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To:

The Dean

School of Medicine, Health & Life Sciences

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From:

The HOD

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Re: Report about COBERMS

Dear Sir,

I hereby wish to submit to you a report about COMMUNTY BASED EDUCATION, RESEARCH, and MANAGEMENT & SERVICES (BNS COBERMS) conducted during the period 7th March-27th March, 2024 at rural communities of Wakiso district

Yours sincerely

Dr. Mpora Enos

HOD Public Health

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Introduction

One way of King Ceasor University (KCU)'s community engagement is through the university's health science programmes, namely, Bachelor of Nursing (BNS) and Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), when the programme students get involved in the COMMUNTY BASED EDUCATION, RESEARCH, and MANAGEMENT & SERVICES (COBERMS) activities in communities.

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These courses and orientation prepare the students to be able to conduct a community diagnosis, write a comprehensive community diagnosis report with sound implementable recommendations, and thereafter disseminate their findings to relevant key stakeholders.

Following these courses and orientation, the students are posted to rural communities in the Wakiso districts surbarbs and were mainly attached to the Wakiso H/C III with which KCU has MOUs, through respective District Health Officers (DHOs), where they spent four (4) weeks

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- a) Community diagnosis work,
- b) Health services resource mapping, and
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They then spend one (1) week preparing and sharing their field reports with the respective DHOs and their teams, overseen by KCU health science faculty.

The overall aim of the course/program is for the students to get exposed, in real situations, to the concept of community, its organization, community health Nursing, community environment in relation to health, and influence of available resources and other factors on community health.



COBERMS SUPERVISION & ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE EXERCISE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 7th March – 23rd March 2024 IN WAKISO DISTRICT FOR 3.2 BNS STUDENTS

Introduction to community diagnosis, commonly referred to as Community Based Education Research and Management Services (COBERMS) is one of the courses offered for program and is a prerequisite for the award of Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

COBERMS is a field visit activity that is usually conducted by nursing students at the end of their final year for BNS completion and first year Direct students.

A total of 84 students of BNS 3.2 reported to Wakiso District for the activity on the 7th March 2024.

This COBERMS Placement had the following objectives to be achieved To help students:

- Acquaint with various factors that influence over all health of any given community,
- Identify the overall health picture in a given community.
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- Describe the top ten (10) health problems (diseases) in a specified community from a community diagnosis carried out in the community.
- Help students to be able to write up a community diagnosis report.

The students were divided into 8 major groups of approximately 10 students each and were deployed at **Bulaga**, **Lukwanga**, **Nsuube**, **Bukasa**, **Kona west**, **Nabukalu**, **Gimbo**, **and Luggi** communities of wakiso district were under the supervision of MRS Amuge Beatrice, MRS. Marcella, Dr. Fortunate, Dr. Tumusiime Herbert and Dr. Simon Peter Emorut, however Dr.

Enos Mpora, the head of department of Public Health maintained his regular weekly supervision visits for these sites.

Prior to deployment, the district top management officers, the District Health Officer (DHO), the Resident district commissioners (RDC), chief Administrative Officer (CAO) the District Internal Security Officer (DISO) and the Health Center In-charges were all visited, all of whom embraced the idea and granted us permission to go ahead with our program.

Both groups started by having meeting with health center in-charge and the entire staff of the health facilities mentioned above plus the health inspectorate staff, familiarized with general health care layout systems, and rotated in different departments and reviewed patients charts in order to have a general feel of what is happening in the surrounding communities as reflected by the common illnesses identified at the health centers.

The Health Inspectorate team of wakiso Town councils, helped us deploy students in various villages and allocating the Village Health Team (VHTs) per village.

With the cooperation of local council chairpersons and their committees and full engagement with the VHTS and supervision from the department of public health at King Cesar University, the exercise kicked off well and in high gear.

Community dialogue meetings were conducted between the community leaders in both groups, VHTs, students and their supervisors and the entire community.

Household level visits were conducted plus schools, mosques, churches, markets etc.

Students' attendance was good through the entire exercise with minimal rate of absenteeism.

The supervision by the staff to the field was daily at least every 2 staff per day was a routine. The pictures were taken for verification.

The motivation given to the VHTs raised their morale and they worked tirelessly through the entire period, though they kept on asking for more motivation. They mobilized their communities with one heart.

