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### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch

Welcome to the May 2025 edition of the KMTC News Bulletin. This issue captures a season of growth and transformation, marked by national recognition, global engagement, and a deepening commitment to excellence in health education and service delivery.

This month, we celebrate a historic moment as His Excellency President Dr. William Ruto officially commissioned the state-of-the-art KMTC Narok Campus, underscoring the government's pledge to expand access to quality health training.

We also spotlight the Deputy President's engagements at Teso and Kangema Campuses, where he urged students to embrace discipline and leadership, and launched new campus vehicles to support practical learning.

On the international front, KMTC's presence was felt at the 78<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly in Geneva, where I joined global health leaders to champion Kenya's priorities in maternal and child health, nutrition, and health

workforce development.

We further highlight KMTC's leadership in regional health initiatives, including hosting 50 mental health professionals from 11 African countries for an intensive leadership and advocacy program.

Innovation and research takes center stage as we preview the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference, where scholars and practitioners from around the world will converge to explore advancements in health equity, digital learning, artificial intelligence, and more.

Our commitment to staff welfare and institutional sustainability is reflected in the Annual General Meeting for staff pension schemes, where transparency, accountability, and long-term planning remain at the forefront.

Across our Campuses, the spirit of service and community engagement thrives. From tree planting and blood donation drives to mentorship programs, safety training, and medical outreach camps, KMTC students and staff continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those around them.

We invite you to journey with us through these pages, drawing inspiration from the collective achievements and aspirations of the KMTC family. Together, we reaffirm our mission to nurture excellence, advance health equity, and empower the next generation of healthcare leaders.

We value your readership and are committed to making the KMTC News Bulletin as informative and relevant as possible. Therefore, we call upon you to please share your feedback, suggestions, or story ideas with us to help improve our service and ensure each edition meets your needs and expectations. Kindly send your feedback to info@kmtc.ac.ke.

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### **CORPORATE UPDATES**

# H.E. President Ruto Commissions KMTC Narok Campus, Pledges Increased Support for Health Training

**0** n May 6, 2025, KMTC Narok Campus was officially commissioned in a colorful ceremony graced by His Excellency President Dr. William Ruto.

The state-of-the-art Campus, constructed by the County Government of Narok at a cost of Kshs. 483 million, marked a significant milestone in the provision of medical education and training in the country.

The facility includes modern tuition blocks, hostels, and specialized laboratories that will enhance learning and practical skills among students.

Speaking during the event, President Ruto commended KMTC and the County for their partnership in expanding access to quality health training.

"Matters training and education are key to our country's development, especially in the health sector. We will continue to invest in institutions like KMTC to build the human capital needed to deliver health services across the country," he said.

To support this, the President announced that the government will allocate resources in the upcoming budget to hire additional lecturers, ensuring students are taught by highly qualified professionals.

Recognizing the importance of a conducive learning environment, the President pledged to engage the Ministry of Housing to construct additional hostels for students through the Housing Fund, guaranteeing decent and hygienic living conditions during training.

In line with promoting practical learning, the Head of State committed to purchasing a bus for the Campus to support student travel to clinical placement sites.

He further directed the Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni to collaborate with the Military in fast-tracking the completion of the Narok County Referral Hospital to provide skilled clinical placement sites for students.

Emphasizing the government's commitment to health equity, President Ruto lauded the roll-out of the Social Health Authority (SHA), which aims to ensure all Kenyans receive equal treatment regardless of their background.

"Health is a right, not a privilege. Every Kenyan deserves access to the highest attainable standard of healthcare," he emphasized.



#### President William Ruto speaking at Narok Campus.

The President also called on the Ministry of Education to sign a framework agreement with the Council of Governors to facilitate access to bursaries for KMTC students through County Governments.

The president was received by the KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch.

Also present at the event were Narok Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu, Senator Ledama Ole Kina, Woman Representative Rebecca Tonkei, Narok West MP Gabriel Tongoyo, and other dignitaries from across the country.



President Ruto signs the Visitor's book upon his arrival at Narok Campus.



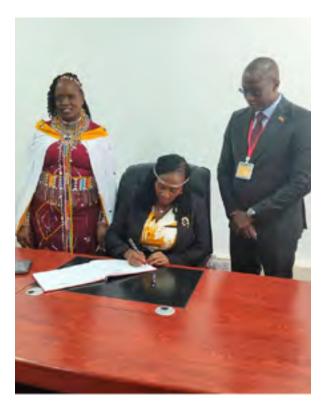
President Ruto is welcomed by KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch.



President Wiliam Ruto and Narok County Govenor Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu at the Campus.



