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## Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) Engages National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) on Their New Roll Out Schemes.



The health sector in Kenya relies on several sources of funding: public (government), private firms, households and donors (including faith-based organizations and NGOs) as well as health insurance schemes. Unfortunately, limitations in implementing an overall healthcare financing strategy has hindered effective planning, budgeting and provision of health services. The private health sector, represented by KHF, through its Healthcare Financing Committee members had an engagement meeting with NHIF on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Sarova Panafric Hotel to discuss the issues surrounding the new schemes NHIF had just rolled out.

Some of the issues raised by the private sector were: 1) NHIF outpatient capitation rates and benefits package; 2) Relevant and effective communication and education on NHIF; 3) Contractual obligation; 4) Principal members and their dependents; 5) Different NHIF schemes; 6) NHIF Regulation; 7) NHIF OP/IP Providers; 8) OP Benefits/package and accreditation; 9) IP rebates and enhanced benefits, 10) UHC Focus; and 11) NHIF rate for the poor.

Speaking during the meeting Mr. Geoffrey Mwangi Ag. CEO NHIF responded on each of the above concerns from the private sector stating NHIF's willingness to open up and support the agenda raised in this forum to improve health service delivery in Kenya.

### NHIF Schemes

The civil servant schemes has been appreciated by many, including the county governments. It has opened many doors that has enabled sustainable revenue to deliver UHC. For HISP and the elderly scheme to work, the government should organize for care for the less fortunate as NHIF ensures that the formal and informal sectors pay their contributions

### NHIF Members

Mr. Geoffrey indicated that all NHIF members and their dependents are registered except those who have not declared their dependents. The current number of registered members who have declared their members are 13 Million. NHIF is working on initiatives to teach the public and enhance their ability to declare their dependents during NHIF registration.

## NHIF Regulation

The NHIF act is an ongoing work. NHIF is working towards responsiveness to ensure that members can declare their benefits easily and faster.

## Payment

NHIF has approached KRA to sort out and advice on the double withholding tax on specialist doctors both by NHIF and hospitals.

## Providers

Mr. Geoffrey also confirmed that accreditation ended up in NHIF by default. In the future, a body will be contracted to conduct accreditation. The current benefits package was designed to respond to the cry of the people.

## UHC Focus

The government, though NHIF, is working towards generating enough resources to support the healthcare financing state of the poor and the elderly.

## Capitation Rates

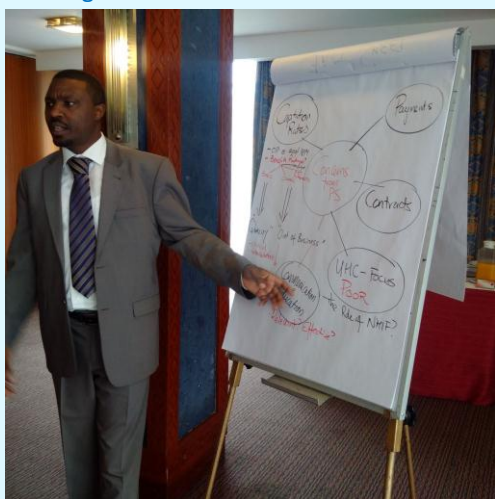
The capitation rate is dependent on the clients, the quality of service, the population type and level of facility. The current capitation rate was worked out from a simple matrix from the total cost of outpatient visitation and the probability of outpatient numbers visitation using 48% of NHIF members. NHIF is working towards defining the other high-end condition package with the available resources.

Due to different population size per county, the private sector suggested that the capitation rate be calculated at the county level. This was appreciated by NHIF saying it's an ongoing process that has started at the national level.

NHIF also informed that the meeting of the CDF Act has been revised to utilize 10% to provide for social protection. This means that the constituencies are able to cater for 10, 000 of poor people and ensure that a group who was not able to pay for NHIF are covered.

The private health sector is working closely with NHIF to bridge the gap on healthcare financing based on the issues discussed.

