

The fourth Health informatics bootcamp that was held at School of Computing and Informatics (SCI) officially came to a close on 11th March 2016. The bootcamp is an annual event that lasts 6 weeks, training participants on DHIS2, MFLV2, OpenMRS and other Health Information Systems (HIS).

Working on the AfyaInfo project, a USAID funded project, SCI has up to date trained more than 100 students from different universities. This year-2016- the bootcamp had 25 students from University of Nairobi, Kenyatta University, Maasai Mara University and Africa Nazarene University. The students, organised in groups worked on real life problems in healthcare presented by Ministry of Health, partners of the project and key stakeholders in Health Informatics such as Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and IntelliSoft Consulting. The group projects addressed issues of DHIS2-MFL integration, Stock Status monitoring, User management in HIS, Outpatient department module and ART Cohort Event monitoring- a tool used by NASCOP.

The closing ceremony of the bootcamp saw the students present their projects to representatives from School of Computing and Informatics, Abt Associates-AfyaInfo, Ministry of Health-Ehealth unit, Palladium group, JHPIEGO, WHO, Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and Savannah Informatics Limited. The bootcamp not only demonstrates the technical capacity in the school to solve the problems in the industry but also fosters collaboration between academia and the industry, in this case the health sector in Kenya.