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Government signs POMSF contracts and launches SHA biometric registration for dependents to improve healthcare access for public servants and strengthen digital health services.

“Beneficiaries should access healthcare services without unauthorised charges.”
— Hon. Aden Duale,
Cabinet Secretary for Health.

Government Rolls Out Enhanced Medical Cover for Public Officers and Dependents

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale and Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Hon. Geoffrey Ruku today led the signing of Public Officers Medical Scheme Fund (POMSF) contracts and launched SHA biometric registration for dependents aged 7-17 years.

The contracts, signed between SHA and healthcare providers, establish a framework for service delivery, reimbursement and accountability, ensuring improved access to healthcare services for public officers and their dependents.

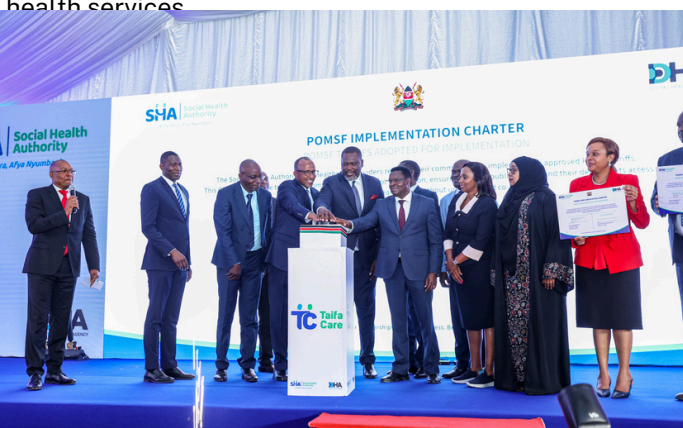
Beneficiaries will access a comprehensive package of services, including outpatient and inpatient care, specialised surgeries, cancer treatment, dialysis, dental and optical care, overseas referrals and reproductive health services.



Hon. Duale said the agreed tariffs eliminate unauthorised co-payments for services covered under the scheme and warned against unlawful charges by healthcare facilities.

The launch of biometric registration for dependents is expected to strengthen patient identification, improve access to health records, enhance data security and support efficient service delivery as part of ongoing digital health reforms.

The event also marked the signing of the POMSF Implementation Charter and adoption of negotiated tariffs, paving the way for full implementation of the scheme.





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The workshop provides a platform for African countries to exchange experiences, strengthen collaboration and explore sustainable financing solutions to support resilient health systems and essential health services.

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“Sustainable health financing is critical to ensuring continued access to quality health services and achieving better health outcomes for our populations.” — Mary Muthoni, PS Public Health and Professional Standards.

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African Countries Convene in Nairobi for Health Financing Workshop

Kenya is hosting the Africa Constituency Bureau (ACB) Cluster-Based Learning Workshop in Nairobi, bringing together representatives from across the continent to strengthen collaboration, share experiences and advance sustainable health financing.

Speaking during the workshop, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni commended the ACB for promoting Africa’s voice and participation in the governance of the Global Fund.

The PS noted that Kenya’s partnership with the Global Fund since 2002 has supported progress in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, while contributing to broader health systems strengthening.

She highlighted Kenya’s ongoing preparations for the Global Fund Cycle 8 funding request, including stakeholder consultations, gap analyses and development of a proposal aligned with national priorities.

Mary Muthoni reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to increasing domestic health financing and strengthening co-financing mechanisms to ensure sustainable delivery of essential health services.





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The training is strengthening Kenya's readiness to detect, prevent and respond to Ebola and other public health emergencies.

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“Preparedness remains a critical pillar of national health security.” — Hon. Aden Duale.

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Kenya Strengthens Ebola Preparedness Through Rapid Response Team Training

Kenya is strengthening its preparedness for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) through a Rapid Response Team (RRT) Training of Trainers workshop bringing together experts from national and county levels to enhance outbreak detection, preparedness and response capacity.

