



Highlight:
Kenya remains free of Ebola Virus Disease, with the Government strengthening surveillance, laboratory capacity, healthcare worker training and emergency preparedness to protect public health.

Ministry Engages Media on Ebola Preparedness Efforts

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale has assured Kenyans that the country remains free of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and urged continued vigilance as the Government strengthens preparedness measures to protect public health.

Addressing a media engagement forum in Nairobi, Hon. Duale emphasized the importance of timely and accurate information during public health emergencies and called for continued collaboration between the health sector and the media to combat misinformation and support public awareness.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that Kenya continues to closely monitor Ebola developments in the region and has enhanced surveillance, screening at points of entry, laboratory readiness, healthcare worker training, risk communication, and isolation and treatment capacity to support rapid response if required.



He clarified that preparedness facilities established in some counties are precautionary measures aimed at strengthening readiness and should not be interpreted as evidence of an outbreak.

Hon. Duale further called on county governments, healthcare workers, communities, development partners and the private sector to sustain investments in preparedness, surveillance and emergency response systems, noting that protecting the country from public health threats requires collective action.

He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to maintaining strong health security systems and ensuring the country remains prepared to prevent, detect and respond to emerging health emergencies.





Medical Outreach Expands Access to Care in Nyandarua

Residents of Nyandarua County are benefiting from a three-day free medical outreach programme by the Ministry of Health aimed at expanding access to essential healthcare services and strengthening community-level care.

The outreach is being conducted in Ol Kalou Town, Captain and Mirangine, where residents are receiving a range of services including medical consultations, maternal and child health care, immunization, screening for non-communicable diseases and other preventive health interventions.

Speaking during the exercise, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni said the initiative reflects the Government's commitment to bringing health services closer to the people and strengthening primary healthcare across the country.

She noted that community outreach programmes play a critical role in early disease detection, health promotion and prevention, helping reduce the burden of illness while improving access to care.

The Principal Secretary further indicated that similar medical camps will be conducted in other parts of the country as part of ongoing efforts to expand access to essential services and advance the Universal Health Coverage agenda.





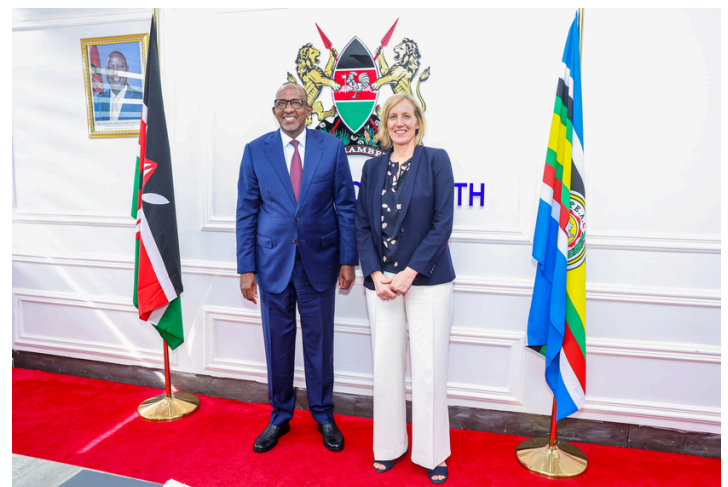
Key milestones under the Kenya-US health cooperation framework remain on track ahead of the planned 1 July 2026 implementation timeline, with both countries reaffirming support for primary healthcare, UHC priorities and health security.

Kenya and United States Review Progress on Health Cooperation

Kenya and the United States have reviewed progress in the implementation of ongoing health sector cooperation during a high-level meeting between Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale and a United States delegation led by Chargé d'Affaires Ms. Susan Burns.

The meeting assessed progress made on key commitments, including the portfolio review process, development of the county transition roadmap, preparations for the Strategic Objective Grant Agreement, and establishment of staffing structures for the Programme Management Unit.

Participants also reviewed the implementation plan currently under joint consideration and preparations for a comprehensive risk assessment exercise expected to begin next week.



The discussions reaffirmed the shared commitment of both governments to strengthening primary healthcare, disease prevention and control, maternal and child health services, and building resilient health systems to support Universal Health Coverage.

The meeting noted that key milestones remain on course ahead of the planned 1 July 2026 implementation timeline and emphasized the importance of sustaining coordination to ensure effective delivery of agreed priorities.

The two sides also reviewed ongoing investments in health security, including Ebola preparedness measures focused on laboratory capacity, healthcare worker training, personal protective equipment, and emergency response readiness.

The Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, Acting Director-General of the Kenya National Public Health Institute Dr. Maureen Kamene, and senior Ministry officials.





County Health Leaders Tour JOOTRH Sickle Cell Centre

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga led County Chief Officers of Health from the 47 counties on a visit to the JOOTRH Victoria Annex Hospital in Kisumu during the ongoing consultative meeting on Universal Health Coverage reforms.

The visit showcased advances in specialized care for patients living with Sickle Cell Disease through the Red Blood Cell Exchange programme established through a partnership between Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital and Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies.

County health leaders received updates on the programme, which has expanded access to specialized treatment and strengthened management of Sickle Cell Disease in Western Kenya and the Lake Region.

Dr. Oluga noted that investments in specialized healthcare services, technology transfer and workforce capacity building are critical to improving patient outcomes and strengthening health systems under Universal Health Coverage.

The visit also highlighted ongoing efforts to enhance access to quality care for people living with Sickle Cell Disease ahead of World Sickle Cell Day on 19 June.





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PARTNERS IN CARE

Men's health does not happen in isolation.



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Really listen.



SUPPORT

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Offer support.



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TALK. REACH OUT. TAKE CARE.