



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

ON THE RISING THREAT OF ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AND ITS DEADLY IMPACT ON CHILD HEALTH IN KENYA AND ACROSS AFRICA

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

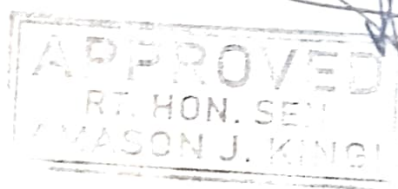
I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 53(1), to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health on a matter of national concern regarding the public health threat posed by antimicrobial resistance (AMR), particularly regarding its impact on child health in Kenya and across the African continent.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

A recent global study has linked over 659,000 child deaths in Africa that occurred in 2022 to antimicrobial-resistant infections, with Kenya identified among the countries experiencing a surge in the use of Watch and Reserve category antibiotics – high-risk drugs that should be used sparingly. The sharp rise in usage has been attributed to weak regulation, misdiagnosis and inadequate diagnostic capacity, posing a significant threat to the health system and national development.

In the Statement, the Committee should address the following:

1. A status update on the national antimicrobial resistance surveillance systems in Kenya, including their level of functionality and coverage across the counties.
2. Measures implemented by the Ministry of Health to regulate the prescription and use of Watch and Reserve category antibiotics, particularly within paediatric and primary care settings.
3. Whether Kenya has **developed** or implemented a National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance, in line with World Health Organization recommendations, including its current status.



③ Hon. Speaker
You may approve.
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