Income generation

Considerable work was conducted on the development of a new incoming generating model for the department to address perennial budgetary shortfalls. Two consultants were hired to develop a business plan for the department and a team which included representatives from the Bursary, HR, the Public Relations Office, MITS and a representative from the department was established to address the transformation of the department.

The Department acquired a DNA sequencer which will be used for research and income generation purposes. Currently, the facilities are set up for antiretroviral resistance testing and molecular surveillance of HIV by way of subtypes and the department is actively seeking contracts in this area.

Research and graduate studies

The research output of the department declined to 0.8 from 1.2 papers for the period under review. Revision of the MSc (Medical Microbiology) was completed and the programme is one of the avenues which will be used to improve research output. A single candidate completed the PhD (Medical Microbiology) while a second remains registered as a part time candidate. The department has three MSc candidates registered.

Clinical Laboratory Services

This year the department recorded a decrease of 2.9% in the number of clinical specimens processed from 58,113 to 56,437 over the period.
PAPERS PRESENTED

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### PUBLICATIONS


