

DEMYSTIFYING THE MANAGED EQUIPMENT SERVICES (MES) PROJECT IN KENYA



1. What is the MES project?

To support devolution of equitable, accessible, affordable and quality health care, the National Government is equipping 2 hospitals in each County and 4 National Referral hospitals with outsourced specialized state-of-the-art medical equipment.

The aim of the project is to provide Kenyans with excellent uninterrupted health services regardless of their location in the country.

2. How does the MES arrangement work?

Under the MES arrangement, equipment manufacturers were outsourced to **supply, install, train users**, and provide **maintenance, repair** and **replacement** services for the specialized medical equipment for the duration of the MES contract.

3. Which hospitals will benefit from the MES programme?

A total of 98 (2 hospitals in each of the 47 counties) and 4 national hospitals will benefit from the specialized medical equipment being provided under the MES programme

4. How were the beneficiary hospitals selected?

The two (2) county hospitals in every county were selected by respective county governments, and include one (1) hospital for upgrading to level 5 (county referral hospital) and one (1) hospital for upgrading to level (sub-county referral hospital)

What type of specialized medical equipment is included in the MES programme

Depending on the hospital's level of care (level 4 or 5), the following categories of specialized medical equipment will be provided under the MES programme:

- i Theatre Equipment (at both level 4 &5)
- ii Sterilization Equipment and Theatre Instruments(at both level 4&5)
- iii Renal Dialysis Equipment (level 5 and 2 national hospitals)
- iv Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Equipment (at 11 hospitals countrywide)
- v X-ray and other Imaging Equipment (at both level 4&5 and 4 national hospitals)

5. When will the specialized medical equipment be delivered to the hospitals under the MES programme?

The national government has made a commitment to have all the equipment delivered to all the 98 hospitals under the MES programme by the end of June 2016.

6. What are the benefits of the MES programme?

- i Hospitals will benefit from specialized, modern and state-of-the-art medical equipment
- ii Upgrading of hospitals
- iii Hospital staff will benefit from training
- iv Citizens shall enjoy access to uninterrupted, quality, specialized healthcare services regardless of location within Kenya
- v Regular service, maintenance, repairs and replacement of spare parts for all equipment throughout the programme at no additional cost to the counties
- vi Improved services in the hospitals due to reduced equipment faults and malfunctions.

vii The costs of equipment under this program shall be borne by the National Government

The Ministry of Health remains committed to transformative devolved healthcare in line with the constitutional right of every Kenyan to access the highest standard of quality healthcare attainable.