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- 30th January, World Leprosy Day

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Supporting Communities for an Effective Covid -19 Response



KANCO and having over sanitizers and mask to the head teacher Illmerijo Primary School Kajiado

As nations continue to fight the pandemic KANCO has been supporting communities in the covid-19 response, through programmatic integration of Covid-19 measures as directed by the government.

On 6th January 2020, KANCO shared supplies with Illmerijo primary school to help in the Covid-19 response as schools resume. Among the supplies handed to Mr. Mata the head teacher, were sanitizers, hand washing stations and masks.

The supplies were towards supporting the school

Community including teacher, students and support staff to protect themselves against the virus.

Supporting the community mitigation efforts against Covid-19 remains critical as schools reopen amid the national and global battle against the pandemic. This also comes at a time when with the schools resuming, there are rising concerns among teachers and parents about being exposed to the infection.

KANCO remains committed in supporting communities in line with our vision of realization of a healthy *people and empowered communities*.

December 2019 Round-up: KANCO Hosts High Level Meeting on SRHR



Stakeholders during the SRHR high level meeting held in Kempinski hotel Nairobi

On 18th December 2020, KANCO hosted a stakeholder's consultative forum on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Kenya. The meeting was following the increased teenage pregnancies during the Covid-19 pandemic school breaks, highlighting the need for concerted action by the stakeholders.

The Chief Guest at the Meeting was Hon. Commissioner Priscilla Nyokabi, former MP and Deputy Presiding Officer of AU-ECOSOCC Eastern Africa and current Commissioner at the National Gender and Equality Commission. Other participants included representatives from UNAIDS, UNFPA, National AIDS Control Council, Ministries of Health, Education, Interior and Coordination of Government, [media](#), CSOs, youth among others

The stakeholders discussed the state of SRHR among the youth, agreeing on the need for continued engagement and action on Global Fund Financing (GFF) and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues.

The religious leaders present shared their intension to hold further discussions with the larger faith based sector to help

the youth and adolescents navigate the rising SRHR challenges. The stakeholders also signed a *thank you note* to encourage young adolescents and girls who have not gotten expectant and or been influenced by alcohol and substance abuse.



Executive Director KANCO, Allan Ragi addressing the media during the forum



The 2015/2016 TB Prevalence survey, indicated that the TB burden in Kenya is higher than previously estimated. As at 2018, the Prevalence was estimated at 558/100,000 (nearly double the WHO estimates of 217/100,000) translating to about 138,000 TB cases per year and about 40% cases being missed (remain undetected and untreated) per year.

Under the Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH) pillar in the Global Fund Health programming, social mobilization, building community linkages, collaboration and coordination remain key in bridging the knowledge gap and raising awareness towards strengthening collaboration and coordination, for effective service delivery, and advocacy for sustainable domestic mobilization for the three diseases: HIV, TB and Malaria.

Towards realization of the goals of this pillar, Champions from different cadres have been central in raising awareness across different spheres for increased resource allocation for health, effective service delivery and uptake at the community level and sustainability of the gains made. Despite their critical role as both resource persons and community linkages, they have very little

to facilitate them effectively deliver on their mandate.

Against this background, KANCO with the support of Amref Health Africa as a sub recipient of the Global Fund TB Project, engaged multiple media outlets to help share and create awareness on TB, as well as profile the work of the champions. This is towards accelerating the **reduction of TB, leprosy and lung disease burden through provision of people centered universally accessible, acceptable and affordable quality services in Kenya.**

From the media engagements, TB messages were featured across different national and regional media stations highlighting TB related messages, sample links below

- <https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/big-read/2021-01-13-stipend-gives-tb-patients-a-lifeline-after-covid-woes/>
- <https://youtu.be/or8Ljc4YSfk>
- <https://youtu.be/or8Ljc4YSfk>
- <https://youtu.be/jWthynSQ9w>
- https://youtu.be/vD8FYM_Va10
- <https://youtu.be/L0rqHqc6hy8>
- <https://www.kbc.co.ke/suffering-in-silence-tb-patients-endure-stigma-associated-with-covid/>

KANCO strategic planning 2021/25



On 18th December 2020, KANCO held a strategic planning meeting towards finalization of the organization's strategic plan for the next years. The strategic plan will help guide the organization's project implementation and advocacy.

This comes at a time when the global community is battling a global pandemic that has set back the fight against different diseases globally, and the call to be more strategic to not only mitigate the impact of the pandemic by ensuring that No one is left behind.

Alongside the strategic plan, KANCO is revising developing the communications strategy and other strategic documents to help in the implementation of the strategic plan in line with The organizational vision of a healthy people and empowered communities.

Pictorials



KANCO hosted a three days meeting for the Mombasa County Health Management Team to facilitate the development of a harmonized TB, HIV and Malaria work plan, towards the realization of a healthy people and empowered communities



Kanco under the Global Fund HIV Project supported by the Kenya Red Cross, brought together over 100 [Female Sex Workers](#) for an annual feedback meeting that facilitated the [FSWs](#) from the larger Kilifi County Kenya area share on the progress, challenges ,opportunities and make recommendations on services offered under the project

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