

## LAUNCH OF KENYA NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH SURVEY



The University of Nairobi together with the Ministry of Health and the Wrigley Company (EA) Limited launches the Kenya National Oral Health Survey Report – 2015.

The results presented in the report provide a nationwide oral health profile of the Kenyan population collected in the study. The study sample was drawn to represent key strata of the population including urban, peri-urban and rural segments. Due consideration was given to include special groups like the pastoralist communities while at the same time ensuring that all regions of the country were represented as per the survey methods by World Health Organizations (WHO). The distribution of various oral conditions by age and gender in the sampled regions is presented. The report further presents information on oral health knowledge of the Kenyan population as well as oral health treatment seeking behavior.

The survey report provides up-to-date information on Kenya's oral health status. The report is expected to draw the attention of oral health stakeholders including policy makers, health managers among others. Furthermore, it forms a bench mark for future research in oral health in Kenya and the East African region. Provision of oral health care services appropriately is important for a healthy population. Moreover information regarding the availability of insurance coverage among Kenyans is key in

determining access to oral health services. The cost of dental health is high and as such the government should allocate this subsector significant funding.

The survey report is expected to be useful to the oral health stakeholders in Kenya and beyond. The information will be useful in planning oral health care delivery in Kenya and thus improve the oral health of the populations. The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, the University of Nairobi, Moi University, the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC), the Kenya Dental Association (KDA), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) among others will particularly find this report useful in executing their oral health agenda.