



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Talking notes for the Cabinet Secretary during the commencement of the induction of County Coordinators held at Pan-Afric Hotel 27th-31st of May 2013

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am delighted to join you this morning as we commence the week-long induction training for all the county health coordinators. Welcome.

As you are aware the Constitution of Kenya 2010 established the county government under article 176. (1) Which provides that, there shall be a County Government for each County, consisting of a County Assembly and a County Executive. The County Assembly has the legislative and oversight roles while the executive is responsible for policy and program implementation.

The Constitution also provides for the devolution of Health services to the counties except those offered at national referral facilities. To facilitate the devolution process, the Ministry of Health has deployed **Forty Seven** experienced managers to facilitate this transition. This being a new work environment it is important for the officers to familiarize themselves with the new structure. This calls for the ministry to have a harmonized and well coordinated approach to the management of health service delivery.

Health is about people's lives and we cannot afford to take chances with people's lives. It is for this reason that the devolution of management of health care delivery from the national government to the county level must be properly managed. This will be effective if those deployed are well prepared with requisite skills knowledge and attitudes to effect change and ensure that there is undisrupted service delivery.

The induction that you are going to receive in the course of this week will equip you with knowledge on how to navigate the health agenda at the county level and ensure that vision 2030 is realized. Vision 2030s main focus is realization of affordable and accessible highest standards of health.

This forum is also a good opportunity to share experiences. It is also an opportunity for us to restate the importance of moving together as a team to ensure Kenyans receive the highest standards of health care.

At this juncture I wish on behalf of the Ministry to thank USAID Health Policy Project (HPP), GIZ, JICA, USAID FUNZO Kenya project, and KMTC for the support they have given to this ministry which made this exercise a reality.

I commend the senior Ministry officials who initiated this induction program. And finally, I wish you a fruitful and interactive training.

Thanks.