



Kenya strengthens vaccine research and manufacturing partnership with IAVI

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale met International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mark Feinberg to advance collaboration in vaccine research, biomedical innovation and global health security.

The discussions explored expanded cooperation in research, clinical trials, technology transfer, local manufacturing and workforce development, with particular focus on HIV, tuberculosis and emerging infectious diseases.

Hon. Duale highlighted the strategic role of the Kenya BioVax Institute in Kenya's vaccine and biologics manufacturing agenda, noting that stronger collaboration with IAVI will support technology transfer, accelerate product development and help translate scientific research into locally produced health products.



The meeting also reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding to provide a framework for research and innovation, clinical development, capacity building and knowledge exchange. The partnership aligns with Kenya's Universal Health Coverage and epidemic preparedness priorities while strengthening the country's position in biomedical research, innovation and biomanufacturing.

Present were Kenya Medical Research Institute Chief Executive Officer Prof. Elijah Songok, Kenya BioVax Institute Chief Executive Officer Mr. Wesley Rono and other senior officials.





Kenya moves to strengthen community emergency response

Kenya is advancing measures to strengthen community-based emergency medical services through closer collaboration between the Ministry of Health and St John Ambulance Kenya.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni led discussions on the review of the St John Ambulance Act and the organisation's proposed integration into the National Emergency Response Framework and National Dispatch Centre. The measures are intended to improve coordination and responsiveness of emergency medical services across the country.

The engagement also explored development of a National Youth Mentorship, Leadership and Life Skills Programme, incorporating first aid, emergency preparedness, volunteerism, health promotion and community service.

The initiatives advance directives issued by H.E. President William Ruto at the St John Ambulance Annual Parade and support efforts to build stronger emergency response systems and safer communities.





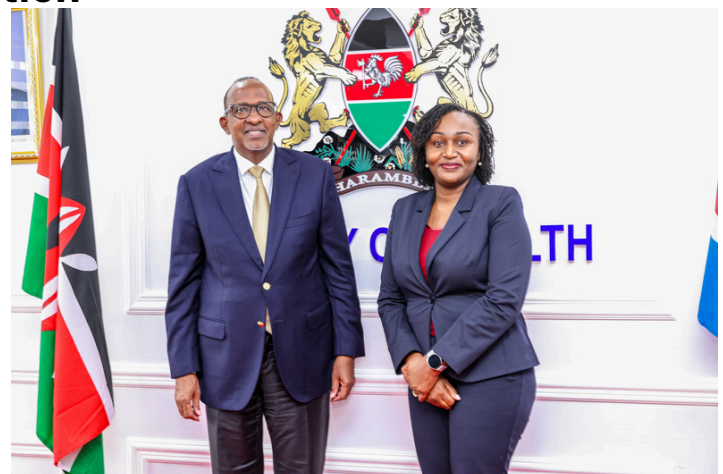
Kenya and PATH strengthen collaboration on health priorities

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale met a PATH Kenya delegation led by Country Director Ms. Carolyn Njuguna to advance collaboration on Universal Health Coverage, primary healthcare, digital innovation and health security.

Discussions focused on evidence-based advocacy, artificial intelligence, Primary Care Networks, immunisation, disease surveillance, emergency preparedness and sustainable vaccine financing. Hon. Duale highlighted ongoing reforms including Taifa Care, Community Health Promoters, the National Equipment Service Programme and the forthcoming National Ambulance Dispatch Centre.

PATH committed to support implementation of the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere initiative, beginning in Kajiado County, through technical assistance, policy support and stronger primary healthcare systems to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes.

The engagement builds on more than 30 years of Kenya-PATH collaboration in infectious disease control, digital health, pharmaceutical manufacturing and health systems strengthening, while opening new areas of cooperation aligned with Kenya's health priorities.





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