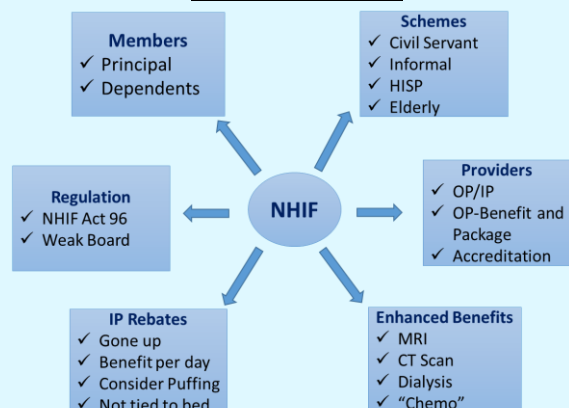
NHIF Acting CEO Mr. Geoffrey Mwangi at the meeting.



KHF Healthcare Financing Committee members engages NHIF on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016



## NHIF Fact Sheet.





## Securing Kenya's Competitiveness through an Enabling Legislative Framework: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Speakers Roundtable.

The provision of an enabling business environment forms the basis of KHF's mandate. The *Speaker's Roundtable* is one of the public private engagement platforms established by KEPSA to dialogue on policy and legislative issues of concern to the private sector in relation to Kenya's economic development. The *Speaker's Roundtable* is specifically focused on the legislature, one of the three arms of Government. It brings together the private sector and the two Houses of Parliament –the Senate and the National Assembly.



KHF, the Health sector board for KEPSA, was represented by Millicent Olulo of Pharm Access Foundation and the Chair of KHF's Healthcare Regulations and Quality and Standards Committee in this year's 3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker's Roundtable themed "Securing Kenya's Competitiveness through an enabling Legislative Framework".

## KHF Partners with IBM to Research and Address Management of Chronic Conditions

Kenya Healthcare Federation in partnership with the IBM Healthcare, is in the process of conducting a research study to better understand the current management of chronic conditions (specifically hypertension and diabetes) in Kenya, and the perceived challenges by healthcare providers in offering best practice care pathways. The number of NCDs in Kenya is increasing drastically and KHF realizes that there is a need to get insight on the prevalence, incidence and management of these type of "lifestyle" or chronic diseases. The aim of the project is to document the current management and perceived challenges and then have the project report reviewed by a select group of representatives of Kenya healthcare specialists to discuss potential solutions to these challenges.

The project, which is ongoing, has seen KHF and IBM visit various low, medium and high level hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies to find out the current status of the management of chronic diseases, and hypertension in particular. The team has been working on a small-scale research study to get more information in regard to: What type of treatments/schedules are currently being followed by patients? What are the challenges that are being perceived at clinical level when it comes to chronic disease management? And what technology/record keeping is used in the management of patients with hypertension?

The roundtable which was convened at the Pride Inn Beach Resort & Convention Center on **July 28th-30th, 2016**, focused on enhancing Kenya's competitiveness, the country's election preparedness, and mitigating the impact of the 2017 General Elections on business. The roundtable had three key objectives: 1) To reflect on the engagement between the private sector and the Senate; 2) To review Kenya's competitiveness and attendant policy and legislative reforms; and 3) To deliberate on the forthcoming general elections and mitigate its impact of the business environment.

The *Speaker's Roundtable* was attended by the Speaker of the Senate, Hon. Sen. Ekwee Ethuro, the Deputy Speaker of the Senate Hon. Sen. James Kembi Gitura, the Leader of the Minority in the Senate, Hon. Sen Moses Wetangula, and Members of KEPSA, led by the Chairman, Ambassador Dennis Awori.

The research study, which is expected to complete in October, is progressing well and among the listed facilities AAR Clinic, Gertrude's Children Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital, MP Shah Hospital, Karen Hospital and Pharmacy, Melchizedek Hospital, Nairobi Meridian Hospital, Avenue Healthcare and Pharmacy, Tunza Clinic in Githurai, Access Afya Clinic and Pharmacy, Tai Medical Clinic, Haltons Pharmacy, and Good Life Pharmacy have been visited.

Apart from the overall report, based on the project objective, KHF is also compiling a brief individual report on how the facilities rates compared to the best practices guidelines for patients with hypertension and a summary identifying critical areas of chronic disease management.

