



Kenya Positions Health as Key Driver of Investment and Economic Growth

Kenya is strengthening the health sector as a driver of investment, innovation, job creation and economic growth, with focus on sustainable financing, local pharmaceutical manufacturing, digital health and greater domestic capacity.

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale joined H.E. President Dr. William Ruto and Kenyan, U.S., regional and global leaders at the two-day American Chamber of Commerce Business Summit in Nairobi.



The engagement comes as Kenya advances the USD 2.5 billion U.S.-Kenya Health Cooperation Framework, which places greater emphasis on shared responsibility, sustainability and long-term health-system resilience.

Aligned with Taifa Care and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, the Government is working to strengthen a self-reliant and investment-ready health system while expanding opportunities for local manufacturing, private-sector investment and employment.





Maternal and Child Healthcare Expanded in the South Rift

Access to specialised maternal and child healthcare in the South Rift has expanded following the commissioning of the 250-bed Dr. Joyce Laboso Mother & Child Hospital in Bomet County.

Health CS Hon. Aden Duale joined H.E. President Dr. William Ruto to commission the Level 4B facility, which provides maternal and paediatric care, critical care, surgical and modern diagnostic services.



Fully empanelled under SHA, the hospital has been equipped with a CT scan, digital X-ray, ultrasound, ICU, laboratory and theatre equipment through M-PESA Foundation support. The Ministry of Health will also provide an MRI machine through the National Equipment Service Programme.

The facility has its own oxygen generation plant and reliable power infrastructure, strengthening its capacity to provide uninterrupted care while easing pressure on Longisa County Referral Hospital and Tenwek Mission Hospital.





Kenya, U.S. Advance Health Cooperation Talks

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga held discussions with Jeffrey Graham of Global Health Security Diplomacy and U.S. Embassy Deputy Head of Mission Carla Benini on the sidelines of the American Chamber of Commerce Business Summit in Nairobi.

The talks focused on advancing the Kenya-U.S. Health Cooperation Framework and strengthening bilateral cooperation around shared health priorities.

The two-day Summit brings together government, private-sector and investment leaders from the United States and East Africa to explore opportunities for trade, investment and strategic partnerships.





Kenya Records 82% Decline in New HIV Infections

Kenya has recorded an 82 per cent decline in new HIV infections, from 77,647 in 2015 to 13,936 in 2025, marking significant progress in the national HIV response. More than 9.68 million community gatekeepers, opinion leaders, adolescents and young people have also been reached with HIV prevention information.

First Lady H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto today officiated a High-Level Round Table Meeting on Ending the Triple Threat Programme, bringing together stakeholders to strengthen action against HIV, unintended pregnancies and sexual and gender-based violence.



Despite the gains, young people aged 10–34 accounted for 72 per cent of new adult HIV infections in 2025, while women and girls accounted for approximately 65 per cent of new infections.

The First Lady called for stronger partnerships and sustained investment to close the remaining gaps and expand access to quality, youth-responsive health services under Universal Health Coverage.

She was joined by Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni, CBS; National Syndemic Diseases Control Council CEO Douglas Bosire; county representatives, development partners and civil society organisations.





Government Strengthens Patient Safety in NCD Care

The Government is strengthening patient safety as a key component of Universal Health Coverage, with greater focus on improving the quality and safety of care for people living with non-communicable diseases.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni, CBS, highlighted this commitment during the commemoration of World Patient Safety Day 2026 at the Aga Khan University Centre, held under the theme, “Safe Care for Non-Communicable Diseases: Safe Care for Life.”



The PS outlined measures being advanced to improve patient safety, including stronger diagnostic services, medication safety, continuity and coordination of care, clinical audits, quality improvement and greater patient engagement.

She called on county governments, health facility managers and healthcare professionals to make patient safety part of everyday healthcare delivery, noting that safety incidents should inform learning and quality gaps should guide continuous improvement.





Kenya Builds Local Capacity for Sustainable Universal Health Coverage

Kenya is strengthening local capacity, sustainable health financing and strategic partnerships to accelerate progress towards Universal Health Coverage and improve access to quality healthcare.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga outlined the Government's approach during a plenary session at the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Business Summit in Nairobi.

Dr. Oluga said Kenya is progressively building greater national capacity to finance and sustain essential health services while working with bilateral and multilateral partners to address priority health-system needs.



He cited the five-year Kenya-United States Health Cooperation Framework as one of the partnerships supporting this transition towards a more self-reliant healthcare system.

The PS also underscored the need to mobilise domestic resources and support innovations that improve the efficiency, resilience and sustainability of the health system.





Digitisation Drives Better Healthcare Delivery

Kenya is strengthening healthcare delivery through digitisation, with focus on better use of health information, emerging technologies and data-driven decision-making.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, speaking during discussions with U.S. Foreign Commercial Service representatives on the sidelines of the AmCham Business Summit in Nairobi, said the Digital Health Act provides a framework for advancing digital health and innovation.

The PS called for stronger digital and health literacy, private-sector collaboration and technology transfer to build local capacity and support a resilient and self-reliant health system.

Digital Health Agency CEO Anthony Lenayara was also in attendance.





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