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Kenya Hosts Inaugural Africa Health Data Forum to Advance Digital Health

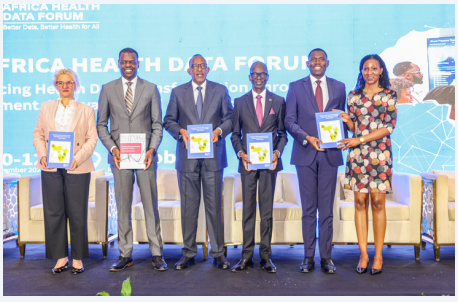
Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale officially opened the inaugural three-day Africa Health Data Forum in Nairobi, bringing together African countries and global health stakeholders under the theme “Better Data, Better Health for All.”

The CS emphasised the importance of reliable, integrated health information in strengthening healthcare delivery, accountability and Universal Health Coverage (UHC). He highlighted Kenya’s digital health reforms, including the registration of over 33 million Kenyans under the Social Health Authority (SHA), improved medical supply chain tracking and health workforce management.

He announced plans to establish a National Intelligence and Analytics Centre under the Digital Health Agency to strengthen health data analysis, monitoring and evidence-based decision-making.

WHO Regional Director for Africa Prof. Yakub Janabi commended Kenya’s use of health data in responding to the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak, including tracing 135 contacts and recording three consecutive weeks without a new confirmed case. The forum also saw the launch of Health Information Systems Functionality Assessment Reports.







President Ruto Launches Construction of KSh126 Million Marani KMTC Campus

The expansion of medical training infrastructure received a boost as H.E. President William Ruto laid the foundation stone for the Marani Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Campus in Kitutu Chache North Constituency, Kisii County.

The KSh126 million facility will accommodate 500 students and feature ten lecture halls, four laboratories, an administration block and a library. Construction is expected to take eight months, with commissioning scheduled for June 2027.

The President also announced an additional KSh150 million for the construction of a student hostel to support student accommodation.

The investment is expected to expand access to medical education, strengthen health workforce training and support quality healthcare delivery across the country.







Kenya and Minnesota Explore Healthcare and Workforce Development Partnerships

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga held discussions with a Minnesota health sector delegation led by Kenyan-born Minnesota House of Representatives member Rep. Huldah Momanyi-Hiltsley at Afya House, Nairobi.

The discussions focused on health workforce training, specialised skills development, professional exchange, simulation-based learning and structured international workforce mobility.

Dr Oluga highlighted Kenya's ongoing health sector reforms, including sustainable health financing, quality healthcare delivery, access to health products and technologies, and digital transformation. He also emphasised opportunities for knowledge exchange in geriatric medicine and long-term care.

Rep. Momanyi-Hiltsley welcomed collaboration extending beyond healthcare worker recruitment to training, digital health systems and improved service delivery while addressing workforce migration concerns.

The PS reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to partnerships that strengthen institutional capacity, promote knowledge transfer and improve healthcare delivery.







Ministry of Health Launches Policy Briefs to Reduce Maternal and Newborn Deaths

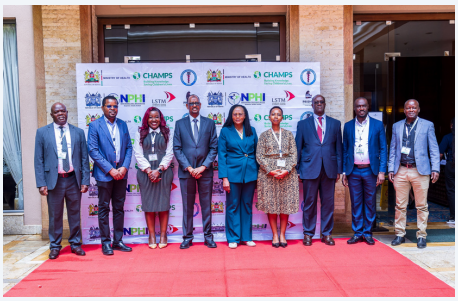
Efforts to reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths received a boost following the launch of two policy briefs addressing neonatal sepsis and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP), major causes of maternal and newborn mortality in Kenya.

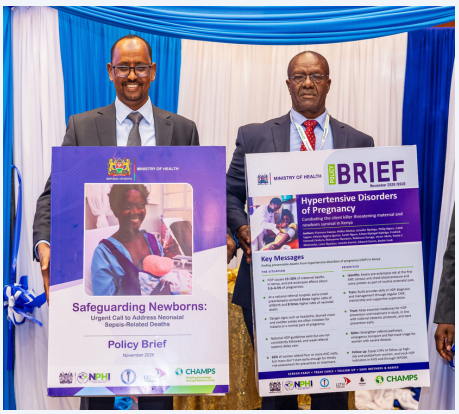
Held under the theme “Know the Causes, Act on Evidence: Ending Preventable Maternal, Newborn, and Child Deaths in Kenya,” the launch brought together government officials, researchers and health partners to identify evidence-based interventions to improve survival.

Director of Family Health Dr Issak Bashir emphasised the need to address gaps in implementing existing policies and clinical guidelines and translate research findings into practical healthcare interventions.

Developed by the Ministry’s Division of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) in partnership with CHAMPS, the briefs will guide coordinated action. The event also highlighted the EWENE agenda and World Prematurity Day.







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Ministry Strengthens County Capacity for Ebola Surveillance and Response

Efforts to strengthen surveillance, early detection and response to Bundibugyo Ebola Virus Disease are being reinforced through a five-day training workshop for county health teams in Nakuru, from 9 to 13 November 2026.

Organised by the Ministry of Health through the Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI), with technical and financial support from the World Health Organization (WHO), the training brings together healthcare personnel from Busia, Bungoma, Trans Nzoia, Nairobi and Migori counties.

The workshop focuses on early detection of filovirus disease signals, alert management, case investigation, active case finding, contact tracing and community engagement to strengthen county-level preparedness and response capacity.







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Ebola symptoms can look like Malaria

Early Ebola symptoms can resemble malaria and other common illnesses and they typically appear between 2 and 21 days after infection.



Sudden high fever (body hotness)



Severe headache



Weakness, muscle pain & extreme tiredness



Internal and external bleeding (mouth, nose, ears)



Diarrhea



Rash



Vomiting

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