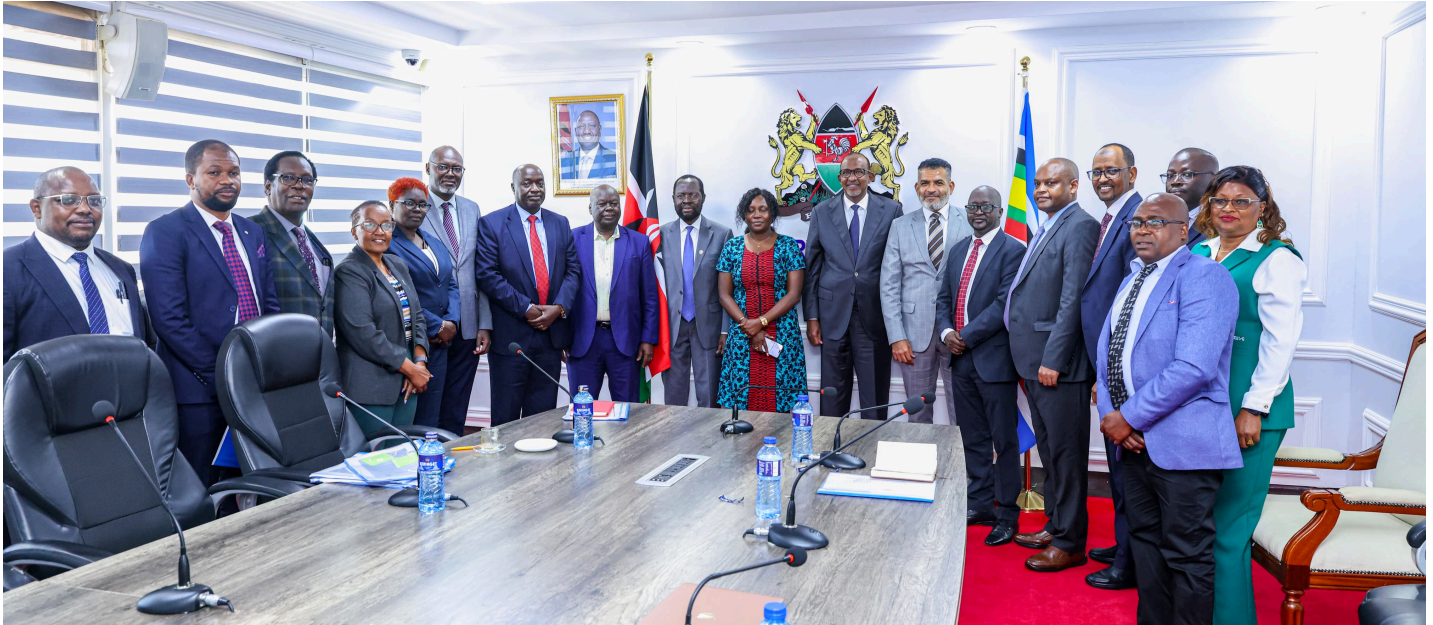




Kenya Expands Investment in Maternal and Newborn Care

The Government is establishing 10 specialised maternal and newborn health facilities in Nairobi, Bomet, Kwale, Mombasa, Garissa, Kisumu, Embu, Nakuru, West Pokot and Uasin Gishu counties.

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale held discussions with Governors and county representatives on implementing President William Ruto's directive to reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

Supported by a KES 4.4 billion grant from Amsons Group through the Mama na Mtoto Kwanza initiative, each 250-bed facility will provide comprehensive maternal, obstetric, neonatal and intensive care services.

The investment complements the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere programme, which has trained 1,800 healthcare workers. The Government is also recruiting 5,000 nurses and midwives and channelling KES 4 billion through the Social Health Authority to support deliveries at Level 2 and Level 3 facilities. Groundbreaking is expected by September.





