

High Commissioner's Remarks - Handover of Medical Assistance

19 October 2026, KEMSA

Principal Secretary Ms. Mary Muthoni,

Representatives of the Ministry of Health and KEMSA,

Members of the media,

Ladies and gentlemen, Jambo, Good Morning!

1. As Kenya responds effectively to the confirmation of recent Ebola cases, I convey the solidarity of the Government and people of India with the Government and people of Kenya. Our thoughts are with those affected and their families. We also recognise the dedication of healthcare workers and public-health teams working to contain the disease and protect communities.

2. Today, we are handing over 11 tonnes of medical supplies and specialized equipment to support Kenya's preparedness and response to the Ebola Virus Disease. This assistance includes protective masks, gowns and gloves, powered air-purifying respirators, bio-safety cabinets and cold-chain refrigerators.

3. Today's handover builds on approximately 5 tonnes of PPE kits and essential medical supplies handed over in July, 2026 including N95 masks, impermeable protective gowns and heavy-duty nitrile gloves to protect frontline healthcare personnel. The specialised equipment being handed over today further strengthens this support by enhancing laboratory biosafety and cold-chain capacity. We hope that the Ministry of Health of Kenya will ensure that this assistance quickly reaches the facilities and personnel that need it.

4. India's support for Kenya rests on a longstanding friendship that is demonstrated in multiple domains, including a shared commitment to accessible and affordable healthcare. During the COVID-19 pandemic,

India supplied 1.12 million doses of Made-in-India vaccines to Kenya under the Vaccine Maitri initiative, alongside medicines and other medical assistance.

5. Our partnership also extends to specialised treatment and diagnostic infrastructure. The Bhabhatron radiotherapy machine at Kenyatta National Hospital and the CT Scan Complex at the Kenya Navy Hospital in Mombasa are concrete examples. We are soon going to set up an MRI machine at the Kenya Navy Hospital. Training and capacity-building programmes further strengthen the links between our healthcare professionals and institutions.

6. We are fully cognizant of the fact that combating infectious diseases require cooperation across borders. India provided over 45 tonnes of medical supplies to Africa CDC earlier this year soon after the outset of Ebola in DRC and Uganda to support regional Ebola preparedness and response. Our bilateral assistance to Kenya forms part of this wider commitment to our African partners.

7. India stands with Kenya at this challenging time. We remain committed to supporting your public-health efforts and deepening our cooperation in pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, training and institutional partnerships. We look forward to continuing this work together in the service of our people.

Thank you. Asanteni Sana