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Health CS Clarifies Kenya's Blood Safety System Before Senate



Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale today appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Health to address concerns surrounding organ transplant services and misleading reports alleging the export of blood products from Kenya.

Appearing before the committee chaired by Uasin Gishu Senator Hon. Jackson Mandago at Bunge Towers, Nairobi, the Health CS clarified that Kenya does not export donated human blood or blood components for the manufacture of blood-derived products abroad.

Hon. Duale reaffirmed that the country's blood system operates under strict regulatory, ethical, and quality assurance frameworks designed to protect patient safety and uphold public trust.

The session also reviewed findings and recommendations from investigations into allegations of illegal organ trafficking and transplant malpractice, including matters linked to transplant services at the Mediheal Group of Hospitals.

The Cabinet Secretary outlined ongoing reforms, including the proposed establishment of a National Organ Transplant Authority (NOTA), development of comprehensive transplantation legislation, and strengthened oversight mechanisms to enhance accountability across transplant services in Kenya.

The CS was accompanied by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Kenya National Blood Transfusion and Transplant Services (KNBTTS) Director Dr. Martin Sirengo, Chairperson of the Independent Investigative Committee on Organ Transplant Services (IICOTS) Prof. Elizabeth Bukusi, members of the committee, and senior Ministry officials.



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Teachers' Medical Cover Records New Progress Under SHA Reforms

The Government has announced fresh measures to strengthen implementation of the Mwalimu Comprehensive Medical Cover under the Public Officers Medical Scheme Fund as part of efforts to improve teachers' access to quality healthcare.

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale joined officials from KNUT, TSC, and SHA during a consultative retreat that reviewed progress, addressed emerging concerns, and aligned on long-term solutions under the scheme.

The meeting noted progress in settlement of Last Expense Benefit claims, operationalisation of overseas referral services, rollout of IVF services in selected facilities, and ongoing negotiations with healthcare providers on tariffs and reimbursement structures.

An updated list of approved healthcare facilities will be shared with KNUT leadership and published on the SHA platform to improve access to services and strengthen coordination under the scheme.

To strengthen implementation and response to teachers' concerns, the Health CS directed SHA to operationalise joint county-level coordination structures bringing together KNUT, TSC, and SHA within one week.





KHHRAC Launches Strategy to Strengthen Kenya's Health Workforce

She noted that the plan will strengthen workforce planning, improve health workforce data systems, and support continuous professional development while contributing towards attainment of the WHO-recommended threshold of 45 health workers per 10,000 population.

The Strategic Plan aligns with the Constitution of Kenya, the Health Act, the Digital Health Act, Vision 2030, and the Government's broader UHC agenda.

The PS further called for stronger collaboration between national and county governments, professional bodies, development partners, and training institutions to support effective implementation and improve access to quality healthcare services across the country.



The Ministry of Health has launched the Kenya Health Human Resource Advisory Council (KHHRAC) Strategic Plan 2025–2030 aimed at strengthening the country's health workforce and addressing staffing gaps and inequities across counties.

Speaking during the launch in Nairobi, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni said the strategy will guide efforts to improve health worker availability, equitable distribution, retention, and access to specialised healthcare services as Kenya advances Universal Health Coverage.





Head of Public Service Calls for Stronger Accountability Across Regulatory Agencies

The Head of Public Service, Mr. Felix Koskei, has urged Regulatory Authorities and Agencies to strengthen accountability, coordination, and service delivery to ensure citizens experience tangible impact from government programmes and reforms.

Speaking during the 3rd Annual Regulatory Authorities and Agencies Conference in Kitui, the Head of Public Service called on regulators to move beyond procedural compliance and adopt practical, efficient, and results-driven approaches that support responsive and citizen-centred public service delivery.

The conference, held under the theme “Consistent Measurement and Evaluation of Real Regulatory Impact on the Ground,” brought together Principal Secretaries, Board Chairpersons, Chief Executive Officers, regulators, and governance experts to discuss strategies for strengthening regulatory effectiveness, institutional accountability, integrity, and public trust.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, joined the high-level engagements focused on improving efficiency, consistency, and accountability across regulatory systems.

The Ministry of Health reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening regulatory frameworks, enhancing institutional performance, and advancing accountable, people-centred healthcare services in support of Universal Health Coverage.





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