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## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY, KEMRI, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL PARTNER TO IMPROVE CLEAN AIR AND HEALTH THROUGH CLEAN COOKING**

Mama Doing Good, an initiative of the Office of the First Lady, the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), and the University of Liverpool have signed a 5-year tripartite agreement to collaborate on clean air and clean cooking, with an aim at reducing household air pollution and improving community health. According to the Ministry of Health 2021 report, household air pollution was estimated to kill more than 23,000 Kenyans.

The partnership will train 130,000 community health workers nationally on household air pollution to address the burden of disease from air pollution. The partnership will help drive the clean cooking agenda in Kenya by providing policy support for the transition to clean fuels in households and institutions.

Dr. John Chumo, CEO of Mama Doing Good, said, "This partnership reinforces the First Lady's commitment to ensuring that the women are socially and economically empowered to transition from solid biomass cooking methods to clean cooking methods, which will reduce household air pollution and air pollution-related disease burden through behaviour change communication by the Community Health Volunteers."

Prof. Daniel Pope, Director of CLEAN-Air Africa, University of Liverpool, said, "This partnership will help drive policy to benefit millions of Kenyans through cleaner air and will set the scene for similar action across East Africa and the sub-Saharan African region."

Dr. James Mwitari, senior research fellow at KEMRI and co-director of CLEAN-Air (Africa), said, "The partnership will help Kenya lead the way in primary and secondary prevention of household air pollution-related illness through clean cooking and the empowerment of the community health workforce."



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This partnership will enhance coordination, consultation, and exchange of information, which will lead to increased demand for clean cooking solutions and a reduction in air pollution, and improved community health.

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