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3RD JOINT INSPECTION OF NEW AND EXISTING MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS BY THE EAC PARTNER STATES NATIONAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS BOARDS AND COUNCILS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, 2ND – 6TH MARCH, 2020

1. Introduction:

The 3rd Joint inspection of Medical and Dental Schools and Teaching Hospitals in the Republic of KENYA was carried out by a joint team of technical health experts from the EAC Partner States National Medical and Dental Practitioners Regulatory Councils from 2nd to 6th March, 2020. This was in line with a directive of the **19th Ordinary Meeting of the EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health** held in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya from 28th October to 1st November, 2019 under decision No ***EAC/SHealth/19/Decision/004***.

The inspection aimed at establishing the conformity of the Universities to the standards and guidelines governing medical and dental schools in the East African Community with a view of improving the services and promotion of the harmonisation of education and training in the region.

The inspection focused on the major areas of Governance and Management, Academic Programs, Human Resource, Student Affairs, Infrastructure, Monitoring and Evaluation of programs, Research and Innovation. The joint team interacted with University Management, Teaching Hospital Management, Academic Staff and students.

1.1 Participants

The 3rd Joint inspection of Medical and Dental Schools and Teaching Hospitals in the Republic of Kenya was carried out by a technical team composed of: Chairpersons, CEOs/Registrars and Chairpersons of Education Committees of the EAC Partner States Medical and Dental Councils. Also present were representatives of the Commission for University Education (CUE) Kenya, Kenya Health Professions Oversight Authority (KHPOA) and staff of East African Community Secretariat.

1.2 Constitution of the bureau

The meeting and inspection exercise was Chaired by **Dr. Nyemazi Alex**, Member, Education Committee, Rwanda Medical and Dental Council, Republic of Rwanda, whereas **Mr. Daniel Yumbya**, MBS, CEO of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Council, Republic of Kenya, was the Rapporteur assisted by the staff of the East African Community Secretariat.

2. Objectives of the Inspection

The objectives of the inspection were to ascertain whether the Medical and Dental Schools are operating in compliance with the set standards and guidelines as approved by the East African Community Partner States. In addition, the inspection aimed at ascertaining whether the institutions inspected in the 2nd Joint Inspection, had fully complied with the recommendations contained therein.

3. Overview of the Inspection Findings

Standard tools for self-assessment were sent to the Universities and Teaching Hospitals prior to the visit. The tools were filled and submitted to the inspection teams before physical verification of the information therein. The teams held meetings with the officials of the University Management, Teaching Hospitals Management, Academic Staff and students and further carried out inspection of the teaching facilities.

The findings and recommendations of the 3rd Joint inspection of Medical and Dental Schools and Teaching Hospitals were as follows: -

1. MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

(i) Overall Observation:

Mount Kenya University, School of Medicine has scored **eighty-two (82)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school is **COMPLIANT** with the provisions of the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall Recommendation

In view of the general observation made hereinabove, the inspection team made the following recommendation:

- a) The Mount Kenya University, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

2. MASENO UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

(i) Overall Observation:

Maseno University, School of Medicine has scored **eighty-one points (81)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school is **COMPLIANT** with the provisions of the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospital in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall Recommendation

In view of the general observation made hereinabove, the inspection team made the following recommendation:

The Maseno University, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.

3. KISII UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

(i) Overall Observation:

Kisii University, School of Medicine, has scored **Eighty (80)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. This meets the minimum requirements for the training of medical students who upon qualification shall be eligible for reciprocal recognition within the East African Community Partner States, as set out in the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall Recommendations

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas and recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, makes the following recommendations;

- (i) Kisii University and School of Medicine shall submit annual reports to the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council on the implementation of provisions provided under Part 3 (New Medical Schools) of the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States.**

- (ii) The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council shall carry out an inspection prior to the commencement of the clinical phase of training as provided under Part 3 (New Medical Schools) of the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States.**

4. THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, SCHOOL OF DENTAL SCIENCES, NAIROBI COUNTY

(i) Overall Observation:

The dental school has scored **sixty-eight (68)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Dental Schools in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall Recommendation

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas and recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, makes the following recommendations;

