



### VACCINATION

Government rolls out mass vaccination to tackle viral disease affecting livestock

PAGE5



### MINING

Mwatate women miners use blockchain technology to fight gemstone smuggling

PAGE12

### AGRICULTURE

KALRO's innovative project to produce 5.8 tonnes of early generation rice seeds



PAGE 24

July 23, 2024

www.mygov.go.ke

YOUR WEEKLY REVIEW

# MyGov.

Issue No. 4/2024-2025

## Boarding schools to cut energy bills with new solar bulbs

The institutions will receive donations of LED tubes and solar outdoor lighting appliances from Signify Foundation through the State Department for Energy on a pilot programme to replace the high energy consumption fluorescent tube lights and bulbs

BY MOSES WEKESA(KNA)

At least 100 secondary boarding schools across the country will benefit from efficient lighting equipment, which will help reduce costs associated with electricity bills.

The schools are located in Busia, Embu, Homabay, Kakamega, Kisumu, Kitui, Laikipia, Machakos, Nairobi, Nakuru, Nyeri, and Uasin Gishu Counties.

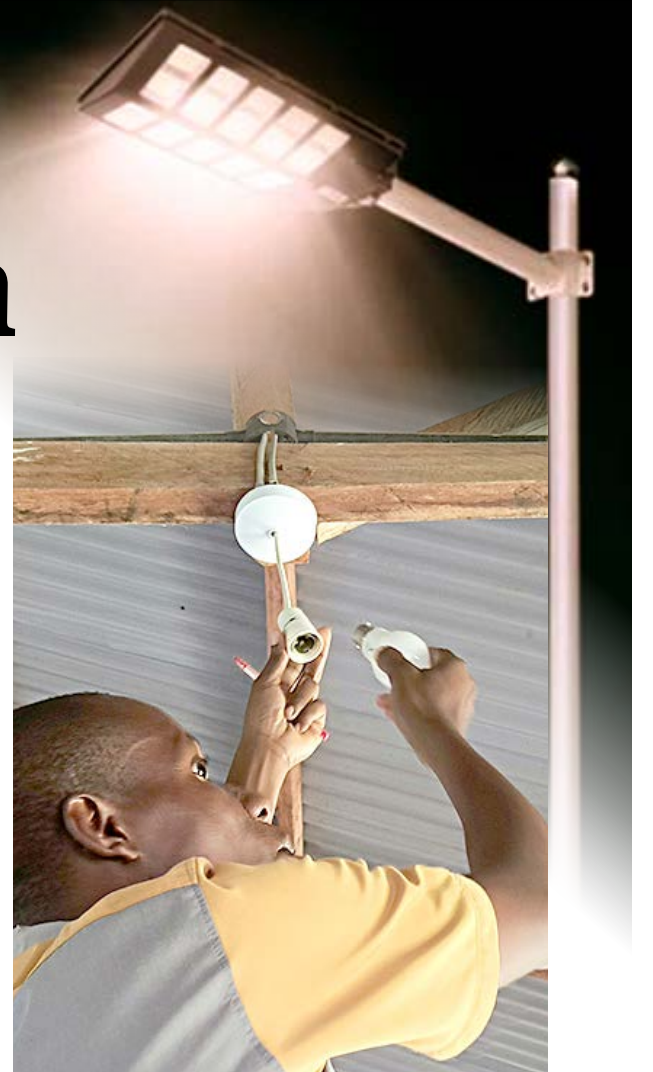
These institutions will receive donations of LED tubes and solar outdoor lighting appliances

from the Signify Foundation through the State Department for Energy. This pilot program aims to replace high-energy consumption fluorescent tube lights and bulbs.

A team of inspectors from the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), and Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) visited various schools to assess their readiness for the pilot project.

The Ministry will then develop a learning pack and avail it to schools for students and

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



## Government races to roll out health insurance policy for chronic illnesses

BY JOSEPH WANGUI (DPCS)

The Government has scaled up plans to roll out a state-funded health insurance scheme for Kenyans suffering from chronic diseases such as cancer.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua stated that the government is also investing in medical equipment to aid in the early diagnosis and management of cancer.

"Cancer is devastating to any family, both emotionally and financially. We, as a government, have made interventions to establish an insurance scheme to cover chronic illnesses because the cost of treating cancer abroad

is beyond the means of many families," Mr. Gachagua said.

The Deputy President explained that the new insurance policy will transform the healthcare sector, save lives, and empower communities and families by reducing the financial burden.

"Many families are conducting harambees trying to raise millions of shillings to support their loved ones suffering from cancer. But I am encouraged that now we have equipment.

"Public health facilities like Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH) have in-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

1,500

Vulnerable families from Murang'a County set to receive financial support from the government and World Bank.

The Week In numbers

Sh20m

Amount of money IGAD has offered Kenya Red Cross Society to bolster health services to communities affected by floods.

950,000

Amount of rice in metric tonnes consumed in Kenya against 200,000 tons produced locally according to KALRO.

Sh 63b

Amount of money Tana Water Works Development Agency (TWWDA) is seeking to enhance water supply in five counties in the

100

Number of secondary boarding schools in the country that will benefit from efficient lighting equipment that will help reduce electricity bills.

Mount Kenya region

42.5MW

Extra solar energy KenGen will soon add into the Seven Forks area

## State races to roll out health insurance policy for chronic illnesses

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

stalled a PET scan, which was only available outside the country several years ago.

We have equipment that can help with early diagnosis because cancer ailments if detected early can be managed," he stated.

The PET scan machine at KUTRRH was installed in 2022. The machine, the Deputy President said, brought relief to Kenyans as most patients were accessing the services outside the country.

The health insurance policy for chronic illnesses is part of strategic interventions deployed by the government towards ensuring that Kenyans have access to quality healthcare and holistic coverage.

Mr Gachagua added that the government intends to ensure families with cancer patients do not have to ponder how they will cover medical expenses of their kind.

Meanwhile, Mr

Gachagua said the fight against illicit brews and drug abuse will continue uninterrupted.

"The challenge of illicit alcohol and drugs is real, and many people want to run away from reality.

When we came to office with President Ruto, we found a big challenge on illicit brews and drugs in the entire country and more specifically in the Central Kenya region.

We took it head on and we have made serious strides. The fight must continue uninterrupted to save our country," he said.

He added: "I have put leaders on notice, anyone trying to interfere will be called out by names so that they can be shamed. We cannot allow the re-introduction of poison disguised as alcohol to kill our children."

He called on the Church and religious organisations to join the government in saving the youth affected by the vices and rehabilitating those addicted.

## Boarding schools to receive energy-efficient lighting under pilot program

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

teachers to understand the benefits of energy efficient lighting solutions.

The Principal Lwanda Dudi Secondary School Dr. Elizabeth Aseka welcomed the project with hopes that it will help in cutting down the cost of electricity bills which currently stands at over Sh30,000 per month for a school with a population of 565 students where 150 are boarders.

"Our electricity bills are very high, and they have really shot up in the recent past. This is a very big challenge for us because funding is a problem because we depend on the government for funding. So, there are times when you need to pay these bills which are very high, yet the government has not released funds," Dr. Aseka noted.

She said that Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) sometimes issues warnings of disconnecting power for failure to clear electricity bills.

"So sometimes we are



A high mast floodlight was installed at Mwhila Boys high school in Khwisero Kakamega to provide security lights to the school. Photo by Moses Wekesa.

threatened that the electricity will be cut off so we are forced to go out of our way which inconveniences other vote heads so that we can pay the electricity bills to minimize interruption of learning," she added.

"We also encounter power outages and when there are outages, we experience a very big problem for us since we have a boarding section in the school," Dr. Aseka noted.

The Principal of Mwhila Boys High School in Khwisero, Maurice Ajulu, says the school spends more than Sh75,000 on electricity bills monthly.

He says, to reduce the cost of electricity, the school has installed solar panels for security lighting, but they are still facing challenges since the school is vast, covering 33 acres of land.

"Lighting the entire area will need quite a lot of those high mast flood lights yet we are not able to do that at the same time due to financial constraints, but at least we have started. That is another area where we may need some assistance to improve our security," he noted.

Mr. Ajulu said replacing the type of bulbs the

school uses with more efficient energy-saving bulbs will help the school in cutting down expenses on electricity.

To try and reduce electricity costs, the management of Lwanda Dudi Secondary School has tried to replace high voltage bulbs with energy efficient ones.

A teacher at the school, Nicholus Opati, said they ensure they switch off security lights early during the day to minimize usage.

Opati asked for an automated system that can automatically switch off and on the lights.



### HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD INVITATION TO TENDER NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The Higher Education Loans Board is a state corporation whose mandate is to source for funds and provide loans, scholarships and bursaries to Kenyans studying in recognized institutions of higher learning.

HELB invites interested, reputable firms with experience for the submission of sealed tenders as follows:-

Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender closing date	Eligibility
HELB/OT/01/2024-2025	Leasing of Shared Printers(HQ and Huduma),Support and Maintenance	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 11.00am	Open

Interested and eligible firms may obtain further information and inspect the tender document at the Procurement office on 18<sup>th</sup> floor of Anniversary Towers, University Way, Nairobi, during normal working hours or view and download the respective **detailed tender advert** and **tender document** from our website [www.helb.co.ke/procurement/](http://www.helb.co.ke/procurement/) or <https://tenders.go.ke>. All bidders interested in participating in the tender must notify HELB of their participation in the tender by emailing their contact details to [procurement@helb.co.ke](mailto:procurement@helb.co.ke) in case of any further tender addendum.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD

**EMPOWERING DREAMS**

www.helb.co.ke | Anniversary Towers University Way | USSD \*642#  
+254711052000 | contactcentre@helb.co.ke | @HELBPAGE



## The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

### TENDER NOTICE

The **Kenya Civil Aviation Authority** invites sealed bids from interested and eligible firms for the following National Open Tender.

NO	TENDER NUMBER	TITLE OF TENDER	ELIGIBILITY
1.	KCAA/001/2024-2025	Provision of Private Security and Guarding Services in Various KCAA Stations for a Period of Two (2) Years	Citizen Contractors

For more information on the tender, bidders may view and download the bidding document from KCAA website: [www.kcaa.or.ke](http://www.kcaa.or.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal, [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) and immediately forward their particulars for records and for the purposes of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums to [procurement@kcaa.or.ke](mailto:procurement@kcaa.or.ke)

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor, **Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Aviation House, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport**, or be addressed to:

**The Director General,  
Kenya Civil Aviation Authority,  
P.O Box 30163-00100, Nairobi**

So as to be received on or before **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 11:00 am** on the date indicated for the tender.

The tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at KCAA Auditorium.

**Manager Procurement  
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**



# 1,500 poor households in Murang'a to receive financial support from state

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

Some 1,500 vulnerable families from Murang'a County will receive financial support through a program funded jointly by the government and the World Bank.

The families, drawn from Murang'a East and Murang'a South sub-counties, are expected to begin receiving financial support for consumption and for establishing income-generating projects by the end of this month.

In the initiative dubbed the Economic Inclusion Programme (EIP), each family is set to receive Sh. 2,000 per month for one year and an additional Sh. 30,000 as asset transfer seed capital. Murang'a County Coordinator for Social Services, Ms. Lucy Gakera, stated that the Sh. 2,000 is intended to help families purchase food and other basic commodities. Gakera told KNA that the program is being piloted



**A section of beneficiaries of Economic Inclusion Programme from Murang'a East Sub County being trained on how to invest the advanced financial support**

in two sub-counties in each of five counties, including Kisumu, Taita Taveta, Makueni, Marsabit, and Murang'a. "This is cohort two. The first group benefited in 2021, and participants were selected from the two sub-counties where 750 households in each sub-county were chosen," said Gakera.

The government, she noted, has deployed mentors to train and guide the families on

sustainable projects they can invest with the seed capital. "The mentors are already on the ground, training and guiding the families to ensure they use the funds prudently, particularly for establishing sustainable projects."

"The seed capital will be disbursed in two tranches: initially, families will receive Sh. 20,000, followed by an additional Sh. 10,000 later," she added. Ga-

kera explained that the families were selected from an enhanced single register completed in 2022, which ranked households based on their vulnerability. "Currently, we are opening bank accounts for the beneficiaries, and this process is expected to be completed within a week. The families should start receiving their financial support by the end of July," she stated. According to Gakera, the beneficiaries are also expected to form village savings and livelihood groups to help them make savings. "The savings are intended to support the families after the program ends. They will receive guidance on how to save effectively to ensure they become self-reliant after the support period concludes," added the Coordinator. Gakera urged the families to use the funds wisely and establish sustainable projects that will provide a lasting solution to their vulnerability.

# Five students to represent Kenya in global maths contest in UK

BY DENNIS RASTO(PCO)

Five Kenyan students have represented the country at one of the world's most prestigious mathematics tournaments in the United Kingdom.

The students are Cynthia Kathomi Mworira from Kenya High, Master Gilbert Ongoro from Alliance High School, and Tony Rotich Odhiambo from Light Academy, Nairobi. Other participants include Alfred Githui Muriu from Nairobi School and Lenny Muriungi Mutuma from Oololaiser High School in Kajiado County. The five will participate in the 65th edition of the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), a world championship mathematics competition for high school students held annually on a rotational basis in different countries.

This year's event was held from July 11, 2024, to July 22, 2024, at the University of Bath in the United Kingdom, with participants from over 100 countries across North America, Europe, and Asia. Countries such as Canada, the USA, China, India, and South

Korea were represented.

Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa's (CE-MASTEAs) Deputy Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Coordinator Martin Mungai indicated that the participants were selected from a pool of 8,000 students who successfully participated in the 2023 and 2024 Kenya Mathematics Olympiad (KMO) contests.

Besides, he said, Master Tony Rotich will also proceed to the prestigious MIT for undergraduate studies on full scholarship.

Mungai explained that the five students were best overall in this year's Kenya Mathematics Olympiad organised annually from 2022 by CEMASTEAs in partnership with the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing from the University of Waterloo Canada and the University of Nairobi. He regretted that Nyang'ori High School's Elvis Obulemire Atsulu who also qualified for the contest was not able to participate for lack of a United Kingdom Visa.



## PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (PSASB)

### INVITATION FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON 2023-2027 DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) was established on 28th February 2014 in accordance with sections 192 to 195 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFM, Act) 2012. The Act mandates PSASB to prescribe frameworks and set generally accepted standards for the development and management of accounting and financial systems by all state organs and public entities.

PSASB has finalised the preparation of 2023-2027 Strategic Plan which will assist all state organs and public entities in setting generally accepted standards for the development and management of accounting and financial systems.

The plan will also contribute to the National Development Agenda by aiding all state organs and public entities in the implementation of accounting standards, internal audit standards, and risk management. The application of these standards is expected to enhance transparency and accountability in the public sector as envisioned in Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya.

Consequently, PSASB has identified four(4) key strategic themes in the draft strategic plan, namely:

1. Quality, accuracy, and uniformity of financial, internal audit and risk management reporting
2. Capacity development in public sector accounting, internal audit standards and risk management guidelines
3. Adherence to prescribed standards, guidelines and frameworks
4. Institutional capacity.

PSASB invites members of the public to review the draft strategic plan, which can be downloaded from the PSASB website: <https://psasb.go.ke/stakeholder-engagement>. Use the feedback form available on the same page to send us your comments. You may also send us **feedback** directly through [strategy@psasb.go.ke](mailto:strategy@psasb.go.ke). All comments and feedback should reach us by **5th August 2024**.

Your comments will facilitate the Board to enrich the Strategic Plan. Thank you for your support.

**CPA GEORGINA MUCHAI**  
AG. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD



## PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (PSASB)

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON NEW FINANCIAL REPORTING TEMPLATES

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under The National Treasury. The Board was established under section 192 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) 2012.

The PFMA 2012 section 194 (d) mandates PSASB to prescribe formats for financial statements and reporting by all state organs and public entities. In furtherance of this mandate, the Board is developing thirteen new accrual-based financial reporting templates. These templates are:

1. Financial Reporting Template for County Governments Consolidation - (Quarterly)
2. Financial Reporting Template for County Governments Consolidation - (Annual)
3. Financial Reporting Template County Revenue Funds - (Quarterly)
4. Financial Reporting Template County Revenue Funds - (Annual)
5. Financial Reporting Template for National/ County Development Projects - (Quarterly)
6. Financial Reporting Template for National/ County Development Projects - (Annual)
7. Financial Reporting Template for National Government Receivers of Revenue - (Quarterly)
8. Financial Reporting Template for National Government Receivers of Revenue - (Annual)
9. Financial Reporting Template for NGCDFs (Quarterly)
10. Financial Reporting Template for NGCDFs (Annual)
11. Financial Reporting Template County Receivers of Revenue (Quarterly)
12. Financial Reporting Template for County Governments' Executive/Assembly - (Quarterly)
13. Financial Reporting Template National Government MDAs (Quarterly)

The Board invites all stakeholders to provide their input/comments on the draft templates on or before **6th August 2024**.

Visit our website, [www.pasb.go.ke](http://www.pasb.go.ke), to access the draft templates and send your input/comments to the Chief Executive Officer via [acctstandards@pasb.go.ke](mailto:acctstandards@pasb.go.ke) in the format provided below:

SN	Template Name	Page	Comment/proposal

**CPA GEORGINA MUCHAI**  
AG. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD



# State sets aside 3,000 acres to settle evictees of Mau forest

**BY ANN SALATON(KNA)**  
The Government, through the State Department of Land Adjudication and Settlement in collaboration with Narok County Government has set aside 3,000 acres of land to settle squatters evicted from Maasai Mau Forest in Olorurto area, Narok North Sub-County.

This will be a big relief to over 3,000 people who were forcefully evicted from the forest land in October 2023 where they had occupied about 6,000 acres of forest land.

Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu and Narok County Commissioner Lotiatia Kipkech, who led the top government officials in a peace baraza in the area, said the government was committed to protecting the forest land against any form of destruction in a bid to conserve the mega water catchment land.

Ntutu revealed that though the area had been adjudicated over 40 years ago, the people remained without title deeds as there were no clear forest boundaries.



Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu addresses residents of Olorurto area in Narok North

“When I realized that there is a problem here, I consulted President William Ruto and he agreed to give us 3,000 acres to settle those evicted from the forest land. It is better the little you will get with proper documentation than the huge parcels we occupied illegally in the forest land,” Ntutu said.

The county boss reiterated that all government administrations have failed to issue title deeds to the people living in the area because it was clear

that they were living in forest land.

