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## HOSPITAL RECEIVES KSHS. 105,800 FOR YOUNG BRAIN CANCER PATIENT

### ABOUT 12 CASES OF 'CEREBRAL HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA' BEEN REPORTED WORLD WIDE

*Coastweek* -- Members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya presented a cheque of 105,800 shillings to the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi's Patient Welfare Fund to pay for treatment for Rukiya Mramba who was diagnosed with a rare brain cancer known as Cerebral Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

The 12 year old girl who was abandoned by her parents and lives with her grandmother in Kilifi was identified by field workers of the Aga Khan Health Services in Mombasa and referred to the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi for investigations.

Professor William Macharia, Consultant Paediatrician and Chair of the Department of Paediatrics at the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi, explained:

"After diagnosis, reports confirmed that Rukiya was suffering from a very rare but potentially treatable cancer- Cerebral Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

"This is a type of cancer that originates in the brain and spreads from one group of lymph to another.

"To date, there are about 12 cases reported world wide, and none have been as large and long standing as this."



*Coastweek* -- **Dr. Prakash Patel [left], a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya, presents a cheque for 105,800 shillings to Jane Wanyama [right], the Administration Director Clinical Programmes at the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi.**

"Through the Patient Welfare Programme of the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi, Rukiya was treated by Mr. M.M Qureshi (a neuro-surgeon) and Mr. Paresh Devani (a maxillofacial surgeon) who waived their specialist fee and through extensive surgery, successfully excised the brain tumour."

"Rukiya is now receiving chemotherapy for the next 12 months. She needs help from well-wishers because she requires funds for her 12 months chemotherapy, laboratory and x-ray examinations.

Her treatment is administered every two weeks at a cost of 30,000 shillings and in three months time she will have to undergo radiotherapy which costs about 60,000 shillings."

Professor Macharia concluded:

"The Patient Welfare Programme of the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi is run with contributions donated by well-wishers, corporate partners and donors.

"With the number of patients in need for specialized treatment increasing each year, the demand for the Hospital's welfare assistance exceeds the inflow of funds.

"Our programme is in need of continuous contributions from supporters."



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