

# KANCO

Healthy people. Empowered communities



## Weekly Newsletter

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### *Upcoming....*

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**17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

- The GAVI-HSS National and County Joint Planning Workshop
- Strategic Information Technical working group Retreat
- National Viral Hepatitis Strategic Framework Development Workshop
- National STI Strategic Framework Workshop
- Community Health Strategy Review Meeting

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## ***KANCO team Ready for the Beyond Zero Half Marathon***

The KANCO team led by the Executive Director Allan Ragi is gearing up for the Beyond Zero half marathon to take place on the 8th of March 2020.

The beyond zero half Marathon is an annual event convened by Her Excellency the first Lady of Kenya Margaret Kenyatta, as the anchor fundraising platform, raising funds and resources to address key challenges facing Kenyans and build strategic partnerships that will address these challenges.

‘The KANCO team is ready and excited to run towards the realization of a healthy people and empowered communities’ one of the team members stated during a photoshoot with the Beyond Zero Media team.

Speaking on the Marathon, the KANCO ED Mr. Allan Ragi called on stakeholders to join the noble initiative saying “I will be running for Zero New HIV infections” posing a question “What will you be running for?”

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for Zero New  
HIV Infections”**

**Executive Director KANCO, Allan Ragi**



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## ***CHReaD 2019 AGM Conference***

KANCO participated in the Advocacy Coalition for Health Research and Development (CHReaD) annual general meeting. CHReaD is a coalition of stakeholders that advocate for increased investment in health Research and Development, evidence-based policy change and implementation and a streamlined regulatory system.

The members in attendance included; KANCO, PATH, Stop TB Partnership, DSW, MSF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Advocacy Accelerator, KETAM, the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative, Villgro Kenya, NEPHAK among others.



The meeting focused on the move of CHReaD from PATH to a local organization to better address the local challenges and a review of the 2019 activities highlighting the recommendations from the different engagements including; Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC), the World Health Assembly (WHA) which impressed on needs based innovation, policy coherence and creation of strong regulatory systems and sufficient financing and investment incentives. The 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference on Medical Products Regulation in Africa (SCoMRA) impressed on the need for increased advocacy directed towards the ratification of the African Medicines Agency Treaty as part of local law and need to strengthen its regulatory systems and create regulatory reliance and convergence. They also reflected on the Medical Products Regulatory Harmonization Training Workshop that called on development of an advocacy strategy to support regulatory harmonization in Kenya. This was followed by planning for 2020.



***Coalition Members and officers from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pose for a photo during the 2020 CHReaD AGM***

## ***GFAN Replenishment and Planning Meeting***

The Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN), held a two day leadership meeting between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 in Nairobi.

KANCO is a member of GFAN a movement of advocates and civil societies and affected societies that advocate for sustainable health financing and is hosted by WACI Health. It unites voices seeking to defeat and end HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria by uniting and elevating the voices of the communities through the right to health framework

The forum held discussions evaluating the Global Fund 6<sup>th</sup> Replenishment and the 2020 Strategy.

GFAN advocates played an instrumental role in the Global Fund replenishment through advocacy for countries to increase and honour their pledges to the global fund towards the 6<sup>th</sup> replenishment in 2019, efforts that contributed to achieving and surpassing the set target raising USD 14 Billion.



***Photo Courtesy: GFAN Leadership meeting following discussions during the two days meeting***

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