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NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, PROF.  
NJUGUNA NDUNG'U, CBS DURING THE LAUNCH OF 2022 KENYA  
DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY KEY INDICATORS REPORT  
ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023 AT THE KICC, NAIROBI**

**Ms. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula;** Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health;  
**Eng. Peter Tum,** Principal Secretary, State Department for Medical Services;  
**Ms. Margaret “Meg” Whitman,** The US Ambassador to Kenya;  
**Dr. Stephen Jackson,** The UN Resident Coordinator;  
**Mr. Stephen Wainaina,** Chairman, KNBS Board of Directors;  
**The KNBS Board Members;**  
**Mr. Macdonald G. Obudho,** Director General, KNBS;  
**Development Partners;**  
**Distinguished Guests;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

I am pleased to join you today for the official launch of the 2022 Kenya Demographic Health Survey (2022 KDHS) results. This important survey is a result of close collaboration between various stakeholders in the health sector in Kenya under the leadership of the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS).

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The Key Indicators Report being launched today provides highlights of key demographic and health indicators on fertility, mortality, family planning,

nutrition, child health, maternal health, malaria, non-communicable diseases and other socio-demographic indicators. This information will go a long way in enabling monitoring and evaluation of projects and programmes implemented by the National and County Governments.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The survey results demonstrate the progress made as well as the challenges that need to be addressed to improve the health of all Kenyans. Some of the key milestones reported include:

- Decline in the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) from 4.9 births per woman in 2003 to 3.4 births in 2022. This is attributed to an increase in the Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR).
- Decline in under-5 mortality from 115 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2003 to 41 deaths per 1,000 live births in the 2022.
- Increase in the proportion of mothers who reported receiving antenatal care from a skilled health provider from 88 per cent in 2003 to 98 per cent in 2022.

- Increase in the percentage of children aged 12-23 months who have received all basic vaccines from 77 per cent in 2008-09 KDHS to 80 per cent in 2022.
- Collection of data on mental health for the first time ever in the history of KDHS.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

These impressive health improvements are the result of the hard work and dedication by thousands of healthcare workers across the Country. I take note

of the strong leadership and guidance by the Ministry of Health to ensure provision of high quality health services to all Kenyans.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Despite the achievements made, the Country is faced with a number of socio-economic challenges including: high level of adolescent fertility; mental health, chronic diseases, high unmet needs for family planning and contraceptive commodity; HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen;**

The *Kenya Kwanza* manifesto outlines the Government's commitment and determination to realize the constitutional right to health in the shortest time possible by delivering a Universal Healthcare System (UHC). The results of the 2022 KDHS will therefore provide baseline information to inform Government interventions in the health sector that will lead to a healthy workforce, increased productivity and higher economic growth.



## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

I take note that high frequency statistics are key for planning and decision making. Towards this end, I call for concerted efforts among all the stakeholders in generation of subsequent Demographic and Health Surveys statistics within the required intervals and timelines.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

In conclusion, let me take this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders, especially the development partners for technical and financial support in undertaking this survey. In particular, let me sincerely thank United States Agency for International Development (USAID), ICF International, United

Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women, World Health Organization (WHO), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, World Bank, World Food Program (WFP), Nutrition International and Clinton Health Access Initiative for their generous support.

I congratulate the Director General, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics and his management team for the leadership demonstrated during the 2022 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey process. I would also like to thank the Ministry

of Health and all other government departments and agencies that provided technical support during the survey.

Finally, let me thank you all for taking your time to attend this important function.

With those remarks, I wish to declare the 2022 KDHS Key Indicators Report officially launched.