



Health-centred infrastructure critical for resilient communities, says PS Mary Muthoni

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni has called for stronger integration of public health considerations in infrastructure planning and development, emphasizing that healthier built environments are essential for disease prevention, safety, resilience, and improved quality of life.

Speaking during the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors Continuous Professional Development Seminar in Nairobi, the Principal Secretary noted that the design of buildings, schools, hospitals, roads, and public spaces directly influences health outcomes and community wellbeing.

The seminar, themed “Health, Dignity and Inclusion in the Built Environment,” brought together architects, engineers, planners, quantity surveyors, and other stakeholders to discuss the role of infrastructure in promoting healthier and more inclusive communities.



Insight

The engagement highlighted the importance of healthier and resilient infrastructure in improving public health, safety, and community wellbeing.

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“Healthier and climate-resilient infrastructure is essential for safer communities, disease prevention, and sustainable development.” — Mary Muthoni

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Ms. Muthoni highlighted the need for proper ventilation, natural lighting, accessibility, safety, climate resilience, and inclusive public spaces in infrastructure projects, while calling for closer collaboration between public health experts and built environment professionals.

She further emphasized the importance of universal access and gender-sensitive design to ensure infrastructure equitably serves all populations, including children, women, older persons, and persons living with disabilities.

The Principal Secretary reiterated the need to align infrastructure development with Ministry of Health standards, the National Building Code, and Kenya’s climate adaptation priorities to support safer, healthier, and more resilient communities.



Insights

The engagement reaffirmed the importance of sustained collaboration and coordinated implementation in strengthening resilient healthcare systems and advancing national health priorities.

“Strong partnerships and coordinated implementation remain critical in advancing resilient healthcare systems and improving health outcomes for Kenyans.”

Kenya, US strengthen cooperation on health sector priorities

Principal Secretaries for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga and Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni on May 14, 2026 co-chaired the Joint Health Cooperation Framework Steering Committee meeting to review progress in developing the Kenya–USG Health Cooperation Framework Implementation Plan 2026–2030.

The meeting brought together representatives from the Ministry of Health, the United States Government, and key stakeholders to review ongoing technical, legal, and institutional processes supporting implementation of the framework.

Discussions focused on strengthening coordination mechanisms, advancing the implementation plan, aligning financing and programme management structures, and enhancing consultations with counties and stakeholders to support effective delivery of health sector priorities.

The engagement reaffirmed the strong partnership between Kenya and the United States in advancing resilient healthcare systems and improving health outcomes for Kenyans.



Key Highlight:

The meeting highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen coordination, financing, and stakeholder engagement to support effective implementation of Kenya’s health sector priorities.





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Women who experience leakage of urine, stool, or both after childbirth should seek treatment immediately at the nearest health facility

