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TRIBUTE BY THE KENYA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS COUNCIL, DURING THE BURIAL CEREMONY OF DR. DOREEN ADISA LUGALIKI, ON 13TH JULY, 2020

The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council joins Kenya, the medical fraternity and family, in mourning the loss of Dr. Doreen Adisa Lugaliki, an Obstetric Gynecologist, who until her untimely death, showed complete dedication to her family and her patients.

Indeed Kenya, and the world at large has been robbed of a beautiful, intelligent and hardworking doctor who died a soldier. Maybe not your ordinary soldier who fights in wars, but one who fought in our hospital wards to save Kenyans, one who passed away in the line of duty. A doctor whose life has been cut short by a virus, which she died fighting on behalf of her nation.

We want to pass our sincerest condolences to Dr. Lugaliki's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philemon Lugaliki for the loss of their daughter, it is not easy for a parent to bury their child; and to Kyla and Kyle for losing their mother at such a young age. May God comfort you during this very difficult time.

To the entire family, please accept our deepest condolences because you have borne the greatest loss, you have lost a daughter, a sibling, a wife, an aunt, a friend, and most especially, a mother. Your family has paid the ultimate price for her love, dedication and sacrifice. It is a loss that we cannot measure, and for that, we are truly sorry.

From the messages we have seen especially from her patients, we are convinced that Dr. Lugaliki lived by the Council's mantra of ensuring quality healthcare for all.

This immeasurable loss goes to remind us that our doctors, nurses, clinicians and other health professionals are taking a huge risk as they try to fight the coronavirus. We cannot overemphasize the critical role they continue to play in this pandemic.

We are aware that about 360 healthcare workers have tested positive for the virus since it was first reported in Kenya in March, which they contracted in line of duty. We are also aware that these frontline health workers need utmost protection as they fight the pandemic.

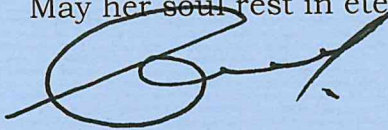
As the Medical and Dental Council, we would like to say that this very painful loss will not be in vain. We know that personal protective equipment like face masks, gloves and gowns, help keep doctors, nurses, clinicians and other health

professionals safe when they're treating patients with infectious diseases like Covid-19.

We promise to follow up with the Ministry of Health to ensure the money released for healthcare workers' safety is utilized for the intended purpose.

Today however, we are left with nothing but memories of our lovely colleague and friend, Dr. Lugaliki. We therefore want to take this moment to remember her for the beautiful and caring person she was.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.



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