

Charity to build Sh2 billion Eldoret children's hospital

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A new children's hospital is to be built in Eldoret at a cost of Sh2 billion. It will be funded by the Shoe4Africa Foundation charity as part of the Moi teaching hospital.

The Moi hospital CEO Dr John Kibosia and the of the Shoe4Africa Foundation president Toby Tanser commissioned the construction of the hospital to be known as the Shoe4Africa Children's Hospital.

It will have a bed capacity of 100 and an ICU unit among other specialized pediatric

facilities. "This is a major milestone in the master plan we have for the expansion of this hospital. After the children's hospital we have other projects lined up in the 15-year plan," said Dr Kibosia.

Tanser said the establishment of the hospital was driven by the suffering he saw children go through during the post election violence.

"To have this project implemented has been my dream and I thank those who have supported me as I fundraised to have the project kick off", said Tanser during the commissioning which was also witnessed by Moi hospital Deputy Dr Wilson Aruasa and senior pediatricians led by Dr Francis Ogaro

He said the hospital will be put up in phases and the first phase would cost about Sh 800 million. Dr Kibosia said the hospital will raise its own resources to add more wards to the hospital. Other projects lined up for implementation include a reproductive health centre and an outpatient wing.

"We have already drawn a plan for all the facilities we will be putting up", said Dr Kibosia. At the same time, the hospital will implement a paperless operations system that will computerise and automate most processes at the hospital.

Kibosia said they are still working on upgrading the hospital's communication technology before moving to the paperless operations.

"The paperless system will be environmental friendly and will cut down on the use of paper in our operations by more than 60 per cent," said Kibosia. The hospital is an ISO Certified institution.