The students were very active and participated in the community service activities like general cleaning, unblocking sewages, cleaning water sources including bore holes, giving health education talks to the schools and community. Pictures are uploaded to the university website for verification.

Community exit meetings were organized and conducted in all the villages for both sites after four weeks, where the students shared their findings with the community members and leaders and solutions for the prevailing challenges were suggested.

The exercise was supervised by the following:

- Dr. Herbert Tumusiime
- Dr. Simon Peter Emorut
- Dr. Mpora Enos (regular weekly supervision visits for both sites)

Challenges Encountered

- Limited funding for the supervision facilitation
- Transport challenges
- Limited VHTs and local councils' facilitation
- Students' welfare challenges

Recommendations

- The university to increase on funding of the exercise
- The University to acquire a university bus to help in transporting students to and from the field
- Parents /guardians to be asked to pay for the COBERMs Exercise for their children early as the academic year begins

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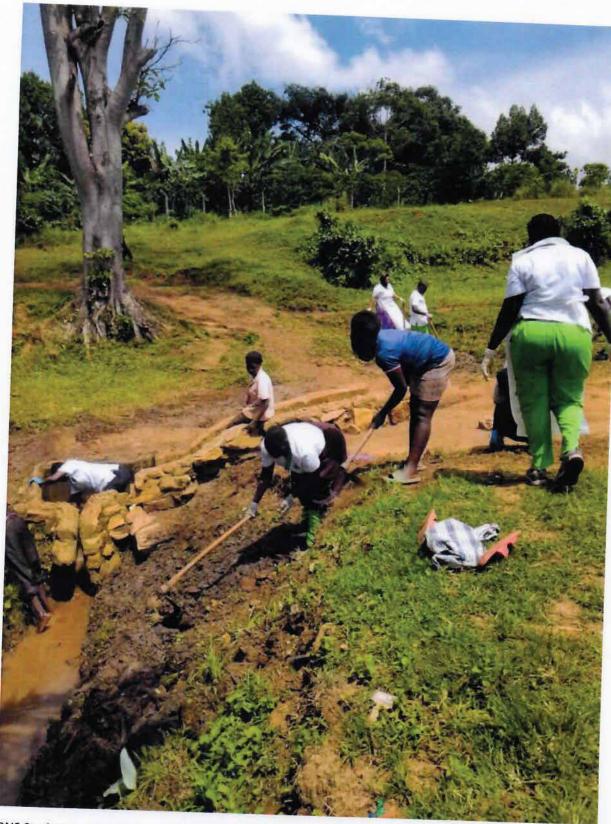
BNS students pause for a group photo on entry to Wakiso HC III for COBERMS Activity. Present are Faculty supervisors, VHTs and HCIII Staff.



BNS students getting briefing from both VHTs, Faculty supervisors and Wakiso HC III STAFF ON 7^{TH} 03



BNS Students health educating primary pupils at Gimbo primary school in Wakiso



BNS Students actively engaged in water and sanitation community programmes in wakiso



BNS Students exiting COBERMS ON 27/03/2024









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Re: Report about COBERMS

Dear Sir,

I hereby wish to submit to you a report about COMMUNTY BASED EDUCATION, RESEARCH, and MANAGEMENT & SERVICES I (COBERMS I) conducted during the period 15th May-05th June, 2023

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Tumusiime Herbert

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One way of King Ceasor University (KCU)'s community engagement is through the university's health science programmes, namely, Bachelor of Nursing (BNS) and Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), when the programme students get involved in the COMMUNTY BASED EDUCATION, RESEARCH, and MANAGEMENT & SERVICES (COBERMS) activities in communities.

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COBERMS 1 SUPERVISION & ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE EXERCISE CONDUCTED FROM 15 TH MAY $-5^{\rm TH}$ JUNE 2023 AT KAYUNGA DISTRICT FOR MBCHB & DCM STUDENTS

Introduction to community diagnosis, commonly referred to as Community Based Education Research and Management Services (COBERMS) is one of the courses offered for health science students of MBChB and BNS programs and is a prerequisite for the award of their respective qualification awards.

A total of 230 students (MBChB 1.2 -80, MBChB 2.1- 150) reported to Kayunga District for the activity on the 15th may 2023.

This COBERMS Placement had the following objectives to be achieved To help students:

- · Acquaint with various factors that influence over all health of any given community,
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- Describe the top ten (10) health problems (diseases) in a specified community from a community diagnosis carried out in the community.
- Help students to be able to write up a community diagnosis report.

