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NIH Director makes inaugural visit to the AMPATH-Kenya program

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ELDORT, KENYA—Earlier this month, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Francis Collins visited Eldoret, Kenya, to tour AMPATH clinic sites and meet with clinicians, students and researchers, making this the first visit by a current NIH director. Collins was accompanied by Roger Glass, Director of NIH Fogarty International Center, and Kevin DeCock, Director of the Centers for Disease Control, Kenya.

AMPATH (Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare) is the cornerstone of the Indiana University Center for Global Health. AMPATH was created in 2001 in response to the HIV crisis in western Kenya and is built on a partnership between Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital and the Moi University School of Medicine in Eldoret, Kenya, and a consortium of North American academic health centers led by Indiana University School of Medicine.

During the NIH visit, the delegation traveled to the rural Turbo Health Centre and toured the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital campus, which included visiting the AMPATH Centre, Riley Mother and Baby Hospital, and the new Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre—all constructed by philanthropic funding through the IU Center for Global Health. The group met with North American and Kenyan AMPATH leadership and attended a presentation about the future vision of growing the AMPATH research program.

The visit also coincided with the inaugural Partners' Summit, where representatives from 15 corporate and foundation supporters of AMPATH convened in Eldoret to develop strategies that will help AMPATH and the Kenyan Ministry of Health strengthen a model of population health that strives for health care equity and improving the health of low income populations in Kenya and beyond. Two attendees of the summit were the Gates Foundation and Eli Lilly and Company. AMPATH has provided consulting support to the Gates Foundation since 2014 and Eli Lilly and Company has partnered with AMPATH since 2002, donating over \$80 million in medicines to treat cancer, mental illness and diabetes.

Partners' Summit attendee Sue Mahony, president, Lilly Oncology, was impressed by Indiana University's remarkable achievements through the AMPATH program. "Having been here, we get perspective on what really is important, namely the value and power of community," she said. "And we discern how to innovate, how to 'fail forward' and learn from our experiences."



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About AMPATH

Since 1989, Indiana University School of Medicine and Moi University School of Medicine and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya, have worked together to deliver health services, conduct health research, and develop leaders in health care for both North America and Africa. From this partnership, AMPATH was formed in 2001—working with the Kenyan Ministry of Health, AMPATH created one of Africa's largest, most comprehensive and effective HIV/AIDS management and treatment models. AMPATH is a formal partner with the United States government through a \$75 million grant from USAID and has continually transitioned its successful HIV approach into a more comprehensive primary health care system. Serving a population of 4 million people in western Kenya, AMPATH aspires to restore patients' lives, not just their health. Since, other North American academic health centers joined the AMPATH consortium. Those universities include Brown University, Duke University, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Providence Portland Medical Center, Purdue University, University of California-San Francisco, University of Massachusetts, University of Notre Dame, and University of Toronto.

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