

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 Rpdtv 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 DEVOLVED FUNDS (CDF & LATIF)
- DEVOLVED FUNDS ESP CDF: emphasis on Health 40%; avg Kshs42m/\$500,000
- FISCAL MGT ACT/BUDGET OFFICE
- NEW PARLIAMENTARY STANDING ORDERS

CONCRETE COMMITMENTS

1. Report back on the deliberations & resolutions of the meeting to parliament & Partners	ACCOMPLISHED
2. Move a motion on PHC in September	NOT YET
3. Establish parliamentary cmte/taskforce to look into, monitor & oversee action on the socio-econ inequalities, incl inequality in health & access to Health care.	ACCOMPLISHED
4. Sensitize fellow MPs & Communicate with Ministers of Health & Finance	ACCOMPLISHED

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5. Enact Law involving Health Cmte in the budget process & in the planning w/n MTEF.	ACCOMPLISHED
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7. Ensure key docs on intl /regional commitments and natl laws relevant to health are provided	ACCOMPLISHED
8. Petition Minister to inform cmte on the status of public health laws.	NOT ACCOMPLISHED

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!!!