“I am the custodian of the Maasai Mau Forest title deed, and I can confirm to you today that the land you have been occupying is forest land. Please accept the little that the government is offering you free of charge instead of remaining landless,” Ntutu said in Maa dialect.

Commissioner Kipkech asked the residents to keep off the forest land saying the government had provided an alterna-

tive land for them to settle.

He asked them to be aware of ill-motivated people who would love to incite the community to return to forest land saying the land is protected from any human activities.

Deputy Director in the Directorate of Land Adjudication and Settlement Michael Kagwe said 60 surveyors had been deployed in the land for 21 days to demarcate the 3,000 acres of land and establish the clear forest boundaries.

# China donates 40,800 bags of rice to aid flood victims

**BY CHARLES MATACHO (PCO)**

The Government has received a donation of 40,800 bags of rice from China to help Kenyans affected by floods in various parts of the country.

The donation, packed in 88 containers, was presented to the Principal Secretary for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands and Regional Development, Kello, by the Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, Zhou Pingjian. This aid is intended to assist Kenyans impacted by severe flooding in different regions.

During the handover ceremony at the Inland Container Depot in Nairobi, Mr. Harsama emphasized that the relief effort is focused on areas most affected by the floods, including the Lake region counties of Kisumu, Homa Bay, and Busia.

The North Eastern region, particularly Garissa, Mandera, and Wajir, as well as Tana River, will

also benefit from this essential aid.

Ambassador Zhou Pingjian noted that the donation underscores the strong bilateral relationship and mutual cooperation between China and Kenya. He expressed optimism that the rice would significantly alleviate the challenges faced by families affected by both floods and droughts.

“This gesture highlights the enduring connection, friendship, and brotherhood between China and Kenya,” said Ambassador Zhou. “We hope it will provide much-needed support to those in distress.”

The donation reinforces the Kenyan government’s commitment to effectively respond to disasters and emergencies, ensuring that relief reaches those in greatest need.

In response, the government has distributed relief assistance, including food, building materials, and medical supplies.




OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) is a state corporation established and regulated under the Tourism Act 2011. Our mandate is to develop, implement and co-ordinate a National Tourism Marketing Strategy.

Magical Kenya is the flagship tourism brand created and managed by the KTB. Magical Kenya captures the essence of Kenya’s diverse offerings, promoting the country as a must-visit destination for local, regional, and international travelers.

The Board is seeking eligible firms for provision of the following services: -

TENDER NO.	TENDER NAME	BID SECURITY	CLOSING DATE
KTB/T/0009/2024-2025	Provision of Integrated Marketing Communications Agency Services	Kshs 250,000.00	20/08/2024 at 12.00 Noon Kenyan time

Interested eligible candidates can obtain the document from our website: [www.magicalkenya.com/tender](http://www.magicalkenya.com/tender) or the Public procurement information Portal (PPIP) website: [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website must forward their particulars immediately to [procurement@ktb.go.ke](mailto:procurement@ktb.go.ke) for record purposes and any further tender clarifications and addenda. The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with Tender Number and Tender reference name shall be addressed to:


**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
KENYA TOURISM BOARD  
P.O. BOX 30630-00100 NAIROBI, KENYA  
TEL:+254 20 2749000**

and deposited in the tender box on **7<sup>th</sup> floor, Kenya Re Towers, Ragati Road, Upper Hill** by or before the closing date and time indicated in the table above. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers’ or their representatives who choose to attend.

Tenders that will be delivered after **12.00 Noon on 20/08/2024** will not be accepted.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**





## Multimedia University of Kenya

P.O. BOX 15653 -00503, NAIROBI  
Tel. +254 20 2071391, Email: [vc@mmu.ac.ke](mailto:vc@mmu.ac.ke) Website: [www.mmu.ac.ke](http://www.mmu.ac.ke)


TENDER ADVERT

Multimedia University of Kenya invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following Open National Tenders:

Tender No:	Description of Tender	Tender Security (Ksh)	Eligibility	Closing Date & Time
MMU/OT/MV/01/2024-2025	Provision of Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Cover.	50,000.00	Open	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 11.00am
MMU/OT/PI/02/2024-2025	Provision of Property Insurance Cover	50,000.00	Open	
MMU/OT/SD/03/2024-2025	Provision of Sanitary Collection & Disposal Services	N/A	Reserved for Women	
MMU/OT/GD/04/2024-2025	Provision of Garbage Disposal Services	50,000.00	Open	
MMU/OT/GM/05/2024-2025	Provision of Ground Maintenance Services	90,000.00	Open	
MMU/OT/FS/06/2024-2025	Provision of Fumigation and Pest Control Services	N/A	Reserved for Youth	

Tender documents with detailed information and instructions may be viewed and downloaded from the University’s website: [www.mmu.ac.ke](http://www.mmu.ac.ke) and the Public Procurement Information portal, [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge. Bidders who choose to download the tender documents must forward their company’s particulars to [procurement@mmu.ac.ke](mailto:procurement@mmu.ac.ke) for recording and further addendum/clarifications if any.

**Vice Chancellor  
Multimedia University of Kenya**



Riding on Technology, Inspiring Innovation

# Government rolls out mass vaccination to tackle viral disease affecting livestock

BY BRIAN KALESO AND DENSON MUTUTO (KNA)

The Government has launched a national mass vaccination campaign targeting sheep and goats to combat Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), a highly contagious viral disease.

The launch ceremony was held in Syokithumbi, Kwa Mutonga, Kitui West Sub-County, bringing together key stakeholders in the livestock sector, including government officials, veterinary professionals, and representatives from international organizations.

Speaking during the ceremony, Livestock Development Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke stated that the livestock sector is a crucial component of Kenya's economy, contributing up to 12 percent of the GDP and employing half of the agricultural labor force.

"Livestock, including 22 million cattle, 63 million sheep and goats, three million camels, and 1.8 million donkeys, forms the backbone of livelihoods for many rural communities, particularly in the arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) where 10 million Kenyans depend

on livestock," Mueke said.

The PS also added that sheep and goats, often referred to as small stock, play a vital role by providing livelihoods, income, employment, and export earnings.

However, the sector faces significant challenges such as diseases, pests, adverse climatic conditions, and market access issues, he noted.

He further lamented that transboundary diseases like foot and mouth disease, Rift Valley fever, anthrax, and PPR cause substantial economic losses due to high mortality rates, treatment costs



Veterinary officers administer a PPR vaccine during the National PPR vaccination campaign launch held in Syokithumbi Village, Kitui West Constituency in Kitui County, presided over by the Livestock Development PS Jonathan Mueke. PHOTO: DENSON MUTUTO.

and poor animal health.

"PPR, also known locally as 'sotoka ya mbuzi,' is particularly devastating. The disease was first reported in Kenya in 2006 in Turkana and has since caused severe outbreaks, primarily affecting the ASAL regions. PPR not only threatens the health of small ruminants, but also poses a risk

to some wild animals, further complicating control efforts," the PS regretted.

Mueke observed that to combat the severe impact of PPR on food security, rural livelihoods, and the economy, a global strategy for its eradication has been developed and adopted in Kenya.

He noted that the strategy aims to control and

eradicate PPR by 2027, emphasizing the reduction of other priority small ruminant diseases (SRDs). The economic impact of PPR is significant, with the annual losses in the ASAL counties estimated at Sh1.67 billion in 2016.

"The control of disease restricts access to lucrative markets for livestock and livestock products due to trade-sensitive restrictions imposed to prevent its spread.

These restrictions hinder the movement of small ruminants and their products, affecting the economic well-being of pastoralist communities reliant on livestock," Mueke said.

He said the government's BETA Agenda includes improving the meat value chain, recognizing the importance of sheep and goats in the rural economy and their contribution to the popular 'nyama choma' joints across the country.




**THE NATIONAL HEROES COUNCIL**  
HONOURING HEROES, HONOURING KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR NOMINATION OF SUITABLE PERSONS TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR DECLARATION AS HEROES

The National Heroes Council was established by The Kenya Heroes Act, No. 5 of 2014. The mandate of the Council is to identify, select and provide for the recognition of national heroes and heroines.

Pursuant to provisions of Section 22 of the Act, the public is hereby NOTIFIED that the Council is calling for submission of proposals for nomination of suitable persons to be recommended for declaration as heroes and heroines. A nomination may be made by a member of the public, an organization, a group of persons or an institution.

**Nomination Guide**

The nominations should be in line with the provisions contained in the First Schedule of the Heroes Act, No.5 of 2014 which provides 14 functional areas for the identification, selection and declaration of heroes. The functional areas are: **liberation struggle, spiritual leadership, indigenous knowledge, cultural values and practices, arts, sports, scholarship professionalism and research, peace-making, statesmanship, entrepreneurship and industry, philanthropy, human rights, national cohesion and integration, and environmental conservation.**

Nominees should further demonstrate the following qualities that are listed in the First Schedule that include extraordinary **patriotism, selflessness, courage, perseverance, integrity, commitment, expertise, talent, innovativeness, discipline, optimism, creativity** among others.

**Submission of nominees**

Nomination forms and additional information can be found on the Council's website at [www.heroes.go.ke](http://www.heroes.go.ke)

Proposals should be submitted within **14 days** of publication of this notice that is, on or before **6<sup>th</sup> August 2024** for consideration for recognition on **Mashujaa Day, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.



Nominations can be submitted through the following means:

- Email: [nominations@heroes.go.ke](mailto:nominations@heroes.go.ke)
- Hand delivered to office of the Chief Executive officer, The National Heroes Council, Mezzanine Floor, Embankment Plaza, Upper Hill.
- Sent via post to  
**The Chief Executive Officer,  
The National Heroes Council  
P.O. Box 30001-00100 Nairobi**

The proposals will be evaluated in line with provisions of the Kenya Heroes Act, No. 5 of 2014.

**HON. JIMMY NURU ONDIEKI ANGWENYI, M.G.H  
CHAIRMAN**

National Heroes Council | P.O. Box 30001 – 00100 | Embankment Plaza | Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya. | Tel: 0719088888 | [www.heroes.go.ke](http://www.heroes.go.ke) Email: [info@heroes.go.ke](mailto:info@heroes.go.ke)

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN AGRICULTURE

Agripreneurs Cohort II

Kenya's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) prioritizes agriculture to ensure 100% food and nutrition security for all. The Agripreneur model will boost agricultural productivity, job creation and exports by transforming smallholder farming from subsistence to commercialization, with a focus on youth and digital innovation. The agripreneurs will also assist in providing extension services to farmers in collaboration with county government.

Towards fulfilling the demand of creating a network of 20,000 youths agripreneur, the national government in collaboration with county governments would like to engage at least 7 youths per ward, through recruitment process across 45 counties to support agricultural transformation.

ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Post- secondary certificate in agriculture (Agronomy, Horticulture, Livestock Production | Health, range management, agricultural economics, agribusiness management, agricultural engineering and any other related agriculture course)
- Kenyian citizen (18-35 years)
- Resident in the ward of agripreneur application
- Digital literate & in possession of a smartphone
- Good communication skills; English, Kiswahili and local dialect
- Experience in field of agricultural development will be an added advantage
- Commitment to be engaged in full-time basis

HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
9TH AUGUST 2024

Click on the link bellow to apply:  
<https://apeoi.karlo.org/>

For more information on County readiness, contact the County Executive committee Member responsible for Agriculture for the county of interest.

APPLY NOW!

# KenGen unveils solar energy project to complement hydroelectric power

BY MUTISO MBITHI  
(MYGOV)

The Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) will soon add 42.5 MW of solar energy to the Seven Forks area as part of its efforts to scale up Kenya's green energy deployment.

The project is expected to take twenty-eight months to complete and aims to install a 42.5 MW solar power plant in the Seven Forks dams area, where KenGen generates most of its hydroelectricity. According to KenGen Managing Director Eng. Peter Njenga, the additional capacity will not only increase the share of renewable energy but also help cushion Kenyans against the rising cost of power. The solar plant will complement hydroelectric generation during the day and conserve water for nighttime electricity generation, especially during periods of drought.

Eng. Njenga revealed that the project is being implemented in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD) and is the first of its kind



PS State Department of Energy Alex Wachira (Left) and French Ambassador to Kenya Mr. Arnaud Suquet (Right) posing with the signed partnership agreement for the construction of 42.5MW solar power plant at KenGen seven forks area flanked by KenGen Managing Director and CEO Eng. Peter Njenga (Left) and French Development Bank (Right) Country Director Bertrand Willocquet at the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum headquarters at KAWI House.

for the NSE-listed company. It aims to deliver more renewable energy to the national grid in response to climate change.

The signing ceremony was attended by Principal Secretary for the State Department for Energy, Alex Wachira; Eng. Njenga; French Ambassador to Kenya Arnaud Suquet; and AFD Country Director Bertrand Willocquet.

"France is keen on part-

nering with Kenya in the deployment of renewable energy to stem climate change for which Kenya has shown its prowess as demonstrated in the Olkaria Geothermal Field and the Seven Forks area," Mr. Willocquet said.

Speaking during the signing, PS Wachira welcomed the move, describing it as a big win for Kenya. "The project will provide affordable, reliable,

clean energy, create employment opportunities and community engagement through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Indeed, Kenya and France have enjoyed longstanding cordial relations, especially in the energy sector and this cooperation continues to advance our energy infrastructure for the benefit of the great people of Kenya," Wachira added.

# Kenya bids to host 2029 World Geothermal Congress

BY PHILEMON MANDELA  
(MYGOV)

Kenya has announced its bid to host the World Geothermal Congress in 2029, a prestigious global forum that aims to scale up the deployment of geothermal energy worldwide.

The announcement was made by Principal Secretary of the State Department for Energy, Alex Wachira, during the ongoing 2024 Kenya Geothermal Congress in Nairobi.

Mr. Wachira stated, "Hosting the WGC 2029 will bolster Kenya's position as a global leader in the deployment of renewable energy and give us a competitive edge not just in Africa, but in the global energy market."

"The World Geothermal Congress, held every three years, brings together industry leaders, academia, the finance sector, governments, NGOs, and communities to collaborate and provide thoughtful solu-

tions for a sustainable society."

"I wish to confirm that the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum fully supports this bid, so that through hosting the World Geothermal Congress, Kenya and Africa will be able to attract enhanced Foreign Direct Investments in geothermal development to spur industrialization," the Energy PS added.

He underscored the role of geothermal in Kenya's long-term development blueprint towards 100 per cent transition to renewable energy by 2030.

"Kenya's journey towards advancing its leadership position in development of renewable energy is on course. The government is committed to accelerating development of geothermal energy as a key cog in advancing full adoption of renewable energy for sustainable industrial development," Energy PS Alex Wachira reiterated.



## KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE

ISO 9001:2015 certified institution

CERTIFICATION BODY: Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS).

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTCC) is a State Corporation established by an Act of Parliament, under the Ministry of Health, entrusted with the role of training various disciplines in the health sector, conducting research and consultancy.

The KMTCC Board of Directors seek to recruit competent, result oriented, knowledgeable, dynamic, visionary and experienced Finance, Grants & Compliance Officer, for USAID Misingi Imara Pogram vacant position, tenable at the Kenya Medical Training College, Headquarters.

S/ No.	Vacancy Reference No.	Position	Job Grade	Number of Vacancies
1.	KMTCC/QP-12/ EAF/42/2024	Finance, Grants & Compliance Officer	KMTCC 6	1

The full details, job summary and requirement for these positions are available at KMTCC website [www.kmtcc.ac.ke](http://www.kmtcc.ac.ke)

The successful candidate shall be required to provide the following documents before issuance of the offer letter in compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010: Certificates of clearance from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) and valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

Applicants whose background and competencies match the above specifications are invited to make their applications **ONLINE** through the College website <http://recruit.kmtcc.ac.ke/jobs>. For any inquiries, please email [recruitment@kmtcc.ac.ke](mailto:recruitment@kmtcc.ac.ke)

#### Please Note:

- Applicants should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application. Details of academic and professional certificates not obtained by closure of the advert should not be included.
- Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates, as well as transcripts during interviews.
- It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- The application will be closed on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024**.

**The Kenya Medical Training College is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to implementing Affirmative Action. In this regard, Youth, Women, Persons with Disability, and Minorities with the requisite qualifications are encouraged to apply. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.**



## MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LABOUR AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR INTERESTED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS FOR SPECIALIST NURSES

The State Department for Labour and Skills Development is pleased to announce a second recruitment drive for specialist nurses for employment in the government hospitals in the KSA. Interested and qualified Kenyans are invited to apply for the positions based on the criteria below.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a Female, Kenyan Citizen less than 45 years old and medically fit.
- Hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing /Diploma of Nursing-Midwifery European Union (min 3 years post-secondary school)
- Be a registered and licensed member of the Nursing Council of Kenya, and in good standing.
- Be in possession of a valid Kenyan passport and Police Clearance Certificate.
- Work Experience: Handling patient care in hospital-based care e.g inpatient, ER, ICU.
- English proficiency in writing and speaking
- Prometric Test: Must have a valid Prometric Results; If not, the same can be taken either in Kenya OR KSA (Prometric test cost to be deducted from the employees' salary in 3 instalments)
- Data Flow Verification: Dataflow verification report for the education certificate and Nursing Council License or latest employment certificate is mandatory.

#### BASIC TERMS

- Period of Contract — One (1) year renewable,
- Salary: Minimum of 4,110.00 SAR basic salary plus an additional 295 SAR for each year of experience.
- Work hours — 8 hours/day
- Paid Annual vacation with free round trip economy ticket.
- Overtime — In accordance with the Saudi Arabia Labour Laws

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates are advised to sign-up/register and apply for consideration through the following links

- Ministry of Health of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Recruitment Platform  
[https://erp.moh.gov.sa/OA\\_HTML/IrcVisitor.jsp](https://erp.moh.gov.sa/OA_HTML/IrcVisitor.jsp)

#### AND

- National Employment Authority Job Portal  
<https://www.neaims.go.ke/AdvertListingG2G.aspx>

**NB. Candidates must apply through both links.**

Shadrack Mwadime, EBS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT





# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

## STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

### INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

#### FOR

### LEASE OF BACHUMA LIVESTOCK QUARANTINE STATION IN MANAGEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LIVESTOCK QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR SCREENING AND SHIPMENT OF LIVESTOCK

### TENDER NO. MOALD/SDA/BLQS/IT/01/2024/2025

#### 1.0 Background

Bachuma Quarantine Station was initially conceptualized as a Disease-Free Zone (DFZ) and a flagship Project under the Kenya Vision 2030 blue print. The goal of the DFZ Program was to contribute towards poverty reduction and food security. The overall objective was to improve livelihoods and increase the Livestock Sub-Sector contribution to the national economy by promoting trade in animals and animal products through improved access to international markets.

