



India's support strengthens Kenya's Ebola preparedness and underscores the importance of partnerships in advancing national health security.

India Boosts Kenya's Ebola Preparedness with Emergency Response Supplies

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale received a 5-tonne consignment of Ebola Virus Disease preparedness commodities from the Government of the Republic of India, strengthening Kenya's health security and emergency response capacity.

The donation of personal protective equipment, rapid diagnostic kits, infrared thermometers and other emergency supplies will replenish the National Public Health Emergency Strategic Stockpile, protect frontline healthcare workers and support the operational readiness of 22 designated Ebola isolation units.

Despite recording no confirmed Ebola case, Kenya has maintained heightened preparedness by screening more than 270,000 travellers at over 20 points of entry, strengthening surveillance, laboratory capacity, rapid response teams and infection prevention and control measures, including the deployment of two mobile laboratories.

Hon. Duale said the donation reflects the strong Kenya-India partnership in health and reaffirms the Government's commitment to building resilient health systems under Taifa Care through strategic investments in emergency preparedness, disease surveillance and public health infrastructure.

The handover was attended by Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms. Mary Muthoni, India's High Commissioner to Kenya H.E. Dr. Adarsh Swaika, Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, Kenya National Public Health Institute Board Chairperson Mr. Paul Ndung'u Kariuki and other senior government officials.





Kenya Champions Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturing at AU Summit

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga has called for stronger continental collaboration to accelerate local manufacturing of medicines, vaccines and diagnostics, describing pharmaceutical production as a strategic pillar of Africa's health security.

Addressing a parallel session on Access to Medicines, Regulatory Harmonisation and Local and Regional Manufacturing of Medicines, Vaccines and Diagnostics during the African Union Extraordinary Summit in Accra, Ghana, Dr. Oluga said Kenya's health reforms have created a conducive environment for sustainable investment in pharmaceutical manufacturing through predictable financing, digital health systems and expanded health coverage.

He urged African countries to leverage continental initiatives, including the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism and the African Medicines Agency, to create a unified market for locally manufactured health products backed by political commitment, procurement preferences and long-term purchasing arrangements.

Dr. Oluga reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to becoming a regional manufacturing hub through the Kenya BioVax Institute, while calling for greater investment in regional partnerships, technology transfer and complementary manufacturing to strengthen Africa's pharmaceutical supply chains and health security.



Africa's health security depends on stronger local manufacturing, regional collaboration and predictable investment in pharmaceutical production.



Kenya Calls for Stronger African Health Systems and Local Manufacturing

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga called for stronger African health systems, accelerated local manufacturing of medicines, vaccines and diagnostics, and greater investment in health workers, research and innovation during the 20th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in Accra, Ghana.

Dr. Oluga highlighted Kenya's ongoing Universal Health Coverage reforms, noting that investments in social health protection, primary healthcare, digital health and the Social Health Authority are expanding access to quality healthcare while creating an enabling environment for sustainable investment in the health sector.

He emphasised that Africa must reduce its dependence on imported health products by strengthening local manufacturing, supporting regional value chains and investing in science, innovation and a skilled health workforce to enhance health security and resilience.

The Principal Secretary reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to advancing local manufacturing through the Kenya BioVax Institute and support for the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism, calling for stronger regional collaboration to improve access to quality, affordable health products across the continent.





Kenya Reaffirms Commitment to Africa's Health Agenda at AU Summit

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga represented Kenya at the 20th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in Accra, Ghana. He was accompanied by Kenya's Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Shem Amadi.

Held under the theme "Advancing Justice, Equity and Universal Health Coverage: Ending AIDS and TB, Improving Maternal Health, and Addressing Endemic, Non-Communicable and Neglected Tropical Diseases and Conditions in Africa," the Summit brought together African leaders and development partners to accelerate action towards ending AIDS and tuberculosis, eliminating preventable maternal deaths, addressing communicable and non-communicable diseases, and strengthening resilient and equitable health systems.

Kenya reaffirmed its commitment to advancing Universal Health Coverage, sustainable health financing, disease prevention and control, maternal and child health, health security and resilient health systems, while joining Member States in strengthening collaboration to achieve Africa's health priorities and the 2030 targets.





Kenya Participates in AU Extraordinary Session

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga participated in the Extraordinary Session of the African Union Assembly in Accra, Ghana, where African leaders reviewed strategic priorities for advancing the continent's development and health agenda.

The Session considered the Draft African Union Roadmap to 2026 and Beyond, aimed at strengthening continental cooperation, accelerating implementation of African Union priorities and promoting sustainable, resilient and country-led development.

Dr. Oluga reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to regional collaboration in advancing Universal Health Coverage, sustainable health financing, health security, local manufacturing of health products and resilient health systems. The meeting also provided an opportunity for Member States to align priorities and strengthen collective action towards the achievement of Agenda 2063.





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