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Duale updates Senate on health reforms and NHIF claims settlement



Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, has briefed the Senate on progress in ongoing health sector reforms, outlining measures to strengthen financing, improve service delivery and enhance accountability across the system.

He confirmed that the Government has allocated KSh 4 billion to begin settling verified claims under the defunct NHIF, particularly those between KSh 0 and 10 million, in a move aimed at restoring provider confidence and supporting a smooth transition to the Social Health Authority (SHA).

The Cabinet Secretary reported that SHA is improving efficiency in claims processing, with a 74 per cent settlement rate achieved so far, supported by a 90-day payment timeline across all levels of care.

He also highlighted improvements in the supply of medicines and commodities through KEMSA, which has recorded a 92 per cent refill rate. In addition, assistive hearing devices have been integrated into the national distribution system, with 2,000 more units planned for procurement through partnerships.

Further updates included strengthened tobacco control measures, implementation of the Kenya Climate Change and Health Strategy (2024–2029), expansion of cancer services through additional infrastructure and regional centres, and enhanced accountability through the Digital Superhighway initiative, which has led to the closure of over 1,200 non-compliant facilities.





Partners align on public health priorities

The Ministry of Health has convened development partners, civil society and community organisations to strengthen coordination and align support with national public health priorities.

The consultative meeting focused on advancing disease prevention, health promotion and system resilience, with emphasis on practical, community-driven approaches to strengthen Primary Health Care and improve health outcomes.



Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, reaffirmed the Government's commitment to results-oriented partnerships that enhance service delivery and accelerate progress towards Universal Health Coverage.

She also called for increased partner engagement ahead of the Kenya Public Health International Conference (KEPHIC 2026), urging stakeholders to support planning and resource mobilisation to position Kenya as a regional leader in public health, climate action and health security.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders, including Health NGOs Network (HENNET) Chief Executive Officer Dr Margaret Lubaale and other senior officials.



CS Health calls for increased investment in health

Health financing and investment featured prominently at the opening of the 10th Africa Health Business Symposium 2026 in Nairobi.

The two-day forum, held under the theme “Health as an Investment: Powering Impact, Sustainability and Economic Growth in Africa,” has brought together leaders from government, private sector, development partners and civil society to advance solutions, catalyse investment and strengthen public-private partnerships in health.

Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, called for stronger domestic resource mobilisation, enhanced accountability, increased investment in digital health technologies, and reduced reliance on external support amid tightening global financing.

He outlined four key priorities driving Universal Health Coverage: sustainable health financing through the Social Health Authority (SHA), which has onboarded over 30.5 million Kenyans; strengthening Primary Health Care and community systems; advancing local manufacturing; and accelerating digital transformation to support delivery of the Taifa Care Model.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that ongoing reforms are opening up investment opportunities across the health sector, positioning Kenya as a regional hub for health innovation and investment.

The session brought together key stakeholders, including Nigeria’s Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Dr Adekunle Salako; Africa Health Business Chairman Dr Amit Thakker; WHO Country Director Dr Neema Kimambo; Africa Health Business Managing Director Marloes Kibacha; and WHO AFRO Director of Programme Management Dr Abdourahmane Diallo.





Health financing takes focus at Africa Health Business Symposium

Health financing and investment strategies to expand access to care were a key focus during a high-level panel at the Africa Health Business Symposium 2026 in Nairobi.

The session, held under the theme “Financing Health Futures: Unlocking Investment for Africa,” brought together regional and global leaders to examine sustainable approaches to health financing and strengthen partnerships across the sector.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga, outlined Kenya’s evolving health financing model and its role in advancing equitable and sustainable access to healthcare.



He emphasised the need to strengthen health systems, scale innovative partnerships, and improve access to quality services as part of efforts to build a resilient healthcare system aligned with Africa’s development priorities.

The discussion convened key stakeholders, including WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Africa Health Business Managing Director Marloes Kibacha, Ministry of Health officials and other partners.





PS Public Health calls for shift to nationally owned HIV response

A transition from donor-funded HIV programmes to nationally owned and integrated health systems has been identified as key to sustaining progress in the HIV response.

The call was made during the closing of the Coverage, Quality and Impact Network (CQUIN) 2026 Technical Meeting in Nairobi, which brought together participants from 21 countries to share experiences and strengthen collaboration.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, noted that the shift presents an opportunity to strengthen people-centred care, expand access to services, and improve long-term system resilience.

She highlighted progress in integrating HIV services within Primary Health Care, with over 1,000 facilities now offering oral PrEP, alongside the rollout of long-acting prevention options, including CAB-LA and lenacapavir, across multiple sites.

The Principal Secretary emphasised the need to move beyond pilot programmes and scale practical, evidence-based interventions within national systems, supported by domestic financing and strengthened institutional capacity.





