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

At its twenty first meeting on Wednesday, 13th January 2021, 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

1. COVID19 VACCINE

KMA has been following the vaccine development globally and notes with delight the multiple successful vaccine candidates.

We are calling upon the Government of Kenya to prioritize acquisition of the vaccine for Kenyans.

We also advocate for equity and equality in vaccine access globally which as it stands only the richer western countries have access to the vaccine leaving the rest of the world without access. WHO and other international organizations should continue to call on vaccine manufacturers to avail vaccine to everyone and ensure affordability.

KMA would like to assure Kenyans and health workers on the safety of the COVID vaccine and we are keeping watch and shall be monitoring the Vaccine procurement and distribution once made available for Kenyans to ensure safety.

We urge all health workers and Kenyans to embrace the vaccine to mitigate COVID pandemic.

2. INDUSTRIAL ACTION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR.

The current industrial unrest in the counties has interrupted care of patients during this pandemic and this is undermining war against COVID-19 .

We urge the National and County Governments to address the health workers issues for a faster return to work noting the key issues that need to be addressed include compensation for occupational illnesses including COVID-19 and comprehensive medical cover for all frontline health workers.

The Committee will meet again on **Wednesday 27th January, 2021** to review the situation and issue further guidance and recommendations.

Signed,

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