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DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

REPORT ON

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE IN AFRICA HELD FROM 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER, 2022 HELD IN KIGALI, RWANDA

Directorate of Departmental Committees,  
Clerk's Chambers,  
Parliament Buildings,  
NAIROBI.

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TABLED BY:	The Hon. Dr. Robert Pukosa (Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Health)
CLERK AT THE TABLE:	Joyce Kemethelle

May, 2023

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## CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

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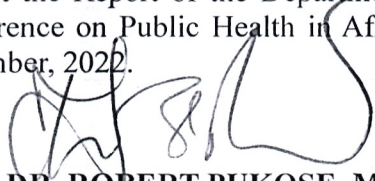


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Further, the Committee deliberated on the presentations of the conference and recommends that, Africa must strengthen research and development and manufacturing capacity, outside investors should follow the lead of African innovators, growing Africa's research and development sector will benefit the world and science can unlock the wellbeing of the population, and unlock the progress of the economy, Africa needs more agile, inclusive and resilient health systems, Investments is needed to realize a new Public Health Order, building trust in the community is necessary to achieve goals and Health Security must be a multi-sectoral approach and the destiny of Africa is in African hands.

The Committee is thankful to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its Sittings. it is my pleasant duty to present the Report of the Departmental Committee on Health on the 2nd International annual Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2022) held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.



**HON. DR. ROBERT PUKOSE, MP.**

**CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

## **1. PREFACE**

### **1.1 Mandate of the Committee**

The Committee is mandated under Standing Order 216 (4) and (5) to inter alia-

- a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;*
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation and effectiveness of the implementation;*
- c) study and review all legislation referred to it;*
- d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments);*
- g) examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
- h) make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;*
- i) consider reports of Commissions and independent offices submitted to the house pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
- j) examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.*

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministry of Health;

According to second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider the following subjects:

- i. Health;
- ii. Medical care and Health insurance including universal health coverage.

## 1.2 Committee Membership

The Committee comprises the following fifteen (15) Members;

4. The Committee was constituted by the House on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and comprises the following Members;

### **Chairperson**

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, MP  
Endebes Constituency  
**UDA Party**

### **Vice-Chairperson**

Hon. Ntwiga, Patrick Munene MP  
Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency  
**UDA Party**

### **Members**

Hon. Owino Martin Peters, MP  
Ndthiwa Constituency  
**ODM Party.**

Hon. Muge Cynthia Jepkosgei, MP  
Nandi (CWR)  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Wanyonyi Martin Pepela, MP  
Webuye East Constituency  
**Ford Kenya Party**

Hon. Kipngok Reuben Kiborek, MP  
Mogotio Constituency  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Nyikal James Wambura, MP  
Seme Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. Kibagendi Antoney, MP  
Kitutu Chache South Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. Julius Ole Sunkuli Lekakeny, MP  
Kilgoris Constituency  
**KANU**

Hon. Maingi Mary, MP  
Mwea Constituency  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Mathenge Duncan Maina, MP  
Nyeri Town Constituency  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Lenguris Pauline, MP  
Samburu (CWR)  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Oron Joshua Odongo, MP  
Kisumu Central Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. (Prof.) Jaldesa Guyo Waqo  
Moyale Constituency  
**UPIA Party**

Hon. Mukhwana Titus Khamala, MP  
Lurambi Constituency  
**ANC Party**



### **1.3 Committee Secretariat**

1. The following are the Secretariat who support the Committee;  
**Mr. Hassan Abdullahi Arale**  
Clerk Assistant I/Head of Secretariat

