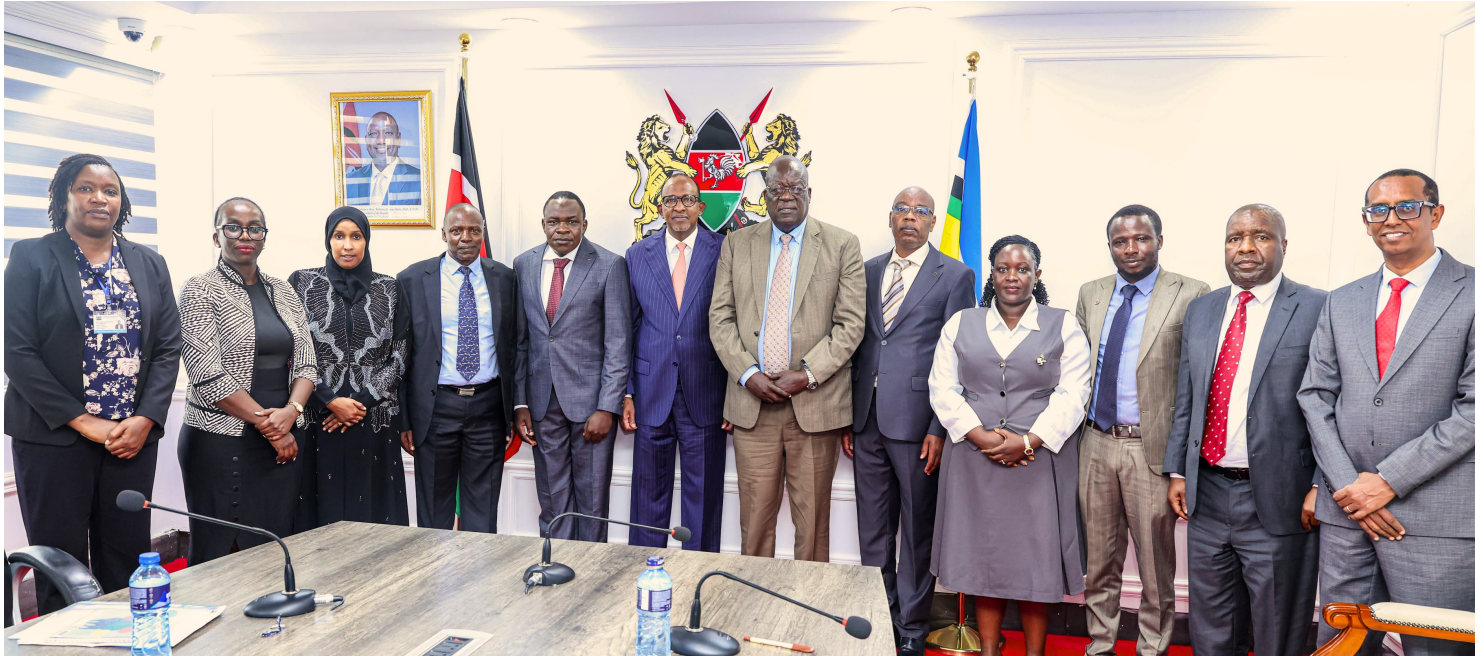
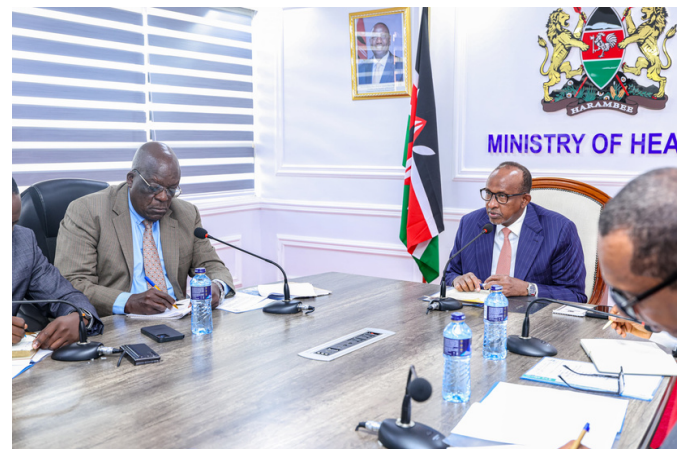




JOOTRH Board Begins Level 6 Mandate

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale held his first strategic engagement with the newly constituted Board of Directors of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH), chaired by Dr. Charles Olang'o, outlining the Government's expectations as the hospital begins its expanded mandate as a Level 6 Teaching and Referral Hospital.

The Cabinet Secretary said the Board will play a critical role in transforming JOOTRH into a leading centre for specialised healthcare, medical training, research and innovation, while strengthening referral services across Western Kenya and the wider East African region. He also reviewed progress under the Taifa Care reforms, including the Social Health Authority, the revitalisation of the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority and preparations for the National Ambulance Dispatch Centre.



