



Kenya Strengthens National Response to Sickle Cell Disease

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale has called for a coordinated national response to sickle cell disease centred on early diagnosis, continuous care and patient dignity.

Opening the Global Sickle Cell Disease Conference in Nairobi, Hon. Duale noted that approximately 250,000 Kenyans live with the condition, while about 14,000 affected children are born annually.



Kenya has screened more than 8,000 infants across 10 counties and trained over 1,000 healthcare workers and 700 Community Health Promoters. The Government is also strengthening access to comprehensive care and financial protection through the Social Health Authority.

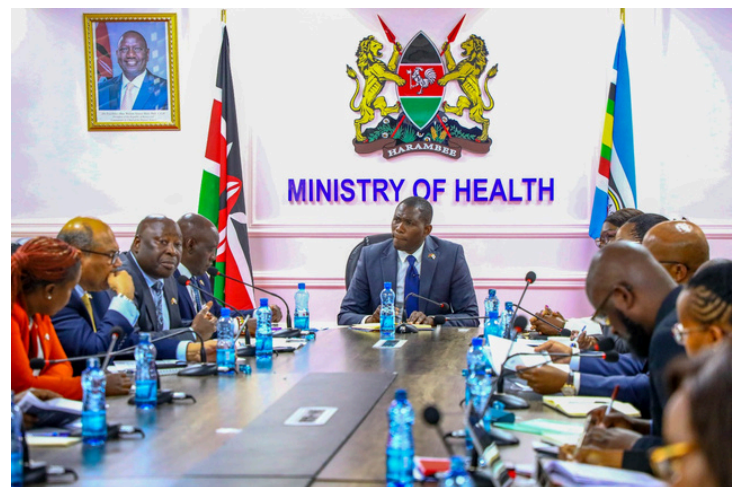
“Our ambition must go beyond survival. Every person living with sickle cell disease deserves the opportunity to thrive,” Hon. Duale said.



Government Mobilises All Sectors for Maternal and Newborn Survival

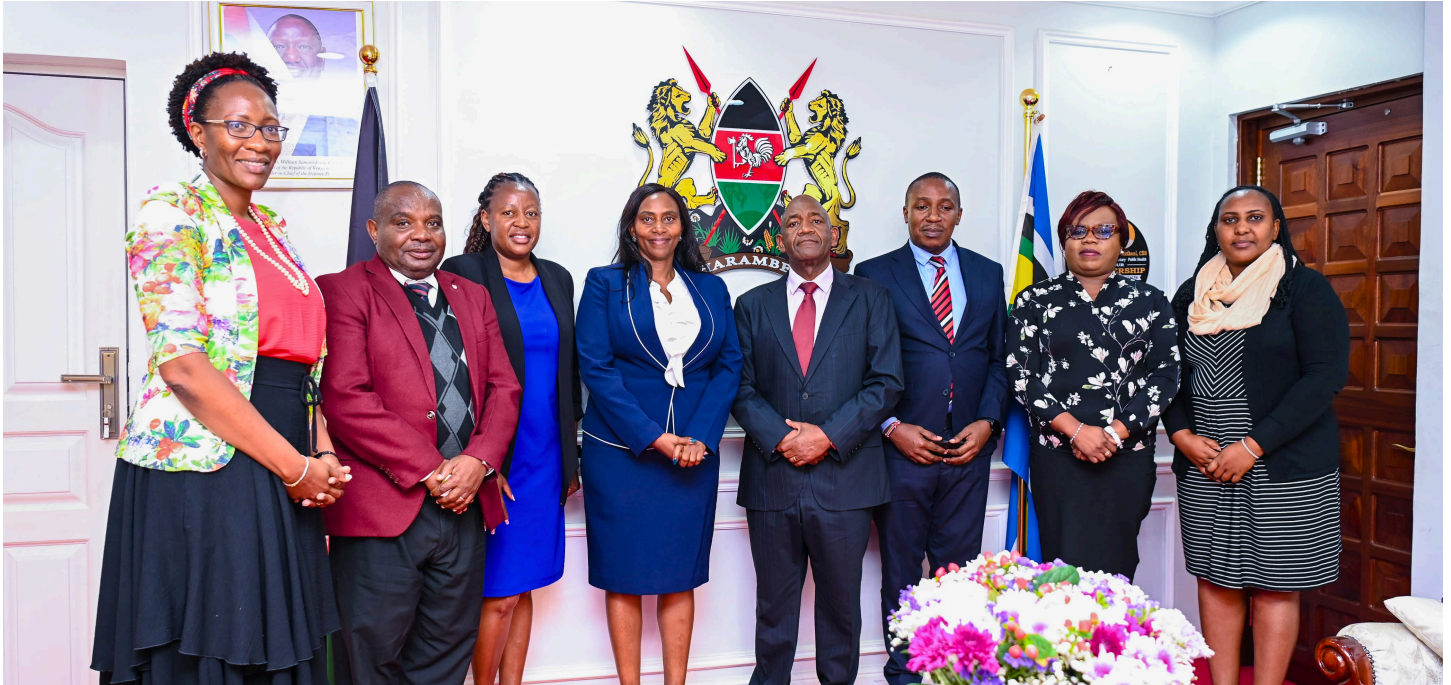
Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga has called for coordinated government action to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

