



CS Duale Reaffirms Government Commitment to Strengthening Cancer Care

On 17 July 2026, Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening cancer prevention, early diagnosis and treatment while opening the 11th African Radiation Oncology Group (AFROG) 2026 Annual Scientific Conference in Nairobi.

He said reforms under the Social Health Authority (SHA) have expanded access to specialised cancer services, while the National Cancer Control Strategy 2023–2027 continues to guide investments in prevention, screening, treatment and research. He added that cancer screening is being integrated into Primary Care Networks, supported by Community Health Promoters to promote early detection.



The Cabinet Secretary also highlighted the expansion of regional cancer centres and investments in advanced technologies, including CyberKnife and PET-CT imaging, reaffirming the Government's commitment to improving access to quality cancer care and strengthening local manufacturing of health products.

The conference was attended by Principal Secretary for Science, Research and Innovation Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, Kisumu County Governor H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, AFROG President Dr. Catherine Nyongesa, National Cancer Institute Chief Executive Officer Dr. Elias Melly, oncology specialists, researchers, policymakers and healthcare professionals from across Africa.





PS Oluga Launches Mission Hospital in Homa Bay

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga presided over the official launch of the Rev. Naphtaly Matan Memorial Mission Hospital and the groundbreaking ceremony for its expansion on Mfangano Island, Homa Bay County.

He urged residents to register with the Social Health Authority (SHA) to benefit from Universal Health Coverage and access essential health services without financial hardship. Dr. Oluga also reaffirmed the Ministry of Health's commitment to supporting the hospital's growth to improve access to quality healthcare in the region.

The event was attended by Silas Chepkeres Jakakimba, church leaders, county officials, development partners, health workers and members of the local community. It included the official opening of the hospital, a tour of the facility and the groundbreaking ceremony for its expansion, highlighting the role of partnerships in strengthening healthcare





Ministry Launches Health Sector Disability Mainstreaming Policy

The Ministry of Health has launched the Health Sector Disability Mainstreaming Policy and Implementation Guidelines to strengthen disability inclusion across Kenya's health system and improve access to quality healthcare for persons with disabilities.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni said the policy will guide the integration of disability inclusion in health service delivery, financing, infrastructure and communication, while supporting Universal Health Coverage. She noted that the Ministry is aligning the policy with Social Health Authority (SHA) benefit packages to expand access to rehabilitation, assistive technologies and mobility devices.



The Principal Secretary announced that all Ministry of Health departments and agencies will allocate dedicated budgets for disability mainstreaming and work with county governments to integrate disability inclusion into county health plans and budgets. She also called on development partners to align their support with the national policy to advance an equitable and accessible health system for all Kenyans.





PS Mary Muthoni Engages Faith-Based Organisations on UHC

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni met clergy from the African Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa (AIPCA), the New Apostolic Church and the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) in Embu County to strengthen collaboration in advancing Universal Health Coverage and preventive healthcare.

The clergy welcomed the impact of the Social Health Authority (SHA), sharing testimonies of patients whose hospital bills had been settled through the scheme and pledging to support public awareness and registration.

The Principal Secretary reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to working with faith-based organisations to expand access to healthcare through community outreach, while highlighting ongoing investments in primary healthcare, Community Health Promoters, digital health, referral systems and improvements at Embu Level 5 Hospital. She also noted plans to upgrade Siakago Hospital to Level 5 and urged continued partnership in promoting healthy behaviours, including tobacco and nicotine prevention.





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