



Highlight:

Kenya seeks to position itself as a regional hub for health products and technologies manufacturing.

Kenya Unveils Roadmap to Boost Local Health Products Manufacturing

The Ministry of Health has launched the Kenya Health Products and Technologies (HPTs) Local Manufacturing Strategy 2026–2030 to strengthen local production of health products and technologies.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga said the Strategy will enhance health security, reduce reliance on imports and improve access to quality and affordable health commodities.



He emphasized the need to translate local research and innovation into products that address Kenya's healthcare needs while supporting investment and industrial growth.

The Strategy is anchored on regulatory reforms, expansion of manufacturing capacity and strengthening market demand and assurance to position Kenya as a regional manufacturing hub.





New 150-Bed Hospital Block to Boost Healthcare Capacity in Siaya

Preparations for the rollout of the Emergency Evacuation Services Programme are on course, with the National Ambulance Dispatch Centre nearing completion and key dispatch systems already undergoing testing.

A progress review meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale and attended by the Social Health Authority (SHA) team led by CEO Dr. Mercy Mwangangi assessed readiness for implementation, including dispatch operations, emergency response infrastructure, staffing and ambulance accreditation.



SHA reported that recruitment and training of dispatch personnel have been completed, while more than 100 ambulances have already been accredited following compliance assessments. Additional simulation exercises are planned to strengthen operational readiness ahead of the launch.

The Authority is also finalising the proposed SHA 112 Lifeline, a unified national emergency response identity that will provide Kenyans with a single point of contact for emergency assistance.



Court Hears Mitigation in Laikipia Facility Case

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale appeared before the High Court in Nairobi for mitigation proceedings in a case challenging the proposed construction of a United States-funded Ebola quarantine facility at Laikipia Airbase.

The case concerns the legality of the project, which was suspended following conservatory orders issued by the court in May 2026. The orders barred further implementation pending determination of the petition.



In his submissions, the Cabinet Secretary reaffirmed the Ministry of Health's commitment to the rule of law and respect for judicial authority. He informed the court that all construction and site activities had been halted following the issuance of the court orders.

Justice Patricia Nyaundi accepted the Cabinet Secretary's apology and emphasized the importance of compliance with court orders. The substantive petition challenging the establishment of the facility remains pending before the High Court.





Kakamega Hospital Expansion Project Nears Completion

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga and Principal Secretary for Defence Dr. Peter Mariru inspected the ongoing construction of a four-storey hospital block at Kakamega County Teaching and Referral Hospital, a key project aimed at strengthening healthcare infrastructure and expanding access to quality health services.

The facility, being developed under the Government's health infrastructure programme following a directive by H.E. President William Samoei Ruto, will add 350 beds and enhance the hospital's capacity to provide specialised and referral healthcare services. Construction has reached 75 per cent completion and remains on course for delivery in December 2026.

Once operational, the new hospital block is expected to ease congestion, improve access to healthcare services and strengthen service delivery for residents of Kakamega County and the wider Western Kenya region.

The inspection highlighted ongoing efforts by the Government to invest in modern health infrastructure in support of Universal Health Coverage and improved health outcomes for all Kenyans.





Siaya Referral Hospital Project Progresses Towards Completion

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga and Principal Secretary for Defence Dr. Peter Mariru inspected the ongoing construction of the proposed Siaya County Referral Hospital, a major health infrastructure project aimed at strengthening access to specialised healthcare services in the region.

The five-storey, 250-bed facility is being implemented by the Ministry of Defence through the Kenya Defence Forces following a directive by H.E. President William Ruto.

Construction of the hospital commenced in October 2025 and is progressing steadily, with completion expected in December 2026.

Once operational, the facility will expand referral healthcare capacity in Siaya County, improve access to quality specialised services and support the Government's Universal Health Coverage agenda.





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Expanding access to healthcare and reinforcing preventive care remain central to the country's Universal Health Coverage reforms.”

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