



MED SCOPE



A DREAM TAKING SHAPE

Official Site Handover for the Proposed Mwai Kibaki Clinical Tower

Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital has taken a significant step forward in strengthening healthcare service delivery following the official handover of the site for the construction of the Proposed Mwai Kibaki Clinical Tower. The ceremony marked an important milestone in the hospital's continued journey toward expanding access to quality and specialized healthcare services for the community.



Board Member Bishop Wanjohi officiating the dedication prayer for the construction of the Mwai Kibaki Clinical Tower.

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The project, whose first phase is valued at KSh 500 million, will result in the construction of a modern 120-bed clinical facility designed to enhance the hospital's capacity and improve patient care. Once phase one is complete, the clinical tower will house Inpatient wards, specialist outpatient clinics, a modern pharmacy, advanced laboratory services, imaging services, and a blood unit. Phase one is expected to be completed within nine months, after which the new facility will play a key role in easing congestion and improving efficiency in service delivery. The site handover ceremony was led by the Board Chair, Gen. (Retd.) Robert Kibochi, and attended by members of the hospital board, the Acting CEO, Dr. Peter Muiruri, the

Area Member of Parliament, Hon. Wambugu Wainaina, and staff from Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital.

During the event, the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) team, led by Brig. Sokobe, officially received the site before handing it over to the contractor. The KDF will play a crucial role in the project by providing oversight, supervision, and project management to ensure that the construction meets the required standards and is delivered within the set timelines.

This collaboration builds on the existing partnership between the hospital and the KDF. Notably, the KDF previously supported the hospital by drilling a borehole, a project that significantly improved water supply within the facility and enhanced hospital

operations.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Board Chair noted that the construction of the clinical tower represents a key milestone in the hospital's strategic development plan and will contribute greatly to advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by expanding access to specialized medical services.

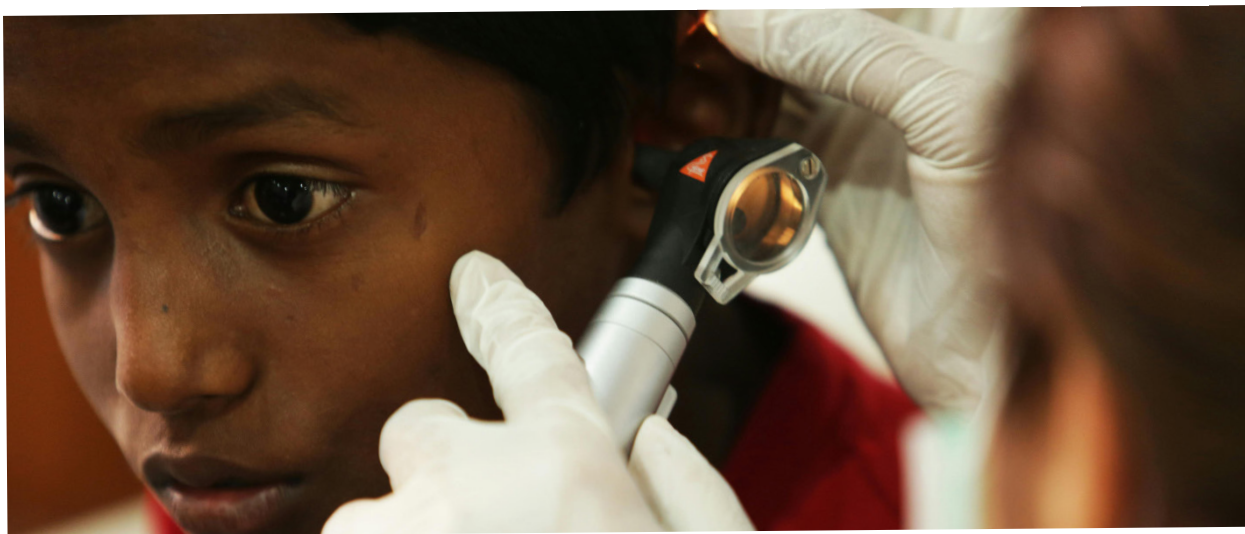
The Area Member of Parliament, Hon. Wambugu Wainaina, expressed satisfaction at seeing the long-anticipated project begin and reaffirmed his continued support for initiatives aimed at improving healthcare services for the people of Othaya and the surrounding regions. As construction begins, the hospital community looks forward to the next nine months with confidence, excitement, and a shared commitment to delivering quality healthcare services.

The new Clinical Tower stands as a symbol of progress and a testament to the hospital's dedication to continually improving patient care and strengthening the healthcare system for the communities it serves.



