



Kenya Strengthens Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale, accompanied by U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Ms. Susan M. Burns, visited the Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI) and the Infectious Diseases Unit at Kenyatta National Hospital to assess Kenya's preparedness to detect, prevent and respond to public health threats, including Ebola.

The visit reviewed strategic investments that have strengthened laboratory systems, disease surveillance and outbreak response, while highlighting Government plans to establish a modern 200-bed National Infectious Diseases Centre integrating diagnosis, treatment, isolation, surveillance, research and training.



The Cabinet Secretary reaffirmed the Government's commitment to building resilient public health systems through sustained investment in emergency preparedness, laboratory infrastructure and specialised care to safeguard the health of all Kenyans.



The Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms. Mary Muthoni, KNPHI Board Chairperson Paul Kariuki, U.S. CDC Kenya Country Director Ms. Jennifer Galbraith, DPH-K Chairperson Brian Rettman, Kenyatta National Hospital Chief Executive Officer Dr. Richard Lesiyampe, and officials from the Ministry of Health and the United States Government.



The Summit will showcase Kenya's regulatory progress while advancing continental collaboration.

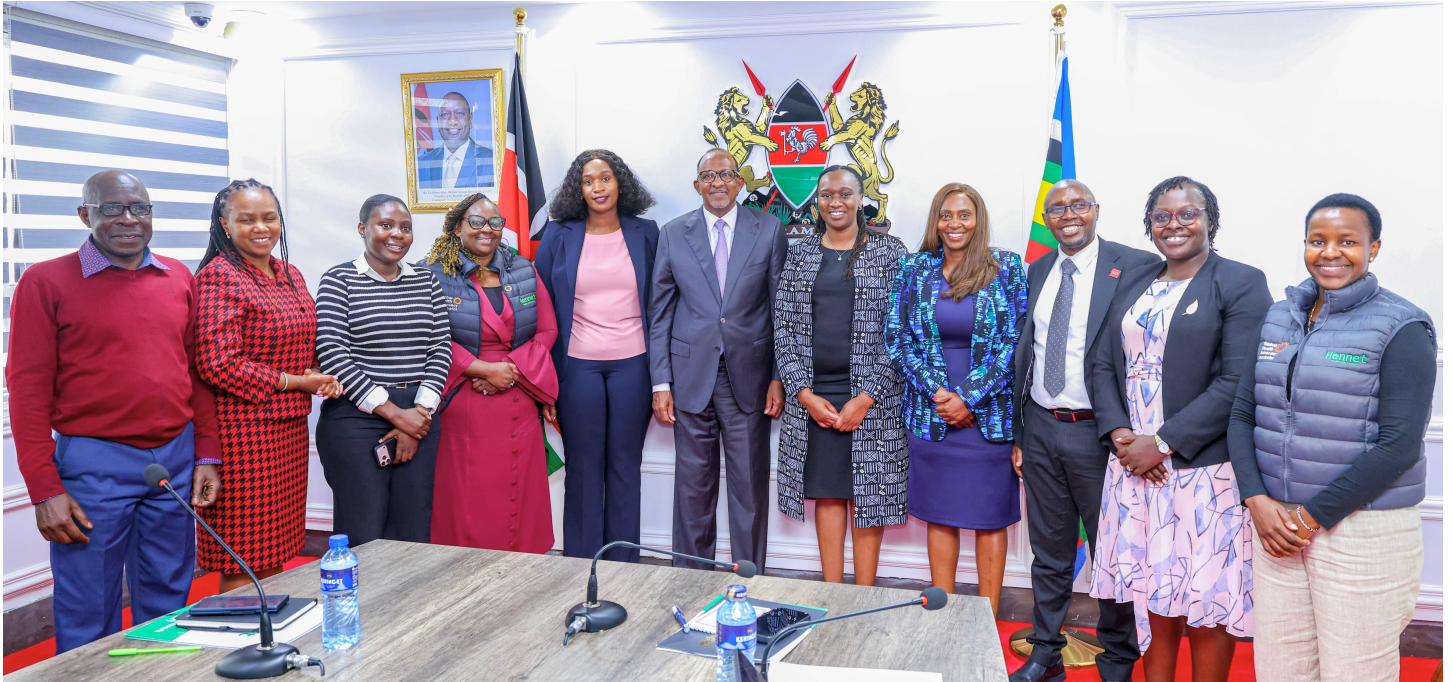
PS Mary Muthoni Meets AfriSummit 2026 Organisers

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni today met organisers of the upcoming 6th PharmaReg & MedDevReg AfriSummit 2026 to discuss collaboration and the State Department's participation in the continental regulatory forum.

The meeting reviewed preparations for the Summit, which Kenya will host in Nairobi from 28th September to 2nd October 2026, and explored opportunities to showcase the country's progress in strengthening the regulation of medicines and medical devices, promoting local pharmaceutical manufacturing, and advancing regulatory harmonisation across Africa.

