**MINISTRY OF HEALTH STATEMENT SUMMARY JUNE 19TH 2020**

* Today, we mark World Sickle Cell Diseases Day. The United Nations established this day in 2008 to increase public knowledge and spread awareness of the Sickle Cell Disease. The theme of this year is: “Break the Silence and Shine a light on the Sickle Cell Disease”.
* Persons living with Sickle cell are at a high risk of contracting Covid-19 and more likely to get severe illness when infected.
* At least 240,000 children in Africa are born with this disease and sadly, 50 to 80 percent do not make it to their 5th birthdays.
* As pertains to out Covid-19 situation, 117 people have tested positive for this disease from a sample size of 3,043 tested in the last 24 hours.
* The confirmed cases in the country now stands at 4,374. The total tests carried out so far are 133,541.
* From the positive cases, 112 are Kenyans and 5 are foreigners. 83 are males, 34 are females. The youngest is 11 while the oldest is 75.
* The distribution of cases by county is as follows:
1. Nairobi – 51
2. Mombasa – 22
3. Kajiado – 18
4. Kiambu – 6
5. Nakuru – 5
6. Garissa – 5
7. Machakos – 3
8. Kericho, Busia, Uasin Gishu – 2 each
9. Wajir – 1
* 91 patients have been discharged from various hospitals bringing the total number of recoveries to 1,550.
* 2 patients were lost today bringing the total fatality rate to 119.