

KENYA AND SOUTH AFRICA HEALTHCARE INNOVATION BUSINESS BRIEFING



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Elijah Ongeri Head of Strategy and Partnerships Metro Group PLC

Elijah Ongeri is the Head of Strategy and Partnerships at the Metro Group PLC (TMG PLC) which operates two hospitals, Metropolitan and Ladnan. Between 2019 and 2022, Elijah led a team at Metropolitan through a rigorous journey that delivered quality accreditation certification issued by the Council for Health Service



Accreditation of South Africa (COHSASA). Notably, he responded to major outbreaks, including the Ebola in West Africa (2014-2016) and the cholera in the Daadab refugee camp - Kenya (2011-2012). Prior to joining (TMG PLC), he worked in Sierra Leone, where he served two international organizations (GOAL and CUAMM-Doctors with Africa) as a project manager for Ebola Survivor and Maternal health programs respectively. During his time in GOAL, Elijah rose from being an Ebola emergency nurse to the first national program manager for Ebola survivors within a year of his international assignment. In this position, he was responsible for overseeing a multi-million Euro DFID-funded Ebola survivor screening in five districts including Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone. The success of the program led to GOAL being appointed the consortium lead for the project. It was during this time that Elijah raised awareness of the plight of Ebola survivors through an article published by The Lancet. At CUAMM, Elijah was a project manager for two programs (UNFPA and We Care Solar funded) targeted at reducing maternal mortality in Sierra Leone, specifically in Bonthe district. Through collaboration with the government, council of elders, and stakeholders, Elijah was able to put in place strategies that resulted in the reduction of maternal mortalities by half within a period of six months. Elijah has a background in nursing with a bachelor's degree in Health systems management. He is currently pursuing his masters in International Business Leadership and Management at the University of York. He is a member of the Chartered Management Institute of the UK and the Health Systems Management Association of Kenya. Elijah has an interest in the growth of healthcare through partnerships, governance, financing, technology, quality improvement and patient-centred care. Everything else fits into these boxes.







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Organization Overview

The Metro Group PLC is a healthcare investment company that operates mainly on the Eastlands of Nairobi. Our mission is to offer quality, cost effective and affordable healthcare infrastructure. The Metro Group PLC was inaugurated in the year 1994 as Metropolitan Health Services. Through necessity, the company has evolved and grown to become a market leader in provision of healthcare services through an ecosystem.

Interests

- Meet and explore collaboration with manufacturers of medical simulation equipment
- Explore investment and financing partners for Metropolitan Hospital on: Comprehensive oncology, cathlab, otolaryngology and ophthalmology.
- Explore funding and or partners for Metropolitan Medical training college. Specifically, Manufacturers of Medical simulation stations or equipment.
- Explore potential funding for The Metro Group Foundation mobile clinic and laboratory for Non communicable diseases (NCDs), HIV testing, HPV vaccination and dental care.