

KILOMBERO SUGAR COMPANY CELEBRATES NURSES DAY WITH FREE MEDICAL SERVICES

12 May 2022: Morogoro — Kilombero Sugar Company Limited (KSCL) organized a one-day free health screening exercise where more than 800 residents living within and around the estate were able to benefit from the exercise.

The event was held in celebration of the International Nurses Day which is celebrated annually across the world on 12th May where this year's theme is "Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Invest in Nursing and Respect Rights to Secure Global Health".

With the large support of nurses and staff from the company's own health center which is located within the estate, KSCL was able to offer cervical and breast cancer screening as well as screening for hypertension and health education on prevention and management of hypertension.

Other services offered during the one-day event included Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision (VMMC), HIV testing and counselling and family planning services such as Implants, IUCD and Condoms.

Speaking during the event, a doctor at the estate health center, Dr. George Komba said "We recognize the contributions that nurses make to society, hence we organized a number of activities to celebrate this special day with the nurses and showcase their importance in the community through this important health screening exercise."

In light of ongoing epidemics and other infectious diseases, the company used the day to also offer education and vaccination on Covid-19 and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to girls below 14 years, which helps in preventing cervical cancer.

"We decided to celebrate nurse's day through this screening exercise as we see the need for all stakeholders to contribute to reducing cases of diseases that can be prevented through vaccinations and health awareness. We also wanted to give a relief to the underprivileged who may not have easy access to health services due to poverty or low awareness on health matters." said the company's Communications and Stakeholder Relations Manager, Willa Haonga

Kilombero Sugar Company limited is at the forefront in supporting community services in their area of operations. The company's health center serves more than 2,700 patients per month, out of which 50% are those coming from the neighbouring villages. The health center offers free services to its staff and highly subsidized services to residents living in villages surrounding the factory.

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