**Mr. Gladys Jepkoech Kiprotich**  
Clerk Assistant III

**Ms. Salat Abdi Ali**  
Senior Serjeant-At-Arms

**Ms. Faith Chepkemoi**  
Legal Counsel II

**Mr. Yakub Ahmed**  
Media Relations Officer II

**Mr. Rahab Chepkilim**  
Audio Recording Officer II

**Ms. Abigel Muendi**  
Research Officer III

**Mr. Hiram Kimuhu**  
Fiscal Analyst III

**Mr. Benson Kimanzi**  
Serjeant-At-Arms III

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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4. CPHIA 2022 brought together thousands of students, national and institutional representatives, scientific experts as well as public health stakeholders from across the African continent and the world to share science, collaborate on research and implementation, and chart a shared course towards a more secure future for Africa. From the nine scientific plenaries, fourteen parallel sessions, and eight abstract-driven sessions, Africa CDC called on African countries to develop good practices to achieve universal health coverage against common infections and epidemics. These measures include increasing local production in Africa, advocating for research and development capacity in diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccine manufacturing.
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10. The presence of following were acknowledged, CPHIA Co-Chairs: Prof. Senait Fisseha and Prof. Agnes Binagwaho, Acting Director Africa CDC, Dr. Ahmed Ogwel Ouma, Rwanda Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana, Rwanda Minister of State, Hon. Dr Yvan Butera, Our host, the Rwanda Ministry of Health and Rwanda Biomedical Centre, CPHIA 2022 Scientific Programme Committee, CPHIA 2022 Local Organizing Committee, CPHIA 2022 Secretariat, Speakers, Moderators, Abstract presenters, Delegates, Global Health Strategies and Rwanda Events.
11. The following Members participated in the conference and represented the Departmental Committee on Health.
  1. The Hon. Patrick Ntwiga Munene, M.P. -**Vice-Chairperson- Leader of delegation**
  2. The Hon. Pauline Lenguris, M.P.
  3. M. Hassan A. Arale, **Clerk Assistant I- Delegation Secretary.**



## 2. CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS

The following presentations were made on the following different topics: -

### ***Presentation on Epidemiology, Diagnostics and Clinical Management of Emerging and Re-emerging High Consequence Infectious Diseases (HCIDs) in Africa***

1. This session was convened by Dr. Trevor Crowell and Prof. Francine Ntoui and following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, Africa has seen many outbreaks of High Consequence Infectious Diseases (HCIDs) like COVID-19, monkeypox, and Ebola, with over 100 outbreaks every year, Clinical diagnosis and laboratory confirmation remain major challenges, new tools like rapid diagnostic tests and next-generation sequencing can be used to diagnose and track emerging pathogens and a One Health approach can revolutionize and optimize research in Africa.

“No one is safe until everyone is safe” -Prof. Abdool Karim.

### ***Presentations on Increasing Local Production in Africa: Advocacy, Research and Development Capacity in Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Vaccine Manufacturing.***

2. This session was convened by Prof. Charles Shey Wiysonge and Noella Bigirimana. Following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, Africa manufactures less than 1% of all vaccines consumed on the continent, the continent must produce its own medicines and vaccines and the Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM) is key in delivering this mandate, Growing Africa's capacity to manufacture medical tools depends on 4 key areas, Government commitment and funding, strong public health & regulatory agencies, public-private, cross-border partnerships and owning the patents & licensing

### ***Presentations on Strengthening Health Systems for Equitable and Universal Health Coverage in Africa.***

3. This session was convened by Dr. Githinji Gitahi and Dr. Brenda Kateera. Following the deliberations, the meeting concluded as follows; that, Nearly 93% of African countries have a strategy or policy to expand Universal Health Coverage (UHC) but their implementation varies widely which challenges include, weak governance, out of-pocket payments, and over-reliance on donor funding, digitalization of the health sector can help governments better deliver and measure gaps, high-level political commitment, government investment, and private sector partnership are crucial to safeguarding gains made, and furthering UHC across the continent

### ***Presentations on Women in Health from Recipients to Providers to Leaders***

4. This session was convened by Madame Winnie Byanyima and Dr. Ebere Okereke. Following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, Women must be leaders of gender inclusive health systems, women and girls face specific inequities in the healthcare workforce, and access to healthcare, equity can only be achieved through an intersectional lens considering gender, disability and other facets, men and boys can help change norms and the debate highlights is that we made progress on gender equity in health leadership in Africa.



***The presentations on the COVID-19 Pandemic –Lessons Learned for Future Health Threats, Prevention, Preparedness and Response***

5. This session was convened by Dr. Krishna Udayakumar and Prof. Claude Muvunyi. Following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, if we want to respond quickly, we must own the tools of response. Africa needs to strengthen its public health institutions, from the local to national to continent-wide level, engage in Africa-led partnerships with external actors and be able to develop and produce our own vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics and Improve coordination between countries, and between levels of governments.

