

***Children Receive Free Diabetes Training from Safaricom Foundation and DMI
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Over 40 diabetic children have received free training on how to better manage their condition, courtesy of Safaricom Foundation and Kenya Diabetes Management and Information Centre (DMI).

The 48 children whose ages range from 7 to 24 years also received free dental and oral check-ups at the Stem Hotel in Nakuru in the company of their parents and guardians.

“The training received will hopefully empower the children and their guardian with information on how to manage diabetes better and thus improve their quality of life. As per our motto of Twaweza, the Safaricom team believes in coming together to make great things happen and making a child’s life easier is a great start,” said xxx (Safaricom rep), title.

“These young ones overcome challenges most of us never have to deal with and their quiet strength is an inspiration to us all,” said Mr/Ms. Mary Otieno – Rift Region (Safaricom rep).

“Lack of information is what causes deterioration of health in diabetic people. These camps will ensure that the children and their parents have all relevant information that will make their lives easier. We have noted that since the inception of the camps, mortality rates have dropped as the youths have a direct access to the doctors on a monthly basis for evaluation,” said Eva Muchemi, Executive Director, DMI.

Mrs. Muchemi said that Nakuru was picked for the exercise as it is central to all the attendees.

Besides the free training and medical checks, those in attendance took home testing kits, glucometers and insulin among other things that are crucial in the management of the disease.

Safaricom Foundation facilitates annual medical camps with this being the seventh phase. Over 200 medical camps have so far been held across the country since inception.

This year, participants came from Mogotio, Marigat, Njoro, Molo, Elburgon, Narok, Kericho, Mau Narok, Ol Kalou, Naivasha, Subukia, Nyahururu, Kerio Valley and Nakuru.

The youth selected for training are picked based on their medical needs, knowledge of diabetes, past experience in a diabetes camp or clinic if any, and their ailing period