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Teachers' Medical Scheme Records Key Gains in Benefits and Access



Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, chaired a high-level consultative session with the Teachers Service Commission, the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers, and the Social Health Authority, marking the close of a two-day retreat following the 23 April 2026 joint communiqué.

The meeting reviewed progress in benefits administration after the transition of teachers to the Social Health Authority under the Public Officers Medical Scheme Fund, with a focus on measurable improvements in service delivery.

Key milestones include the activation of the Last Expense Benefit, with 160 claims already processed and a commitment to settle future claims within 48 hours. The Ex-Gratia Management Framework is now in place, while partnerships with overseas facilities have been finalised to expand access to specialised care under the Mwalimu Comprehensive Medical Cover.

To strengthen responsiveness, the Social Health Authority is intensifying regional engagements and reinforcing service delivery at the county level.

Policy directions issued include lifting tariff restrictions, concluding targeted negotiations within four weeks, reactivating Teachers Service Commission county structures, and reinforcing the walk-in, walk-out service guarantee.

The meeting also outlined next steps, including the rollout of the National Ambulance Services to improve referral systems, operationalisation of referral hospitals in Bungoma, Kericho, and the Coast region, provision of one-month medication supplies for teachers with chronic conditions, and continued coverage of assistive devices.





Kenya Advances Local Health Manufacturing Agenda

Kenya is strengthening its position as a regional hub for local manufacturing of health products, supporting access to essential medical commodities and reinforcing health security.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, held discussions with a World Bank Group delegation led by Dr. Peter Okwero to advance preparations for the High-Level Breakfast on the Africa Initiative for Medical Access and Manufacturing 2030.

The meeting, scheduled for 12 May in Nairobi, will be co-hosted by the African Union Commission, the World Bank Group, and the Government of Kenya on the sidelines of the Africa Forward Summit.

The engagement focused on aligning priorities to accelerate local production, strengthen supply chains, and support sustainable health systems across the region.

The initiative positions Kenya to play a central role in advancing regional manufacturing capacity and improving access to quality health products.





Kenya Strengthens Primary Healthcare Partnerships

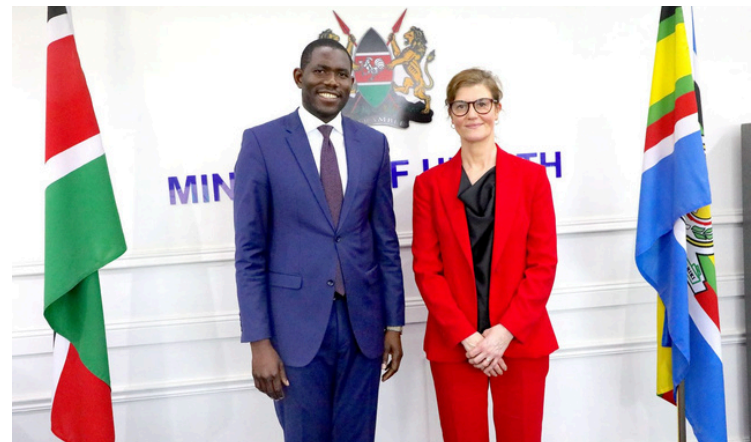
Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr. Ouma Oluga, hosted representatives from The Global Fund and the Novo Nordisk Foundation during the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026 in Nairobi.

The engagement focused on advancing collaboration to strengthen integrated primary healthcare systems in line with Kenya's Universal Health Coverage agenda under Taifa Care.

Discussions aligned potential partnership areas with national priorities, including health financing reforms through the Social Health Authority, health commodity security, digital health systems, and workforce capacity.

The meeting comes as Kenya prepares for the next Global Fund funding cycle for 2027–2030, positioning the country to leverage partnerships for sustained health system strengthening.

Participants underscored the importance of coordinated engagement to maximise impact, avoid duplication, and support delivery of primary healthcare and Universal Health Coverage outcomes.





Kenya Engages German Delegation on Health Sector Investment

Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr. Ouma Oluga, met a German business delegation for talks on strengthening collaboration in Kenya's health sector.

The engagement highlighted Kenya's transition to strategic partnerships anchored on local ownership, sustainability, and shared value, with a focus on Universal Health Coverage under Taifa Care, primary healthcare strengthening, and improved quality of care.

Discussions covered technology transfer and local manufacturing, joint investments through public-private partnerships, workforce development, digital health systems, and research collaboration. Opportunities to expand rehabilitation services and assistive technologies were also identified.

Both sides agreed on the need to move to implementation, including establishing a joint working group, developing pilot projects, and scaling partnerships aligned to national priorities.

The delegation comprised representatives from government, academia, private sector, and development partners from Germany and Kenya.





Kenya Advances Cancer Care Partnership

Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr. Ouma Oluga, represented by Dr. Nancy Njeru, Director Health Financing, Policy and Research, engaged the City Cancer Challenge Foundation, led by Chief Executive Officer Isabel Mestres, on the proposed extension of the partnership with the Ministry of Health and the National Cancer Control Programme to 2030.

The engagement focused on sustaining progress in expanding access to quality cancer care in Nairobi, aligned to ongoing reforms under the Social Health Authority, including improved benefits, commodity security, and workforce capacity.



Priority areas include strengthening oncology training, enhancing service delivery, improving access to cancer commodities, and advancing digital systems for better care coordination.

Sophie Bussmann from the City Cancer Challenge Foundation also participated in the meeting.





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