President Ruto and KMTC Narok Principal Mrs. Techla Marindany.



Health PS Mary Muthoni signs the visitors book upon arrival for the official commissioning of Narok Campus. Looking on are CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch(right) and Narok Campus Principal Ms. Techla Marindany.



From L-R: Registrar Mr. Ronald Wasike, Ag. Deputy Administrative Services Manager Dr. Priscillah Anuri and the Photojournalist Mr. Evans Ngara at the Campus.



From L-R: Ag. Deputy Administrative Services Manager Dr. Priscillah Anuri, Deputy Director Academics Dr. Nyawira Mwangi, Principal Narok Campus Ms. Tecla Marindany and Deputy Director Finance and Administration Ms. Lucy Chebungei, during the official commissioning of Narok Campus.

# Deputy President Urges Discipline and Leadership During Visit to Teso Campus



Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki makes his address at Teso Campus.

**D** eputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki paid a courtesy visit to KMTC Teso Campus on May 18, 2025 while on his way to an interdenominational prayer service in Amagoro Township.

Accompanied by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Forestry Dr. Deborah Mlongo, Teso North MP Hon. Oku Kaunya, Teso South MP Hon. Mary Emaase, and other leaders, the Deputy President met with the campus leadership and addressed students.

He encouraged students to embrace hard work, discipline, leadership, and warned against substance abuse. He emphasized that dedication and responsible choices would help them seize national opportunities and contribute meaningfully to society.



Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki launched newly acquired vehicles for KMTC Kangema during the Michuki National Polytechnic graduation ceremony (held on May 9, 2025), marking a milestone that will enhance transportation and support health training in the Campus.

# CEO Joins Global Health Leaders at the 78th World Health Assembly



(L-R): Dr. Stephen Muleshe, Dr. Kelly Oluoch, Dr. Patrick Amoth, Mr. Mahboob Bajw and Dr. Hezron Omollo, during the event.

**C** EO Dr. Kelly Oluoch joined global health leaders at the 78<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, Switzerland, reinforcing Kenya's commitment to advancing health priorities on the global stage.

Dr. Oluoch was part of the Ministry of Health delegation led by Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth, EBS, and accompanied by KMTC Board Director Dr. Hezron Omollo.

The Assembly, convened by the World Health Organization (WHO), brought together policymakers, technical experts, and health leaders to discuss pressing health challenges affecting populations worldwide. This year's WHA focused on critical topics such as maternal, newborn, child health and nutrition, health workforce training and mobility, strengthening local medicine manufacturing, and the global campaign to eliminate neglected tropical diseases.

During a high-level briefing with WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Dr. Oluoch delivered Kenya's official statement, aligned with that of Angola and representing the 47 Member States of the WHO Africa Region. In his address, Dr. Oluoch reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH), highlighting the country's comprehensive policy and strategic framework that has delivered measurable improvements in health outcomes.

"Our progress in RMNCAH is a demonstration of the effectiveness of policy-driven action and strategic investments in public health," said Dr. Oluoch. "However, we remain vigilant and committed to addressing the persistent inequalities that continue to hinder progress for the most vulnerable populations."

He also presented Kenya's national statement on the Comprehensive Implementation Plan on Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition, expressing strong support for extending the Plan to 2030. Dr. Oluoch cited Kenya's notable progress, including a reduction in stunting from 35% in 2008 to 18% in 2022, an increase in exclusive breastfeeding rates from 32% to 61%, and a decline in childhood overweight cases from 5% to 3%. Despite these gains, he stressed the need for sustained efforts to address regional inequalities, climate change-related disruptions, and food insecurity.

Kenya endorsed several key resolutions at the Assembly, including the inclusion of World Prematurity Day in the WHO calendar, enhancing strategies for preventing and managing preterm births, and strengthening the regulation of digital marketing of breast milk substitutes. Dr. Oluoch called for stronger partnerships and urged WHO and development agencies to provide technical and financial support to Member States to enhance implementation, monitoring, and reporting of the nutrition agenda.

"Kenya stands ready to collaborate with other nations and global partners to ensure that every child not only survives but thrives," Dr. Oluoch affirmed. He described the WHA experience as a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility to build resilient health systems. He emphasized that KMTC's active participation in global health forums ensures alignment with national priorities and international best practices in healthcare delivery.

The session was held from May 19 to 27, 2025.

# Mental Health Champions From 11 African Countries Graduate from Regional Leadership and Advocacy Program



Dr. Sultani Matendechero, Senior Deputy Director at the Ministry of Health during the official opening of the training



KMTC Deputy Director Academics, Dr. Nyawira Mwangi during the training.



