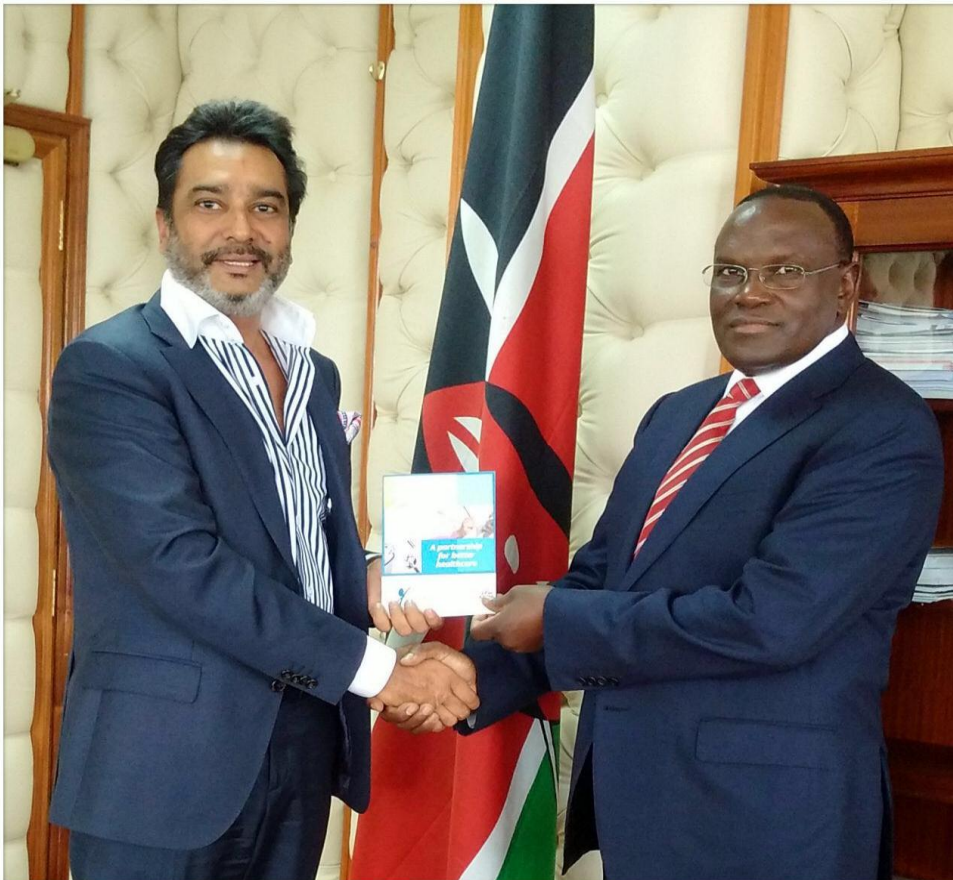




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KHF ON ADVOCACY

Dr Amit N. Thakker, Chair of the Kenya Healthcare Federation met with Dr Cleopa Mailu, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Health Kenya of Health, Kenya on 18th March 2016 at Afya House. They discussed about how to scale up the model of collaboration between the public and the private sector in health.

Dr Mailu, who also was previously the chair of the Federation, and CEO of The Nairobi Hospital welcomed the PPP engagement which will continue to augment the initiatives that Ministry of Health has already embarked upon. KHF, the health sector board for KEPISA will provide the platform where innovative partnerships and ideas can be incubated to improve the overall health sector in Kenya.

KHF NEW MEMBERS

Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) is the health sector board of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA). The federation has enjoyed a tremendous growth in membership, and the current number 85 is drawn from Institutional Associations, Professional Medical Associations, and Corporate members. The new members include Mimosa Pharmacy Limited, 3M Kenya Limited, F & S Scientific, Haltons Pharmacy, MSD (Pty) Ltd, Care pay Limited, Eldoret Hospital, Tai Medical and Medical Records Institute.

KHF IN THE COUNTIES

Since its conception in 2004, Kenya Healthcare Federation's (KHF) membership has steadily, bringing together a diverse group of private healthcare organizations to network, learn and reason together as a unified voice. This became evident in an exclusive lunch meeting at the Boma Inn Hotel in Eldoret on the 4th of March 2016. KHF members present in the Eldoret area and KHF potential members from the region participated in the meeting to welcome the KHF team and to mark the beginning in KHF's county engagement. KHF team will soon visit Kisii, Kisumu, Nakuru and Mombasa to form strong private sector relationships with county leadership.

KHF UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Africa Health Business Symposium (AHBS): 6th – 7th October.
2. EAHF 2016 Conference: 5th – 7th June
3. 16th Annual HUQAS Scientific Conference. 8th-9th Sep 2016



Private Sector Dialogue: Jointly Achieving Universal Health Coverage

Kenya Healthcare Federation led the UHC dialogue where over 40 healthcare financing champions stepped away from their normal schedule to take part in an important topic, “Healthcare Financing and Universal Health Coverage”, on the 23rd of March 2016 at Sankara Hotel Nairobi.



