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# KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE

*Training for Better Health*

## NEWS BULLETIN

*June - August 2022*

### Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to regular updates regarding key milestones and achievements of the College over the course of June and August, 2022.

These were the busiest months on our calendar.

It is the period we recorded immense milestones in the areas of strengthening teaching and learning.

A major development has been the establishment of an education financing scheme for needy students.

The College edged closer to securing Ksh. 648 million funding from the National Treasury to cater to students' fees.

As part of actualizing this dream, we have signed a service contract with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) to operationalize the financing scheme.

Besides that, we continue to source new partnerships with other organizations to push forward our agenda of promoting teaching and learning.

We must also empower our biggest asset - our employees.

To do so, we will continue to ensure a safe working environment and continual capacity building. We will also ensure student-staff ratios are bridged accordingly to ease service delivery.

For this reason, we advertised for various jobs and we encourage members of the public to apply and join the institution.

In addition, staff welfare is at the heart of our operations, I am proud of the actions we are undertaking to meet staff needs.

In particular, during the months, we entered an agreement with the Kenya Union of Domestic Hotels Educational Institutions Hospitals & Allied Workers (KUDHEIHA) to represent staff in labor negotiations.

Similarly, we fully settled the Collective Bargaining Agreement for a period of four (4) cycles.

On academic matters, the College conducted its Final Qualified Examination (FQE) for 11,038 registered candidates in the month of June and July.

**Dr. Kelly Oluoch**  
Chief Executive Officer





## Updates from the Academics



**Dr. Nyawira Mwangi**

Deputy Director Academics

**T**he months of June through August were exciting months in the College. We are proud to tell you all about it in this edition of the Bulletin.

Given the highest number of candidates who sat for FQEs, we are optimistic that a greater chunk of them will record impressive results to qualify for graduation this coming Decem-

ber. Congratulations to all prospective graduands!

Similarly, I encourage all continuing students to dedicate their time to studies. Even so, spare time for extra-curricular activities to help boost your talents and good health.

We are undeniably upbeat about what the remaining months of the year have in store for all of us.

Our reputation in delivering high-quality training is our most treasured asset and the foundation on which we were established.

To achieve this, we will continue to put research at the center of our operations. It is through research that we make well-informed decisions in all that we do. Over the course of June and August, we held various webinars to enlighten our stakeholders on matters of research.

Away from that, recruitment of new students, verification of applications

and selection was concluded in June and July, paving way for admission in September.

In the area of curriculum development, teaching manuals for Nutrition and Dietetics Department were concluded in August. Similarly, a review of the Certificate in Nutrition, Upgrading Diploma in Nutrition, and Diploma in Nutrition were finalized in June.

On the other hand, the review of the Higher Diploma in Geriatric Nursing was concluded in July.

The College is indeed committed to delivering top-notch training for its students.

And it is through such initiatives that we continuously improve on our service delivery to all Kenyans.

We hope you enjoy reading this Bulletin and we look forward to your feedback for future improvement.



*Students in examination room during FQE*



## Mosoriot Free Dental Clinic Enters The Home Stretch



*>> Kenya Smiles' Stephanie Wondering attends to a patient during the event*

**T**he Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch has expressed his gratitude to Kenya Smiles, the Moi University School of Dental Sciences and Nandi County Government for partnering with the College to give smiles back to the community.

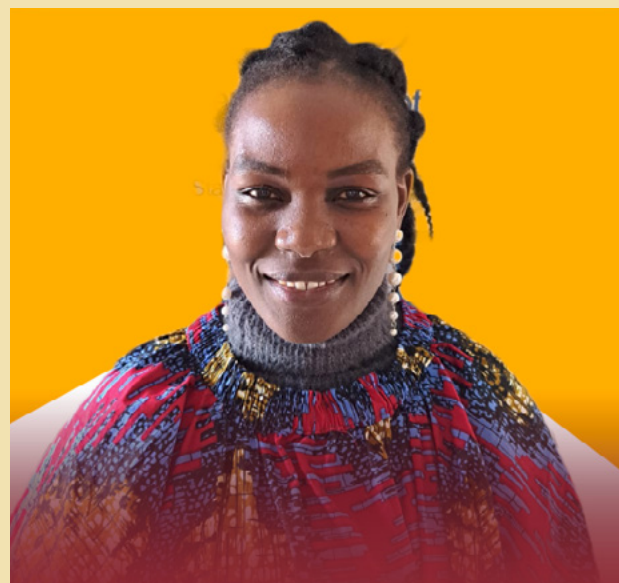
The CEO was speaking on Friday July 29, 2022 when he received a team from Kenya Smiles who had called on him for a courtesy call.

"Your partnership in enabling us serve the community, the reason we do what we do, is one that we will not forget," the CEO said adding "you have enabled those you treated to live a better quality life and for that we are truly grateful."

Ms. Amy Lawson, a dental student at the University of North Carolina, USA, and a member of Kenya Smiles could not hide her joy at having been able to touch the lives of Mosoriot residents "We had a wonderful, successful dental camp and had the opportunity to interact with the hospitable members of the community," Ms. Lawson exclaimed.

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## KMTC Student Shines in this Year's ARSO Continental Essay Competition



**Hycent Maratani**  
Department of Pharmacy  
KMTC Mombasa Campus

**H**ycent Maratani, a Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Mombasa Campus student, was the lucky recipient of the 9th African Standards Organization (ARSO) Continental Essay Competition's Ksh 80,000 cash prize after emerging position one in Kenya and third in Africa.

The second year Pharmacy student emerged the best in the annual competition.

This year's competition was organized under the theme "The Role of Standardization in Promoting African Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Industries to Attain Self-reliance and resilience in Combating COVID-19 and Future Pandemics" and was open to young adults between ages 18-35 in Colleges and Universities.

