

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

### PUBLIC NOTICE: CALL FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE DRAFT DIGITAL HEALTH BILL

The Health Act 2017 under Section 104 requires the Cabinet Secretary of Ministry of Health, to ensure the enactment of legislation that provides for among other things- administration of health information banks including interoperability framework, data interchange and security; collection and use of personal health information; management of disclosure of personal health information; protection of privacy; business continuity, emergency and disaster preparedness; health service delivery through M-health, E-learning and telemedicine; E-waste disposal; and health tourism.

The draft Digital Health Bill has been drafted to provide for a framework for provision of digital health services, establish a comprehensive integrated digital health information system, data governance and protection of personal health information, service delivery through digital health interventions, e-waste disposal, health tourism, and for connected purposes.

A Technical Working Group composed of officers drawn from the Ministry of Health, the Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice and the Kenya Law Reform Commission has now finalized preparing the draft Digital Health Bill.

The draft Digital Health Bill have been posted to the Ministry of Health website <https://www.health.go.ke>

The Ministry of Health therefore, invites members of the public to submit any comments, inputs or memoranda they may have on the said Digital Health Bill in the format provided on the website.

The comments, inputs or memoranda thereof from the general public may be forwarded to the **Principal Secretary, State Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, P. O. Box 30016-00100, Nairobi** or hand delivered to the **Office of the Principal Secretary, State Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, Afya House**, or emailed to [digitalbill@health.go.ke](mailto:digitalbill@health.go.ke) by **19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**.

Additionally, there shall be physical and virtual meetings for public consultations on the above Digital Health Bill, 2023, at venues to be communicated on by the Ministry of Health.

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**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/MINISTRY OF HEALTH**