



# GOVERNMENT OF MAKUENI COUNTY



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES



## NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

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### — VISION —

A healthy and productive county with high quality of life.

### — MISSION —

To build a progressive, responsive and sustainable evidence-based health system for accelerated attainment of the highest standard of health.

### — GOALS —

Acceleration of attainment of Universal Health Coverage.

### — CORE VALUES —

Teamwork, Integrity, Ethics and professionalism, Equity and Fairness, Responsiveness, Client-centeredness, Transparency and Accountability, Creativity and Innovation.

### — STRATEGIC FOCUS —

The strategic goals are:

- Reduce morbidity and preventable deaths from both communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- Improve efficiency and quality of services and adopt health care innovations.
- To improve access to essential primary health services To advocate and mobilize for adequate financing for health at all levels.

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## 1. ENHANCED HEALTHCARE SERVICES UNVEILED

Over 15,000 residents from Mbooni East, Makueni County will now benefit from improved health services following the commissioning of Tawa sub-County Hospital maternal and child health unit, thanks to collaboration between the Safaricom Mpesa Foundation and the County Government of Makueni.



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The County and the foundation partnership has seen the facility get constructed and equipped to a tune of Ksh. 32 Million.

The health facility will be crucial in reducing referrals and bringing services closer to residents of Mbooni sub-County. It will also contribute to reducing maternal and child health mortality.



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## 2. WORLD PHILANTHROPIST AND CO-FOUNDER OF MICROSOFT VISITS MAKUENI

Bill Gates the co-founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation visited Makueni County in November 2022 on a discovery trip to see the impact of Primary Health Care in the County.

Accompanied by Makueni Governor H.E Mutula Kilonzo Jr, Bill Gates visited the Kathonzweni Level 3 hospital where he met with medical staff and Community Health Volunteers and later toured the mother and Child Care unit at the Makueni County Referral Hospital.



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Makueni County has enlisted a significant number of Community Health Volunteers who have contributed to better prenatal care and safer deliveries in the region.

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## 3. ISSUANCE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Makueni Governor H.E Mutula Kilonzo Jr and KEMSA Chief Executive Officer Terry Ramadhani flag off Kshs. 90M worth of medical supplies for all 238 health facilities in Makueni last year September.



The supply was the Financial Year 2022/2023 quarter one order of health commodities and consisted of essential and specialist drugs, non-pharmaceuticals and laboratory commodities.

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It was noted that Makueni had made strides in investing in healthcare towards attaining the highest possible health standards in a manner responsive to the Makueni population needs.

The governor's administration is committed to increasing efficiency in the management of the health commodity supply chain to ensure sustainability and resilience.



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## 4. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

H.E Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr accompanied by Health ECM Dr. Paul Musila held a series of health meetings at Geneva, the World Health Organization, (WHO), Headquarters, Switzerland, to discuss various public health issues.

This included how to use innovation in scaling up access to quality care and training as one way of addressing health workforce shortage.



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One of the key issues the governor discussed with the WHO officials included, how to deal with Makueni's rising community hypertension, the use of digital health systems such as proximie technology in efficient decentralized surgical clinical mentorship programs.

Makueni is currently using proximie technology during surgical procedures hence cutting cost, improving patients safety and doing various health sustainable practices ,all at once.

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## 5. WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY

Makueni health services CECM Dr. Paul Musila screens a patient at Kinyambu health center during the world hypertension day in May.

He used the opportunity to urge locals in the area to routinely monitor their blood pressure and engage in healthy lifestyle.



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## 6. FIRST LADY H.E ANITA MUTULA TO SPEARHEAD MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMME

Makueni First Lady H.E. Anita Mutula is working in collaboration with the Department of Health Services towards better healthcare for children.

Anita revealed this during finalization of 2023/2024 annual work plan. The event had brought together all the top managerial teams of the health docket.



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The workplan will be the blueprint that will guide in areas of prioritization for health interventions as per the available resources as well as partner support.