***The presentations on Digitalization, delivering a universal, connected, affordable care and building resilient health systems.***

6. This session was convened by Dr Jean Phil Nsengimana and Dr Edem Adzogenu. Following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, Africa made a digital leap forward in mobile phone connectivity which is still expanding, the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated digitalization of the public health. communications, surveillance, diagnosis and care delivery, in 2023, Africa CDC will launch a new Digital Strategy for Africa. Digitalization enables faster data sharing and healthcare delivery and therefore and Africa needs the financial and political commitment of governments, private sector partners, and digital entrepreneurs.

***The presentations on Whole-of-Society –The Power of Engaging Civil Society, Community Actors, and the Private Sector.***

7. This session was convened by Dr. Amit Thakker, Dr. Monique Wasunna and Ms. Kedest Tesfagiorgis. Following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, the public health agenda for Africa must be led by Africa, to improve public health. We need intentional partnerships between academia, grant making organizations, government, communities and the private sector, grant making organizations can act as accelerators for new health products and engage the next generation of scientists and public health leaders.

***The presentations on a renewed focus on Africa's major infectious diseases including HIV, TB, Malaria and NTDs.***

8. This session was convened by Prof. Rose Leke and Dr. Thomas Nyirenda. Following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, Africa still faces major infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and NTDs, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is an increasing threat in our fight against infectious diseases, sustained commitment from governments and donors is necessary to keep making gains against these diseases, innovation in health service delivery such as a holistic approach to care and telemedicine can help prevent setbacks in the next health emergency.

***The presentation on non-communicable diseases as a growing public health threat in Africa.***

9. This session was convened by Prof. Kaushik Ramaiya, Prof. Taiwo Lateef Sheik and Dr. Mary Nyamongo and following the deliberations, the meeting concluded that, Africa is grappling with a double burden of disease with long standing diseases like malaria still remaining while the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is

growing, Road traffic accidents are the biggest cause of injuries and trauma, there is low availability of mental health providers on the continent, Prevention, early detection and intervention are key. Non- communicable diseases (NCDs) require unique solutions by Ministries of Health and each NCD should have its own budget line.



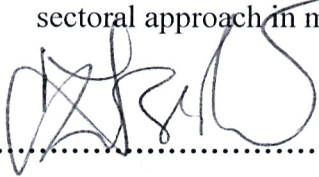
### **3. COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS**

10. The Committee having considered the report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2022) makes the following observations: that,
  1. Africa is making great stride in Biomedical Research & Development but currently imports more than 90% of the therapeutics and vaccines it needs.
  2. Nearly 93% of African countries have a strategy or policy to expand Universal Health Coverage (UHC) within their respective countries however their implementation varies widely.
  3. Africa still faces major infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and NTDs. The antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is becoming an increasing threat in the fight against infectious diseases. There is therefore need for concerted effort and sustained commitment from governments and donors to keep making gains against these diseases.
  4. Kenya can leverage on innovation and telemedicine in health service delivery which will facilitate a holistic approach in the management of the healthcare services in the country.

#### 4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

5. The Committee recommends: - that
- 1) The Cabinet Secretary for health must prioritise and strengthen the country's Research Development and manufacturing of health products capacity so as to improve healthcare while encouraging innovation in the health sector by unlocking the progress of the economy.
  - 2) Kenya needs to adopt a more agile, inclusive and resilient health systems in both levels of government.
  - 3) The Ministry of Health should invest more in healthcare sector to realize a New Public Health Order and
  - 4) The Ministry of health should invest in Health Security and must adopt a multi-sectoral approach in management of the same in the country.

Signed.....



Date.....

