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REPORT ON THE WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY EVENT HELD AT NAIROI ARBORETUM FOR NUPSA ON FRIDAY 16/09/2022

On Friday 16th September 2022, Nairobi University Pharmacy Students Association (NUPSA) and other pharmacy students' association from different universities in the country convened at the Nairobi Arboretum to participate organized by Kenya Association of Pharmaceutical Industry (KAPI) through its Pharmacovigilance and Medical Affairs Committee to mark World Patient Safety Day celebration under the theme "Medication Without Harm". The commemoration emphasized on the need to adopt a systems approach and promote safe medication practices to prevent medication errors and reduce medication-related harm. Special consideration will be given to areas where most harm occurs. The key action areas are high-risk situations, transitions of care, and polypharmacy.

The event targeting about 100 pharmacy students and recent graduate students aimed at capacity building for medication and patient safety and mentorship in pharmacovigilance/post-marketing surveillance, regulatory affairs, and leadership. Of the total participation, about forty (40) undergraduate students of the University of Nairobi were involved. The students were privileged to interact with alumni who are active members of the pharmaceutical industry in the country and region and this was excellent motivation to them.

These activities were facilitated by the KAPI pharmacovigilance specialists; Dr. Jayesh Pandit, Dr. Felix Mochache, Dr. Robert Miano, Dr. Angelica Gende Chacha, Dr. Benson Asava and KAPI Board members (Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a-Mwangi, Dr. Evah Amwayi, Ms. Anne Dembah, Dr. Francis Karanja, Dr Odhiambo David). Also in attendance were KAPI partners for this event Dr. Karim Wanga of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) and Dr Lucas K. Nyabero, CEO Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya (PSK).

