

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL, PUBLIC HEALTH & PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

The Kenyan health system is divided into four tiers of care which are:

Tier 1 – National Referral Hospitals – Level Six

Tier 2 – County Hospitals – Level Four and Five

Tier 3 – County Dispensaries & Health Centres – Levels Two and Three

Tier 4 – Community Units – Level I

The department provides two main types of programs, namely **Curative** and **Preventive** Programs and is currently under the direction of the County Executive Committee Member for Health Hon. Dr. Shadrack Mutai assisted by two Chief Officers, Dr David Ekuwam (Health Services) and Dr Winnie Rotich (Promotive and Preventive Health).

Curative programs include:

- General out-patient services
- General in-patient services
- Rehabilitative services
- Pharmaceutical services
- Diagnostic services
- Specialist services – Renal, ICU/HDU, Surgeries, ENT, Eye, Pediatric, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Radiology etc.

Preventive Programs include:

- Health education
- Immunization
- Primary health-care services

- Family planning
- HIV prevention and care services
- Control of Preventable diseases

Milestones witnessed in the department include:

1. Installation of a 64-slice CT Scan at the Kericho County Referral Hospital
2. 17 patients benefitted from first ever cardiology pacemaker implantation procedures conducted at the Kericho County Referral Hospital free of charge
3. Organization of a free eye Medical Camp with ophthalmology experts from Alexandria University, Egypt which saw 115 patients undergo eye surgeries at the Kericho County Referral Hospital
4. Increase in Primary care facilities from 139 in 2013 to 156 in 2017
5. Acquisition of ten fully equipped ambulances to enhance the referral system in the county.
6. Kericho County awarded Best Practice in Health Infrastructure award in 2014 by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Jica)
7. Scrapping of emergency ambulance service fees
8. Establishment of the country's third largest ultra-modern ICU/HDU at a cost of Sh85M at the Kericho County Referral Hospital.
9. Establishment of ultra-modern 5-bed Renal Unit, 3 imaging blocks, 3 Operating Theatres, 1 modern Mortuary and modern Accident & Emergency unit in various health facilities.
10. Construction of a County Central drug store to ensure buffer stocks of drugs and improve the drug supply chain in the county.
11. Establishment of a Regional Blood Bank at the Kericho County Referral Hospital
12. Refurbishment of 103 Level 2 and 3 health facilities
13. Construction of 17 new dispensaries

14. Recruitment of over 500 new medical staff to improve service delivery in the health sector
15. Installation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) at the Kericho County Referral Hospital and the Kapkatet, Londiani and Sigowet Sub-county hospitals.
16. Use of Compact Disks (CDs) in the Imaging Unit (instead of the old films), thereby saving costs and increasing efficiency
17. Use of LPG in the major hospitals instead of wood fuel
18. Outsourcing of catering, cleaning and laundry services at the Kericho County Referall Hospital