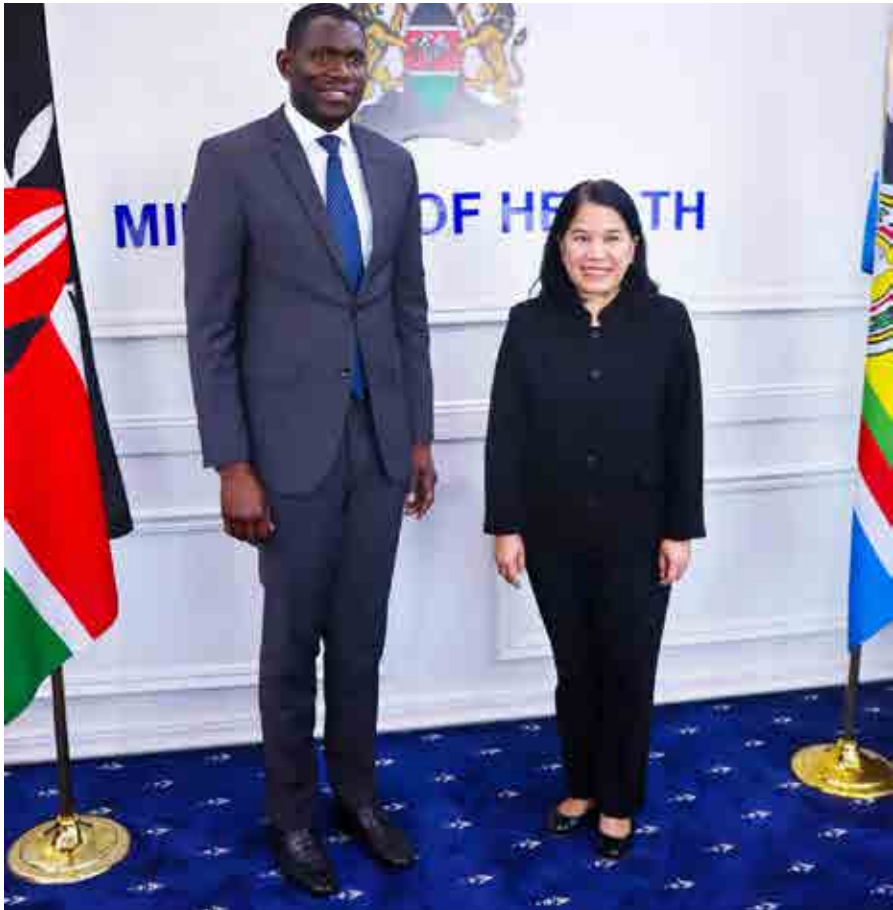


Health Ministry seeks faster implementation of digital health projects



Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga (left), when he hosted Thailand's Ambassador to Kenya, Jirusaya Birananda (right), to discuss expanding bilateral health cooperation as the two countries mark 60 years of diplomatic relations. Photo by Joseph Ng'ang'a.

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The Ministry of Health has called for stronger accountability and faster implementation of digital health projects to ensure investments translate into improved healthcare services under the Government's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda.

Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga said digital health investments must deliver tangible benefits to health facilities, healthcare workers and patients.

"Digital health investments must translate into tangible improvements in healthcare delivery," Dr Oluga said.

He spoke while chairing a Healthcare IT Digitization Programme Steering Committee meeting at Afya House, attended by representatives of the Safaricom Consortium, Digital Health Authority (DHA), Social Health Authority (SHA), Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) and other implementing agencies.

The meeting reviewed progress of the UHC Digital Transformation Programme and identified areas requiring stronger oversight, improved coordination and faster implementation of agreed targets.

Dr Oluga outlined four priorities for the next phase of the programme: holding subcontractors

accountable for their obligations, improving transparency in tracking project investments, accelerating the rollout of ICT infrastructure and digital systems, and ensuring investments deliver measurable improvements in healthcare.

He called for closer collaboration among technical teams, project managers and implementing agencies to address implementation challenges and ensure digital systems remain stable and reliable.