#### Participants during the official opening of the training.

A total of 50 mental health professionals from 11 African countries have graduated from an intensive two-week Mental Health Leadership and Advocacy training, marking a significant milestone in advancing mental health care across the continent.

The program, held at KMTC Nairobi Campus from May 12 to 23, 2025, is part of the Africa CDC's regional initiative and was hosted in partnership with the University of

British Columbia (UBC) and other key stakeholders.

Selected from over 3,600 applicants, participants represented Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, Ghana, Eswatini, and Zimbabwe. The fully sponsored training included air travel, accommodation, conference materials, and certification, reflecting the growing recognition of mental health as a public health priority.



Participants display their certificates following graduation from the training.

During the official opening, Dr. Sultani Matendechero, Deputy Director at the Ministry of Health, emphasized the urgency of mental health reform and the central role of institutions like KMTC in equipping healthcare workers with vital competencies. KMTC Board Chairperson, Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot, welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of developing human resources for health to achieve Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

At the graduation ceremony, Dr. Nyawira Mwangi, Deputy Director of Academics, speaking on behalf of CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, underscored the need to dismantle stigma and discrimination, which remain barriers to effective mental health advocacy. She stressed the importance of integrating mental health services into primary healthcare systems and reaffirmed the College's commitment to expanding the program to reach even more countries.

Dr. Mohamed Abdul Aziz, Head of Division for NCD Protection and Control at Africa CDC, praised the graduates for their dedication and urged them to apply their new skills in

their home countries. He encouraged the organization of community outreach programs and called on Ministries of Health to support mental health initiatives, similar to efforts for TB, HIV, and immunization. He also highlighted the vital role of community health workers in addressing psychological distress at the grassroots level.

The training covered a wide range of topics tailored to the Eastern African context and aimed to bridge gaps in leadership, advocacy, and care. KMTC's selection as the host institution for the Eastern Africa region follows successful sessions in Egypt, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe, further reinforcing its leadership in mental health education and capacity building.

As the graduates return to their respective countries, they are expected to champion mental health reforms, organize community outreach, and contribute to the ongoing continental movement to prioritize mental health as a critical component of public health.

#### **8<sup>TH</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference Set to Take Place**



(File photo) KMTC Students during a training session.

he College is set to host its 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference at the Nairobi Campus from June 4 to 6, 2025, under the theme, "Advancing Health Equity in a Rapidly Changing Environment." The event will bring together leading scholars and practitioners from around the world to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing in science, technology, and health.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, will officiate the event as the chief guest. The conference will feature a keynote address by Prof. Sylvester Kimaiyo, Executive Director of Care Programs at the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) and Professor of Internal Medicine at Moi University.

Prof. Kimaiyo, a renowned consultant physician at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, has played a pioneering role in advancing HIV care and treatment in Kenya.

Over the three days, participants will engage in interdisciplinary panel discussions, as well as abstract and poster presentations by 30 scholars from across the globe. Topics will include digital learning, healthcare financing, artificial intelligence, climate change, and mental health among healthcare workers.

"This conference provides a platform to showcase the strides we have made in research and innovation," said Ms. Lucy Chebungei, Deputy Director of Finance, Planning, and Administration, speaking on behalf of KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch. "For the first time, we will host a global panel of interdisciplinary experts, offering our staff and students an opportunity to engage with diverse perspectives in research," she added.

Students from KMTC Murang'a, Nairobi, and Karen Campuses will also participate, presenting research projects on mental health, artificial intelligence, and nutrition. Their involvement highlights the depth of talent and innovation among the College's future health professionals.

"This conference is for everyone, including students, healthcare workers, and researchers. It is a chance to learn, share ideas, and grow," said Ms. Chebungei.

The conference is open to the public. To participate, register here: https://t2m.co/YrR6sKfT.



# 8th BIENNIAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

4-6 JUNE 2025



Theme: Advancing health equity in a rapidly changing environment

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- 1. Health professions education
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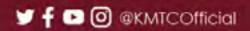
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# **Annual General Meeting Held for Staff Pension Schemes**



KMTC Chairperson of the Board of Directors Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot during the AGM.

he College convened its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Staff Retirement Benefits and Pension Schemes for the financial year ending June 30, 2024.

Held at KMTC Narok Campus on May 29, 2025, the meeting brought together staff members from campuses across the country, both in person and virtually, to review the schemes' performance and discuss governance matters.

Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot officially opened the session, reaffirming KMTC's commitment to transparency, accountability, and the long-term welfare of its workforce.

"This forum provides an opportunity to reflect not only on our financial health and investment performance but also on how well we are delivering on our promise to you, our members," Mr. Cheruiyot stated.

