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New radiotherapy centre expected to double cancer treatment capacity in the Coastal region.

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Kenya, IAEA Commission Mombasa Radiotherapy Centre to Expand Cancer Care Access

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale and Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Rafael Mariano Grossi, today commissioned and officially handed over the Mombasa Radiotherapy Centre at Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital, marking a major milestone in strengthening cancer treatment services in the Coastal region.

The new facility, equipped with a modern Linear Accelerator (LINAC) through support from the IAEA, is expected to double radiotherapy treatment capacity from 70 to 140 patients daily, significantly improving access to specialised oncology care.

The commissioning forms part of ongoing Government efforts to decentralise specialised healthcare services and strengthen regional referral hospitals under the Universal Health Coverage agenda.



The centre is expected to reduce treatment waiting times, ease pressure on national referral facilities, and lessen the financial and logistical burden faced by patients travelling long distances to seek cancer treatment.

The Government reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening cancer prevention, early diagnosis, and timely treatment through continued investment in medical technology, workforce capacity building, and expansion of regional oncology infrastructure.

The event was hosted by Abdulswamad Sharif Nassir in his capacity as Chairperson of the Council of Governors Health Committee and brought together Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Principal Secretary Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, and representatives from the Kenya National Cancer Institute.





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Nurses Recognised as Backbone of Kenya’s Healthcare System

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni has reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to strengthening and empowering the nursing workforce as a key pillar in advancing quality healthcare and Universal Health Coverage in Kenya.

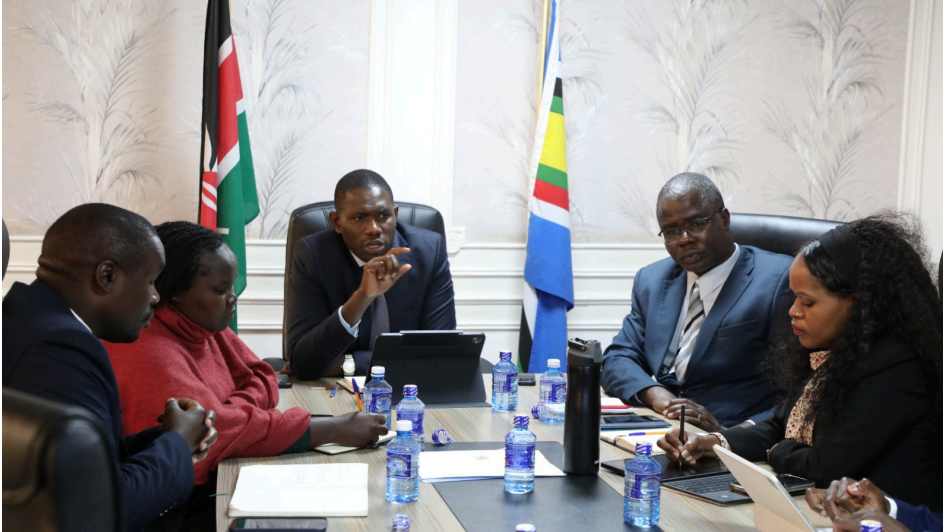
Speaking during the International Nurses Week celebrations at The Nairobi Hospital under the theme “Our Nurses, Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives,” the Principal Secretary recognised nurses for their critical role in saving lives, improving maternal and child health, and ensuring continuity of care across the healthcare system.

She noted that nurses account for over 110,000 health workers, representing nearly 58 per cent of Kenya’s health workforce, underscoring their central role in delivering healthcare services across the country.

Mary Muthoni also commended The Nairobi Hospital for continued investment in professional development, higher education, research, innovation, and modernisation of clinical training facilities aimed at strengthening the healthcare workforce.



The Principal Secretary emphasized that empowering nurses through improved training, technology, leadership opportunities, and supportive working environments remains essential in building resilient and people-centred health systems.



Kenya–U.S. Health Cooperation Framework Technical Team Reviews Implementation Priorities

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga today chaired a high-level meeting of the Strategic Objective Agreement (SOAG) Technical Working Group under the Kenya–U.S. Health Cooperation Framework to review key implementation and coordination priorities.

The meeting brought together representatives from the Ministry of Health, National Treasury, Council of Governors, and the Office of the Solicitor General to align implementation modalities, co-financing arrangements, and sustainability measures under the framework.



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Technical Working Group reviewed transition and sustainability measures under the Kenya–U.S. Health Cooperation Framework.

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“Strong coordination between national Government, counties, and partners remains critical in safeguarding continuity of essential health services and advancing ongoing health sector reforms.” — Dr. Ouma Oluga

