



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PRESS STATEMENT

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Today the Kenya Government received **210,000** doses of Astrazeneca Vaccines from the Poland Government. The consignment was handed over to the Chairman of the National Task Force on Vaccines Dr Willis Akhwale on behalf of the government by the Poland Embassy First Counsellor to Kenya Anna Bazanska at the Kitengela Central Vaccines Stores. Also present was the EU Deputy head of Missions Katrina Susana.

Dr Akhwale noted that the donation had come at a timely moment when the government was accelerating the vaccination campaign. He noted that the two aspects of the acceleration were that the government wanted those not yet vaccinated to get their first dose and those due for the second to be fully vaccinated.

Akhwale said they were impressed with the response by teachers who had overwhelmingly come out to be vaccinated. Akhwale said the teachers had surpassed the

Ministry of Health set target for the first phase by 150,000. He noted that the target had been 330,000 for teachers for the first phase but as of this morning 350,000 teachers had been vaccinated. He thanked the teachers saying they had done a great thing with now 40 per cent having been vaccinated.

Dr Akhwale reiterated that no vaccine was superior than the other adding that all vaccines were equal and that Kenyans should not visit vaccination centres to choose the which one they wanted to be vaccinated with.

Ms Katrina said the EU had not donated any vaccines but had facilitated member countries to donate vaccines to countries that were in need and expressed satisfaction with what Kenya was doing.

She further noted that no one will be safe until everyone is vaccinated against the pandemic.

Bazanska said she was delighted her government had made the donation to Kenya adding that the pandemic had affected the entire world.

She expressed hope that the kenya government would utilize the vaccines quickly to enable those who required to be vaccinated to get the jab in order to stay safe.

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