

# Programme to enhance training in health management unveiled

The University of Nairobi recently launched a Master of Science programme in Health Systems Management. This is a Vision 2030 Flagship Programme specifically developed to address the shortfalls in health systems which hamper service delivery in the health sector.

Officiating during the launch at the School of Public Health, Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Kepha Ombacho, said on behalf of the cabinet secretary of health, that the government was happy that the University of Nairobi has successfully developed a Master's of Science Programme in Health Systems Management to address the gap of leadership and management skills in the health sector, in addition to other interventions that include integration of leadership and management content in the pre-service training curriculum.

The programme intends to train students who will be able to provide team leadership for aligning resources to improve health services delivery and strengthen critical health



**University staff and stakeholders during the launch of health programme.**

systems for improved health outcomes as well as support the devolution process of healthcare services at the county levels.

According to Hon Macharia, a national assessment on gaps in Leadership and Management in 2007-per 2008 assessment showed that 61% of the health managers felt inadequately prepared for their current roles due to lack of skills in leadership and health systems management.

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diverse and dynamic environment. The course targets professionals working in the health sector. It will apply cutting edge, student centered learning approaches and will expose students to contemporary health management and leadership practices and accord them national and international exposure.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha said that the launch of the programme was a clear indication of the efforts by the University to be proactive in addressing current national, regional and international health care. The first crop of students was admitted in 2013.

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