

SAFARICOM FOUNDATION DONATES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HEALTH CENTRES IN RIFT

Three counties among the beneficiaries of the KES 1.4 million investment courtesy of Ndoto Zetu

Kericho, 11th September 2020... Safaricom Foundation has donated various medical equipment to five health facilities in Bomet, Trans-Nzoia and Kericho through its Ndoto Zetu initiative.

Chebangang health center in Bomet has new maternity equipment while in Trans-Nzoia, community health volunteers from Chematich received ant-jigger treatment chemicals and Karaus dispensary had their maternity wing equipped.

“Given the health crisis we are currently experiencing, we know how crucial it is to ensure that health centres, especially those in the rural areas, are well equipped. Through working with Kenyans who sent their Ndoto Zetu proposals we are able support thousands of people with quality and affordable healthcare”, said Joseph Ogutu, Chairman, Safaricom Foundation.

In Kericho County, Kapsuser and Tebesonik dispensaries who were facing difficulties in attending to expectant mothers due to lack of equipment received maternity beds and baby warmers.

“Despite having a flow of at least 60 patients a day, we have been unable to administer to expectant mothers effectively during delivery due to lack of maternal equipment. Most of them had to rely on home births which is risky,” said Jenifer Segei, Nurse in charge, Kapsuser dispensary, Kericho County.

Last month the foundation, through Ndoto Zetu, donated equipment worth KES 5.7 million to 14 health facilities across the country. More recently, the initiative supported six groups in Kwale and Kilifi with economic empowerment projects impacting close to 4,000 people.

Through the initiative, Safaricom Foundation asks individual Kenyans to share their dreams and aspirations that will have a positive impact on their communities. During the first phase of the initiative last year the foundation implemented over 300 projects across 40 counties at a cost of KES 30 Million reaching more than 50,000 people.

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Building Communities, Transforming Lives.

Safaricom Foundation partners with Kenyan communities, organizations and institutions to improve and transform lives.

With a footprint in all of Kenya's 47 counties and a strong history of partnerships dating back to our inception in 2003, the Safaricom Foundation has worked with Speed, Simplicity and Trust to implement over 1,000 community projects, impacting over 3 million people, through our thematic areas of Health, Education, Environmental Conservation, Economic Empowerment, Water, Disaster Relief, and Arts & Culture.

Our current strategy builds on our strong history of results and partnerships and will contribute towards Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. We will leverage the power of innovation and technology to drive our projects forward; and will also offer a blend of grants, equity and ultra-low-cost loans to our partners.

The participation of Safaricom staff in our projects will extend our personalized approach towards partnerships; and our project monitoring and our dissemination forms will provide platforms for technical assistance, learning and capacity building.