



## Insight

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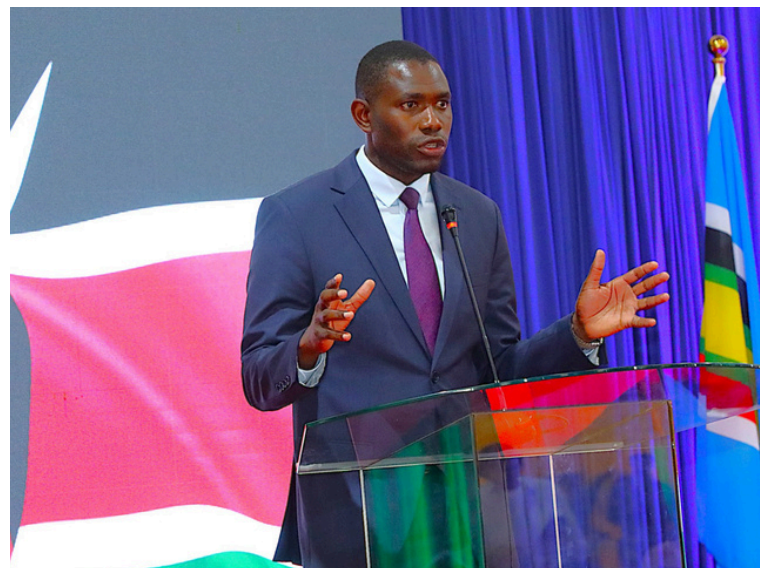
## Kenya advances vaccine manufacturing agenda through BioVax investment

A visit to the Kenya BioVax Institute facility in Embakasi by French Minister for International Development Ms. Éléonore Caroit today reaffirmed Kenya’s commitment to strengthening local vaccine and biopharmaceuticals manufacturing to improve health security and reduce dependence on imports.

Speaking during the tour, Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga said lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need for sustainable local manufacturing capacity and stronger preparedness for future health emergencies.

Dr. Oluga noted that the Government is investing in primary healthcare, digital systems, workforce development, and health products to strengthen healthcare delivery and support resilient health systems.

He said the Kenya BioVax Institute remains a strategic investment in pandemic preparedness, routine immunisation security, and regional supply resilience, adding that the facility has made significant progress in infrastructure development and technical readiness for vaccine production.



The PS further noted that the next phase will focus on installation and validation of fill-and-finish systems, strengthening quality assurance, workforce capacity building, and advancing the facility towards compliant vaccine manufacturing.

He called for stronger collaboration with development partners, including the French Government and the World Bank, to accelerate Kenya’s ambition of becoming a regional hub for vaccine and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

The visit was attended by World Bank Vice President for Development Finance Mr. Akihiko Nishio, French Ambassador for Global Health Ms. Anne-Claire Amprou, Kenya BioVax Board Chair Dr. Charles Githua Githinji, Kenya BioVax Institute CEO Dr. Wesley Ronoh, members of the French delegation, development partners, senior Ministry officials, and staff of the Kenya BioVax Institute.





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## Government Prioritizes Preventive Healthcare in FY2026/27 Budget Plans

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale today presented the 2026/2027 Financial Year Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards before the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health chaired by Seme MP Dr. James Nyikal.

During the session, the Cabinet Secretary outlined key public health priorities and ongoing reforms aimed at strengthening implementation of the Taifa Care Model under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). He highlighted continued collaboration with development partners and stakeholders in advancing preventive and promotive healthcare, policy and regulatory reforms, sector coordination, and delivery of essential public health interventions.

Hon. Duale emphasized the importance of sustained investment in human resources for health and the uninterrupted availability of essential medical commodities to support progress towards Universal Health Coverage. He further noted that the increasing burden of disease and emerging public health threats continue to exert pressure on the healthcare system, underscoring the need for enhanced financing towards disease surveillance, emergency preparedness and response, sanitation and hygiene, and broader public health systems strengthening.



