

Best performing CEO Kibosia gets Kibaki's approval

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CEO John Kibosia got a shot in the arm to complete a huge expansion programme for the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital. Kibosia was confirmed by President Kibaki as the hospital's CEO at the weekend.

He has been acting as the chief executive for a year. John Kibosia will now implement a master plan that aims to transform the facility into a fully-fledged referral hospital.

Kibosia was last year appointed to head the hospital after it almost collapsed due to mismanagement and poor administration.

He was then serving as medical superintendent in charge of the Kenya Prisons. In the last one year he has restructured operations at the hospital, raising revenue from near zero to an average of Sh60 million every month.

Nurses and other workers at the hospital went on strike last July and one of their demands was that the government should confirm Dr Kibosia's appointment.

Medical Services minister Anyang' Nyong'o had indicated that the government would confirm Kibosia because of his impressive performance.

"He has done a lot within a short time and we will give him full authority to run the hospital so that he can lead it to even greater heights," said Nyong'o when he visited the hospital last week.

To achieve the objective, Kibosia has initiated several projects aimed at improving health services at the hospital. The projects include a Sh400m Cancer Centre, which is now under construction, the expansion of the ICU and the construction of the Shoe4Africa Children's hospital at a cost of more than Sh800 million.

The hospital has also partnered with Nacada to put up a drugs control unit which is now under construction. The hospital will be under the central government after March and not the county government.

Kibosia has thanked the president for the appointment which has already been gazetted. His tenure as the CEO officially began on 14.