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Launch of \$650 Million U.S. Government KEMSA Medical Commodities Program

EVENT:

Nairobi, Thursday, November 5, 2015 - U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Robert F. Godec will join Ministry of Health Cabinet Secretary James Macharia at the launch of the U.S. Government KEMSA Medical Commodities Program.

DETAILS:

DATE: Monday, November 9, 2015.

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

VENUE: KEMSA Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Government, through USAID, awarded the historic \$650 million (Kenya Shillings 65 billion) KEMSA Medical Commodities Project (MCP) on September 25, 2015—the largest award by a USAID bilateral mission ever. KEMSA MCP will procure, warehouse and distribute medications and equipment funded by PEPFAR, the President's Malaria Initiative and USAID Global Health programs for maternal and child health and family planning. KEMSA MCP is the first USAID direct contract with KEMSA, following decades of U.S. Government supported supply-chain programs.

The U.S. Government has been helping KEMSA for the past 13 years to strengthen its institutional capacity and logistics-management system. KEMSA MCP is an example of the U.S. Government's support to host-country institutions and transforming that partnership into long-term sustainable development.

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