

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PUBLIC NOTICE: CALL FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES BILL

The Ministry, through a Technical Working Group comprised of Officers drawn from the Ministry of Health, Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice and Kenya Law Reform Commission, has developed a draft Primary Healthcare Services Bill. The Bill seeks to provide a framework for the delivery of and access to and management of primary health care; to establish the Primary Health Care Fund to provide for the financing of primary health care and for connected purposes.

The objects of the proposed Bill shall be to (a) promote and fulfill the rights of all persons in Kenya towards the progressive realization of their right to the highest attainable standards of health care; (b) promote the implementation of primary health care through a systemic approach and clear delineation of roles of all stakeholders towards realization of universal health coverage; (c) provide for the establishment of Primary Health Care Networks, Community Health Units, and other stakeholder centered engagement forums for sustainable provision of primary health care services; (d) provide for the role of the Multi-Disciplinary Team in the provision of primary health care services; (e) provide for the role of community health officers, community health assistants and community health promoters in the provision of community based primary health care services; and (f) provide for the establishment of the Primary Health Care Fund.

The Ministry therefore invites relevant stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties, to provide suggestion(s), views and inputs, with justification(s), on the Draft Primary Healthcare Services Bill which will inform changes thereof. The draft Bill and the template to guide the submission of public comments are available at the following links:- <https://www.health.go.ke>

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, Afya House**, or emailed to phcbill@health.go.ke to be received by **19th September, 2023**.

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

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