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— Aden Duale

## Government Strengthens National Fight Against Substandard and Falsified Medical Products

Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale inaugurated the Interministerial Steering Committee (ISC) to oversee implementation of Kenya’s National Action Plan on Substandard and Falsified Medical Products, reinforcing coordinated government action to protect patients from unsafe medical products.

The Cabinet Secretary said substandard and falsified medical products remain a threat to patient safety, health security and economic development, calling for closer collaboration among regulators, law enforcement, border control agencies, county governments, healthcare professionals and industry.



Kenya has strengthened medicine regulation through enhanced surveillance, pharmacovigilance, product quality monitoring and enforcement. Since January 2025, the Pharmacy and Poisons Board has coordinated 58 product recalls, issued 14 rapid alerts on falsified medical products and intensified enforcement operations, resulting in the closure of more than 200 non-compliant pharmaceutical premises.

The Cabinet Secretary reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to working with the World Health Organization and other partners to strengthen regulatory systems, surveillance, intelligence sharing and digital traceability. Present were Council of Governors Vice Chairperson H.E. Muthomi Njuki, Council of Governors CEO Mary Mwiti, Pharmacy and Poisons Board Chairperson Dr. John Munyu, PPB CEO Dr. Ahmed Mohamed, representatives of the World Health Organization, IGAD, government agencies and development partners.





**“Expanding access to specialised cancer care is essential to improving health outcomes and ensuring equitable healthcare for all Kenyans.” — Ouma Oluga**

## Ministry Steps Up Delivery of Kisii Cancer Centre

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Ouma Oluga chaired a progress review meeting with contractors, consultants and the Project Implementation Unit to assess implementation of the proposed Kisii Cancer Centre and review measures to accelerate project delivery.

The meeting reviewed progress, addressed key implementation challenges and agreed on actions to keep the project on track and ensure timely completion.

Once completed, the Kisii Cancer Centre will expand access to specialised cancer diagnosis and treatment services in Kisii County and the South Nyanza region, reducing referrals to national referral hospitals and bringing quality cancer care closer to patients.

The project is part of the Ministry of Health’s efforts to strengthen specialised healthcare services and improve equitable access to cancer care across the country.





## Insight:

**Effective collaboration across Government remains critical to delivering national priorities, strengthening public service and improving the lives of Kenyans.**

## Principal Secretaries Review Government Priorities

Principal Secretaries Mary Muthoni and Ouma Oluga joined colleagues at the monthly Principal Secretaries' Forum chaired by Head of Public Service Felix Koskei.

The Forum reviewed Government performance, assessed progress in implementing Presidential Directives and aligned priorities to accelerate service delivery.

Discussions focused on Kenya's trade and investment agenda, the Livestock Investment Initiative, labour mobility, the national response to Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, and national security.

The meeting reaffirmed the Government's commitment to coordinated implementation, improved service delivery and economic transformation.





**“Expanding access to specialised ear and hearing care is essential to ensuring timely diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for all Kenyans.” — Aden Duale**

## Government Expands Access to Ear and Hearing Care

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to strengthening ear and hearing care services during a briefing on the Ear and Hearing Care Programme at Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that hearing loss affects more than one million Kenyans and underscored the need for sustained investment in prevention, early detection, treatment and rehabilitation. He welcomed progress in newborn hearing screening, Kenya’s Cochlear Implant Programme and partnerships that have expanded access to hearing devices, specialist training and hearing services in several counties.



Hon. Duale also highlighted the role of the Social Health Authority in improving financial access to specialised ENT services and reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to expanding quality ear and hearing care across the country through collaboration with healthcare institutions and development partners.

Present were Director-General for Health Patrick Amoth, Director Curative Services Dr Toro, Director of Special Needs Education Fredrick Haga, KUTRRH Board Chairperson James Kabugu, KUTRRH Chief Executive Officer Zeinab Gura and other Government officials.





**“Research is the foundation of better health policies and better patient outcomes.” — Hon. Aden Duale**

## Government Expands Access to Ear and Hearing Care

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale today opened the Second Annual Scientific Conference at Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH), reaffirming the Government’s commitment to research, innovation and evidence-based policymaking as key pillars in achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The Cabinet Secretary said the Government’s health transformation agenda is being implemented through Taifa Care, the Social Health Authority (SHA), digital health transformation, strategic investments in health infrastructure and a strengthened health workforce. He emphasized that research and innovation are essential to strengthening healthcare delivery and improving patient outcomes.



Hon. Duale noted that the conference theme, “Care Without Gaps: Holistic Pathways to Universal Health Care,” aligns with the Ministry’s Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE) initiative and the ongoing Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) on Maternal and Newborn Health. He challenged researchers and healthcare professionals to generate practical, evidence-based solutions that support national health priorities.

The two-day conference has brought together researchers, clinicians, policymakers and healthcare professionals from across the country to share knowledge, showcase innovations and strengthen collaboration towards a more resilient and responsive health system.





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