

Safaricom Foundation Partners with Operation Ear Drop Kenya to Support the Hearing Impaired

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KUTRRH, Kiambu, 2nd September 2021.... Safaricom Foundation has officially handed over an Endoscopic Ear Surgery equipment worth Kshs 3,859,293 to Operation Ear Drop Kenya (ODE-K) to support outreach programmes for the hearing impaired. The ceremony took place at Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral & Research Hospital (KUTRRH) during a free ear surgical camp which has been ongoing since Monday, 30th August.

The partnership aims to provide preventive, surgical and rehabilitative services to the hearing impaired Kenyans who are unable to access these services due to financial problems, unavailability of specialized services in their areas and lack of appropriately trained health workers.

At least 240 people in eight counties with hearing impairment are expected to have their hearing restored thus opening up their life opportunities. Over 80 patients have so far been reached in Nairobi, Kisii, Laikipia and Kisumu counties. The medical equipment will assist in performing technologically advanced operations in theatre as well as teach all theatre staff and students during rural surgical outreaches.

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.

About Operation Ear Drop Kenya:

Operation Ear Drop Kenya (OED-K) is a charitable non-profit making organization founded in 2003 to provide preventive, surgical and rehabilitative services to the hearing impaired Kenyans with emphasis on children from underprivileged backgrounds. OED-Kenya is dedicated to promote hearing health and education in Kenya. Our hearing health rehabilitation programs and activities provide practical solutions for hearing loss/deafness which imposes a huge social and economic burden on the society.

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