- a) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council, in conjunction with other local regulatory authorities, should set a maximum number of students to be enrolled - commencing with the 2020 intake.**
- b) **Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council to carry out continuous monitoring the training of the current admitted students to ensure that the programme is managed in line with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals and the National Training & Quality Assurance Standards for Dental School & Teaching Hospitals in Kenya (2015).**
- c) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect the University of Nairobi, School of Dental Sciences to ascertain compliance and thereafter submit a report on the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental Councils within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- d) **The University of Nairobi, School of Dental Sciences meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

5. JOMO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY, MEDICAL SCHOOL

(i) Overall Observation

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology, School of Medicine has scored **sixty-six (66)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school is **PARTIALLY COMPLIANT** with the provisions of the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall Recommendations

The inspection team having made the overall observation hereinabove, makes the following recommendations:

- a) **Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology, School of Medicine to comply with the recommendations set out in each section within six (6) months from the dated of the inspection.**
- b) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council to re-inspect Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology, School of Medicine, to ascertain compliance and thereafter submit a report on the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental Councils within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- c) **Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

6. MOI UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

(i) Overall Observation

Moi University, School of Medicine, did not implement the recommendations of the 2nd Joint Inspections and has scored **Sixty-One (61)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall recommendations

The inspection team having made the general observation hereinabove, makes the following recommendations:

- a) **Moi University, School of Medicine, to urgently implement the recommendations of the 2nd Joint EAC inspections within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- b) **Moi University, School of Medicine to ensure that the new admissions for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme for the year 2020/2021 is undertaken only upon fulfilment of the specific recommendations herein and it has been inspected by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- c) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect the Moi University, School of Medicine to ascertain compliance with the recommendations of the inspection team and thereafter report the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental councils within six (6) months.**
- d) **Moi University, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

7. KENYA METHODIST UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

(i) Overall Observation

Kenya Methodist University, School of Medicine, has scored **fifty-nine (59)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the provisions of the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States (Revised in 2017).

The Inspection Team identified the following major shortfalls at Kenya Methodist University, School of Medicine:

1. Enrolment of students beyond the approved number
2. Poor Staffing ratios in both pre-clinical and clinical.
3. Infrastructural capacity gaps.
4. Lack of capacity building for clinical and technical staff.
5. Lack of accommodation of for students in clinical years next to the hospital.

(ii) Overall Recommendations

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas and recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, makes the following recommendations;

- a) **Kenya Methodist University – School of Medicine to suspend the admission of students in the academic year 2020 so as to enable the school adequately teach the over-enrolled first year students.**
- b) **Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect Kenya Methodist University, School of Medicine, to ascertain compliance and thereafter submit a report on the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental Councils within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- c) **Kenya Methodist University, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

8. THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, NAIROBI COUNTY

(i) Overall Observation:

The Medical School has scored **fifty-eight (58)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall Recommendations

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas and recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, makes the following recommendations;

- a) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council, in collaboration with other regulatory authorities, should set a maximum number of students to be enrolled - commencing with the next intake (2020 academic year).**
- b) **Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council to carry out continuous monitoring the training of the current admitted students to ensure that the programme is managed in line with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals and the National Training & Quality Assurance Standards for Dental School & Teaching Hospitals in Kenya (2015).**

- c) **The University of Nairobi, School of Medicine to establish additional functional training sites in order to address the needs of the current large number of students within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- d) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect The University of Nairobi, School of Medicine, to ascertain compliance and thereafter submit a report on the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental Councils within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- e) **The Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental Councils to re-inspect The University of Nairobi, School of Medicine, within twelve (12) months to confirm compliance with recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 hereinabove. The University of Nairobi, School of Medicine, shall bear the cost of the re-inspection.**
- f) **The University of Nairobi, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

9. EGERTON UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

(i) Overall Observation

Based on the above findings, Egerton University Faculty of Health Sciences, did not implement the recommendations of the 2nd Joint Inspections and has scored **Fifty-Four (54)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall Recommendations

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas and recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, makes the following recommendations;

- (i) **Egerton University, Faculty of Health Sciences to ensure that the new admissions for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme for the year 2020/2021 is only undertaken upon fulfilment of the 2nd Joint Inspections and the recommendations herein and it has been inspected by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council within six (6) months from the date hereof.**

- (ii) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect the Egerton University, Faculty of Health Sciences to ascertain compliance with the recommendations of the inspection team and thereafter report the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental councils within six (6) months.**
- (iii) **Egerton University, Faculty of Health Sciences meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

10. KENYATTA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

(i) Overall Observation:

Kenyatta University, School of Medicine has scored **fifty-four (54)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the provisions of the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States.

