

## KAPD ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017

The Kenya Association of Paediatric Dentists had a fruitful year. One of the highlights was the annual training of 30 Community Oral Health officers; a cadre whose primary responsibility lies in providing preventive oral health services. They were trained on provision of preventive oral health care services to children with special health care needs. The programme culminated in a free oral health examination of children with hearing disability from an integrated school. Joining them were Paediatric dentists from Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia, who had come to attend a meeting of the Paediatric Dentists Association of East Africa (PDAAEA) in Nairobi. The participants appreciated their role in identification of the need for oral health workers in Kenya to work as teams for the betterment of the oral health service for this special group of children. The aforementioned workshop was undertaken with the support of Global Child Dental Fund under the leadership of Raman Bedi, a long-standing friend of the Association.



Figure 1: Workshop with Community Oral Health Officers.



Figure 2: Children brushing teeth in an Oral health camp at an integrated school.

KAPD also organized a workshop for paediatric dentists from the East African region. The discussions emanating from this forum led to the identification of Infant Oral Mutilation as a major concern in the region. A taskforce was established with a mandate to organize for a meeting to further interrogate this issue and come up with strategies on prevention of mutilation of children who are affected by these traditional practices.

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Other activities carried out by the association included continuing professional development (CPD) forums. Some of the topics covered included General Anaesthesia for Paediatric Dental patients, restorative dentistry solutions in children and adolescents (in partnership with 3M) and European Paediatric Life Support training.



Figure 2: CPD on G.A