Dr Oluga chaired a meeting of the National Development Implementation Committee's Social Sector and Citizen Affairs Subcommittee at Afya House to advance the Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere Acceleration Plan 2026–2028.



The Government has committed KSh 12.5 billion to maternal and newborn health interventions, including recruiting 5,000 nurses and providing essential lifesaving commodities.

State Departments were urged to make measurable commitments in infrastructure, water, electricity, access roads, social protection, referral systems and resource mobilisation.

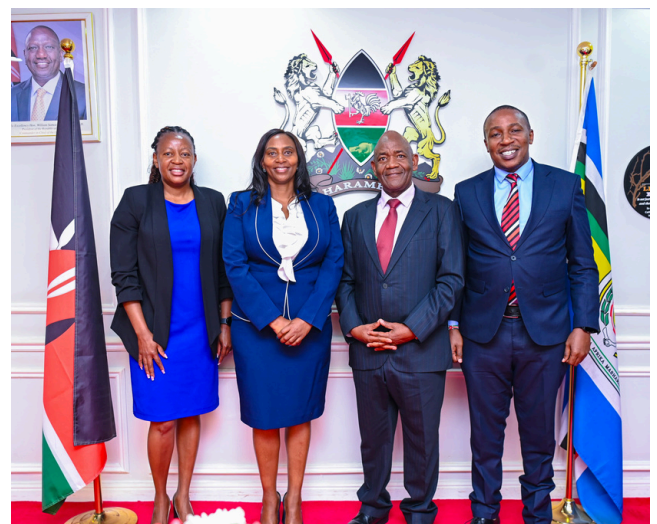
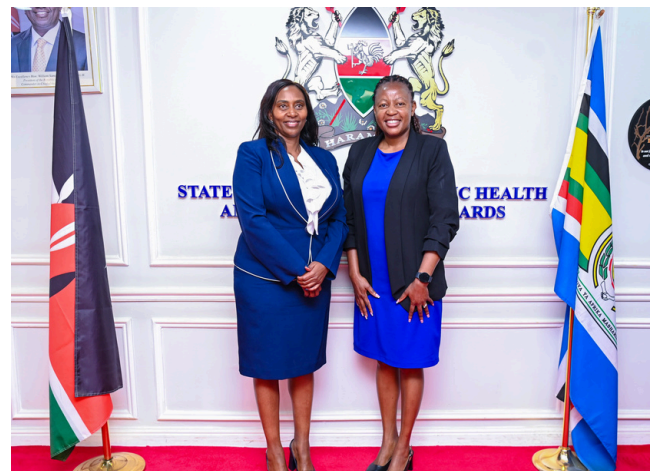