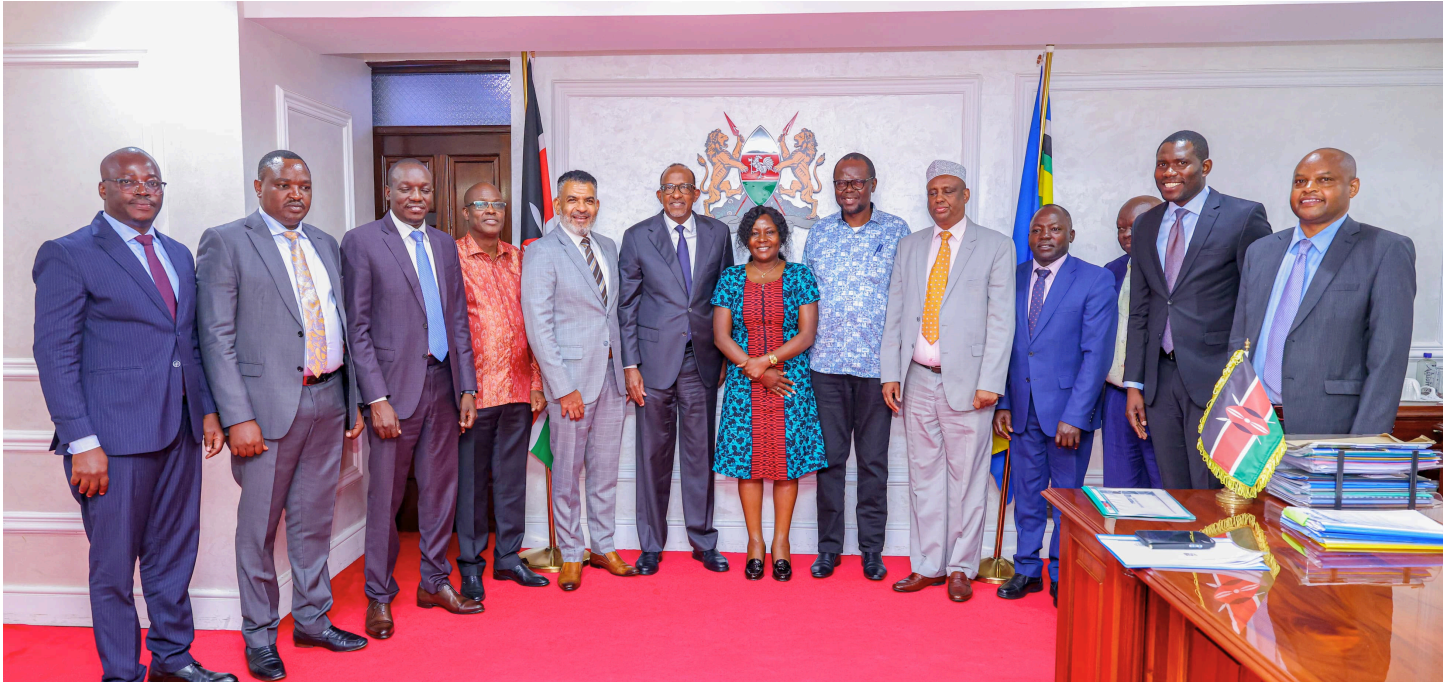
Strengthening Accountability in County Health Services

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, met with the Japan International Cooperation Agency team for a briefing on the Project for Strengthening Accountability in the Management of County Health Services.



The five-year project is being implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the county governments of Kericho and Kirinyaga, with its tools and approaches subsequently scaled up to other counties. It seeks to strengthen county health system management through improved planning, effective resource management, evidence-informed decision-making and greater accountability.

The engagement reviewed the project's progress, lessons and measures to sustain the SAMACH tools and approaches beyond the project period. Discussions also focused on their continued use to support data-driven planning, strengthen management practices and improve the delivery of health services across counties.



Accelerating Investment in Kenya's Health Infrastructure

The Government is advancing plans to construct 13 new 300-bed Level 5 county referral hospitals at a cost of KSh 29 billion.