The expected outputs of Disease-Free Zones included increased supply of quality meat, by 48,000 MT, for sale locally and export; creation of over 100,000 employment opportunities; reduction in human deaths arising from diseases transmissible from animals to humans; increased milk production for sale or household consumption by 5 million litres; increased hides and skins value and rangeland and environment improvement of 2 million hectares per year.

The value of the benefits was estimated at Ksh. 16.2 billion annually. Direct beneficiaries would be livestock owners (pastoralists, agro-pastoralists, ranchers, mixed farmers and dairy farmers), livestock traders, associated operators and chambers of commerce, public and private sector animal health service providers and Community-Based Organizations engaged in the Livestock Sub-Sector. The Disease-Free Zone concept is not entirely feasible in Kenya due to existing land ownership models. Consequently, the concept of Disease-Free Zones was dropped in favour of quarantine stations and disease-free compartments.

The livestock value chain disease risk management concept based on quarantine stations was conceptualized in 2013 and approved for implementation after revision of the previous Kenya Disease Free Zoning program of Vision 2030. The purpose of the quarantine stations is to increase access to Kenya's animals and animal products to local and international markets and realize some of the objectives under the previous DFZ concept. The national livestock finishing system that feeds into the quarantine stations will be at the county level through government and private sector initiatives at the various holding grounds, feedlots, ranches, and large farms. Strategic holding grounds have been identified within the Counties of Marsabit, Isiolo, Laikipia, Tana River, Lamu, Narok, Baringo, Kajiado, Kwale, Taita Taveta, and West Pokot amongst others for use towards the realization of this concept.

The World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) guidelines require animals destined for export to be quarantined in a standard veterinary-approved facility. For Kenya to fulfill this requirement, the development of a national livestock quarantine facility, Bachuma Livestock Quarantine Station (BLQS), was initiated in Bachuma livestock holding ground in Taita-Taveta County. This quarantine station was fully funded by the Government of Kenya though construction was discontinued at 80% completion due to funding challenges. The current livestock holding infrastructure at BLQS are nine (9) cattle pens each measuring 50m x 80m capable of holding 500-600 heads of cattle, six (6) sheep and goat pens each measuring 35m x 80m capable of holding 1400 heads, and three (3) camel pens each measuring 50m x 80m capable of holding 400 heads. Other installations at various levels of completion include fencing, electricity and water installation and reticulation, Laboratory building, staff houses, office block, emergency slaughterhouse and post mortem building, maintenance workshop, feed store, and wildlife protection trench.

The overall goal of BLQS is to provide a controlled environment for monitoring the health of animals destined either for export or local markets live or as products, and veterinary certification. The Quarantine Station is expected to process 50,000 cattle, 100,000 sheep and goats, and 10,000 camels annually. The facility is to be expanded based on livestock demand. The Director of Veterinary Services will provide the necessary regulatory and sanitary controls.

#### 1.1 Proposed Operational Framework

The proposed operational framework to manage the Bachuma Livestock Quarantine Stations is as follows;

- Providing a long-term lease to a private operator through the provision of the Land Act No. 6 of 2012. This act provides for the lease process and activities to be undertaken by the procuring entity while retaining ownership of the land in a Build, Operate, and Transfer (BOT) model.
- Under this lease, the private operator will manage the station, and develop all infrastructure, transport, and equipment necessary for handling the livestock during Transportation, housing, feeding, and disease screening under the oversight of the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS). The operator will deploy all manpower necessary to operate the facility.
- The partner will charge fees per unit animal processed as the revenue generation model within an approved framework in consultation with the State Department for Livestock.

#### 2.0 Objective of the assignment

The objective of this lease arrangement is to engage an appropriate partner for the lease to undertake the overall management of the Bachuma Livestock Quarantine Station and the associated facilities. The land available for lease in the BLQS project is 15,000 acres inclusive of the developed infrastructure.

#### 2.1 Specific objectives

- To complete pending works in Bachuma Livestock Quarantine Phase I and II as per the designs with SDLD
- Operationalize Bachuma LQS and Support the livestock screening activities at the station in collaboration with the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS).
- To undertake expansion of the remaining phases of the quarantine station as per the recommended master plan

#### 2.2 Scope of Work

To achieve the objectives of Bachuma Livestock Quarantine Station, the successful bidder will complete the pending works at the quarantine station as initiated by the State Department for Livestock. The client will provide detailed designs and bills of quantities for the pending works.

Towards operationalization of the quarantine station, the successful bidder shall develop a comprehensive strategy that outlines the management approach and plans for meeting requirements for target export markets for livestock and livestock products. The bidder will Understand and analyze the import regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, labelling requirements, traceability, sustainability, and other measures applied by target markets. The bidder will participate in creating demand for livestock and livestock products from Kenya assessing their competitiveness and market potential and offering recommendation to traders and livestock producers. The Bidder will work closely with livestock producers at county level to ensure a sustainable supply of livestock and livestock products to identified niche markets.

The bidder will document and advise the DVS on any issues relating to market access for prompt action

#### 2.3 Expected deliverables

The following are the expected deliverables from the successful bidder.

- Design an appropriate Livestock quarantine operation management system approved by the DVS
- Deploy management team at Bachuma both for the requisite administrative and Livestock handling and screening
- Undertake all required development and requirements for housing and feeding of quarantine-based livestock including expansion as per the master plan approved by the SDLD.
- Mainstream an appropriate provision for feeding of livestock at the quarantine and during shipment
- Provide all the necessary station equipment for both administration and livestock handling operations
- Provide appropriate transport for livestock from the counties to the station and for shipment.
- Maintain appropriate records including the identification and traceability for livestock processed through the quarantine station.

#### 2.4 Duration of the assignment

The successful bidder shall take possession of, equip, operate, maintain, modernize and expand the Bachuma Livestock Quarantine Station for a concession period of 30 years.

#### 3.0 Eligibility

The preferred firm or organization will be nominated from those that meet the following requirements;

- A short but inclusive company profile that includes, an organization chart, contact details, and the firm's physical postal address
- Proof of Registration of the business (where relevant) and provide copies of the Registration and VAT
- Company Registration Certificates.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the dynamics involved in the handling, screening, and quarantining of livestock for local and international trade.
- Demonstrated clear understanding of the livestock sub-sector, livestock market and livestock value chains in the region and especially Kenya.
- Experience in designing and conducting livestock trade and demonstrate a clear understanding of international livestock trade dynamics. The applicants are encouraged to share their designs or suggestions on how the existing master plan can be improved.
- Experience in economic models for livestock commodity markets.
- Experience with development work related to the livestock sub-sector in Kenya.
- Demonstrated financial capability for investment in the management and development of the requisite infrastructure with verifiable evidence of financial capacity.

#### 3.1 Technical and Team Qualification Requirements

The following professional qualifications will be considered while awarding the lease.

- The firm should have at least Ten (10) years' experience in the subject area especially livestock-related food safety, production, processing, and manufacturing environment in Kenya or beyond.
- Demonstration by the bidding firm of being actively involved in livestock production and trade to different market destinations by providing details of consignments successfully completed in the last five (5) years (name and address of the Client, scope, value, and period).
- The technical and managerial capability of the bidding firm should be supported by detailed company profiles, providing relevant details about staff skills and tools to undertake the assignment. The firm's organogram and any supporting documents that demonstrate the firm's technical and managerial capability should be provided

#### 3.1.1 Qualification and experience requirements of Key staff

The firm will demonstrate the availability of mobilizing a team of qualified personnel and experts to adequately perform the assignment. The minimum qualifications and experience requirements for the Key Experts are as below:

##### 1) Team Leader

General qualification: Master's degree in business administration, economics or in any livestock related field

Relevant experience: At least 15 years' experience in leading investment, market research, export and agribusiness operations for livestock and livestock products.

##### 2) Trade & Logistics Specialist

General qualification: Master's or Bachelor's degree in trade and logistics-related fields

Relevant experience: At least 10 years' experience in organizing logistics and trade support for medium and big-size agribusiness or livestock value chain projects.

##### 3) Animal Health Specialist

General qualification: Bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine

Relevant experience: At least 7 years' experience in the private or public sector. Registered by the Kenya Veterinary Board.

##### 4) Others

The bidding firm can involve any other personnel that can optimize the delivery of the assignment. Non-key experts or support staff can be recruited on a part-time and short-term basis. The consulting firm is required to justify their engagement in the technical proposal.

#### 4.0 Stakeholders

The consulting firm team is expected to primarily and closely work with the State Department for Livestock Development (SDLD), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development. The consulting firm should also consider to actively and regularly engage other stakeholders including, among others:

- Livestock exporters and any private sector business operators in the livestock industry.
- Livestock producers and their associations
- Ministry of Trade and Industries
- Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA).
- Kenya Revenue Authority
- Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
- Network for Livestock Quarantines in the IGAD region
- Trade and Investment Attachés within specific countries abroad identified

Completed Expression of Interest (EOI) documents should be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked 'EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LEASE OF BACHUMA LIVESTOCK QUARANTINE STATION IN MANAGEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LIVESTOCK QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR SCREENING AND SHIPMENT OF LIVESTOCK'

The completed tender documents should be posted to reach the address shown below on or before **9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 11:00 am** or placed in the Tender Box situated at the **Main Reception, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road** on or before the said date and time. Expressions of Interest can be submitted to:

**The Principal Secretary**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development**  
**State Department for Agriculture**  
**P. O. Box 30028 - 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA**  
**Email: tenders@kilimo.go.ke**  
**Website: https://kilimo.go.ke/**

# One hundred housing units commissioned at Shimo La Tewa Prison

**BYPILI CHIMERAH (PCO)**

State Department for Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco has commissioned one hundred housing units at the Shimo la Tewa GK Prison as part of on-going reforms targeted at improving the welfare of prison officers.

The Department, the PS said said, aims at constructing 28,000 houses across the country, which will see every prison officer live inside Prison premises.

According to Ms Beacco, the programme to avail quality affordable housing units will be actualised through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

“We want to see how we can progressively improve housing for the Prison Officers. We already have in place a taskforce to look into how we can work with the state department for housing and other stakeholders to realize the plan.” She said.

She said her Department will endeavour to fully in-



**Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco (R) launches one hundred housing units at Shimo la Tewa prison.**

volve beneficiaries of the programme even as she directed that prison officers be accorded an opportunity to decide what is best for them through public participation.


“We will include public participation for the officers to determine which types of houses they need,” PS Beacco said.

The PS said the State Department has already initiated a modernization programme targeting prison industries and prison farms

to ensure offenders can be impacted with knowledge on modern skills as well as increase production.

She revealed that the government, through the State Department, is planning to recruit more Prison Officers in phases to further enhance service delivery.

The PS later toured Kwale Probation Station and the Kwale Main and Women Prisons where she challenged staff to embrace innovative practices to address emerging challenges.



**MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION (MWSI)**  
**ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AWWDA)**  
 In partnership with  
**AFD**  
**FRENCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

---

## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

---

### INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION (IFP)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</b>
<b>Project:</b>	<b>CKE1135-NAIROBI WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR WESTERN NAIROBI WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND SEWERAGE NETWORKS</b>
<b>IFB No:</b>	<b>AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-2A/2023</b>


**Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA)** has received funds from **Agence Française de Développement (“AFD”)** towards the cost of **CKE1135 – Nairobi Water and Sanitation Project** and now invites applications for prequalification from all eligible bidders for the Construction Works for Western Nairobi Water Transmission System and Sewerage Networks.

All prospective bidders are hereby informed that a complete set of the prequalification documents in **English language** may be purchased by interested Applicants on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000 (Kenya Shilling One Thousand Only)** OR downloaded from the AWWDA website: [www.awwda.go.ke](http://www.awwda.go.ke), and PPI Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke), for free.

Bidders who download the bidding document from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to [procurement@awwda.go.ke](mailto:procurement@awwda.go.ke), for records and any further clarifications and addenda.

Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **12:00 pm East African Time on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**. Electronic Tenders **WILL NOT** be permitted.

**The Chief Executive Officer**  
**Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA)**  
 Athi Water Plaza, Muthaiga North Road, Off Kiambu Road  
 P.O. Box 45283 - 00100, Nairobi, Kenya  
 Telephone: +254 20 2724292/3  
 Email: [info@awwda.go.ke](mailto:info@awwda.go.ke); website: [www.awwda.go.ke](http://www.awwda.go.ke)



**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**Our Vision**  
 “A citizen-centric public service”.  
**Our Mission**  
 “To reform and transform the public service for efficient and effective service delivery”

---

### 1. ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Applications are invited from qualified persons for the positions shown below.

V/NO.	POST	MINISTRY/STATE DEPARTMENT	GRADE	NO. OF VACANCIES
221/2024	Secretary Lands	Lands and Physical Planning	CSG 4 <sup>1</sup>	1
222/2024	Director Land Valuation		CSG 4	1
223/2024	Secretary Forest Development	Forestry	CSG 4	1
224/2024	Director Agroforestry		CSG 5	1
225/2024	Deputy Director Forest Management and Conservation		CSG 6	7
226/2024	Deputy Director Ecological Restoration		CSG 6	2
227/2024	Assistant Director Ecological Restoration		CSG 7	2
228/2024	Assistant Director Forest Management and Conservation		CSG 7	9
229/2024	Director Fisheries and Blue Economy	Blue Economy and Fisheries	CSG 5	2
230/2024	Deputy Government Chemist	Mining	CSG 6	1
231/2024	Assistant Government Chemist		CSG 7	2
232/2024	Inspector Drilling		CSG 12	4
233/2024	Director Shipping and Maritime	Transport	CSG 5	1
234/2024	Deputy Director, Road and Railway Transport Services		CSG 6	2
235/2024	Principal Research Officer		CSG 8	1
236/2024	Senior Deputy Commissioner for Co-operative Development <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	Co-operatives	CSG 5	3
237/2024	Deputy Commissioner for Co-operative Development <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>		CSG 6	5
238/2024	Assistant Commissioner for Labour <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	Labour and Skills Development	CSG 7	30
239/2024	Director Gender	Gender and Affirmative Action	CSG 5	1
240/2024	Principal Gender Officer		CSG 8	4
241/2024	Senior Gender Officer		CSG 9	11
242/2024	Director of Film Services	Youth Affairs and Creative Economy	CSG 5	1
243/2024	Deputy Director of Film Services		CSG 6	2
244/2024	Assistant Director of Film Services		CSG 7	6
245/2024	Senior Principal Superintendent –Electronics		CSG 7	1
246/2024	Deputy Sports Registrar	Sports	CSG 6	1
247/2024	Principal Sports Registrar		CSG 7	4

The details of the posts and mode of application can be accessed on the Commission’s website.

Interested and qualified persons are required to make their applications **ONLINE** through the Commission website: [www.publicservice.go.ke](http://www.publicservice.go.ke) or jobs portal: [www.pscjobs.go.ke](http://www.pscjobs.go.ke) so as to reach the Commission on or before **13<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Latest 5.00 p.m East African Time)**.


---

### 2. CANCELLATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS

The following advertisements are hereby cancelled. Those who had applied are therefore advised to re-apply.

V/NO.	POST	MINISTRY/STATE DEPARTMENT	GRADE	DATE ADVERTISED
29/2024	Assistant Labour Commissioner	Labour and Skills Development	CSG 7	23.01.2024
191/2024	Senior Deputy Commissioner for Co-operative Development	Co-operatives	CSG 5	14.05.2024
192/2024	Deputy Commissioner for Co-operative Development		CSG 6	

**AG. SECRETARY/CEO**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**





# Tourism professionals decry low numbers following protests

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA(KNA)

Tourism professionals have called for a speedy resolution of the issues fueling anti-government protests to save the tourism sector from losses.

Tourism Professionals Association (TPA) Chairman Ray Mutinda said that, although the sector is steadily recovering from the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the protests gripping

the country for the past month threaten to reverse these gains.

Mutinda mentioned that the industry is expected to fully recover this year by registering over two million tourists but expressed concerns that the protests might hinder this growth.

Although no cancellations have been made yet, Mutinda noted that the protests are slowly tarnishing the country's reputation.

"July to October is our



Tourism Professionals Association Chairman Ray Mutinda addressing the media in Kisumu.

PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA.

peak period. This is when our hotels are usually fully booked, but this is unlikely to happen due to the ongoing protests," he said.




The chairman called for a middle ground between Generation Z (Gen-Z) and the government to ensure that the projected growth for the tourism sector is not disrupted.

Speaking during the TPA's Annual General Meeting in Kisumu, Mutinda added that the association is pushing

for the enactment of the Tourism and Hospitality Practitioners Bill, 2023 to enhance professionalism in the sector. The bill, he said, will ensure that only qualified professionals are allowed to work in the sector.

This, he said, follows concerns over infiltration of quacks in the sector which is giving it a bad name. "These measures require a proper legal framework, that is why we are pushing for the bill

which will ensure that all workers in the sector register with the association," he said. Kisumu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Tourism Faridah Salim said the sector remains a key contributor to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), calling on the national government and other stakeholders to address the security concerns posed by the nationwide protests to protect the sector.

Tel No: 254 20 3922000, Fax No: 254 20 3922400  
www.kemsa.co.ke Email: info@kemsa.co.ke  
Embakasi Supply Chain Center  
P.O. Box 47715-00100 GPO Nairobi, Kenya

## KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (KEMSA)

### INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) NOTICE

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) on behalf of the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Health herewith invites sealed tender as follows:

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date & Time
<b>OPEN INTERNATIONAL TENDER</b>			
1	KEMSA/GOK-MOH/OIT01-2024-2026	Placement of Automated Blood Component Processing Equipment and Procurement of its Three Component (3C) Kits	8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 10:00am

Tender document detailing requirements of the above tender may be obtained from KEMSA Website: <http://www.kemsa.co.ke/tenders> and PPIP Portal: [tenders.go.ke](http://tenders.go.ke).

**KEMSA: YOUR PARTNER IN HEALTHCARE**



## MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION (MWSI)

### ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AWWDA)

In partnership with



**FRENCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**



## EXTENSION OF BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE

<b>Date:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024
<b>Project Name:</b>	CKE1135-NAIROBI WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT
<b>IFB No:</b>	AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-03/2023

All prospective bidders for the above ongoing procurement of works for the Construction Works for Rehabilitation of Central Nairobi Area Water Network, Contract No. AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-03/2023 are hereby informed that the responses to clarifications sought by bidders, and the minutes of the pre-bid meeting and site visit can be downloaded from the AWWDA website: [www.awwda.go.ke](http://www.awwda.go.ke), and PPIP Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke), for free.