Hon. Duale urged the Board to provide visionary leadership anchored on integrity, accountability and sound corporate governance, reaffirming the Government's commitment to continued investment in infrastructure, specialised healthcare services, workforce development, research and innovation to improve access to quality, affordable and people-centred healthcare.



PS Mary Muthoni Reaffirms Government Support for Pharmaceutical Practice

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni, CBS, reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening pharmaceutical practice as a key pillar in improving patient safety, expanding access to quality medicines and advancing Universal Health Coverage during the opening of the 22nd Kenya Pharmaceutical Association Annual Scientific Conference in Mombasa.

The Principal Secretary said ongoing health sector reforms under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, including the Social Health Authority, promotion of local pharmaceutical manufacturing and strengthening of primary healthcare, are improving access to affordable, quality healthcare. She recognised pharmaceutical technologists as the foundation of primary healthcare, noting they are the first point of care for nearly 75 per cent of Kenyans seeking treatment through community pharmacies.

She urged pharmaceutical professionals to embrace innovation, uphold ethical practice and work closely with Government to ensure medicines remain safe, accessible and of assured quality. The three-day conference is being held under the theme, "Optimising Pharmaceutical Practice to Advance Patient Safety, Medicine Access and Healthcare Excellence."





Kenya and UK Renew Health Alliance to Deepen Healthcare Collaboration

Kenya and the United Kingdom have renewed the Kenya-UK Health Alliance (KUKHA) for a further five years following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding that will guide collaboration in healthcare, research, innovation, trade and investment from 2026 to 2031.

The agreement was signed by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, OGW, on behalf of the Government of Kenya, together with representatives of the Alliance's United Kingdom partner institutions. It builds on five years of collaboration that has strengthened health workforce development, specialist clinical services, cancer care, kidney disease management, research and academic exchange.

The renewed partnership will expand cooperation in digital health and artificial intelligence, local manufacturing of health products and technologies, health security, climate-resilient health systems, technology transfer, trade and investment, while supporting the implementation of Kenya's Universal Health Coverage agenda. It also aligns all Kenya-UK Health Alliance programmes with Kenya's Health Policy Platform to strengthen coordination, accountability and long-term sustainability.



