reproductive and youth friendly services.

Through the support from DANIDA, service provision is given free of cost in Level 2 and 3 public health facilities. The department has also actively engaged the community as it seeks to ensure the county is the healthiest to live in.

Under the community strategy, the department supports 126 community units and 1750 community health volunteers to deliver health services at the household level. The volunteers treat simple ailments, advice, make referrals and follow ups and conduct defaulter tracing for HIV and TB clients on long term treatment.

The health department has developed a Community Health Strategy Bill ready for presentation to the County Assembly. Once it becomes law, it will provide the legal framework for the implementation of community health services.

There are plans to start a Research Centre in Kisii in collaboration with the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI).



KTRH Undergoes Infrastructural Metamorphosis Under Devolution

Kisii is slowly cutting itself a niche as a medical tourist destination in Western Kenya due to the massive investments in the health sector. At the centre of this narrative is the iconic Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital (KTRH).

Started during pre-colonial days, KTRH which sits at the heart of Kisii Town has saved thousands of lives. Before it acquired it was elevated to a teaching and referral facility, it was called Kisii District Hospital. The county's pioneer Governor James Ongwae mobilized key actors in the health sector and involved Kisii University in elevating the facility's status.

A visit to the hospital now paints a completely different picture to what the facility was before the advent of devolution. "The only noticeable building here was the main block right after the entrance which was built with the support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)," Mzee Agasa Omurwa says. Part of the wing had administrative offices and wards but were later relocated. Currently, the block has the High Dependency Unit (HDU) and the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), a maternity wing, outpatient area as well as rooms for the Digital Xrays and a 16-slide Computerized Tomography (CT) scan.

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We have laid the foundation for a vibrant facility that will offer world class care and training for medical students,” Governor Ongwae says.

Under the guidance of Governor Ongwae, the facility has witnessed massive infrastructural facelift. A new three storey ward with a capacity of 250 beds is complete and set for commissioning by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Overlooking the ward is the Doctors' Hostel with several units which are set to be occupied after commissioning by President Kenyatta. "This will mean that our doctors will be housed here and this will save them any inconvenience in responding to critical cases at any time of the day," the facility's CEO Dr Enock Ondari says.

The County Government has also put up histology and anatomy labs, a funeral parlor with a capacity of a hundred bodies and a chapel. "The hospital has been relying on a 24 body capacity morgue. We now have a spacious one with modern cooling facilities. This means bodies can be preserved well so that the departed is given a befitting send-off," Governor Ongwae says. There is also a Magnetic Resonance Imaging complex, modern incinerator; a car park and water tank with a capacity of 300,000 litres of rain water, collected from the roofs. Other diagnostic equipment includes a 64 slide CT scan, a mammogram and an ultrasound. The hospital serves patients from Kisii, its neighbors like Nyamira, Narok, Migori, Homa-Bay and even from parts of Tanzania.



Anatomy and histology lab at KTRH. Inset is Prof John S. Akama - The Vice Chancellor - Kisii University

Kisii University School of Medicine in Collaboration with Kisii County Government

Kisii University was granted a Charter in February 2013. Since then, the institution has entered into collaborations with many organizations and institutions in various fields of learning, research and innovation. Kisii University and Kisii County Government signed an MOU in 2018 on the management and utilization of the existing medical facility as Level Six Teaching and Referral Hospital.

The collaboration has seen Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital benefit from Kisii University staff members who are specialists in various fields of medicine and health science in general. Equally, Kisii University has used the facility to train students in various fields of medicine and undertake research and provide other specialized clinical services to patients in the hospital.

Currently, Kisii University School of Health Sciences has six (6) programmes that are accredited by the relevant regulatory bodies including: Nursing, Clinical Medicine and Surgery, Public Health, Food Nutrition and Dietetics, Medical Laboratory Sciences and Pharmaceutical Technology.

In 2018, Kisii University developed a curriculum for Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB). The curriculum was presented to the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Board (KMPDB) and was approved.

It is also important to note that the University in collaboration with the Kisii County Government have jointly developed the following three (3) Laboratories for students to use in Learning, Research and Diagnostics:

- i) Biochemistry Laboratory (Kisii University)
- ii) Anatomy/Histology Laboratory (C.G) _ (Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital).
- iii) Physiology Laboratory (Kisii University) Social – economic and Health Impacts of the Teaching and Referral Hospital and the Medical School.

In conclusion, during this era of globalization, information sharing, research and community outreach initiatives have become extremely pertinent. Institutions of Higher Learning and County Governments should strive to solve common problems affecting the Kenyan citizenry.

Hope for Cancer Patients as Construction of Kisii Cancer Centre Now Set to Kick Off



An artists impression of Kisii Cancer Centre

The dream of setting up an ultra-modern cancer center in Kisii County has come alive after bids for the construction of the facility were finally floated. And the facility expected to make Kisii a regional health hub will help reduce congestion at the Kenyatta National Hospital jammed by many cancer related referrals.

The project, a partnership between Kisii county, the Arab Bank of Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the Saudi Fund For Development (SFD) and G.O.K is expected to be operational before 2022.

This will be the third cancer centre in Kenya after those at KNH and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, Eldoret.

The unveiling of this Cancer treatment centre project has been informed by the rising cases of cancer related deaths in the country. It is estimated that over 39,000 new Cancer cases are reported in Kenya every year and according to World Health Organisation (WHO) reports, 27,000 cases of cancer infections reported are from Western region of Kenya.

The Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi, and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret can handle about 9,000 cancer patients in a year while the rest of the patients visit private hospitals locally and abroad. This pushes a number of patients to the brink of death owing to inflated costs in accessing cancer treatment.

Cancer treatment has been a mirage to many resulting in over 13,000 cancer related deaths annually, according to the 2014 Kenya Economic & Household Survey.

This is why, Governor James Ongwae, confronted with these facts, coined a project proposal for setting up a cancer center in Kisii which attracted BADEA who together with SFD agreed to co-finance the project to a tune of Sh 2 billion ,with each partner giving Sh 1 billion. The Government of Kenya on its part, chipped in with Sh 280 million. The Kisii county government has already identified the site for the facility and has set up a project implementation unit to that effect. Once actualized Cancer center will serve an estimated population of 10 million persons in Kisii, Nyamira, Migori, Homabay, Kisumu, Kericho and the Trans Mara region of Narok County.

The cancer centre at KTRH will occupy 5,000 square meters of land and will be fully equipped with theatres, four examination rooms, mammograms, an observation ward, waiting rooms, lecture rooms, a control room, and two shielded rooms for x-ray, CT scanner, changing rooms for doctors and staff and patient wards with 40 beds.

The cancer centre will also go a long way in ameliorating the research and teaching efforts being envisaged at KTRH.



An artists impression of KTRH Mother & Child Hospital



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