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Kimlea Medical Centre opens its doors

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The new *Kimlea Medical Clinic* was solemnly blessed on Sunday, 21st May by Msgr. Albert Pampillon, Vicar of Opus Dei in Kenya and Fr. Gabriel

Mureithi Gikonyo, Chaplain of
Kimlea Girls' Training Centre.

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Inspected by officials from the Ministry of Health on 18th April 2006, *Kimlea Medical Clinic* was found to be well equipped and could start offering services to the rural community. It opened on Monday 15th May 2006 and to-date more than 100 patients have been treated, an average of 20 per day.

The Clinic is manned by Mrs. Florence Maina, Kenya Enrolled Community Nurse and mother of two; Ms Virginia Macharia, Pharmacist; and Ms Ruth Kago, Receptionist/Cleaner and graduate of Kimlea Girls' Training Centre. Dr. Redempta Kimeu oversees the activity of the Clinic.

The Kimlea Medical Clinic project was conceived in 2002 as a means to honour St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, on the occasion of his canonization.

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