Speaking during the opening of the training in Nairobi, Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale said sustained preparedness remains essential in protecting the country against public health threats, noting the importance of strengthening surveillance, emergency response systems and infection prevention and control measures.

The Cabinet Secretary commended members of the Rapid Response Team, including experts who supported the West Africa Ebola response, and called on participants to share their experiences to strengthen preparedness and response efforts across the country.

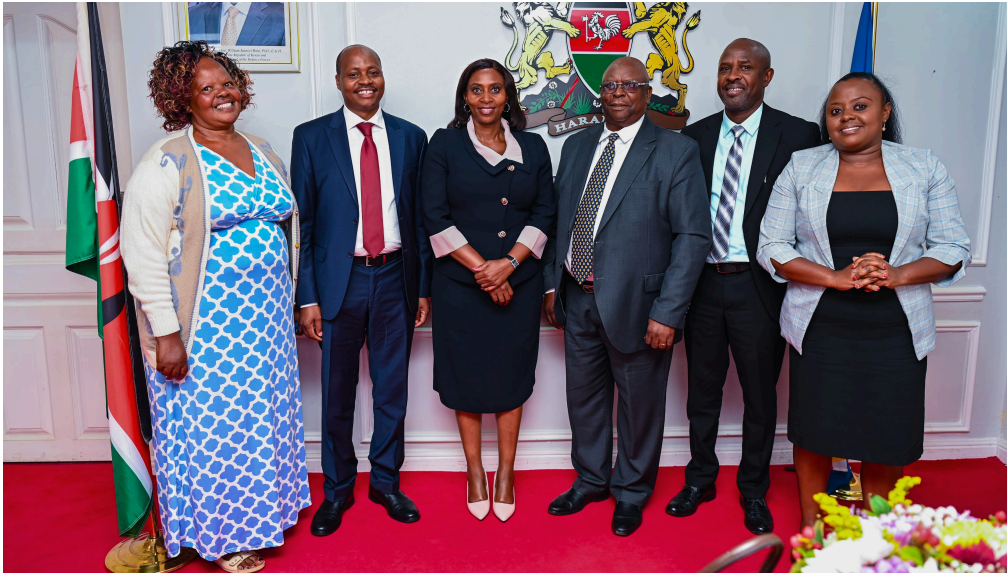


Hon. Duale noted that the training will enhance surge capacity and support the transfer of critical skills and knowledge to counties and sub-counties, improving readiness for Ebola and other public health emergencies.

He also emphasized the importance of infection prevention and control in safeguarding healthcare workers and preventing transmission within health facilities.

Present were Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni, Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth and Acting Director-General of the Kenya National Public Health Institute Dr. Maureen Kamene.





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The proposed KMTC campus will help expand health training opportunities and strengthen the future health workforce.

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“We will work towards the accreditation and operationalization of the proposed campus.” — Mary Muthoni.

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Ministry Reviews Proposal for KMTC Campus in Kikima

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni today met leaders from Kikima, Mbooni Sub-County in Makueni County who presented a memorandum seeking the establishment of a Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) campus in the area.

