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Government allocates Sh6.1b for new Social **Health Authority**

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The Government has allocated Sh6.1 billion to the Social Health Authority (SHA), which is set to be launched on October 1, 2024.

Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa stated that the SHA, which will replace the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), aims to provide affordable, accessible, and quality healthcare services to all Kenyans.

Speaking in Nairobi during a media breakfast meeting, Dr. Barasa mentioned that the comprehensive benefits package for the SHA has been finalized, although current government funding covers only four percent of the required amount.

Dr. Barasa also high-lighted that while Sh6.1 billion has been allocated for the SHA, this is only a fraction of the Sh168 billion needed for its full implementation.

"Kenya is set to make



Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa

a major advancement in achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with the official launch of SHA. I want to give the assurance that the new health authority will continue to improve as the system evolves and additional funding is secured," the CS said.

She said in addition to launching the SHA, the government is partnering with Safaricom to digitalize healthcare services which will enhance efficiency and data management.

Dr. Barasa acknowl-

edged the funding challenges but reaffirmed the government's commitment to reducing outof-pocket expenses and improving healthcare ser-

The CS highlighted that Kenya has in recent year's registered positive progress in the health sector with increased life expectancy and other health indicators as testament.

Health Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth said SHA encompasses many benefits in that it offers access by all Kenyans to primary health and emergency services, and it emphasizes on preventive and promotive care services.

Dr. Amoth said that SHA offers a broader range of outpatient services including essential lab investigations for diabetes, hypertension, sickle-cell and asthma among others as it focuses on comprehensive care including preventive and chronic conditions.

New Health Insurance Scheme offers hope to over 1m cancer patients

BY MUOKI CHARLES(KNA)

¬he new Health Insurance Scheme will fully cover cancer treatment costs, providing hope to over one million Kenyans suffering from cancer.

Health Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth stated that the structure of the new medical coverage has been optimized to ensure that all prescriptions from doctors align with the guidelines provided by the National Cancer Control Program. Patients will receive comprehensive treatment without incurring any additional out-ofpocket expenses for their families.

Speaking during the launch of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month at Kenyatta University Teaching, Research and Refer-ral Hospital (KUTRRH), where he also commissioned a pediatric oncology ward, Dr. Amoth

encouraged Kenyans to register with the new Social Health Authority (SHA) to access the new medical insurance coverage ahead of the official rollout on October 1, 2024.

"As a country, every year, one million Kenyans are at risk of being impoverished by catastrophic health treatment expenses, one of which is cancer treatment. This new scheme will alleviate this financial burden," Amoth said..

The DG said at least 3,000 new childhood cancer cases are reported every year with the survival rate being 20 per cent compared to 80 per cent in developed countries, a situation which, he said, needs to be addressed.

On the strides made by KUTRRH in managing cancer care services in both children and adults, the health DG said the hospital has performed exemplary through its

state-of-the-art equipment and competent staff.

The Hospital Board Chairperson Prof Olive Mugenda called on the Director General to fasttrack the completion of a children's wing at the hospital.

She said the 300-bed facility, which has been under construction over the last six years, was initially allocated Sh500 million and more funds are required to complete it. Prof Mugenda also divulged that the hospital in collaboration with the University of Manchester has initiated research on oesophageal cancer, a project she said is currently underway.

"We are now offering PET-Scan, a service that was not available in the country until recently. We are doing between 40 and 50 scans a day, you can imagine the impact the hospital is having on Kenyans in battling cancer," Mugenda said.





TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR INSTALLATION, MANAGEMENT, **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADSIDE AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES AT SELECTED LOCATIONS ALONG NAIROBI - THIKA** SUPERHIGHWAY (A2S).

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