

2ND KILIFI COUNTY HEALTH RESEARCH FORUM

Convening and Tackling the BIG Health Issues by strengthening the health systems towards Achieving UHC

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CONCEPT NOTE

CONTEXT

His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta identified affordable health care for all as one of the Big 4 Agendas for the Country. This Agenda aligns with Kenya's commitment to the global attainment of Sustainable Development Goal # 3 by ensuring that all people can access quality health services, whilst promoting individual and collective health security, and protecting the community from impoverishment due to illness, whether from out-of-pocket payments for healthcare or loss of income when a household member falls sick .

Health research plays a critical role in delivering the needed evidence to support the interventions that ensure realisation of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Kenya. In Kilifi county, the department of health is aligning its services towards UHC by putting emphasis on improving access to quality, facility-based primary health care, as a key pillar of efforts to end preventable maternal and child deaths, halt and reverse the trends on NCD and to making health system more resilient.

Capitalizing on this momentum and harnessing the enormous knowledge from the policy community this second health research forum presents a timely opportunity to draw on evidence, that will guide policy-decision-making on three significant issues within the department, that is, **Adolescent pregnancies, Non-Communicable diseases and health system strengthening**.

FORUM AIMS AND OUTCOMES

This forum will bring together global, national and local political leaders, the government, the research community and non-governmental organisation for the purposes of:

- **Raising awareness** among policy makers on the three issues within the department, that is, Adolescent pregnancies, Non-Communicable diseases and health system strengthening and provide justification why additional attention to and resources for these issues are urgently needed.
- **Exchanging knowledge** and practical experiences in making the health system sustainable and resilient in delivering of quality health care for the achievement of UHC in Kilifi County.
- **Building partnership** in the health research aimed at improving access to quality health care services in Kilifi County and beyond.

This process will support the following forum outcomes:

- Mobilization of interest and resources from political leaders, the government, the research community and non-governmental organisation to support efforts aimed at addressing **Adolescent pregnancies, Non-Communicable diseases and health system**.
- Creating opportunities to form new partnerships aimed at improving knowledge translation.
- Provide a platform to champion the use of evidence for improved health outcomes.

- Establishing priority health related problems in Kilifi County which require to be researched to provide new information and evidence to support interventions to tackle them.

FORUM SESSIONS

The forum will feature a range of discussions focusing on the following areas:

1. Adolescent Health – The menace of teenage pregnancies will be discussed at length in a multisectoral panel of experts and policy makers.
2. Non-Communicable Diseases – Updates from research on NCDs Globally and in Kenya
3. Health System Strengthening – Updates from research on HSS as well as a panel discussion around a multitude of issues integral to improving health systems

FORUM PARTNERS

The forum being organized by the Kilifi County Department of Health, in partnership with Aga Khan University, KEMRI-CGMRC, KEMRI Wellcome Trust, North Coast Medical Training College, and Pwani University.