

# 112 experts graduate at Kibosho Nursing School

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Kibosho School of Nursing (KSN) Pincipal Nurse Tutor Devota Shayo said shortage of medical personnel in Tanzania is made worse by those who quit looking for greener pastures outside the country.

Another factor is lack of good foundation of science subjects in schools. The remedy for this situation is to establish more health institutions to produce many competent health staff, she said in an interview.

"The issue is to make sure health personnel are competent enough and are well equipped to carry out their tasks...this is the starting point in improving health services," she noted.

Ms Shayo said to date her college has trained a total of 631 health experts who studied as pre-service students and in-service trainees.

The nursing school held its 12th Graduation Ceremony for 112 health experts recently, graced by

Bishop Isaac Amani of the Catholic Diocese of Moshi. This brings to 631 the number of medical experts trained at the institution since its establishment in 2000. KSN trains nursing officers who serve their communities. Among them are those who went abroad in search of greener pastures, while others are pursuing degree courses in nursing.

She advised the government to seriously consider issues related to promotion, salary increment, housing and transport of skilled health staff in order to retain them in the country.

Kibosho School of Nursing (in-service programme) was established in September, 2000 followed by pre-service programme in September 2009, with the authorization of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

The school is located within the campus of Kibosho Hospital, owned by the Catholic Diocese of Moshi. The programmes were initiated by the Late Sr Dr Henrica, who was then doctor in-charge of the hospital.