HEALTH UPDATE

Partnerships Strengthen Specialised Care at KNH



KSh 100M
Co-operative Bank contribution

136
modern beds

96
orthopaedic beds

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale presided over the launch and handover of refurbished and equipped wards at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) under the Adopt-a-Ward Initiative, strengthening the hospital's capacity to deliver specialised care.

Partners include Co-operative Bank of Kenya, Prime Bank, the Nakumatt Molo Fire Victims Fund and Nest 360. Contributions include KSh 100 million from Co-operative Bank, 96 orthopaedic beds, KSh 30 million from the Nakumatt Molo Fire Victims Fund, 40 electric beds, a newborn unit, 136 modern beds and 3D printing technology.

During a tour of the facility on 29 October, the CS called for accountability, proper maintenance and adherence to Ministry standards to ensure investments improve patient care. He also urged more partners to support healthcare priorities, including ongoing renovations at KNH.

The Government is expanding Primary Care Networks across all 47 counties while strengthening referral systems and specialised services at KNH. The event was attended by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga and representatives of KNH and partner organisations.





HEALTH UPDATE

Government and World Bank Align on Health Sector Priorities



33M+
Kenyans onboarded on SHA

BREHS
health systems project

KHEPRR
preparedness and resilience project

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale held talks with a World Bank delegation led by Ronald Mutasa on accelerating implementation of the BREHS and KHEPRR projects. Discussions focused on resolving bottlenecks and ensuring project resources improve healthcare delivery and strengthen preparedness.

The CS reaffirmed the Government's commitment to measurable results, building on reforms including the Social Health Authority, which has onboarded more than 33 million Kenyans. He also highlighted health sector contributions to economic transformation through local manufacturing, job creation, workforce development and digital innovation.

The meeting emphasised aligning partner support with Government priorities through the One Plan, One Budget and One Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. Participants also discussed facility financing, transparent fund flows, procurement reporting and stronger coordination between national and county governments.

The engagement was attended by Principal Secretaries Dr. Ouma Oluga and Mary Muthoni, Director-General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, SHA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mercy Mwangangi, and representatives of the National Treasury, county governments and implementing partners.





HEALTH UPDATE

Kenya and Beginnings Fund Partner to Improve Maternal and Newborn Health



USD 80M
five-year investment

200
priority health facilities

21
high-burden counties

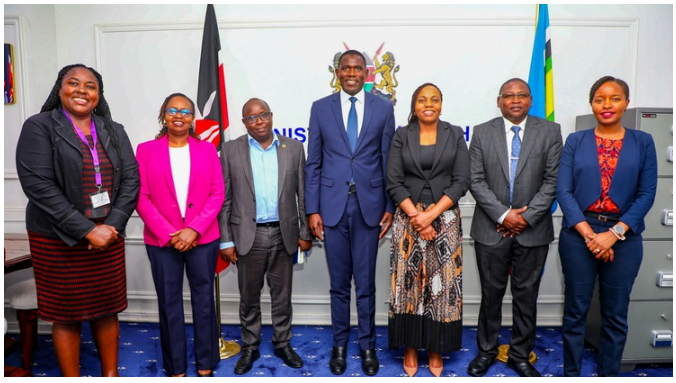
Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga met the Beginnings Fund team, led by CEO Alice Kangethe, to discuss implementation of an USD 80 million, five-year investment plan to reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths and stillbirths.

Co-designed with the Government, the plan will support 200 priority health facilities in 21 high-burden counties. It will strengthen emergency care, access to essential supplies, health worker training, referral systems and maternity and newborn infrastructure.

The Ministry and Beginnings Fund will establish joint governance arrangements, with Dr. Oluga co-chairing the Steering Committee. Implementation will include county participation, measurable milestones and plans for sustained domestic financing.

By 2030, the investment is expected to reach 5.9 million mothers and newborns with higher-quality care and prevent an estimated 46,494 deaths and stillbirths.





HEALTH UPDATE

Kenya and World Bank Review Health Emergency Preparedness



Ebola

preparedness and response

El Niño

seasonal preparedness

WHO ML3

regulatory capacity priority

The State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards and a World Bank team led by Dr. Ronald Natasa reviewed Kenya's preparedness for Ebola and the anticipated El Niño rains.

Discussions covered disease surveillance, laboratory capacity, emergency response and community awareness, as well as accelerating BREHS disbursements to counties for Primary Health Care.

The meeting also prioritised attaining WHO Maturity Level 3, strengthening the National Public Health Institute and National Quality Control Laboratory, and engaging Community Health Promoters in awareness and early reporting.

Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to timely preparedness and response to protect communities and strengthen health system resilience.





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