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KMA COVID-19 RESPONSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KMA-CRAC) MEETING RESOLUTIONS

At its seventeenth meeting on Wednesday 26th August 2020, the Kenya Medical Association's COVID-19 Response Advisory Committee reviewed the current state of the response and issued the following recommendations:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING

ON COVID-19 FUNDS MISAPPROPRIATION

There have been ongoing media reports of misappropriation of funds meant for COVID-19 response. We condemn this action by officials tasked with protecting lives of Kenyans and the health workers and call for investigations into this matter; action taken on those found culpable and measures put in to recover lost funds.

ON HUMAN RESOURCE FOR HEALTH

KMA notes that the Public Service Commission has hired 188 medical officers on a 6-months contracts. This is however a short-term solution and we hereby reiterate our call for increased investment in Human Resource for Health, and standardization of Human Resource for Health contracting, training, and compensation across all counties through a Health Service Commission.

ON COVID-19 COMMUNICATION AND USE OF DATA

KMA commends the Ministry of Health for consistency in providing information to the public on the COVID -19 infection trend. We however recommend for varying of the content of the brief to give more information on the pandemic trend and the response by various counties.

KMA recommends greater utilization of medical records; increased data collection and analysis of the COVID-19 infections in the counties to support evidence-based decision making during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Committee will meet again on **Wednesday 9th September 2020** to review the situation and issue further guidance and recommendations.

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