

## WELFARE REPORT

The welfare committee is a voluntary arm of the society that aims to meet the needs of the society in times of bereavement and loss.

2017 -2018 was a tough year for the society. We lost many active members.

Dr. Tanga Audi

Prof. Hassan Saidi

Dr. Charles Motanya

Dr. Charles Kigo Ndegwa

Some of our members also lost their family members. Dr. Alushula lost his mother.

Dr. Ndonga lost his sister. Dr. Meme lost his mother.

The welfare committee condoled with the families and offered a monetary token from members' contributions.

We also learnt that one of the founding fathers of Breast and General Surgery in Kenya, Mr. Yusuf K. Dawood, would be retiring to the U.K. after 58 years of practice. Mr. Dawood has been a mentor to many surgeons. The society wishes him and his wife all the best in their next chapter of their life.

Challenges include: a laxity in members participating in supporting welfare activities. While we appreciate that all surgeons are busy, we appeal for a collegial and more cohesive society by being more participatory.

In the way of contributing towards a benevolent/bereavement fund, the committee intends to undertake a review of the best way to procure and maintain funds for this purpose. The results will be communicated in the next AGM for member input.

The Welfare committee invites volunteers from the regions to be involved in these activities. Please contact Dr. Shisanya, Dr. Mbaabu or the secretariat for more information