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Strengthening partnerships to advance resilient and self-reliant healthcare systems.

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— Hon. Aden Duale, Cabinet Secretary for Health

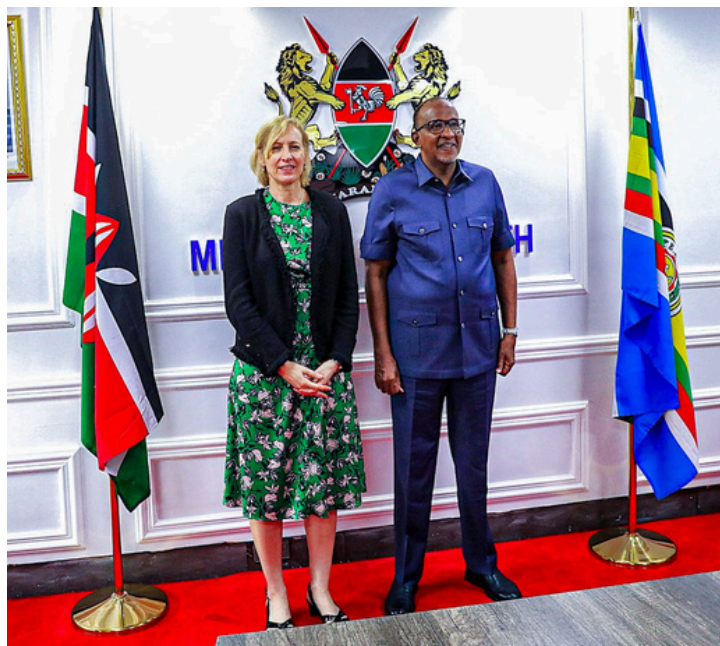
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CS Duale Holds Strategic Talks with US Chargé d’Affaires on Health Partnership

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale today held a strategic engagement with United States Chargé d’Affaires Ms. Susan Burns to review progress under the Kenya-US Government health cooperation framework and reaffirm the longstanding partnership between the two countries in advancing healthcare delivery.

The discussions followed the Government-to-Government Implementation Plan Writing Workshop held from 15th to 17th April 2026, where technical teams from both countries undertook consultations to refine and operationalise the implementation plan.

Anchored on foundational, transformational, and catalytic investments, the plan seeks to accelerate health sector reforms through strengthened primary healthcare systems, sustained gains in malaria and TB control, improved maternal and newborn health outcomes, and enhanced epidemic preparedness and response capacity.



The engagement reaffirmed Kenya’s commitment to building a resilient, government-led, and self-reliant health system that progressively reduces reliance on external support while ensuring equitable, quality, and uninterrupted healthcare services in line with the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

The Cabinet Secretary was joined by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga alongside senior technical officials from the Ministry of Health.





MoH Reaffirms Commitment to Stronger Regulatory Systems and Accountable Service Delivery

The 3rd Annual Regulatory Authorities and Agencies Conference in Kitui County concluded today following high-level engagements on strengthening accountability, coordination, efficiency, and citizen-centred service delivery across Government.

The conference brought together regulatory institutions and agencies to discuss practical approaches to improving institutional performance through stronger inter-agency collaboration, digital transformation, data-driven decision-making, proactive regulation, and responsive public service delivery.

The Ministry of Health reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening regulatory systems, enhancing accountability, and advancing quality, people-centred healthcare services in support of Universal Health Coverage.



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Strengthening accountability and transparency across public institutions remains central to improving service delivery.

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“Strong regulatory systems are essential in building accountable, efficient, and people-centred public services that respond effectively to the needs of wananchi.”

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Key Highlight

Regulatory institutions were encouraged to adopt proactive and citizen-centred approaches that strengthen accountability, improve efficiency, and deliver measurable impact to wananchi.



Hantavirus Outbreak on Cruise Ship: Kenya Intensifies Surveillance Measures

The Ministry of Health has heightened surveillance and preparedness measures following a reported outbreak of hantavirus infection linked to the cruise ship MV Hondius, currently travelling in the Atlantic Ocean.

In a press release by Director General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, the Ministry said the World Health Organization (WHO) had confirmed eight cases, including three deaths, among passengers and crew as of 7th May 2026.

The Ministry clarified that Kenya has not reported any cases of hantavirus and assured the public that the current risk remains low. However, precautionary measures have been activated, including enhanced screening at airports and seaports, strengthened surveillance in health facilities, and preparedness of rapid response and testing systems.

According to the Ministry, hantavirus is mainly spread through contact with infected rodents or contaminated environments and may present with symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and in severe cases, difficulty breathing.

“Kenya currently has no reported cases of hantavirus, but we remain vigilant and have strengthened surveillance and preparedness measures to protect public health,” said Dr. Amoth.

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The public has been advised to maintain proper hygiene, keep surroundings free of rodents, safely store food, and seek immediate medical attention if symptoms develop, especially after recent travel.

Travellers returning from affected areas have also been urged to monitor their health for up to eight weeks and report any symptoms promptly to the nearest health facility.

Key highlights

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- WHO confirmed 8 cases and 3 deaths linked to the cruise ship MV Hondius.
- The Ministry of Health has intensified surveillance and preparedness measures.
- Enhanced screening has been activated at airports and seaports.
- Health facilities have been alerted to monitor travellers presenting symptoms.
- Hantavirus is mainly spread through contact with infected rodents or contaminated environments.
- Travellers from affected areas have been advised to monitor symptoms for up to 8 weeks.
- The Ministry urged the public to rely on official information and avoid spreading unverified reports.



Bura Sub-County Hospital Restores Surgical Services After Seven Years

Bura Sub-County Hospital has successfully restored surgical services after a seven-year interruption, marking a major step in improving access to essential healthcare services in the area.

A joint medical team recently conducted a life-saving Caesarean section for a mother who had experienced prolonged labour, signalling the return of critical emergency obstetric services at the facility.

The restoration of surgical services is expected to enhance timely access to emergency care, reduce referrals to facilities outside the sub-county, and strengthen maternal and newborn health services for surrounding communities.



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Restoring surgical services at Bura Sub-County Hospital is expected to improve timely access to emergency care, strengthen maternal health services, and reduce the need for patients to seek treatment in distant facilities.

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Key highlights

- Bura Sub-County Hospital has restored surgical services after seven years.
- A life-saving Caesarean section was successfully conducted for a mother in prolonged labour.
- The development will improve access to emergency obstetric care and reduce referrals.