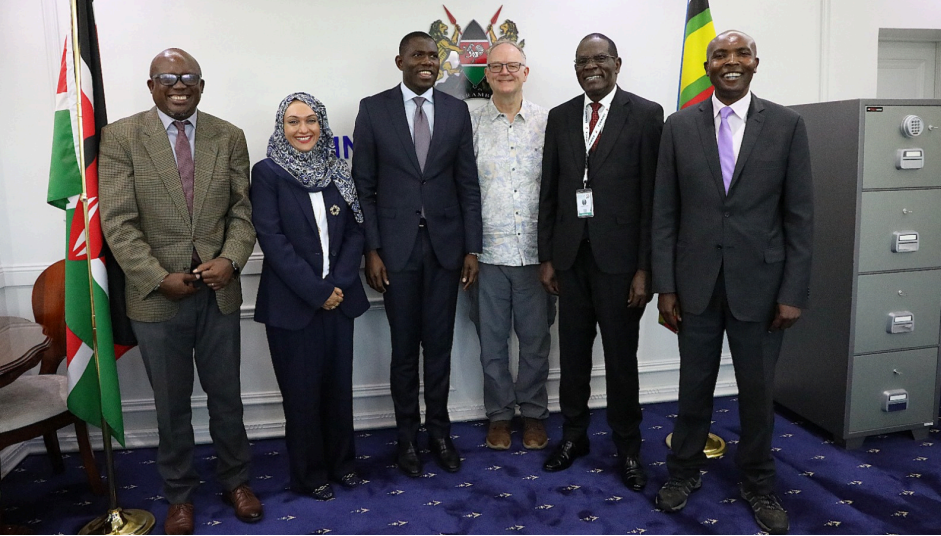
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Dr. Oluga emphasized the importance of aligning the agreement with Kenya’s health priorities, fiscal realities, and intergovernmental structures while safeguarding continuity of essential health services during the transition period.

The Principal Secretary reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to strengthening locally driven health systems through sustainable financing, workforce support, digitisation, and improved commodity security as part of ongoing efforts to advance Universal Health Coverage.

The Technical Working Group also reviewed key transition and implementation priorities aimed at ensuring uninterrupted healthcare delivery and supporting ongoing health sector reforms.



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Discussions focused on strengthening Government-private sector collaboration in specialised healthcare, workforce development, digital health, and investment to support ongoing Universal Health Coverage reforms.

Government, M.P. Shah Hospital Explore Collaboration to Strengthen UHC

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga today held a consultative meeting at Afya House with the Chief Executive Officer of M.P. Shah Hospital, Dr. Toseef Din, to discuss strategic collaboration in support of Kenya's Universal Health Coverage agenda.

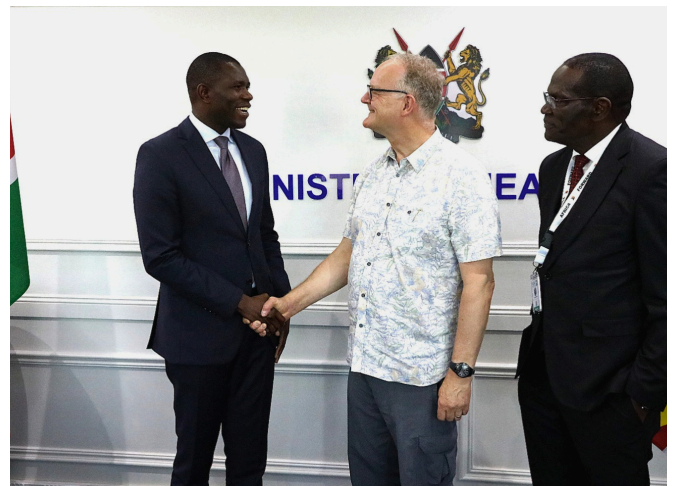
The discussions focused on strengthening Government-private sector partnerships to improve access to quality and specialised healthcare services, support ongoing health sector reforms, and advance efforts under the Social Health Authority framework.

Stakeholders also reviewed progress under the Kenya-UK Health Alliance, particularly in healthcare workforce development, specialised medical services, digital health, local pharmaceutical manufacturing, specialised training, and reducing outbound medical referrals.

Dr. Oluga reaffirmed the Government's commitment to close collaboration with private sector partners in strengthening healthcare systems and expanding equitable access to affordable, quality healthcare services across the country.

The meeting further highlighted preparations for the upcoming Kenya-UK Health Alliance Conference themed "Healthcare as a Strategic Growth Sector," expected to mobilise investments and strengthen partnerships ahead of the 2026 Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting.

Also present were Mr. John Guto, Lead Coordinator of the Kenya-UK Health Alliance, and Dr. Graham of Healing Little Hearts.





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The visit highlighted ongoing investments in primary healthcare, community health services, digital health systems, and equitable healthcare financing aimed at improving access to quality and affordable healthcare services.

French Delegation, IDA Vice President Visit Riruta Level 4 Hospital

The Ministry of Health on Sunday 10 May 2026 hosted a high-level delegation from the French Government alongside International Development Association (IDA) Vice President Mr. Akihiko Nishio during a visit to Riruta Level 4 Hospital in Nairobi, reaffirming commitment to strengthening Primary Health Care as the foundation for Universal Health Coverage.

Led by Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale, the visit highlighted ongoing reforms under the Primary Healthcare Act, 2023 aimed at ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare services for all Kenyans.

Discussions focused on investments in community health services, digital health systems, preventive healthcare, maternal and child health, immunization, nutrition, and equitable healthcare financing to improve access to quality healthcare services.

The engagement brought together senior Ministry of Health officials, Nairobi County leadership, development partners, and healthcare workers, underscoring continued collaboration in strengthening resilient and people-centred health systems across the country.



Highlight:

Primary Health Care remains central to advancing Universal Health Coverage in Kenya.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

WHAT THE MINISTRY IS DOING ON HANTAVIRUS

The Ministry of Health is taking precautionary steps to protect the public:



Monitoring the situation through WHO and international partners



Strengthening screening at airports and seaports



Alerting health facilities to watch for symptoms in travellers



Ensuring rapid response and testing systems are ready



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Protect yourself and others.



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