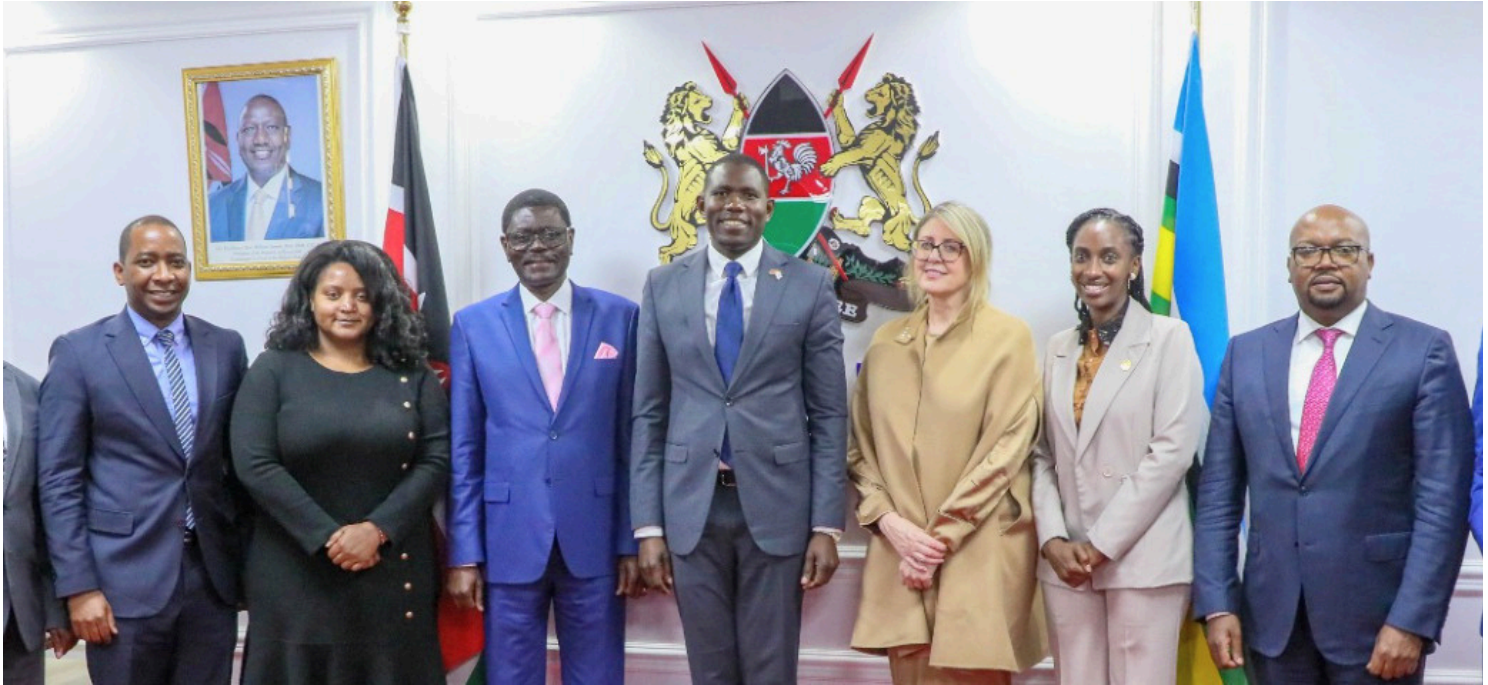
PS Mary Muthoni Hosts Co-operative Bank Delegation

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni hosted a delegation from Co-operative Bank of Kenya to explore opportunities for collaboration in support of the Government's health agenda and ongoing reforms.

The meeting also discussed potential partnership around the upcoming Kenya Public Health International Conference and other public health priorities.

The delegation was led by Silvanse Nono, Head of Government and Public Sector.





Kenya Advances Preparations for African Manufacturing Summit

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga held consultations with Africa CDC and the African Union Commission on preparations for the Extraordinary Summit on African Manufacturing, scheduled for 3-5 December 2026.

Guided by the “Road to Nairobi” plan, the meeting reviewed progress and priority actions required ahead of the Summit, including activities supporting President William Ruto’s role as the African Union Champion for Local Manufacturing of Health Products.

Dr Oluga reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to advancing local manufacturing through investment, stronger regulatory systems, research, technology transfer and digitisation of the health-products supply chain.





Kenya Hosts Continental Workshop on Health Information Management

Kenya is hosting the Continental Behavioural Intelligence and Infodemic Management Harmonisation Workshop in Mombasa County.

Organised by Africa CDC in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the workshop brings together health experts, researchers, media professionals and partners from across Africa.

The engagement seeks to strengthen the use of community feedback and harmonise approaches for addressing concerns, rumours and misinformation during public health emergencies.

Participants are also developing common approaches to ensure communities receive clear, accurate and timely information to make informed health decisions.





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