He reported that the Board had received the actuarial valuation of the Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS) as of June 30, 2023, which indicated a funding level of 50.42% and a deficit of Ksh 2.113 billion.

To address this gap, the Board has adopted a Remedial Action Plan that includes a Kshs. 100 million cash injection, an increase in sponsor contributions by 7.6%, and annual cash provisions to ensure timely payment of member benefits. By April 25, 2025, a total of Kshs. 45 million had already been remitted to the DBS.

KMTC operates two pension schemes: the Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS), initiated in 2002, and the Defined Con-



KMTC Deputy Director Finance, Planning and Administration Ms. Lucy Chebungei during the AGM.

tributions Scheme (DCS), established in 2011 in line with Treasury Circular No. 18 of 2010.

Speaking on behalf of CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, Deputy Director of Finance, Planning and Administration, Ms. Lucy Chebungei, acknowledged staff for their active participation in the Schemes' governance.

"This is an important platform for members. It provides an opportunity to engage, ask questions, and propose ideas that can strengthen the Schemes," said Ms. Chebungei, reiterating the College's commitment to ensuring their growth and sustainability.



Mr. Ayub Mutanda and Mr. Stephen Njuguna during the AGM.



Board of Trustees Chairman Mr. Winbert Wanyama and KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot during the AGM.



Members of the Board of Trustees, (from left to right) Ms. Virginia Nzioka, Mr. Dosantos Kalungu, Mr. Elias Kipchumba, Ms. Lois Keitany and Dr. Collins Moses Owuor during the AGM.

# KMTC Leads Regional Effort to Advance Speech & Swallowing Disorder Care



DDFPA Ms. Lucy Chebungei (centre), Prof. Lisa Evangelista (fourth left), Laila Chapman (fifth left) and participants showcasing learning resources during the event.

MTC Deputy Director for Finance, Planning, and Administration, Ms. Lucy Chebungei, speaking on behalf of College CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, officially opened a five-day workshop on speech, swallowing, and swallowing disorders.

Held in collaboration with the University of Nairobi (UoN), Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), and the University of California (UoC), the workshop took place at KMTC Nairobi from May 26 to 30, 2025. It brought together specialists, faculty, and KMTC students pursuing speech and language therapy to deepen their knowledge and sharpen practical skills in this crucial field.

"Collaborations are key for learners to gain new skills," Ms. Chebungei stated, highlighting the importance of international and local partnerships in equipping future healthcare professionals with global best practices.

She also expressed enthusiasm for a potential student exchange program with the University of California, noting it would offer learners international exposure and specialized training opportunities. She urged participants to apply the knowledge gained in their work to improve patient care and expand access to expert services across the country.

A key highlight of the event was the generous donation of books worth USD 13,000 (Kshs. 1.68 million) from the University of California. These resources will be shared among KMTC, UoN, and KNH to strengthen academic and clinical training in speech and swallowing disorders.



Prof. Lisa Evangelista (left) and Laila Chapman (second left) from the University of California present a consignment of books to KMTC DDFPA Ms. Lucy Chebungei (second right), Dr. Jebichi Maswan (right), and Mr. Robert Niaramba (center).



A section of students during the training.

# Kenya Pharmaceutical Association Mentors Pharmacy Students in Career Development



#### Participants during the mentorship programme.

he Kenya Pharmaceutical Association (KPA) Nairobi Branch hosted a mentorship program at the KMTC Nairobi Campus on May 27, 2025, targeting third-year (final-year) Pharmacy students.

This initiative aims to prepare future pharmaceutical professionals for successful careers.

KPA, the umbrella professional body representing over 13,000 pharmaceutical technologists across Kenya's 47 counties, is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of pharmacy practitioners.

"KPA is deeply committed to student mentorship, ensuring students and early-career professionals are well-equipped to deliver pharmaceutical excellence," said KPA Organising Secretary Calvin Oyamo.

The association has mapped all diploma-level pharmaceutical training institutions, including KMTC Nairobi, and developed an annual mentorship schedule.

The day's program, held in collaboration with Shalina Healthcare, a company known for providing innovative healthcare solutions, featured interactive learning sessions and recognition awards.

Students were presented with new lab coats to celebrate their achievements and encourage professional pride.

Ms. Dorcas Ngechu, a Lecturer at Nairobi Campus who spoke on behalf of the KMTC Nairobi Campus Principal, Mr. Joseph Ahomo, highlighted the importance of mentorship.

"This program is an eye-opener for students, exposing them to different market sectors, career opportunities, research prospects, and networking avenues for clinical placements," she said.

