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**To All County Executive Committee Members for Health**

**Thro'**

**Chairperson**

Council of Governors

Delta House

**Nairobi**

**Re: NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES CLINICS DURING COVID 19 OUTBREAK**

It is now evident that persons living with Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are at an increased risk of severe and fatal COVID-19 disease. The most commonly reported NCDs that have been shown to predict poor prognosis in patients with COVID-19 include diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cerebrovascular disease, coronary artery disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

It has come to our attention that some of the NCD clinics have been closed during this COVID -19 outbreak. We are cognizant of increased workload brought about by the outbreak but at the same time aware of the harm that will result from the closure of NCD clinics. There is a high likelihood that patients will be unable to manage their conditions adequately resulting to complications and even fatalities. We risk losing the gains we have made in halting the burden of NCDs in the Country.




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The purpose of this letter is to request you to ensure that NCD clinics in your health facilities remain operational. Further we urge health care workers stationed at these clinics to observe strict infection prevention control measures.

We appreciate the support from the Counties during this outbreak period.



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