



Highlight:
Kenya and France are partnering to strengthen primary healthcare, improve maternal and child health services, and expand access to essential healthcare through support for health workers and Community Health Promoters.

Kenya and France Strengthen Health Cooperation

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, met with a French delegation to review progress on the Kenya–France bilateral health cooperation project aimed at improving health outcomes through Universal Health Coverage.

The partnership focuses on strengthening primary healthcare services, improving maternal and child health, enhancing preparedness for public health emergencies, and supporting the prevention and management of non-communicable diseases.

The initiative will also support health workforce development and provide mobility support for Community Health Promoters to improve access to essential healthcare services, especially in underserved communities.

The PS reaffirmed the value of strategic partnerships in accelerating Universal Health Coverage and expanding access to quality healthcare for all Kenyans.





PS Muthoni Updates MPs on Tobacco Control Measures

Emerging nicotine products, illicit tobacco trade and digital marketing targeting young people featured prominently during discussions between Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, and the National Assembly Committee on Health on the implementation of the Tobacco Control Act, 2007.

Appearing before the committee chaired by Seme MP Hon. Dr. James Nyikal, the PS outlined progress in tobacco control, including enforcement of smoke-free public spaces, implementation of graphic health warnings, public education campaigns, tobacco cessation services and strengthened regulatory oversight.

She called for continued collaboration among government institutions, Parliament, civil society and other stakeholders to address emerging challenges and enhance enforcement of tobacco control measures across the country.





Highlight: World Blood Donor Day celebrations in Garissa recognized the lifesaving contribution of voluntary blood donors, with 350 pints of blood collected to strengthen national blood reserves and support patients in need of transfusion services.

Celebrating the Gift of Life Through Blood Donation

Every unit of donated blood represents hope for a mother experiencing childbirth complications, a child undergoing treatment, a road crash victim, or a patient facing major surgery.

That message resonated throughout the 2026 World Blood Donor Day commemorations in Garissa County, where voluntary blood donors were celebrated for their role in saving lives and supporting healthcare services across the country.

Speaking during the event, Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale emphasized the need for more Kenyans to donate blood regularly to help maintain adequate supplies for patients in need of transfusions. He noted that safe and sufficient blood reserves remain essential for emergency care, maternal health services, cancer treatment and other critical interventions.



The commemorations also highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen healthcare services in Garissa County, including expanded SHA coverage, support for Community Health Promoters, improved emergency referral services and continued preparedness for public health emergencies.

A two-day medical camp held alongside the event offered health screening services to residents, while 350 pints of blood were collected to help replenish national blood stocks.





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