

# MOH DAILY NEWS BRIEF



## Highlights

- Legislative priorities aligned
- BREHS progress reviewed
- Kisumu hospital plans advance
- Financing shift takes focus
- MoH-IOM partnership strengthened

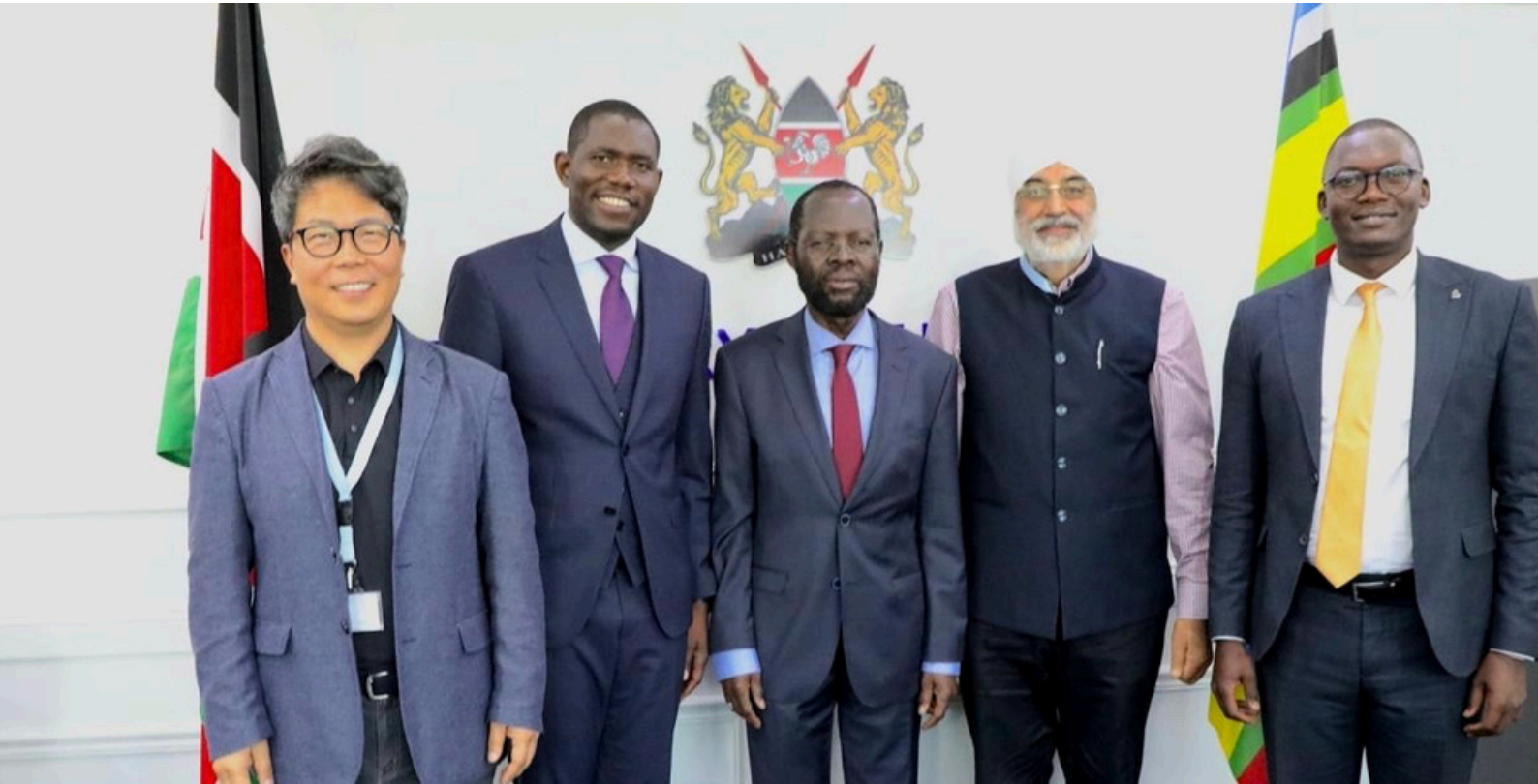
## MoH, World Bank align BREHS priorities to accelerate health system reforms

