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# Message from **Dr Kimambo**, WHO Kenya, Country Representative

Dear Partners and Colleagues,

I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Acting WHO Representative to Kenya. A pediatrician and public health specialist with over 25 years of experience across Africa, I most recently served as WHO Representative in Malawi. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Onyeze for his dedicated leadership as Officer in Charge and for ensuring seamless continuity during this transition.

This newsletter highlights WHO Kenya's achievements from September–December 2025, reflecting our continued collaboration with the Government of Kenya and partners in advancing national health priorities.

Key highlights include our support to the Ministry of Health to expand sexual and reproductive health services, reaching over 4,600 women through mobile clinics in Samburu County (page 3), and the launch of a new genomic sequencing laboratory at KEMRI, strengthening disease surveillance and poliovirus detection across the region (page 9).

In November, WHO Kenya delivered medical supplies and equipment valued at US \$2.3 million to the Government during the first official visit of Dr Mohamed Janabi, WHO Regional Director for Africa (page 13). Kenya also launched its first mpox vaccination campaign, reaching over 10,700 people at high risk (page 20).

As we bid farewell to Dr Abdourahmane Diallo, we recognize his outstanding leadership and lasting contributions to public health in Kenya (page 24).

I thank all our partners and donors for your continued commitment and collaboration in improving health for all Kenyans.

Best wishes,  
Dr. Neema Kimambo





**Sexual & Reproductive Health**

# Hospital on Wheels: Extending Healthcare Access in Kenya



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**"Today I walked over five kilometers to reach this outreach because I wanted to make sure my baby and myself are safe,"** said Pascaline Kesulum.

Nine months pregnant, Pascaline is one of over 4,600 women who accessed sexual and reproductive health services in Samburu during September 2025 through mobile outreaches conducted by WHO and the Samburu County Health Department, and one of more than 22,550 women reached across six priority counties over the past two years.

Samburu has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in Kenya, with 50% of adolescent girls aged 15-19 having been pregnant, according to the Kenya Demographic and Health Survey 2022.

"Our health facilities are spread very far apart, sometimes more than 50 kilometres from each other," explains Samson Leerte, Samburu County's reproductive health coordinator. "This distance creates major barriers to healthcare access, particularly for young mothers."



**"In Samburu County, mobile outreaches address distance barriers by delivering services directly to communities,"**

**John Selasi, Nurse in Charge, Samburu County**



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**I came for antenatal care and cervical cancer screening. I am happy to be seen and checked."**

PASCALINE KESULUM,

During the September week-long outreach across 10 sites, this hospital on wheels brought women access to family planning, antenatal and postnatal care, cervical and breast cancer screening, and gender-based violence support.

"I brought my daughter for a health check-up and received nutritional supplements," says Namano Lekashira. "I also accessed a cervical cancer screening. Being able to access care for both of us in one visit is very helpful."



The mobile outreach is part of WHO's broader sexual and reproductive health support to Kenya's Ministry of Health, including capacity building and policy development (next page).

For Pascaline, preparing to welcome her first child, and for Namano, caring for her daughter while protecting her own health, the mobile outreach provided access to the care they needed. By bringing services to where women live, the program addresses one of the most fundamental barriers to care: distance.



## Images from Samburu County



### MOBILE OUTREACH Hospital on Wheels

"Distance is the primary barrier to healthcare in Samburu County. Mobile health outreaches help by bringing essential services directly to populations beyond the reach of fixed health facilities," John Selasi, Nurse in Charge Samburu County.



### MULTIPLE SERVICES Nataana Lekipaika

"This is my first time attending an outreach. I am grateful because I was able to receive multiple services in one visit including cervical cancer screening and immunisation for my child."



### LABORATORY OFFICER Philip Lekipaika.

"The rapid tests give results quickly so women know their status before they leave including HIV. If we find a problem, we can refer them for treatment immediately."

[View Photo Book](#)**FAMILY PLANNING**  
**Rael Letiren**

"With six children, I have decided this is the right size for my family. Having family planning services brought to our community makes it easier to make decisions about our health."

**ANTENATAL CARE**  
**Nanewro Ledonto**

"I walked more than five kilometers to reach this outreach. The dispensary near my home does not have medicines or equipment, so normally I must travel very far to get care."

**CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING**  
**Namanu Lempano**

"For families like mine who have moved because of conflict, it is hard to know where to go for healthcare. When outreaches come to where we are now living, we can get services without going far."



Sexual & Reproductive Health

# Beyond Mobile Outreaches: Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health Systems

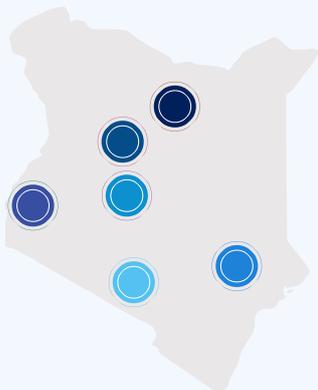


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Beyond mobile outreach services (page 3), WHO has scaled up its support to Kenya’s Ministry of Health over the past two years to strengthen it’s **sexual and reproductive health services** through capacity building, policy development, and health systems strengthening.

The initiative has taken place **across Kenya**, with primary focus on **six priority counties**: Kajiado, Samburu, Laikipia, Siaya, Marsabit, and Tana River.

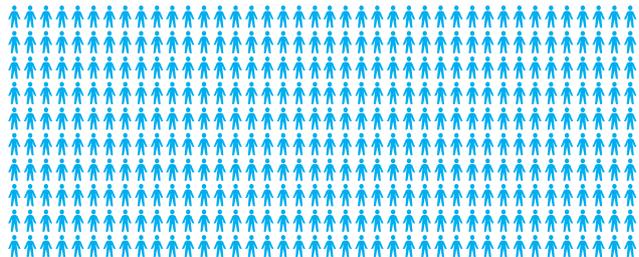


## 1. Capacity Building

**600+** 

### Health Care Workers

complete **facility-based on-the-job training** and **mentorship** on **post-abortion care and family planning**.



**200+** 

### Health Care Workers

capacity built on **clinical management of gender based violence cases** and **documentation**.



150+ **Health Care Workers**

trained on **emergency obstetric and newborn care**, particularly the EMOTIVE bundle for postpartum hemorrhage.



900+

**Health Records and Information Officers**

trained on **data analytics** for health to improve evidence-based decision making.

18 **Counties developed Sexual and Reproductive Health Profiles**

as **advocacy tools** for **domestic financing** for SRHR at the county level.

**2. Policy Work****WHO supported Kenya to develop and update its:**

-  National Post-Abortion Care Guidelines and Training Packages
-  Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health Investment Case 2026-2030
-  National Sexual and Reproductive Health Self-Care Guidelines
-  Preservice Curricula for Diploma Nurses and Clinical Officers at Kenya Medical Training College

**3. Mobile Outreaches**

2024

105,200

**flood-affected individuals** received **medical support** across 7 counties.

Of these individuals,

22,550

**women** received **sexual and reproductive health services**.

2025

9,400

**women** received **sexual and reproductive health services**

within **Samburu, Marsabit and Tana River**. Plans are underway to expand these outreaches to Kilifi and Turkana.



Major Milestone of 2025

# Polio Eradication Efforts Enhanced with New Genomic Sequencing Laboratory

[Read about the launch](#)

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**“Confirming polio cases more quickly enables the government to act faster when cases are detected, helping to save lives, particularly among children under five,”** said Joanna Hassan, laboratory manager at KEMRI.

In 2025, the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) launched an upgraded genomic sequencing laboratory to strengthen detection of poliovirus and other infectious diseases. Supported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Gates Foundation through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the new laboratory integrates genomic sequencing, molecular diagnostics, virus isolation, and expanded sample storage to reduce testing turnaround times from several weeks to less than one week.

The upgraded laboratory serves as a regional diagnostic hub, processing samples from Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Djibouti, Eritrea, and Yemen. Results are shared with national ministries of health and WHO to guide immunization activities and outbreak response.

Speaking at the launch, Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale stated; “this laboratory improves our ability to detect threats early and respond based on evidence, protecting children in Kenya and neighbouring countries.”

The expanded capacity also supports surveillance for other pathogens, including measles, rubella, cholera, and yellow fever, ensuring continued public health use beyond polio eradication.





**RESEARCH SCIENTIST**  
**Stephen Ombija**

"The expansion of the lab is timely because we are expanding environmental surveillance footprint in the country. This means processing more timely results for the Ministry of Health, WHO and other partners."