PS Medical Services calls for alignment of innovation and healthcare delivery

Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga, officially opened the 26th MED-EXPO AFRICA 2026 in Nairobi, bringing together industry leaders and innovators to showcase emerging medical technologies.

The international exhibition has convened stakeholders from across Africa and beyond, highlighting solutions aimed at improving healthcare delivery and expanding access to quality services.

Dr Oluga emphasised the need to align medical technology, trade and innovation to deliver more affordable and efficient healthcare, noting that stronger integration is critical to reducing the cost of care while improving quality and accessibility.

He underscored the role of a strong health system in driving economic growth, calling for increased investment in sustainable and cost-effective solutions that enhance resilience.

The Principal Secretary reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening partnerships and enabling policies that support innovation, trade and service delivery in the health sector.





Focus on health as economic driver at Africa Health Business Symposium

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, has emphasised the need to position health as a strategic economic investment to drive growth and strengthen human capital.

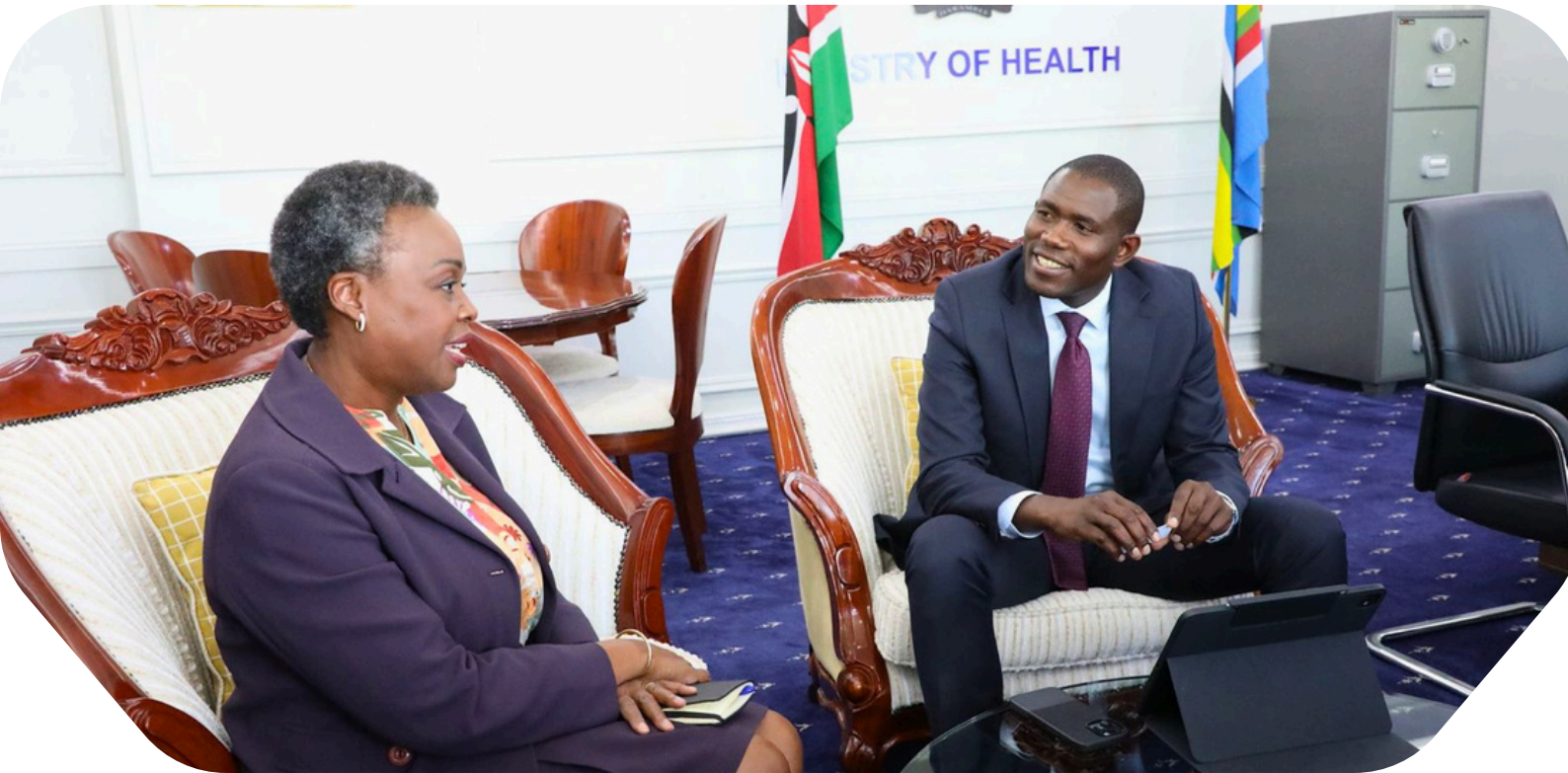
She spoke during a panel session at the Africa Health Business Symposium 2026 in Nairobi, held under the theme "Health as an Investment: Powering Impact, Sustainability and Economic Growth in Africa."



