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Kenya Medical Association Statement on Delayed Posting of Medical Interns

Kenya Medical Association is the umbrella professional association for doctors in Kenya. It has a twin mandate, To champion for the welfare of doctors and advocate for the highest standard of quality healthcare in the country and beyond.

The Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act, CAP 253, Laws of Kenya defines internship training and lays down the framework for medical and dental internship training in Kenya as a mandatory requirement prior to registration as a medical or dental practitioner.

Medical internship is a critical time in the medical professional journey where newly qualified doctors can consolidate their skills under the supervision of senior colleagues while offering services in healthcare institutions. Medical interns are the backbone of many healthcare facilities and significantly contribute to the healthcare workforce.

It is with great disappointment and concern that we speak on the prolonged delay in the posting of medical interns by the government. This delay not only affects the career progression of the individual healthcare workers but has a significant impact on the entire healthcare system and the capacity to meet the health needs of the Kenyan population.

The Kenya Medical Association urges the Ministry of Health as follows:

1. Facilitate and effect the immediate posting of medical and dental interns to prevent any further delay and breakdown in the healthcare service delivery chain and the career progression of the over 1300 newly qualified doctors.
2. Call for long-term planning to address matters on health workforce management. We particularly reference the KMA position on the proposed Health Service Commission.
3. Call the KHRAC to advice as mandated on health workforce management issues which have in the past and currently continue to disrupt and compromise healthcare service delivery.

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