**LABORATORY MANAGER**  
**Joanne Hassan**

"I've been working here for 28 years. Before we used to process about 6 samples per week, and now we can process up to 600 samples. I'm excited to continue expanding disease surveillance in the region and beyond."



**GENOMIC LABORATORY OFFICER**  
**Colins Steriot**

"With this new technology we are cutting the results we used to get from Atlanta in three to six weeks to less than one week."

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## Images of environmental sample collecting in Kibera, Nairobi



### WHO KENYA LAB SPECIALIST Dr Peter Borus

"Environmental surveillance has played a critical role as part of the Kenya's polio surveillance strategy. Last year, we had a total of five confirmed variant poliovirus cases, and all of them were first detected through environmental sampling."



### SAMPLE COLLECTION Samuel Muturi

In Kibra Sub-County, Nairobi, Samuel has collected waste water samples for over 10 years. "Testing these water sources regularly helps us catch polio early before it spreads through high risk and densely populated areas."



### COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTER Peter Adoyo

"A few years ago, the Ministry of Health and WHO selected this spot as a collection site. We were trained on safe sample collection. Now we collect samples in the first week of each month and send them to for analysis."

[Read Photo Story](#)**LABORATORY OFFICER, KEMRI**  
**Evans Komen**

"Once we receive the samples, they undergo thorough investigation. Our results are then shared with the Ministry of Health and WHO to guide vaccination campaigns and initiate a rapid response."

**RESEARCH SCIENTIST, KEMRI**  
**Shadrack Barmasai**

"We are a unique laboratory as we serve as a regional diagnostic hub, processing samples from Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Djibouti, Eritrea, and Yemen."

**GENOMIC LABORATORY OFFICER**  
**Collins Steriot**

"With our enhanced capacity and reduced turnaround times, we can help Kenya and other countries in the region stop outbreaks before they spread to larger populations, rather than waiting weeks for results while the situation worsens."



**Commitment** to the Government of Kenya

# WHO Hands Over \$2.3 Million in Ambulances, Medical Supplies and Equipment to Kenya



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# 3,000



## Emergency prevention and response materials

to support frontline facilities to be ready for outbreaks, medical emergencies and critical care requirements.

# 14



## Fully equipped ambulances

8 for the National Emergency Ambulance Centre and 6 for reproductive and maternal health to Elgeyo Marakwet, Marsabit, Siaya, Samburu and Tana River.



# 952



## Reproductive and maternal health commodities and equipment

as well as training models to enhance obstetric care, family planning services and post-abortion care, especially in remote areas.

# 230



## Medical oxygen cylinders



# 6.5m



## neglected tropic disease medicines

for the treatment of soil-transmitted helminths and schistosomiasis in 15 counties.





#### AMBULANCE FLAG OFF

### His Excellency President Ruto

On 19 November 2025, President William Ruto flags off ambulances, medical supplies and equipment at the Statehouse.



#### MEDICINE HANDOVER

### Dr Joyce Onsongo, WHO Kenya

Dr. Onsongo presented His Excellency 6.5 million medicines to tackle neglected tropical diseases. "We have been doing this for the last 10 years and this country, through your leadership, is reaching the end of many of these diseases."



#### TALKING REMARKS

### Dr Janabi, Regional Director AFRO

"Each ambulance, each oxygen cylinder, each emergency kit tells a story: a mother who reaches care in time, a child whose life is protected, a health worker who responds well when every minute matters."

[More on Dr Janabi's Visit →](#)



## Images of Dr Janabi's visit to Kenya



### WELCOME WHO Africa Regional Director

In November 2025, Dr Mohamed Yakub Janabi came to Kenya for a three-day visit, accompanied by the Regional Emergency Director Dr Marie Roseline Darnycka Belizaire and Dr Aschalew Abayneh from WHO AFRO.



### WHO STAFF Town Hall Meeting

During Dr Janabi's visit, he met with WHO staff in Kenya. "Dr Janabi's presence here reflects the Regional Office's commitment to country and regional level impact. We are grateful for this opportunity to engage directly with our leadership," said WHO Kenya, Officer in Charge, Dr Onyeze.



### PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH The Children's Investment Fund Foundation & Gates Foundation

Dr Janabi and delegation proceeded to meet with various partners including the Gates Foundation and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation whereby they discussed opportunities for strengthening joint action for improved health across Africa.

