

Workshop to develop Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDRO) pathogens strategy

Our staff Ann Munene attends a 3-day workshop at the Eagle Palace in Nakuru County from 6th to 8th May 2024 to develop National guidelines for the containment of priority Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDRO) pathogens. The workshop was Sponsored by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the Government of Kenya (Gok) to develop draft MDRO strategy to combat the global threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)



Write up

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) - when microorganisms such as bacteria and viruses acquire tolerance to antimicrobial drugs rendering these drugs less effective - is a complex problem. The increasing threat of AMR continues to impact humans, animals, and agriculture. The extent of AMR and the measures countries take to address this threat are unknown. Kenya has been implementing its National Action Plan (NAP) to prevent and contain antimicrobial resistance (AMR) since 2017. This has seen the country achieve several milestones including setting up the policy and legal framework of the implementation of the NAP, setting up surveillance systems for both AMU and AMR, and in addition to raising awareness and implementation of field interventions aimed at encouraging the adoption of on-farm biosecurity measures and infection prevention control measures. A strategy to guide priority MDRO pathogens and indicators containment including detection, prevention, and response through the One Health approach is fundamental in fight against AMR