



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

HEALTH & BIO-TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Background

The committee handles all matters relating to county health services, medical care and health insurance. The Committee will seek to promote the right to the highest attainable standard of health in counties as envisaged in Article 43 of the Constitution.



Nyamira Referral Hospital undergoing renovation

The committee provides technical assistance in terms of information, research, policy analysis, and resource development for county governments across a range of policy issues targeting levels 4, 3, and 2 health facilities.

The health division covers issues in the areas of health care service delivery and reform, including, maternal and child healthcare, prevention and reduction in cases of communicable diseases, health workforce planning, quality improvement and improvement in curative and preventive health services.

Challenges

Funding: The international standard for health funding outlines that 30 percent of national budget should focus on health, at county level the same should be cascaded.

- Inter-governmental functions overlap on medical issues affecting the counties.

Policy: National policies on health are yet to conform to devolved system of government.

Inter-governmental Cooperation: Challenges in overlap of roles, collaboration and consensus on funding and human resources.

Opportunities

The committee offers a platform for peer consultation, sharing of best practices, experience, and learning through capacity building opportunities (workshops/seminars) for counties. This promotes peer exchange for governors, deputygovernors, county executive members and staff.



The newly installed 16-Slice Computerized Tomography Machine in Nyamira County

Resources

The committee develops and maintains a variety of resources on health care issues including:-

- preparing short, focused documents that provide analysis of state policies, issues, and/or trends
- Recommendations for interventions on healthcare.

Our Approach

The committee engages in multipronged approach with stakeholders at national and international level to promote the devolution of health services at county level.



His Excellency Governor Isaac Ruto flagging off medical equipment supplies to new health dispensaries

Our Impact

The Health and Biotechnology committee has enabled the sharing of best practices on funds flow and access to health care.

Success at County Level

- The upgrade of Nyamira District Hospital to a fully-fledged and functional Nyamira County Referral Hospital and Completion of Construction/rehabilitation works in 64 health facilities spread across the County
- Renovation and Equipping Longisa Referral Hospital, upgrading other

hospitals and dispensaries in

Bomet County:

- Construction of 11 dispensaries and Maternity Units in Samburu count to combat maternal mortality.