25/4/2023

**HON. DR. ROBERT PUKOSE, MP.**

**CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

# MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS



**MINUTES OF FOURTY FIRST SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE  
ON HEALTH HELD IN MEDIA CENTRE IN PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON  
TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023 AT 12.00 NOON.**

**PRESENT**

1. The Hon. Dr. Pukose Robert, M.P - **Chairperson.**
2. The Hon. Dr. Nyikal James Wambura, M.P
3. The Hon. Titus Khamala, M.P
4. The Hon. Sunkuli Julius Lekakeny Ole, EGH, EBS, M.P
5. The Hon. Lenguris Pauline, M.P
6. The Hon. Kibagendi Antony, M.P.
7. The Hon. Prof. Jaldesa Guyo Waqo, M.P.
8. The Hon. Mathenge Duncan Maina, M.P
9. The Hon. Wanyonyi Martin Pepela, M.P
10. The Hon. Mary Maingi, MP.
11. The Hon. Muge Cynthia Jepkosgei, M.P

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

1. The Hon. Ntwiga Patrick Munene, M.P -**Vice-Chairperson**
2. The Hon. Owino Martin Peters, M.P
3. The Hon. Oron Joshua Odongo, M.P.
4. The Hon. Kipngor Reuben Kiborek, M.P

**COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Hassan A. Arale  | - Clerk Assistant I    |
| 2. Ms. Gladys Kiprotich | - Clerk Assistant III  |
| 3. Ms. Faith Chepkemoi  | - Legal Counsel II     |
| 4. Ms. Rahab Chepkilim  | - Audio Officer        |
| 5. Ms. Abigel Muinde    | - Research Officer III |
| 6. Mr. Benzoin kimanzi  | -Serjeant At Arms      |
| 7. Ms. Angela cheror    | -Protocol officer      |

**MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/175: PRELIMINARIES/INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was called to order at 12.00 noon with a word of prayer by the Hon. Dr. Robert Pukose, M.P the Chairperson and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/176: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**The following Minutes were confirmed**

1. The Minute of the 34<sup>TH</sup> sitting was confirmed as the true record of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon. Mary Maingi, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Mathenge Duncan Maina, M.P
2. The Minute of the 35<sup>th</sup> sitting was confirmed as the true record of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon. Mary Maingi, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Mathenge Duncan Maina, M.P

3. The Minute of the 37<sup>th</sup> sitting was confirmed as the true record of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon. Hon. Sunkuli Julius Lekakeny Ole, EGH, EBS, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Dr. Nyikal James Wambura. M.P.

**MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/177: CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL REPORT**

The following reports were considered during the meeting:

1. Report on the benchmarking visit to South Africa Medical Research Council 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023.
2. Report on Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH) in Uganda from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023.
3. Report on 2nd African Public Health Conference in Kigali, Rwanda from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

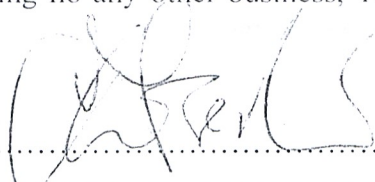
**MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS**

For the South African Report, members raised a question as to whether the country has a National Research Fund which can be used for health research conducted by KEMRI on the top ten causes of diseases in the country similar to South African situation.

**MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/178: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no any other business, The Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at exactly 1.40 p.m.

Sign.....



Date.....

20-09-2023

**HON. DR. ROBERT PUKOSE, M.P.**

**CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**



MINUTES OF FOURTY THIRD SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 7 IN PARLIAMENT  
BUILDING ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT

1. The Hon. Dr. Pukose Robert, M.P - Chairperson.
2. The Hon. Ntwiga Patrick Munene, M.P -Vice-Chairperson
3. The Hon. Dr. Nyikal James Wambura, M.P
4. The Hon. Sunkuli Julius Lekakeny Ole, EGH, EBS, M.P
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5. Ms. Abigel Muinde - Research Officer III
6. Mr. Benzon kimanzi -Serjeant At Arms

MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/183: PRELIMINARIES/INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m. with a word of prayer by the Hon. Dr. Robert ukose, M.P - Chairperson.

MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/184: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were confirmed: -

1.Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> siting were confirmed as the true record of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon Oron Joshua Odongo, M.P and seconded By The Hon. Wanyonyi Martin Pepela, M.p.

2.Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Sitting were confirmed as the true record of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon. Dr. James Nyikal, MP and seconded by the Hon. Sunkuli Julius Lekakeny Ole, EGH, EBS, M.P



3. Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> sitting were confirmed as the true deliberations of the Committee after it was proposed by the Oron Joshua Odongo, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Wanyinyi Martin Pepela, M.P.

4. Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> sitting were confirmed as the true record of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon. Muge Cynthia Jepkosgei, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Oron Joshua Odongo, M.P.

5. Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> sitting were confirmed as the true record of the Committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon. Oron Joshua Odongo, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Muge Cynthia Jepkosgei, M.P

**MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/185: CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE BENCHMARKING VISIT TO THAILAND FROM 7TH TO 12TH MARCH, 2023**

The following report was considered during the meeting;

1. universal health coverage benchmarking visit to Thailand Report from 7th to 12th march, 2023

**MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/186: ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING REPORTS**

The following reports were adopted during the meeting;

1. Report on the benchmarking visit to South Africa Medical Research Council from 13th to 23rd March, 2023 was confirmed and adopted as the true reflection of the committee deliberations after it was proposed by the Hon. Kibagendi Antony, M.P and seconded by The Hon. Dr. Pukose Robert, M.P – Chairperson.
2. Report on Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH) in Uganda from 22nd to 23rd February, 2023 was confirmed and adopted as the true reflection of the committee deliberations after it was proposed by the The Hon. Dr. Pukose Robert, M.P – Chairperson and seconded by The Hon. Titus Khamala, M.P.
3. Report on 2nd African Public Health Conference in Kigali, Rwanda from 13th to 15th December, 2022 confirmed and adopted as the true reflection of the committee deliberations after it was proposed by the The Hon. Ntwiga Patrick Munene, M.P – Vice-Chairperson and seconded by Hon. Lenguris Pauline, M.P
4. Universal health coverage benchmarking visit to Thailand Report from 7th to 12th march, 2023 confirmed and adopted as the true reflection of the committee deliberations after it was proposed by the The Hon. Prof. Jaldesa Guyo Waqo, M.P and seconded by the Hon. Oron Joshua Odongo, M.P.

**OBSERVATIONS FROM THE REPORT**

The following observations were made from the universal health coverage benchmarking visit to Thailand Report; that;

1. For universal health coverage to be successful, there is need for the government to finance NHIF instead of NHIF depending fully on contributions.

2. The reimbursements from NHIF to the hospitals be reinvested back to the hospitals and not be expended on other county activities. It was noted that the Facilities Improvement Fund Bill proposed by MOH seeks to address this by ringfencing all hospital user fees.
3. There is need for all NHIF card holders to be treated in government health facilities across the country without restriction to the selected hospital.

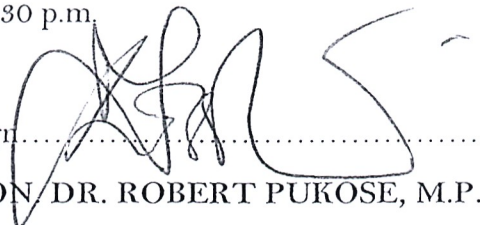
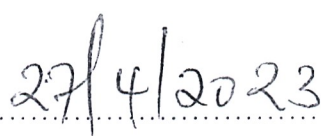
### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REPORTS

The Committee recommends: - that, for the critical success for UHC implementation in Kenya.

1. The Ministry of health through NHIF should establish strong and reliable beneficiary identification, care access processes, benefits package development, implementation processes and eventually establish clear and reliable claims management infrastructure and processes.
2. There should be a uniformity in the healthcare set up in our Country and uniformity in the kind of quality of offered healthcare services across the Country.
3. All National Health Insurance Fund Card Holders should be allowed to be treated across government health facilities in the Country without restricting patients to register at a particular facility.
4. Growing Africa's Research & Development sector will benefit the world and science can unlock the wellbeing of the population, and unlock the progress of the economy.
5. Health research in the country should focus on the key health priorities and diseases burden in Kenya both the prevalent and emerging, so as to have credible information on the disease burden. KEMRI to have a research agenda that addresses the key health priorities in Kenya. All research should be anchored towards this agenda.
6. Providing health services without guaranteeing a minimum level of quality is ineffective, wasteful, and unethical. National governments need to invest in high-quality health systems for their people and make such systems accountable to people through legislation, education on rights, regulation, transparency, and greater public participation