[Read more](#)


### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH** **Regional World Health Summit 2026**

With the Regional World Health Summit for 2026 set to take place in Nairobi, the delegation then met with Prof Lukoye Atwoli, president of the 2026 Summit, to discuss WHO participation and preparation for the conference.



### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH** **UN agencies & Development Partners for Health**

The team also met with UN Kenya Resident Coordinator Dr Stephen Jackson and other UN agencies working in the health sector. "Stronger UN coordination means stronger results for the communities we serve," Dr Janabi noted.



### **GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP** **Kenya's Ministry of Health**

Finally the delegation met with Kenya's Ministry of Health including CS Aden Duale to reaffirm WHO's commitment to Kenya, and sign the official \$2.3 million worth donation of ambulance and other medical goods (page x).

Immunisation **saves lives**

# Cervical Cancer Elimination: Kenya transitions to single dose HPV vaccination schedule

"I want to be a teacher when I grow up. My mother says this vaccine will help keep me healthy so I can achieve my dreams,"

**Jane Brian, 10 years old  
from Kilifi County.**

**Kilifi County  
Referral Hospital**

Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among Kenyan women after breast cancer, accounting for approximately 2,300 new cases and 1,600 deaths annually. This disease is almost entirely preventable through vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes cervical cancer.

Kenya introduced HPV vaccination in 2019 using a two-dose schedule targeting 10-year-old girls. In November 2025, following WHO recommendations, the country transitioned to a single-dose schedule after global evidence confirmed that one dose provides equally effective protection against cervical cancer. This shift enables Kenya to protect more girls with existing resources while reducing costs for families.

Beyond HPV, WHO also supported other immunization initiatives in November 2025, including the introduction of the second dose of Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) and expansion of the malaria vaccine to additional sub-counties with a transition from RTS,S/AS01 to R21.






#### KILIFI COUNTY HOSPITAL Nurse Beatrice Dbwoye

"Many girls were missing their second dose due to distance, costs, or simply forgetting to return. Now with just one visit, we can fully protect them against HPV," explains Beatrice who received WHO training on the new protocol.



#### NATIONAL TRAININGS 11,000 healthcare workers trained

The Ministry of Health with support from WHO provided comprehensive training to 11,000 healthcare workers across the country at national, county and sub-county level.



#### CERVICAL CANCER SURVIVOR Naomi Kembu

Naomi, 69, was diagnosed with stage 3 cervical cancer in 2019. "When I see my granddaughter vaccinated against HPV, I feel hopeful. No mother should have to watch her daughter suffer when it can be prevented."

# Highlight Stories





## Kenya on Track to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027



MOH, County Governments, WHO, the End Fund & more



Kenya is on track to eliminate lymphatic filariasis (LF) by 2027, a remarkable achievement for a disease first recorded in the country in 1910.

Over 4 million people along Kenya's coast were once at risk of this mosquito-borne disease that causes debilitating conditions like elephantiasis. That number has now fallen to just 12,000 through two decades of mass drug administration and sustained partnerships. Recent transmission surveys show disease prevalence below 1% in all areas, meeting WHO elimination criteria and positioning Kenya for validation by 2027.



## Kenya's First Mpox Vaccination Campaign



MOH, County Health Departments, WHO, UNICEF, Amref, MSF & more



Kenya completed its first mpox vaccination campaign in September 2025. The country deployed 10 700 doses of MVA-BN vaccine across three high-burden counties: Mombasa, Busia and Nakuru. In just 10 days, from 3-12 September, the campaign surpassed the national target achieving 105.2% coverage.

The campaign was led by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with county health departments, WHO and partners with a focus on populations most at risk including truck drivers, sex workers, health workers in isolation facilities.

Short **Highlight Stories**

## Kenya Strengthens Medical Product Safety Standards



MOH, WHO, Africa Health Business, PPB & more



Kenya is working toward WHO Maturity Level 3 (ML3) standards for regulating medical products and health technologies. At a forum in Nairobi, WHO Kenya outlined a 12-18 month plan focusing on quality control systems, laboratory testing, and product tracking.

With the Health Products and Technologies Regulatory Authority Bill under Senate consideration and Rwanda and Senegal achieving ML3 in December 2024, Kenya aims to ensure its medical products are safe, trusted globally, and competitive in international markets.

