



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**REMARKS BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
FOR HEALTH, DR MERCY MWANGANGI, CBS
DURING
THE ARRIVAL OF VACCINES DONATED
BY
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
TO
THE KENYA GOVERNMENT AT THE JKIA
ON JULY 31ST 2021.**

- **The Deputy High Commissioner, British High Commission, Your Excellency Josephine Gauld**
- **Ag. Director General, MOH Dr Patrick Amoth,**
- **Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

First and foremost allow me to pass the greetings of our Cabinet Secretary Senator Mutahi Kagwe who really had wanted to be here at this event, but due to other pressing matters he is unable. He however sends his best wishes to you all.

Let me also take this opportunity to express my gratitude and that of the Kenya Government to the people and the Government of Britain for their generous donation of 410,000 doses of Astrazeneca vaccine that we have just received today.

This consignment could not have come at a better time, particularly when we are in a robust campaign to vaccinate our people against Covid-19, a disease that has

caused untold suffering not only to Kenyans, but the entire world.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you are well aware by now, the number of positive cases in the country has been rising particularly in some counties. It is unfortunate that Nairobi which is our capital city continues to record the highest numbers of those contracting the virus. This is a clear indication that the city residents and many in the other counties are flagrantly flouting the containment measures that we have advised. This is very risky. This is not good!

As the Health Cabinet secretary stated yesterday, our medical facilities, and especially here in Nairobi, are overstretched. This is true for most amenities but even more so when it comes to ICU beds. We must all make sure we stay safe if we are to avoid this virus, by strictly observing the containment measures.

As you know, these measures include washing our hands with soap and water, wearing face masks at all times when in public places, maintaining social and physical distance and more importantly especially these days avoiding all forms of gatherings be they political or social. These have remained our surest means to fight against the virus. Additionally, we now have yet another weapon with which to face this enemy, the vaccine. We have received and administered close to 2million doses since March this year, with slightly under 700,000 people already fully vaccinated.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our capacity for vaccine deployment remains very robust but as is now common knowledge, our efforts have been greatly affected by supply constraints. When therefore we receive donations such as what we have received today from friends and well wishers, it is a deserved shot in the arm for our vaccination efforts.

This is indeed literally a shot in the arm as it will go a long way towards bolstering our efforts to vaccinate a majority of people on our journey towards herd immunity. Your Excellency, we do not take this donation for granted as it plugs a gap that we are quickly seeking to fill.

We continue to urge all our frontline workers who are yet to take their vaccines, those aged 58 and above to turn out in our medical facilities and get vaccinated. We are not only calling on those who need to be vaccinated for the second dose as has been the case the last few weeks but even those yet to receive their first dose.

Although this is a major step towards the fight against the virus, the war can best be won through individual and personal responsibility. I call on all Kenyans and all residents in the country to strictly adhere to the guidelines already given and ensure a change in behaviour to avoid contracting the disease.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I take this opportunity on behalf of the Kenya Government to thank the British Government for this donation that will go along way in assisting us in the fight against this pandemic.

With these very few remarks I wish to invite the British Deputy High Commissioner to Kenya Her Excellency, Jospehine Gauld to make her remarks.

Fellow Kenyans,

On our Covid-19 statistics today we have recorded another all time high number with **1,259** people having tested positive for the disease, from a sample size of **8,081** tested in the last 24 hours. The positivity rate is now at **15.6%**. From the cases **1,224** are Kenyans while **35** are foreigners. **630** are females while **629** are males. The youngest is an **five-month-old infant** while the oldest is **107** years. Total confirmed positive cases are

now **203,213** and cumulative tests so far conducted are **2,132,355**.

In terms of **County** distribution; Nairobi **417**, Nyeri **139**, Kiambu **120**, Mombasa **96**, Nakuru **66**, Kilifi **60**, Kajiado **42**, Uasin Gishu **34**, Taita Taveta **31**, Nandi **28**, Busia **21**, Machakos **19**, Kericho **16**, Embu **16**, Nyandarua **15**, Kirinyaga **13**, Kwale **13**, Trans Nzoia **11**, Kisumu **10**, Murang'a **10**, Turkana **9**, Baringo **8**, Tana River **7**, Bomet **7**, Meru **6**, Garissa **5**, Siaya **5**, Bungoma **4**, Homa Bay **4**, Migori **4**, Narok **4**, Nyamira **4**, Kakamega **4**, Vihiga **3**, Kisii **2**, Kitui **2**, Makueni **2**, West Pokot **1** and Elgeyo Marakwet **1**.

On a positive note, today **498** patients have recovered from the disease with **357** from Home-Based Isolation and Care while **141** are from various health facilities countrywide. Total recoveries now stand at **188,936** out of which **150,552** are from Home Based Care and

Isolation program, while **38,384** are from various health facilities.

Unfortunately, **5** patients have succumbed to the disease, with one of them having occurred in the last 24 hours while **5** are late deaths reported after conducting facility record audits on diverse dates in July 2021. This now pushes the cumulative fatalities to **3,931**. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of those who have lost their loved ones.

A total of **1,469** patients are currently admitted in various health facilities countrywide, while **3,965** are under the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. **185** patients are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), **43** of whom are on ventilatory support and **86** on supplemental oxygen. **56** patients are under observation.

Another **445** patients are separately on supplemental oxygen with **399** of them in general wards and **46** in High Dependency Units (HDU).

VACCINATION: As of July 30th 2021, a total of **1,723,727** vaccines had so far been administered across the country. Of these, total first doses are **1,062,413** while second doses are **661,314**. The uptake of the second dose among those who received their first dose is at **62.2%** with the majority being males at **55%** while females are at **45%**. Proportion of adults fully vaccinated is **2.45%**.

The uptake of the second dose by Priority Groups is as follows: Aged 58 years and above **204,513**, Others **192,542**, Health Workers **115,540**, Teachers **95,918** while Security Officers are at **52,801**.

I thank You

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