

CHAK Annual Health Conference and Annual General Meeting 2022

Concept Paper

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused major strain on the health systems globally including supply chain for health products and technologies, human resources for health, financing and service delivery. The new disease burden, vulnerability of the elderly and patients with co-morbidities and mandatory requirement for enhanced infection prevention and control measures have created additional demands and costs to the health sector.

The COVID-19 related restrictions, fear, stigma, misinformation and disruptions in travel and supply systems and the social economic impact have significantly affected health facilities and health services sustainability.

The FBO health facilities experienced major decline in patient numbers/utilization of services which reduced revenues that seriously impacted financial sustainability. With the roll out of COVID-19 vaccination and the progressive easing of the restrictions/containment measures, health services utilization is gradually recovering towards normal. However, the economic impact on businesses and communities and the accumulated financial burden of health facilities together with the increased cost of providing services has continued to impact sustainability of health systems.

The Kenya journey to Universal health coverage (UHC) has re-gained momentum with the launch of UHC Policy and NHIF Reforms by HE the President in February 2022. The new cycle of NHIF contracting of service providers has introduced changes recommended as part of the broader reforms towards UHC. NHIF is expected to play an increasing role in supporting UHC including managing UHC funds contributed by Government to cover the indigent. The transition to the new contracts has been delayed following advocacy by the Kenya Faith Based Health Services Consortium (KFBHSC) and private sector, to allow more time for negotiations towards building consensus on mutually agreeable benefits package and costing.

The digital transformation in the health sector has been accelerated due to challenges and lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic and these present opportunities for enhancing service efficiency, sharing resources, data management and telemedicine.

It is within this context that CHAK Annual Health Conference & AGM for 2022 has chosen to focus on the theme; ***“Health systems transformation for sustainable quality health care”*** The conference will present opportunity to share policy developments and reforms taking place in the health sector and the health systems transformation experiences by Faith Based Health facilities, Ministry of Health, NHIF and private sector. Models of promising health systems partnerships will also be shared. The conference will also provide space to share developments in medical education diversification in CHAK member network towards responding to growing HRH demands and which is also a sustainability strategy.

Conference theme

Health Systems transformation for sustainable quality health care

Conference dates

26-28th April 2022

Venue

AACC Desmond Tutu Conference Centre, Waiyaki Way, Westlands

Conference structure

The conference delivery structure shall include:

- i. Plenary sessions with expert presentations and plenary panel sessions with discussants
- ii. Breakaway parallel workshop sessions
- iii. Medical Exhibition sessions with posters, brochures, equipment and demonstrations

Conference objectives

1. To provide updates on the NHIF Health Financing Reforms
2. To share developments on Digital Transformation in the Health sector
3. Training diversification to meet the growing health sector labour needs
4. To share best practices of delivering sustainable quality health care services by the Faith Based Health Facilities in the context of COVID-19 pandemic
5. To explore partnership opportunities for quality health care

Conference sessions

These will include:

1. NHIF Health Financing Reforms
2. Partnerships for quality health care
3. Digital transformation in health care
4. Transformation of the Kenya National Blood transfusion services
5. National Vaccines and Immunization programmes updates
6. Medical Training Colleges panel on training programmes diversification
7. Member Hospitals panel/presentation on transformation of health systems for quality health services

Conference registration

Online Registration is available using the following link:

CHAK AHC/AGM Registration Form

Conference Registration Fee

- a. CHAK members – highly subsidized based on health facility level
- b. Non-members – Ksh15,000 per person
- c. Exhibition opportunity is available at a fee. Please discuss your Exhibition space needs with CHAK Secretariat and make a reservation.

Registration closing date is April 20, 2022

Annual Health Conference Programme outline

- **Day one: Tuesday April 26, 2022**
 - Registration of Delegates: 8:30am – 1:00pm
 - 2:00 – 2:30pm: Opening devotion and key note address by CHAK Chairman
 - 2:30 – 5:30pm: CHAK programmes engaging innovative approaches for quality health care
- **Day two: Wednesday, April 27, 2022**
 - High Level Plenary session with **MOH** and **NHIF**
 - NHIF health financing reforms
 - Transformation of blood transfusion services
 - Kenya digital health platform
 - National Vaccines and immunization programmes updates
 - Partnerships for quality health care: Panel session (Equity Foundation, AMH, AHN, Novartis)
 - Technology innovations for Strengthening Data and Information systems for Primary Health Care: KeHMIS and Community Data systems (iSTREAM, mPower, MShauri, Chanjo Kenya) and HCTS Dosimetry Lab
 - Medical Training Colleges Panel – Health training programmes diversification
- **Afternoon: Parallel workshop sessions**

The two sessions will provide space for sharing experiences by CHAK Member Health Facilities.

 - Workshop 1: Systems strengthening for quality and sustainable Primary Health Care
 - Workshop 2: Innovative approaches for financial sustainability of Faith Based Health Services in the context of the emerging national health financing reforms.
- **Day three: Thursday, April 28, 2022 (8:00am – 2:00pm)**
 - MEDS: Providing an efficient and reliable supply chain for essential health commodities for quality health care
 - Medical equipment quality assurance
 - AGM Business Meeting 2022