All Bidders are further informed that the Bid Submission date has been extended from 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to **28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 12:00 pm East African Time**.

Electronic Tenders **WILL NOT** be permitted.

**Chief Executive Officer,**  
Athi Water Works Development Agency,  
Athi Water Plaza, Muthaiga North Road, Off Kiambu Road  
P.O. BOX 45283-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.  
Tel: 254-715 688272; Email: [info@awwda.go.ke](mailto:info@awwda.go.ke)




## TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Broadcasting Corporation invites interested and eligible tenderers to participate in the following tender:

<b>TENDER NO.01/KBC/2024-25</b>	<b>COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER FOR KBC STAFFS</b>
---------------------------------	---

complete set of tender documents may be downloaded by interested candidates from the Corporation website; [www.kbc.co.ke](http://www.kbc.co.ke), [tenders.go.ke](http://tenders.go.ke) or obtain hard copy from **Procurement Manager's Office** at Broadcasting House Harry Thuku Road. Interested candidates will be required to register by paying non refundable fees of **Ksh 1,000** in cash or bankers Cheque payable to Kenya Broadcasting Corporation cashier situated on Harry Thuku Road before the deadline of returning the completed document. (**Kshs.1000/= not applicable to youth, women and PWD**), Bidders downloading the tender document from the website are not required to pay but immediately forward their particulars for records and for the purposes of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums to **KBC Procurement Office** or [procurement@kbc.co.ke](mailto:procurement@kbc.co.ke).

Completed tender documents must be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with respective tender numbers and addressed to:-

**Managing Director,**  
Kenya Broadcasting Corporation,  
P.O. Box 30456-00100, NAIROBI

OR

Be deposited in the tender box at the Main Gate Broadcasting House on or before **6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 10.00am**. Submitted bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the KBC Matanganzo office in the presence of bidders or representatives who wish to attend.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**



## MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION (MWSI)

### ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AWWDA)



## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS (FRAMEWORK CONTRACT)</b>
<b>IFB NO:</b>	AWWDA/GOK/FC/G-01/2024
<b>DATE:</b>	23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY 2024

Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) invites sealed tenders for the **Supply and Delivery of Water Treatment Chemicals**.

All prospective bidders are hereby informed that an advert and a complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested Applicants on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000 (Kenya Shilling One Thousand Only)** OR downloaded from the AWWDA website: [www.awwda.go.ke](http://www.awwda.go.ke), and PPIP Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke), for free.

Bidders who download the bidding document from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to [procurement@awwda.go.ke](mailto:procurement@awwda.go.ke), for records and any further clarifications and addenda.

Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **12:00 pm East African Time on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. Electronic Tenders **WILL NOT** be permitted.

**Chief Executive Officer,**  
Athi Water Works Development Agency,  
Athi Water Plaza, Muthaiga North Road, Off Kiambu Road  
P.O. BOX 45283-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.  
Tel: 254-715 688272;  
Email: [info@awwda.go.ke](mailto:info@awwda.go.ke)



# National Environment Management Authority

Popo Road, off Mombasa Road P.O.BOX 67839-00200, Nairobi, Kenya,  
Tel: 0724253398, 0735013046 E-mail: [dgnema@nema.go.ke](mailto:dgnema@nema.go.ke) Website: [www.nema.go.ke](http://www.nema.go.ke)

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIRUTA-NGONG METER GAUGE RAILWAY (MGR) COMMUTER LINE WITHIN NAIROBI AND KAJIADO COUNTIES.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent **Kenya Railways Corporation**, Proposes to construct a 12.5km long Meter Gauge Railway (MGR) line which commences at Lenana/Riruta area where it branches off main Nairobi-Kikuyu MGR line. The line transverses through the Ngong Road Forest (KM 1+ 100 to KM 1+650) before exiting to Southern Bypass Road, in Riruta ward of Dagoretti Sub County. From Southern Bypass Road Interchange, it runs along Ngong Road corridor upto Karen shopping center, it crosses to the left-hand side of the corridor running along the road reserve to Kerarapon Road, in Karen area, Langata sub-county. From Kerarapon Road to Ngong the project is located within Ololua and Ngong wards of Kajiado North sub-county, Kajiado County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Mitigation measures
<b>Loss of Biodiversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize clearance and disruption of vegetation as it may be practically possible,</li> <li>Minimize clearing and unnecessary felling of indigenous tree species,</li> <li>Offset and compensate cleared vegetation by replanting of indigenous plant species in disturbed areas,</li> <li>Undertake a tree inventory for replacement for any trees cut during construction phase,</li> <li>Prepare and implement a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), for conservation and management of biodiversity along the railway corridor,</li> <li>Ensure habitat restoration throughout the project footprint.</li> </ul>
<b>Involuntary Land Acquisition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake Resettlement Action Plan prior to commencement of the railway project,</li> <li>Ensure systematic stakeholder and Project Affected Persons (PAPs) consultations and engagements,</li> <li>Confine the project construction activities to the proposed corridor (road reserve) as much as possible,</li> <li>Issue notices to vacate in advance to roadside traders to avoid damages and conflicts,</li> <li>Ensure appropriate and timely compensation for project land take and continuous engagement with affected persons before project commencement,</li> <li>Provide detailed information to affected persons about their rights, entitlements and options pertaining to land acquisition,</li> <li>Involve all relevant stakeholders in a timely manner.</li> </ul>
<b>Generation of Waste (solid, liquid and hazardous)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a Construction Waste Management Plan for the project,</li> <li>Engage a NEMA registered waste service providers/handlers for management of project waste,</li> <li>Spoil generated be disposed off in pre-identified and approved locations/sites,</li> <li>Recycle of construction waste (debris, scrap metals, timber and plastics) to the extent possible,</li> <li>Construction vehicles and equipment will be serviced off site at designated and approved servicing locations,</li> <li>Provide mobile toilets and strategically place them along the project corridor,</li> <li>Install oil water interceptors within the workshop.</li> </ul>
<b>Air Pollution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring construction equipment, vehicles and machines are maintained and serviced,</li> <li>Ensure constant watering of construction surfaces and dry materials to minimize dust,</li> <li>Carry out construction in the shortest time possible to minimize prolonged environmental effects,</li> <li>Ensure all workers are issued with appropriate PPEs and enforcement of their use,</li> <li>Drivers to observe speed limits to control dust generation,</li> <li>Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand and other loose materials.</li> </ul>
<b>Noise and Vibration Pollution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform the neighbouring communities of any un-usual construction activities with extraordinary noise levels such as to include time, expected duration and any safety precautions,</li> <li>Strict adherence to the environmental management and coordination(noise and excessive vibration pollution control) regulations, 2009 [Legal Notice 61/2009],</li> <li>Undertake structural integrity assessment of existing structures along the project corridor for potential damages due to vibrations,</li> <li>Utilize low noise machinery for the construction to the extent possible,</li> <li>Blasting activities should be done strictly in accordance to the explosive Act Cap 115 Regulations,</li> <li>Ensure minimal noise and vibrations along sensitive areas: schools, health facilities and religious institutions,</li> <li>Acquire Noise and Excessive Vibration Pollution Control Permits and notify the public on any event of excessive noise and vibration during the construction,</li> <li>Limit construction activities to daytime.</li> </ul>

Impacts	Mitigation measures
<b>Water Pollution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spoil dump should not be established close to water courses or wetlands,</li> <li>Ensure no oil leakages from equipment working near water courses,</li> <li>Works across water courses should be done during dry season and take shortest time possible,</li> <li>The Contractor must adhere to water quality regulations described in Legal Notice No. 120 of the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 68 of September 2006 and Water Act 2016,</li> <li>Ensure all water abstractions are permitted by Water Resource Authority (WRA),</li> <li>No discharge of pollutants from any construction activity into or near surface water bodies,</li> <li>The contractor to ensure minimal disruptions of water supply network,</li> <li>Timely response to address any damaged water supply systems.</li> </ul>
<b>Soil Erosion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid spoiling close to river beds,</li> <li>Exposed slopes to be re-vegetated as soon as possible,</li> <li>Undertake landscaping in areas prone to erosion,</li> <li>Run-off to be diverted away from erosion susceptible slopes to prevent further site degradation,</li> <li>Install soil erosion control measures e.g., scour checks, gabions and plant ground cover vegetation,</li> <li>Side drains to be lined with concrete or stone pitched,</li> <li>Avoid spoil dumps close to water resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Drainage Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure protection of soil adjacent to side drains and constructed drainage facilities,</li> <li>The drainage outfalls should be properly constructed to reduce the erosion from surface runoff and storm water,</li> <li>As far as reasonably possible, drainage outfalls should not be directed into private land or premises,</li> <li>Ensure the existing drainage systems across the project corridor are not disrupted during the construction,</li> <li>Drainage systems should be regularly maintained and cleaned, kept free from silt and sediments.</li> </ul>
<b>Traffic Disruption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed limits for construction vehicles should be adhered to along the access and main roads,</li> <li>Develop a Traffic Management Plan to guide on management of traffic during construction,</li> <li>Traffic signage and information should be placed strategically,</li> <li>Institute an accident incidence documentation and reporting system.</li> </ul>
<b>Occupational Health and Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training on relevant safety measures, first aid procedures and emergency response to workers,</li> <li>Provide full package of first aid kits at work places and workers' camps,</li> <li>Provision of safety signage along the project corridor specifically active work areas,</li> <li>All workers should be provided with appropriate safety gear and ensure application at all times,</li> <li>Ensuring compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act 2007 Practice and guidelines,</li> <li>Secure and fence off all construction sites to control access from unauthorized people.</li> </ul>

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, NHIF Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ragati Road, Upper Hill, P.O.BOX: 30126-00100, NAIROBI</b></li> <li><b>County Director of Environment KAJIADO COUNTY</b></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Director General, NEMA Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, P.O. BOX 67839-00200, NAIROBI</b></li> <li><b>County Director of Environment NAIROBI COUNTY</b></li> </ol> |
|--|--|

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at [www.nema.go.ke](http://www.nema.go.ke)

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within **thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote **ref. No. NEMA/EIA/5/2/2197**

Comments can also be e-mailed to [info@nema.go.ke](mailto:info@nema.go.ke)

**DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**This advertisement is sponsored by the proponent.**



# SEPU sponsors English choral verse and Kiswahili 'ngonjera' in national music festivals

BY RONNY KATAMO (PCO)

The School Equipment Production Unit (SEPU) is sponsoring an English choral verse (Class 2042 K) and a Kiswahili 'ngonjera' (Class 2142 K) in the ongoing Kenya Music Festivals.

The festival, which started in May this year, proceeds through various stages: from the preliminary (zonal level) to the sub-county, county, regional, and culminates at the national festival, scheduled to take place between August 3rd and 14th at Moi Girls High School in Eldoret.

This annual talent development initiative is overseen by the Ministry of Education and is regarded as the largest festival of its kind in East and Central Africa, with over 600 competitive categories spanning music, dance, and elocution.

It attracts more than three million participants from educational institutions nationwide and serves as a platform to instill positive values and address societal issues among the youth.

Mr. Dominic Odera of Moi Nyabohanse Girls High School in Migori County revealed that most schools opt for SEPU-sponsored items due to the authenticity and consistency SEPU has demonstrated over the years in awarding participants and the winning schools in their categories.

The Unit partners with the Kenya Music Festival to highlight innovations and competencies in science and technology by sponsoring the English choral verse and the Kiswahili 'ngonjera'. Other part-

ners during this festival include Uraia, Brooke East Africa, the Teachers Service Commission, the Kenya Wildlife Service, and the Anti-Counterfeit Authority, among others.

The crème de la crème of all the pieces from the different categories will eventually showcase their masterpieces to the President, who also serves as the Kenya Music Festival Patron, during a gala at one of his residences.

"We look forward to an exciting experience," said SEPU CEO Dr. Joel Mabonga during the flagging off of trophies for the regional championship.

SEPU provides practical learning experiences for students through the provision of quality standard science and technology equipment and materials, designs, produces, and supplies the equipment and materials, and supplies laboratory chemicals to schools and colleges.

This inspires students in science and technology-related courses to realize opportunities as global citizens in the world of science and technology through their innovations, collaborations, documentation, and linkages towards industrialization.

The practical learning experience, with learner engagement, inquiry, experimentation, and discoveries, attracts increased student interest in science and technology-related courses. SEPU also converts classrooms into laboratories, fabricates a wide range of institutional furniture such as student lockers, chairs, and double-decker beds.



## KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY

### TENDER NOTICE

#### SPOT IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is a state corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act 2007, with the responsibility of management, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of Rural Roads.

The Authority hereby invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the Improvement and Construction of various Roads and Drainage Structures to be financed through the RMLF, Development Vote & Equalization Vote.

Interested Bidders are advised to download the Long Advertisement and Tender Documents from the Authority's website [www.kerra.go.ke](http://www.kerra.go.ke) and PPIIP Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge as from **26<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**.

Pre-Tender Site Visit shall be Open but **MANDATORY**. Bidders are required to make their own arrangements to visit the project sites in liaison with the respective Regional Directors, and have their site visit Certificate signed by the respective Regional Directors.

Completed tender documents should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with the Tender Name, Tender Number and deposited in the Tender Boxes at the offices of the respective Regional Directors as indicated in the Long Advertisement or be addressed and posted to the respective addresses Indicated in the same Long Advertisement so as to be received on or before **20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 11.00am**.

Opening of the bids will take place immediately thereafter on **20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024** at the offices of the respective Regional Directors in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

Bids not received at the submission venue by the closing date and time will not be accepted for opening and will be rejected and returned unopened.

Bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Chain Unit at the address below during working hours from 09:00 to 16:00 Hours local time Monday to Friday.

**Kenya Rural Roads Authority,  
Barabara Plaza Block B, Mazao Road, Opposite KCAA building  
P. O. Box 48151 - 00100, NAIROBI.  
Email Addresses: [dg@kerra.go.ke](mailto:dg@kerra.go.ke), [procurement@kerra.go.ke](mailto:procurement@kerra.go.ke)  
Tel: +254(20)780600/01-05, Mobile: +254 711851103**

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)  
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**



## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

### MULTINATIONAL HORN OF AFRICA ISIOLO – MANDERA CORRIDOR: EL WAK – RHAMU (A13) ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT

#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR STUDY AND IDENTIFICATION OF SKILL GAPS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

#### TENDER NO: KeNHA/2788/2024

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance the Multinational Horn of Africa Isiolo – Mandera Corridor: El Wak – Rhamu (A13) Road Upgrading Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for the provision of Consultancy Services for Study and Identification of Skill Gaps in Civil Engineering in the Transport Sector.
- The Consultancy Services, among others, shall include:
  - Undertaking a baseline study to establish the existing engineering skills in the transportation infrastructure sector;
  - Establishing the skill gaps to meet the national priorities and the emerging areas of specialization in the transport infrastructure sector;
  - Developing a Transport Sector Skills Strategy; and
  - Identifying a framework for improving the effectiveness of Skills and Technology Transfer in the Transport Sector.
- It is envisaged that the Consultant's Services will be for a duration of Twelve (12) months.
- The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), being the implementing agency of the Government of the Republic of Kenya now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interests in providing the above services.
- Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.).
- Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Public Procurement & Asset Disposal Act, 2015.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the Assignment Title & Tender No. and deposited in the box at Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, so as to be received on or before **30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 1100hrs local time**.

**Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)  
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta  
International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi  
Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)  
P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842,**

<b>Attention:</b>	Director (Development)
<b>Street Address:</b>	Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)
<b>Floor/Room Number:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor North Wing, Block A
<b>City:</b>	NAIROBI, KENYA
<b>Telephone:</b>	+254 700423606, +254 20 4954200
<b>Email addresses:</b>	ddevelopment@kenha.co.ke, procurement@kenha.co.ke

- Electronic bidding will **NOT** be permitted. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 1100hrs at Local time**.

**Kenya National Highways Authority, Headquarters  
Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Off Mazao Road,  
Block C, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Boardroom.**

- Interested Consultants are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)  
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

For all your enquiries email us on: [complaints@kenha.co.ke](mailto:complaints@kenha.co.ke) Toll Free Line: 0800-211-244 Customer Care: 0700 423 606 #Road Safety Starts With You

@KeNHAKenya

Website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke)

Kenya National Highways Authority



# Mwatate women miners use blockchain technology to fight gemstone smuggling

BY WAGEMA MWANGI (PCO)

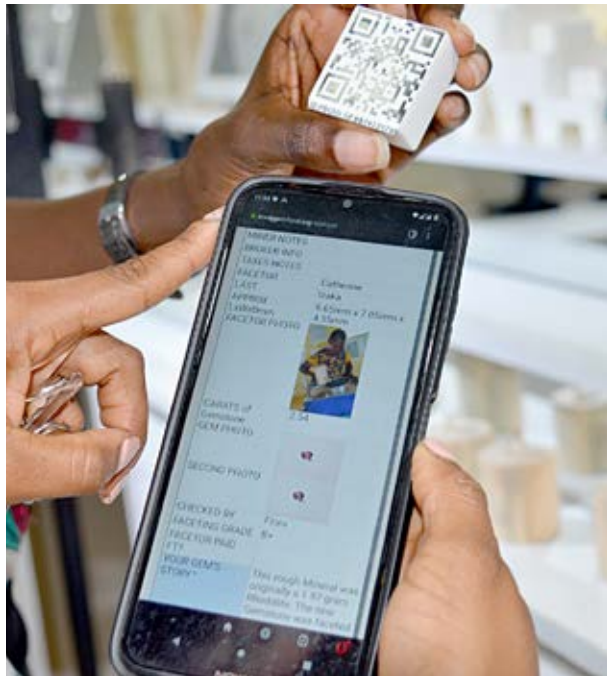
At the heart of a well-lit booth at the Voi Gemstone Value Addition and Marketing Center in Taita-Taveta County, a row of expertly cut gemstones placed carefully on tiny white boxes along a beautifully decorated wall speaks of class and sophistication.

These are rhodolites and red garnets displayed for sale to both local and international buyers who visit the iconic facility.

Each semi-precious stone has a fascinating history detailing a long journey from the bowels of mines in the rural villages of Bura in Mwatate to the glass shelves of the marketing booth at the Gemology Center.

However, this unique narrative is embedded deep into the heart of every stone through a complex but secure non-fungible token (NFT) blockchain technology. This technology gives every cut piece a unique digital identifier whose data can neither be altered, erased, nor corrupted by any actor in the value-addition chain.

