**Concept Note: “Kilifi County 2nd**

**Scientific Symposium 2023”**

**Theme:** *"Bridging the Gap: From Research to Implementation for Quality Health Care "*

**Introduction:**

In a context of changing health needs, increasingly high public expectations and ambitious health goals; health systems are faced with the challenge of producing high quality care that can improve health outcomes and provide value for money.

Cognizant of the need for a transformative quality agenda, the Department of Health-Kilifi County has planned its 2nd Scientific Symposium 2023**;** a forum aimed at promoting transformation of research findings into actionable strategies for achieving quality health care. The symposium brings together healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and community members to discuss evidence-based innovative approaches that will bridge the gap between research and implementation under the following thematic areas: -

* Transformative Leadership and Governance Towards Quality Health Care:
* Patient, Public, and Stakeholder Perspectives for Quality Healthcare:
* Strengthening Human Resources for Health for Quality Health Systems:
* Innovative Healthcare Strategies for Quality Improvement:
* Health Care Financing in Pursuit of Universal Health Care:

**Date and Venue:**

The 2nd Scientific Symposium is scheduled on **16th & 17th November 2023** at Kilifi Convention Center-Kilifi town.

**Participants:**

The symposium welcomes the participation of a diverse audience, including but not limited to:

* Students, Healthcare professionals, Researchers and Academicians, Government Officials, Professional Regulatory bodies and Policymakers.
* Representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and civil society groups.
* Patient Advocacy Groups and Community Representatives.

**Format:**

The symposium will include oral and poster presentations, plenary sessions, thematic panel discussions and interactive gallery displays. The call for abstracts is planned from **1st August and closing on 27th October 2023.** The organizing committee will review the abstracts and select presentations that best align with the symposium's objectives and themes. ***For more details log in*** [***https://kilifi.go.ke/22-27/health-research/***](https://kilifi.go.ke/22-27/health-research/)

In conclusion the symposium will serve as a pivotal platform for exchanging knowledge, ideas, and best practices among stakeholders to enhance the quality of health care. Through collaborative efforts and a focus on research-driven implementation, the symposium also aims to create sustainable solutions for achieving universal health care and better health outcomes for the Kilifi County community and beyond.