



NYOTA Funding Opens New Opportunities for Young Entrepreneurs

More than 122,000 young entrepreneurs across the country have received business grants under the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Programme, as the Government expands opportunities for youth to start and grow sustainable enterprises.

On 9 July 2026, Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale presided over the second tranche disbursement in Garissa County as part of a nationwide exercise led by H.E. President Dr. William Samoei Ruto from Nairobi and conducted across all 47 counties.

Under the latest disbursement, 88,934 entrepreneurs received a second grant of KSh 25,000 after demonstrating prudent use of their initial funding, while 33,269 youth received their first business grants. The Government invested more than KSh 3.05 billion in the exercise.

Beyond funding, NYOTA provides entrepreneurship training, mentorship, skills development, market access and employability support. Beneficiaries are already reporting business growth, improved incomes and new employment opportunities, demonstrating the programme's role in strengthening livelihoods and supporting inclusive economic growth.





Youth Empowerment Strengthens Livelihoods and Health

The Government's investment in youth empowerment through the NYOTA Programme is strengthening household incomes and complementing efforts to achieve Universal Health Coverage by addressing the social and economic factors that influence health and well-being.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga joined national leaders and youth beneficiaries on 9 July 2026 at Jomo Kenyatta Stadium in Kisumu for the nationwide disbursement of the second tranche of the NYOTA Business Support Fund. The exercise was launched by H.E. President Dr. William Samoei Ruto and conducted across all 47 counties.

The Kisumu event, presided over by National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary Hon. FCPA John Mbadi Ng'ongo, brought together beneficiaries from Kisumu, Siaya and Homa Bay. They are among more than 122,000 young entrepreneurs benefiting from the programme.

Beneficiaries shared how entrepreneurship training and financial support have helped them establish and expand businesses, improve household incomes and strengthen their economic resilience, contributing to healthier and more secure communities.





Government Releases KSh 3 Billion for Youth Businesses

The Government has released more than KSh 3 billion under the second tranche of the NYOTA Programme, supporting 88,934 young entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, create jobs and strengthen their livelihoods.

In the Murang'a, Nyeri and Kirinyaga cluster, KSh 176.375 million has been disbursed to 7,055 young people. Beneficiaries will also receive business and entrepreneurship training to help them build sustainable and competitive enterprises.

To ease barriers facing young entrepreneurs, the Government has introduced a two-year tax waiver for NYOTA beneficiaries and a National NYOTA Identification System, while creating pathways for youth-owned start-ups to grow into sustainable businesses.

More than 122,000 young people are benefiting from the programme nationwide, expanding opportunities for enterprise development and economic participation.





Belgut Rolls Out SHA Support Initiative

The Government is expanding access to quality and affordable healthcare through strategic partnerships that are increasing enrolment into the Social Health Authority (SHA) under Taifa Care.

On 8 July 2026, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni joined leaders and residents of Belgut Constituency in Kericho County for the launch of the Belgut NG-CDF SHA Support Programme, which is enrolling 700 vulnerable beneficiaries into SHA. The event also featured a free medical camp organised by the Ministry of Health in partnership with Browns East Africa Plantations.

The Principal Secretary said the initiative demonstrates the value of partnerships in advancing Universal Health Coverage. She noted that 15,238 vulnerable households have been enrolled into SHA through 62 NG-CDF-supported initiatives across 17 counties and 33 constituencies, representing an investment of more than KSh 96 million in health insurance premiums.

She urged more Members of Parliament to support similar initiatives to expand financial protection in healthcare. The event was attended by Kericho Governor H.E. Dr Eric Mutai, Belgut MP Hon. Nelson Koech, Senator Aaron Cheruiyot and other national and county leaders.





Kenya Advances Digital Health to Improve Patient Care

The Government is accelerating the implementation of a secure and integrated digital health system to improve access to quality healthcare and support the delivery of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) under Taifa Care.

On 8 July 2026, Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga chaired the Healthcare IT Digitization Programme Steering Committee meeting, bringing together the Safaricom Consortium, the Digital Health Authority (DHA), the Social Health Authority (SHA), the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) and other implementing agencies to review progress and address key implementation priorities.

The meeting focused on strengthening coordination, governance and accountability, fast-tracking project milestones, and resolving technical and operational issues to ensure timely delivery of digital health services. The integrated system will enhance continuity of care, improve efficiency across health facilities and support better access to healthcare for all Kenyans.

The Steering Committee reaffirmed its commitment to delivering a secure, interoperable and resilient digital health ecosystem that strengthens Taifa Care and advances Universal Health Coverage.





School health goes beyond access to care, bringing together prevention, protection from harmful substances and healthy behaviours to safeguard learners' wellbeing.

Schools Urged to Strengthen Learner Health and Protection

School health remains central to protecting learners and building healthier communities. Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening school health systems at Kerugoya Boys High School during the launch of the school's Strategic Plan 2026–2030.

On 9 July 2026, the Principal Secretary announced ongoing efforts to accredit the school's health clinic under the Social Health Authority (SHA), enabling learners to access quality healthcare services within the school.

She also called for stronger action against drug and substance abuse, warning about nicotine products increasingly targeting young people through attractive packaging and flavours. She cautioned against self-medication and antibiotic misuse, while emphasising hygiene, sanitation and preventive healthcare as critical to reducing disease.

The PS urged schools, parents and communities to work together to protect learners, promote healthy behaviours and build a healthier nation.





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