Partnerships in Supporting Child Health

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About Kenya

- >224,000 miles—slightly smaller than state of Texas
- POP 50,000,000

![Kenya Map and Population Pyramid](image_url)
Kenya – 44 million mobile phone subscriptions
Kenyan Health Statistics

- Neonatal mortality rate 22 per 1000 live births
- Infant mortality rate 39 per 1000 live births

*Trends in Childhood Mortality*
Deaths per 1,000 live births for the five-year period before the survey

*Trends in Children’s Nutritional Status*
Percent of children under five, based on 2006 WHO Child Growth Standards

*Surveys prior to 2003 excluded North Eastern region and several northern districts in eastern and rift valley regions.*

Kenya Demographic Health Survey 2014
No of children vaccinated 2017 and 2018

HCWs Strike Begins

HCWs Strike Ends
Private health facility in a Nairobi slum
Where I work ....
Our History

• Started in 1968 by a small group of pediatricians

• The purpose of the association
  – provide members with professional support
  – share clinical information to enable them to handle new and emerging children’s diseases

• The association has since grown in numbers and influence >500 members
Who we are

• KPA is an association whose principal members are pediatricians practicing in Kenya and other cadres of health workers as associate members

• Nonprofit, non-partisan
Mission and Vision

• **Our Mission:** To be the guide and leader in comprehensive child healthcare delivery through promotion of best practice in paediatrics training, research, policy formulation and capacity building of members

• **Our Vision:** Optimal healthcare environment for children

• **Our Core Values:**
  – Leadership
  – Quality
  – Inclusivity
  – Integrity
  – Innovation
• KEPRECON is administratively independent research arm of KPA

• It was developed to support the association in scientific activities outside the realm of a civil society organization

• The consortium leverages for KPA in engagements with relevant government departments
STRATEGIC PLAN
2018-2022

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5 STRATEGIC PILLARS

COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS
To provide guidance and support the practice of paediatrics through informed regulation and control of standards.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
To create the institutional, operational and financial capacity to effectively manage anticipated growth.

MEMBERSHIP
To continuously grow and deliver value to a diverse & committed membership.

RESEARCH
To support and provide leadership in research and continuously evolve as a leader in paediatric.

ADVOCACY
To raise awareness & directly engage with the decision makers to influence decisions & prompt action on issues affecting Kenyan children & adolescents.
KPA and the Region

- KPA continues to be a leader in the eastern African region
- This is the result of
  - Creation of secretariat with permanent staff
  - Cross sectional nature of membership in various organizations (MoH, WHO etc)
  - Structured relationships with Government and other partners such as UNICEF WHO
POLIO CAMPAIGN

- Collaboration between KPA and MoH
- Helping to align the message from both pediatricians and the government
- Educate about the eradication plan

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Kenya Paediatric Association
• KPA members have been actively involved
• Basic peds protocol used by MoH; an adapted version of WHO Hospital Care for Children
• Recently the newborn care handbook was launched
• Both are for use in resource limited settings
Training and research

• ETAT+ is the training used to disseminate the information in the basic peds protocol
• Other areas of trainings include HIV and Intergrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI)
• All run through Keprecon
Training and research

• New Born Life Support (NALS) Rotary Project
• Center for Disease Control & University of Maryland HIV training
• Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)- IMCI, Diarrhoea and pneumonia
• Center for Public Health and Development (CPHD) and General Electric (GE) Foundation : ETAT+ and CPAP
• Royal College of Paediatricians and Child Health (RCPCH) ETAT+ online module
• American Academy of Paediatrics (AAP)
Pediatrics in disaster

Participants from 23 institutions
Trained
MPShah Hospital has disaster preparedness policy-MCI
Action cards for each dept
MCI drills
Pediatrics in disaster

• In **August 2014** the University of Colorado invited KPA to collaborate in Peds trainings

• In **December 2015** the Ministry of Health officially recognised the Peds training

• There have been **92 participants** from 23 institutions trained from 2015 to 2017.

• The **MP Shah Hospital** had **35 of its senior management team** gain skills in Hospital Incident Command System (HEICS)
Annual Scientific Conference

Biggest annual event
growing every year
2-day pre-congress with workshops, trainings, and symposia
2-day main conference with plenary talks and track sessions
Involves both local and international speakers
Online streaming for plenary sessions

KPA Annual Scientific Conference
9th - 12th April, 2019
Mombasa, Kenya

Plan to attend!

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Register via:
http://goo.gl/CZKdpP
CME and symposia

• CME’s held monthly-
online streaming
• Symposia at minimum
quarterly
• Last year launched online
CME’s (can reach medics
in the peripheries)
• Launching 4 part series of
paeds in disaster
• Plan to avail them to the
regional associations
Advocacy

• KPA in local and international advocacy TWGs that advocate for child health issues
• KPA has engaged media to update the public on areas to do with policy, governance and vaccines
• KPA’s 2nd strategic plan advocacy is a key pillar
Involvement in National Child Health Policy Issues

- Childhood Cancer Consortium
- Kenya Health Guidelines
- Adolescent Health Bill
- Interagency Coordinating Committee – on the Child Health Policy Bill
- KENITAG (Kenya National Immunization Technical Advisory Group)
- Guidelines and Care meetings
- Neonatal Mortality Audit forum
- Child, New-born and Adolescent Health Policy
- Kenya Quality Model for Health (KQMH)
Paediatric Support Group

• Over 200 paediatricians
• Allows those in peripheries to consult with colleagues including subspecialists
• General comradery and willingness to assist
College Of Paediatrics

• The College of Paediatrics and Child Health will:
  – Enhance sense of identity and belonging
  – Improve profile of paediatricians

• This college is primed to promote national policy development, professional registration, regulation, and to set standards of training in paediatrics and child health
Future for KPA?

• To be the go to organization for all things child health in the region
• College, college, college
• Expansion of collaboration networks

‘Afya ya Watoto Wetu’