Kizito Clinic installs TB detecting machine to eradicate disease

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Determined to eradicate tuberculosis from the country, Kizito Clinic Lekki, Lagos with support from the National Agency for the Control AIDS (NACA), KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation and Lagos State programme for TB has installed state-of-the-art GeneXpert machines for detecting multi-drug resistant TB.

Speaking at the launching of GeneXpert machine at St. Kizito Clinic Lekki, representative of KNCV Foundation, Mr. Adedayo Adeyomoye, said his organisation is working with NACA, on a project that has installed 185 GeneXpert machines in all states of Nigeria.

Adeyomoye explained that 185 machines have been installed and these machines would help to diagnose TB better and faster. He explained: “There is a need for us to wake up and recognize that TB is now a global epidemic and as such, we all need to act fast to find patients with TB, to treat and to cure them and also teach the communities on prevention.

“TB is a curable disease and whenever somebody is coughing we should think “could this be TB”? For a very long time, TB has been in the back seat and thus little knowledge has been known of the disease.”