The event also welcomed KMTC alumni and Higher National Diploma graduates, who shared their experiences and served as mentors.

The program was facilitated by officials from the KPA Nairobi Branch, including Chairman Anthony Mbitu, Organising Secretary Calvin Oyamo, and Kenyanito Baraka, Brand Manager for OTC Brands at Shalina Healthcare. Their joint efforts ensured a meaningful and motivational experience for the students.

This mentorship is part of KPA's ongoing commitment to bridging academic training with real-world pharmacy practice, empowering students to transition confidently into the pharmaceutical industry upon graduation.

# Service Delivery Enhanced Through Training for HR and Administrative Officers



Participants during the training.

he College has conducted a five-day capacity-building workshop for Human Resource and Administrative Officers to strengthen service delivery across its campuses.

Held from May 19 - 23, 2025 at KMTC Narok Campus, the training aimed at equipping staff with up-to-date knowledge and practical skills in line with emerging trends in HR management, recent changes in employment legislation, and evolving public service regulations.

Deputy Director, Finance, Planning, and Administration, Ms. Lucy Chebungei, officially opened the workshop and underscored the critical role human resource management plays in institutional success.

"Human resources are the backbone of any organization. As KMTC continues to grow and transform, it is vital that our officers are empowered with current knowledge to professionally and consistently support our staff," she said.

Ms. Chebungei further emphasized that effective HR practices are integral to the College's mission.

"We are not only managing systems; we are supporting people. Strengthening HR processes directly contributes to enhanced staff morale, improved student services, and ultimately, better healthcare outcomes for the country," she said.

Participants engaged in comprehensive sessions covering a wide range of topics, including performance management, disciplinary procedures, staff welfare, talent acquisition, and employee relations.

The training was facilitated by experts from the Institute of Human Resource Management (IHRM), who shared practical insights on modern HR practices and their application in the public sector.

The initiative reflects the College's continued commitment to excellence in training and administration, ensuring that staff remain aligned with best practices and equipped to drive institutional efficiency.

# Security Personnel Trained on Campus Safety and Emergency Response

he College has concluded a nationwide training exercise to strengthen Campus safety and emergency preparedness among its security personnel.

The initiative is part of the College's continued commitment to creating a safe, secure, student-centered learning environment across all its campuses.

Speaking during the official closing ceremony held on May 16, 2025, Deputy Director, Finance, Planning and Administration, Ms. Lucy Chebungei, who represented the CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch, commended the security teams for their dedication and urged them to remain alert in safeguarding both students and staff.

"This training equips our personnel with critical skills to promptly identify and report potential threats to the relevant security agencies," she said.

Ms. Chebungei further noted that the training also included customer care and service delivery modules, which aimed to



Deputy Director Finance Planning and Administration Ms. Lucy Chebungei (center), Nakuru Campus Deputy Principal Finance and Administration Mr. Joseph Naitoyo (right) Ag. Chief Security Officer Mr. Charles Pepela (2nd right), Securicy Officer Mr. Justas Nalika (left) and Facilitator Dr. Wilson Kiprono with KMTC staff.

enhance the overall interaction between security staff and stakeholders across the College.

"Beyond safety, we are empowering our teams to deliver service courteously and professionally," she added.

The training brought together security officers from KMTC campuses across the country.

# KMTC Shared Student Wellness Progress at UNESCO 03 PLUS Regional Meeting

At the UNESCO O3 PLUS Annual Regional Review Meeting held in Harare, Zimbabwe, KMTC Deputy Registrar for Student Affairs, Ms. Grace Mwangi, represented the College on behalf of CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch. Ms. Mwangi highlighted KMTC's progress in supporting student health and well-being, particularly through the establishment of a wellness centre at the College.

The wellness centre, developed in partnership with UNESCO, provided mental health and psychosocial support services to all students, demonstrating the College's commitment to holistic student care.

The O3 PLUS Project (Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future) aims to improve education, health, and gender equality in tertiary institutions by reducing HIV infections, unintended pregnancies, and gender-based violence. During the meeting, participants advocated for increased funding to strengthen the reach and impact of the O3 PLUS Project across the region.

The meeting was held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.



Deputy Registrar Student Affairs Ms. Grace Mwangi making a presentation during the meeting.

# Graduation Committee Evaluates 2024 Ceremony, Charts Path for Future Growth

he College Graduation Planning Committee held a three-day evaluation retreat (from May 5-7, 2025) at Mombasa Campus, focusing on reviewing the 2024 graduation and strengthening preparations for future ceremonies amid rising student enrolment and shifting operational demands.