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale chaired a consultative meeting to review implementation of the hospitals across Kilifi, Mandera, Marsabit, Embu, Migori, Nyamira, Turkana, Baringo, Nakuru, Bomet, Narok, Kisii and Laikipia.



The modern facilities will expand specialised and critical care, reduce pressure on national referral hospitals and support Universal Health Coverage. The meeting also reviewed implementation timelines, county preparedness and coordination between the National and County Governments.

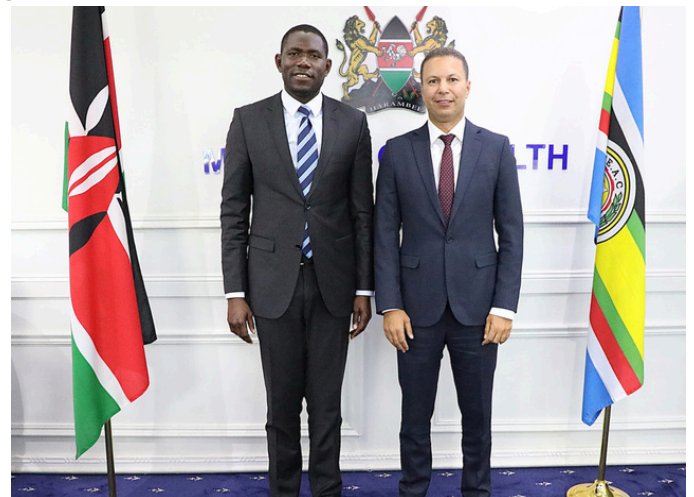
Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, governors, county representatives and other senior officials attended the meeting.



Kenya and Pfizer Explore Expanded Health Partnership

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga held talks with Pfizer Biopharmaceuticals Group Vice President for Access and Accord in Emerging Markets, Ali Besri, to review implementation of the Ministry of Health–Pfizer Overseas LLC Memorandum of Understanding.

The agreement supports not-for-profit access to medicines and vaccines, supply-chain strengthening, regulatory collaboration and health workforce development.



Dr. Oluga called for the partnership to expand into clinical research, technology transfer, local manufacturing and the establishment of Kenya as a pharmaceutical logistics and distribution hub for East Africa.

The meeting also discussed operationalising a Joint Coordination Committee to oversee implementation and coordinate participating institutions.





Media Engagement Sets the Pace for Kenya Health Summit 2026

The Ministry of Health, led by Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale, engaged journalists ahead of the Kenya Health Summit 2026, taking place on 18–19 August at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre.

Under the theme, “Reforms Delivered, Health as a Right,” the Summit will review progress in health financing, primary healthcare, emergency medical services, local pharmaceutical manufacturing, health infrastructure and disease preparedness.



The media were encouraged to examine how these reforms are improving lives by engaging experts, visiting health facilities and highlighting the experiences of patients, healthcare workers and communities.

Present were Principal Secretaries Dr. Ouma Oluga and Mary Muthoni, Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, health-sector leaders, development partners, media representatives and senior Ministry officials.





Meru Level 5 Hospital Set for Major Upgrade

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga inspected the ongoing KSh 1 billion upgrade of Meru Level 5 Hospital, which will add 360 beds, eight modern surgical theatres, advanced diagnostic equipment and specialised services.

The investment will increase the hospital's capacity, reduce congestion and waiting times, and bring specialised care closer to residents of Meru and the wider region.

Dr. Oluga called for timely completion, quality workmanship and prudent use of public resources, noting that the project's success will be measured by its impact on patients and communities.





Strengthening Healthcare Delivery and Disease Preparedness

The Government is strengthening primary healthcare, the health workforce, access to health products and technologies, medical equipment and the digitisation of health services to advance Universal Health Coverage.

Speaking on Radio Maisha's Maisha Asubuhi programme, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni also called for stronger regional cooperation, cross-border surveillance, timely information sharing and coordinated responses to disease outbreaks such as Ebola.

She noted that the reforms are anchored in four laws enacted in 2023, providing the foundation for a more accessible, efficient and sustainable healthcare system.





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