Dr. Omar H. (Pictured) of Ministry of Health Kenya gave the opening remarks where he outlined the success of the recent Healthcare financing tour to Japan by Kenya organized by JICA.

Chairman of Kenya Healthcare Federation, coordinated the roundtable discussions which are to be documented as the views of the private sector as an input for the Kenya Health Financing Strategy. Some of the major Healthcare champions who attended were, Mr. Daniel Mulinge of NHIF, Mr. Isaac Nzyoka' of UAP Insurance, Dr Njeri Mwaura and Jane Chuma of World Bank Group and Ron Ashkin of PSP4H.

KHF's Healthcare financing committee chaired by Isaac Nzyoka' of UAP Insurance will continuously engage with the government in healthcare financing policy formulation meetings and specifically the Kenya Health Financing Strategy to voice support and concerns and provide alternative solutions from the private sector to issues facing the healthcare financing. Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) led by Mr. Paul Gubbins and Ms. Tamara Cook sponsored the event and presented the comprehensive Financial diaries report, “struggling to thrive”

PROJECTS

1. Afya Elimu Fund

Since 2012, KHF is a key partner of the IntraHealth International FUNZOKenya project with the goal of increasing the number, quality and geographical spread of health workers in Kenya. One of the main pillars of the FUNZOKenya project is the Afya Elimu Fund (AEF), a vision 2030 flagship project. The AEF is a loan mechanism where students can annually apply for part of their tuition fees and is administered by the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB). The AEF targets to raise Ksh. 1.5 Billion to put in the revolving fund to support 12,000 needy students in five years.

For the year 2016 the target is set to support at least 600 students. The average annual cost per student is estimated at Ksh. 50,000/=. To this end KHF has committed to assist the AEF in raising at least Kshs.30million from the private sector partners and would like to request its members to pledge funding for the AEF. In mid-July there will be a high-level event graced by the First Lady and the CS of Health Kenya to re-launch the AEF and acknowledge the contributors to the fund.

Interested in contributing to the fund? Please visit www.afyaelimu.co.ke or contact KHF's Projects Coordinator Marloes Kibacha via mkibacha@khf.co.ke

2. Private sector health partnership Kenya (PSHP)

Together with partner UNFPA, KHF forms the secretariat of the recently established Private Sector Health Partnership – Kenya (PSHP-Kenya). Currently the PSHP Kenya collaboration is signed between the National Government Ministry of Health and County Governments of Wajir, Isiolo, Lamu, Mandera, Migori and Marsabit, and private sector companies Safaricom, Philips, MSD, Huawei and GSK with the aim of welcoming more private sector champions once the governance structure is in place.

Through its collective action partners the partnership will help build models that offer the best of both public and private sector, with the potential for scaling-up the delivery of healthcare for vulnerable and poor populations in low-resource settings. By the end of April the PSHP-Kenya website will go live and will be shared with all.

3. Market Study on the Kenyan Healthcare Sector.

KHF, in partnership with the Dutch Taskforce HealthCare, was recently awarded the contract from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to undertake a study in Kenya on the healthcare services and infrastructure sector.

The aim of the project is to provide the Dutch Embassy insights in the current status of the health sector in Kenya and to set out recommendations for opportunities of engagement. KHF continues to engage with partners in the health space to explore possibilities of engagement.



The Dutch Task Force team, Peter Post and Erik Pentinga meets Medanta Healthcare CEO Dr. Anil Maini.



Kenya Healthcare Federation held its monthly general meeting at Sankara Hotel on the 7th of April 2016. The meeting which was well attended with members, guests and Development Partners was supported by Kenya Communication Mechanism (KCM) and The Global Fund.

We were delighted to host Dr. Andrew Mulwa, Chair of CEC Health for counties (CEC Makueni) and Dr. Gituro Wainaina, Acting Director General of Vision 2030 at our KHF meeting.

KHF Membership Meeting.

Dr. Jacqueline Kitulu, Chairman of Kenya Medical Association and Director at KHF outlined the Formal Private Sector representation at the Kenya Coordinating Mechanism (KCM) and how they work together. She continued to describe the meeting therefore as a multi-sectorial formal private sector meeting.

The meeting which was attended by over 60 members and guests deliberated on the updates from the following KHF committees.

Healthcare Regulations and Quality & Standards committee report was presented by Millicent Olulo, Supply Chain Committee by Vinod Gupta, and Healthcare Financing Committee by Dr. Amit N. Thakker.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a healthy month ahead as we look forward to more updates in the month of July 2016 with KHF News, *[“Your everyday peek behind the health scenes at KHF with exclusive sustainability news resources, tips and more”](#)*