The retreat provided a platform to assess wins, challenges, and key lessons from the most recent graduation, with the aim of enhancing efficiency and preserving the prestige of KMTC's flagship event.

In his closing remarks, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch commended the team for their dedication and sacrifice: "You are the team that bakes the cake, though others enjoy it. I am deeply grateful for your commitment, teamwork, and excellence that make graduation a reality."

He reminded the committee that graduation marks a major milestone, not only for students completing rigorous academic journeys, but also for parents and lecturers who invest emotionally, financially, and professionally in the process.



(File photo) KMTC Graduands during the 93rd Graduation Ceremony.

Looking ahead, Dr. Oluoch challenged the team to adapt boldly to KMTC's expanding footprint, with over 30,000 students admitted in the 2023/2024 academic year and graduation attendance reaching over 100,000 people. He called for innovative, efficient, and scalable planning models that uphold the College's identity and high standards.

"Let us continue to think strategically, embrace change, and remain grateful to God for the opportunity to serve KMTC with purpose and impact," he concluded.

#### **STAFF CORNER**

# APPOINTMENT Deputy Administrative Services Manager

**D** r. Priscillah Anuri has been appointed as the College Acting Deputy Administrative Services Manager, effective 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025.



Ag. Deputy Administrative Services Manager -Dr. Priscillah Anuri (PhD)

Dr. Anuri brings 24 years of extensive experience in administrative services, having joined KMTC in 2001. She has served in various roles, most recently as Senior Administrative Officer since 2016, with assignments at the Webuye and Nairobi campuses as well as the KMTC Headquarters.

She holds a PhD in Business Administration (Strategic Management) from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, a Master of Business Administration (Strategic Management) and a Bachelor of Business Administration (Human Resource Management) from Mt. Kenya University, and a Diploma in Business Administration (Human Resource Management) from the University of Nairobi. Dr. Anuri is also a member of the Institute of Human Resource Management and has completed Certified Secretaries KASNEB exams, awaiting certification.

# LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT CORNER

# By Dr. Collins Moses Owuor Kogoma

As I walk through the gates of KMTC Navakholo each morning, I often reflect on the path that brought me here all the way from a student of Clinical Medicine and Surgery at KMTC Webuye to Principal of a thriving campus and now serving as a Trustee of the KMTC Pension Scheme. My journey is not just a personal one,

it is the story of many young Kenyans who begin with little but carry within them faith, resilience, and an unwavering desire to serve.

Orphaned at a young age, I experienced life's harsh realities early. There were moments of uncertainty, times when the future seemed distant and blurred. But it was in those low moments that I found my foundation in faith, and in the compassion of family and mentors. Support didn't always come in grand gestures sometimes it was a place to sleep, an encouraging word, or a teacher who believed in me. These small acts lit the way ahead and defined my philosophy of leadership: that to lead is to serve.

My academic pursuit began at KMTC Webuye, and it was there I first understood the transformative power of education. I later advanced through a Higher Diploma in Medical Education from KMTC Nairobi, a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from Kenyatta University, and eventually a Master's in Education with a focus on Curriculum Administration and Policy from KCA University. Every step along this path deepened not just my knowledge, but my purpose. I learned that real leadership begins when



Dr. Collins Moses Owuor Kogoma, Principal, KMTC Navakholo.

professionally in 2016 as a support staff at the campus clinic in Machakos. From those humble beginnings, I transitioned to KMTC Kisumu and rose to oversee clinical services. These experiences taught me that

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titles don't make leaders, actions do. Leading from the grassroots shaped my belief that every role, however modest, can create

ripples of impact.

When I took the reigns at KMTC Navakholo in 2024, the Campus was still in its infancy only 55 students and two programmes. Today, that number stands at over 500

students, spread across six

academic programmes, with three more set to launch in the coming months. This growth isn't a personal victory, it is a reflection of collective vision, institutional support, and the power of community

collaboration. Leadership, I've learned, is not about standing at the front; it's about walking beside others to achieve shared goals.

I carry the same spirit into my role as a Trustee of the KMTC Pension Scheme. This responsibility is not merely administrative; it is about stewardship, of people's futures, of their trust, and of the College's long-term sustainability. I believe leadership at this level requires humility, empathy, and a deep sense of accountability.

At the heart of my work lies a commitment to servant leadership. I strive to lead by listening, by supporting others to thrive, and by always staying open to feedback and growth. Leadership is not about perfection, but about presence. It is about making room at the table for voices that are often unheard, just like mine once was.

I am guided by values of honesty, faith, and service. I believe that every opportunity to lead is also an invitation to learn. The turning point in my journey came not from a position, but

our present circumstances do not determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.

