UoN and RTI International to partner in health research

The University of Nairobi and RTI International will partner in health research.

This was discussed in a meeting between the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC), <u>Academic Affairs</u>, Prof. Henry Mutoro and the President, RTI International, Dr. E. Wayne Holden.

Dr. Holden noted that RTI has seen the potential of partnering with UoN in improving the education sector and is now looking to set up an initiative in health research. RTI is an independent, non-profit institute that provides research, development, and technical services to government and commercial clients worldwide.

While welcoming the initiative, Prof. Mutoro said that UoN is looking for strategic partnerships of mutual benefits. He noted that the University is seeking collaborations that touch on research and student mentorship.

The Director, <u>University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases</u> (UNITID), Prof. Walter Mwanda, noted that a partnership with RTI will address key areas in advancing training programmes geared towards management and control of tropical diseases.

During the meeting, it was discussed and agreed that a memorandum of understanding will be drafted and signed for implementation.

The two organizations are already in a joint programme in early grade reading which has recorded significant impact in the country. In addition, a number of UoN academic staff have worked with RTI as consultants.