



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha when he hosted a PEPFAR delegation comprising of three US universities led by Letitia Robinson of the National Institutes of Health.

UoN meets with US collaborators **to improve medical care**

The University of Nairobi in conjunction with three American Universities – Baltimore, Maryland, Washington and the St. John's Medical College, Bangalore – under the US Presidential Emergency Programme and Fund for Aids Relief (PEPFAR), have launched a health initiative whose objectives include the improvement of medical education, increased training outside Nairobi and increased research opportunities and accreditation of health institutions among others. Some of the Universities like Washington and Maryland have vast experience in decentralization

of medical education to other sites, while St. Johns Medical College has a functional research unit that took off over ten years ago and currently is very successful.

Under the grant, the universities are also expected to share electronic resources through online linkages. According to the Principal

Investigator, Dr. James Kiarie, who is also a senior lecturer, Department of obstetrics and gynaecology, the University of Nairobi will build a skills laboratory and explore innovative ways for the expanded horizon of the relationship to include sharing of electronic materials in areas other than medicine. Other key

Other key plans of the initiative are to stimulate research and offer opportunities for staff to compete for career development grants.