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### STATEMENT BY KENYA TOURISM FEDERATION (KTF) ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF EBOLA TREATMENT CLINICS IN AFFECTED REGIONS – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The Kenya Tourism Federation (KTF) has taken note of various media reports that the United States of America is intending to commit to rapidly supporting the Ebola outbreak response by funding up to 50 treatment clinics in Ebola-affected regions. We further take note of the recent Statement by the Ministry of Health that alludes to ongoing international discussions on regional Ebola preparedness and response mechanisms following outbreaks in selective parts of the East Africa region.

While the Ministry's statement does not explicitly confirm the establishment of Ebola treatment or isolation centres in Kenya, the references to "*possible international health cooperation arrangements*" have understandably generated concern among stakeholders in the tourism, travel and hospitality sectors.

Kenya Tourism Federation fully supports the prospect of Kenya being part of regional solidarity, humanitarian assistance and coordinated public health interventions under the guidance of the World Health Organization and other international health agencies. However, KTF wishes to state clearly that it strongly opposes any consideration of establishing Ebola treatment, isolation, or containment centres **in Kenya** for cases originating outside Kenyan borders.

Kenya is East Africa's leading tourism, conferencing, aviation, and investment hub. The country's economy depends heavily on international travel confidence and destination reputation. Any move (or even perception) that positions Kenya as a regional Ebola treatment base could trigger serious reputational and economic consequences affecting tourism, trade, airlines, conferences, hospitality and millions of livelihoods dependent on the visitor economy.

The Federation believes that Ebola treatment and containment facilities should remain within directly affected countries, supported by international funding, medical expertise, logistics and emergency response assistance.

Kenya's role should instead focus on strengthening:



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- border surveillance and screening;
- emergency preparedness and rapid response capacity;
- laboratory and technical support;
- and humanitarian assistance without hosting external treatment or isolation facilities.

We therefore respectfully call upon the Government of Kenya to provide clear public clarification regarding the scope of any ongoing international discussions and to reassure Kenyans and the international community that Kenya will not be designated as a regional Ebola treatment or containment destination.

The Kenya Tourism Federation remains committed to constructive engagement with Government and international partners in supporting regional health security while safeguarding Kenya's economic stability, international reputation, and tourism recovery gains.

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**Kenya Tourism Federation (KTF) is the national apex body of the tourism private sector in Kenya, representing the seven key tourism trade associations, namely: - Kenya Association of Tour Operators (KATO); Kenya Association of Air Operators (KAAO); Pubs Entertainment and Restaurants Association of Kenya (PERAK); Kenya Association of Travel Agents (KATA); Kenya Coast Tourism Association (KCTA); Ecotourism Kenya (EK); Kenya Association of Hotel Keepers and Caterers (KAHC) and the Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association (KPSGA).**

**Our core mandate is advocacy for enabling policies to grow, protect and sustain the tourism sector.**