Naivasha leads in Aids, says report

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Naivasha Division, Nakuru District,

leads in the number of Aids

cases nationwide, a report says.

The Lake Naivasha Basin STI/HIV/Aids Project states in its five page

findings that out of 200 blood

samples screened in the past year, 50 tested HIV-positive.

The report, presented to the district medical

boss, Dr Stanley Soniya,

further says that out of 200

others screened, 48 were confirmed

HIV-positive.

The report is a culmination of research

conducted by six medical

doctors and a counsellor, who targeted

antenatal care patients and

voluntary blood donors.

The report was presented at Nakuru's Hotel Waterbuck by Dr George Galiri during a meeting of

public health officers to bid farewell

to Dr Sonoiya, who is going to

he UK for further studies.

The meeting also used the opportunity

to lay strategies for participating

in national campaigns to

eliminate polio.

According to the research findings,

the migratory workers around

the lake area, who work on flower

farms and fish, "do not stay with

their families, which puts them at

high risk".

Dr Gatiri said: "Some of the

workers on the flower farms come

from Western Kenya, having left

their wives home and are forced to

find commercial [sex] workers to

keep them company."