“Each stone on our display has a narrative stored in a blockchain network. It protects the unique identity of our artisanal miners’ stones and supports traceability for that product anywhere in the



Irene Walowe (I) using a phone to scan a QR Code on a gembox to access the history of a cut rhodolite as captured in the blockchain database.

world,” explains Irene Walowe of Taita Gems at the Voi Gemstone Center.

The deployment of blockchain NFT technology to enhance the security of the gem market and protect the unique identities of precious and semi-precious stones mined by women artisanal miners in the remote villages of Taita-Taveta County is a major milestone in the new frontier of utilizing digital assets in Kenya’s mining sector.

This technology is being viewed as the most practical approach in promoting gemstone brand identities and domesticating the

traceability factor in the fight against gemstone smuggling.

Once a gemstone is digitally mapped and all relevant information is captured in the NFT blockchain network, the details can never be altered or changed by the final consumer, be it a buyer or a jeweler.

This technology, developed by GEMFUND—an organization that supports artisanal women miners—is being piloted in Mwatate, where several women mining groups are having their gemstones digitally secured.

The organization has

partnered with Taita Gems to promote the market for digitally secured gemstones mined and value-added by artisanal miners. James Biss, the founder, says the blockchain used for mapping the gemstones employs the Traceability and Transparency Technology (T3) model.

This system addresses the challenges of widespread smuggling of precious stones and has even introduced special platforms for giving micro-royalties through M-Pesa to individuals involved in the value-addition process.

He discloses that this technology, developed by a team in Nairobi, will be rolled out across the country within the next year, where youths and actors, especially women in the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, will be trained on value addition and the integration of the T3 factor in locally mined gemstones.

He also predicts that once refined, the T3 model will be a highly sought-after technology to address many challenges facing the gemstone sector.

“This is a Kenyan initiative and invention that was born here but will be raised everywhere. We will spread this technology to miners across Kenya and beyond. Gems on the T3 network are slowly appearing in Kenyan shops and will be worldwide very soon,” he said.

Biss explains that when traceability and

**This is a Kenyan initiative that was born here but will be raised everywhere**



Irene Walowe (I) with a customer at the Teita Gems booth inside the Voi Gemstone Marketing Center.

transparency variables are addressed, several related issues like labor practices and fair payments will also be addressed.

He points out that by curbing smuggling and increasing transparency in reporting on gemstones, this technology can be a formidable asset in driving the country’s goal of having mining contribute 10 percent to Kenya’s Gross Domestic Product.

Over the years, gemstone trade has been adversely affected by the proliferation of smuggled precious stones in the global market. There have also been concerns over human rights violations in the mining sector, including child labor and the exploitation of miners.

This has spawned a class of conscientious buyers keen on the history of precious stones in the market. These ‘buyers of conscience’ are often driven by fears that their purchases are indirectly supporting illegal activities like smuggling, promoting the exploitation of artisanal miners, or encouraging labor malpractices such as the use of children in the mineral extraction process. This technology helps address such concerns.

In the international gem market, the technology is also seen as a solution to multiple challenges, including brand theft and the misappropriation of gemstone identities. Smuggled minerals have often ended up in prestigious global exhibitions without giving credit to the source countries.

“This technology is introducing honesty and transparency in the gemstone sector,” he says.

This transparency is reflected in the comprehensive data captured for each cut gemstone, which includes the mineral type, size, weight, color, shape, and location.

Other details include the faceter, the faceter’s photo, the gem checker, the faceting grade, authorized store, broker details, information on taxes, contact information, the weight before and after faceting, and even whether fair payment was made to the miner.

Margaret Zigodi, 71, the chairperson of Rise and Shine, a women miners’ Community-Based Organization (CBO) in Bura, Mwatate, is among the miners who have acquired skills in cutting, faceting, and inputting data for the T3 network.

## Boost to transport sector as varsity launches solar-powered tuktuk

BY MUOKI CHARLES(KNA)

A local university has developed an electric-powered tuk-tuk, marking a significant step in efforts to reduce carbon emissions from the transport sector in the country.

During an interview, Zetech University lecturer Prof. Gitau Kamau explained that the engine-less tuk-tuk operates on electric motors and has rechargeable batteries capable of lasting for more than 100 kilometers.

It also features integrated solar panels across its roof to harness solar energy, which charges the batteries.

Prof. Kamau noted that while it is built similarly to other tuk-

tuks, it is faster, with a speed of over 60 kilometers per hour. However, it is priced slightly higher than traditional tuk-tuks, at Sh450,000.

“We have assembled the tuk-tuk, installed electric motors, and added solar panels to recharge its batteries once they are depleted. It is noiseless, cost-effective, and clean,” said Prof. Kamau during the University’s Innovation Week.

He stated that his motivation was to provide efficient, cost-effective, and eco-friendly transportation, reducing reliance on conventional fuels and minimizing environmental impact.

“The vehicle does not use fuel,

thus reducing carbon emissions as well as making it cost effective during this time when the cost of fuel is high,” he said.

The innovation is however yet to be released onto the market with Prof. Kamau decriing the high cost of e-mobility equipment used to assemble the vehicle which he said is a major challenge in the mass production of the tuktuks.

To make it cheaper for their manufacture, Prof Kamau called on the government to come up with policies that support adoption of e-mobility and ensure elimination of excise duty on body parts including steel, batteries and other accessories.



Prof Gitau Kamau, a Zetech University lecturer showcases an electric-powered tuktuk that he has invented. PHOTO: MUOKI CHARLES.

# Sh77m water infrastructure to boost supply in Makueni wards



**Athi-Kilema-Tunguni Water Project unveiled by Governor Mutula.** PHOTO: PATRICK NYAKUNDI

**BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI(KNA)**  
Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. has unveiled three water projects worth over Sh77 million in Kikumbulyu North Ward, which are set to benefit approximately 111,000 people.

In the Kiaoni area, Mutula inspected the extension of the Ma-kaani-Kiaoni water pipeline by 4.4 kilometers. This project included the rehabilitation of the Kiaoni Water kiosk, the elevation of the tank tower, and the installation of a 10-cubic-meter tank at a cost of Sh4.3 million.

The Governor also commissioned a concrete reservoir tank with a capacity of 225,000 cubic meters, built by KIBMASCO Water Company in Kathyaka at a cost of Sh4.5 million. This reservoir will serve 6,300 people in the Ngulu and Nyayo clusters.

“The commissioning of these water development projects aims to ensure a safe and adequate water supply across Makueni County for domestic, irrigation, and industrial use,” said Mutula at the Kiaoni market during the unveiling of the Ma-

These water projects aim to ensure a safe and adequate water supply around

kaani-Kiaoni water project.

In Athi, the Governor commissioned the Athi-Kilema-Tunguni water project, which has cost Sh68 million. This project is expected to benefit over 100,000 people in Kikumbulyu North, Makindu, and Nguumo Wards.

Among the scope of work includes construction of 250,000 cubic meters water tank at Mukononi hill and composite filtration, electromechanical systems for water treatment plant, distribution networks for Makindu, Kikumbulyu North and Nguumo Wards and the construction of four water kiosks.

Other works include installation of three panels of 100 Watts of solar, streetlights, installation of chemical injector pump and painting of the elevated tank components and gauge repair.

During the tour, Mutula also commissioned two Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) projects where classrooms, stores, three door toilets and offices were constructed at Sh7 million.

In Kyaani and Katilani ECDE centres, two classrooms, a store, an office and three door toilets for each were constructed.

“My government has embarked on ensuring the ECDE learners learn in a good and conducive environment,” said Mutula while unveiling the projects.



## KENYA UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES CENTRAL PLACEMENT SERVICE (KUCCPS)

### KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE SEPTEMBER 2024 INTAKE

The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) invites applications for placement in various programmes offered at the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTCC) for the September 2024 intake. Applications must be submitted through the KUCCPS Student's Portal [students.kuccps.net](https://students.kuccps.net).

#### Available Programmes

Available programmes, minimum subject requirements and KMTCC campuses are listed below.

S/No.	Programme Name	Minimum Requirements	KMTCC Campuses
1.	Certificate in Medical Engineering	Minimum Mean Grade: C- Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis : C- Mat A: D Phy / Psc: D- Bio / Che / Bsc / Mw / Ect / Drd: D	Bomet, Embu, Kilifi, Kisii, Kisumu, Lake Victoria, Loitokitok, Makindu, Meru, Nairobi
2.	Diploma in Health Records and Information Technology	Minimum Mean Grade: C Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis : C Mat A: C- Bio / Bsc: D+ Phy / Che / Psc / Geo / Econ / Hsc / Agr / Cmp / Com / Bst: C-	Bondo, Isiolo, Meru - Maua Satellite, Siaya
3.	Certificate in Orthopedic Trauma Medicine	Minimum Mean Grade: C- Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C- Bio / Bsc: C- Mat A / Phy / Che / Psc / Hsc / Agr / Ww / Mw / Drd / Cmp: D+	Busia, Garissa, Kangundo, Kapenguria, Kaptumo, Makindu, Makueni, Mbooni, Meru - Mithene Satellite, Muranga, Mwingi, Port Reitz, Shianda - Mumias, Siaya, Sigowet, Trans-Mara, Vihiga, Voi, Kakamega - Navakholo
4.	Certificate in Health Records and Information Technology	Minimum Mean Grade: C- Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C- Bio / Bsc: D Mat A: D- Phy / Che / Psc / Gsc / Geo / Econ / Hsc / Agr / Cmp / Com / Bst: D+ : D- Phy / Che / Psc / Gsc / Geo / Econ / Hsc / Agr / Cmp / Com / Bst: D+	Chemolingot, Chwele, Imenti, Isiolo, Kapenguria, Kapkatet, Kaptumo, Kitui, Kuria, Lamu, Loitokitok, Lugari, Makueni - Mbuvo Satellite, Manza, Mbooni, Meru - Maua Satellite, Molo, Msambweni, Muranga, Ndhwa, Nyamache, Othaya, Rachuonyo, Rera, Siaya, Tana River, Teso, Ugenya, Voi, Webuye, Narok, Muranga - Kangema Satellite, Marsabit
5.	Certificate in Community Health Assistant	Minimum Mean Grade: C- Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: D+ Bio / Bsc: D Mat A / Phy / Che / Psc / Hsc / Agr: D	Chemolingot, Imenti, Isiolo, Iten, Kabarnet, Kakamega, Kangundo, Kapenguria, Kuria, Kwale, Lodwar, Lugari, Makindu, Makueni - Mbuvo Satellite, Mander, Manza, Mbooni, Meru - Maua Satellite, Migori - Awendo Satellite, Mosoriot, Mwingi, Nairobi, Ndhwa, Nyahururu, Nyamache, Nyandarua - Kinangop Satellite, Othaya, Rachuonyo, Rera, Shianda - Mumias, Siaya - Ugunja Satellite, Sigowet, Tana River, Taveta, Teso, Trans-Mara, Ugenya, Vihiga, Webuye, Kakamega - Navakholo, Kitui - Mutomo, Muranga - Kangema Satellite, Marsabit
6.	Certificate in Nutrition and Dietetics	Minimum Mean Grade: D+ Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: D+ Bio / Bsc: D Che / Psc: D Mat A / Phy / Gsc / Hsc / Agr: D	Chwele, Homa Bay, Kapenguria, Kwale, Lodwar, Makueni - Mbuvo Satellite, Molo, Nyandarua, Rera
7.	Diploma in Public Health	Minimum Mean Grade: C Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C Bio / Bsc: C Mat A: C- Phy / Che / Psc: C-	Embu, Kakamega, Karuri, Kisumu, Kitui, Lake Victoria, Nyeri
8.	Certificate in Public Health	Minimum Mean Grade: C- Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C- Bio / Bsc: C- Mat A: D	Embu, Kabarnet, Kakamega, Karuri, Kitui, Kuria, Kwale, Lake Victoria, Lugari, Manza, Nakuru, Nyeri, Othaya, Taveta, Trans-Mara
9.	Certificate in Medical Emergency Technician	Minimum Mean Grade: C -	Garissa, Gatundu, Iten, Kapenguria, Kaptumo, Machakos, Makindu, Mathare, Muranga, Mwingi, Nyeri, Port Reitz, Rera, Taveta, Thika, Voi, Kakamega - Navakholo, Muranga - Kangema Satellite
10.	Diploma in Community Health	Minimum Mean Grade: C Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C- Bio / Bsc: D+ Mat A / Phy / Che / Psc / Hsc / Agr: D	Imenti, Isiolo, Kapenguria, Kuria, Makindu, Mosoriot, Ndhwa, Nyahururu, Nyamache, Rachuonyo, Sigowet, Taveta, Webuye, Kakamega - Navakholo, Kitui - Mutomo
11.	Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics	Minimum Mean Grade: C- Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis : D+ Bio / Bsc : D+ Che / Psc : D+ Mat A / Phy / Psc / Gsc / Hsc / Agr: D	Lodwar, Nyandarua
12.	Diploma in Health Counselling	Minimum Mean Grade: C Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C Bio / Bsc: D+ Hag / CRE / IRE / HRE: C-	Makueni
13.	Diploma in Medical Engineering	Minimum Mean Grade: C Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis : C Mat A : C- Phy / Psc : C- Bio / Che / Bsc / Mw / Ect / Drd : D+	Meru
14.	Diploma in Health Promotion	Minimum Mean Grade: C Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C Bio / Bsc: C- Mat A / Phy / Che / Psc: D+	Nyahururu
15.	Diploma in Physiotherapy	Minimum Mean Grade: C Minimum Subject Requirements: Eng / Kis: C Bio : C- Mat A / Phy / Che / Psc: C- Mat A / Phy / Che / Psc: C-	Nyeri, Port Reitz

#### Application Support

KUCCPS and KMTCC officers will be available in all the KMTCC campuses from **22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024** to assist students to submit applications.

Guidance can also be sought at the KUCCPS offices located at ACK Garden House, 1st Ngong Avenue in Community, Nairobi or all Huduma Centres. Contacts

For more information, call the KUCCPS contact centre through the numbers **0205137400 / 0723954927** or please visit KUCCPS website [www.kuccps.ac.ke](https://www.kuccps.ac.ke).

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# Embrace skill acquisition, NCPD tells youths

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The National Council for Population Development (NCPD) Director General Dr. Mohamed Sheikh has urged youths to embrace the various skill acquisition programmes of the government in order to reduce restiveness and unemployment among them.

Dr. Sheikh says that relevant skill acquisition for the youth is a necessary pathway to peace, poverty eradication and the realization of socio-economic progress.

Sheikh noted that learning a skill to improve oneself is an invaluable asset during these tough and challenging economic times.

He has urged the youth to embrace skills acquisition in addition to academic performance in view of the grim reality of unavailability of white-collar jobs in the country.

Sheikh says the youth should not shy away from blue-collar jobs such as carpentry and joinery, refrigeration and air conditioning, welding, masonry, mechanics, scaffolding, electrical and plumbing among other trades in their quest for a decent and better life.

"The increasing youth population should not see these kinds of jobs as a waste of time but embrace it to earn an income from the skills they have learnt," he said.

Sheikh was speaking in Kwale during the dissemination of Sessional Paper No.1 of 2023 on national population policy for sustainable development where he encouraged counties to promote integration of population issues in development planning.

DG Sheikh says the goal of the NCPD sessional paper No.1 of 2023 on national population policy for sustainable development is to attain high quality of life for all Kenyans and contribute to the realization of national

aspirations.

He says Vision 2030, the national development agenda, recognizes the importance of integrating population dynamics in development planning for socio-economic development and wellbeing of the people.

The sessional paper seeks to promote integrated approaches to address population, environment and disaster challenges to achieve sustainable development, enhance availability, accessibility and utilization of reliable and timely population data by use of technology and innovation and increasing citizen engagement.

The NCPD DG stressed on the need for youths to embrace vocational training and acquire skills to be independent and urged them to embrace blue-collar jobs as a sustainable alternative to the elusive white-collar jobs.

The NCPD top official noted that the government has set up Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centres across the country in a bid to pull millions mostly youths out of poverty.

"75 percent of our population is below 35 years of age hence investing in their potential with marketable skills is critical," said Sheikh adding that TVETs are the most practical avenue for youth to acquire work skills.

He says the youth bulge will continue for the unforeseeable future presenting great economic and social opportunities for the country but also enormous challenges necessitating rethink in youth employment initiatives.

Sheikh says investing in training on workforce will not only assist the country in developing talent to meet local needs but developing labour requirements to be used across the world.

He says the importance of TVETs in skill acquisition among the youth for socio-economic and technological development cannot be overemphasized.

Sheikh blamed the recent youth

unrest under the banner of Gen Z on a disengaged, disenfranchised and frustrated set of young people.

"These are frustrated youth and they are not happy at how they are locked out of economic and life opportunities," he said and called on all stakeholders to join forces in empowering young people to build a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

Msambweni sub-county Deputy County Commissioner Josphat Mutisyo says the government is committed to empowering young people, promoting gender inclusivity, and fostering a supportive environment for all.

Mutisyo says the government would continue to initiate and implement youth employment programmes and activities that would take the youth off the streets and make them valuable to the society.

He encouraged young people to leverage technology alongside vocational skills to engender national development and unlock a world of opportunities.

The DCC says high levels of youth unemployment creates economic strain as a large segment of the population remains dependent on social services thus increasing the burden on the government.

He also urged the youths to make good use of the skills acquired at TVETs during the training in order to positively impact other unemployed youths in their locality.

## State to focus on sustainable human development for economic growth

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA (KNA)

The Government is focusing on sustainable human development as a new vehicle to drive equitable and resilient economic growth countrywide in line with its Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The new policy framework emphasizes maximizing human capital potential and focusing on harnessing the demographic dividend to achieve sustainable development goals.

The Director of the National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) Mr. Parveen Sigey who was speaking during launching of Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2023 on the Kenya National Population Policy for Sustainable Development in Mwatate Sub-County, Taita-Taveta County, underlined the organization's role in research and demographic statistics.

Mr. Sigey noted that the newly released sessional paper addresses critical issues such as population size and age structure, fertility, mobility and

mortality, migration and urbanization.

The paper also addresses key issues including population and human settlement, youth unemployment, environment and disasters, data, research and innovation, and resource mobilization.

The Director emphasized the significant migration concerns in Taita Taveta, where urban-rural and rural-urban migration are affecting local development.

He also cited the high rates of early marriages and child mortality in the county, stressing the need for urgent action.



### TENDER NOTICE

Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company Limited wishes to invite open tenders from eligible bidders for supply of various goods, services and works for the **financial year July 2024 – June 2026**.