Muthoni noted that treating health as an investment is critical to supporting long-term development, improving productivity, and accelerating inclusive growth.

She highlighted Kenya's ongoing reforms focused on strengthening Primary Health Care, expanding sustainable health financing, and advancing partnerships and innovation to deliver coordinated, high-quality health services.



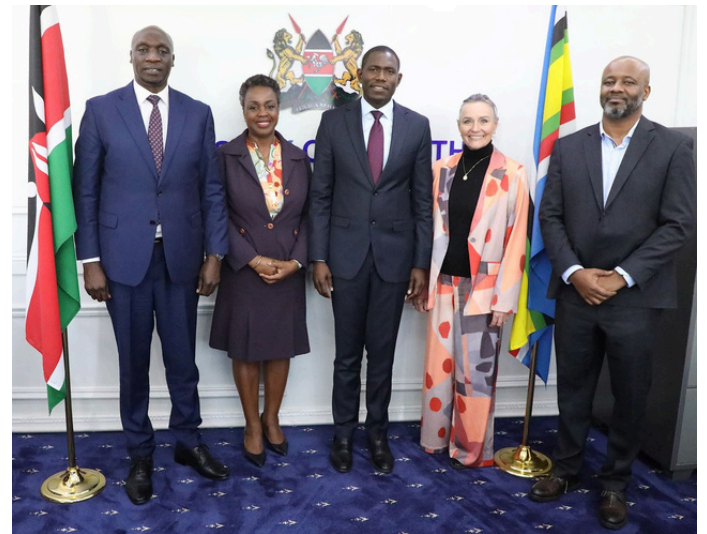


Digital health collaboration discussions held with Oracle

The State Department for Medical Services has held discussions with Oracle Corporation on advancing Kenya's Digital Health Transformation Agenda.

The engagement focused on the use of innovative technologies to improve service delivery, strengthen data integration, and support evidence-based decision-making across the healthcare system.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga, reaffirmed the Department's commitment to partnerships aligned with the Government's vision for a digitally enabled, patient-centred health system. He emphasised the need for scalable and secure digital solutions to enhance efficiency, transparency and health outcomes.



The Oracle delegation expressed interest in supporting Kenya's healthcare sector through tailored digital solutions and knowledge exchange, citing the country's growing leadership in digital innovation within the region.

The State Department continues to prioritise partnerships that strengthen digital health infrastructure as a key pillar in delivering Universal Health Coverage.





Africa vaccine manufacturing agenda in focus ahead of World Health Summit

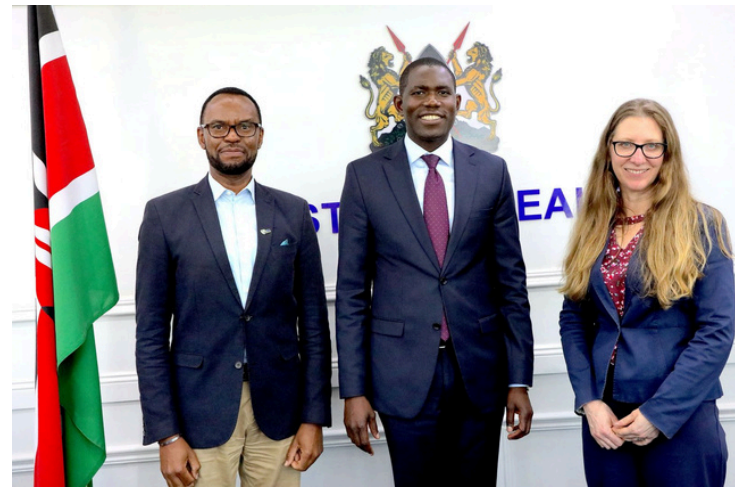
Preparations for advancing regional vaccine manufacturing in Africa are underway ahead of the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026.

A delegation from the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), UK, briefed Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga, ahead of his participation in a high-level panel on regionalised vaccine manufacturing.

The session, themed “From Political Commitment to Predictable Markets: Operationalising Regionalised Vaccine Manufacturing in Africa,” will examine practical steps to translate policy commitments into sustainable, market-driven manufacturing systems.

Dr Oluga is expected to highlight priority actions, including strengthening demand aggregation, enhancing financing frameworks, and aligning regulatory systems to support investment and scale-up of local vaccine production.

The discussions are expected to contribute to broader continental efforts to strengthen health product manufacturing, including upcoming engagements under the African Union.





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Eat more vegetables for strong immunity.



WHOLE GRAINS

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