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**COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE
HELD AT KUSYOMBUNGUO HOTEL, MAKUENI COUNTY ON 4-5 APRIL 2018**

Preamble:

1. The Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Board (VDB) in conjunction with the Government of Makueni County, Amref Health Africa in Kenya, and Ministry of Health, organized a national Universal Health Care Conference themed, *Meeting Kenya's Universal Health Care Challenge*. The overall goal was to identify clear implementation strategies for delivering Universal Health Care to the citizens of Kenya as the key beneficiaries. This forum brought together national and county governments, private sector and non-state actors in the health sector, as well as international actors, to dialogue and share best practices in providing affordable health care to all.
2. Participants held discussions around five themes, namely Health Workforce: The Critical Path to UHC; Health Service Delivery; Innovations in Logistics and Supply Chain (including Experience Sharing); Health Systems Governance for UHC; and Health Care Financing.
3. Besides the organizing institutions, the Conference was sponsored by Leap Health, MEDS, Amref Enterprises, m-JALI, Strathmore Business School, Centre for Health Solutions, and Uzazi Salama.
4. The event was held on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th April 2018 at Kusyombunguo Hotel, Makueni County. Makueni County has implemented a model of Universal Health Care that has invited the attention of stakeholders locally and beyond.

Opening:

5. The keynote speaker, Prof. Khama Rogo, challenged health sector stakeholders to strive to *meet*, rather than *manage* public expectations in healthcare. Thus patients, who are consumers, have to be empowered to expect quality healthcare that observes **cleanliness, kindness and care**; and that Universal Health Care (UHC) should focus on management, manpower, and money for effectiveness and efficiency.

Theme 1: Health Workforce: The Critical Path to UHC

6. Health workers are a critical path to UHC. Human Resource (HR) development should focus on service provision. HR management, which includes providing the right environment and cordial employee relations, should focus on relationships. The health sector should adopt systems that enhance performance management in the public sector.

Theme 2: Health Service Delivery

7. The health sector needs to adopt a holistic approach to health for patient-centred healthcare and sustainability of UHC, as well as a multi-sectoral approach for health disaster preparedness.

Theme 3: Innovations in Logistics and Supply Chain

8. The health sector needs to improve procurement mechanisms in order to deliver health services to the last mile patients with efficiency and effectiveness.



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Experience Sharing

9. Kakamega, Kiambu, Kwale, Laikipia and Makueni Counties shared their experiences on developments in UHC and on the building blocks of UHC.
10. Emerging issues were on: public participation; partnerships; leadership; technology; holistic approach to healthcare; and sustainability of county initiatives.

Theme 4: Health Systems Governance for UHC

11. Corruption in the health sector is huge threat to the achievement of UHC.
12. The health sector should adopt a collaborative approach to tackling corruption in order to increase domestic financing and utilisation, and reduce dependence on development agencies by: investing in leadership, management and governance, planning and development through strategic partnerships with training institutions, corporates and others; and instituting accountability measures across all levels through transparent and robust M&E systems that report achievements on real-time basis.

Theme 5: Health Care Financing

13. The private and public sectors need to create synergies for UHC and insurance for the poorest populations by leveraging on technology for wider coverage and public–private partnerships to help reduce Government sovereign borrowing;
14. The health sector should have a neutral overarching regulator for sustainability and prosperity;
15. Lack of information is a key contributor to low uptake of insurance registration. To achieve UHC, Community Health Workers will be used to ensure coverage for the Last Mile. HIV should also be covered.

Closing

1. The Conference **Technical Committee** will forward very clear proposals on innovative, targeted and technology-supported interventions to the leadership of **Ministry of Health, Makueni County, Vision 2030 Delivery Board and Amref Health Africa in Kenya** for approval and subsequent engagement with the Council of Governors and the Cabinet Secretary for Health to inform their efforts towards UHC.
2. The organisers thanked participants for attending the Conference and engaging in fruitful discussions and experience sharing, and appreciated all the sponsors who came on board at short notice.
3. UHC requires strategic partnerships like the national/county governments, private/public, and multi-sectoral partnerships.
4. Everybody must be on health insurance. The Council of Governors should support 100 % cover for citizens in all counties.

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