The Summit will bring together regulators, policymakers, industry leaders and development partners from across the continent to strengthen health security and improve access to safe, quality-assured medical products.





Government Strengthens Partnership with Civil Society

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale met the leadership of the Health NGOs Network (HENNET) to strengthen collaboration between Government and civil society in support of Kenya's health sector reforms.

The discussions focused on aligning partner interventions with national priorities through the National Health Sector Coordination and Partnership Framework, founded on the principles of One Plan, One Budget and One Monitoring Framework. The Cabinet Secretary also proposed a joint technical working mechanism to enhance coordination, eliminate duplication and improve accountability.

The Ministry and HENNET committed to institutionalising engagement through quarterly consultative meetings and an Annual Health Partnership Summit, while working together to support the EWENE Acceleration Plan and expand public awareness on cancer prevention and control.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms. Mary Muthoni, Director for Health Sector Coordination Dr. Ahmed Albush, Director of Public Health and Sanitation Dr. Stephen Muleshe, and HENNET Chairperson Ms. Lillian Otiso.





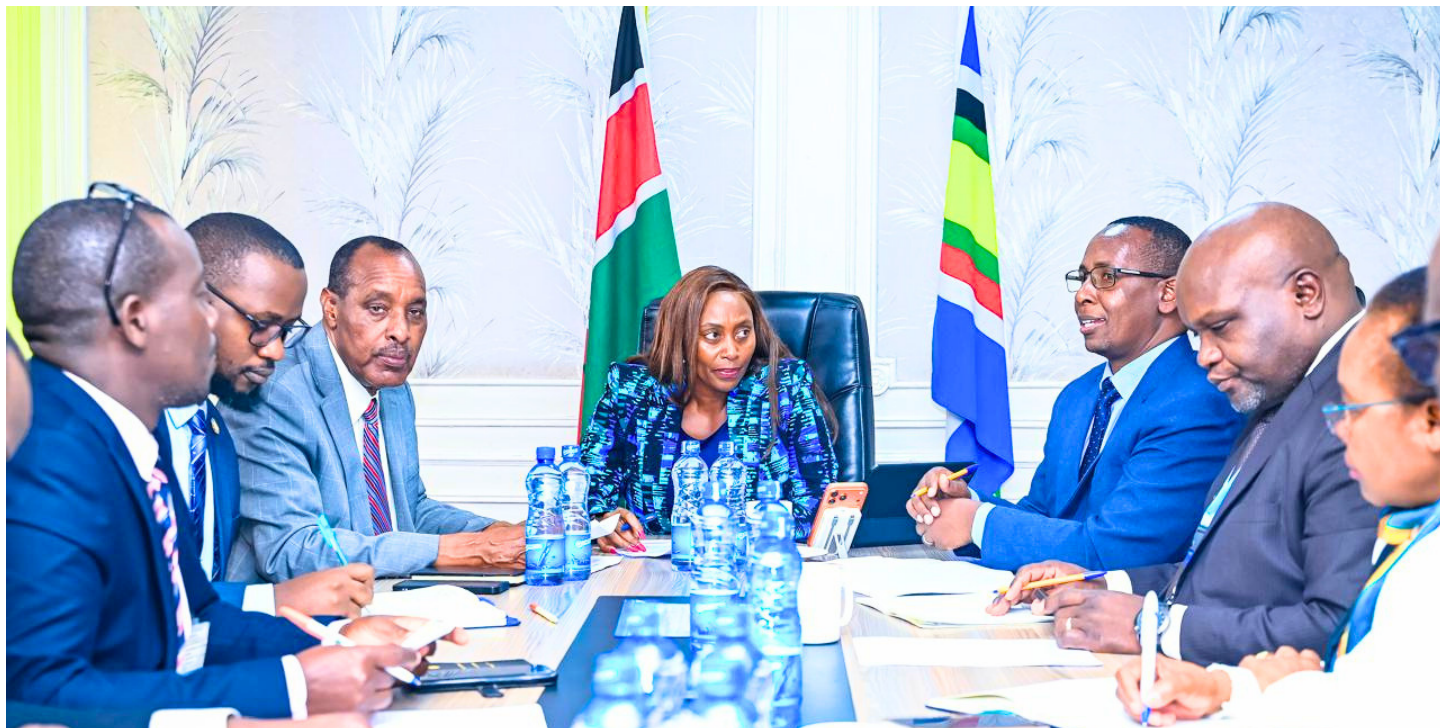
Makueni Receives Modern Maternal Care Units

The State Department for Medical Services has completed and equipped modern Maternal and Newborn Care Units at Kikumini and Kako Health Centres in Makueni County, expanding access to quality maternal and newborn healthcare.

The two facilities are among 20 being upgraded through a partnership with the Government of Finland, complementing more than 300 maternal and newborn care facilities funded by the Government across the country.

The investment supports the EWENE Rapid Results Initiative to reduce maternal mortality and strengthens the primary healthcare benefit package under the Social Health Authority, ensuring mothers and newborns receive quality care in modern, fully equipped facilities.





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.





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