



Kenya Showcases Health Reform Progress

H.E. President Dr William Ruto today opened the Kenya Health Summit 2026 at KICC, Nairobi, under the theme “Reforms Delivered, Health as a Right.”

The Summit highlighted the registration of 32.3 million Kenyans with the Social Health Authority, accreditation of more than 10,000 health facilities and deployment of over 42,000 digital devices.

Through the National Equipment Service Programme, 862 specialised medical equipment units have been deployed to 251 facilities across 44 counties, while the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority’s order fill rate has increased from 35 to 95 per cent.



The health workforce has been strengthened through the deployment of 24,573 interns, transition of 7,414 Universal Health Coverage staff to permanent and pensionable terms, and planned recruitment of 5,000 nurses and midwives.

Present were Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale, Governors, Principal Secretaries Dr Ouma Oluga and Ms Mary Muthoni, Director-General for Health Dr Patrick Amoth, development partners and other health sector stakeholders.



Bringing Healthcare Closer to Every Household

H.E. President Dr William Samoei Ruto flagged off 7,831 Community Health Promoter kits for distribution across the counties at the Kenya Health Summit 2026.

The kits will equip Community Health Promoters who missed the previous distribution, enabling them to deliver essential primary healthcare services within households.

More than 107,000 Community Health Promoters have reached over nine million households through health screening, education, disease prevention, minor ailment management and referral services. They also support registration with the Social Health Authority.



The Government is advancing plans to enrol Community Health Promoters and their dependants in the Social Health Insurance Fund, expanding their access to healthcare.

Present was Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale, who commended the Community Health Promoters for bringing preventive and early-intervention services closer to communities.





Bringing healthcare closer to every household.

Community Health Promoters are the backbone of healthcare at the household level.

President William Ruto today met Community Health Promoters from across the country during the Kenya Health Summit in Nairobi, reaffirming the Government's commitment to strengthening community-based healthcare.



The President announced plans to enrol them with the Social Health Authority from September 2026, replenish their health kits and provide new phones to strengthen service delivery and real-time reporting through the Electronic Community Health Information System.

Having reached more than nine million households and screened and linked 750,000 people to care, Community Health Promoters remain central to Kenya's shift from reactive care to preventive and promotive healthcare.





PS Oluga Calls for Healthcare That Protects Every Kenyan

In his welcoming remarks at the Kenya Health Summit 2026, Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga reaffirmed the Government's commitment to making the right to health a reality for every Kenyan.

He said the Summit provides an opportunity to showcase reforms aimed at expanding access to quality healthcare, protecting families from financial hardship and preventing avoidable deaths.

The two-day Summit at KICC, Nairobi, was officially opened by H.E. President Dr William Samoei Ruto under the theme "Reforms Delivered, Health as a Right."





President Ruto Engages Kenyans on Health Reforms

H.E. President William Samoei Ruto led a media town hall on 18 August 2026 on the sidelines of the Kenya Health Summit, engaging members of the public on Taifa Care and progress towards Universal Health Coverage.

The President highlighted the registration of more than 31 million Kenyans with the Social Health Authority and the improvement of the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority's facility order fill rate from about 40 per cent in 2022 to over 90 per cent.

He also cited the deployment of more than 6,000 healthcare interns, over KSh19 billion committed to internship remuneration in the past two financial years and progress in implementing agreements with doctors. Through the National Equipment Support Programme, health facilities have received specialised equipment, enabling more patients to access services closer to their communities.

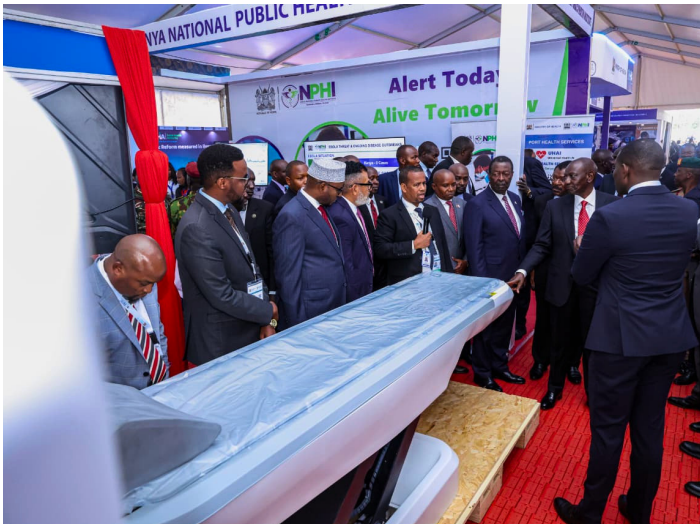
The President also recognised the contribution of more than 107,000 Community Health Promoters across all 47 counties in providing health screening, education, disease prevention and referrals.



Stakeholders united in advancing healthcare as a right for every Kenyan.



Showcasing Kenya's progress in health sector reforms.





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