## KHF Visits Kisii and Mombasa Counties.

Kenya Healthcare Federation has grown steadily, bringing together a diverse group of private healthcare organizations to network, learn and reason together as a unified voice. KHF has in the past two months visited Kisii and Mombasa Counties as part of its strategic plans to expand its services to the county level.

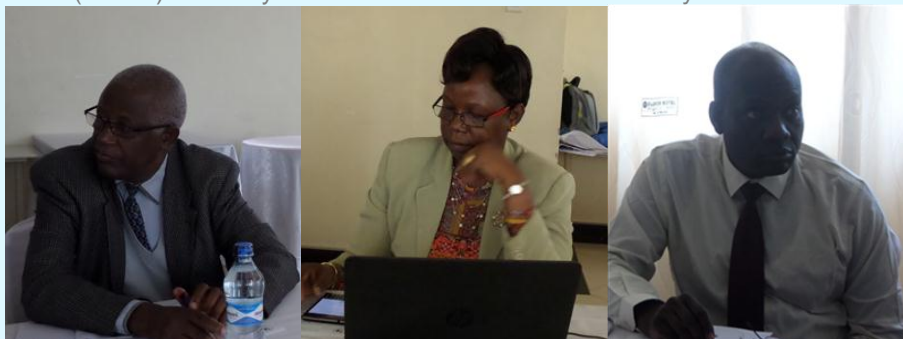
KHF members present in the Kisii and Mombasa area and KHF potential members from the regions participated in the exclusive meetings that was held at Dans Hotel Kisii on the 15th July 2016 and Bliss Resort Mombasa on the 25th August 2016 to welcome the KHF team to the counties.

The meetings' main aim was to introduce KHF to the counties, hear from KHF members in the counties and to highlight the major healthcare issues affecting private organizations at the county level.



KHF Meeting in Kisii County

KHF Directors charged with business development Sam Agutu of MIPAK and Dr Bola Tafawa of Equity Group Foundation took charge of the meetings, presenting information about KHF, the different membership categories and membership benefits and major recent achievements of KHF. The KHF Mombasa Chapter meeting was led by Nyali Healthcare - a KHF member- while the Kisii chapter was led by Kisii Eye Hospital. KHF will soon be visiting Kisumu County and our champion on ground- Kisumu Medical and Education Trust (KMET)- is ready to welcome KHF to Kisumu County.



Dr Solomon Omache- KAPH, Monica Oguttu – KMET, Dr Dan Kiage – Kisii Eye Hospital (Present at the Kisii meeting)

KHF potential and existing members in these counties raised a number of healthcare concerns, affecting the industry at the county level. A few of these concerns include: Regulation of healthcare equipment, enactment of healthcare bills at national level, access to pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, and taxation on drugs that are donated to the poor and NHIF not being adequate despite the rural hospital dependency on them. In the counties, healthcare demand trends are changing and there is an increased willingness of the growing Kenyan population at county level to pay for better treatment, which has opened doors to the private health sector. Thus, the private sector, under stewardship of KHF, has to play a new role in providing improved healthcare at the county level.

Dr Bola Tafawa and Sam Agutu – KHF Directors



KHF will continuously engage the government in policy formulation meetings to voice the support and concerns of the private sector and provide alternative solutions to issues facing the health sector.



## The Sixth TICAD Touches on Universal Health Coverage in Africa



The Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) Summit was held at Kenyatta International Convention Center in Nairobi, Kenya, on the 27th - 28th August 2016. This was the first time TICAD was held in Africa since its inception in 1993.

TICAD is a meeting on African development co-organized by the Government of Japan, the United Nations Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (UN-OSAA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Union Commission (AUC) and the World Bank. Stakeholders include all African countries and development partners. The main objectives of TICAD are: To promote high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and their partners: To mobilize support for African-owned development initiatives.



His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta

The event which was launched His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta focused on the role of Regional Economic Communities as drivers for Africa's economic growth, doing business in Africa Information Communication Technology (ICT) Sector, Manufacturing Sector, Healthcare sector and presentations on Japanese Experiences in Various Sectors.

