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Title	HEALTHCARE WORKERS' PERSPECTIVES ON MULTI-SECTORAL COLLABORATIVE APPROACH IN PREPAREDNESS FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OUTBREAKS AT KERICHO COUNTY REFERRAL HOSPITAL KENYA
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Content	<p>Background : We are currently experiencing an increase in the emergence of infectious agents leading to several outbreaks and epidemics. Health-care facilities play a critical role in response to outbreaks. Multiple frameworks and legislations call for a collaborative and holistic approach in outbreak preparedness and response. Kericho County Referral Hospital, is a level V Hospital and a current CoVID-19 Centre in Kenya. This study draws its relevance from the above concerns to assess the multi-sectoral approach in place at the hospital. Objective: To assess health-care workers' perspectives on the multi-sectoral approach to preparedness for communicable diseases' outbreaks at Kericho County Referral Hospital. Methods: The study was based on a web based cross sectional study design. It comprised 31 participants from multiple departments. Convenience and Purposive sampling techniques were used. An online based questionnaire and an observation list were used to collect data. Qualitative data was analyzed through thematic analysis while quantitative data was analyzed through descriptive statistics . Results: The health-care workers' perceived the hospital to have succeeded in waste management and sustaining routine health services. However, they perceived the following sectors as averagely prepared; human resource, non-pharmaceutical resources, training, emergency committee, communication and monitoring and evaluation. Conclusion: Although Kericho County Referral Hospital has implemented a multi-sectoral approach in preparedness for outbreak of communicable diseases, it should address the shortcomings in averagely prepared departments promptly. Further similar studies to be carried out with a larger sample size and equal distribution across departments.</p>