## Kenya Advances Health Preparedness with New Action Plan



MOH, NPHI, WHO, Amref, Africa CDC, Kenya Red Cross & more



Kenya has completed costing of its second-generation National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS II) following a five-day validation workshop convened by the Kenya National Public Health Institute.

Over 50 participants contributed to developing the plan, which will guide the country's preparedness and response to outbreaks from 2026 to 2030. The plan adopts a One Health, all-hazards approach, aligning health, agriculture, and environment sectors to strengthen early warning surveillance systems and implement International Health Regulations core capacities.





## Webinar Series: Advancing Healthy Diet Policies in Africa

WHO, Ministries of Health, UNICEF,  
WFP, FAO & the African Union

WHO concluded a four-part regional webinar series on policies to promote healthy diets, bringing together participants from Kenya, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Mauritius, and Cabo Verde. Led by WHO and Ministries of Health, the series enabled countries to share national policy experiences and best practices.

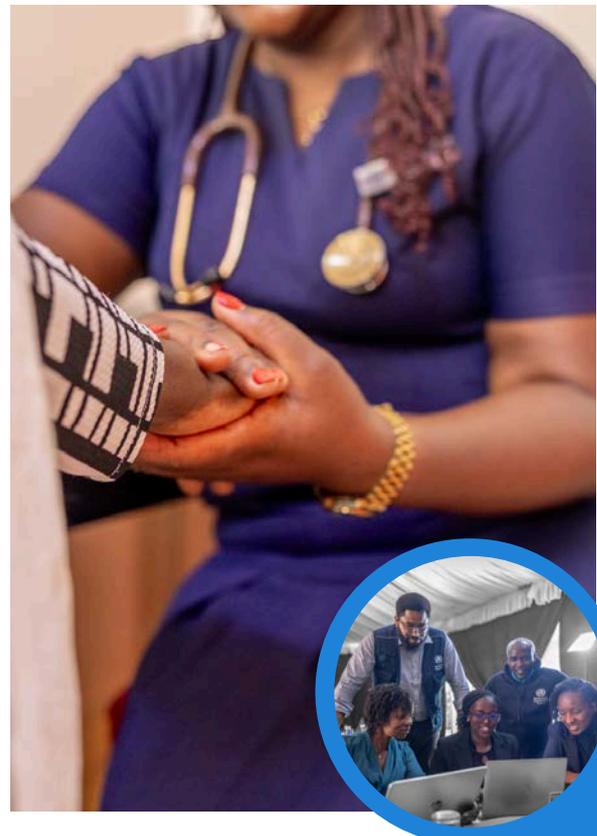
The final session focused on food fortification, food safety, and food system interventions to improve the availability, accessibility, and consumption of nutritious foods across the region.

## Using Evidence to Strengthen Kenya's Health Workforce

Kenya's Ministry of Health  
and WHO

From 8 to 19 September, WHO, working with Kenya's Ministry of Health, convened a two-week workshop to develop evidence-informed staffing norms for public health facilities using the Workload Indicators of Staffing Need (WISN) methodology. The initiative strengthens equitable health worker distribution, efficient deployment and governance of workforce planning.

"Evidence-based staffing norms protect everyone, patients receive better care and health workers have fair workloads," said Evelyne Chagina from WHO Kenya.



Short **Highlight Stories**

## Kenya Hosts Global Trypanosomiasis Research Conference



AU-IBAR, WHO, KENTTEC, FAO, IAEA, WOAHA, 30 AU Member states and more

The 37th General Conference of the International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control convened in Nairobi in September, bringing together over 300 experts from across Africa and beyond.

Under the theme "Harnessing One Health Technologies & Innovations Towards Eliminating Trypanosomiasis in Africa," participants presented more than 100 scientific papers sharing new insights on combating sleeping sickness and other tsetse-transmitted diseases. The conference highlighted collaborative efforts to advance elimination strategies through innovative approaches and technologies.

## Strengthening Community Trust in Health Information



Ministry of Health, WHO, NPHI, Africa CDC, UNICEF and partners

WHO Kenya, the Ministry of Health, and partners convened a national workshop on Infodemic Management Action Planning in September. The workshop built on Kenya's recent health security evaluation, focusing on improving how health authorities communicate with communities during crises.