The Cabinet Secretary of Health Kenya, Dr Cleopa Mailu, gave an opening speech at the Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC) session. In his speech he welcomed collaborations that strengthen high level commitment to develop and implement, national roadmaps to accelerate progress towards the achievements of UHC agenda in Africa.



Cabinet Secretary of Health, Kenya, Dr Cleopa Mailu

The session on Africa-Japan Cooperation on Healthcare Sector which was moderated by the Chairman of Kenya Healthcare Federation, Dr Amit N Thakker, focused on the experiences of Japanese companies in the area of Healthcare and potential areas of collaboration and partnerships.



KHF Chair, Dr Amit Thakker attending the TICAD UHC Session

It is indeed a great honor and privilege for Kenya and Africa in general to host the first ever TICAD Summit in the continent. It is a major milestone and a big boost towards achieving a more strategic partnership with Japan that we all desire.

## KHF holds its 8th AGM in an Exclusive event at Sarova Panafric Hotel on 23rd August 2016



More than 60 KHF members, development partners, legal partners and auditors gathered at Sarova Panafric Hotel on the 23rd of August 2016 for the KHF eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Chairman of KHF, Dr Amit Thakker on behalf of the Board of directors, reported on a successful year which has been highlighted by new partnerships and diversification. KHF has in the recent past worked with the healthcare agencies, NGOs, FBOs and Ministry of Health to address quality, affordable and accessible healthcare, in a bid to transform the sector for enhanced efficiency and sustainability. In his report, Dr Thakker highlighted the KHF activities and achievements the new board has been focusing on in the past one year. This included advocacy, regional and networking, membership, KHF committees and projects.



KHF Chairman Dr Amit N. Thakker

KHF Treasurer Steve Maina took members through a comprehensive financial report for the year 31st December 2015 which was followed by the reading the Auditors Report on the Financial Statements by Mr. Charles Gathutho of Mazars LTD.

## Angela Langat of Beyond Zero Campaign Initiative Secretariat.



The AGM was graced by a presentation from Angela Langat of Beyond Zero Campaign Initiative Secretariat who briefed the private sector of the current status of the project and private sector involvement to the project. She informed the private sector of the Beyond Zero Hospital, a project that will focus on children with special abilities, neo-nates including early childhood development for sexual and gender based violence, victims especially children for mothers focusing on issues such as fistula repairs, birth and pregnancy complications arising from female genital mutilation reproductive health cancers nutrition.

KHF members expressed their satisfaction at the positive progress made and the promising times ahead. KHF recognized the unprecedented blend of skills and experience within its membership and is looking forward to working with all its members. Healthcare in Kenya is one of the most essential human requirements, and its disbursement should be addressed with the requisite sensitivity to prevent loss of life and decrease in human capital. These are indeed exciting times and we truly hope that you all feel very optimistic about the federation's future. KHF is wishing you a healthy month ahead as we look forward to more updates in the months of October and November 2016 with KHF Newsletter, ["Your everyday peek behind the health scenes at KHF, with exclusive sustainability news resources, tips and more"](#)



## PICTORIALS



KHF Members at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AGM.



KHF Members in the NHIF engagement Meeting.



KHF Member June Omollo of Phillips E.A and Director Dr. Jacqueline Kitulu of KMA.



KHF Directors Dr Bola Tafawa and Sam Agutu and Ambrose Nyangao of PSP4H Visits Nyali Healthcare Mombasa – KHF Member.





## PICTORIALS



KHF Women Directors at the EAHF 2016 Kampala Conference



Millicent Olulo (KHF) and KEPSA Leadership at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Speakers Round Table



KHF Chairman and Dr Awa Marie at the Sub Regional Forum for the Establishment of the West African Private Healthcare Federation: Dakar Senegal



KHF Chair and Seven Seas CEO Mike Macharia at the World Economic Forum on Africa in Kigali Rwanda.



Afya Elimu Fund (AEF) Project Leadership Team. A human Resource project by KHF, HELB, USAID, Funzo Kenya and Intrahealth International.



KHF Management Team at Work.