



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT OF NHIF DEBT

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National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) debts have been a heavy burden on healthcare facilities and providers for the past 10 years. This has had a devastating effect in the provision of health services in public, faith-based and private hospitals.

By the time the NHIF was wound up in November 22, 2024, it had a whopping debt of KSh33 billion, affecting the ability of health facilities to provide services under the Social Health Authority (SHA). To comprehensively deal with this challenge, the government has resolved to:

1. Pay all hospitals with total claims of KSh10 million and below in full, representing 91 per cent of all facilities that were contracted by NHIF.
2. The remaining 9 per cent of hospitals, with total claims of above KSh10 million, will be subjected to a verification exercise that should be completed within 90 days after which a payment plan will be agreed on.
3. The Cabinet Secretary will gazette the verification committee within a week.

Under the Social Health Authority, current claims will continue to be paid within a month. To date, SHA has paid all undisputed claims lodged since its inception on October 1, 2024, and up to January 31, 2025, totalling KSh18.2 billion.

The government is fully committed to providing Universal Health Coverage to every Kenyan without discrimination. I would like to assure all Kenyans that any challenges being experienced in the implementation of Taifa Care are being attended to and resolved.

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