



**SPEECH BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR, HON JOHN NYAGARAMA
DURING THE OPENING OF MOTAGARA DISPENSARY, ON
MONDAY 25TH MAY, 2015**

The Hon Member of Parliament, West Mugirango

Members of the County Executive Committee

Hon Members of the County Assembly

Chief Officers

The County Government officials

All the people of Nyamira particularly Bosamaro

The Media

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- About a month ago, having received your requests on the need for operationalization of this facility, I directed the County Department of Health through the Minister concerned to address issues raised in your request.

- It gives me great pleasure that today we gather here to mark the official opening of Motagara Dispensary. We thank God for this and many more endeavors He has enabled us to achieve.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- As you are aware, the constitution of Kenya, specifically schedule 4, places the heavy responsibility of running county health services on the hands of the County Government. Of particular interest is the bill of rights and articles 20, 26 and 43 of the constitution that defines some of the obligations we have to meet as a government.
- In this important role, the County Government cannot work alone and that's why we are honored by the presence of everyone today including representatives of the National Government and the members of both County and National Assembly. We all have a responsibility to ensure we contribute to the improvement of the health status of our people.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- My Government is putting in more resources into the health sector to ensure that our people get high quality health services. Since the inception of the County Government, we have invested heavily in

improvement of health infrastructure, including acquisition of ambulances, renovation of about 48 primary health facilities in the FY 2013/14. About 19 are on going in the current financial year.

- Our county referral hospital is currently undergoing major facelift including the just completed water works, external plumbing works, painting, major rehabilitation of the kitchen, x-ray department and mortuary
- Tenders for supply of theatre, laboratory and other assorted equipment have just been awarded and supply will begin shortly.

Ladies and Gentlemen

- In December 2014, I launched CT Scan services at the Nyamira County Hospital and we are currently serving about 5 patients per day from both our county and the neighboring counties
- Further to this, we have now procured two dialysis machines of which installation is underway. We shall be launching renal services in our County Hospital shortly
- Our Flagship project of upgrading Nyamira County Hospital to a fully-fledged referral facility is well under way.

Ladies and Gentlemen

- I understand the critical challenges we are currently facing regarding human resource for health. In this regard, my government will recruit additional 120 health workers in this financial year. In conjunction with the National Government we have employed **13 doctors** (8 medical officers, 3 pharmacists and 2 Dental Surgeons) in the month of May 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen

I urge all of you to make proper use of this facility. In conclusion, I have the pleasure of declaring Motagara Dispensary Officially Open!

Thank you,
God Bless Nyamira,
God Bless Kenya