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Dr. Collins Moses Owuor Kogoma during the staff pension scheme campaigns, where he was elected as a Board of Trustee member under the Defined Contributions Scheme.

from a mindset shift understanding that being entrusted with leadership is a responsibility, not a reward.

To the students of KMTC, I say this: the only difference between where you are and where your mentors are is time. Your potential is already within you. Build character. Build relationships. Learn with hunger and humility. You are the heartbeat of this institution, never underestimate the power of your dreams.

To my colleagues across KMTC: let us continue to serve with integrity, passion, and unity. Let's protect the values that make this College great and ensure that our legacy is one of transformation, not just transaction.



Dr. Collins Moses Owuor, Principal of KMTC Navakholo, engages students in his office during a mentorship session.

My vision for KMTC is bold not just to grow in numbers, but to lead in relevance. As the world shifts, we must embed innovation into every layer of training and service delivery. Our mission is not just to produce health workers it is to shape leaders who will transform healthcare in Kenya and beyond.

All credit for what I have achieved belongs to God, and to the countless individuals who invested in me, my family, mentors, the KMTC leadership, my colleagues, and the students who remind me daily of why I serve.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

And in service, I have indeed found my purpose.



### **CAMPUS CORNER**

# Campus Celebrates Arrival of First Bus and Major Development Pledges



Dignitaries, staff and students during the function.

ransmara Campus has received its first campus bus, a significant addition that will support student transportation and training activities. The new 53-seater bus was welcomed by students, staff, and members of the local community during a ceremony at the campus.

The event also highlighted ongoing infrastructure projects, including the construction of a new 200-bed hostel. These initiatives are supported by the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) of Emurua Dikirr, under the leadership of MP Hon. Johana Ng'eno.

During the ceremony, Hon. Ng'eno announced further development plans for the campus. He pledged Kshs.

million for construction of multipurpose hall, classrooms, and additional hostels, and shared plans to purchase five more acres of land for campus expansion. He stated that the efforts aim at providing a better learning environment students encouraged the College to consider introducing Diploma programs in Nursing and Clinical Medicine to meet local training needs.

Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot acknowledged the support from local leaders and emphasized ongoing efforts to modernize campus facilities. CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch reiterated the College's commitment to working with the community to improve access to quality health training.

Other officials present at the event included Deputy Director for Finance, Planning and Administration Ms. Lucy Chebungei, Registrar Ronald Wasike, and Deputy Administrative Manager Dr. Priscilla Anuri.

The ceremony took place on May 5, 2025.



Transamara Campus Principal Mrs. Betsy Malel, during the event.



Emurua Dikirr Constituency MP Johana Ng'eno and students during the function.

### **Nurses and Midwives' Week Celebrated With Community Outreach**

MTC Makindu, in partnership with the National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNAK) Makueni County, organized a special community outreach event at Kathonzweni Children's Home in Makueni County to mark International Nurses and Midwives' Day.

The celebration, held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025, followed the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future, Caring for Nurses Strengthens Economies," and aimed to showcase the essential role of nurses in society.

Participants included nursing lecturers, students, practicing nurses from local hospitals, staff and children from the children's home. The day featured a variety of activities such as edutainment, donation of food and essential items, counseling services for the children, tree planting for environmental conservation, and a cake-cutting ceremony. The event concluded with a candle-lighting session and the recitation of the



Makindu Campus during the International Nurses week celebrations at Kathonzweni, Makueni County.

nurses' pledge and anthem.

During the event, speakers highlighted the importance of compassion, care, and community service in nursing, and encouraged ongoing collaboration to strengthen healthcare in the region. The celebration left a positive impact on the children and reinforced the spirit of service and commitment that defines the nursing profession.



A section of Busia Campus students during the International Nurses Week held in Busia Town.



A section of Teso Campus students during the International Nurses Week in Busia Town.

# **Campus Staff Celebrate Service and Bid Farewell to Retirees**



From L-R: Machakos Campus' Mr. James Mwisa, Mr. Alfred Nzimbi and Mrs. Grace Katua during the function.

MTC Machakos Campus staff gathered at Sisu Hotel, Machakos on May 2, 2025 for a special staff party that also served as a farewell to the Campus's retired staff. The event brought together current staff and retirees in a spirit of unity, appreciation and reflection, to celebrate years of dedicated service while looking forward to new beginnings.

The gathering featured an awards ceremony, encouraging speeches, and uplifting stories from retirees who shared their experiences and wisdom. Festivities included a symbolic cake-cutting and the presentation of gifts, underscoring the lasting legacy left by the retiring staff.