The students were divided into 25 smaller groups and deployed in different villages of Kayunga Town council and Ntenjeru Subcounty.

Prior to deployment, the district top management officers, i.e. the District Health Officer (DHO), the Resident district commissioners (RDC), chief Administrative Officer (CAO) the District Internal Security Officer (DISO) and Town Clerk (TC) were all visited and they embraced the idea and granted us permission to go ahead with our program.



The district top administration confided in us and told us that the district has always wanted to carry out a district survey to establish district health status in key areas of Nutrition, Water & sanitation, Latrine coverage, immunization coverage and immunization dropout rates among other things, but funds had been a major hindering factor.

In view of the above, the district tasked us as a team of researchers and gave us the condition before we were allowed into their communities, to share our findings with the district through the district health office, and they would go ahead and implement our findings, a matter to which we agreed as the Public health department of King Cesar University,

The main health facility in the area and the district as a whole, Kayunga Regional Referral hospital was visited too. We met with the Medical Director, the Hospital Principal Administrator, the Principal Nursing Officer, plus the doctor in charge of training and we articulated clearly the major purpose of our visit. The team gracefully embraced our visit and wished us the best of our stay in the area. They assigned us the doctor in charge of training with whom we worked out the modalities of our operations.

Each group of our students was assigned to rotate in some departments of the main hospital as an entry point to the communities they later had to visit.

The Health Inspector from Kayunga Town council, helped us deploy students in various villages and allocating the Village Health Team (VHTs) per village.

With the blessings of local council chairpersons and full engagement with the VHTS and supervision by the 4 staff members from the department of public health at King Ceasor University, the exercise kicked off with high momentum.

The high momentum came to be maintained throughout the entire period because the students were all energized and vigilant about the whole exercise. They had morale, were very compliant and listened and were cooperative with the locals. They were eager to learn and explore more for more information.

Community dialogue meetings were conducted between the community leaders, VHTs, students and their supervisors and the entire community.

Household level visits were conducted plus schools, mosques, churches, markets etc.

The rate of absenteeism was very low and faking excuses also were minimal.

The supervision by the staff to the field was daily, at least every 2 staff per day was a routine. The pictures were taken for verification and uploaded onto KCU website.



The motivation given to the VHTs raised their morale and they worked tirelessly through the entire period, though they kept on wanting more. They mobilized their communities with one heart. The students were very active and participated in the community service activities like general cleaning, unblocking sewages, cleaning water sources including bore holes, giving health education talks to the schools and community. Pictures are uploaded to the university website for verification.

Community gatherings were organised for every village as an exit session at the end of data collection and all other activities as per the plan.

The first group of students exited the field on 31st may and others at different times depending on the group speed and commitment. Those that got done with field work immediately embarked on data analysis, interpretation and report write up while still in the field.

By 6th June 2023 everybody had left Kayunga and students were allowed one week rest before embarking on recess term for the MBChB 1.2.

The exercise was supervised by the following staff of the KCU Department of Public Health;

- Dr. Herbert Tumusiime (Team leader)
- · Dr. Simon Peter Emorut

Challenges Encountered

- Limited funding for the supervision facilitation
- Inadequate transport resources
- Limited VHTs and local councils' facilitation
- Unfavorable students' welfare

Recommendations

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KCU MBCHB 1.2 STUDENTS ARRIVE AT KAYUNGA RR HOSPITAL FOR COBERMS I PROGRAM ${\bf 15}^{\rm TH}\,{\rm MAY,\,2023}$



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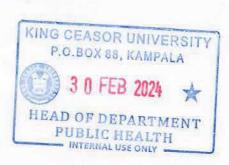
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COBERMS 1 SUPERVISION & ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE EXERCISE CONDUCTED BETWEEN $25^{\rm TH}$ JAN – $16^{\rm TH}$ FEB 2024 IN KAYUNGA AND MUKONO DISTRICT FOR 1.2 MBCHB STUDENTS

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COBERMS I is a field visit activity that is usually conducted by medical students at the end of their first year, second semester (recess term).

A total of 59 students of MBChB 1.2 reported to Kayunga & Mukono Districts for the activity on the 25th Jan 2024.