The tender documents with detailed information may be obtained from Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company Limited website [www.gatangawater.co.ke](http://www.gatangawater.co.ke). The documents are provided **free of charge**.

Applicants who download the tender documents shall email their names, contact details and the tender number to [info@gatangawater.co.ke](mailto:info@gatangawater.co.ke)

Complete tender documents **MUST** be sealed in plain envelopes clearly marked with the **tender number** and **name** and be addressed to:

**MANAGING DIRECTOR  
GATANGA WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LTD  
P O BOX 6133 – 01000  
THIKA**

And deposited in the tender box at the Head Office in Mabanda so as to be received on or before **10:00 am of 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**. Tender applications will be immediately opened thereafter, at the company's Boardroom in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

**J.Kairu  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**



**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY**

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

### RECRUITMENT OF A PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR THE GLOBAL NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (NIP) PROJECT

Kenya is implementing the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through UNEP and executed by the Africa Institute.

To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the project, the State Department for Environment & Climate Change is seeking to recruit Project Coordinator for Global National Implementation Plan (NIP) Project with the following terms of reference.

All interested applicants who meet the requirements posted on our website [www.environment.go.ke](http://www.environment.go.ke) should submit their applications together with detailed Curriculum Vitae, a copy of National Identity Card/Passport, copies of Academic Certificates, Testimonials and any other relevant supporting documents in a sealed envelope and clearly marked: "Application for a **Project Coordinator** for the **Global National Implementation Plan (NIP)** Project" and delivered to:

**Principal Secretary,  
State Department for Environment and Climate Change,  
Ragati Rd, NHIF BUILDING  
P.O BOX 30126-00100  
NAIROBI  
Tel: +254-20-2730808/9  
Email: [psoffice@environment.go.ke](mailto:psoffice@environment.go.ke)**

Applicants are requested to drop their applications in a sealed envelope at the office of **Director, HRM&D** NHIF BUILDING 11th Floor. Deadline for receipt of applications is at the close of business on the **5th August, 2024**.

 [www.environment.go.ke](http://www.environment.go.ke)

# New labour pacts with Europe, Middle East to unlock job opportunities for Kenyans

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA(KNA)

The government is pursuing nineteen bilateral labor agreements with Western European and Middle Eastern countries to help unemployed skilled Kenyans secure jobs abroad.

The State Department for Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary, Shadrack Mwadime, stated that negotiations with various countries in these two regions are at an advanced stage, even as the government works to address rising unemployment in the country.

Mwadime mentioned that the government has concluded negotiations

with Germany, and the two countries are set to sign the agreement in September this year. This will open up opportunities for skilled Kenyans to work in Germany.

“We have had two rounds of negotiations—one in Germany and another here in the country. Germany has an aging population, whereas Kenya has a youthful population. We are set to sign the bilateral labor relations agreement this September so that our young people can secure jobs in Germany,” he said.

The PS noted that sending Kenyans abroad is intended not only to address unemployment but also to boost Kenya’s economy through diaspora remit-

tances.

Kenyans living abroad remitted Sh663 billion last year. He added that the comprehensive program to create more opportunities abroad is expected to increase this amount to Sh1 trillion.

Speaking during the Kisumu Job Fair, the PS said the bilateral labour agreements being pursued by the government target to ensure that Kenyans moving to foreign countries are not mistreated.

He added that the ministry is working with legitimate recruitment agencies to ensure that all Kenyans seeking jobs outside the country are protected.

“We are not sending you abroad so that you re-



Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary (PS) Shadrack Mwadime during the job fair held at the National Industrial Training Authority campus in Kisumu county.

locate from the country. We want you to work there for three to five years and come back to invest in the country and help grow our economy,” he said.

The State Department for Labour and Skills Development, he said, has rolled out a national skills mapping exercise to help

identify gaps in skills development to ensure that the country’s workforce has the requisite skills that meet industry needs.

This, he said, was informed by feedback from local employers, adding that once the exercise is concluded, it will inform changes in the curricu-

lum to ensure all learning institutions produce graduates ready for the labour market.

Since the exercise started in February this year, so far 40,000 Kenyans seeking job opportunities have uploaded their skills on the National Employment Authority (NEA) website.

Even though the survey has been hampered by lack of funds, the state department is seeking partnerships with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) and the Ministry of Youths to conclude the exercise, the PS said.

The two days’ Job Fair, which brought together youths, students, Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE), Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI), Universities and other learning institutions was critical to ensure that both job seekers and employers understand one another to help address unemployment in the country.



**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ICT AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY**

**INVITATION TO TENDER**

1. The Ministry of Information, communications and the Digital Economy, State Department of ICT and the Digital Economy invites tenders from eligible candidates for the provision of Operation and Maintenance of National Optic Fibre Backbone Infrastructure phase II (NOFBI II) Active and Passive Equipment lot 1 Eastern region.
2. Tendering will be conducted under open tendering method using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all eligible and interested tenderers.
3. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information during office hours from **0900hrs to 1700hours** at the address given below:

**The Principal Secretary**  
**Ministry of ICT, and the Digital Economy,**  
**State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy**  
**P.O BOX 30025-00200**  
**GPO,Nairobi 8<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Email: [ictprocurement@information.go.ke](mailto:ictprocurement@information.go.ke)**

4. Tender documents may be viewed and obtained electronically from the Ministry’s Website: [www.ict.go.ke](http://www.ict.go.ke). The tender documents obtained electronically will be **free of charge**.
5. A site visit for the various sites will be conducted on the dates specified in the tender document for the provision of Operation and Maintenance of National Optic Fibre backbone Infrastructure phase II (NOFBI II) Active and Passive Equipment lot 1 Eastern region
6. Tenderers downloading documents from the designated website shall advise the procurement Entity that they have downloaded the tender documents, giving full contact address of the tenderers to [ictprocurement@information.go.ke](mailto:ictprocurement@information.go.ke) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
7. All tenders Must be accompanied by a Tender Security of **2%** of the total tender sum from a reputable bank registered by the Central Bank of Kenya or Insurance Company Registered by the PPRA valid for a period of **150 days**.
8. The Tender validity period shall be **150 days** from the tender opening/closing date.
9. The tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
10. Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **6<sup>th</sup> August,2024 at 10:00 am**

**The Principal Secretary**  
**Ministry of ICT, and the Digital Economy,**  
**State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy**  
**P.O BOX 30025-00200**  
**GPO,Nairobi**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Floor procurement unit.**

11. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or representatives who choose to attend the tender opening process in the 9<sup>th</sup> floors boardroom at Telposta Towers.
12. **Late tenders will be rejected.**
13. The Government reserves the right to reject any tender giving reasons for the rejection.

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**  
**Ministry of ICT, and the Digital Economy,**  
**State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy**



**ENGINEERS BOARD OF KENYA**

**GRADUATE ENGINEERS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) is a statutory body established under Section 3(1) of the Engineers Act, 2011. The Board is responsible for the registration of engineers and engineering firms, regulation of engineering professional services, setting of standards, development and general practice of engineering.

One of the functions of the Board under the Engineers Act, 2011 Section 7 (1) (q) is to plan, arrange, coordinate and oversee continuing professional training and development and facilitate internship of graduate engineers.

The Engineers Board of Kenya has developed Graduate Engineers Internship Program (GEIP) which is a structured internship program for graduate engineers that is designed to enable them to acquire requisite hands-on skills and prepare them for professional practice in their respective engineering fields.

The program will run for 36 months, and the interns will be trained under professional engineers who are registered by the Board.

**Qualifications for the Graduate Engineers Internship Program**

The Board is seeking to provide internship opportunities to those candidates who:

- Are registered graduate engineer by EBK within the last two years
- Are available for the entire duration of the internship
- Are **NOT** in any form of employment

The Engineers Board of Kenya is committed to diversity and gender equality and therefore encourages persons living with disability, women and those from marginalized areas to apply.

**Please Note**

1. The deadline for application is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 5pm EAT**
2. The Board does not guarantee employment after completion of the Internship Program
3. The Board **DOES NOT** charge any fee for this process.
4. Only successful applicants will be contacted.
5. Successful applicants will be expected to provide the following additional information/documents:

- A valid personal accident insurance cover
- A valid personal medical insurance cover by NHIF or any other reputable medical insurance firm
- Certificate of Good Conduct
- Clearance from Ethics and Anti- Corruption Commission (EACC)
- Kenya Revenue Authority PIN Certificate

6. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.
7. All applications **MUST** be submitted online via the procedure below.

**Application Procedure**

- Log on to [www.ebk.go.ke](http://www.ebk.go.ke)
- Click on the Training and Development tab
- Click on the Graduate Engineers Internship Program, then click on **“Apply to Graduate Engineers Internship Program”**
- “Sign up” to create an account then submit your application.

In case of any challenge or issues, please send an email query to [registrar@ebk.go.ke](mailto:registrar@ebk.go.ke) or call **0722 509 972**.



# Kenya's Gemstone sector set for growth with new regulations and strategic investments

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA (KNA)

The national government and key players in the mining industry have pledged to work together to rejuvenate and expand the country's gemstone sector.

The announcement was made in Taita Taveta County during the Gemstone Summit at the Gemstone Centre in Voi.

This initiative promises to harness the collective strength of both governmental support and artisanal miners' expertise to transform Kenya into a leading global hub for gemstone mining and trade. This year's summit, dubbed "Tavorite Week," focuses on promoting the Tavorite stone, a unique green garnet mined in several parts of Kenya.

The government has declared Tavorite a strategic mineral to protect it, boost production, support small-scale miners, and enhance marketing and branding efforts.

The summit also celebrated the inauguration



An artisanal miner exhibits gemstones during the "Tavorite Week" held at Voi Gemstone Centre.

of the Voi Gemstone Value Addition and Marketing Centre by President William Ruto in October 2023. This centre aims to promote

More mining committees have been established to issue permits

ethical trade, traceability, and responsible sourcing of gemstones.

The Gemstone Summit drew stakeholders from various counties, bringing together key players from the mining industry. It highlighted the importance of collaboration, sustainable development, and the growth of artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) while em-

phasizing the collective efforts to enhance Kenya's mining sector.

Speaking during the event, Dr. Patrick Kanyoro, the chairperson of the Kenya Chamber of Mines, emphasized the need for cooperation and compliance with regulatory frameworks, urging stakeholders to unite for mutual benefit. Kanyoro encouraged miners to participate in multiple business organizations to facilitate their mining activities.

"We must engage the government rationally and ensure we contribute to tax revenues for our own growth as well as for national development," Kanyoro said. Edward Omito, the Acting CEO of the National Mining Corporation (NAMICO), lauded the government for its substantial investments in the gemstone sector, stating that the state has injected over Sh50 million into the Gemstone Value Addition and Marketing Centre.

He also highlighted Kenya's rich diversity

of gemstones, including green garnet, tourmaline, ruby, and sapphire, found across numerous counties.

In a speech delivered on his behalf by Omito, the State Department for Mining Principal Secretary (PS) Elijah Mwangi highlighted recent regulatory advancements under the Mining Act 2016. These include the publication of new regulations and the lifting of the mining moratorium, which had been in place since 2018.

"The mining moratorium, which had been in place since 2018, has also been lifted. This is a significant milestone as people interested in mining can now apply for mining licenses and permits to make the industry more robust," read part of his speech.

Mwangi stated that these changes are designed to foster sustainable governance and revitalize the mining industry by allowing new licenses and permits.

He praised the Association of Women in Energy and Extractives in Kenya (AWEIK) and the Kenya Chamber of Mines for their invaluable support to the mining industry.

He reiterated that the government has initiated several measures to support small-scale miners, including forming mining

and marketing cooperative societies to facilitate organized mining operations and make it easier for miners to receive assistance.

Additionally, he noted that more mining committees have been established to issue permits and delineate productive mining areas.

Mwangi emphasized that the summit's objective is to foster ideas to improve the gemstone industry, attract investors, and enhance the capacity of small-scale miners.

He highlighted the importance of market days, stating that they provide small-scale miners with access to buyers and ensure fair trade practices. PS Mwangi encouraged gemstone traders to import and trade gemstones from other countries in Kenya, aiming to make Kenya a global gemstone hub.

He reiterated the government's openness to stakeholder input and collaboration to grow the mining industry. "I encourage our gemstone traders to venture outside our borders to bring gemstones from other countries and trade them in Kenya to make Kenya a gemstone hub, just like we have other hubs like Hong Kong and Bangkok," the PS said.

## Governor urges residents to register for affordable healthcare scheme

BY RENNISH OKONG'O (KNA)

Elgeyo Marakwet County Governor Wisley Rotich has announced an ambitious goal for every household in the county to be registered with the Social Healthcare Authority (SHA) by December 2024.

This move is intended to ensure that all residents benefit from the scheme and reduce the need for fundraising events, commonly known as harambe, to cover healthcare expenses.

Speaking during the SHA registration drive launch at Moi Girls Kapsowar in Marakwet West Sub-County, Governor Rotich expressed his satisfaction with the SHA's inclusive and affordable approach to healthcare.

"I am glad that the Social Healthcare Authority takes stock of everyone and caters to the needs of every individual as it is affordable," he stated.

Governor Rotich highlighted the financial hardships that arise from extreme healthcare bills, which often plunge families into poverty. "Many have to sell their land to cover huge bills, especially in cases where a family member is diagnosed with cancer," he noted.

He emphasized the scheme's affordability, saying, "You pay



Dr Patrick Amoth, the Director General for Healthcare Services, (second right, standing) Elgeyo Marakwet County Governor Wisley Rotich registering for SHA at Moi Kapsowar Girls' grounds in Elgeyo Marakwet.

your three hundred, and the rest will be settled if you need help." The Governor also pointed out the significant benefits at the primary healthcare level.

"The most beautiful thing is that at the dispensaries and health centres, care will be free as money for primary healthcare will be trickled down to the hospitals. For this to happen, you must be registered," he added.

Dr Patrick Amoth, the Acting Director General for Healthcare Services, echoed Governor Rotich's sentiments, emphasising the transformative impact of the SHA on Kenya's healthcare system.

"The services we are unveiling today will enhance the health-

care department and enhance the lives of Kenyans considering the law," Dr. Amoth stated, highlighting the legal framework supporting the initiative.

He urged critical partners, stakeholders, teachers, political leaders, religious leaders, and the youth to join hands in this initiative.

"We need to walk this journey together for us to be able to succeed as a country," he said.

"The greatest ingredient required for countries globally to be able to achieve universal health coverage is political enlightenment, as the President has exhibited. Therefore, failure is not an option as we progress on this journey," he concluded.

## Laikipia women receive 50 water tanks to tackle perennial drought

BY MUTURI MWANGI (KNA).

Pastoral women in Laikipia North Sub-County have benefited from water tanks for water harvesting during the ongoing rainfall, aimed at cushioning them from perennial drought.

The 50 water tanks, each with a capacity of 3,000 liters, were donated by Habitat for Humanity Kenya in partnership with the Laikipia County government and distributed to women's groups in both Naibor and Kiandutura areas, which are most affected by dry weather.

"The tank will significantly boost my water storage capacity, ensuring sufficient water for both domestic and livestock use. At the same time, it will help me concentrate on other activities without worrying about water," said Zipporah Lang'at, one of the beneficiaries, during the handover exercise in Naibor, Segera Ward.

She further revealed that she previously spent most

of her time fetching water, which deprived her of opportunities to engage in other livelihood development activities.

Habitat for Humanity Kenya Programs Director Nixon Otieno said they are keen on supporting pastoral women to generate income through farming and livelihood diversification. Additionally, he pointed out that the tank donation initiative aligns with the government's agenda to increase agricultural productivity through climate-smart farming technologies.

Laikipia County Secretary Koinange Wahome lauded the initiative, noting that it would improve water accessibility in the county, which remains a challenge, especially during dry periods.

"I am delighted that through this partnership, we are making progress in addressing water challenges. This effort aligns with our vision to distribute 50,000 water tanks by 2027 to residents," said Wahome.



# Kenya, Iran leveraging on mutual relations to boost ICT

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

Kenya and the Islamic Republic of Iran are implementing a raft of agreements contained in a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on ICT co-operation between the two countries.

The Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani indicated that a technical committee formed this year is keen to ensure that the MoU bears dividends for the country.

PS Kisiang'ani informed the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Kenya Dr. Ali Gholampour that Kenya is looking forward to gaining much from Iran in the areas of capacity building, leveraging on e-commerce and getting the necessary infrastructural and technical support for developing the ICT space.

He pointed out that there are critical areas for both nations to explore Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies.

The PS noted that Kenya can learn much from Iran on creation of interactivity platforms that can be customized to the needs of the country.

He further highlighted the need for Iranian com-



**PS Kisiang'ani Iran - The Principal Secretary, Broadcasting and Telecommunication, Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani (right) accompanied by Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Kenya, Dr. Ali Gholampour at Telposta Towers, Nairobi. Photo by Eric Bosire.**

panies to partner with Kenya to enhance trade ties between the two nations and develop the national addressing system.

"We are willing to learn how Iran funded its massive infrastructure on ICT, our collaboration will move from simple to multifaceted," the PS said.

Another area of interest that Kenya is looking forward to benefiting from Iran is on manufacturing of affordable ICT gadgets and content development for the broadcasting industry.

The PS reiterated that both countries have enjoyed good relations for a

long time and can mutually benefit from each other on the technological frontier and other key areas.

The ambassador, who had made a courtesy call on the PS at his Telposta Towers office in Nairobi revealed that the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Company (IRIB) is planning to set up offices in Kenya, noting that the move will further enhance the relations between the two nations.

Ambassador Gholampour underlined that Iran is looking forward to promoting cultural exchange, public diplomacy and political relations with Kenya.

# PS calls for partnerships to foster research, innovation

BY DOUGLAS NAMUNANE (PCO)

The Government is calling on partners to collaborate with the relevant research institutions in the country since their contribution will offer opportunities to harness collective strengths and resources that drive innovation and development.

State Department for Higher Education and Research Principal Secretary Dr. Beatrice Inyangala said the support from partners is key towards the tapping and realization of valuable innovative ideas put forth by Kenyans.

The PS who made the remarks in Naivasha during the official opening of a three-day National Stakeholders' Engagement on Research, Science, Technology and Innovation (RSTI) Ecosystem said the country has valuable ideas from the academia, Government, private sector, industry and civil society

waiting to be tapped.

"The objective of today's forum is to foster collaborations that will create a conducive research ecosystem in Kenya. Working with all our stakeholders, I see many opportunities harnessing our collective strengths and resources to drive innovation and development", said Dr. Inyangala.

She said the discussions mark a significant step towards shaping the future of Kenya through the power of research, innovation, and collaboration.