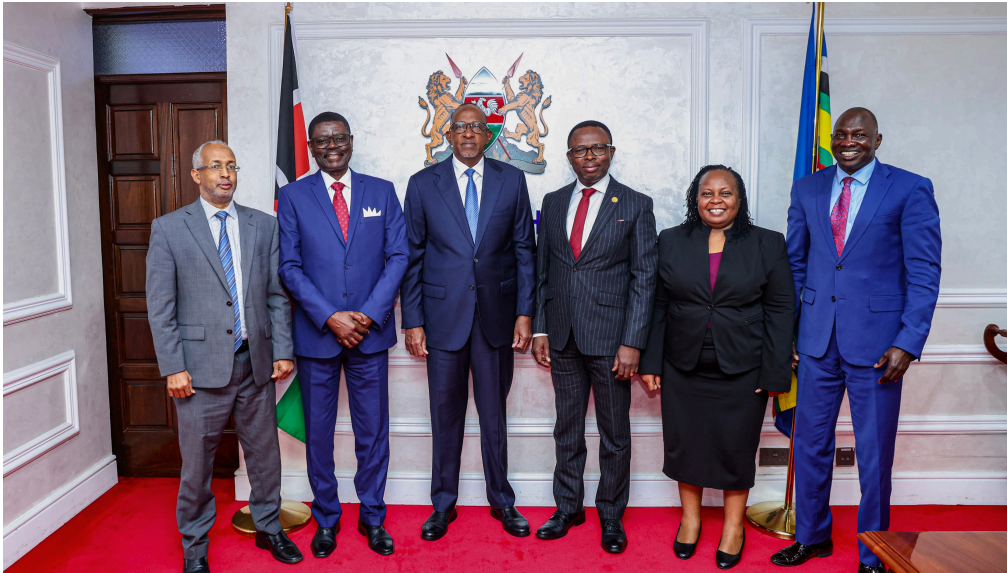
The leaders highlighted the community’s long-standing efforts to establish the campus, including investment in facilities intended to host the institution.

The PS said the Ministry of Health will undertake a technical assessment of the facilities, support necessary improvements and work towards the accreditation and operationalization of the proposed campus.

Mary Muthoni commended the community for its commitment to expanding health training opportunities and reaffirmed the Ministry’s support for viable training institutions that strengthen the health workforce.

Dr. Andrew Mulwa, Head of NASCOP, was also present.





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Kenya and Africa CDC are strengthening regional collaboration to enhance epidemic preparedness, disease surveillance and emergency response.

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“The Eastern Africa RCC is a key platform for advancing regional preparedness and coordinated emergency response.” — Hon. Aden Duale.

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Kenya Strengthens Collaboration with Africa CDC on Health Security

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale on June 10, held consultations with Africa CDC Deputy Director General Dr. Raji Tajudeen on strengthening collaboration in regional health security, epidemic preparedness and emergency response.

The discussions focused on disease surveillance, workforce development, emergency preparedness and local manufacturing of health products and technologies. Hon. Duale acknowledged Africa CDC’s continued support in strengthening public health systems and coordinating responses to health emergencies across the continent.

The Cabinet Secretary reaffirmed Kenya’s commitment to regional health security and highlighted ongoing preparedness measures, including strengthened surveillance, border health controls and emergency response systems.

He also underscored the importance of the Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre (RCC), hosted by Kenya, in advancing workforce development, disease surveillance, local manufacturing and coordinated emergency response efforts across the region.

The meeting reaffirmed Kenya’s commitment to working with Africa CDC and partners to strengthen health security and build resilient public health systems across Africa.





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EBOLA

KNOW IT. PREVENT IT. STOP IT.

HOW IS EBOLA SPREAD?

Ebola is a severe, often fatal illness. It spreads through **direct contact** with an infected person, contaminated objects or infected animals.

WAYS EBOLA CAN SPREAD



DIRECT CONTACT WITH INFECTED PERSON

Through direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person (sweat, vomit, saliva, urine, feces, breast milk, semen).



CONTACT WITH CONTAMINATED OBJECTS

Through contact with contaminated objects (clothing, bedding, needles, medical equipment).



CONTACT WITH INFECTED ANIMALS

Through contact with infected animals, such as bats, monkeys, chimpanzees, and antelopes.



UNSAFE BURIAL PRACTICES

During unsafe burial practices of someone who died from Ebola.

PROTECT YOURSELF. PROTECT OTHERS.



Wash your hands regularly with soap and clean water.



Avoid direct contact with people who are sick.



Seek medical care early if you have symptoms such as fever, weakness, vomiting or diarrhea.



Do not touch or use items that may have been in contact with an infected person.



Report any suspected case to the nearest health facility.

For emergencies or to report a suspected case, dial the toll-free emergency number