



President Ruto Breaks Ground for KSh84.37 Million KMTC Sindo Tuition Block

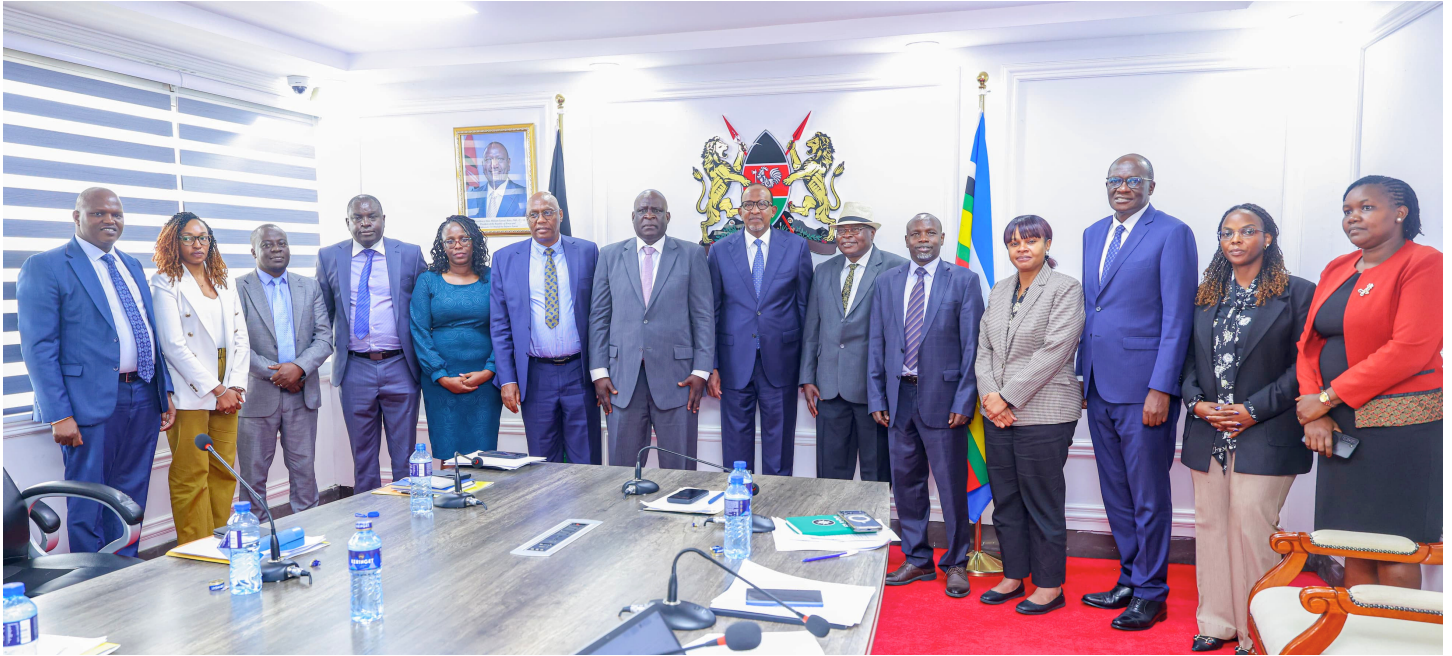
H.E. President William Ruto has laid the foundation stone for a new tuition block at the Kenya Medical Training College Sindo Campus in Homa Bay County.

The KSh84.37 million project will expand training capacity and improve learning facilities for students pursuing healthcare careers.



The investment supports the Government's efforts to build a skilled and equitably distributed health workforce to strengthen healthcare delivery and advance Universal Health Coverage.





Ministry Strengthens Teachers' Access to Specialised Healthcare

Access to specialised and timely healthcare for teachers is being strengthened through engagement between the Ministry of Health, the Social Health Authority (SHA) and the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET).

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale chaired a consultative meeting on 17 September 2026 to review implementation of the Mwalimu Comprehensive Medical Cover. The discussions addressed IVF and oncology services, chronic illness management, monthly prescriptions, specialised treatment and last-expense services.



The Ministry, SHA, KUPPET and the Teachers Service Commission agreed on monthly implementation reports, prompt resolution of reported incidents and action against facilities that fail to meet service requirements. A simplified benefits guide will also help teachers understand the services available under their cover.

SHA has contracted 7,031 healthcare facilities, including 122 haemato-oncology facilities, and is expanding capacity for highly specialised services. Quarterly engagements will monitor implementation, address emerging concerns and improve healthcare access for teachers.



Expanding Cochlear Implant Care

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga accompanied H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto, EGH, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, on a visit to Mohammed VI International University Hospital in Rabat, Morocco.

They interacted with Kenyan children receiving cochlear implants, their families and the medical professionals supporting the programme. Supported by the Princess Lalla Asmaa Foundation, the initiative is helping children with hearing impairment regain their hearing.

Dr Oluga reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to strengthening specialised skills through the Kenya-Morocco medical exchange and expanding cochlear implantation services to reach more children across the country.

The programme forms part of wider Kenya-Morocco health cooperation aimed at building specialised medical capacity. Also present was Kenyatta National Hospital Chief Executive Officer Dr Richard Lesiyampe.





Strengthening Nutrition Services

The Ministry of Health is strengthening collaboration with UNICEF to improve nutrition outcomes and protect children and other vulnerable groups.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni held discussions with UNICEF Interim Chief of Nutrition Dr Vandana Joshi on accelerating the National Nutrition and Dietetics Policy, strengthening nutrition services through Community Health Promoters and sustaining access to essential commodities.



The meeting also addressed emergency preparedness, treatment of acute malnutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene interventions, and the continuity of nutrition services during the anticipated El Niño rains.

PS Muthoni acknowledged UNICEF's continued support and the contribution of outgoing Chief of Nutrition Dr Ismael Teta. She also called for UNICEF's collaboration in the Nutrition Side Event at KEPHIC 2026, scheduled for 27-29 October 2026.





Aligning Partnerships with Kenya's Priorities

Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki chaired the 15th Development Partnership Forum, bringing together the National Government, the Council of Governors, development partners and other stakeholders.

The forum reviewed Kenya's economic outlook and the absorption of Official Development Assistance to strengthen the impact of development programmes.



Discussions also focused on youth empowerment, employment, entrepreneurship and skills development, alongside the performance of Joint Sector Working Groups.

The forum was co-chaired by UN Resident Coordinator Dr Garry Conille and German Ambassador Sebastian Groth, with emphasis placed on stronger coordination and alignment of development support with national priorities.





Protecting Girls and Mothers in West Pokot

West Pokot County is strengthening efforts to reduce teenage pregnancies, early marriages, female genital mutilation and preventable maternal and newborn deaths through the five-year Her Health Kenya Project.

The initiative will expand access to reproductive and maternal health information and services while helping girls remain healthy, safe and in school.



Aligning Resources with Health Priorities

The Ministry of Health is finalising its FY 2027/28 Budget and the 2027/28-2029/30 Medium-Term Budget at a Sector Retreat in Mombasa.

The retreat brings together directorates from the Ministry's two State Departments and semi-autonomous agencies to align resources with national priorities, measurable outcomes and high-impact interventions.

Priority areas include quality medical services, Universal Health Coverage, primary and community healthcare, health infrastructure and equipment, and human resources for health.

The budget will also support disease prevention and control, immunisation, health security, laboratory services, quality assurance and professional standards, while strengthening efficiency and accountability.



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