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Galvanizing Non state actors Advocacy on TB amid the Pandemic

On the 30th of October 2020, KANCO held a meeting with civil society and non-state actors in Nairobi focusing on Domestic Resource Mobilization for TB in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting sought to foster country and regional advocacy for increased financing for TB through both Domestic Financing and through the Global Fund Financing Mechanism. The meeting focused on understanding the progress in domestic health financing on Tuberculosis and immunization during COVID 19 in Kenya, towards drawing an advocacy plan of action for citizens participations in domestic resource mobilization.

This was timely in the context of the pandemic as most countries are yet to meet the 15% Abuja declaration pledge to enhance domestic financing for health. Despite health expenditure in Africa having increased significantly over the years, domestic financing for health is still lagging with government expenditure on health having largely stalled.

According to the 2019 Africa Scorecard on Domestic Financing for Health: only two African Union (AU) member states dedicated 15% of the government budget to health; five dedicated 12%; twelve dedicated 10%; twenty dedicated 8% of GDP to health while health and 29 spend less than 7%. Further, out-of-pocket spending on health exceeds 20% in 41 AU Member States. Moreover, development partners spending on health constitutes more than 50% of total health spending in three AU Member States; more than 40% of total health spending in 10 Member States; 25% in 20 Member States; and 10% in 17 Member States.

Africa is home to 16% of the world's population. The continent accounts for 26% of the world's disease burden yet receives just 1% of global health spending. As a result, 11 million Africans are falling into poverty every year due to high out-of-pocket health



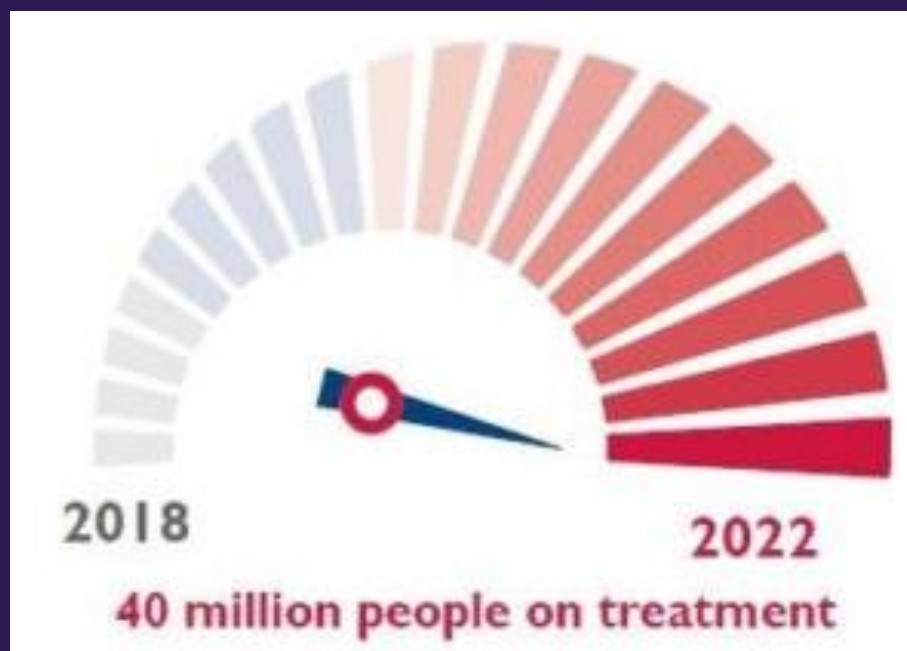
Nonstate actors meeting hosted by kanco AT Monarch Hotel

spending.

To make progress on the path of sustainable health financing, the delegates noted, is important that African States substantially and incrementally domestic investment in health every year. In Kenya, The national tuberculosis catastrophic costs study 2016, indicated that 34% of household affected by TB experience catastrophic costs which inhibits their access to health services.

IT was noted that Governments and communities are embracing health financing as a cornerstone of global development efforts, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union Agenda 2063. The Africa Leadership Meeting Declaration specifically calls for Increased. Domestic Resource Mobilization for Health; and in tackling existing inefficiencies in health budgets towards enhancing the efficacy ad effectiveness of health systems. The declaration also calls for better collaboration between multi-sectoral actors - regionally and globally - to strengthen existing health systems in AU Member States. It further invites the private sector to explore and seize existing opportunities for investing in the health sector.

Global TB Accelerator 2nd Anniversary



KANCO participated in the Global TB accelerator to End TB 2nd anniversary event, an initiative launched during the UHLMN on TB that seeks to put 40 Million on TB treatment by 2022. The Accelerator's approach prioritizes building strong and sustainable local institutions, which are on the ground and more readily available to help communities respond to TB. The accelerator seeks to strengthen service delivery, institutions transformation, promote systemic change towards self-sufficiency in fighting and eliminating TB. So far 18 of 23 high burden countries have signed commitments to end TB. The model prioritizes working with local organizations towards realization of sustainable grassroots led solutions.

From the forum it was noted that, the covid-19 pandemic has set back the war on the TB by 6-8 years. USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa addressing the forum shared 'As the world comes together in fighting COVID-19, it is important to prevent a reversal in our efforts to end TB. COVID-19 and its related lockdowns and disruptions are projected to set progress in fighting TB back at least five years, which will result

in more undiagnosed and untreated TB cases and further the spread of the disease and the strain it puts on families, communities, and countries. Because of this threat, the Accelerator's approach to build local solutions and develop more effective and efficient interventions is more important than ever' he noted.

Mark Eddington, Global Fund Grant Manager shared "The global fund is keen on helping countries recover and achieve global TB targets'. He noted 'In the face of the pandemic, the fight is one and the same, not either or.' He further noted that there had been significant disruptions in the service delivery and .to mitigate the impact of the pandemic the global fund had disbursed 735Million USD to more than 90 countries to mitigate the impact of the pandemic, through TB case findings and diagnostics, to cushion against the macroeconomic changes raised by the pandemic. He emphasized on the need to strength resources efficiency, underscoring the need for integration and collaboration for a concerted fight.

Kakamega DICE Technical working group meeting



Technical working Group Meeting, Kakamega KANCO DICE

On September 30, 2020, KANCO hosted a Key Populations (KP) technical working group meeting to review and discuss the Drop in Center (DICE's) performance and progress. The meeting was attended by the Ministry of Health representatives, community representatives and AMPATH Plus, supporting the key populations program and the KANCO team. The meeting was officiated by the CASCO Dr. Mike.

The KANCO M&E officer, Gregory Onyango shared an overview of the financial year from October 2019 present. The presentation facilitated discussion on uptake of services including PrEP, gender based violence and retention

that have helped facilitate discussions on performance and areas of improvement. From the forum it was noted that KANCO Kenya Health Indicator Survey (KHIS) reporting rate is at 100% across all sub counties, and the ongoing Rapid Results Initiative having improved program performance to 82% from 56%. The Kakamega County Key Populations Focal Person commended KANCO for the enhanced collaborative work with the ministry. She pledged the county's continued support for the program

Pictorials of the Week



KANCO hosting an Expanded Immunization Programme meeting in Bomet County EPI



Onsite TB Data Verification with KANCO, the TB Programme and AMREF Health Africa Team., in Kutui County. Kitui is one of the counties where KANCO has been implementing the Global Fund TB project with the support of AMREF

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