REMARKS ON
THE PROGRESS IN KENYA SINCE
SEPT 2008: PROGRESS UPDATES
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KENYA: THE COUNTRY

• Popn 38m; gr 2.5%; just concluded a natl census 24/5 aug,09
• Area: 585,000 Sq. KM
• Economy: Budget Kshs786b; ord rev 523m(66.54%); Poverty level: 47%;
• Political Economy: Republic in 1964; Independence 1963;
  - Gvt of Natl Coalition
  - Private driven,
SPECIFIC STEPS

• MORE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ON RH, MDGS, HIV/AIDS POLICY: Alago on intl treaties; Mwau’s qn on Rpdty health quantfcn; MDG realzn t MPND, DEE MDG3-5;

• NEW STANDING ORDERS CREATING ADDITIONAL HOUSE COMMITTEES & RELIEVING THE BLOATED CMTES: FINANCE, PLANNING & TRADE; HEALTH COMMITTEE. NB: LABOUR & SOCIAL SERVICES WAS BORN

• PROPER SCRUTINY OF EXECUTIVE BUDGET THRO INTERROGATING LINE MINISTRIES BUDGETS: MEDICAL SERVICES (MS); PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION (MPH&S): MDGs, Abuja Declaration, Maputo,
OVERALL COUNTRY GAINS

• ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE
• CONSTRUCTION OF MODEL HEALTH CTRS IN ALL CONSTITUENCIES: Kshs30m ($395,000)
• HIRING OF 20 NURSES PER CONSTITUENCIES
• CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH FACILITIES THRO DEVOIDED FUNDS (CDF & LATIF)
• DEVOIDED FUNDS ESP CDF: emphasis on Health 40%; avg Kshs42m/$500,000
• FISCAL MGT ACT/BUDGET OFFICE
• NEW PARLIAMENTARY STANDING ORDERS
## CONCRETE COMMITMENTS

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<td>2. Move a motion on PHC in September</td>
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<td>3. Establish parliamentary cmte/taskforce to look into, monitor &amp; oversee action on the socio-econ inequalities, incl inequality in health &amp; access to Health care.</td>
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<td>8. Petition Minister to inform cmte on the status of public health laws.</td>
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ACRONYMS

• SEAPACOH = The Alliance of Parliamentary Cmtes on Health in E & Southern Afr
• EQUINET = Regional Network for Equity in Health in E & S Afr
• APHRC = Afr popn & Health Research Ctr
• PPD ARO = Partners in Popn & Devt, Afr Regional Office
THANK YOU
Karibu Kenya!!!