

CABINET SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON SIGNING GLOBAL FUND GRANT ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2017 IN THE NATIONAL TREASURY BUILDING.

Kenya considers the Global Fund as a very crucial and important partner in her fight against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Since its inception in 2002, the Global Fund has approved 19 grants for Kenya worth USD 1Billion out of which, the Global Fund has disbursed a total of USD 980 Million. The current New Funding Model Grant closes on 31st December 2017.

Ladies and gentlemen we are here today to sign six agreements with the Global Fund to fight HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria (GFATM) for a funding support of USD 380 Million (KShs. 38 billion) for the period January 2018 to June 2021. Three grants worth KShs. 26.3 Billion will be implemented by the National Treasury through the Ministry of Health and other three grants worth KShs 4.6 Billion and KShs. 7.1 Billion will implemented by AMREF and Kenya Red Cross respectively.

As part of our sustainability strategy, the Government of Kenya has continued to meet its obligation of Co-financing requirements of 20% .The Government has allocated KShs 10.2 Billion for the period 2018 to 2021 to support HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria interventions in Kenya.

To reaffirm Kenya's commitment and support of the Global Fund Mechanism, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H pledged USD 5 million towards this noble funding partnership to provide accessible and affordable health services.

Ladies and gentlemen let us take pride in noting that, With the support of Global Fund and other partners, the Ministry of Health has initiated and sustained over 1million adults and children living with HIV on ARVs, distributed over 15 million long lasting insecticide treated nets, supported Malaria case management and provided TB medicines to over 900,000 patients over the last decade.

This support has made services for HIV, TB and Malaria provided to all Kenyans at no cost in all Public Health Facilities.

With this new grant, we will continue to support prevention, diagnosis, and treatment interventions for HIV, TB and Malaria. I encourage all Kenyans to utilize health services to improve their health outcomes and quality of life.

Ladies and gentlemen let us welcome this funding that is supporting our objective to achieve accessible and affordable health services in Kenya and I wish to thank the Global fund for their continuous support to the country in our fight against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.