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>> CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch  
(left), HELB CEO Mr. Charles  
Ringera during the event

## College inks partnership with HELB

For months, the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTc) students have patiently waited as the College mulls establishing a financial scheme to support its needy students.

Now, it appears the long wait could be finally over.

This followed inking a service contract with Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) on Tuesday (July 5, 2022) at a special ceremony held in the presence of KMTc officials, led by CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch and also executives of HELB, led by CEO Charles Ringera.

The College has long sought to provide financial aid towards tuition, accommodation, upkeep and non-monetary help to its needy students.

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>> Health Cabinet Secretary (CS) Senator Mutahi  
Kagwe (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Board Chairperson Amb.  
Zachary Muburi-Muita (2<sup>nd</sup> left) Board Directors,  
Management and students during the launch

## College urged to expand training for nutritionists to meet local and international market demands

Health Cabinet Secretary Sen. Mutahi Kagwe has urged the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTc) to expand training for Nutritionists and Dieticians to meet local and global market demands.

While acknowledging the important role played by nutritionists in fighting Covid-19 and other nutrition-related disease, Sen. Kagwe noted that the country is facing acute shortage of such specialists.

“Currently, the ratio of Nutritionists and Dieticians to patients stands at 1:100, 000 which is below the required World Health Organization (WHO) recommended numbers,” he reported.

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## KMTC Challenged to Expand Training to Cater for a Growing Market

**T**he government has challenged the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) to set up an Italian language course in the College to prepare students for foreign jobs.

Health Cabinet Secretary Sen. Mutahi Kagwe said that the government will continue to expand job opportunities for unemployed Kenyans following the signing of a bilateral agreement with the United Kingdom and Italian governments.

“As you are aware, we are not going to send anybody to Italy who cannot speak the Italian language. That is why we are banking on KMTC to introduce Italian language course,” he said.

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*Health CS Senator Mutahi Kagwe (center), the British High Commission representative and one of the Nurses during the event*



*Health Principal Secretary Ms. Susan Mochache standing (2<sup>nd</sup> right) with Dr. David Rateng (right) during the event*

## Younger Adults Urged to Take the COVID-19 Vaccine as Medical Training Receives a Boost

**M**inistry of Health Principal Secretary Ms. Susan Mochache has urged the younger adults to take up the COVID-19 vaccination to boost their immunity in addition to helping curb the spread of the virus.

“Our statistics show that younger adults have not yet embraced the vaccination uptake campaign even when there is evidence that many of them actually contract the virus,” she said.

The PS was speaking on June 16, 2022 during the roll-out of the COVID-19 booster shot at the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) headquarters in Nairobi.

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## KMTC to Embed Cervical Cancer Training and Management in Its Curricula, Receives Donation from Partners



Ag. Health Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth (2<sup>nd</sup> left), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (center) and Jhpiego Project Director Mr. Paul Nyachae (right) during the event

**T**he Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) on June 14, 2022 received a donation of pre-cancerous lesions treatment devices to enhance teaching and learning in the College.

Handing over the equipment, donated by Ministry of Health in Partnership with Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) and Jhpiego, Ministry of Health Acting Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth further reported that through the partnership with CHAI, a total of 125 KMTC lecturers drawn from nine clusters from all over the country were trained on screening and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions.

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## Huge turnout for a free medical camp organized by the College



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch during the official opening of the camp >>>

**M**ore than 1,500 people benefitted from a 3-day free medical camp organized by the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) in Mutomo, Kitui County, as part of its long-standing strategy of giving back to the community. The main highlights of the camp were free medicines, free cervical, prostate cancer, and diabetic screening; blood pressure, eye and ear check-ups; COVID-19 vaccination, nutritional assessment, psycho-social support, and free doctor consultation.

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## KMTC Partnership with the Jacksons Clinics set to Expand Physiotherapy Training

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch on June 8, 2022 held discussions with Dr. Richard Jackson and Ms. Anne Jackson, of the Jackson Clinics USA, to pursue expansion of the Physiotherapy course through the mounting of new Higher Diplomas.

Dr. Oluoch appreciated the Jacksons for partnering with the College and being instrumental in advancing the training of Physiotherapists in the country. "In the last few years, there has been a major shift in medical services with rehabilitative medicine receiving as much attention as curative medicine," he said.

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CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right), Dr. Richard Jackson, Mrs. Anne Jackson and Head of Physiotherapy Mr. Daniel Kangutu during a meeting in the CEO'S Office. >>>



Deputy Director Academics Dr. Nyawira Mwangi seated (center) with Ms. Winnie Nzioka (right), James Mwanza Vital Strategies (left), Nairobi Campus Deputy Principal Mrs. Felistus Muinde (standing 3<sup>rd</sup> right) HoDs and Lecturers during a meeting

## KMTC eyes widening partnership to enhance training

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) is eyeing a partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH), the World Health Organization (WHO) and Vital Statistics to enhance quality training, Deputy Director Academics Dr. Nyawira Mwangi, representing the CEO, has said.

"The partnership is geared towards skills development for College students, to enable them to record the good quality cause of death in line with the WHO principles and standard International Classification of Diseases (ICD) guidelines," she added.

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## KMTC Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme Hailed as one of the Best Performing in the Country

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme (SRBS) has been hailed as one of the best performing schemes in the country.

This was revealed by the Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita who attributed the high performance to the scheme's sponsor (the KMTC Board of Directors) contributing the maximum mandatory contributions allowed by Government for each member.

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Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (standing), Board of Trustees Chairperson Hilary Rotich and Board Director Mrs. Jennifer Bosibori Kibagendi during member education meeting