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KNH Strengthens Child Cancer Care with New Unit, Hostel and Advanced Technology

The initiative aligns with the National Cancer Control Strategy 2023–2027, which emphasises partnerships and patient-centred infrastructure, with collaboration from partners including Lions Clubs International Foundation supporting delivery.



The facility has also been strengthened with the installation of a Government-funded Elekta Versa HD Linear Accelerator, enabling highly precise cancer treatment for complex cases such as brain tumours while protecting healthy tissue.

Together, the new outpatient unit, patient hostel, and advanced treatment technology signal a more coordinated, patient-centred approach to paediatric cancer care, integrating treatment, support, and innovation to improve outcomes for children.

Kenya has strengthened paediatric cancer care with the establishment of a modern Paediatric Haemato-Oncology Outpatient Unit at Kenyatta National Hospital and the opening of Phase I of the Lions Hope Hostel in Nairobi, expanding access to specialised services in line with the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale said the Government is prioritising transformation of paediatric oncology through targeted investments to improve early diagnosis, streamline treatment pathways, and enhance long-term follow-up, noting that stronger specialised services are critical to improving survival outcomes.

The Lions Hope Hostel, the first phase of a five-part development, provides accommodation for children and caregivers travelling long distances for treatment, easing the burden of travel and lodging while improving treatment adherence and patient experience.



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Kenya Strengthens Health Security Coordination at National Convention

Kenya is strengthening preparedness and response to public health threats at the Kenya Health Security Convention in Mombasa, bringing together policymakers, researchers, frontline responders, and development partners.

Speaking during the official opening, Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr. Ouma Oluga, representing Cabinet Secretary for Health, Aden Duale, said recent outbreaks and pandemics have reinforced the need for continuous and deliberate preparedness. He highlighted priority areas including disease surveillance, laboratory networks, emergency operations, and stronger coordination between national and county governments to ensure timely detection and response.

The Convention, organised by the Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI), is focused on translating science, innovation, and policy into practical actions. It is also reinforcing a multisectoral One Health approach, linking human, animal, and environmental health, and aligning efforts across sectors such as agriculture, water, environment, and infrastructure.

KNPHI's role as the country's scientific and technical anchor was emphasised, particularly in advancing surveillance, laboratory coordination, and evidence-based decision-making. Parliamentary leadership and partners reaffirmed support for strengthening national systems through legal, financial, and coordinated action.

The Convention is expected to deliver practical outcomes to improve coordination and enhance Kenya's capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to public health threats.

Others present included the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Nairobi, Susan M. Burns; Acting World Health Organization Representative to Kenya, Dr. Neema Kimambo; Chairperson of the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Board, Dr. Emmanuel Nzai; KNPHI Board Chairperson, Paul Kariuki; and KNPHI Acting Director-General, Kamene Kimenyi.





PS Muthoni Leads Kenya Delegation on Cross-Border Health Security Talks

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, is leading Kenya's delegation to the Consultative Meeting of Permanent and Principal Secretaries on Cross-Border Collaboration for Health Security in Brazzaville.

The meeting has brought together regional health leaders and partners, including World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, World Bank, and East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community, to strengthen coordinated responses to cross-border health threats.

The engagement is expected to enhance regional collaboration, promote harmonised disease surveillance and response frameworks, and support knowledge sharing to improve preparedness, protect communities, and advance health security across the region.





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