While addressing the participants, the First Lady reiterated the need to curb malnutrition and premature births as a catalyst to increasing child survival.

Anita underscored that malnutrition remains a huge public health burden and is the single greatest contributor to child mortality across the country.

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She as well emphasized the importance of improving Reproductive and Maternal health services to address the needs of mothers.

Anita will be supporting the department in advocacy for service uptake as well as resource mobilization as the county works towards achieving the highest attainable quality of Health Services



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## 7. CRUCIAL HEALTH DISCUSSION WITH CABINET SECRETARY NAKUMINCHA S. WAFULA AT AFYA HOUSE

H.E Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr held a meeting with health Cabinet Secretary Nakhumicha S. Wafula at Afya House, Nairobi in January this year, with their discussions centered on better healthcare services in Makueni.

Top in their agenda was fast tracking the Building, equipping and operationalization of Mtito-Andei hospital by Kenya Railways and increasing the number of medical interns posted at the internship centers.



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They also discussed on:

- Establishment of a health information system in line with the national agenda.
- Enhancement of emergency services along the Northern corridor (Makueni section) with increased ambulance services.

And boosting Primary healthcare network at the community level.



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## 8. FIRST LADY ANITA MUTULA LEADS CANCER SCREENING INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY

First lady H.E Anita Mutula graces Cancer awareness and screening exercise at Utangwa mixed day and boarding secondary school.

To encourage other women to undergo the screening, the First Lady was screened to determine her status.



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## 9. GOVERNORS' JOINTLY COMMIT TO A DECLARATION TOWARDS ENDING MALNUTRITION IN COUNTIES

Makueni is among 11 counties that held a high-level cross-county learning forum on domestic resource mobilization for nutrition and health at Safari-park, Nairobi last year December.

Among other resolutions, the Governors and Deputy Governors present jointly committed to a declaration towards ending malnutrition in their respective counties.



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Below are the resolutions arrived at during the convergence;

- I. Elevation of nutrition as a top priority in counties.*
- II. Integrating malnutrition in county budgets, policies and legislative actions.*
- III. Working with executives and county assemblies to increase the resource mobilization base.*
- IV. Improving governance and prudent management of nutrition interventions, including, supporting policy and regulations that ring-fence resources for nutrition*
- V. Strengthening partnership with Nutrition International and fulfilling our commitment to the performance-based match-funding (DRM) program.*
- VI. Strengthening coordination between external partners working with county governments to ensure the effective use of the resources.*
- VII. Closely collaborating with the National Government to facilitate the uptake of policies, legislation and plans to support the achievement of national, regional and international commitments and obligations.*



## 10. ACCELERATING QUALITY POSTPARTUM FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN MAKUENI HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Makueni is among the selected counties that will benefit from a five-year program whose overall goal is to accelerate and scale quality Postpartum Family Planning services within its Primary Health Care facilities.

The program will strengthen the capacity of the pilot counties to implement post-pregnancy services by ensuring that they are available, quality and accessible. Further, the experiences and lessons learned will be used to scale the program to the remaining counties in the country.

H.E Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr led the County health team during the launch and observed that the program will help to address the unmet needs in the contraceptive services uptake that stands at 14% countrywide.





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Previously, the county has made tremendous strides in the provision of family planning services. Makueni was among the first counties to allocate funds for FP services and commodities, with an allocation of Ksh. 17 Million in the 2022/2023 financial year.

The program which will run up to September 2027 is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and implemented in partnership with Jhpiego and other health development partners.



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## 11. JHPIEGO BOSSES VISIT MAKUENI FOR AN APPRAISAL OF JOINT PROJECTS WITHIN THE COUNTY

Jhpiego Vice presidents under global programs Deborah Bossemeyer and Technical leadership and innovation Wendy Taylor in January 2023 toured Makueni for an evaluation of the impact of joint projects with the county government on health matters.

The team led by Jhpiego Country Director-Kenya Stephen Mutwiwa and other technical officers was hosted by H.E Deputy Governor Lucy Mulili in Wote where they toured several projects' beneficiaries.



