

HEALTH IN DEVOLUTION

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HEALTH NOT DOING WELL IN DEVOLUTION

- Public concern
- No clear data yet
- Mixed pictures from County reports.

1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

a) Constitution

- Bill of Rights Chapter 4 ; Article 43 & 27
- Devolution ; Chapter 11
- Schedule 4- Distribution of Functions

National

- Policy Standards
- National Referral Health facilities

1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK CONT..

County

- County health facilities and pharmacies
- Ambulance services
- Promotion of primary healthcare
- Licensing and control of food venues
- Cemetery and funeral services
- Waste disposal

b) Legislation

- Health bill pending

FAILED TRANSITION

➤ **Schedule 6 ,**

➤ **Section 15**

- Phased transfer over 3 years
- Transition to Devolved Government Act not adhered to ; Clause 4 established TA, Clause 7(2) functions of TA & Clause 23 provided for phasing of transfer (main point of contention).

➤ **Main issues** ; Ego / power struggle, money / kickbacks.

CONSEQUENT CHALLENGES

All Health Systems weak

a) Human Resources

- strikes

- low morale

b) Referral System

- No system or guidelines

- Poor equipment

- Untrained staff

- No criteria / indication

CONSEQUENT CHALLENGES CONT...

d) Infrastructure & Equipment

- No clear plan
- No harmonization e.g. MES (Managed Equipment Services)
 - No human resource plan
 - Unclear maintenance plan
 - Repayment system not clear
 - No proper legal arrangement with counties

CONSEQUENT CHALLENGES CONT...

e) Supplies and Procurement

- Quality control challenge
- Irregular supply
- Use of KEMSA commendable

f) Financing

- Priorities not clear both at National & County levels
- Disbursement issues
 - Conditional level 5 grants
 - HSSF
 - Free maternity
 - Elderly Persons support
 - HISFP (Health Insurance Subsidy for the Poor)
 - Donor Support

CONSEQUENT CHALLENGES CONT...

g) Facility Governance Structures

- Unclear structures of Hospital Boards
- Facility committees

h) Cross cutting issues

- Immunization
- Specific disease programs such as HIV and TB

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

- Structured planning of coordination and harmonization of cell Health systems through the Intergovernmental relations Act Structures.