FIRST SOUNDS OF LIFE

Newborn Hearing Screening at MKRH



The ability to hear is one of the most important foundations for a child's speech, language, and social development. To support early detection of hearing challenges, Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital (MKRH) has introduced Newborn Hearing Screening, ensuring that infants receive timely assessment and care from the very beginning of life.

Hearing loss in newborns is not always visible at birth. However, if it goes undetected, it can significantly affect a child's ability to develop language and communication skills. Early screening allows healthcare providers to identify possible hearing concerns and provide intervention before these challenges begin to affect a child's development. Some newborns may have a higher risk of hearing loss. These include babies born prematurely, those with low

birth weight, severe jaundice, birth asphyxia, maternal infections during pregnancy, or a family history of hearing impairment. Through newborn hearing screening, such risks can be identified early, allowing healthcare teams to provide the appropriate follow-up care. The Audiology Unit at Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital offers pediatric audiology services, which involve specialized

hearing assessments designed specifically for infants and children. These procedures are age-appropriate and adapted to match the developmental stage of the child. Pediatric hearing assessments

generally fall into two main categories. Behavioral hearing tests, such as Visual Reinforcement Audiometry (VRA) and Conditioned Play Audiometry (CPA), rely on the child's response to sound and are often presented as reward-based activities to encourage participation. These methods are commonly used for older infants and young children.





A newborn undergoes their first hearing screening at Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital, marking an important step toward early detection and healthy development.

For newborns and very young infants, physiological tests are commonly used. These include Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) and Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) tests. Unlike behavioral tests, these procedures do not require the baby to respond actively. Instead, they measure how the ear and auditory pathways automatically respond to sound.

To ensure accuracy, hearing

assessments are conducted in a sound-treated room or sound booth, which minimizes background noise during testing. Parents are also encouraged to remain present during the procedure to help comfort their child and create a supportive environment. If a baby does not pass the initial hearing screening, it does not necessarily mean the child has hearing loss. In such cases, the infant is referred for a

more comprehensive evaluation by a audiologist to confirm the findings and guide the next steps in care.

Every baby deserves the opportunity to hear the voices of loved ones, the laughter of family, and the sounds that shape their understanding of the world. Through these services, MKRH is helping ensure that more children begin life with the gift of sound—and the opportunity to thrive. By introducing newborn hearing screening, Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital continues to strengthen its commitment to early detection and specialized pediatric care. The service ensures that children with hearing challenges are identified early and given the opportunity to receive timely support for healthy communication and development.





Free Oral Health Screening

for conditions such as oral cancer played a key role in the exercise, ensuring that potential issues could be identified and addressed promptly. As the camp concluded, the initiative marked a significant step in bringing essential oral health services closer to the community. Over the three days, many individuals benefited from dental check-ups, oral cancer screening, and oral health education, reinforcing the importance of preventive care and early detection in maintaining good oral health. The camp served as a reminder that oral health is a lifelong commitment. By maintaining proper dental hygiene and seeking regular check-ups, individuals can protect not only their smiles but also their overall health.

Through initiatives such as this outreach camp, Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital continues to strengthen its commitment to community health, promoting preventive care and empowering the public with knowledge that supports healthier lives.

A healthy smile is more than just a source of confidence—it is a vital part of overall health and well-being. In line with this message, the Dental Unit at Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital organized a three-day Free Oral Health Camp to commemorate World Oral Health Day, bringing essential dental services closer to the community.

The screening that was held at MKRH sponsored by Sensodyne provided an opportunity for members of the public to access important oral health services at no cost. Over the three days, the dental team offered free dental check-ups, oral cancer screening, and oral health education, focusing on preventive care and early detection of oral diseases. Patients from the surrounding community visited the camp to have their oral health assessed and to receive guidance on proper dental hygiene practices. Through interactive sessions and one-on-one consultations, the dental team

emphasized the importance of routine dental visits, proper brushing techniques, and early intervention to prevent serious oral conditions. The initiative aimed not only to treat existing dental concerns but also to raise awareness on the importance of maintaining good oral health. Early screening





HEARING & BALANCE DISORDER

At MKRH, our **Audiologist** and **Language and Speech Therapists** specialists provide expert assessment, diagnosis and management of hearing, communication, and vision conditions supporting patients of all ages to live healthier, more independent, and connected lives.