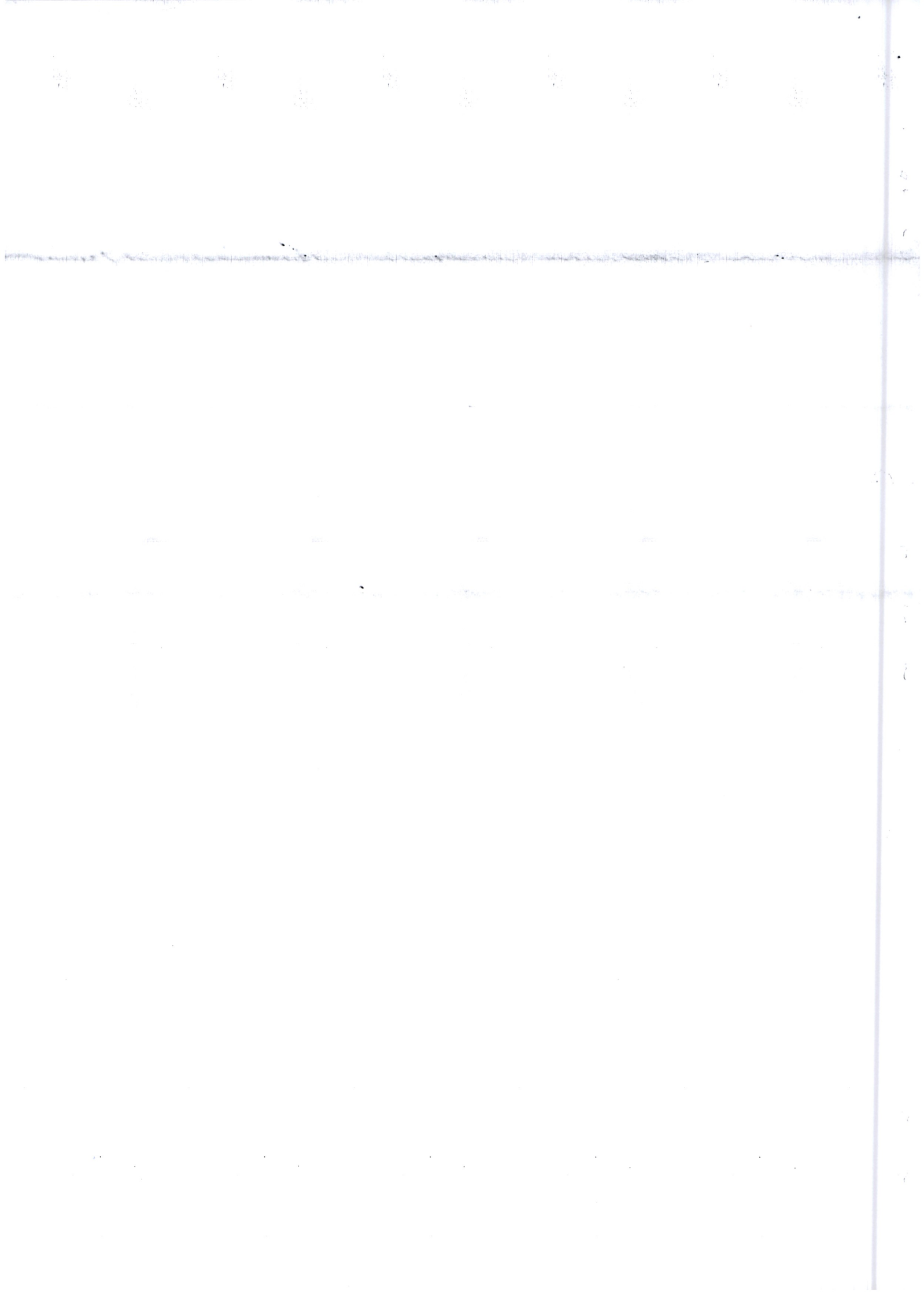
### MIN. NO. NA/DC-H/2023/187: ADJOURNMENT

There being no any other business, The Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at exactly 12.30 p.m.

Sign..........Date..........