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The students were divided into 2 major groups, one group was deployed based at Nakifuma HCIII, 26km along Mukono- Kayunga high way in Mukono District, and another one based at Kangulumira HCIV, 22km along Kayunga –Jinja High way in Kayunga District. The groups were later split into smaller groups of 7 or 8 students before being deployed into communities. The Nakifuma group was under the supervision of Dr. Tumusiime Herbert and the Kangulumira group under Dr. Simon Peter Emorut, however after 2 weeks the supervisors swapped supervision locations and Dr. Enos Mpora, the head of department of Public Health maintained his regular weekly supervision visits for both sites.

Prior to deployment, the district top management officers, the District Health Officer (DHO), the Resident district commissioners (RDC), chief Administrative Officer (CAO) the District Internal Security Officer (DISO) and the Health Center In-charges were all visited, all of whom embraced the idea and granted us permission to go ahead with our program.

The Nakifuma group used Nakifuma Health center III as their community entry point whereas the Kangulumira group used Kangulumira HCIV as their community entry point.

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- · Limited VHTs and local councils' facilitation
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KCU MBCHB 1.2 STUDENTS AT NAKIFUMA HCIII IN MUKONO DISTRICTS FOR COBERMS I PROGRAM CONDUCTED BETWEEN 25^{TH} JAN -16^{TH} FEB 2024



KCU MBCHB 1.2 STUDENTS AT NAKIFUMA HCIII IN MUKONO DISTRICTS FOR COBERMS I PROGRAM CONDUCTED BETWEEN 25^{TH} JAN – 16^{TH} FEB 2024, BEING ADDRESSED BY THE HEALTH CENTER'S HEALTH INSPECTOR & DR. TUMUSIIME HERBERT, THEIR KCU SUPERVOSOR.



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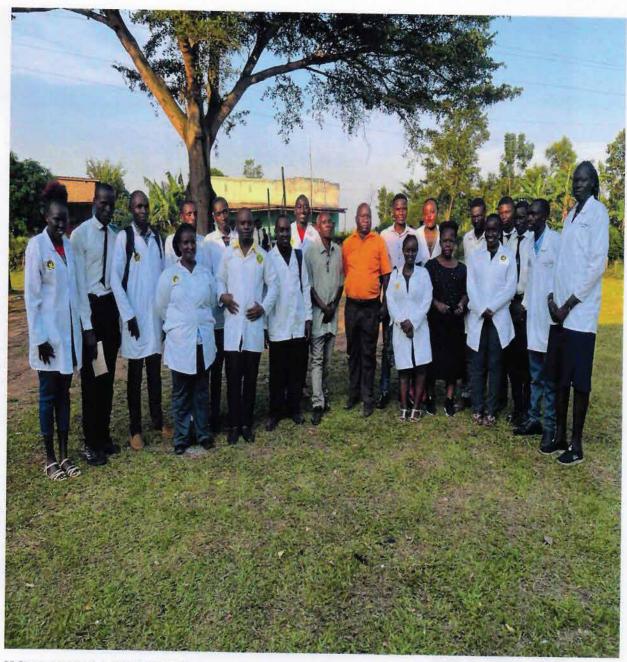
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30/10/2023

To:

The Dean

School of Medicine, Health & Life Sciences

KCU

From:

The HOD

Department of Public Health

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Re: Report about COBERMS

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I hereby wish to submit to you a report about COMMUNTY BASED EDUCATION, RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT & SERVICES II (COBERMS II) conducted during the period 30TH SEP – 17TH OCT 2023

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Mpora Enos

Introduction

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Community Based Education Research and Management Services II (COBERMS II) is one of the courses offered for health science students of MBChB 3.2 programs, and is a prerequisite for the award of their MBChB qualification. This time round however, we had a backlog because the MBChB 4.2 students, for some reason had missed their turn for doing their COBERMS at end of their 3.2 semester.

A total of 45 students were posted to Kayunga, Mukono and Wakiso districts to commence the exercise from 30th September to 17th October, 2023. In Kayunga the students were under the direct supervision of DHO Dr. Ahmed Matovu, and the doctor n-charge of Kangulumila Health Center IV, where they were based. In Mukono they were under the direct supervision of the DHO Dr. Mulindwa Steven and the doctor in-charge of Kojja Health Center IV where they were based. In Wakiso, they were under the direct supervision of the DHO Dr. Lugolobi Matthias and the In-charges of Kasangati and Wakiso Health Center IVs. These doctors were working in liaison with KCU department of public health supervising faculty.