"This forum will therefore discuss and purpose a framework for RSTI that sets out the principles, priorities, and strategies that will guide our research efforts and ensure that they align with the national development goals", added the PS.

She announced that the Ministry of Education had recently unveiled its Strategic Plan 2023-2027, which aims to implement significant interventions.

"Collaborative research is a key pillar for strengthening partnerships. In particular U-I linkage is a key initiative that seeks to bridge the gap between academic research and industrial needs, ensuring that educational institutions produce graduates equipped with relevant skills and knowledge", said the Principal Secretary.

She said by engaging industries in research activities, the plan aims to drive innovation and enhance the practical application of academic findings, thereby contributing to economic growth and addressing employment challenges.

"This approach is expected to create a symbiotic relationship where industries benefit from cutting-edge research, while educational institutions receive valuable insights and support, ultimately fostering a more robust and dynamic workforce in Kenya", stated Dr. Inyangala.



## TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Academy of Sports (KAS) is a state corporation established by the Sports Act of 2013 mandated to identify, nurture and develop sporting talent in Kenya.

To facilitate the realization of its mandate, the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports through KAS will be establishing Community Sports Academies.

The first three phases are as follows:

Phase 1:		
S/No.	Proposed Sites	Constituency/Area
1.	Friends School, Bokoli	Webuye West
2.	Tegat Primary School	Bomet East Constituency
3.	Ukwala Sports Academy	Ugenya
4.	Weru Mixed Sec. School	Ol Joro orok Constituency
5.	Koitalel Arap Samoei Academy	Nandi Hills

Phase 2:		
S/No.	Proposed Sites	Constituency/Area
1.	St. Gabriel Asiriam Primary School	Teso South
2.	Siera Girls High School	Bukhayo North
3.	Magunga Primary School	Suba South
4.	Mogotio Sports Ground	Mogotio Constituency
5.	Paul Boit Boys Sec. School	Turbo Constituency
6.	Lunyofu Sports Grounds	Budalangi Constituency
7.	Burandwa Primary School	Ikolomani
8.	Gisambai Primary School	Hamisi
9.	Kisiiki Primary School	Yatta Constituency
10.	Kinyui Stadium	Matungulu Constituency
11.	Kiio Secondary School	Mwingi West Constituency
12.	Kanjeru Primary School	Kabete Constituency
13.	Mukurenju Primary School	Kandara Constituency

Phase 3:		
S/No.	Proposed Sites	Constituency/Area
1.	Imara Primary School	Embakasi Central Constituency
2.	Mirira Primary School	Kiharu Constituency
3.	Holale Primary School	Moyale Constituency
4.	Kotulo Primary School	Taraj Constituency
5.	Garbatula High School	Garbatula Constituency
6.	Kombani Football Academy	Matuga Constituency
7.	Taru Secondary School	Kinango Constituency
8.	Nakalale Sports Ground	Turkana North Constituency
9.	Tinderet	Tinderet Constituency
10.	Chepsaita Academy	Mt. Elgon
11.	Sigowet School	Turbo Constituency
12.	St. Patrick's Iten	Keiyo South Constituency
13.	Kimuchu Primary	Thika Town Constituency

Kenya Academy of Sports now invites sealed bis from eligible candidates for **Phase 1** as listed above for construction of Proposed Community Sports Academies.

Completed Tender Document in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with **tender name** and **tender number** should be addressed as follows: -

**Chief Executive Officer  
Kenya Academy of Sports  
P.O Box 9056-00200  
Nairobi**

and be deposited in the Tender Box provided at the main entrance of **Kenya Academy of Sports** Offices so as to be received on or before **8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 11.00am**. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in the presence of the Tenderers or their representative who choose to attend at Kenya Academy of Sports Headquarters, Kasarani.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya Academy of Sports website: [www.kas.or.ke](http://www.kas.or.ke) and Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) for any other tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
KENYA ACADEMY OF SPORTS**



# Relief for Kirinyaga residents as bulk water project opened

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH(KNA)

About 400,000 residents of Kirinyaga County will now enjoy a steady supply of clean water following the operationalization of the new Kerugoya-Kutus Bulk Water Project.

The project, which sources its water from the Kiringa and Thiba Rivers, has increased water production from 10,000 cubic meters to 30,000 cubic meters per day, thereby ending perennial water rationing and shortages in most parts of the county.

This project, realized through collaborative ef-

forts between the national and county governments, is a significant milestone towards providing universal access to clean and affordable water in the county.

Major towns that are benefiting from the project include Kagumo, Kagio, Kerugoya, Sagana, Makutano, Kandongu, Kangai, and Mutithi. There are also plans to extend parallel lines from the intake to serve residents in upper Gichugu, including Karumandi, Baragwi, Kabare, and Njukiini wards.

Managed by the county government through the Kirinyaga Water and San-

itation Company (KIRI-WASCO), the project has enabled continuous 24-hour service, up from the previous 18-hour service, thus reducing water shortages and rationing.

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Environment, Water and Irrigation, James Kinyua has noted that with an excess of 20,000 cubic meters of water produced per day, water services will now be extended to underserved areas.

"The project's treatment plant at Muratiri has also enabled the reduction of water turbidity to zero



Kerugoya-Kutus Bulk Water Project in Kirinyaga

and we can assure our residents that the quality of water has greatly improved and can be consumed from tap to mouth.

We conduct monthly testing to ensure that the quality is maintained," he said, noting that clean water will significantly

reduce the prevalence of water-borne diseases and have a positive impact on socio-economic standards of the county.

Apart from enhancing water production and supply, the project has significantly addressed water loss during distribution thus reducing non-revenue water which in turn increases the county's revenue.

Residents have hailed the project as "the long-awaited solution to the water woes in the county" since they are now enjoying clean water which is critical to their health wellbeing.

# Nyeri coffee factories to benefit from new solar dryers to cut operational costs

BY SAMUEL MAINA(KNA)

Chorong'i Coffee Factory in Ruring'u Ward, Nyeri Central Sub-County, is among the factories set to benefit from new solar dryers purchased to help reduce operational costs. The initiative, spearheaded by the Department of Climate Change, is part of the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program.

The project also complies with the National Climate Change Act of 2016, which mandates counties to integrate climate change actions into their development programs and governance structures.

The dryers will enhance the processing capacity and quality of coffee beans produced by the targeted factories. Nyeri County Climate Change Director Yvonne Mathenge said the county government hopes to extend the program to at least four other factories in the coming days.

"We had a budget to install three or four solar dryers and have already completed two. We are preparing to install one or two more in other areas. It is one of the priority actions we are taking in climate action and the optimization of production in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors," she told KNA.

One advantage of solar dryers over conventional ones, which rely on natural sunlight or electricity, is that the former are not affected by changes in weather or unintended



Nyeri County Climate Change Director Yvonne Mathenge (in a maroon top) with other county government officials when they visited a coffee solar dryer Chorong'i Coffee Factory in Ruring'u ward, Nyeri Central Sub County recently. The county government plans to install such dryers in four other coffee factories in other sub counties to help cut down on energy costs courtesy of Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA), PHOTO: COURTESY.

blackouts.

In addition, the temperature of the driers could always be regulated to avoid overheating which can affect the quality of the produce.

Ms Mathenge said the project not only promotes sustainable practices through harnessing solar energy but also supports the farmers in reducing processing costs and increasing their income.

The solar dryers will similarly help improve the drying process, leading to better preservation of coffee quality and a

**We hope climate change mitigation will not just be about dependency on foreign support**

higher market value for the product.

"We are encouraging the solar dryers because by the end of day it means they are saving on operation costs and it's an advantage for them (farmers). So, it is a good thing and it is making work easier because they are able to process more, use less time and incur less costs," she added.

Last year, the County Department of Water, Environment and Climate Change came up with a proposal that would see the county dedicate a percentage of its annual development budget to climate change mitigation.

The proposals were contained in the Climate Change Act and the Climate Change Fund Regulations.

The move was one of the first steps towards ensuring the county was able to fund climate

change mitigation strategies.

"The Climate Change Act and the Climate Change Fund Regulations are proposing that at least one per cent of the county's development budget be set aside for climate change strategies.

"The model will be similar to the county integrated development plan where the county government dedicates funds in the budget to go towards the programmes," said Ms Mathenge regarding the new regulation.

"Our hope is that moving forward, climate change mitigation will not just be about dependency on foreign support. We want to ensure that as a county, we have a strategy that we can start implementing some of these measures even as we are looking out for external assistance," she added.

# IGAD gives Red Cross Sh20 million for flood-hit communities

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has provided Sh20 million in financial support to the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) to strengthen health services for communities affected by floods.

In April, the country experienced devastating floods that caused significant damage, resulting in over 200 deaths, numerous injuries, and extensive property loss and infrastructure destruction.

In a speech delivered on his behalf by the Director of Administration and Finance, Josephat Onyari, at a Mombasa hotel, IGAD Executive Director Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu noted that the recent floods had displaced over 300,000 people, destroyed 10,000 homes, and disrupted essential services, including healthcare.

"This immense disaster demands urgent and decisive action. IGAD, in collaboration with our esteemed partners, recognizes the pressing need to address the healthcare challenges faced by the affected communities," Dr. Gebeyehu said.

The assistance was made possible through contributions of IGAD member states which are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda and development partners to rebuild and strengthen healthcare systems in flood-affected counties.

Dr Geneyehu extolled the Red Cross for its dedication and effectiveness in responding to human-

itarian crises across the country.

"Over the past year, they have provided emergency assistance to over one million people, showcasing their capability to mobilize resources swiftly and efficiently," Dr Gebeyehu said.

"Their compassionate actions have delivered life-saving medical care, shelter, clean water, and food to those in dire need, embodying the spirit of solidarity and humanitarian service," he added.

The Executive Secretary further commended the Red Cross for the setting up of over 50 temporary health clinics, distributing more than 100,000 hygiene kits, and ensuring clean water and sanitation for 200,000 individuals.

"The contribution is more than a financial transaction; it is a testament to our shared commitment to humanity. It reflects our belief that no community should be left behind, especially in times of crisis," Dr Geneyehu said.

He added that the support also underscores IGAD's dedication to strengthening health systems and building resilient communities capable of withstanding future challenges.

On his part, Red Cross Secretary General Dr Ahmed Idriss said the IGAD region has experienced a cyclic pattern of emergencies in recent times.

He noted that there are 83 per cent of climate change-induced disasters globally because of climate change.

# Youth State Department pleads with parliamentary committee for additional funding

BY MONICA OMORO  
(PCO)

The State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy has requested Parliament to accede to its request for an additional provision of Sh1.94 billion under the recurrent vote and a further Sh126 million being the Government Fund for National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement - Nyota under the Development vote to support youth projects.

Appearing before the Ms Alice Ng'ang'a-led Departmental Committee on Social Protection of the National Assembly at the Bunge Towers in Nairobi, the Principal Secretary for the State Department Ishmael Maalim Madey (pictured) said the request falls under 2024/25 supplementary estimates.

Madey requested the Parliament to consider the reinstatement of the State Department's allocation in respect of its capital projects as per the approved estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

The PS disclosed that in the proposed supplementary estimates, the Youth Empowerment Centres (YEC) - BETA has zero allocation for the current 2024/2025 Financial Year, adding that others adversely affected are the Vijana Vuka na Afya and Youth Fund



**Youth Affairs Principal Secretary Ishmael Maalim Madey**

Kenya among others.

Madey added that the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) is also affected. He said funds towards hosting the Kenya Innovation Week (KIW) 2024 were slashed, significantly hampering efforts of successfully host the event which supports identification, nurturing and awarding innovators, mostly the youth and creatives.

Speaking during this meeting, KeNIA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Tonny Omwansa decried the shortfall of Sh50 million for the Kenya Innovation Week which is a flagship forum championed by President William Ruto in support of innovation in the country.

Dr. Omwansa noted that the proposed allocation of Sh104 million for the Agency's

core mandate in the Financial Year 2024/2025 will negatively impact the financing of activities precedent to the establishment of technology transfer offices and supporting innovators across the country, among others.

He revealed that due to the austerity measures brought about by the supplementary budget estimates, establishment of technology transfer offices and running the popular Presidential Innovation Challenge and Award (PIA) will not be fully achieved because of the short fall.

Further, Dr. Omwansa pointed out that innovation is a catalyst for wealth creation.

"It is so vital that we invest in the value chain as a country if we are to solve the challenges of tomorrow, particularly enterprise creation, jobs and wealth generation," he said, adding that new ideas that address challenges need to be supported to develop into meaningful enterprises.

He said KeNIA has developed a ten-year innovation masterplan to guide Kenya's investment in the sub-sector which was launched by the President to serve as a great inspiration, educational and aspirational framework on what the country must do to create new jobs of the future, particularly for the youth.

For KeNIA to oversee the implementation of the mas-

terplan, there is need for appropriate funding, the PS said.

In the current strategic efforts of KeNIA, commercialization of research outputs as well as growth of the startup economy have been prioritized.

Responding to the issues raised, the Committee Chairperson, Ms Ng'ang'a, said the committee will do what it takes to restore the full allocation for the Agency given the critical role it continues to play in regards to incubation and innovation of ideas for the youth and creatives for economic sustainability.

"It is sad that during this critical time when the youth, more so, Gen-Zs are restless and are seeking for government's support and implementation of projects and fulfilment of key pledges for their improved livelihoods that such huge austerity measures are being experienced in this critical Youth Ministry," the Chairperson said.

Ms Ng'ang'a assured the State Department's team that the government, through the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports will continue to be supported to work towards ensuring that projects aimed towards the wellbeing of Kenya's Youth, are impactful and are felt by them, through enhanced budgetary allocations for their sustainability.

# KISM Launches North Rift Chapter to Promote Good Governance

BY EKUWAM SILVESTER  
(KNA)

Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) has operationalised the North Rift members regional chapter to ensure professionalism of the practitioners in procurement and supply chain management.

Speaking during the Regional Members Forum held in Eldoret which involved North Rift chapter members from across the eight counties in the region; Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Baringo, Samburu and Turkana, KISM Chairman, John Karani pointed out that the reason for the initiative is decentralising and devolving KISM services as an institute to the regional chapters formed alongside the original provinces.

"We are here today for a landmark occasion where we are launching the regional chapter of the North Rift region. The idea is how can we bring about professionalization of the people called procurement and supply chain professionals, closer to the people," noted the KISM Chairman.

He revealed that many

of the institutions have reported that about 70 per cent of their budget is spent on procurement, noting that they can get value for the money spent for procurement through capacitating the practitioners in the field of procurement and supply chain management.

"We want to come here and make our services more locally available or affordable in terms of enabling our members in terms of reaching out to people doing this kind of procurement to ensure they are bonafide, registered and qualified people," Karani said.

"We have people coming from across North Rift to operationalise this chapter which is a landmark occasion of amplifying our presence of devolving our services to our members and stakeholders," he explained.

He further indicated that procurement is a multi-disciplinary occasion, and they are doing sensitisation on segregation of duties, sensitising the user department people who eventually consume those services to understand their role in that chain, understand procurement regulations and processes to avert any irregularities that would bring about legal suits.

# KMPDC becomes the premier accredited African Healthcare regulator

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A  
(MYGOV)

The Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) has accredited Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) as a persons certification body for the registration of medical, dental and community oral health practitioners, becoming the first accredited healthcare regulator in Africa under ISO/IEC 17024:2012.

While receiving the certificate, KMPDC Chairperson Prof Stanley Khainga appreciated the accreditation saying that it represents KMPDC's commitment to operating its registration & licensing processes for Medical Practitioners, Dental Practitioners, and Community Oral Health Officers at the highest global standards.

"We must continue to strive for continuous improvement and innovation towards the achievement of Universal Health Coverage under the Bottom-up



**(Left to right) Dr. Margaret Mbugua, Director Standards, Dr. David Kariuki, KMPDC CEO, Dr. Walter Ongeti, KENAS CEO, Mr. Michael Talam, KENAS Manager Certification.**

Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)," said Prof. Khainga adding that, "This dedication to quality and competence has set apart KMPDC as a regional leader in the certification of persons."

Speaking in Nairobi, KMPDC CEO Dr. David D. Kariuki mentioned that the global benchmark for persons certification programs is

designed to ensure that certification bodies operate in a consistent, comparable, and reliable manner worldwide.

"This, in turn, increases the value and recognition of the registration and licensing of medical practitioners we offer, both within the country and internationally," added Dr. Kariuki.

The CEO noted that the accreditation will directly

affect how the council registers and licenses medical and dental practitioners.

"The Council has become part of a global community of professionals committed to excellence in persons certification. This will open doors to collaboration and knowledge-sharing opportunities that weren't available before," said Dr. Kariuki. While commending

KMPDC for being accredited as a persons certification body, Council Member, Dr Patrick Amoth, said "This accreditation enhances the credibility, recognition, and predictability of the registration process, and thus making it easier for our practitioners to penetrate other markets.

"No organization has ever remained the same after accreditation. Performance spills to other departments leading to increased revenue as the results can be trusted and accepted across the board," said KENAS CEO, Dr. Walter Ongeti.

Ongeti observed that accreditation ensures global recognition of certification bodies with over 150 countries worldwide.

He noted that accreditation medical practitioners registered by the Council can offer their services across borders without being subjected to rigorous competence reviews.

"Accreditation is a promise to continue to uphold impartiality and integrity.

It also provides a framework for continual improvement, allowing us to consistently evaluate and improve the registration processes to better serve our stakeholders," he said.

Dr Ongeti observed that ISO/IEC 17024 certification instills confidence in the practitioners' abilities, expertise, and commitment to maintaining high standards, leading to increased client satisfaction and trust.

"It also ensures that one meets the specific industry requirements and standards. This is important in regulated industries where certification is necessary to demonstrate compliance with legal or regulatory obligations," added Dr Ongeti.

The KENAS CEO pointed out that accreditation also ensures that one meets the specific industry requirements and standards.

"This is important in regulated industries where certification is necessary to demonstrate compliance with legal or regulatory obligations," noted Dr Ongeti.

# Agenda Kenya



Issue 134 • July 23, 2024

NATIONAL EDITION

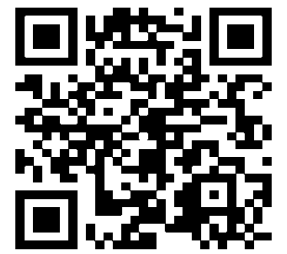


HUDUMA CORNER

Performance Improvement Teams drive service excellence in Huduma Centres

PAGE 3

PLEASE SCAN ME FOR MORE CONTENT



PICTURESPEAK P.4

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES | PROJECTS | FEATURES | NEWS | UPDATES | POLICIES | MDAs



PATRIOTISM

## How Kenyans' resilience has shaped our nationhood

The ordinary citizen is focused on personal and community empowerment that brings out the commitment to grow themselves as well as the love for the country

SEE STORY ON PAGE 2

Our collective sense of belonging and patriotism has seen Kenyans engage in various nation building activities.