Participants worked to strengthen public trust and establish systems to counter false information that spreads during disease outbreaks. These efforts aim to enhance Kenya's preparedness and build a more resilient health system for future emergencies.





# Mombasa Hosts World Patient Safety Day

 MOH, NPHI, WHO, KEMRI, KUTRRH, County Government Representatives and more.

Kenya marked World Patient Safety Day in Mombasa with a two-day symposium organized by the Ministry of Health, Kenya National Public Health Institute and WHO.

Presided over by KNPPI's Dr. Irungu Kamau, the event focused on "Safe care for every newborn and every child" under the slogan "Patient safety from the start!" The symposium brought together healthcare workers, policymakers, and community representatives to discuss implementing Kenya's Global Patient Safety Action Plan and strengthening infection prevention and control in healthcare facilities to reduce avoidable harm.

# WHO Kenya Bids Farewell to Dr. Abdourahmane Diallo

 WHO

After three years of dedicated leadership since April 2022, WHO Kenya bid a fond farewell to Dr. Abdourahmane Diallo as he transitions to WHO AFRO as Director of Programme Management.

Dr. Diallo's tenure was marked by significant achievements in strengthening Kenya's health systems and advancing critical public health priorities. His collaborative approach and unwavering commitment to health equity leaves a lasting impact on Kenya's health landscape. As he takes on this new regional role, WHO Kenya extends gratitude for his exceptional service and wishes him continued success.





Short **Highlight Stories**



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## Webinar Series: Ebola Virus Disease Case Management

WHO, MOH, NPHI

A weekly webinar series on Ebola Virus Disease was launched in October, targeting frontline health workers in high-risk counties and points of entry.

Organized by WHO Kenya, the Ministry of Health, and Kenya National Public Health Institute, the technical series aims to strengthen preparedness and readiness for Ebola and other filoviruses across Kenya. The first session focused on the approach to Ebola clinical management, covering preparedness and response pillars.

## Kenya deployed 80 AI-powered portable X-rays

MOH, KEMSA, The Global Fund, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, GlaxoSmith Kline, WHO

In October, Kenya deployed 80 AI-powered portable X-ray machines across 43 counties and launched Integrated Lung Health Guidelines to improve TB detection.

"Nearly one third of people with TB remain undetected, a gap that continues to fuel transmission and delay care," said Dr. Onyeze, WHO Kenya Officer in Charge. The initiative prioritizes underserved communities with evidence-based diagnostic standards, addressing critical delays in TB diagnosis that cost lives.



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## Kenya Launches Three Landmark Health Reports

 MOH, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, the Global Fund, the Gates Foundation and more.

On October 28, 2024, Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale launched three landmark reports at Serena Hotel, Nairobi: the Quality of Care and Human Resources for Health Assessment, the Service Availability and Readiness Assessment (SARA), and the RMNCAH+N Investment Case. "Quality healthcare is a constitutional right for every Kenyan," Duale emphasized.

The reports provide critical evidence to strengthen health systems, identify gaps, guide policy reforms, and drive equitable access to quality care toward Universal Health Coverage.

## Advancing Health Workforce Investment Planning

 Ministry of Health, WHO, KELIN, AMREF & more

With technical leadership from WHO AFRO's Health Workforce team and the WHO Kenya Country Office, Kenya has advanced its Health Workforce Investment Plan to translate Health Labour Market Analysis evidence into sustainable financing for the health workforce.

Guided by the Africa Health Workforce Investment Charter, which Kenya was an early adopter of, the process prioritized high-impact investments, aligned workforce planning with fiscal realities, and strengthened multisectoral ownership to accelerate progress toward Universal Health Coverage.



Short **Highlight Stories**

## Kenya Hosts African Medicines Regulation Conference



Government of Kenya, AUDA-NEPAD, AMA, WHO, PPB, Bill and Melinda Gates, CEPI & more.

Kenya hosted the 7th Scientific Conference on Medical Products Regulation in Africa in Mombasa from November 11-13, 2025. The conference marked the transition to the fully operational African Medicines Agency, headquartered in Kigali.

Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale noted Africa's dependence on imports for over 90% of its medicines. Over 300 delegates, including regulators, policymakers, and manufacturers, discussed strengthening regulatory systems to unlock local manufacturing capacity and advance health sovereignty across the continent.

