



**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
REMARKS BY H.E GOV. MOHAMMED KUTI GOVERNOR OF
MARSABIT COUNTY AND CHAIRMAN OF COG HEALTH
COMMITTEE
DURING
THE CEREMONY OF SIGNING MOU OF SPECIALIST DOCTORS FROM
CUBA, AT COG OFFICES**

**Fellow Governors,
Deputy Governors,
Senators present,
Cabinet Secretary for Health,
Permanent Secretary,
County Secretaries and CECs for Health,
Distinguished guests,**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you this great moment in the health sector as we sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will govern the work of the Medical Specialist we are receiving from Cuba. As the Health Committee of the Council of Governors we are grateful to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya who

initiated and procured the doctors from Cuba to come and work alongside our own specialists and other health workers as we work towards the realization of Kenyan dream of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

As the Chairman of the Council of Governors Health Committee, I welcome and thank you all for sparing time to join us in this ceremony today.

As you may all be aware, health is a largely devolved function and County Governments have increasingly invested in health over 20% per cent in some cases as high as

30% of recurrent spending. In this connection, County Governments have recorded notable strides in the health sector and brought services closer to the public, including the specialized care for which Kenyans used to travel long distances.

After several consultations between the National and County Governments, the process of sharing and distribution of the Cuban Medical Specialists has recently been concluded and each county will receive at least two doctors from Cuba, based on their availability and need. This process was very consultative and all-inclusive as organized between the Ministry of Health and Council of Governors.

The COG secretariat compiled and has since shared the list with all Excellency Governors and relevant county staff. Each county will receive at least one family physician and a specialist as per the list shared by the COG secretariat.

As we work towards achieving Universal Health Coverage which is among the Big Four Agenda, we welcome

contribution to set targeted priorities that can assist policy makers and implementers attain global standards of healthcare for all Kenyans.

We undertake to implement the UHC and also tackle the other national and county health systems issues, including those of human resources for health, as we need the good

will of all stakeholders. Even as we move forward together as a nation, let us all seek to foster peace, cohesion and reconciliation.

It is now my pleasure to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Health, to make a few remarks before I invite the Chair of the Council of Governors to make his speech.

Thank you.