



## Insight

Better eye health means better opportunities for learning, work, and independent living. Kenya is expanding access to quality eye care through UHC and Primary Health Care.

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“No Kenyan should lose their sight because they cannot afford care.” — Health CS Hon. Aden Duale.

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## Government Reaffirms Commitment to Ending Avoidable Blindness

The ability to see is something many people take for granted. Yet for millions living with visual impairment, a simple eye examination, a pair of spectacles, or timely treatment can mean the difference between dependence and independence, exclusion and opportunity.

Speaking during the 2030 IN SIGHT LIVE International Conference in Nairobi, Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to eliminating avoidable blindness and expanding access to quality eye care services as part of Kenya’s Universal Health Coverage agenda.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that more than 2.2 billion people globally live with blindness or visual impairment, with at least one billion cases being preventable or treatable. He said vision is central to learning, employment, productivity, and dignity, making eye health a critical component of national development.



Hon. Duale highlighted Kenya’s progress in expanding eye care services across all 47 counties and integrating eye health into Primary Health Care. He also pointed to ongoing investments in digital health systems that are strengthening screening, referrals, patient follow-up, and continuity of care, helping bring essential eye services closer to communities.

He noted that the Social Health Authority (SHA) is expanding financial protection for eye care services, including cataract treatment and correction of refractive errors, ensuring that more Kenyans can access care without financial hardship.

While acknowledging the progress made, the Cabinet Secretary said underserved communities in arid, semi-arid, and remote areas continue to face barriers in accessing eye care. He reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to strengthening the eye health workforce, expanding outreach services, and leveraging community health systems to ensure that every Kenyan has the opportunity to learn, work, and live with dignity through better eye health.





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Strong preparedness at Points of Entry helps protect millions of travellers and communities from cross-border public health threats.

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“Protecting Kenyans from public health emergencies requires constant vigilance, strong partnerships, and sustained investment in preparedness.” — PS Mary Muthoni.

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## Kenya Strengthens Ebola Preparedness at Points of Entry

Every day, thousands of travellers pass through Kenya’s airports and border points. Behind the scenes, health workers remain vigilant, screening passengers, monitoring risks, and ensuring the country is prepared to respond to public health threats.

As part of ongoing Ebola preparedness efforts, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni today received Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies donated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The supplies will strengthen infection prevention measures at high-risk Points of Entry and support frontline personnel working to keep travellers and communities safe.

The PS reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to protecting Kenyans from public health emergencies and welcomed continued collaboration with partners to strengthen the country’s health security and preparedness systems.





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Investing in child nutrition is one of the most effective ways to improve health, growth, and lifelong wellbeing.

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“Strengthening nutrition financing is critical to ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.” — PS Mary Muthoni.

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## Ministry Explores Nutrition Financing Partnership with UNICEF

The Ministry of Health is strengthening efforts to improve child nutrition and health outcomes through enhanced collaboration with UNICEF under the Child Nutrition Fund (CNF).

During a meeting with UNICEF Deputy Representative Mr. Mahboob Bajwa, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni discussed opportunities for Kenya to leverage the UNICEF-led initiative to mobilise additional resources for high-impact nutrition interventions.

The discussions focused on expanding access to essential nutrition commodities and strengthening nutrition services for mothers and children as part of broader efforts to address malnutrition and improve health outcomes.

The engagement underscores the Government’s commitment to advancing nutrition, improving child health, and supporting the Universal Health Coverage and Primary Health Care agenda.





## DG Health Calls for Stronger Strategic Communication in Malaria Control

Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth has underscored the critical role of strategic communication in advancing malaria control efforts and improving public health outcomes.

Speaking during a strategic communications meeting on malaria control organised by Defrontera Media, Dr. Amoth emphasised the importance of timely, accurate, and evidence-based communication in driving behaviour change, building public trust, and supporting disease prevention interventions.

He highlighted emerging challenges facing malaria control programmes, including changing disease patterns, new mosquito species, resource constraints, and declining donor support, noting the need for increased domestic resource mobilisation to sustain public health programmes.

The Director-General further described the media as a key partner in public health, stressing the importance of translating complex health information into clear and actionable messages while strengthening public trust and effective crisis communication.

The meeting brought together representatives from the Ministry of Health, the National Malaria Control Programme, JHPIEGO, and Defrontera Media to discuss strategies for strengthening communication in malaria prevention and control efforts.



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Effective communication is as important as medical interventions in preventing malaria and protecting communities.

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“Timely, accurate and evidence-based communication is essential for building public trust and driving action in malaria control.” — Dr. Patrick Amoth, Director-General for Health.

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Comprehensive public health preparedness is essential to the success of major international events, ensuring the safety of delegates while strengthening Kenya's health security systems.

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“We are working across sectors to ensure the highest standards of public health preparedness and deliver a safe and successful conference for all delegates.” — PS Mary Muthoni.

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## Kenya Strengthens Public Health Preparedness Ahead of Our Ocean Conference

Kenya is intensifying public health preparedness measures ahead of the 11th Our Ocean Conference, which will be held in Mombasa from 16–18 June 2026 and is expected to bring together global leaders, experts, and stakeholders from across the world.

As part of ongoing preparations, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni joined a multi-sectoral team in briefing Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Hon. Musalia Mudavadi on the country's readiness plans.

The State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards is implementing enhanced disease surveillance, food safety monitoring, inspections of hotels and health facilities, strengthened screening at points of entry, and deployment of emergency medical teams and ambulances to safeguard the health and safety of delegates.

The measures are aimed at ensuring Kenya delivers a safe and successful international conference while reinforcing the country's commitment to health security and emergency preparedness.



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