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KEMSA EXPECT TO OBTAIN TITLE DEEDS FOR ALL ITS PROPERTIES BY END OF JUNE 2019

Nairobi. 12th June 2019. Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) has affirmed its commitment in acquiring title deeds of all pieces of land belonging to the Authority by end of this month.

The CEO Dr. Jonah Manjari said the Board has taken up the issue and has engaged Conveyance experts to ensure that the title deeds are acquired within the specified time frame.

Dr. Manjari was responding to a media report from the Auditor General for the financial year ended June 2018, where KEMSA is said to be at risk of losing parcels of land in different parts of the country for which it does not have ownership documents.

“We expect to have the title deeds for Kakamega, Kisumu, and Eldoret parcels of land by end of June 2019,” he noted.

The report also questioned stocking of expired drugs valued at Sh150 million and the expenditure of Sh8M by the Authority’s board of directors on sitting and lunch allowances.

Dr. Manjari clarified that with the change of KEMSA’s business model from PULL to PUSH system, some commodities attracted little or no demand from the public health facilities hence over time exhausted their shelf life and became obsolete.

He also attributed the expiries to change in treatment regimens effected through policy changes and adoption of new technologies in healthcare from analogue-based to digital-based diagnosis in radiology which rendered X-ray films and processing chemicals obsolete.

“Some drugs under the old treatment regimen became obsolete due to change of treatment protocol such as shifts to better and more efficacious treatment regimens,” he stressed.

The CEO remarked that through demand and planning, KEMSA ensures accurate forecasting and quantification are done according to the needs of the counties.

"We wish to assure the public that no expired drugs have been supplied and KEMSA is committed and will remain committed to ensuring that the quality standards in procuring, warehousing and distribution of all health products and technologies is upheld," said Dr Manjari.

In reference to Board expenses, Dr. Manjari said KEMSA stayed without a substantive board Chair and Chief Executive Officer for a long period of time.

During this period, there were increased board activities and consultations that required the presence of the board Session Chair and one member of the board on various ongoing developments within the organization.

“We therefore confirm that no sitting allowance was paid to a board member undeservingly,” he stated.

KEMSA remains committed to provide reliable, affordable and quality health care to all Kenyans in an accountable and transparent manner.

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About KEMSA

Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) is a state corporation under the Ministry of Health established under the KEMSA Act 2013 whose mandate is to procure, warehouse and distribute drugs and medical supplies for prescribed public health programs, the national strategic stock reserve, prescribed essential health packages and national referral hospitals. Establish a network of storage, packaging and distribution facilities for the provision of drugs and medical supplies to health institutions. Enter into partnership with or establish frameworks with County Governments for purposes of providing services in procurement, warehousing, distribution of drugs and medical supplies. Collect information and provide regular reports to the national and county governments on the status and cost effectiveness of procurement, the distribution and value of prescribed essential medical supplies delivered to health facilities, stock status and on any other aspects of supply system status and performance which may be required by stakeholders. Support County Governments to establish and maintain appropriate supply chain systems for drugs and medical supplies.