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The PS reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to working with partners to maximise the value of public resources and ensure the programme supports the Government's Taifa Care agenda.

"We must ensure that these investments deliver value to health facilities, health workers and, most importantly, patients," Dr Oluga said.

The digitisation programme is expected to strengthen health service delivery through technology and support Kenya's efforts to achieve UHC.

Meanwhile, Kenya is seeking to deepen health cooperation with Thailand in areas including local manufacturing, health

financing, medical technology and procurement of health products.

Dr Oluga held talks with Thailand's Ambassador to Kenya Jirusaya Birananda at Afya House as the two countries mark 60 years of diplomatic relations.

The discussions focused on strategic health financing, procurement of medical products, health workforce collaboration, digital health, research and development, local manufacturing of health commodities and traditional and alternative medicine.

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"Kenya-Thailand cooperation offers opportunities to attract investment, strengthen medical supply chains and expand market access for manufacturers in both countries," he said.

He reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to expanding local manufacturing as part of efforts to increase domestic production of essential health commodities and strengthen regional economic integration.

The two sides also explored opportunities to translate research into practical healthcare solutions and strengthen cooperation through existing bilateral frameworks.

Dr Oluga said medical commodities must remain affordable, meet required

quality standards and be reliably available to health-care facilities and patients.

"We are committed to facilitating partnerships between Kenyan and Thai manufacturers to strengthen local production and improve access to essential health products," he said.

Ambassador Birananda reaffirmed Thailand's commitment to deepening bilateral health cooperation and translating areas of mutual interest into practical programmes that support health system development.

During the meeting, Dr Oluga also briefed the envoy on measures Kenya has put in place to contain the Ebola outbreak and strengthen public health preparedness.

He said the country remained committed to disease surveillance and appropriate response measures to safeguard public health.

"There is no need for a travel advisory against Kenya," Dr Oluga said, citing measures in place to manage public health risks.

The engagements form part of the Ministry's efforts to strengthen healthcare delivery through digital transformation while expanding international partnerships to improve access to medical products, technology and expertise.





INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Power invites tenders from interested bidders for provision of the following:-

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE-BID MEETING	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.3/OT/07/FA/26-27	Three-Year Framework Agreement for Supply of Treated Wooden Poles (Local Manufacturers Only)	Thursday 29.10.2026	N/A	Thursday 19.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/004/NM/26-27	Installation of 66kV Monopoles on Sub-Transmission Lines, Design, Supply and Construction	Tuesday 27.10.2026	<p>Pre-Bid Meeting Tuesday 03.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.-11.00 a.m. (Stima Club, Nairobi)</p> <p>Mandatory Site Visit Wednesday 04.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m. (Juja Parklands I & II Meeting Point at IESR, Utalii College Kenya Power)</p> <p>Wednesday 04.11.2026 at 12.00 p.m. (Nairobi North, Westlands & Kabete Meeting Point at Nairobi North S/S)</p> <p>Wednesday 04.11.2026 at 2.00 p.m. (Karen, Kabete, Dagoretti, Karen Substation)</p>	Tuesday 24.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be obtained from the Kenya Power website (www.kplc.co.ke) from the dates shown above.

CLARIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE, PRE-BID DATE AND TENDER CLOSING DATE

B. Kenya Power wishes to inform firms participating in the tender below, that clarifications and extension of the Tender Commencement Date, Pre-Bid Date and Tender Closing Date have been deemed necessary, calling for addendum 1 to the tender: -

TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	NEW TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	NEW PRE-BID DATE TIME & VENUE	NEW TENDER CLOSING DATE
KP1/9A.2/OT/006/SS/26-27	Provision of Guarding Services	Tuesday 27.10.2026	Friday 30.10.2026 at 10.00 a.m. (Stima Plaza, Auditorium)	Monday 16.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Addendum1 detailing the requirements of the above tender may be obtained from Kenya Power E-Procurement Portal available on the Kenya Power website (www.kplc.co.ke).

All other terms and conditions of the tender remain the same.

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