It is noteworthy is that the University and the School of Medicine has the requisite infrastructural capacity.

(ii) Overall Recommendations

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas and recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, makes the following recommendations;

- a) **Kenyatta University– School of Medicine to suspend the admission of students for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme until the recommendations of the 3rd Joint EAC Inspections are fully implemented.**
- b) **Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council to carry out continuous monitoring the training of the current admitted students to ensure that the programme is managed in line with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals and the National Training & Quality Assurance Standards for Medical School & Teaching Hospitals in Kenya (2015).**

- c) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect the Kenyatta University, School of Medicine to ascertain compliance and thereafter submit a report on the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental Councils within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- d) **Kenyatta University, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

11. MOI UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

(i) Overall Observation

Based on the above findings, Moi University, School of Dentistry, did not implement the recommendations of the 2nd Joint Inspections and has scored **Fifty-Four (54)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools in EAC Partner States.

(ii) Overall recommendations

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas and recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, makes the following recommendations;

- a) **Moi University, School of Dentistry, to implement the recommendations of the 2nd Joint EAC inspections within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- b) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect the Moi University, School of Dentistry to ascertain compliance with the recommendations of the inspection team and thereafter report the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental councils within six (6) months.**
- c) **Moi University, School of Dentistry meets the minimum requirements for training of dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

12. MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

(i) Overall Observation

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, School of Medicine, has scored **Fifty-Three (53)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **PARTIALLY COMPLIED** with the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools in EAC Partner States.

(i) Overall Recommendation

The Inspection Team having considered the findings in the specific areas, recommendations thereon, the overall general observations, make the following recommendations;

- a) **Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, School of Medicine to ensure that the new admissions for the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme(MBChB) for the year 2020/2021 is undertaken only upon fulfilment of the specific recommendations herein and it has been inspected by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- b) **Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, university management to submit evidence of allocation of more financial resources to support the School of Medicine.**
- c) **Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, School of Medicine to improve its physical infrastructure in particular the staff offices, classrooms, laboratories and hostels.**
- d) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is directed to re-inspect the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, School of Medicine to ascertain compliance with the recommendations of the inspection team and thereafter report the progress to the Joint EAC Partner National Medical and Dental Councils within six (6) months from the date hereof.**
- e) **Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, School of Medicine meets the minimum requirements for training of medical/dental students as provided in the East African Community, Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. Therefore; upon qualification their graduates SHALL BE ELIGIBLE for reciprocal recognition within the EAC Partner States as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.**

13. UZIMA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

(i) Overall Observations:

Based on the above findings, Uzima University College. Medical School has scored **forty-nine (49)** out of the available **one-hundred (100)** points. Therefore, the school has **NOT COMPLIED** with the minimum requirements for training of medical students as provided in the Regional Guidelines for Inspection and Recognition of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals in EAC Partner States. The Inspection Team identified the following major shortfalls at Uzima University College, Medical School

- (i) The heads of the department do not meet the criteria set in the EAC guidelines;
- (ii) the programme was mainly taught by part-time lecturers which is in contravention of the set EAC guidelines;
- (iii) The lectures are conducted in an incomplete building which is a safety hazard for both students and the teaching staff;
- (iv) Key departments in basic sciences have not been established
- (v) The enrolled number of students have exceeded the set number of students as approved by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council

(ii) General Recommendations

The inspection team having made the overall observation hereinabove, makes the following recommendations:

- a) **Uzima University College, Medical School to close the institution and redistribute the continuing students to the other medical schools.**
- b) **The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council and the Commission for University Education to ensure that the continuing students are redistributed.**
- c) **Uzima University College, Medical School to implement the recommendations of the 2nd and 3rd Joint EAC inspections within six (6) months from the date hereof.**

Signed on this 6th Day of March 2020 by the respective Heads of Delegation:

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