



## Insight

The engagement underscored the importance of public-private collaboration in strengthening specialised healthcare services and advancing UHC.

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“Strengthening collaboration with private healthcare institutions remains key to improving specialised care services and advancing Universal Health Coverage,” said Dr. Ouma Oluga.

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## PS Medical Services Engages Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital on UHC Collaboration

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga on May 14, 2026 held discussions with the management of Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital in Loresho, Nairobi, as part of ongoing engagements aimed at strengthening collaboration between the Ministry of Health and private healthcare institutions in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The meeting focused on enhancing cooperation in specialised eye care services, improving healthcare delivery, and reinforcing the complementary role of private healthcare providers in supporting public sector efforts to expand access to quality and efficient health services across the country.

Dr. Oluga reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to strengthening partnerships with private sector stakeholders to support service delivery and accelerate progress towards Universal Health Coverage.

The PS was received by Dr. Manila Dodhia, Dr. Samson Ndegwa, and Ms. Rizwana Peerbhoy.

### Key Highlight:

The meeting reaffirmed the critical role of private healthcare institutions in supporting the delivery of quality and specialised health services under the Universal Health Coverage agenda.





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The workshop reinforced the importance of county-led action in accelerating progress on newborn and child survival.

“County leadership is critical in improving newborn and child health outcomes,” said Dr. Bashir.

**Counties Strengthen Action on Newborn and Child Health**

The Ministry of Health RMNCAH Division, through the Newborn and Child Health Section, convened county paediatricians from all 47 counties for a four-day high-level workshop aimed at accelerating progress in newborn and child health across the country.

The workshop provided a platform to review key indicators and performance trends, disseminate updated guidelines and policies, and strengthen county-led implementation of high-impact newborn and child health interventions.

Director of Family Health Dr. Bashir emphasized the critical role of county paediatricians in improving newborn and child health outcomes through strengthened mentorship, enhanced MPDSR and NCA death audit systems, skills transfer to sub-counties, and improved service delivery across public, private, and faith-based health facilities.

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**Key Highlight:**

County teams developed tailored action plans to accelerate implementation of high-impact newborn and child health interventions across all 47 counties.

A key highlight was a presentation by Dr. Juliet, Head of the Newborn and Child Health Section, on the Kenya EWENE Acceleration Plan. The discussions noted that despite progress made, Kenya remains off track in achieving Sustainable Development Goal targets on newborn and child survival, underscoring the need for urgent and coordinated county-driven action.

County teams developed tailored action plans to strengthen implementation and accelerate impact in improving survival and health outcomes for newborns and children across the country.



## Preparations for EWENE Launch in Advanced Stage

Preparations for the launch of the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE) Campaign are at an advanced stage as Kenya steps up efforts to reduce maternal and newborn deaths across the country.

The initiative aims to strengthen awareness, improve access to quality maternal and newborn healthcare services, and mobilise collective action towards improving health outcomes for mothers and babies.

Implemented in collaboration with partners and stakeholders, the campaign reflects a shared commitment to advancing maternal and newborn health and promoting equitable access to essential healthcare services nationwide.



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The EWENE Campaign reflects Kenya's renewed commitment to accelerating efforts to reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

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“Strengthening maternal and newborn health remains central to improving health outcomes and securing healthier futures for families across the country.”

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### Key Highlight:

The EWENE Campaign will strengthen awareness, expand access to quality maternal and newborn healthcare services, and drive collective action to save lives.



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