



# Weekly Newsletter

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## *Upcoming....*

8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

- Beyond Zero Half Marathon
- BBI report and Health meeting by HENNET
- 1st HealthCare Convention
- Launch of Lactation rooms
- Diaspora Health Taskforce team meeting

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## Data Sharing for Novel Corona Virus

WHO is calling for data sharing by researchers for an avid public health response. They impress on data sharing as the basis for public health action thus greatly encouraging it in the wake of corona virus.

They observe that access to data/information is critical in the global health response especially in public health emergencies.

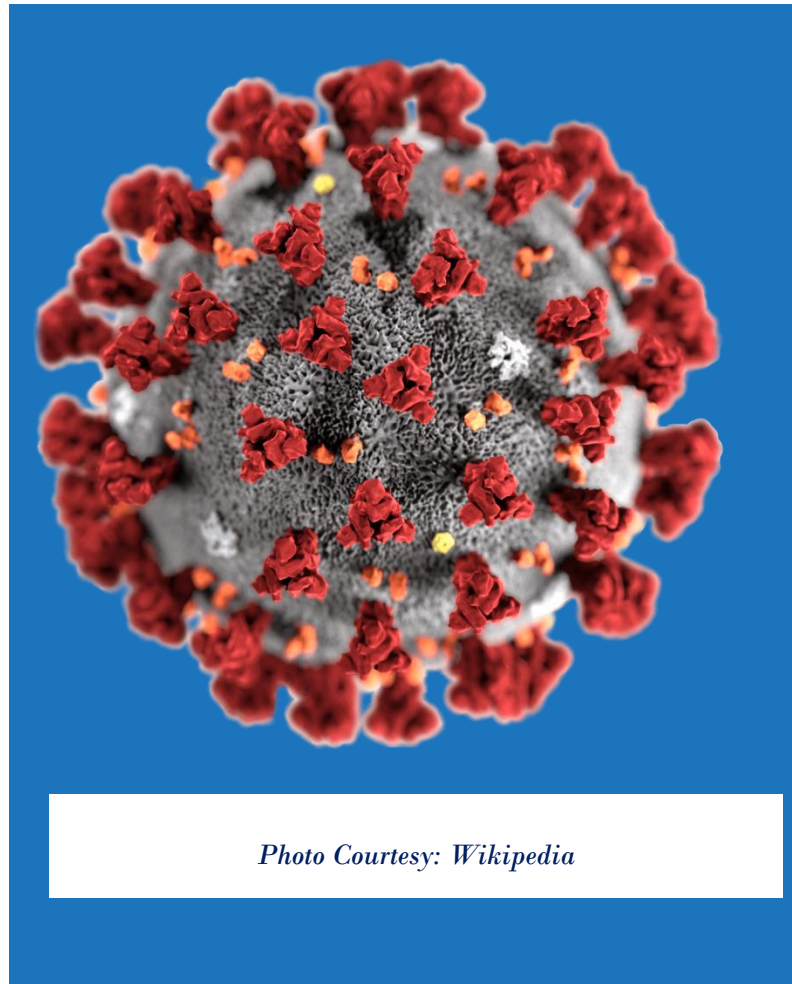
In their recent bulletin, they stated, 'In the case of COVID-19, emergency open data sharing and reporting protocol will apply.'

The WHO is emphasizing on open data sharing in the COVID-19 response, stressing on the importance of timely sharing and access to data. Going forward the Organization will implement an open data sharing and reporting protocol dubbed "COVID-19 Open."

The submission will be subject to review within 24 hours under a peer review mechanism.

Read more

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/3/20-251561.pdf>



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## Supporting the anti-jigger Campaign



*Communications Advisor KANCO, Bernadette Mwikali and Ahadi Kenya Director Dr Kamau and other partners supporting the jigger removal in Kilifi County*

KANCO joined Ahadi Kenya Foundation, Kilifi County Government of Kilifi and other stakeholders including Red Cross, Ministry of Health (MoH), Health workers, Imarika Sacco, school children and members of the public to mark the national jigger day themed, *integrating all health needs of communities through empowering individual to take charge*

Representing the Executive Director Allan Ragi, the Communications Advisor, and Bernadette Mwikali supported in the appreciation of CHVs in appreciation of their efforts in the health response in Kilifi County. The CHVs received a package that included a phone to ease data collection and communication for an effective health response. In total 20 CHVs received a package of appreciation with the promise of ongoing support for them to effectively carry out their work. The activities on the day included jigger's treatment, Health services for under 5 years, health promotion messages and distribution of footwear and care packages and referrals for communities affected.



testimonials of previous beneficiaries who had since resumed studies due to this support.

In a speech read on behalf of the First Lady H.E Margaret Kenyatta, she commended the Jigger eradication initiative noting that at least 2 million citizens in 24 counties mostly school going children bore the brunt of parasitic vermin with about 10million people at risk of infection. She called on multi-stakeholder efforts to combat the menace given the diverse and negative ripple effect this has on children and families

Speaking on behalf of the CEC health, Dr. Haji Msuku impressed on the need for more collaborations and partnerships to realise the Universal Health Coverage goals. He further called on multi-stakeholder efforts to address health challenges and capacity building of CHVs to effectively support the uptake of the health services and interventions at the county levels.



A Nurse Offering Services to A Young Girl during the National Jigger National Awareness Day in Kilifi County

## Supporting Kilifi County to Develop a Domestic Resource Mobilization Strategy



KANCO Campaigns Manager and the Kilifi County CHMT during the first meeting towards the development of the County DRM Strategy

KANCO partnered with Kilifi County to support the first Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) meeting towards a concerted Domestic Resource Mobilization for Health. The meeting was attended by the Kilifi County Health Management Team (CHMT) led by the Director of health Dr. David Mlewa, KANCO team led by Campaigns Manager Rahab Mwaniki, and a Consultant Mr. Stephen who will be spearheaded the County DRM strategy.

Opening the forum, Dr. Mlewa stated that the department of health was actively looking to engage in Domestic resources mobilization (DRM) towards increasing the County resources for health, to effectively reach the 1.4 million people spread across the vast County. He shared that the health department had been the biggest recipient of the county funds for the 2016 -2017 financial year receiving 26% and targeting a 30-35% share of the county revenue in the 2020-2021 financial year. He stated that to achieve this, the department was seeking to have a dedicated resources mobilization Unit to help coordination of resources within the department and fundraise for health.

Rahab Mwaniki, the campaigns manager who introduced KANCO and shared KANCO interest in advocating for Domestic Recourse Mobilization towards realization of the UHC goals and achievement of vision 2030.

She then emphasized on the need to identify the department's gaps and how they can be addressed. *"We need to bring down the challenges and scale up the successes of the department as well as promote accountability for health"*

Dr Wainaina, who was facilitating the session, shared that the end goal of these engagement is to develop a DRM strategy that goes beyond what is on the ground. '

Going forward KANCO, will support the development of the County DRM strategy, by engaging a consultant who will support the process.



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