### ALSO INSIDE



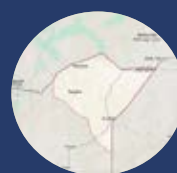
#### PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

KYEB has published 'Kenya at the Olympics: A 60-Year Journey of Medaling', a souvenir publication on the Games.

Ms Kimeto and Mr Macharia agreed that the book would form part of the KBC radio and TV stations commentaries during the broadcasting of the Olympics Games.

FULL STORY ON PAGE 2

### COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



#### MANDERA COUNTY

26,744 km<sup>2</sup>

The county has a population of about a million people.



Youth back new pathway to Kenya's industrialisation

FULL STORY ON PAGE 3



President William Ruto during a meeting with students and various stakeholders.



**“We appeal to the youth to suspend protests and give the government time to attend to the raft of demands, some of which the President has begun to address including firing most of his Cabinet Secretaries, signing of the IEBC Amendment Bill 2024 into law and the resignation of the IG of Police among others. Please desist from actions that will jeopardise the very future that we are all fighting for.”**

— AGK Archbishop Joseph Ole Sapit, Nyeri.

the concerns by the youth and assured that the government is taking measures to actualise their aspirations.

These include through accelerating programmes that boost food security and reduce cost of living.

Expanding existing job creation programmes and creating new interventions to address youth unemployment.

“This crisis has provided us an opportunity to reflect deeply on the relationship between fundamental rights and democratic freedoms, our collective aspirations for prosperity and efforts to secure opportunities for all,” President Ruto said while naming half of his new Cabinet.

The President said the crisis the country is facing provides an opportunity to chart a new path in to the future. This path can only be crafted through an all-inclusive dialogue that brings together the young and the old.

I am ready to engage with the youth to understand their issues, the President said.

And as the saying goes, if you listen to the whispers of the elders, you will avoid the mistakes of the youth.

The church, in recognition of the value of dialogue and listening to elders, has called for dialogue, noting that continued protests might push the country into anarchy.

“We request that you open up yourselves for inclusive conversations so that you are also enriched by perspectives that may not be obvious to you,” Archbishop Anthony Mueria of Nyeri said.

He added that there is a real risk that as the youth push for their demands, they become intolerant to other ideas and visions.

Senior Counsel, Dr John Khaminwa, appealed to the youth to stop the protests and engage in dialogue.

Our youths have spoken. They have been heard by the establishment. Let them not go further, to do so would bring disaster as there would be no Kenya to talk about and complain against, he said. ■

TOGETHERNESS

## Kenyan youth urged to embrace dialogue for nation building

If you listen to the whispers of the elders, you will avoid the mistakes of the youth

**K**enyans are known for their diligence, tenacity and resilience; attributes that define us in every sector - from athletics to farming, education and business.

These qualities are what make us love our country, talk about it with pride and even wear the Kenyan flag bracelet with joy, making it part of our national identity.

Our collective sense of belonging and patriotism are expressed through various symbols. These are the flag, the map, the national anthem and the coat of arms.

The national flag, which has four colours black, white, red and green - is the foremost identity of the People of Kenya.

Black represents the people; a reminder that

one is part of the larger Kenyan community.

Red symbolises the blood shed during the fight for independence; it evokes a sense of sacrifice and the struggles endured to achieve freedom, which Kenyans are proud to possess.

Green signifies our fertile land, abundant natural resources and lush vegetation. It also represents the nation's wealth and potential, a source of pride for citizens.

White symbolises peace and unity as well as peaceful coexistence; a value central to the national identity.

When it comes to the national anthem, which is aptly titled, "Ee Mungu Nguvu Yetu", it reflects Kenyans aspirations for unity, justice, peace and prosperity. It was composed soon

after independence in 1963, with the song celebrating the country's rich resources and calls for unity and justice for all.

The Kenyan map represents our Republic, inspiring pride in the country's landscapes, national parks, lakes, cities and towns. These features serve as the source of our shared heritage and the unique characteristics that define the country.

The map unites diverse ethnic groups, languages and cultures under one national identity, representing the collective spirit of the Kenyan people striving towards a common goal.

And lastly, adopted in 1964, the Coat of Arms is a rich visual representation of the

nations heritage and aspirations. It consists of two lions, which symbolise bravery and the country's wildlife; the shield and spears, which signify unity and defence for freedom; a rooster with an axe, which represents authority and success and the motto "Harambee" that means pulling together for the benefit of all.

It is these symbols that have made Kenyans remain united over the years amidst the various challenges.

The current political stalemate, which has seen the younger generation come out boldly to express its grievances, has ignited discussions about governance, social justice, economic opportunities and our nationhood.

President William Ruto has acknowledged

### TELLING THE STORY

## Kenya Yearbook, KBC collaborate to bring you exciting content on Paris 2024 Olympics

**T**he Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) and Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) will collaborate to bring you exciting content during the 2024 Paris Olympics Games that kick off this Friday.

KYEB CEO, Ms Lilian Kimeto and KBC's Acting Managing Director Paul Macharia sealed the partnership, noting that it will run during the Olympics Games period and beyond. “This collaboration is about

educating and informing the public and telling the authentic Kenyan story and journey at the Games, which dates back 60 years ago,” Ms Kimeto said, adding that KYEB will also work with KBC to serialise “Yearbooks” on their TV and radio stations. KYEB has published *Kenya at the Olympics: A 60-Year Journey of Medaling*, a souvenir publication on the Games.

Ms Kimeto and Mr Macharia agreed that the book would form

part of the KBC radio and TV stations commentaries during the broadcasting of the Olympics Games.

The book captures the country's triumphs as well as its challenges at the Games, highlighting the resilience of our athletes.

It tells the story of athletics, for

which Kenya is renowned, as well as boxing, rugby, volleyball and even newer sports like fencing, in which the country will participate for the first time in Paris.

The book was published in collab-



KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto.



KBC Ag. CEO Paul Macharia.

oration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports, the Kenya News Agency, the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy through the State Department of Broadcasting and Telecommunications. ■

## Performance teams drive better service delivery at Huduma Centres

**H**uduma Kenya has come up with Performance Improvement Teams (PITs) to boost service delivery across its 53 centres nationwide. The PITs, which were started in March, have become the cornerstone of the programme's success, with the centres serving 60,000 people daily, according to Acting CEO Mugambi Njeru. The PITs are composed of skilled and knowledgeable Huduma Centre staff, who play a pivotal role in ensuring continuous improvement and excellence across all the Centres. Their commitment to service excellence ensures that the

public receives efficient, transparent and citizen-centric services. The teams track performance indicators regularly to identify any areas that need improvement and incorporate fresh ideas that drive the transformative journey of Huduma Kenya. They also carry out analysis based on citizen feedback and data to determine challenges and how to address them. Using this information, they then collaborate with Huduma Centre staff to make changes aimed at improving operations. With PITs driving positive change, the quest for a transformed public service landscape is taking root. ■



**HUDUMA CORNER**



**Performance teams are made up of staff from Huduma Centres and they ensure excellence in service delivery.**  
Inset: Huduma Kenya Ag. CEO Mugambi Njeru.



The youth who participated in the 7th KIPPR Annual Regional Conference also undertook capacity building sessions.

DEVELOPMENT

# Youth back new pathway to Kenya's industrialisation

**They identify numerous opportunities and propose ways to bolster youth involvement in the country's industrialisation**

**O**ver 110 youth at the recent KIPPR Annual Regional Conference on Industrialisation held in Kisumu declared that they embrace industrialisation as an enabler of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). In a communiqué, the youth hailing from 19 counties - 14 that make up the Lake Region Economic Bloc - as well as Meru, Nairobi, Nyeri, and Nakuru, represented a diverse cross-section of future leaders.



**Prime Cabinet Secretary, Mr Musalia Mudavadi.**

The group emphasised the need to effectively harness youth talent and potential by promoting STEM education and developing vocational training programmes aligned with industry needs. The call for establishing innovation hubs

and incubators resonated strongly among the participants, as they envisioned spaces that provide resources, mentorship, and funding for young entrepreneurs. In their discussions, the youth highlighted the importance of equal opportunities for all, regardless of gender, socio-economic background or geographic location to participate in industrial activities. They underscored the necessity of supporting youth in the agriculture sector, promoting agribusiness start-ups, and investing in sustainable farming techniques that appeal to young farmers. Digital tools and technologies such as mobile apps, drones and the Internet of Things (IoT), were seen as vital to increasing productivity and efficiency in agriculture. Their sentiments were echoed by the Prime Cabinet Secretary, Mr Musalia Mudavadi, who when launching the Technical and Vocational Education and Training, (TVET-CDACC)

strategic plan 2023-2027 last week, at the Kenya School of TVET in Gigiri, said the Government must align youth empowerment initiatives with job market demands. He further stated that the youth are key actors in nation building as they are the future of a nation and play an integral part within the societal social fabric. "We aim at producing highly skilled graduates who are not only employable, but also capable of driving innovation and economic growth through self-employment," noted the Prime Cabinet Secretary. The youth at KIPPR conference also advocated for the inclusion of young voices in decision-making processes through advisory councils and leadership programmes. They called for the formation and strengthening of youth agricultural cooperatives to enhance collective bargaining power, resource sharing, and knowledge exchange. Additionally, they stressed the importance of protecting youth innovations through copyrights and patents, ensuring that young innovators can benefit from their creations. The Youth Side event at the 7th KIPPR Annual Regional Conference underscored the critical role of young people in shaping the future of industrial development in Kenya, demonstrating that the nation's youth are ready and eager to lead the way toward a brighter future. ■

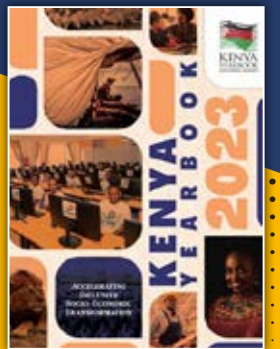


Access our products through our website

[www.kenyayearbook.co.ke](http://www.kenyayearbook.co.ke)

or buy physical copies at

<https://kyeb.ecitizen.go.ke/>



Please contact our marketing team for publication partnerships and collaborations

E-mail: [marketing@kenyayearbook.go.ke](mailto:marketing@kenyayearbook.go.ke)

Tel: +254 20 271 5390

PICTURESPEAK



President William Ruto (second left) when he met Switzerland Ambassador to Kenya, Valentin Zellweger (third left) and his team at State House Nairobi. With them is Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs Musalia Mudavadi (right).



Mr Jonathan Mueke, the Principal Secretary for Livestock (centre), when he oversaw the rollout of the National Vaccination Programme in Kitui County.



President William Ruto (centre) and Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (right) during the official opening of the Njoro Technical Training Institute in Nakuru County.



Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni (third left, seated), during a training session on strengthening local healthcare services in Kwale County. Inset: Ms Muthoni.

## KALRO's innovative project to produce 5.8 tonnes of early generation rice seeds

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU(KNA)

The Kenya Agricultural Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) has launched the development of a sustainable certified rice seed production system that is expected to transform farmers' livelihoods by providing affordable certified rice seed for improved productivity.

Through a five-year collaborative project with the Korea Partnership for Innovative Agriculture (KOPIA), KALRO will support the production of early generation seeds, the multiplication of certified seeds of elite varieties, and the distribution of certified rice seed to rice farmers.

Speaking in Mwea during the launch of the project, KALRO Director General Dr. Eliud Kireger said Kenya's domestic rice sector has not satisfied the increasing demand for rice. This issue has been exacerbated by the growth of the middle-class population and urbanization, with



KALRO- KOPIA Komboka seed variety.

more people relying on rice for food.

"Consumption of rice in the country is going up especially because of the young people who are abandoning 'ugali' and going for rice. Kenya's urban population is also projected to reach 50 per cent of the total population by 2050, which means their demand for food will lead to a significant deficit in milled rice," he said.

The DG explained that currently, the demand for rice per individual per year

is 28 kilograms but, looking at the current trends, Kenyans are expected to consume approximately 30 kilograms of rice per capita by 2027 translating to a total of 1.8 million metric tons of milled rice.

"Currently, we are consuming about 950,000 to a million metric tons of rice whereas we are only producing 200,000 metric tons, a deficit of 80 per cent and for us to be able to close that gap, we need to have a seed system which ensures affordable quality seed, so

that farmers are able to increase production," he observed.

He explained that to meet this demand, the government, through the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda under the 'reduce imports pillar', targets to have a compounded annual growth rate of 25 per cent in rice production.

"Hopefully in the next four to five years, we will have bridged that gap of up to 50 per cent to 60 per cent of what we are producing, and this will be done through improving access and availability of certified rice seeds of high yielding market preferred varieties to farmers," he added.

Dr. Kireger said that in any crop-based production system, the significance of seed quality and effective seed systems cannot be underestimated, saying that in Kenya, 90 per cent of the released and adopted rice varieties are open-pollinated varieties (OPV) and farmers often recycle grains as seeds.

### BRIEFS

#### Board warns public about false diabetes treatments

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) has cautioned the public about false diabetes treatments, urging vigilance and reporting of anyone selling suspicious medicines. PPB Chief Executive Officer Dr. Fred Siyoi said the Board received an alert from Interpol concerning the falsification of Ozempic pens (semaglutide). Apidra Solostar pens (glulisine), used to treat both type 1 and type 2 diabetes, have been falsely relabeled as Ozempic (semaglutide) pens.

"Consequently, the Board would like to inform the public that Ozempic pens are currently not registered or authorized by the Board to be placed in the Kenyan market.

Therefore, any product being marketed as Ozempic pens is illegal in the market, and the Board cannot ascertain their safety, quality, and effectiveness," Dr. Siyoi explained.

To safeguard public safety, he said the Board has initiated a rapid response and

heightened surveillance to verify whether the falsified Ozempic pens are presently circulating in the Kenyan market.

"The Board cautions the public and healthcare professionals against trading, distribution, wholesaling, retailing, issuing, dispensing, use or administration to patients of the falsified Ozempic pens, as such actions are illegal and jeopardise public health and safety," the CEO said.

He called on members of the public and healthcare professionals to immediately share any information regarding Ozempic pens with the Pharmacy and Poisons Board.

He highlighted that the reports may be made to the nearest healthcare facility or the Pharmacy and Poisons Board through their website <https://pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org/users/mpublic>; Mobile application: mPVERS, USSD code \*271#, email: [pms@ppb.go.ke](mailto:pms@ppb.go.ke) or Tel No. 0795743049.

Judy Sheri and Joseph Ng'ang'a

#### High hopes for Team Kenya as Paris 2024 Olympics beckons

Sports Principal Secretary Eng. Peter Tum is optimistic that Team Kenya will bring home at least eight gold medals from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Eng. Tum was speaking at the Ministry's office at Talanta Plaza as the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK) made public the final list of the Kenyan contingent to the games.

Kenya's best performance in the history of the Olympic Games was in 2008 during the Beijing Olympics, where the country bagged a total of 16 medals: six gold medals, four silver medals, and six bronze medals.

"I am not an athlete, but I am confident this team is going to bring home at least eight gold medals. The preparations have been top-notch both locally and internationally through their federations, and the team that we are sending to Paris is the best," said Tum, who will be the head of the delegation for the team and the highest-ranked government official. He added, "I want to thank President William Ruto for flagging off the team on July 5th and ensuring that the allowances this

time are at an all-time high. This kind of motivation assures us of many medals."

"Apart from participating in the Olympics, Kenya will also be showcasing several aspects of itself. We will be showcasing our tourism prowess as the best destination in Africa, we will also be looking into trade, and that is why we have curated a Kenya House in Paris."

The team comprises 81 athletes, 33 team officials, 26 members of the management team, and five members of the Olympic family. It is a leaner team compared to the contingent that travelled to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Nock president Paul Tergat said the over 80 athletes had come across different sports, namely: athletics, rugby, fencing, volleyball, judo, and swimming.

"It is officially eight days to the Paris Olympic games, meaning we are officially on the homestretch of a significant year for most sportsmen and women. The games are about to begin. The single digits countdown is the athlete's alarm to step into the competition mode.

By MyGov Reporter

## Mount Kenya region to benefit from Sh63b water and sanitation development scheme

BY WANGARI MWANGI(KNA)

The Tana Water Works Development Agency (TWWDA) is seeking KSh 63 billion to enhance water supply and improve sanitation services in five counties in the Mount Kenya Region over the next five years.

These proposals are outlined in the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, which aims to increase access to quality water services from 57.8 per cent to 90 per cent by 2027. Additionally, the agency targets increasing sanitation services from 8.1 per cent to 30 per cent by the end of the implementation period.

To achieve these goals, TWWDA will rely on the government to contribute KSh 8.5 billion in support of the projects. These projects will be implemented in Embu, Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Tharaka-Nithi, and Meru counties.



Administrative Secretary in the State Department for Water and Sanitation, Stephen Kihara(2nd left), Tana Water Works Development Agency CEO, Eng Phillip Gichuki(Third Right) together with the agency board members during the launch of Agency's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

Public Private Partnerships will contribute Sh 30 billion to the plan while Sh 21.7 billion will be sourced from development partners. and the remaining Sh 3.5 billion will be sourced from income generating activities within the Agency. Speaking at a Nyeri hotel during the launch of the strategic plan, TWWDA Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Philip Gichuki said

that the Agency intends to implement 32 water projects in its bid to increase water coverage throughout the five counties. Additionally, the Agency has lined up 14 sanitation projects which will cost it Sh 8 billion to implement.

"We aim to achieve 90 per cent water coverage by 2027. The strategic plan has set out very specific targets covering specific counties.

We have big water supply projects that we really want to reach the population within these counties with adequate water supply. When we do the water projects, we also need to ensure that waste that is generated is handled. Therefore, we will also be having a component for waste management," noted Eng Gichuki.

The projects include the construction of a Sh 1.6 billion water supply project in Embu county which will benefit at least 250,000 residents and a Sh 1.1 billion bulk water supply project for Kirinyaga targeting 100,000 residents of Kirinyaga South East.

The Water Agency is also planning to construct a dam in Timau, Meru County at the cost of Sh 9.3 billion while in Nyeri the Agency has listed the construction of Muhoya Dam at the cost of Sh 10.44 billion as a key project.