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**Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to our COVID-19 media briefing.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In the last few weeks, we have been highlighting other diseases, that compound the problem of COVID-19 that we are currently grappling with. We have observed that the disease can be severe in people with other underlying conditions. Some of these comorbidities, such as diabetes, cancer, TB, hypertension, HIV, have been part of the overall health promotion strategy of the Ministry.

Today, we are marking a milestone in the fight against TB in Kenya, as we launch two important policy documents to guide our efforts in ending TB in the country.

TB remains a global and national public health concern, Globally, 104 million people are infected with TB of which nearly 1.5 million die each year. In Kenya, TB is the fifth leading cause of death. In 2019, we reported and treated 86,504 cases of TB, of which approximately 10% are children.

Drug-resistant TB cases have been on the rise, with 688 such cases in the country as of 2019. Despite TB diagnosis and treatment being offered free of charge in public and FBO facilities, not all that are infected with TB are reached, and therefore, do not receive the required care.

One of the policy documents we are launching today, speaks to the rollout of a regimen for treatment of MDR-

TB, that is devoid of injections, in line with the WHO's call to eliminate injectables from the MDR-TB treatment regimen to improve treatment outcomes.

The second policy document addresses preventive treatment of latent TB infection, offered to individuals at risk of developing active TB. Preventive treatment has proven to be an effective intervention to curtail development of active TB disease.

Those two policy documents on TB are key to the Ministry's strategic goal of ridding the country of TB, by 2030 as envisaged in vision 2030, and the SDGs.

### **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Turning to our COVID-19 situation in the country, today **2,419** samples have been tested, and **176** people have tested positive for the disease. This now brings to **6,366** the total case load in the country, out of **169,836** samples so far tested. All the **176** are Kenyans with **100**

males, and **76** females. The youngest is a three year old child, while the oldest is **78**.

The cases are distributed in the counties as follows; Nairobi **99**, Mombasa **20**, Kiambu **17**, Migori **13**, Uasin Gishu **10**, Kajiado **4**, **Busia 4**, Kilifi **3**, Makueni **2**, Machakos, Narok, Kisumu, and Kakamega have **one** case each.

The distribution of the cases by sub counties; in Nairobi, the **99** cases are in; Dagoretti North (**24**), Starehe (**16**), Westlands, (**15**), Embakasi East (**13**), Kibra (**7**), Makadara (**5**), Kasarani (**4**), Langata, (**3**), Embakasi Central (**2**), Dagoretti North, Embakasi South, Mathare and Roysambu have one (**1**) case each. In Mombasa, the cases are in; Mvita (**7**), Kisauni (**5**), Changamwe (**5**), Jomvu (**2**), and Likoni (**1**) case. In Kiambu, the **17** cases are in; Kiambaa (**7**), Kikuyu (**5**), Ruiru (**3**), Juja and Thika one (**1**) case each. In Migori, the **13** cases are in Kuria West (**11**) and Suna East (**2**) while in Uasin Gishu, the cases are in Ainabkoi (**7**) and Turbo (**3**). In Kajiado, the cases are in Kajiado East (**2**) and Kajiado North (**2**).

In Busia, the cases are in Matayos **(2)** and Teso North **(2)** and in Kilifi the cases are in Kilifi North **(2)** and Magarini **(1)**. In Makueni, the **(2)** cases are in Kibwezi West, while in Machakos the case is in Athi River, in Narok the case is in Narok West, in Kisumu the case is in Kisumu Central and in Kakamega the case is in Malava.

Today, we are equally delighted to inform you that **26** patients have been discharged from various hospitals, bringing to **2,039** the total number of recoveries. Our appreciation goes to our dedicated healthcare workers for this achievement.

On a sad note we have lost **4** more patients to the disease, bringing our fatality to **148**. We send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the departed.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is now my pleasure, to officially launch the Kenya Injectable Free Regimens and Latent TB Infection (LTBI)

Treatment policies. Let us all work together towards ensuring a TB-free Kenya by 2035.

**Asanteni Sana,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

*For* **SEN. MUTAHI KAGWE, EGH,  
CABINET SECRETARY.**