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Jhpiego has collaborated with Makueni to develop systems that save lives and guarantee healthier futures for women and their families through multiple projects and partners.



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## 12. MALEZI BORA INITIATIVE FOR MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Department of Health Services in collaboration with county First Lady H.E Anita Mutula launched the Malezi Bora initiative that enables mass drug Administration to children and the general population across the county.

The event that took place at Machinery township primary school in Kibwezi East sub-county aimed at increasing awareness of mothers', newborn babies' as well as child health services to caregivers in the county.







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The 'Malezi Bora initiative' will give health and nutrition education to learners, Vitamin A supplements to children between 6 - 9 months, reduce anemia prevalence, growth Monitoring, promotion of breastfeeding, and complementary feeding.

The program has been running all through during the month of June and will also help in eliminating and treating soil-transmitted helminths (minyoo) and schistosomiasis (Bilharzia).

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## 13. MID YEAR HEALTH SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

H.E Deputy Governor Lucy Mulili presides over the Annual Performance and Mid -Year Health Services implementation Review Workshop by the top county medical cadre in March 2023 .

The workshop brought together different health sector unit heads and the sub-county health teams, directors and the executive committee member to draw a roadmap of accelerating roll out of transformative health programs in line with H.E Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr's vision.

It sought to among others: identify the 24-hour health services provision facilities at the ward level; review past performances, identify inherent gaps and strengths in service delivery as well as setting priorities for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.





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## 14. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FLAGGED OFF

H.E Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr flagged off the first batch of the equipment at the Makueni County Referral Hospital in Wote 3 months after he resumed office.

The equipment included 11 crash cart trolleys and 7 patient monitors. This will go a long way in making health services efficient.



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## 15. Medical outreach at kanthuni market

Medical outreach at Kanthuni Market where H.E Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr, his Deputy Lucy Mulili among other county government officials visited.

The outreach reached out to 247 patients.



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## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

*Dear Makueni Health Services Team,*

I hope this note finds you all in the best of health and high spirits. Today, I am thrilled to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation and admiration for each and every member of our esteemed team for our departmental achievements since H.E Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr took office on 4th of August 2022.

As you all know, it takes dedication, collaboration, and a shared vision to achieve great results, and that's exactly what we have been demonstrating for the last one year. I am delighted to announce that, through your unwavering commitment and hard work, we have accomplished remarkable milestones that have significantly improved our services and impacted the lives of countless individuals within our community.

Your collective efforts have been nothing short of outstanding. You have proven time and again that you are true professionals who approach each challenge with enthusiasm, creativity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Your dedication to providing quality healthcare and making a positive difference in the lives of our patients is truly commendable.

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Your ability to work as a cohesive unit and support one another in times of need has been exemplary. It's evident that our department thrives on collaboration and teamwork, and this has been instrumental in our recent successes. Together, we have embraced challenges, sought innovative solutions, and achieved milestones that were once considered unattainable.

I want to express my gratitude to each member of the team for their unique contributions, hard work, and perseverance. From our skilled medical professionals, diligent administrative staff, to our dedicated support personnel – each and every one of you has played an integral role in this triumph.

As we celebrate this achievement, let us remember that our journey doesn't end here. Our commitment to continuous improvement is unwavering, and I am confident that we will scale even greater heights in the days to come. Together, we shall continue to strive for excellence, putting our patients' well-being at the heart of everything we do.

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I am humbled and honored to lead such an exceptional team of professionals. Your passion, competence, and compassion inspire me every day, and I am privileged to witness the positive impact we have on our community.

Please take a moment to celebrate and acknowledge the extraordinary work we have accomplished together. Share this joy with your colleagues and loved ones, as they have been an integral part of our success.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of you. Let us move forward with renewed enthusiasm and commitment, knowing that together, there is no challenge we cannot conquer.

*With warmest regards,*

*Dr. Paul Musila,*

**ECM HEALTH SERVICES, MAKUENI COUNTY  
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