## NEWS: HUGE FACTOR DONATION TO KENYA HEMOPHILIA ASSOCIATION-SUPPORTED BY UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI AND KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL

The University of Nairobi, College of Health sciences is supporting through an outreach programme, the activities of Kenya Hemophilia Association. Some of these activities include leadership of the association, patient management and advocacy programs.

Following a successful audit of the Hospital and its infrastructure on July 2, 2015, the World Federation of Hemophilia decided to increase our factor donation from an annual ksh 6 million to ksh 652,950,000.00. This is more than half a billion shillings to support both prophylaxis and home treatment of all patients diagnosed with hemophilia. This is a big gift to the patients. Credit goes to all the departmental members of the University, especially department of Human pathology, hematology and blood transfusion unit who have made this possible.

Patients below 3 years will be started on weekly prophylaxis while the rest will be on home therapy as well as treatment based on need. This will also support comprehensive care treatment to patients through the newly established Hemophilia Comprehensive Care Clinic at KNH.

Though these efforts have been championed through the University, the Cabinet Secretary (MOH) recommended that KNH receive all factor donations on behalf of the Government to ease taxation challenges associated with such huge donations.