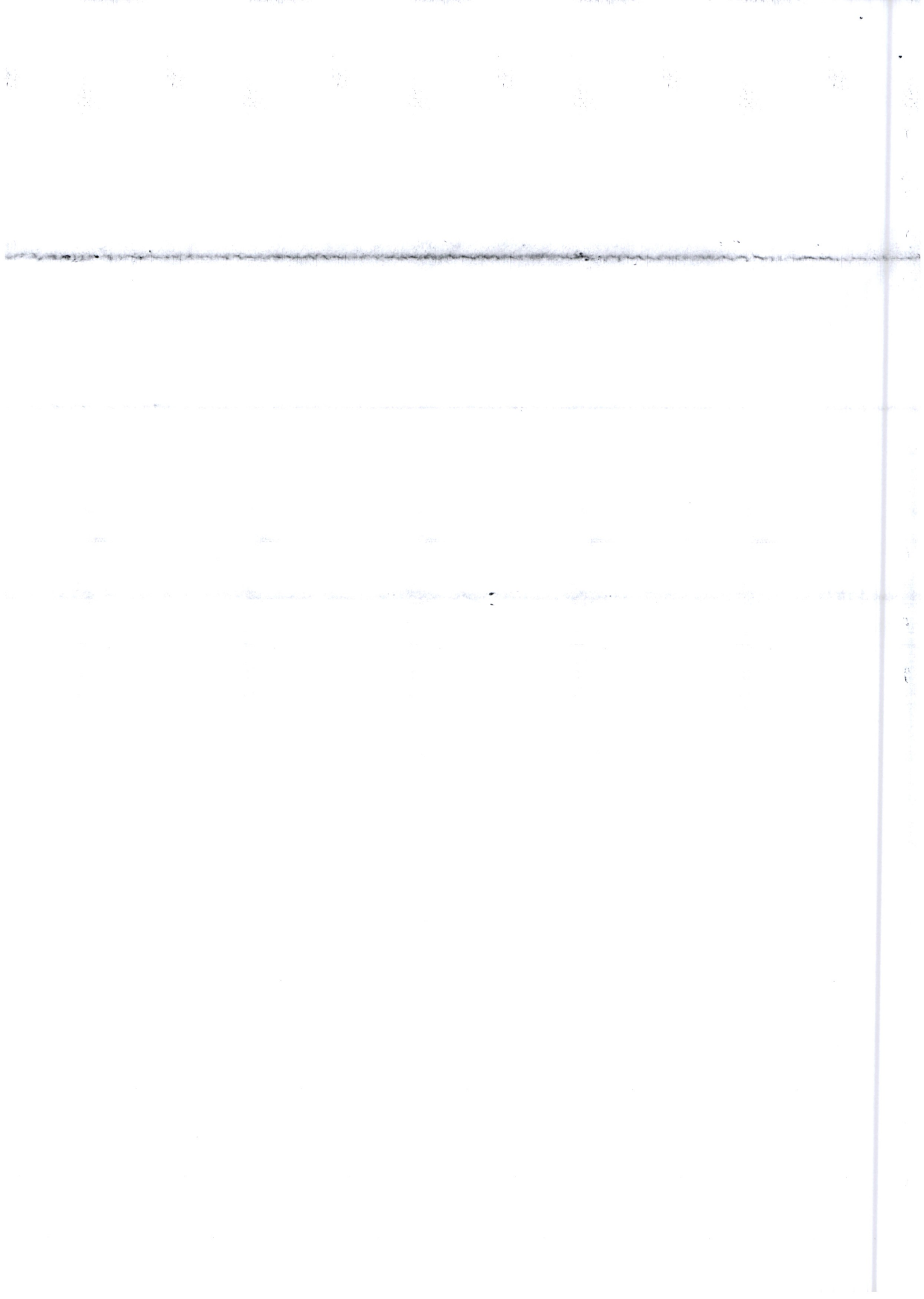
HON/DR. ROBERT PUKOSE, M.P.

CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH





# **ADOPTION LIST OF THE REPORT**





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REPORT ADOPTION LIST OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE 2ND PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE IN AFRICA , HELD IN KIGALI, RWANDA.

We, the undersigned Members of the Departmental Committee on Health do hereby append our signatures to adopt this Report Date: 25/4/2023

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2.	The Hon. Ntwiga Patrick Munene, M.P -Vice-Chairperson.	
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