



Kenya Strengthens Nutrition Partnership with Helen Keller International

The Ministry of Health is strengthening nutrition services for women, children and underserved communities through closer integration of partner-supported programmes into national and county health systems.

In consultations with a Helen Keller International delegation led by Vice President of Programs and Partnerships Shawn Baker, Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale called for nutrition investments to follow One Plan, One Budget and One Accountability to improve coordination, prevent duplication and deliver measurable results.



Helen Keller International has supported Vitamin A supplementation for 3.5 million people and deworming for 2.5 million children across seven counties. It is also promoting vitamin-rich food production and grassroots agribusiness through pilot programmes in Tharaka Nithi, Kilifi and Baringo.

The Ministry will use Government data, digital health systems and more than 107,000 Community Health Promoters to expand nutrition services to communities with the greatest need. Commodity support will be coordinated through KEMSA, alongside stronger regulation and end-to-end tracking of medicines to enhance supply-chain accountability.



Women Empowered on Health and Livelihoods

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni joined Her Excellency Mama Rachel Ruto at a women's empowerment forum in Kirinyaga County, where women were sensitised on Social Health Authority registration and the dangers of drug and substance abuse.

The engagement promoted access to healthcare, healthier families and safer communities while strengthening women's economic empowerment.



The First Lady recognised JOYWO's work in equipping women with financial management, entrepreneurship and leadership skills. She also announced the distribution of mosquito nets and farm inputs, including 5,000 coffee seedlings, 5,000 avocado seedlings and 100 shade umbrellas for traders.

Also present were Kirinyaga Governor H.E. Anne Waiguru and Principal Secretary for Gender and Affirmative Action Anne Wang'ombe, among other leaders.





Health Ministry Explores Nutrition Clinics in Community Outreach

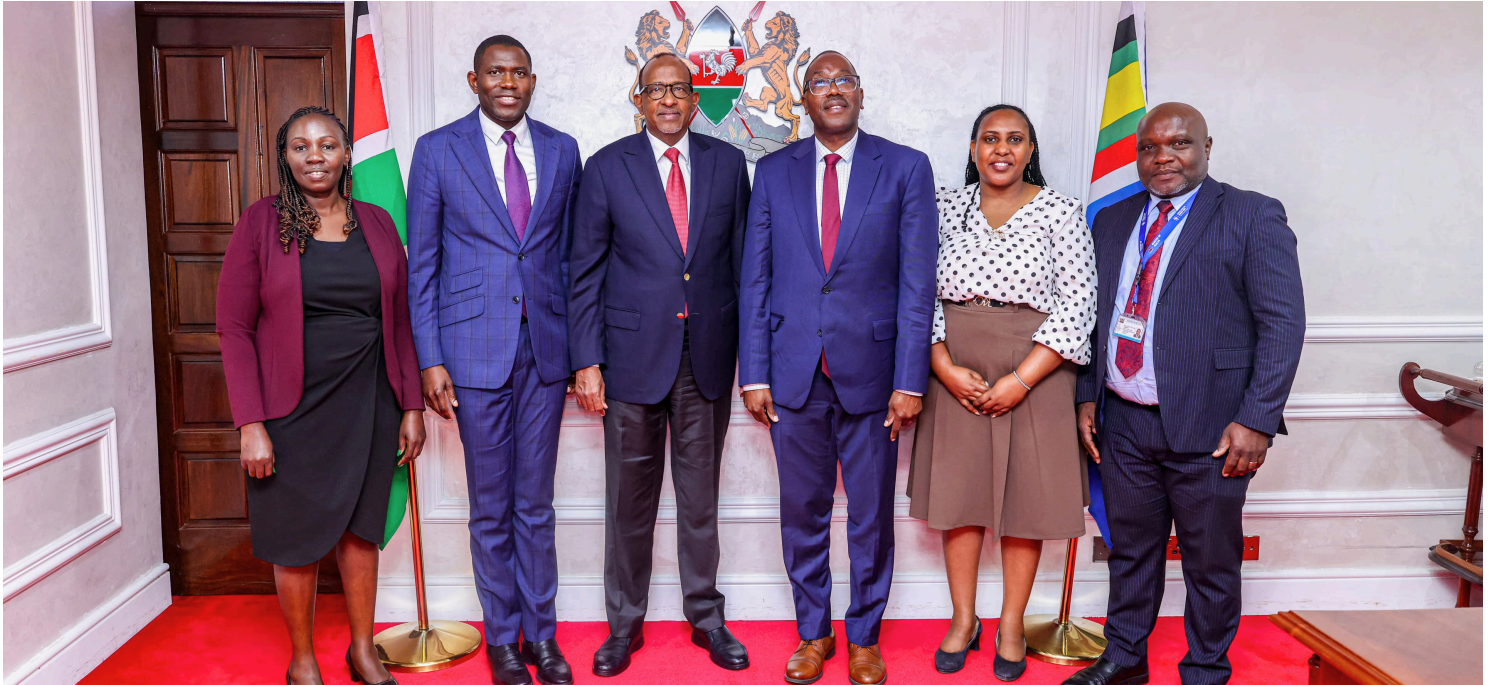
The Ministry of Health is exploring the integration of nutrition awareness clinics into medical camps and community outreach programmes to promote healthy living and disease prevention.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga discussed the proposed collaboration with a HEALTHY U delegation led by Founder and Special Projects Director Mr Sailesh Rach at Afya House.

