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Japan's Shionogi inks new partnership agreement to support antimicrobial stewardship in Kenya

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Japan headquartered Shionogi & Co. has entered into a comprehensive partnership agreement with Nagasaki University, Saraya Co., and Connect Afya Inc. to support antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) systems in healthcare institutions in the Republic of Kenya.

The four parties—Shionogi, Nagasaki University, Saraya, and Connect Afya—have each contributed to addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR), one of the greatest global public health threats, through various roles such as academic research in infectious diseases, the development and supply of antimicrobials, infection control, and laboratory support.

Sharing the common goal of strengthening AMR countermeasures in Kenya while also aiming to expand healthcare initiatives across other African countries and regions, the four parties have decided to formalize their collaboration through this Agreement.

Based on this Agreement, the four parties will work together on the following initiatives:

Ã£Æ?Â» **Launch and implementation of joint research projects related to AMR in Kenya (**Promotion of surveys and research related to AMR in Kenyan healthcare institutions)

Ã£Æ?Â» **International collaboration on AMR initiatives (**Cooperation with the Kenyan government and healthcare institutions, as well as with Shionogi's global partners such as the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP) and the Clinton Health Access Initiative)

Ã£Æ?Â» **Human resource development in infectious disease control** (Training of future AMR leaders through education on infection control and appropriate antimicrobial use for Kenyan healthcare professionals)

Ã£Æ?Â» **Other collaborative activities supporting AMR measures**