

## **E-Plus ambulance service to undertake first-ever medical escort, from Mogadishu through Nairobi to Rome**

**Thursday, 16 June 2016, Nairobi:** The Emergency Plus Medical Services (E-Plus) will tomorrow morning undertake its first-ever medical escort service from Mogadishu, through Nairobi, and outbound to Rome, Italy.

E-Plus will evacuate from Mogadishu a one and a half year old baby, born with congenital disorder, poorly developed esophagus, and who has been on continuous blood transfusion due to persistent low hemoglobin levels.

“The child is very dehydrated and weak, and will be taken to the Bambin Gesu Hospital in Italy, Rome, for corrective surgery and specialised treatment at the request of the Italian Red Cross,” said Susan Ng'ong'a, Managing Director, E-Plus.

The E-Plus crew will depart Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) tomorrow morning to evacuate the patient from Mogadishu to Nairobi, then connect to Rome on the same day. The medical escort service is being undertaken in collaboration with the Italian Red Cross.

“Under Somalia’s war-ravaged conditions, this child would not be able to enjoy specialized medical attention, and hence, this is our humanitarian gesture, crossing borders and boundaries, to give this child a chance at life,” added Ms. Ng'ong'a.

### **Editor’s Note**

A medical escort is one of the services provided by E-Plus to its clients. It is a bed-to-bed flight escort service, undertaken by E-Plus doctors, paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) depending on a patient's condition. It involves the use of highly trained and experienced medical team members to assist a patient at every step of the way until they reach a hospital.

### **About E-Plus**

The Emergency Plus Medical Services (E-Plus) is a wing of the Kenya Red Cross Society, whose core business is the provision of advanced pre-hospital emergency medical services and transportation to patients with illnesses and injuries. In its three years of existence, E-Plus has endeared itself to Kenyans due to its superior equipment, highly qualified personnel and fast response to emergencies. Its membership is affordable and comprises learning institutions, hospitals, oil prospectors, transportation companies, banks and small and medium enterprises, among others. In the recent past, E-Plus has carried out timely rescues of victims of road crashes, collapsed buildings, bomb blasts, grenade attacks, fires, mudslides, tribal clashes, riots and other natural or man-made calamities countrywide, from its network of strategically located ambulance bases spread out across the country.

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