

Korea, Italy donate Sh143million to boost Kibaha Tumbi Hospital

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In a bid to improve health services in coastal region, Korean Foundation for International Health (KOFIH) in collaboration with the Italian government have donated medical equipments valued at 143.6 million to Tumbi Referral Hospital in Kibaha region.

The medical kits include washing machines, 26 patient beds, theatre materials and others which are likely to improve health services in the coastal region.

Speaking exclusively to the *Guardian on Sunday* mid this week, the Executive Director of Kibaha Education Center (KEC) Dr. Cyprian Mpemba said the medical kits which were received in June this year will help to improve medical services being offered at the hospital.

Dr Mpemba said the equipments will help doctors to

perform their duties timely while at the same time improving the services being offered to patients at the hospital.

“Such medical assistance has come at the right time and we are sure to perform our duties well as compared to the previous time when we lacked patient beds and other medical kits” Dr Mpemba said.

He said that Italy has provided them with medical tools valued at Sh70million where as KOFIH has given them \$46,000 (Sh73.6) worth of medical equipments.

“We did all our effort in writing a proposal that has helped us in outsourcing for modern medical equipments to different stakeholders from around the globe; he said adding that the hospital staff were very grateful for the assistance they received from the two governments”.

On his part the Pediatric Surgeon at the hospital Dr Peter Dattani said around \$6.5million

(Sh11billion) was needed to complete the construction of the Orthopaedic theatre building at his hospital premises.

“We have only one theatre at the hospital where all surgeons from accidents to women in labour are being carried out, Dr Dattani said adding that the currently modern theatre under construction through the help of Korean government will help to ease such congestion”

He also pointed out that the modern orthopaedic theatre under construction will be equipped with modern digital X-Ray machine, ultrasound machines, for pregnant women as well as incinerator equipments all valued at Sh117 Million.

“We are likely to be number one in health services delivery once the construction of the orthopaedic theatre is completed early next month; he said adding that there was a good progress for the project”