



A New Chapter for Kidney Care Nears Reality

Thousands of Kenyans living with kidney disease are set to benefit as the East Africa Centre of Excellence in Nephrology and Urology prepares to begin operations.

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale inspected the KSh 6 billion Government-funded facility ahead of its launch, reaffirming the Government's commitment to expanding access to specialised healthcare.

The Centre will provide advanced diagnosis, dialysis, kidney transplantation and specialised urological services while serving as a regional hub for research, innovation and postgraduate training. It features modern operating theatres, critical care units, advanced diagnostic laboratories and 30 dialysis machines, including dedicated paediatric services.

Already, the Institute has trained 444 healthcare professionals and supported 375 kidney transplants through Kenyatta National Hospital. With an estimated 10 million Kenyans living with kidney injuries and other renal conditions, the Centre is expected to improve access to life-saving treatment, reduce referrals abroad and ease the financial burden on families.

The Cabinet Secretary also reviewed operational readiness ahead of the Centre's official launch.

Present were Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, Head of the Kenya Blood Transfusion and Transplant Services Dr. Martin Sirengo, Head of Curative and Nursing Services Dr. Andrew Toro, and Dr. Hossan Ajuck from the Ministry's Project Management team.





Kenya Strengthens Ebola Preparedness

Kenya has strengthened its readiness to prevent and respond to Ebola Virus Disease following the inaugural meeting of the National Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness and Response Taskforce.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni said the multi-sectoral Taskforce will provide strategic leadership and coordination to ensure the country remains prepared despite having no recorded Ebola outbreak.

Bringing together government ministries, county governments, development partners, security agencies and technical experts, the Taskforce will strengthen surveillance, laboratory capacity, infection prevention and control, risk communication, case management and cross-border coordination while supporting timely resource mobilisation.

The Principal Secretary called for continued collaboration to safeguard public health and strengthen national health security as the Taskforce oversees implementation of Kenya's Ebola preparedness framework and ensures the country remains ready to respond to any potential outbreak.

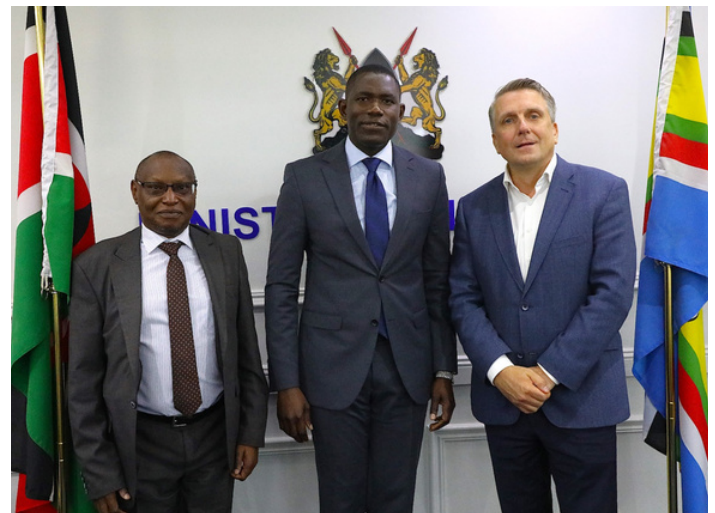




Strengthening the Health Workforce

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga met with Prof. Dr. Lutz Mükke, Director of Institutional Partnerships Africa at Lecturio, to explore collaboration in strengthening Kenya's healthcare workforce through digital learning and innovation.

The discussions focused on expanding continuous professional development, promoting inclusive knowledge management across all health workforce cadres, and leveraging digital learning and simulation-based training to strengthen clinical competencies and improve patient care.



Dr. Oluga reaffirmed the Ministry of Health's commitment to building a skilled, competent and future-ready health workforce through strategic partnerships that harness digital innovation to enhance healthcare service delivery and advance Universal Health Coverage.





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