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REPORT ON THE INSPECTION TOUR OF COUNTY REFERRAL
HOSPITALS IN VIHIGA AND KISUMU COUNTIES

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List of Abbreviations

A& E	Accident and Emergency
CBA	Collective Bargaining agreement
CECM	County Executive Committee Members
CHS	Community Health Service
CHW	Community Health Worker
CS	Cesarean Section
CT	Computed Tomography
DG	Deputy Governor
GIS	Geographic Information System (GIS)
HR	Human Resource
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
KCB	Kenya Commercial Bank
KEMSA	Kenya Medical and Supplies Authority
KMPDU	Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Union
MES	Medical Equipment Service
NCD	Non-Communicable Diseases
NG	National Government
NHIF	National Health Insurance Fund
PHS	Primary Health Services
PMS	Performance Management System
PSC	Public Service Commission
VCRH	Vihiga County Referral Hospital

PRELIMINARIES

A. Establishment and Mandate of the Standing Committee on Health

The Standing Committee on Health is established pursuant to standing order 228 (3) and the Fourth Schedule of the Senate Standing Orders and is mandated to *consider all matters relating to medical services, public health and sanitation.*

B. Functions of the Committee

Pursuant to Standing Order 228(4), the Committee functions to –

1. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration and operations of its assigned ministries and departments;
2. Study the programme and policy objectives of its assigned ministries and departments, and the effectiveness of the implementation thereof;
3. Study and review all legislation referred to it;
4. Study, assess and analyze the success of the ministries and departments assigned to it as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
5. Consider the Budget Policy Statement in line with the Committee's mandate;
6. Report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the Senate to approve;
7. Make reports and recommendations to the Senate as often as possible, including recommendations for proposed legislation;
8. Consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the Senate pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution;
9. Examine any statements raised by Senators on a matter within its mandate; and
10. Follow up and report on the status of implementation of resolution within their mandate.

C. Government Agencies and Departments

In exercising its mandate, the Committee oversees the County Governments, the Ministry of Health and its various Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs).

D. Committee Membership

The Standing Committee on Health was constituted by the House on 27th October, 2022, and comprises of the following Members –

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| 1. Sen. Jackson Kiplagat Mandago, EGH, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. Erick Okong’o Mogeni, SC, MP | - | Member |
| 4. Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP, | - | Member |
| 5. Sen. Abdul Mohammed Haji, MP | - | Member |
| 6. Sen. Joseph Nyutu Ngugi, MP | - | Member |
| 7. Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP | - | Member |
| 8. Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP, | - | Member |
| 9. Sen. Esther Anyieni Okenyuri, MP | - | Member |

E. Committee Secretariat

The Committee Secretariat comprises the following staff -

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| 1. Ms. Mary Chesire | - | Director, Socio-Economic Services |
| 2. Mr. Boniface Lenairoshi | - | Deputy Director |
| 3. Mr. Stephen Gikonyo | - | Principal Clerk |
| 4. Dr. Christine Sagini | - | Lead Committee Clerk |
| 5. Ms. Florence Waweru | - | Committee Clerk Assistant |
| 6. Mr. Mitchell Otoro | - | Legal Counsel |
| 7. Ms. Lilian Onyari | - | Fiscal Analyst |
| 8. Mr. Dennis Amunavi | - | Research Officer |
| 9. Mr. Victor Kimani | - | Audio Officer |
| 10. Ms. Hawa Abdi | - | Sergeant-at-Arms |
| 11. Mr. David Muthuri | - | Intern |

CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The Standing Committee on Health conducted a fact-finding tour of Vihiga and Kisumu Counties from 16th to 19th May, 2023.

The tour was triggered by requests for Statements by Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, regarding the state of healthcare service provision at the Vihiga County Hospital; and, by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, MP, regarding an impending strike by doctors in public health facilities in Kisumu County due to salary delays and failure to remit statutory deductions, and, the state of affairs at the Ahero Sub-County Hospital in Kisumu County.

At sittings held on diverse dates, the Standing Committee on Health deliberated on the matters arising from the Statements and resolved to conduct an Inspection Tour of health facilities in Vihiga and Kisumu Counties. The key objectives of the visits were to assess; the state of health care services; understand the unique achievements, issues, and challenges facing health service delivery in the counties; and recommend remedial measures and interventions by the Senate.

In conducting the visits, the Committee met with key parties in relation to the health service delivery in the respective counties, including: the respective Governors or their representatives, relevant members of the County Executive Committees, Chief Officers of Health, members of the County Health Management Teams and hospital management representatives.

The Committee also reviewed relevant documents and memoranda as submitted by the respective county governments.

The Committee findings, observations and recommendations arising from this process are contained in this report.

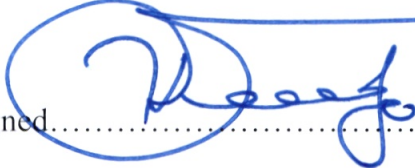
Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank the Area Senators of Vihiga and Kisumu for their full participation and cooperation during the course of the tour.

I also wish to thank the respective County Executives led by the County Governors, and their County Assemblies led by their Speakers, for the fruitful deliberations that have culminated in the production of this report.

Finally, I wish to thank the Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the Senate for their support during the entire process of considering this matter.

It is now my pleasant duty and privilege to present this report of the Standing Committee on Health, for consideration and approval by the House pursuant to Standing Order No. 213 (6) of the Senate Standing Orders.




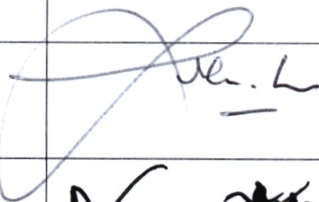




Signed.......... Date.....16/05/2024.....

SEN. JACKSON KIPLAGAT MANDAGO, EGH, MP

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE INSPECTION TOUR OF COUNTY REFERRAL HOSPITALS IN VIHIGA AND KISUMU COUNTIES

We, the undersigned Members of the Senate Standing Committee on Health, do hereby append our signatures to adopt the Report-

	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Sen. Jackson Kiplagat Mandago, EGH, MP	Chairperson	
2.	Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP	Vice-Chairperson	
3.	Sen. Erick Okong'o Mogeni, SC, MP	Member	
4.	Sen. Ledama Ole kina, MP	Member	
5.	Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP	Member	
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