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Clean up procession during the official launch of the Symbiocity Change project in Ahero

25MILLION AHERO – SYMBIOCITY CHANGE PROJECT LAUNCHED

All businesses in Ahero came to a standstill as traders and residents were caught up in a triumphant procession tuned to Luo traditional beats along the streets in a bid to raise awareness on the official launch of the change project.

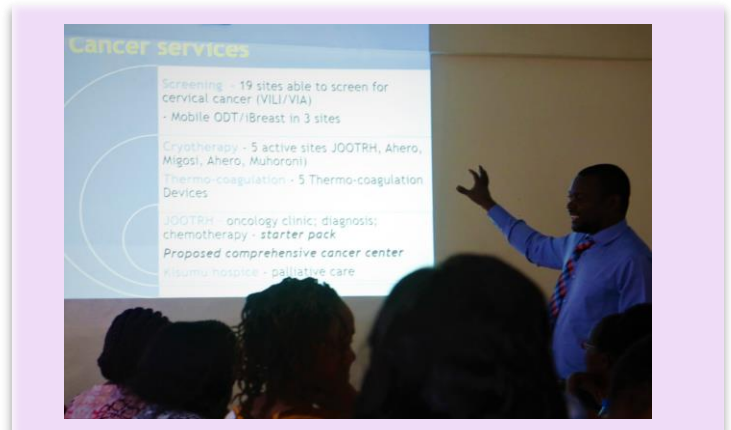
The phase II project, focuses on solid waste management and the improvement of the drainage system within Ahero market. With the systematic approach, solutions will be geared towards the reduction of pollution to Nyando River and also improving the livelihoods of the locals by creating opportunities for the youth to engage in economic activities.

The colorful event, anchored on the slogan “My environment my Lifeline” was marked with several activities all focused on sensitizing the people on waste and environmental management for sustainable urban growth. These included a mega clean up exercise, speeches, performances from the local artists, skits and football tournaments for the under 16 years, both boys and girls

While representing Kisumu Governor during the official launch, the CEC Lands, Housing and Physical planning Mr. Dickson Obungu, reiterated that before the end of this financial year, Ahero is set to have a town administrator who will be mandated to look at the planning of the town, this follows the gazettement of Ahero as a town.

He further applauded the move by the Symbiocity and Council of Governors to implement the change project which he termed a move towards the right direction in changing the lives of the residents of Ahero.

In response to the quest by the area MCA concerning regular clean-up of the town and garbage dumping along the highway, the Minister promised to work closely with Symbiocity in order to maintain a clean environment by providing a track to collect garbage.



County director health Dr. Dickens making a presentation on cancer situation in Kisumu

CRITICAL DATA GAPS IN CANCER MANAGEMENT

“Lack of instrumental data is the greatest impediment against cancer management fueled by lack of data collection tools, registers and summary tools.”

According to an observation made while giving a progressive report on the cancer situation in Kisumu County. The county director of health, Dr. Dickens Onyango said development of data for Cancer should be captured in the same way as data for HIV and Aids condition.

Dr. Onyango noted that only cervical cancer indicators are well captured and reported on DHIS, against the background of other cancers documented to exists in the county, however one cannot be able to trace the where about of those patients.

“The focus has been on cervical cancer screening; the other cancers are neglected due to inadequately defined indicators.” Dr Onyango said while calling on partners to aid in developing an integrated cancer surveillance system that captures and reports data for all cancers.

The scantily available data shows that in the last ten years, Kisumu county registered 402 cases of breast cancer, 365 identified esophagus cancer, 324 Kaposi’s sarcoma, 328 cancer of the cervix’s, 171 prostate cancer and 164 lymphoma cancer.

The records further indicate 124 people in Kisumu suffered from cancer of the liver (hepatoma), 76 had colorectum cancer, 46 cancer of the stomach, 45 cancer of the ovary, 26 osteogenic sarcoma and 24 multiple myeloma.

Since 1998 to date there are 22 cancers of the bladder recorded in Kisumu County, another 20 cancer of the pancreas, 15 thyroid cancer, 12 bronchus cancer, 12 endometrium cancer, 11 cancer of the vulva, 10 cancer of the penis, 4 cancer of the stomach and 8 unspecified cancers.

Kisumu County has several cancer screening locations, including JOOTRH, KCRH, Chulaimbo, Kombewa, Ahero, Nyakach, Nyahera, Muhoroni, Gita, Migosi, Lumumba, Rabuor, Airport HC, Ober Kamoth, Kodiaga HC, Katito, Manyuanda, Nyangoma and Bodi.

The county also has a total of 19 sites able to screen cervical cancer (Vili/Via) and three sites for breast. Five sites for cryotherapy and another five with thermo coagulation devices, with Kisumu hospice offer palliative care while JOOTRH offers oncology clinic, diagnosis, chemotherapy starter package and it’s also the proposed cancer comprehensive center.



KCA University Western Campus VC Prof Noah Midamba (left), Deputy Governor Vihiga, H.E Dr Patrick Saisi, Kisumu County Education CEC Member Dr John Obiero Ogone and Kisumu Central MP Fred Ouda cut a cake during the launch of MSC at Aga-Khan Hall in Kisumu

KCA UNIVERSITY LAUNCH A NEW MASTER'S PROGRAM

"Wednesday, 21st August 2019 KCA University Western Campus launched the MSC Commerce Program, in the presence of County Minister Dr. Obiero Ogone who represented Kisumu County Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o in the celebrations.

In his speech Governor Nyong'o applauded the University stating that it is a step in the right direction.

According to the Governor, Kisumu County being the gateway to the Lake and men and women in various spheres of life. She announced that the County Government was at an advanced stage in the development of a Sexual Gender Based Violence policy and a Gender mainstreaming policy.

The lake region is set to open up its market for goods and services and thus offers limitless opportunities for entrepreneurs and industrialists. Thus, the need to developed a workforce armed with the right knowledge and skills to offer the requisite human resource that the industry desperately needs.

The new Program launch took place the Aga-khan hall in Kisumu and was also graced by Deputy Governor Vihiga, H.E Dr Patrick Saisi, and Kisumu Central MP Fred Ouda.

GENDER-RESPONSIVE BUDGETING A CRUCIAL TOOL FOR GENDER EQUALITY

The gender directorate in partnership with SDG Kenya Forum and Kenya Female Advisory Organization (KEFEADO) led an engagement forum for county departments on prioritizing gender responsive budgeting.

The forum rightly brought together the County departments representatives to deliberate on affirming commitment to gender equality, the outcome of the 2018/2019 ADP as well as CIDP Development budget and gender financing.

Gender budgeting is a process that entails maintaining a gender perspective at various stages including programme or policy formulation, assessment of needs of target groups, review of extant policies and guidelines, allocation of resources, implementation of programmes, impact assessment and reprioritization of resources.

According to the discussions during the forum, it emerged that a gender responsive budget (GRB) is not a separate budget but an allocation of budgetary resources with gender intelligence to translate county policy commitments into gender-specific goals with the main objectives being gender-sensitive budget to attain more effective targeting of public expenditure and offset any undesirable gender-specific consequences of budgetary measures.

GRB is about gender mainstreaming that ensures awareness regarding gender specific issues in the policies by the county government.

The County Director Gender, Adah Omedi emphasized on the importance of laying stress on prioritizing areas of expenditure incurred to maxi-mise on gender visibility in the county government functions adding that applying gender responsive budget would spearhead Improved gender outcomes in budgets, policies and service delivery



County Director Gender and Youth affairs, Ada Omedi during a previous workshop in Kisumu (File Picture)

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