In her address, the Principal Mrs. Felistua Muinde expressed deep gratitude, saying, "As we gather to celebrate as a team, it's also the perfect moment to acknowledge the incredible contributions of our retirees. You have each set a high standard of dedication, integrity, and teamwork that we will continue to carry forward. To the retirees: thank you for your years of hard work and for leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire us. To the rest of the staff: let us

take inspiration from the retirees' journey and continue to give our best as we move forward, building upon the strong foundation they have left."

Retirees also shared their appreciation and encouragement. Mrs. Grace Katua, Senior Office Assistant, said, "I have a heart full of gratitude for the incredible years spent with KMTC. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated and talented individuals." Mr. James Mwisa, Laboratory Sciences Senior Lecturer, urged staff to "stay true to your values, embrace change with optimism, and continue to support one another." Mr. Alfred Nzimbi, Auxiliary Support Staff, reflected fondly on his experiences and expressed confidence in the continued growth and success of the Machakos Campus team.

The event provided an opportunity for colleagues to reconnect, reflect on their journey, and inspire one another for the future, highlighting the enduring spirit and commitment that define the KMTC Machakos Campus community.



From R-L: Makueni Campus' Ms. Ann Mbithi, Ms. Charotte Mruche and Mr. Mike Kiwa during team-building and bonding activities to strengthen staff relationships. The event also included a farewell to staff members who had been transferred or retired.



Siaya Campus' Mr. Mike Ojiambo (Centre), being gifted after retirement from service by the Deputy Principal Finance Administration Mr. Christopher Onyango (right) and Deputy Principal Academics Ms. Benta Oriaro(left), on May 6, 2025.

# **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)**



KMTC Msambweni students and staff, together with the Kenya Navy and community-based organizations, planted 1,000 tree seedlings on campus on May 20, 2025, as part of their ongoing commitment to environmental conservation.



Embu Campus students visited Embu Prison, donated foodstuffs, planted trees, and delivered a health talk to inmates as part of their community service.



Embu Campus held a motivational talk and tree planting activity at Kiamuringa Primary School in Mbeere South, Embu County, on May 17, 2025 as part of their efforts to market the College programmes and give back to the community.



Ugunja Campus, with support from the Siaya County Government, trained 75 boda boda riders in first aid and road safety on May 10, 2025, with NTSA officials providing guidance and donating reflector jackets to strengthen emergency response and community road safety.



Kabarnet Campus Principal Mr. Ezekiel Kandagor with a section of students during a two-day Blood Donation Drive held at Kabarnet Campus from May 7-8, 2025.



On May 23, 2025, KMTC Taveta Campus planted assorted trees to promote environmental conservation.



On May 14, 2025, Maua Campus partnered with Kenya Red Cross to conduct a boda boda training session, equipping riders with essential safety and first aid skills.



KMTC Makueni hosted a safety and first-aid training for boda boda operators, equipping riders with road safety and emergency response skills as part of the Campus's community outreach and strategic plan.



Safaricom Foundation partnered with KMTC Makueni Campus staff, students, and healthcare providers to offer a free medical outreach and screening camp at Wote Unoa Grounds, Makueni County, providing consultations, screenings, and health education as part of the Campus's CSR efforts to improve community health access.



Machakos Campus Principal Mrs. Felistus Muinde and panelists during a function held on May 30, 2025, to welcome new student leaders, launch a support program for needy students, and celebrate top achievers.



Karuri Campus Staff and Students attended the World Missing Day at Catholic University of Eastern Africa on May 16,2025.



Yatta Constituency MP, Hon. Basil Ngui (center), visited KMTC Yatta and undertook to support the campus's growth and provide bursaries for students.



A section of Karuri Campus students during the World Menstrual Day, 2025.



A section of Chuka staff, students and alumni during Alumni day.



Ugunja Campus Principal Mr. Konje Moses joined local leaders and students at the launch of the 2024/2025 NG-CDF bursary in Ugunja Constituency on May 20, 2025.



Kitui Campus Principal Dr. Paul Musango receiving Dr. Elisha Ongoya, the Y Service Club President- Kakamega chapter and an Advocate of the High court at KMTC Kitui- Mutomo Satellite Campus, during the Y service club visit.



A section of KMTC Mutomo and Kitui Campus staff, students and members of the Y Service club, during a visit to Mutomo Campus.



Deputy Director Academics Dr. Nyawira Mwangi (2<sup>nd</sup> left) visited Teso Campus on May 19, 2025, and joined Teso North MP Hon. Oku Kaunya to present a NG-CDF cheque for student's bursary support.



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch visited KMTC Makueni during the National Youth Council forum held at the Campus (File photo).









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