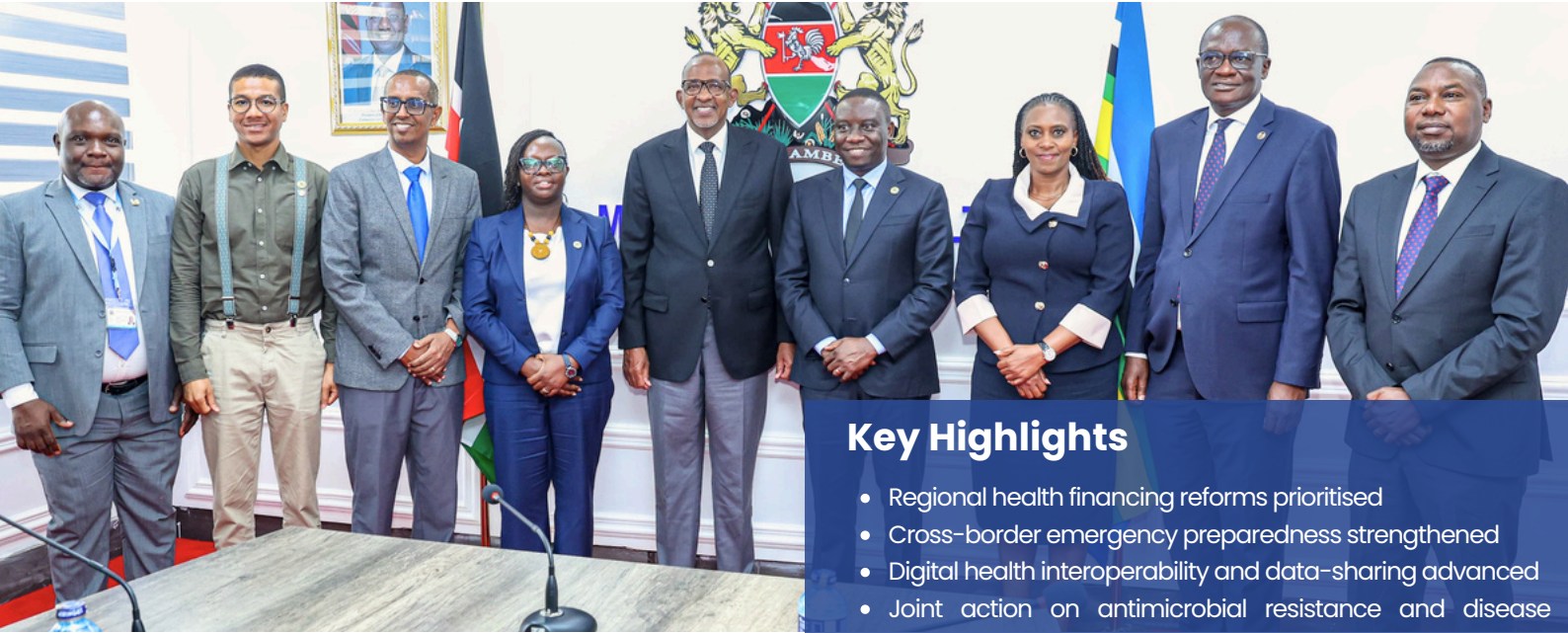


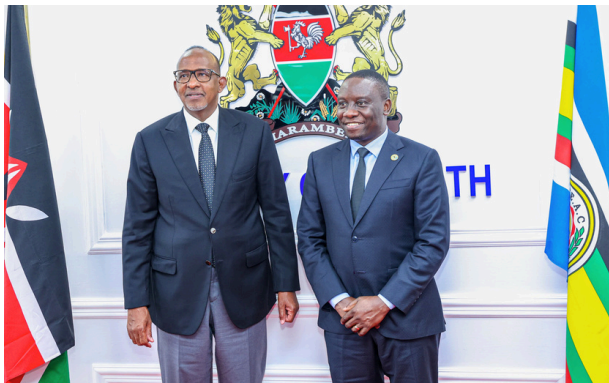
# MOH DAILY NEWS BRIEF



## Key Highlights

- Regional health financing reforms prioritised
- Cross-border emergency preparedness strengthened
- Digital health interoperability and data-sharing advanced
- Joint action on antimicrobial resistance and disease surveillance

## Kenya strengthens regional health cooperation in talks with ECSA-HC



Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to regional health collaboration following talks between Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale and the ECSA-HC delegation led by Ntuli Kapologwe.

The engagement prioritised sustainable health financing—including pooled funding and public-private partnerships—alongside strengthening emergency preparedness through coordinated, cross-border response systems.

Discussions also focused on advancing digital health interoperability, harmonised data-sharing, and joint action on disease surveillance and antimicrobial resistance.

Kenya further underscored investments in the health workforce and its ambition to position itself as a regional hub for pharmaceutical manufacturing, while calling for stronger partnerships, accountability, and aligned regional action.

The meeting was attended by Mary Muthoni, Patrick Amoth, alongside ECSA-HC officials Dr. Evelyne Wesangula and Dr. Khalid Azam.



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## Innovations take focus at IMNHC 2026 marketplace

Practical, country-led solutions to improve maternal and newborn health were showcased at the Innovative Marketplace during IMNHC 2026.

The exhibition featured digital tools, community-driven approaches, and service delivery innovations demonstrating what is working on the ground—and what can be scaled to accelerate progress.



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## Kenya Steps Up Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Push

Kenya is accelerating efforts to expand local pharmaceutical manufacturing, positioning the sector as central to health security and economic growth.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale convened a high-level engagement on the margins of the Kenya International Investment Conference 2026, bringing together investors, industry leaders and partners to scale production and reduce reliance on imports.

Discussions focused on closing the 70% pharmaceutical supply gap by expanding manufacturing capacity, strengthening supply chains and improving distribution systems. Ongoing reforms—ranging from procurement policies that prioritise local products to regulatory improvements and access to long-term financing—are driving the transition.

A 22% decline in pharmaceutical import expenditure alongside new market entrants signals growing investor confidence, as Kenya positions itself as a competitive regional manufacturing hub.

The CS was accompanied by PS Mary Muthoni and PS Ouma Oluga.



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### Kenya Advances Shift to Multiple Micronutrient Supplements to Improve Maternal Nutrition

Kenya is scaling up efforts to improve maternal nutrition through expanded access to multiple micronutrient supplements (MMS) for pregnant women.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni today engaged delegations from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Children's Investment Fund Foundation to advance support for the country's transition from Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation (IFAS) to MMS.

The partnership will provide technical assistance, financing and community-level support to enable nationwide rollout, strengthen adherence, and integrate MMS into antenatal care services.

The initiative is expected to improve maternal and child health outcomes while positioning Kenya as a regional model in maternal nutrition.

The delegations were led by Zeina Sifri and Shalmali Radha Karnad.



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### Parliament reviews Auditor-General's report on health sector accounts.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga today appeared before the National Assembly Public Accounts Committee, chaired by Hon. Nicholas Tindi Mwale (MP, Butere), for a consultative review of the Auditor-General's report on National Government accounts for the financial year ending 30th June 2024.

The session enabled a focused interrogation of the report, aimed at strengthening financial accountability, improving internal controls, and enhancing prudent management of public resources within the State Department.

Discussions emphasised the importance of sustained collaboration between government entities and oversight bodies to promote transparency and ensure effective use of public funds.

Dr. Oluga reaffirmed the State Department's commitment to full cooperation with Parliament, underscoring readiness to provide all required information to support oversight while advancing delivery of quality healthcare services under the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