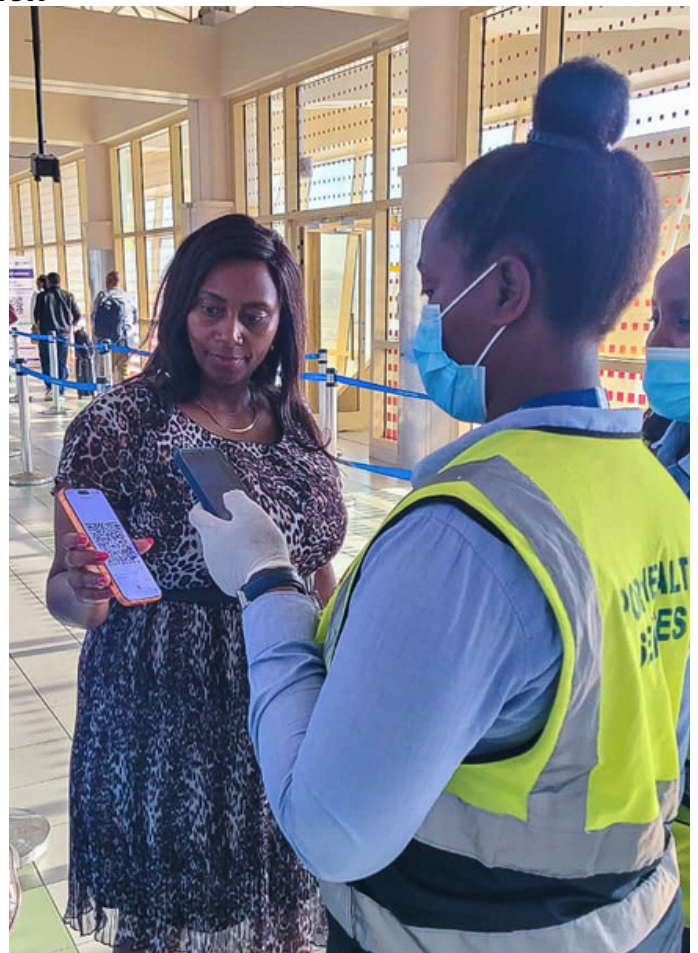


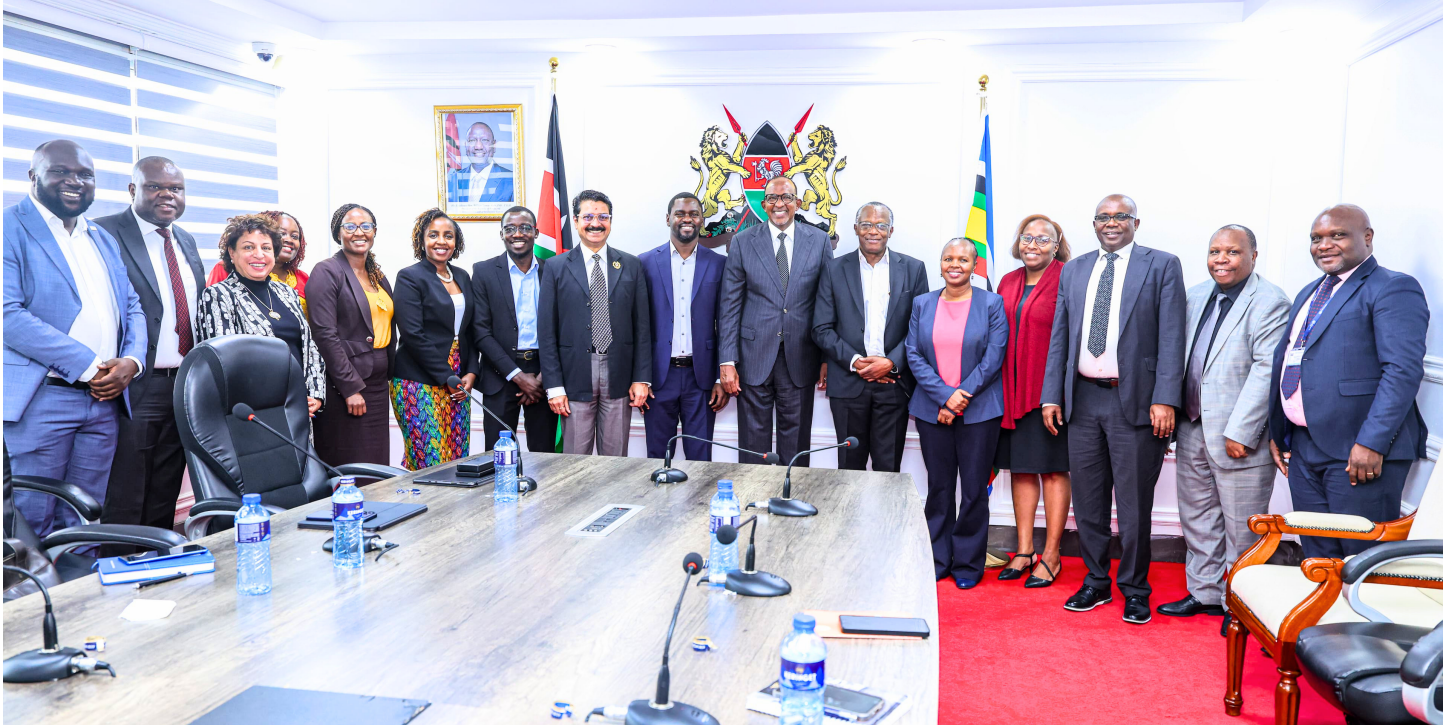
MoH Deploys UHAI Travellers App to Strengthen Ebola Surveillance at JKIA

The Ministry of Health has deployed the UHAI Travellers App at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) to strengthen the screening and monitoring of passengers arriving from Ebola high-risk countries, reinforcing Kenya's preparedness against cross-border public health threats.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni inspected Port Health Services at JKIA to assess the performance of the digital platform, the effectiveness of health screening procedures and the preparedness of Port Health personnel to detect and respond to public health threats.

The Principal Secretary said the UHAI Travellers App is enhancing real-time disease surveillance, enabling timely public health interventions and strengthening Kenya's capacity to prevent the importation and spread of Ebola and other infectious diseases through international travel. She reaffirmed the Government's commitment to investing in digital health innovations and robust surveillance systems to protect public health.





MoH, Private Sector Review Progress on Health Reforms

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale convened the Quarterly Ministerial Health Sector Stakeholders Meeting with the Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) to review progress on health reforms and strengthen public-private collaboration in advancing Universal Health Coverage.

The meeting reviewed priority reforms in sustainable health financing, digital health, medical supply chains and the response to non-communicable diseases. The Cabinet Secretary said partnerships with the private sector remain critical to expanding equitable access to quality, affordable and people-centred healthcare.

Hon. Duale highlighted ongoing reforms at the Pharmacy and Poisons Board to strengthen regulatory oversight, improve efficiency and protect the pharmaceutical supply chain. He also called on the private sector to support local manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and medical products and invited stakeholders to participate in the Kenya Health Summit 2026 to deepen collaboration and accelerate health sector reforms.





Kenya Reaffirms Commitment to Ending HIV at IAS 2026

Kenya joined the global HIV community at the IAS 2026 Conference, where researchers, policymakers, healthcare workers, communities and development partners came together to advance the global response to HIV. The Kenyan delegation was led by Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth.

The conference underscored the importance of science, strong partnerships and community leadership in accelerating progress towards ending AIDS as a public health threat. Kenya reaffirmed its commitment to expanding evidence-based HIV prevention and treatment, including long-acting prevention and treatment options, strengthening resilient health systems and ensuring communities remain at the centre of the national HIV response.





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