

## **From HARRIET KIAMA in Kibaha**

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MLANDIZI Health Centre in Coast Region's Kibaha District will soon start carrying out major operations after receiving new 14m/- cardiac monitor, the District's Executive Director, Ms Tatu Selemani, has said.

Ms Selemani said in an interview with the 'Daily News' in her office over the weekend that this is a breakthrough to the hospital which receives over 100 patients daily and has a capacity for over 60 in-patients.

"At the time being, the equipment is being tested

ready to be installed for use. Meanwhile, another important factor which is being worked on is blood availability since the hospital does not have its own blood centre. Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital will continue to supply the Centre with blood whenever need arises," she said.

Along with the cardiac monitor, the hospital has also received an ultra sound machine, ultra sound printer and foetal dropper machine all worth 48m/- from Korean Foundation for International Health (KOFIH).

The centre was established in 1960 as a dispen-

sary and was promoted to a health centre in 1992. It serves more than half of Kibaha District's population.

On the other hand, Ms Selemani pointed out that plans are underway to build a new bus stand at Mlandizi town and that the council is working with regional Tanzania National Road Agency (TANROADS) office over the issue.

Explaining more, she said that construction work also includes rebuilding the bridge at Misugusugu area as well as road expansion to ease congestion when the construction work for the bus stand will start.