The initiative would provide communities with practical information on proper nutrition while strengthening preventive and promotive healthcare.

Dr Oluga emphasised the importance of strategic partnerships in advancing nutrition awareness, innovation, sustainable local manufacturing and Universal Health Coverage.

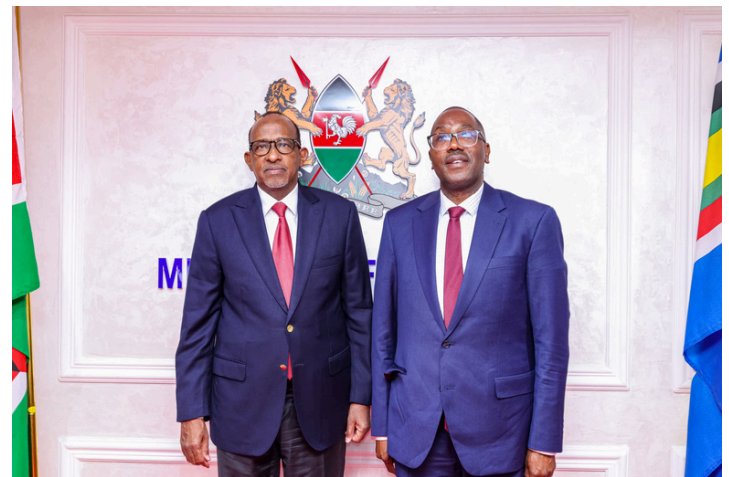




USD 335 Million Investment to Strengthen Kenya's Health System

Kenya is advancing two World Bank-supported health investments valued at USD 335 million to strengthen Primary Health Care, improve services at Level 2 and Level 3 facilities, and enhance preparedness for public health emergencies.

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale held strategic discussions with Mr Ronald Mutasa and a World Bank delegation on accelerating the Building Resilient and Responsive Health Systems and Kenya Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience projects.



The investments will strengthen health institutions and frontline services, bringing accessible, affordable and quality healthcare closer to communities while advancing Universal Health Coverage.

Also present were Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga and Director of Public Health and Sanitation Dr Stephen Muleshe.



Kenya Advances Continental Response to Health Misinformation

Kenya will integrate Behavioural Intelligence and Infodemic Management into its public-health and digital-health systems to strengthen preparedness for cross-border health threats.

In a statement at the Continental BIIM Harmonisation and Validation Workshop in Mombasa, Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni Muriuki emphasised interoperability, data governance, privacy, security and stronger institutional capacity.

The PS welcomed the proposed BIIM Regional Centre of Excellence in Nairobi, which will support capacity building, research, innovation, standards development, peer learning and quality improvement among Member States.

She reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to working with Africa CDC, WHO, the ECOWAS Regional Centre for Surveillance, Disease Control and Prevention and other partners to establish a coordinated continental system that "listens better, learns faster, acts earlier and protects trust."





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