

## MOH DAILY NEWS BRIEF



### Duale Engages Paediatric Experts on Child Health

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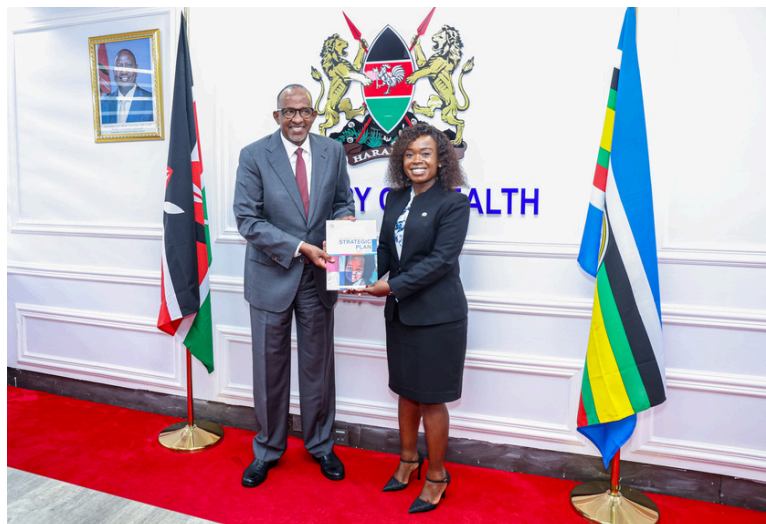


The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, held a consultative meeting with the Kenya Paediatric Association delegation led by Supa Tunje to advance strategies for strengthening newborn, child, and adolescent health under Kenya's Universal Health Coverage agenda.

The discussions focused on improving the quality of care across the full continuum—from pregnancy and delivery to postnatal care and early childhood—while reinforcing referral systems and addressing critical gaps in essential services, including access to blood and other life-saving commodities.

Reducing maternal and newborn mortality remains a national priority under the Taifa Care Model. Efforts are being accelerated through the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE) initiative, supported by the World Health Organization and UNICEF, alongside the Rapid Results Initiative, which is driving faster service delivery, clearing backlogs, and improving efficiency through targeted, time-bound interventions.

The meeting also highlighted the need to review and strengthen benefit tariffs for children, particularly for immunisation and nutrition services, to expand equitable access.



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### Strengthening Critical Care and Workforce Capacity

The Cabinet Secretary emphasised scaling up fully equipped neonatal and paediatric intensive care units across regions to improve access to critical care, and underscored the importance of workforce development through training and curriculum reforms to enhance service delivery.

The Kenya Paediatric Association's technical leadership was recognised in addressing policy gaps, strengthening health data systems, and promoting accountability, while ensuring children's health priorities are reflected in national decision-making.

The Cabinet Secretary called for a unified, multi-stakeholder approach to ensure every child not only survives but thrives, reaffirming the Government's commitment under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.





## JOOTRH Delivers Full Mouth Dental Restoration in Single Visit

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) has introduced full mouth dental restoration delivered in a single visit, reducing the need for multiple appointments and easing the burden on families.

The procedure, conducted using in-house capacity, was led by Immaculate Opondo alongside the hospital's dental and theatre teams.

A newly acquired portable dental unit now enables comprehensive care within the facility, with multiple procedures—including fillings, extractions, pulpotomy, pulpectomy, and oral prophylaxis—completed in one session under anaesthesia, replacing up to six visits.

The service is particularly beneficial for children unable to tolerate routine dental care, including those with special needs. Procedures are conducted in theatre sessions lasting three to six hours, with weekly scheduling.

JOOTRH is also engaging the Social Health Authority to improve affordability, as similar procedures can cost up to KSh 200,000 in other settings.





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