

EDITORIAL: THE FOCUS OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RESEARCH AT THE DAWN OF THE DECADE OF VISION

As we enter the decade in which we aspire to achieve Kenya's Vision 2030 (1), the value of health is becoming increasingly evident. This is even more significant when the social and economic aspects of the Kenya Vision 2030 are placed into context, as optimization of the health status of the society is imperative in the attainment of the zeniths of quality of life and economic growth and development. It is in line with this perspective that Kenya's health budget has grown by 30% in the last three years (2).

A key aspect of the overall kaleidoscope of health is reproductive health. Within this context, significant gains have continued to be made in relation to reducing maternal mortality and increasing skilled birth attendance (3,4). At the start of the 44th Kenya Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society (KOGS) Annual Scientific Congress, there were a record 105 submissions. Among the congress' themes, the three areas of focus of research are: maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health (36, 34.3%); Reproductive Tract Cancers and Benign Conditions (29, 27.6%); and Infertility and endometriosis (11, 10.5%). It is the continued intention of KOGS to impact on health outcomes and policy by widely disseminating the research our members and stakeholders continue to undertake. We continue to encourage authors to write and submit even more abstracts and manuscripts, as publication is the key to impacting on global health plans and policy.

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