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Kenya launches KAISF 2025–2030 and 47 County Syndemic Operational Plans to strengthen integrated HIV and syndemic disease services nationwide.

Kenya Unveils New HIV Response Roadmap

Kenya has launched a new five-year strategy aimed at strengthening the country's response to HIV and related health conditions through more integrated and people-centred healthcare services.

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale unveiled the Kenya AIDS Integration Strategic Framework (KAISF) 2025–2030 alongside 47 County Syndemic Operational Plans during the 2026 Joint Annual Programme Review convened by the National Syndemic Diseases Control Council (NSDCC).

The framework provides a roadmap for addressing HIV alongside other interconnected conditions such as tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, viral hepatitis, non-communicable diseases and mental health disorders, while strengthening coordination between national and county governments.



Hon. Duale said Kenya must sustain gains made in reducing new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths while expanding access to integrated health services for vulnerable populations, particularly children, adolescents and young people.

He also announced that the transition of Universal Health Coverage workers to permanent and pensionable terms will begin in July 2026 following the allocation of KSh 8.9 billion by the Government.





Research and Innovation Key to Africa's Health Future

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni has called for stronger collaboration in health research, innovation and technology transfer to drive locally developed solutions for Africa's health challenges.

Speaking at the 4th Kenya-United Kingdom Health Alliance (KUKHA) One Health Research and Innovation Conference in Nairobi, the PS underscored the need to translate research findings into practical interventions that improve health outcomes, strengthen health security and advance Universal Health Coverage.

The conference has convened researchers, policymakers, development partners and industry leaders from Kenya, the United Kingdom and across Africa to explore innovative approaches to addressing current and emerging health challenges.

Mary Muthoni reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to promoting equitable partnerships that support innovation, local manufacturing and the commercialization of research for sustainable health system development.





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Proposed regulations expand maternal health benefits and increase annual cancer care support to enhance financial protection for Kenyan families.

Senate Reviews Reforms to Expand Maternal and Cancer Care Coverage

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation to defend the Tariffs for Healthcare Services (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, which seek to expand access to maternal health services and strengthen financial support for cancer treatment under the Social Health Insurance framework.

The proposed regulations introduce a comprehensive Maternity, Neonatal and Child Health Services package under the Primary Healthcare Fund, guaranteeing access to essential maternal and newborn services for all registered beneficiaries, including vulnerable households unable to meet SHIF contributions.



The amendments also increase annual support for chronic cancer management under the Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness Fund from KES 150,000 to KES 400,000 per patient, enabling eligible beneficiaries to access up to KES 800,000 annually when combined with existing SHIF benefits.

Hon. Duale told Senators that over 43,000 patients have already benefited from the enhanced oncology package, while ongoing health sector reforms continue to improve access to medicines, specialized treatment and healthcare financing across the country.





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