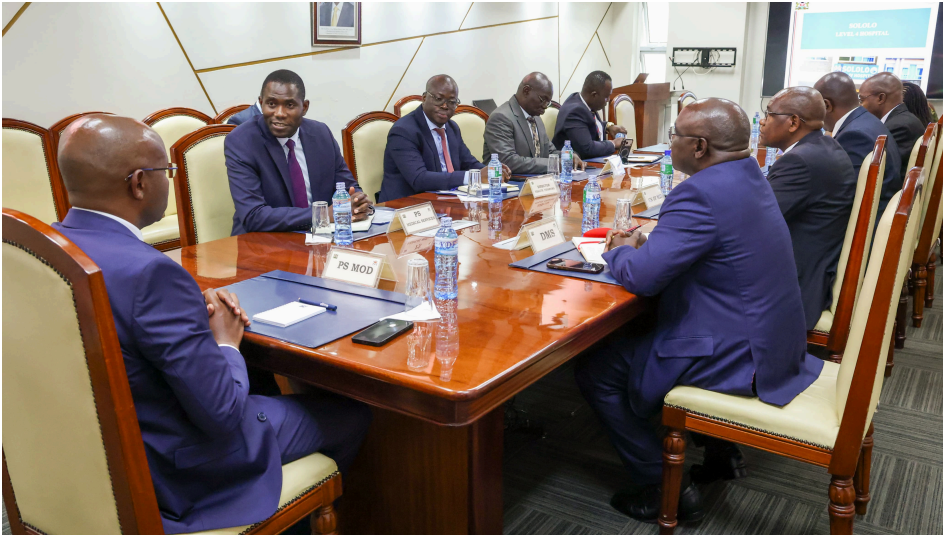
The Cabinet Secretary also called on the Committee to protect critical health programmes, particularly immunization services, from budget reductions during supplementary budget reviews in order to sustain gains made in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of Kenyans.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms Mary Muthoni, Ministry Directors, Chief Executive Officers, and Technical Heads.

**Key Highlight:**

CS Aden Duale called for increased investment in preventive healthcare, disease surveillance, emergency preparedness, and essential medical commodities to strengthen public health systems and sustain progress towards Universal Health Coverage.





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Inter-ministerial collaboration remains key to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and advancing UHC.

“Strong collaboration across Government remains essential in strengthening healthcare systems and improving access to quality health services for all Kenyans.” — Dr. Ouma Oluga.

## Health and Defence Ministries Strengthen Collaboration on Healthcare Infrastructure

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga and Defence Principal Secretary Dr. Patrick Mariru today held a consultative meeting at the Defence Headquarters to review progress on ongoing joint healthcare infrastructure projects supporting Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The discussions explored opportunities for enhanced collaboration between the two Ministries in advancing health sector reforms, with a focus on healthcare financing, resource mobilization, and investments aimed at strengthening healthcare infrastructure and improving service delivery across the country.

The meeting reaffirmed the strong partnership between the Ministries of Health and Defence in supporting the Government’s broader agenda of expanding access to quality healthcare services under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Senior officials from both Ministries attended the meeting.





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The Government is prioritizing preventive and promotive healthcare to reduce disease burden and strengthen community health systems.

## State Department Outlines Public Health Priorities in FY2026/27 Budget Estimates

The State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards today appeared before the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health to present the FY2026/27 Budget Estimates, outlining key priorities aimed at strengthening preventive and promotive healthcare and accelerating Universal Health Coverage under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

During the session, the State Department underscored the Government's continued focus on shifting healthcare delivery from curative care to preventive and promotive health, emphasizing that investments in prevention, primary healthcare, and community health systems are essential in reducing disease burden, lowering healthcare costs, and improving health outcomes.

The Committee was briefed on priority interventions including strengthening disease surveillance and emergency preparedness, expanding Primary Care Networks, supporting Community Health Promoters, rolling out digital health systems, enhancing TB and malaria programmes, strengthening healthcare workforce training and internship support, improving public health laboratories and food safety systems, and advancing health research, innovation, and regulatory systems.

The presentation was led by Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni and attended by Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale.





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