KEPHIS seeks advanced laboratory services to boost food safety

Agency enhances testing capacity through modern equipment and stakeholder partnerships to strengthen agricultural quality assurance and market access.

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The Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) is intensifying efforts to increase the use of its laboratory services as part of a broader strategy to strengthen food safety, improve agricultural quality standards and enhance the competitiveness of Kenyan produce in local and international markets.

The agency, with support from TradeMark Africa (TMA), convened a Laboratory Services Sensitisation Forum in Nairobi, bringing together government agencies, private sector players, research institutions, industry associations and development partners.

The forum aimed to raise awareness of KEPHIS' expanded laboratory capabilities, encourage greater uptake of testing services and strengthen collaboration across the agricultural value chain.

Speaking during the meeting, KEPHIS Acting Director of Laboratory Services Dr Florence Munguti, who represented Managing Director Prof. Theophilus Mutui, said investments in modern laboratory infrastructure had significantly improved the agency's analytical capacity.

She commended TradeMark Africa for supporting the acquisition of advanced laboratory equipment, which has expanded the range of testing services available and strengthened KEPHIS' ability to meet both national and international standards.

According to Dr Munguti, credible laboratory testing remains critical in safeguarding plant health, ensuring the quality of seeds and agricultural inputs, protecting consumers and building confidence in Kenyan agricultural products.

TradeMark Africa's Manager for Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Programmes, Hellen Mwarey, underscored the importance of partnerships in strengthening standards compliance and facilitating safe agricultural trade.

Participants were taken through KEPHIS' three key laboratory service areas: analytical chemistry and food safety, plant health, and seed testing.

The Analytical Chemistry and Food Safety Laboratories provide services such as pesticide residue analysis and food safety testing to ensure agricultural products comply with market requirements.

The Plant Health Laboratories undertake pest and disease diagnostics, molecular testing and scientific assessments that support phytosanitary certification and help prevent the spread of harmful pests and diseases.

Meanwhile, the Seed Testing Laboratories provide quality assurance and certification services to ensure seeds meet established national and international standards.

KEPHIS noted that stronger utilisation of these services would enhance compliance with increasingly stringent market requirements and improve access to export opportunities for Kenyan farmers and agribusinesses.

The forum also gave stakeholders an opportunity to discuss testing requirements, service accessibility, turnaround times and emerging analytical needs within the agriculture sector.

Participants explored opportunities for joint research, technical cooperation and capacity building to address evolving challenges in agriculture, food safety and international trade.

The engagement comes as Kenya continues to strengthen its sanitary and phytosanitary systems to enhance the quality, safety and competitiveness of agricultural exports.

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TENDER NO	ITEM/SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE
IGRTC/1223/0018/2026-2027	PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE CORPORATE MEDICAL, GROUP LIFE ASSURANCE AND WORK INJURY BENEFIT INSURANCE COVER	3RD DECEMBER 2026

Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) invites sealed tenders for the provision of Provision of Comprehensive Corporate Medical, Group Life Assurance and Work Injury Benefits Insurance cover for the Board, Secretariat and their dependents for a period of twelve (12) months renewable ONCE upon satisfactory performance and approval by the Management as per the terms and conditions in the original contract.

Tendering will be conducted through the Open National Tendering procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, **and is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.**

Qualified and interested tenderers are invited to view and download the complete set of tender documents free of charge from th e-GP portal at **https://egpkenya.go.ke.**

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No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date
	GOK TB COUNTERPART FUNDING		
1.	KEMSA/GOK CPF TB/OT01/2026-2027	Supply of TB Medicines	8th December, 2026 at 10.00 am
2.	KEMSA/GOK CPF TB/OT02/2026-2027	Supply of Microscopy Items	8th December, 2026 at 10.00 am
	GOK MALARIA COUNTERPART FUNDING		
1.	KEMSA/GOK CPF MAL/OT03/2026-2027	Supply of Microscopy Consumables	8th December, 2026 at 10.00 am

1. Qualified and Interested tenderers may obtain further information during office hours on **Monday to Friday 08.00hrs and 17.00hrs except on Public Holidays** from Procurement Directors office situated at:

KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre,
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P.O Box 47715-00100, Nairobi
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3. Tenderers must register their bid documents at the Procurement Office or via email at **procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke** **(Refer to registration form in the tender document)** to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

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