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“Investing in quality maternal and cancer care is investing in healthier families and stronger communities.”
— Dr. Ouma Oluga

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WHO Hands Over KSh 43 Million Maternal and Cancer Care Equipment

The Ministry of Health has received maternal and cancer care equipment worth KSh 43 million from the World Health Organization (WHO) to strengthen healthcare services for women and newborns across the country.

The equipment, handed over by WHO Representative to Kenya Dr. Neema Rusibamayila Kimambo and received by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga at Kenyatta National Hospital, includes 108 electric obstetric theatre beds for distribution to 45 health facilities across 11 priority counties.

WHO also provided cancer screening, diagnostic, laboratory, pathology and treatment equipment for eight health facilities in Bungoma and Nyandarua counties to strengthen early detection and management of cervical and breast cancer.

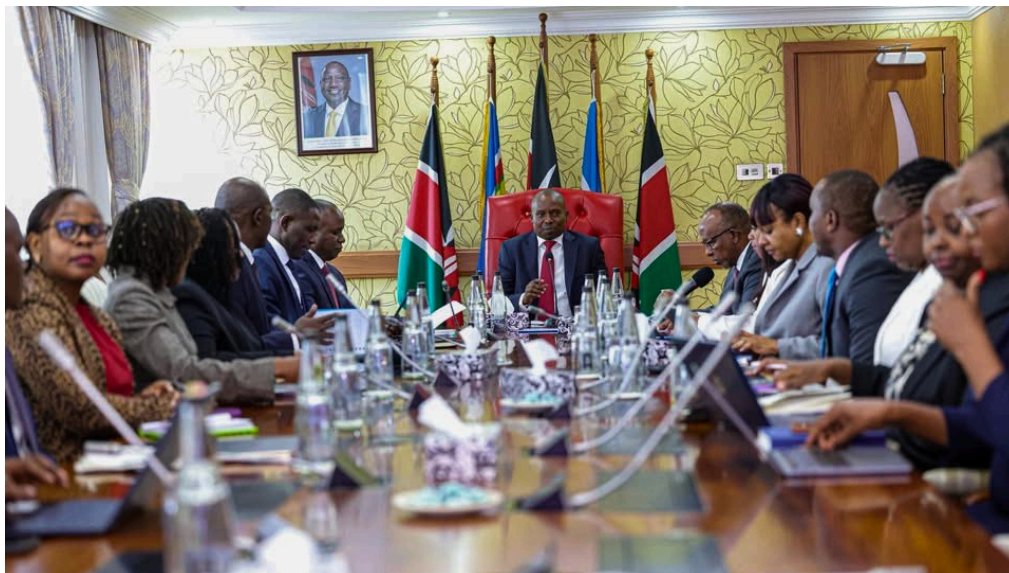


Speaking during the handover and flag-off ceremony, Dr. Oluga said the donation supports the Government's efforts to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes under the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE) Acceleration Plan.

He noted that the equipment will strengthen emergency obstetric and newborn care services, improve access to cancer screening and treatment, and contribute to the attainment of Universal Health Coverage.

The Principal Secretary further highlighted the progress of the Women's Integrated Cancer Services Project, through which 8,440 women have been screened for breast and cervical cancer and selected non-communicable diseases since its launch.





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Kenya is strengthening Ebola preparedness through enhanced surveillance, laboratory capacity, border screening, 23 isolation centres and coordinated emergency response measures to safeguard public health.

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“Preparedness, vigilance and coordination remain critical to protecting Kenyans from public health threats.” — Kithure Kindiki

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Kenya Strengthens Ebola Preparedness as Government Reviews Response Measures

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki today chaired a high-level briefing on Kenya’s preparedness and response measures against Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) following reported cases in the region.

The Government reviewed ongoing interventions aimed at strengthening surveillance, laboratory capacity, infection prevention and control, emergency response, and risk communication to safeguard the country from potential public health threats.

Key preparedness measures include enhanced surveillance at points of entry and border crossings, deployment of health personnel, prepositioning of essential medical supplies, establishment of 23 isolation and treatment centres, and strengthening of four specialised laboratories to support testing and diagnosis.

