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Governor Nyong'o launching the Kisumu Radiotherapy centre at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and referral Hospital

ONE BILLION RADIOTHERAPY CENTER TO BENEFIT KISUMU RESIDENTS

Cancer patients in Kisumu and other neighbouring Counties will soon be able to access radiotherapy services at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital following the launch of construction for Kisumu Radiotherapy Centre by Kisumu Governor, Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o.

For a long time, cancer patients within the western circuit have had to travel long distances to access radiotherapy sessions at the Kenyatta National Hospital, the only public hospital offering radiotherapy management.

Speaking at the ground breaking ceremony held at the hospital grounds, Governor Nyong'o who was accompanied by his deputy Dr. Mathew Owili said that Phase One of the project valued at Ksh350M shall commence immediately and is expected to be complete in a record two years or less.

"Our main goal is to establish a one billion centre project by end of 5 years". He said.

Once complete, the hospital will be able to offer comprehensive oncology services such as radiotherapy, chemotherapy and palliative care to the cancer patients across the region, adding that the County will embark on comprehensive outreach programmes to inform the people on the benefits of early screening, diagnosis and risks reduction.

Currently, in Kenya alone, an estimated 40,000 new cancer cases and 28,000 cancer deaths occur each year making it the third leading cause of mortality and accounting for 7 per cent of all annual deaths.

The day also saw the Governor unveil the Sickle Cell Anaemia Clinic to help address its high prevalence among new-borns.

The Ag. Minister for Health and Sanitation Nerry Achar on his part said that the County will formulate a policy to ensure all Sickle Cell survivors are covered under the new universal health cover.

Also present at the ceremony were County Ministers Achie Alai and Salmon Drimba, the Hospital Board of Management, Members of the County Assembly, Partners Representatives: Ruth Muya- National Cancer Institute, Dr. Ogada and Dr. Oendo from Uzima and Maseno Universities, and other County Officials.



Vihiga County Governor, Dr. Wilbur Otichilo and Kisumu Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili, exchanging pleasantries after they successfully completed the climate change training at Pinecone Hotel. The two were joined by County Minister for Environment and climate change, Salmon Drimba (Second Left) and CEO Lake Region Economic Bloc Aballa Wanga (Right)

CLIMATE CHANGE TRAINING COMES TO CLOSE IN KISUMU

The County Government of Kisumu this week hosted the climate change and policy management program, organised by the Kenya School of Government in close consultation with the County.

Kisumu Deputy Governor, Dr. Mathew Owili together with Vihiga Governor H.E Excellency Dr. Wilbur Otichilo, Joined the workshop for the official close of the nine-day training program

With participants drawn from 14 Counties, Otichilo and Owili both called for a multi sectoral approach to effectively capacity build populations on emerging climatic trends.

The new graduates are expected to hit the ground after they successfully acquired training on climate mitigation skills. They are expected to work closely with County departments and environmental stakeholders to effect and implement the policies in their respective counties.

In his closing remarks, Governor Dr. Otichilo urged County Executives to fast track and support the climate change policies.

The workshop was also attended by Environment CEC Salmon Drimba, LREB CEO Aballa Wanga, representatives from the National Drought Management Authority, Adoption Consortium among other organization's in the drill held at Pinecone Hotel.



Kisumu Governor, Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o laying a foundation of the Pediatric Research Center at Kombewa County hospital. Governor Nyong'o was flanked by his deputy Dr. Mathews Owili, Seme MP Dr. James Nyikal, National Government officials, Novartis Pharmaceutical staff, KEMRI NG-CDC, local leadership and Seme community members.

NEW DAWN FOR PEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN KOMBWEA

In line with the provision of the universal health coverage the County government of Kisumu is set to construct a pediatric Centre that is aimed at improving the quality and service delivery of healthcare at Kombewa sub county.

Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o and his deputy Dr. Mathew Owili this week presided over the construction of the pediatric Centre in Central Seme ward. Speaking during the event, the Governor raised concern that individuals use a lot of money to seek medical attention, a situation that has left many households at the mercy of seeking support from others.

Governor Nyong'o cited that the introduction of UHC in providing accessible and affordable healthcare for all has helped many individuals from the pilot Counties. "Kisumu county leadership wishes to expand services in the sub counties to enable proper and accountable operations within the county", he added.

