



## Insight

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## Public Health Leadership Reviews Ebola Readiness

The State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards today convened a high-level Management Meeting bringing together Chief Executive Officers of Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs), Heads of Directorates, Divisions, and Units to review progress, strengthen coordination, and align priorities for the 2026/27 Financial Year.

Chaired by Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni, the meeting reviewed strategic priorities, key achievements, and emerging challenges across the public health sector. Discussions also focused on Kenya’s preparedness for Ebola Virus Disease and other public health emergencies, including surveillance, laboratory capacity, risk communication, and coordinated response mechanisms aimed at safeguarding public health.



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 border surveillance and preparedness are critical to preventing the spread of cross-border disease outbreaks.

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## Kenya Strengthens Ebola Preparedness at Points of Entry

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni conducted spot-check visits to the Busia One Stop Border Post and Malaba Border Point of Entry to assess Ebola preparedness measures, surveillance systems, and traveller screening procedures following reported cases in neighbouring Uganda.

The visits reviewed ongoing efforts to strengthen border health security through enhanced surveillance, strict public health protocols, inter-agency coordination, and improved screening of travellers. The Principal Secretary reaffirmed that Kenya remains free of Ebola Virus Disease, with all 59 suspected cases tested so far returning negative results.



She noted that the Ministry of Health has intensified preparedness measures, including strengthening laboratory testing capacity through laboratories in Nairobi and Kisumu, scaling up public awareness campaigns, and enhancing rapid response mechanisms to support early detection and containment of potential cases.

Muthoni emphasised the importance of border communities as the first line of defence against cross-border health threats and called for continued vigilance, adequate quarantine facilities, and adherence to public health measures. She also commended health workers and border officials for their commitment to disease surveillance, early detection, and emergency preparedness.





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## KENYA REMAINS FREE OF EBOLA CASES.



As of yesterday, **67** individuals had been tested for the virus.



All results returning **NEGATIVE.**



However, the country remains on **HIGH ALERT**, with enhanced surveillance and preparedness measures in place.



*The Ministry of Health is working closely with all relevant agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of all Kenyans.*

**CS ADEN DUALE**  
CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH



WE REMAIN VIGILANT. WE REMAIN PREPARED.  
**WE KEEP KENYA HEALTHY.**



STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE. TOGETHER, WE PROTECT KENYA.



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## EBOLA

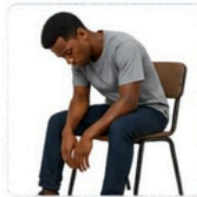
### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS



**FEVER**  
(Sudden Onset)



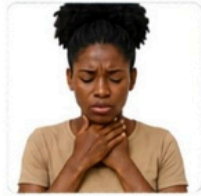
**SEVERE HEADACHE**



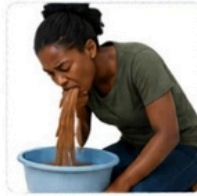
**INTENSE BODY WEAKNESS**



**MUSCLE PAIN**



**SORE THROAT**



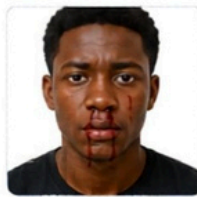
**VOMITING**



**DIARRHOEA**



**SKIN RASH**



**BLEEDING**

If you feel unwell with any of these symptoms or have been in contact with an infected person or their body fluids, seek medical care immediately.  
**Early care can save lives.**

**Protect yourself and others: Wash your hands, avoid touching body fluids, and report any suspected cases to your nearest health facility.**

Ebola can present with symptoms such as sudden fever, severe headache, body weakness, vomiting, diarrhoea, skin rash, and unexplained bleeding.

Seek immediate medical attention if you develop these symptoms, especially after contact with a suspected case. Early detection and treatment save lives.

## Health in the Counties



JOOTRH has reviewed a master plan for its expansion and modernisation, with plans to increase capacity to 2,000 beds through phased development. The project will include a new 500-bed hospital, specialised care units, expanded training and research facilities, and improved support infrastructure to strengthen healthcare services in the region.



Murang'a County has completed the rollout of high-speed internet connectivity to all 170 public health facilities, strengthening digital healthcare services across the county.

According to Governor Irungu Kang'ata, the initiative links health facilities in both urban and rural areas to the Telemedicine Hub at Muriranjias Level Four Hospital in Kahuro, enhancing access to specialist care and supporting the county's digital health agenda.

