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Key Highlights | IMNHC 2026

- High-level global participation
- Country showcases and experience sharing
- Focus on implementation and accountability
- Dialogue on financing and partnerships

Kenya Showcases MPDSR at IMNHC 2026



Kenya is hosting the International Maternal and Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC 2026) under the theme "Moving Forward. Together.", focusing global attention on accelerating progress to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

Today, during the Country Showcase session, Kenya showcased how it is leveraging Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) to strengthen reporting systems and enhance accountability at all levels of care.

The session demonstrated how timely, accurate data is informing action improving facility-level response, strengthening referral systems, and guiding targeted interventions.



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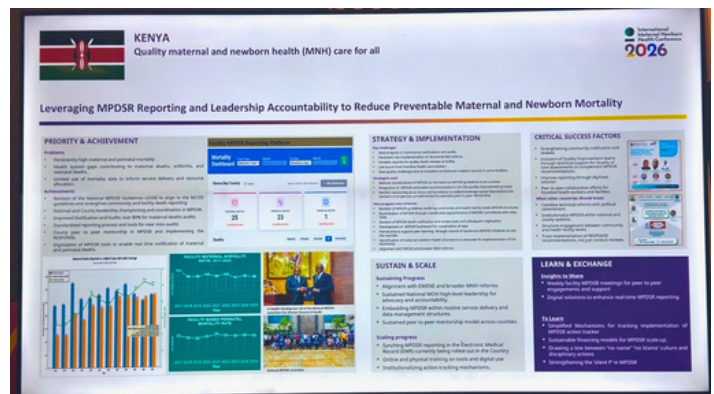
Kenya Backs Global Healthy Birth Initiative to Improve Newborn Outcomes

Today at #IMNHC2026, Kenya joined global partners in announcing the Healthy Birth Initiative—a collective action platform aimed at accelerating the reduction of low birth weight and improving outcomes for small and sick newborns.

The initiative brings together governments, professional associations, and partners to drive impact through innovation, investment, and shared insights—ensuring every birth is a healthy birth.

Speaking during the announcement, the Director-General for Health Dr Patrick AMOTH noted that newborn mortality remains a significant challenge, with rates still at 21 per 1,000 live births, underscoring the urgency for coordinated global action.

Kenya reaffirmed its commitment to advancing maternal and newborn health through its five-year roadmap, aligning national priorities with global efforts to improve survival and quality of care for newborns.



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Focus on Partnerships and Financing to Scale Maternal and Newborn Health at IMNHC 2026

Scaling maternal and newborn health interventions and improving outcomes for women and newborns formed a key focus of discussions at #IMNHC2026.

The session, held under the theme “Empowering Tomorrow: Partnering to Deliver Maternal and Newborn Health at Scale,” highlighted the role of the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE) partnership in translating commitments into measurable, country-led results.

Participants emphasised the need for strengthened collaboration across governments, partners and communities to expand high-impact interventions, while underscoring sustainable and predictable financing as critical to improving access and quality of care.

Kenya was represented by Dr Juliet Omwoha, Head of the Newborn and Child Health Section, who participated as a panellist alongside representatives from the Ministry of Health Malawi, WHO Geneva, the Global Financing Facility, the Beginnings Fund and the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation.

