



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter
PHDA TURNS 10!

Can you guess who just turned 10? That's right, it's us! Can you believe it's been a decade already? PHDA celebrated these achievements and milestones in a celebration of pomp and colour that will surely be remembered until the next decade. The event was graced by board members, partners, and our dutiful staff.

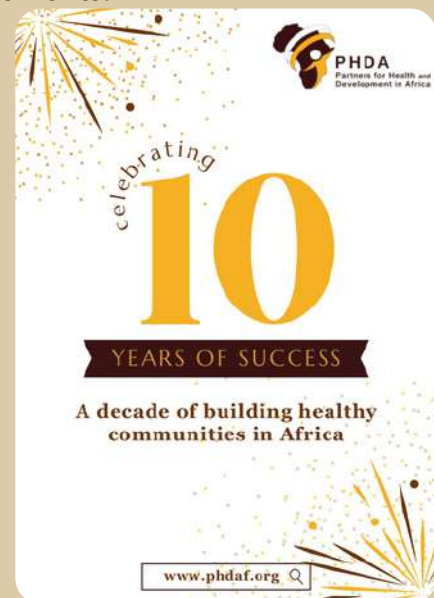
From our humble beginnings all the way to Fifth Ngong, it was a delight to acknowledge and celebrate how far we have come as an organization. Throughout the past 10 years, all members of PHDA have managed to build more than an organization, we have also built a family.

Our CEO Mr. Peter Mwaura further crowned this auspicious event by introducing the next five-year Strategic Plan. It was during this event that he coined the phrase Theory Of Change to describe the steps that will be taken to ensure PHDA achieve the goals set out in this plan through the proposed strategies.

In commemoration of our 10th anniversary, PHDA decided to give back to the community by holding two medical camps in Kariobangi and Kawangware. Here, our clinic staff were able to serve over 500 community members.



So we toast to a decade of building healthy communities in Africa as we wait to celebrate many more. To many more years of innovations and groundbreaking achievements.





SSU QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING

The Systems Strengthening Unit had its inaugural meeting this year on the 3rd and 4th of January 2024. The team began by recognizing 2023 as a good year with most of the deliverables and objectives achieved, and some still underway according to the plan.

The agenda for the meeting is to set the phase for the year 2024 and lay down guidelines for the deliverables for quarter one. Among the matters discussed were the Mombasa retreat recommendations where responsibilities were revised and added for each Technical Coordinator. Additionally, there was a need to Re-engage with NASCOP for a smooth working relationship and ease of county support.

Dr. Peter Arimi, head of SSU, also shared the BMGF meeting feedback with the team and shared the expectations, plans, and beyond the project forecast.

The team was expected to prepare 47 County profiles for their respective pillar and prepare the presentations to be done in February 2024. The profiles showcase the prevalence, performance of each county in difference pillars and the gaps identified and the recommendations.

TECH & INTEL: THE BRAINSTORM BRUNCH

CIHEB/PHDA SI HMIS collaboration meeting

Envision a convergence of minds as PHDA's IT and SI (Strategic Information) teams convened with CIHEB's SI team for a collaborative meeting centered around Health Management Information Systems(HMIS). This meeting can be likened to a strategic symposium where digital strategies and data insights intersect, shaping the discourse of healthcare innovation.



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The agenda of the day could be summarized into one major point- how to improve services at the SWOP facilities. Issues addressing system downtimes were dealt with to ensure our clinic clients experience quick and efficient services. The two teams reiterated the need for increased collaborative efforts to ensure maximum efficiency at the facilities. Together, the two teams epitomize the vanguards of health data management, orchestrating a narrative of seamless collaboration and transformative progress in the HMIS realm.



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ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING 2024

For the past twenty-five years, an annual meeting in January has brought together various researchers, their students, government officials, donors, and other stakeholders in Kenya to discuss their latest research results, ongoing projects, and future plans. This year's meeting took place at the Serena Hotel, in Nairobi, Kenya. Guests and representatives from various universities and organizations were in attendance.

Prof. Julius Oyugi and Dr. Marianne Mureithi (pictured below) began the event by offering opening remarks and acknowledging the dignitaries who graced the occasion. Some of the dignitaries included Dr. Mario Pinto, Prof. Hilary Godwin, Prof. Margaret Hutchinson, and Prof. Osanjo George.

Numerous research topics on various subject matters were discussed through individual presentations, poster sessions, and panel discussions. A noticeable shift from purely HIV/STI related matters was spotted. The standout topics were on digital health, pandemic preparedness, mental health, and data protection.



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