



# MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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### **KENYA'S HEALTH SYSTEM: A TRUSTED PARTNER IN GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY**

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The Government of Kenya notes ongoing discussions with US government and other global partners regarding international collaboration on strengthening preparedness and response mechanisms for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and other emerging public health threats. Kenya welcomes partnerships that strengthen global health security and reaffirm our shared commitment to protecting lives through coordinated, science-based action.

Kenya's role in regional and global health security has been built over many years through deliberate investments in health systems strengthening, public health surveillance, workforce development and emergency preparedness. Our health professionals have supported responses to major disease outbreaks across the region including the West Africa EVD outbreak in 2014-2016. Our institutions have continued to play an important role in advancing disease surveillance, laboratory systems, emergency response and public health coordination.

The country continues to maintain and strengthen preparedness measures in response to the ongoing EVD outbreak in the region. Kenya has activated its national Incident Management System, intensified surveillance at Points of Entry, designated laboratories for testing and strengthened coordination mechanisms at national and county levels. Preparedness and response activities continue to be enhanced in collaboration with counties, regional institutions and international partners. To date more than 55,000 travellers have been screened for the disease through various ports of entry and we have tested a total of ten cases which have all turned out negative.

Any arrangements regarding international health cooperation will be guided by Kenya's national laws, public health regulations, biosafety and biosecurity standards, and the overriding responsibility of Government to safeguard the health and welfare of the people of Kenya. Protection of Kenyan citizens, frontline health workers and communities remains paramount.

Kenya values its longstanding partnership with the United States and other global partners in strengthening health systems and health security capacities. These partnerships have contributed significantly to investments in surveillance systems, workforce training, emergency preparedness and health infrastructure that benefit not only Kenya, but also the broader region.

Kenya remains committed to playing its role as a responsible regional and global partner in advancing health security. As we continue to strengthen preparedness and resilience, our approach will remain guided by science, collaboration, national interest and the shared objective of protecting populations from emerging public health threats.

Kenya is ready. Kenya is capable. Kenya will continue to act responsibly in safeguarding both national and global health security. We shall be giving regular updates on a timely basis.



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