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni on 31 March 2026 met the World Bank to review progress of the BREHS Project and align priorities under ongoing health sector reforms, with a focus on accelerating implementation, strengthening county readiness, addressing emerging challenges and advancing maternal and neonatal health, including nutrition interventions supported through the Global Financing Facility.

The engagement emphasised enhanced coordination, timely resource mobilisation and sustained collaboration to deliver a more resilient, responsive and people-centred health system. The World Bank team was led by Technical Lead Dr. Peter Okwero.



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### **Kisumu Level 5 hospital and oncology plans progress**

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga held a consultative meeting with Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o at Afya House to fast-track implementation of the Presidential Directive on establishing a new Level 5 hospital in Kisumu and advancing oncology services and research infrastructure for the Lake Region.

Prof. Nyong'o contributed his experience as a former Minister for Medical Services and expertise in development policy, supporting practical, outcome-focused discussions.

Both initiatives are underway, signalling progress in strengthening healthcare capacity and expanding access to specialised services in the region.



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### Kenya urges coordinated, locally driven development financing



Kenya is advancing the need for a fundamental shift in development financing towards more inclusive, coordinated and locally driven approaches to policy and implementation.

Speaking at the Kenya Partners Convening (KPC) 2026 held at JW Marriott Hotel Nairobi, Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga highlighted the importance of aligning governance, policy-making and delivery systems to translate existing capacity into measurable impact.

He noted that fragmented models have outlived their usefulness, calling for shared responsibility in both policy formulation and implementation across government, partners and stakeholders.

Participants included Dr. Githinji Gitahi, Chief Executive Officer, AMREF Health Africa; David Khaoya, Senior Research Fellow in Health Economics, University of Nairobi; and Karen Basiye, Director of Sustainable Business and Social Impact, Safaricom Foundation, alongside other government officials and development partners.



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### MoH reviews legislative pipeline to fast-track health reforms

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, on 30 March 2026, participated in a Government Legislative Agenda Prioritisation Roundtable convening the State Departments for Medical Services and Public Health and Professional Standards, coordinated by Principal Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs Aurelia Chepkurui Rono.

The engagement assessed the Ministry of Health's legislative and regulatory pipeline—including draft policies, bills before Parliament and regulations under development—to sequence high-impact actions for system strengthening, patient safety and service quality.



The session reinforced the role of legislation as a driver of implementation, with focus on accelerating reforms that support Universal Health Coverage and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Also present was Mr. Adan Harake, Secretary Administration representing the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards, alongside senior officials from both State Departments.

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### MoH, IOM Kenya strengthen collaboration on migration health and preparedness

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga hosted Ms. Nomagugu Hanyana Ncube, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Kenya, at Afya House following her assumption of office in January 2026.

The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between IOM Kenya and the Ministry of Health, with emphasis on migration health, disease surveillance and preparedness, including at points of entry. Discussions also explored formal coordination mechanisms and priority areas for joint implementation.



Dr. Oluga reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to partnerships that enhance national health security and service delivery, underscoring the need to integrate migration health into surveillance, outbreak preparedness and broader public health interventions.

Ms. Ncube highlighted IOM's commitment to enhanced coordination, support for mobility-focused health interventions at points of entry and surrounding communities, and integration of migration health priorities into national health security, preparedness and Universal Health Coverage efforts.

Also present were Dr. Maureen Kamene, Acting CEO, Kenya National Public Health Institute; Mr. Sharif Fiasal, Deputy Chief of Mission, IOM Kenya; and Dr. Basnet Singh Mukunda, Chief Migration Health Officer.

