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COUNTY COVID RESPONSE REPORT

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Taita Taveta County intensifies training of healthcare workers to scale up contact tracing and reporting using KenyaEMR



The national FELT Team training 2 MOH team members and 3 UNDP Volunteers attached to the contact tracing team and KenyaEMR

A national team from the Field Epidemiology & Lab Training Program (FELT) is in Taita Taveta County to train Ministry of Health (MoH) healthcare workers (HCWs) on contact tracing and reporting using KenyaEMR, the OpenMRS-based open-source medical records system for Kenya. KenyaEMR supports administrative tasks and clinical management functions, and thus, enables HCWs in remote facilities to raise

issues and place orders for timely resolution and action. Contact tracing training on MoH standard procedures empowers healthcare workers and Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) to track and limit the spread of COVID-19. Effective contact tracing is crucial given the upsurge of COVID-19 cases and as the Government loosens restrictions on movement to slowly open up the economy. The ongoing CHV training delivered by Red Cross on behalf of MoH targets 406 new CHVs drawn from 39 Community Health Units using the CHV Module on COVID-19 prevention messages, conducting contact tracing, and reporting new cases to the authorities (HCWs & security teams) for further health action while maintaining other essential services. The County already has 900 active CHVs.

As frontline workers in fighting COVID-19, is your County prioritising training of HCWs & CHVs?