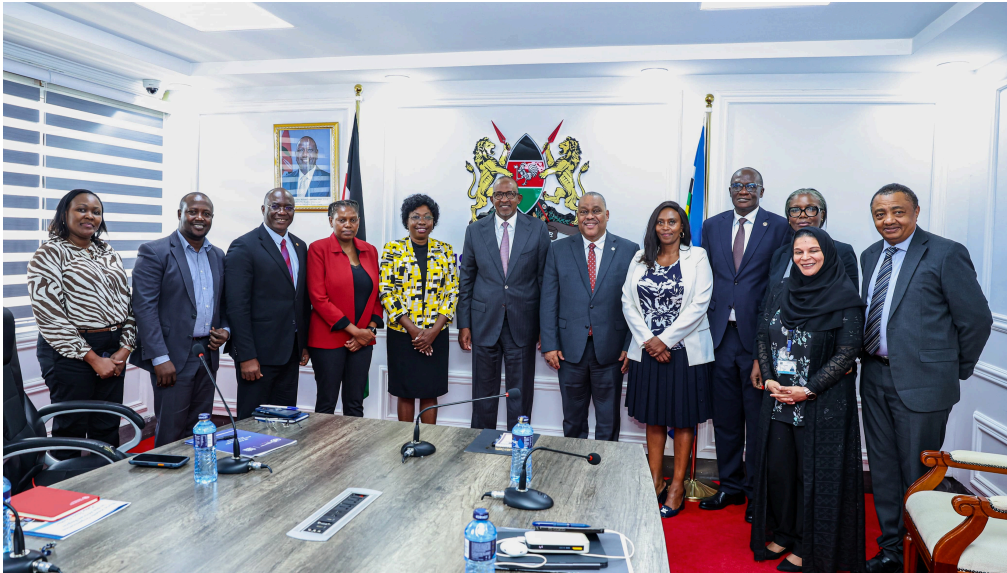


The meeting also received an update on the rollout of Taifa Care and broader Universal Health Coverage reforms, with emphasis on sustaining health system strengthening while enhancing preparedness for public health emergencies.

The Deputy President called for continued vigilance and strengthened coordination across all levels of government to ensure the country remains prepared to respond effectively to any potential outbreak.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale, Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni Muriuki, Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, and other senior Ministry of Health officials attended the briefing.





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Kenya and the United Nations have reaffirmed their collaboration on maternal health, immunisation, health security and UHC, strengthening efforts to deliver quality healthcare and build resilient health systems.

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“Strong partnerships are essential to achieving Universal Health Coverage and improving health outcomes for all Kenyans.”
— Hon. Aden Duale

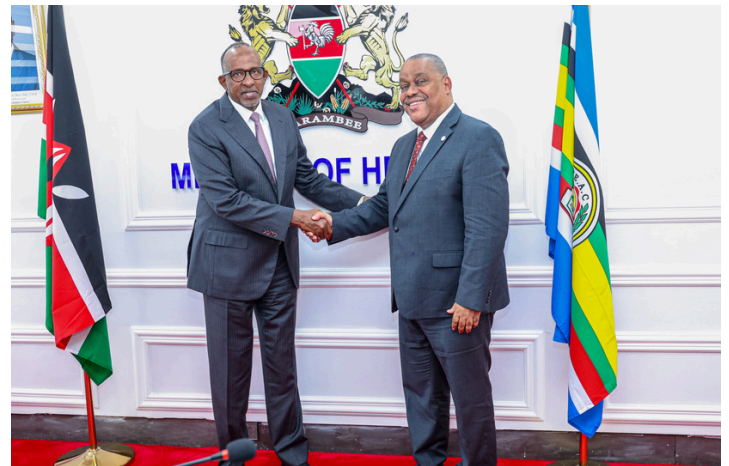
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Kenya and United Nations Strengthen Partnership to Advance Health Priorities

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale today held talks with the newly appointed United Nations Resident Coordinator, Dr. Garry Conille, to strengthen collaboration on Kenya’s health priorities and sustainable development agenda.

The meeting focused on advancing Universal Health Coverage through investments in maternal and newborn health, community health services, immunisation, non-communicable diseases, health security and climate resilience.

Hon. Duale highlighted the Government’s commitment to reducing preventable maternal and newborn deaths through the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE) Acceleration Plan, which is expanding access to quality care for mothers and newborns across the country.



The discussions also explored opportunities to strengthen community health systems, enhance the delivery of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) services, and improve routine immunisation coverage, particularly in underserved communities.

On health security, the leaders reviewed Kenya’s preparedness measures for Ebola Virus Disease and other public health threats, including strengthened disease surveillance, border health services and emergency response systems.

The Cabinet Secretary further highlighted progress in health sector reforms, including the registration of more than 31.5 million Kenyans under the Social Health Authority and ongoing digital health initiatives aimed at improving access, efficiency and quality of healthcare services. He reaffirmed Kenya’s commitment to working closely with the United Nations and development partners to build a resilient health system and ensure equitable access to healthcare for all.





MINISTRY OF HEALTH

EBOLA

KNOW IT. PREVENT IT. STOP IT.

HOW IS EBOLA SPREAD?

Ebola is a severe, often fatal illness. It spreads through **direct contact** with an infected person, contaminated objects or infected animals.

WAYS EBOLA CAN SPREAD



DIRECT CONTACT WITH INFECTED PERSON

Through direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person (sweat, vomit, saliva, urine, feces, breast milk, semen).



CONTACT WITH CONTAMINATED OBJECTS

Through contact with contaminated objects (clothing, bedding, needles, medical equipment).



CONTACT WITH INFECTED ANIMALS

Through contact with infected animals, such as bats, monkeys, chimpanzees, and antelopes.



UNSAFE BURIAL PRACTICES

During unsafe burial practices of someone who died from Ebola.

PROTECT YOURSELF. PROTECT OTHERS.



Wash your hands regularly with soap and clean water.



Avoid direct contact with people who are sick.



Seek medical care early if you have symptoms such as fever, weakness, vomiting or diarrhea.



Do not touch or use items that may have been in contact with an infected person.



Report any suspected case to the nearest health facility.

For emergencies or to report a suspected case, dial the toll-free emergency number