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- Participate in the delivery of health services and community health work in a district.
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- Describe the role of the district health officer (DHO) and the district health team (DHT)
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- Be able to write a report of their COBERMS II experiences.

Prior to deployment within the districts, the students together with their supervising KCU faculty held debriefing meetings with respective district top leadership officers including the District Health Officer (DHO), the Resident district commissioners (RDC), chief Administrative Officer (CAO) the District Internal Security Officer (DISO) and Town Clerk (TC) and express permission was granted for us to go ahead with our program.

The District Health Management Teams headed by their respective DHO's and Health Center Incharges then took full charge of orienting, deploying and supervising our students in the various areas of learning in liaison with KCU supervising faculty. The learning activities were organised as follows:

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- Role of the District Health Officer (DHO) and the District Health Team (DHT) (planning, budgeting, management, supervision & coordination)
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- 4. Rotation at the Health Sub-District: Health Center IVs, IIIs & IIs (1 week) & rotation at community for community oriented aspects (1 week): and carrying out their community activities in liaison with Health Centre In-Charges. They study and be able to describe:
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Presenting of the reports for all the villages of respective districts sites, where the students shared
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By 17th October 2023, everybody had left their respective districts and students were allowed one week rest before embarking on their next clinical rotations. The exercise was supervised by the following staff of the KCU Department of Public Health;

- Dr. Mpora Enos (HOD DPT. PUBLIC HEALTH)
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Challenges Encountered

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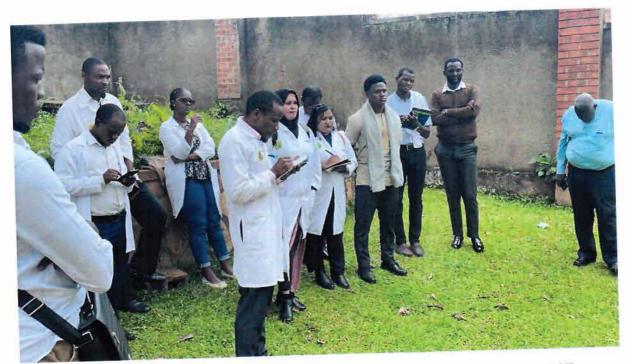
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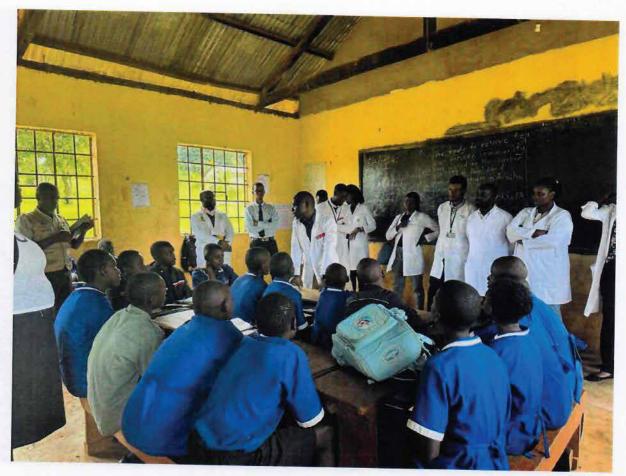




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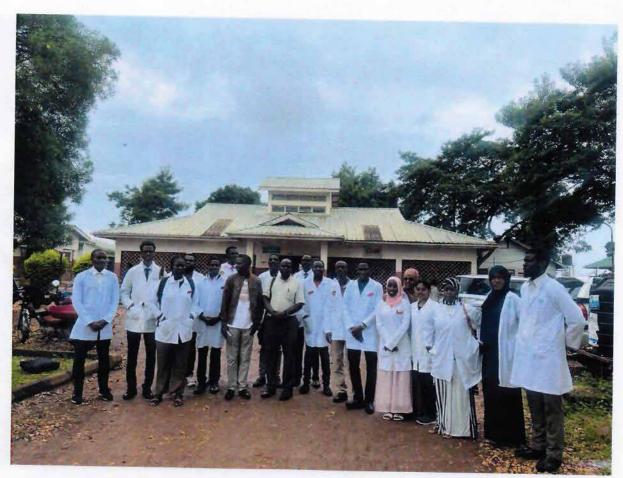
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