Essential Services Audiology

- Hearing Loss
- Balance Disorder
- Tinnitus Management
- Hearing Conservation

Language & Speech Therapy

- Speech & Language delay
- Stammering
- Apraxia of Speech
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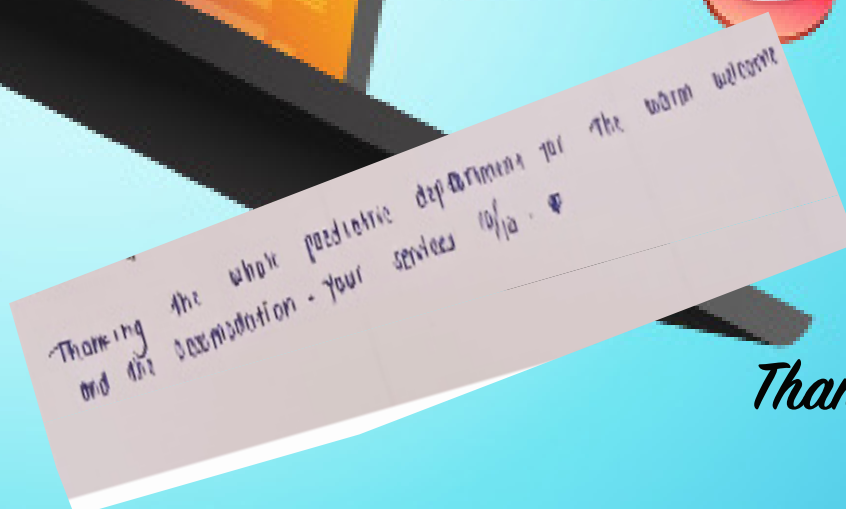
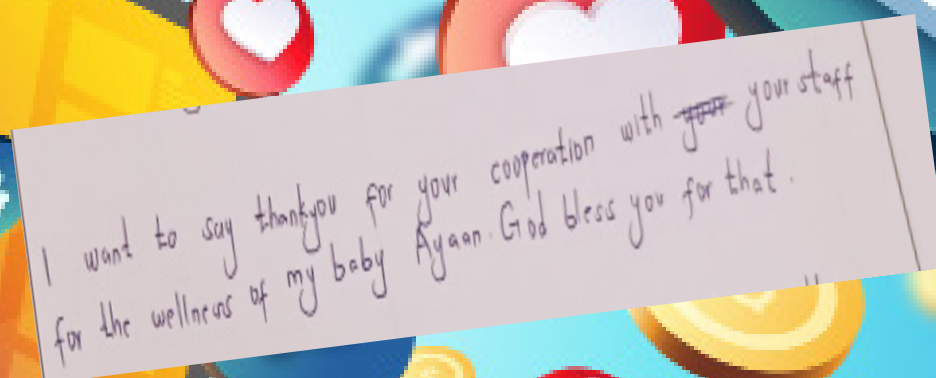
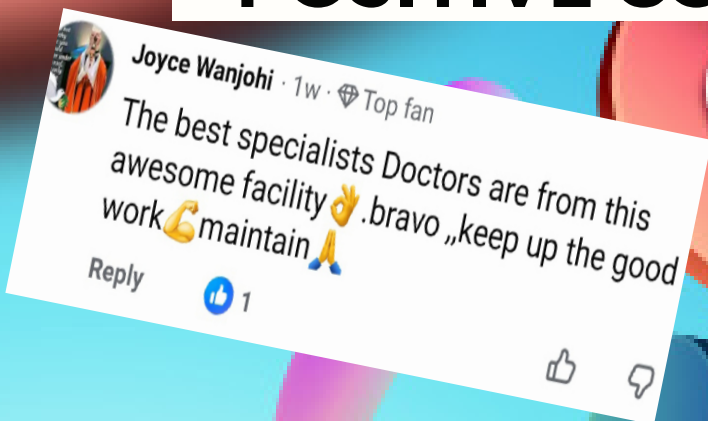


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POSITIVE COMMENTS



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The hand over ceremony led by board chair. Gen (Retd.) Kibochi, (centre) the board members, KDF team led by Brig. Sokobe, MKRH Ag. CEO Dr. Muiruri and the MKRH staff pause for a picture



The board chair. Gen (Retd) Kibochi (Right) handing over the project to the KDF Brig. Sokobe (Left)



More pictures during the handing over ceremony, marking a milestone for MKRH



EDITORS NOTE:

"When Favor is upon You..."

What does it really mean when it's said, Gods Favour is upon you? Here is my two cents, when Gods favor is upon you it acts as divine assistance and unmerited access, causing supernatural success, accelerated progress, and unnatural support from others. It is characterized by doors opening that you could not open yourself, leading to opportunities, respect and peace even in difficult situations.

A famous man of God once said that when God's favor is upon you, nothing can remain the same! 'Favour is a catalyst for change' means that God's blessing ignites a chain reaction of transformation, turning every obstacle into an opportunity for growth and success.

Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital, Gods Favor is upon you

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