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PRESS RELEASE: KENYA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION PRESENTS TRAINING CERTIFICATES TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) invites the press to provide media coverage on the awarding of certificates to Registry Clerks and Officers who have undergone training on Records Management. The award ceremony will take place at the **Nyeri Provincial Information Hall** on **16th May 2007** from 10am – 11am. The Assistant Director of Preventive Services **Dr. Smokin Wanjala** will be preside over the function.

The two weeks training on Records Management was attended by 47 Registry Clerks and Officers from Provincial & District Headquarters and various government departments. Upon completion of the training, the Registry Clerks and Officers formed Records Management Committees in their respective areas.

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission developed the training programme jointly with the Kenya National Archives and Documentation Services (KNA&DS) to address the management of records in public Institutions. This is part of the preventive measures aimed at combating corruption in public institutions. It covers all aspects of records management including policy and general records, procurement, and financial and accounts records.

Records are the basis for decision making, accountability and transparency and are vital resources that document the institutions performance. Records are an important a primary source of information during investigations and prosecution and as an area of focus in corruption prevention. With a few exceptions, Examinations carried out by the Commission and the predecessors point to poor records system as having largely contributed to corruption in public institutions.

Informal practices have with time supplanted formal practices either inadvertently or intentionally. This situation has opened room for corrupt practices especially so where transactions have been carried out without making reference to any record or without creating one. Other opportunities for corruption are manifested through lack of regulations and guidelines; manipulation of records; poor storage and maintenance, inaccurate and unreliable data; loss and delays in records retrieval.

The problems of delayed service delivery, inflated bills, multiple payments, "payment of ghost workers" costly transactions, can be traced to poor management of records. The poor state of records has also proved to be a hindrance to prosecution of corruption offences due to lack of tangible evidence. This has undermined the administration of justice. Establishment of sound records management systems in the public sector is therefore a priority area and a critical aspect in corruption prevention.

The Provincial Administration under the Office of the President was identified as the entry point for implementation of the programme. The Provincial Administration plays a central role in coordinating functions of other public Institutions. The institution provides linkages and direction on critical areas of interface between the various public and private institutions. At the Provincial and District levels, the provincial administration, coordinates the operations of all government agencies. Besides, due to the nature of services offered, the Institution impacts on members of the public directly more than any other public office.

The programme is under implementation in the following offices:

- ✓ Permanent Secretary /Provincial Administration: (general operational and policy; personnel, finance and accounts, procurement and transport registries).
- ✓ Provincial Commissioner Nairobi: (All 8 divisions in Nairobi, general operational and policy, personnel, secret and liquor licensing registries).
- ✓ Provincial Commissioner – Central Province, District Commissioner Nyeri and departments at the provincial headquarters.
- ✓ Provincial Commissioner Eastern province, District Commissioner Embu and Departments at the provincial headquarters.
- ✓ Mombasa Municipal Council.
- ✓ Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

We look forward to you coverage and attendance,

Yours Faithfully,

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