

Press Release

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King Fahad Referral Hospital in Lamu Benefits from A Multi Million Investment Courtesy of Safaricom Foundation

The investment is aimed at improving accessing to quality maternal and child health services at the facility

Lamu, 30th November, 2020.... King Fahad Referral Hospital in Lamu county will now offer critical health services for expectant women after the Safaricom Foundation invested KES 13million in the renovation and equipping of the unit.

The hospital, which previously referred pregnant women who needed critical care services to Mombasa, now has a 10-bed capacity high dependency unit equipped with oxygen piping and patient-monitoring equipment in addition to renovated floors, walls and ceilings.

Additionally, the Newborn unit was also renovated and fully equipped to cater for pre-term babies and critically ill infants.

“An average of 4,000 women depend on this facility. With such a wide catchment, it is imperative that the hospital can offer quality services that meet the demands of its patients, which is why we made the investment here,” said Joseph Ogutu, Chairman, Safaricom Foundation.

Since the launch of its Maternal and Child Health Programme in Lamu county last year, Safaricom Foundation has invested KES 20.2 million towards the construction and equipping of facilities in Witu, Faza and Mpeketoni to increase access to maternal health services.



Through the programme, a maternal shelter in Witu and a newborn unit in Faza Island were constructed and equipped and are currently serving over 2,000 people, while Mpeketoni Hospital was equipped with a maternal and child health unit.

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About Safaricom Foundation:

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.