## Kenya Reviews Health Priorities with Partners



MOH, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, Africa CDC, World Bank Group and more.

Kenya's Ministry of Health met with Development Partners in Health Kenya at the French Embassy in Nairobi, hosted by Ambassador Arnaud Suquet and chaired by Dr. Serawit Bruck-Landais.

The bilateral meeting reviewed Kenya's 2025/26 health priorities toward Universal Health Coverage, including sustainable financing under the Social Health Authority and digitization of services. Participants emphasized strengthening maternal and newborn health interventions, particularly scaling up Neonatal Intensive Care Units, reaffirming commitment to coordinated action for accessible, quality healthcare.





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## United Nations in Nairobi Hosts World AIDS Day Run

United Nations Office  
in Nairobi

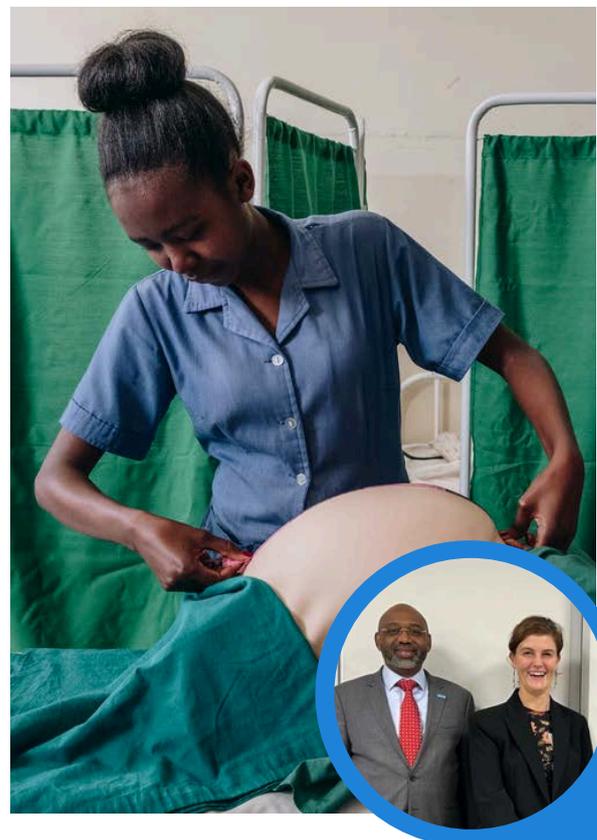
Ahead of World AIDS Day, the United Nations compound in Nairobi hosted a commemorative race won by George Otieno Ochola, who completed the 3.7km course in 11 minutes 18 seconds. For George, the race held personal significance after losing his stepmother to AIDS.

This year's theme, "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response," called for sustained political leadership and human-rights-centred approaches to end AIDS by 2030, as life-saving services face disruptions and communities confront heightened vulnerabilities.

## Novo Nordisk Foundation invests in Health Workforce Education

Novo Nordisk Foundation,  
WHO, MOH

WHO Kenya has entered a partnership with the Novo Nordisk Foundation through the Partnership for Education of Health Professionals flagship programme to advance health workforce education. This collaboration will strengthen competency-based health professions education, align training with population health needs, and support sustained investments in the health workforce. WHO looks forward to working together to enhance governance, research capacity, and financing mechanisms, helping Kenya build a skilled and equitable workforce to accelerate progress toward Universal Health Coverage.



# Thank you!

## FROM THE WHO KENYA COUNTRY OFFICE TEAM

Our Kenya office is staffed by a diverse team committed to operational excellence, effective policy development and more. Through diligent work across various health fields, our team strives to improve health for all across Kenya.

WHO Kenya colleague John Kismir connects with community health promoters in Samburu.



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# Acknowledgements

## External Partners

Your support and partnership are crucial to our mission in Kenya, enabling us to save lives and serve the vulnerable. We thank you for empowering our technical staff to deepen government support, accelerate progress towards Sustainable Development Goals and enable us to plan for longer term approaches to health systems strengthening.

We thank our partners, including our thematic funders. The funds our partners provide give a degree of flexibility that allows WHO to be more effective and efficient in allocating funds for our joint priorities. Your ongoing commitment not only drives our success but also inspires a ripple effect of health improvements across Kenya. **Thank you!**





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