County banks on mentorship to cut maternal, newborn deaths



A health worker demonstrates newborn resuscitation during the Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care mentorship training in Trans Nzoia County. Photo by Isaiah Nayika.

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA (KNA)

Trans Nzoia County is banking on a hands-on mentorship programme to equip health workers with life-saving skills and reduce deaths of mothers and newborns during childbirth.

Consequently, health care providers drawn from facilities across the county underwent intensive practical training under the County Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) mentorship programme.

The training was facilitated by the County Department of Health and Sanitation with support from AMPATH Uzima and the Ministry of Health through the Division of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (DRMNCAH) Mentorship Programme.

Trainees were taken through management of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia, vacuum assisted vaginal delivery, management of maternal shock, maternal resuscitation, immediate newborn resuscitation, and use of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines and infant radiant warmers.

AMPATH Uzima RMNCAH Programme Manager Nobrah Mutuku said the programme focuses on practical skills that health workers are expected to replicate in their facilities.

"This is a training of its own kind, because what our mentees are learning here is not just theory. These are practical skills that they are expected to go and replicate at the facility level in order to save the lives of mothers and their children during delivery," Mutuku said.

She urged beneficiaries to mentor colleagues at their stations to improve service delivery.

"We want those who have benefited from this training to go and mentor their fellow health workers at the facility level. That is one way of bettering health care service delivery to the mwananchi," she said.

Ministry of Health DRMNCAH Mentorship Programme Team Leader Dr Mike Ekisa commended the health workers for their commitment, saying their positive attitude will boost uptake of facility deliveries and reduce home deliveries under traditional birth attendants.

County health officials expressed optimism that the skills will translate into safer deliveries and fewer maternal and newborn deaths.

Youth urged to exploit online jobs

BY ALICE WANJIRU (KNA)



The State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy is accelerating its nationwide digital transformation agenda, with a key digital hub in Chepkorio Ward of Keiyo South Sub-County set for completion within the next two months.

Speaking on the vast potential of the digital economy, ICT Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui emphasized that digital skills unlock massive opportunities both locally and internationally.

He noted that Kenya has successfully opened numerous international markets, placing the responsibility on local youth to actively position themselves and seize these global opportunities.

The PS was speaking at Chepkorio Vocational Training Centre during the graduation of 360 youth who had gained Huawei DigiTruck skills after undergoing a one-month training on how to use digital skills in commerce.

The Chepkorio hub, the PS said, is part of a broader government masterplan to construct 1,450 digital hubs across all wards in the country, with the facilities designed to provide young people with a dedicated space to access the digital arena, combat unemployment, and establish self-employment using just their smartphones.

Echoing the PS's sentiments, Eng. Anthony Sang from Konza Technopolis reiterated that ICT has become mandatory in modern times, especially as government services transition fully to online platforms.

He encouraged residents to market local agricultural produce such as potatoes, directly to online buyers calling on the youth to pass on basic digital skills to the elderly so they too can participate in digital marketplaces.

Saying that two digital hubs will soon be completed within the sub-county, Eng. Sang challenged the graduates to launch their own online shops rather than rely on traditional brokers.

"We should not sell through brokers, but direct to the customers," Eng. Sang said, advising locals to utilize upcoming county aggregation parks for value addition.

At the same time, Carolyne Tanui, the Assistant Director of Corporate Communications at the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) underscored that personal data is the foundation of digital transformation. But it must be handled strictly according to the law, she said.

"One cannot access the digital space without their personal data," she stated, advising the public to be vigilant.

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1.	TSC/EOI/01/ 2026-2027	Request for Expression of Interest for Retooling Teachers on Digital Capacity Building, Pedagogical Innovation, Artificial Intelligence Applications, Data Ethics and Practical AI Tools in Competency-Based Education (CBE) in Kenya	N/A	Expression of Interest	N/A	Monday 12 October 2026 at 10.00 am
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3.	TSC/T/KPEEL/ 01/2026-2027	Provision of System Review, Develop, Deploy and Maintain Teacher Performance Appraisal and Development (TPAD) Online Systems	160,000	Open Tender	N/A	Monday 12 October 2026 at 10.00 am
4.	TSC/T/KPEEL/ 02/2026-2027	Provision of Software Licensing and Software Assurance for Kodak and Fujitsu Scanners at the Teachers Service Commission	100,000	Open Tender	Thursday 8 October 2026 10.00am-12.00 noon	Monday 12 October 2026 at 10.00 am
5.	TSC/T/KPEEL/ 04/2026-2027	Provision of Internet Connectivity for Virtual Learning Infrastructure in Primary Schools under Kenya Primary Education Equity Learning Program	36,000	Open Tender	N/A	Monday 12 October 2026 at 10.00 am
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7.	TSC/722/0002/2026-2027	Provision of Establishment of a Multi-supplier Framework Agreement for Repair, Servicing and Maintenance of TSC Motor Vehicle with Multiple Awards by Vehicle category /Make/Model	N/A	Open Tender	Thursday 8 October 2026 10.00am-12 00 Noon	Monday 12 October 2026 at 10.00 am
8.	TSC/RFP/004/2026-2027	Provision of Consultancy Services for the review Development of Drawings, Bills of Quantities and technical specifications for the refurbishment of the fire alarm system at the TSC Building	N/A	Request for Proposal	Thursday 8 October 2026 10.00am-12 00 Noon	Monday 12 October 2026 at 10.00 am

Detailed Tender documents may be obtained from Supply Chain Management Services Division, at the TSC House 2nd floor Podium Wing, Kilimanjaro Road, Upper Hill during normal working hours. Interested bidders may also access the tender documents from TSC website: **www.tsc.go.ke** or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) **www.tenders.go.ke** ***free of charge.***

Complete bid documents must be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and tender description should be addressed to: **The Secretary, Teachers Service Commission, TSC House, Upper Hill, Kilimanjaro Road, Private Bag, 00100, NAIROBI** and deposited in the **Tender Box located at TSC Headquarters, TSC House, Podium Wing, ground floor to be received on or before the tender closing date indicated against each tender.**

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