The governor was confident of the County's commitment to realize universal health coverage to all residents by looking into the issue of staffs, medicine, equipment and delivery system.

In his speech, Prof. Nyong'o conveyed his utmost fear of the reported cases of sickle cell and cancer among the newborn in Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOTRH), saying that it is through partnership with other bodies and commitment within our sectors that will welcome new ideas on helping such cases.

The event was also attended by Prof. Ogutu from KEMRI, Seme MP. James Nyikal, development partners and other senior county officials.

"I AM KISUMU TALENT SEARCH" CROWNS WINNER

Thousands of residents of Kisumu converged at Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground to witness the grand finale of the I AM KISUMU Talent Search held on Saturday 11th May.

"I am Kisumu Talent Search" was rolled out in the month of February this year with specific dates of performance for each of the seven sub-counties. The grand finale brought together best performers of various categories from the sub-county level who contested in a number of acts which included dancing, singing, drama Elocution, Visual arts creative writing and freestyle talents.

A total of 141 contestants across Kisumu were subjected to a 5-day boot camp for intensive training that enabled the participants to focus on the most important aspects of the performance ahead of the Grand Finale. The scene was set, and 25 competing performances were presented at the Jomo Kenyatta sports ground.

Speaking at the event, the Governor noted that Kisumu County stands out to be the first county in the whole republic to conduct talent search. The Governor held that the talent search makes Kisumu a benchmarking center for all other Counties across Kenya who would like to conduct the same.

"This search has seen hundreds of undiscovered talents deep in the village being brought to light" said the Governor.

Collins Otieno from Kisumu West emerged the overall winner and best performance in a solo dance. "It was awesome and such a fun run," Collins tells of his victory when his name was announced. The Winner was presented with prize money of Kshs. 100,000, lunch, dinner and accommodation at Ciala resort as well as free swimming at Jumua hotel.

The event organized by the County Government, department of Arts and Culture was also graced by the Deputy Governor Dr. Ochieng' Owili, Mama Kisumu Dorothy Nyong'o, County ministers and other officials as well as friends of Kisumu.



Collins Otieno, the solo dance artist, who was the winner of the I Am Kisumu Talent Search finals that was held at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports ground, left is County Minister for Tourism Sports, Arts and Culture

Governor lauded the search's sponsors for their kind gesture, stating that the success of the program was as a result of the partnership of very many business people.

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THE 3RD UHC NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN KISUMU

County Government of Kisumu gears up for the upcoming Universal Health Coverage Conference that is set to start on 15th through to the 17th of May 2019 at the Grand Royal Swiss Hotel in Kisumu.

The UHC Kisumu is the third National Conference aimed at reviewing and taking stock of implementation, innovation and thought of the 47 devolved Counties of Kenya, and is expected to bring out lessons that will be used to design or redesign the optimal path for the delivery of UHC in Kenya.

The Kisumu conference is preceded by the first and second Conferences, which were held in Makeni and Nyeri respectively.

Kisumu County being one of the 4 pilot Counties for the UHC began implementation of UHC intervention in August 2018 through sensitization, mobilization and registration of 1.2 million people who are the potential beneficiaries.

The conference will be officially opened by Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o



WELCOME
TO
THE 3RD NATIONAL UHC CONFERENCE 2019
KISUMU COUNTY
15TH – 17TH MAY 2019
GRAND ROYAL SWISS HOTEL, KISUMU

THEME: "Revitalizing Primary Health Care for Sustainable Universal Health Coverage"



MARKET CARTELS PUT ON NOTICE

The County Government has declared an all-out war on market cartels after wholesalers accused them of intimidation and harassment.

In a meeting held with the traders based in Kibuye presented their grievances to Kisumu Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili who vowed to address the challenges they faced.

The market is one of the largest open-air markets in East Africa and work is currently ongoing to upgrade the market's infrastructure.

According to Owili, markets play an important role in economy building and traders must operate within safe environs for the centers to thrive, sentiments echoed earlier by Markets and Cooperatives CEC Richard Ogendo who was also in attendance.



Kisumu Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili listens to wholesalers when they paid him a visit at his office.

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