

## KENYA

### Cancer Heart Centre at Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi



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**Faced with increased chronic diseases in East Africa, the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi opens a Heart-Cancer Reference Centre and makes its offer available to the poorest patients.**

#### CONTEXT

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#### IMPACTS

20,000 patients a year have access to cancer and cardiology care. In addition, between 30 and 60,000 poor patients suffering from these diseases will also be cared for in over 20 years as part of the Patient Welfare Programme.

16/02/2010

Project start date

11/03/2013

Project end date



Nairobi  
Location



Health and Social Protection  
sector(s)



Non Sovereign Concessional  
Loan  
financing tool(s)



35 300 000 USD  
Financing amount



20 ans  
Duration of funding

Aga Khan Hospital- Nairobi  
Beneficiaries

