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Kenya's grain reserves to exceed demand following record harvest



Agriculture PS Dr. Paul Rono

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BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

There will be a maize surplus of about 31.07 million 50-kilogram bags by the end of August 2024, according to the State Department for Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition Security Report.

This surplus is based on carryover stocks of 36.6 million bags and an estimated 1.08 million 50-kg bags of forecasted imports over the next three months, according to the Na-

tional Food Balance Sheet report.

Agriculture Principal Secretary Paul Rono says that the status of the national stocks and consumption estimates show that about 24.5 million bags of maize will be harvested from the long rains crop in low-altitude, warmer counties, including Bomet, parts of Narok, Nyamira, and parts of Migori,

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32 m Expected maize surplus (50 kilogramme-bags) by the end of August 2024	Sh2.5b Cost of a granite processing plant at Emuhaya in Vihiga County	25,000 Number of trees Ministry of Health employees aim to plant in every periodic visit to West Pokot	Sh66-million Cost of an ultra modern health facility Hemingways will build in the Maasai Mara .	300 Persons with disabilities in Mandera who received assorted mobility kits from county	1,500 Vulnerable youths who have been trained for over a three-year period, in Tharaka Nithi County.
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Principal Secretary for Transport Mohamed Daghar (Seated) when he received and inspected 20 new Madaraka Express Passenger Service coaches at the Port of Mombasa.

Kenya Railways Corporation launches 20 high-tech coaches for Madaraka Express

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Kenya Railways Corporation has commissioned 20 new state-of-the-art passenger coaches to invigorate the Madaraka Express Passenger Service between the coastal city of Mombasa and Nairobi.

Statistics from the Kenya Railways Corporation indicate that a record 12 million passengers have been transported since the introduction of the Madaraka Express passenger train service in 2017.

The 20 new passenger service coaches, launched by the Principal Secretary for Transport, Mohamed Daghar, include ten revamped economy class coaches, four pre-

mium class coaches, one dining car, and four first-class coaches aimed at improving the service and meeting customers' expectations.

To further enhance customer experience, PS Daghar noted that plans are underway to introduce Wi-Fi onboard the trains and improve the ticketing systems.

The four premium class coaches are designed to guarantee pas-

senger comfort and convenience. They boast an optimized seating arrangement, with each coach limited to 28 passengers, ensuring ample legroom and personal space.

They have enhanced luggage solutions for travelers with extra baggage, convertible seating that can recline fully, providing ultimate relaxation and privacy, and innovative design elements such as automated window shutters and rotating seats.

"This is the first of its kind in Kenya and probably in the region. These are very comfortable

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where crop planting began early in January.

"The available stocks are enough for the country up to the next main harvest of long rains starting in August 2024 in most counties," he said. The PS noted that the wheat balance sheet projected to the end of August 2024 shows a surplus of 10.2 million 50-kg bags, assuming private sector imports of 8.7 million 50-kg bags in the next three months.

The Rice Balance Sheet projected to the end of August 2024 shows a surplus of 4.1 million 50-kg bags based on carryover stocks of 3.3 million 50-kg bags. The beans balance sheet projected to the end of July 2024 shows a surplus of 10.3 million 50-kg bags based on carryover stocks of 3.4 million bags, approximately 270,000 bags of estimated imports by the private sector over the next three months, and about nine million bags to be harvested by

early June and July. The PS noted that the total imports of maize for May decreased from 523,771 (50-kg bags) in April to 516,151 (50-kg bags) and compared to 633,555 (50-kg bags) imported in March.

"Most of the maize imports were from Tanzania, with considerable amounts coming in from Uganda," Dr. Rono said.

He added that the quantity of beans imported in May doubled from 5,153 bags (50-kg) to 11,931 bags (50-kg) imported in April. But still, the total imports are very low compared to previous years, he said.

In addition, the quantity of rice imported in May decreased further to 352,300 (50-kg bags) compared to 610,020 (50-kg bags) imported in April and compared to 1.185 million (50-kg bags) imported in March. According to the PS, the recent Food and Nutrition Security Report has improved from May. He said most of the staple foods are available both at households and

markets.

"The prices of basic staples, especially cereals and pulses, continued to decline in May as some farmers who had been keeping the stocks on speculation decided to release the stocks into the market," Dr. Rono said. "The overall gradual decline in staple food prices continues to improve household food access and availability, with cross-border imports and prospects of harvests from the current season likely to maintain price declines in the coming months," PS Rono noted.

On food commodity price trends, the balance sheets show that food prices continue to be high compared to the long-term average at this time of the year, but all have shown signs of decrease with the exception of rice.

"Grains are available in the markets because of the domestic production which has boosted the availability of commodities in the market," he said.

Kenya Railways unveils 20 new high-tech coaches for Madaraka Express

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coaches that have different auxiliary features that support a particular type of customer who is traveling," said PS Daggar at the Port Reitz Freight Yard in Mombasa.

"The seats are fully reclining to a flatbed, and you have automatic or contactless charging points for your mobile devices," he added.

In the Economy Class, passengers will no longer sit facing each other. Instead, the three-by-two seating arrangement across the width of the coach will have passengers facing either the departing station or the destination.

"Top of the list from the feedback was the charging inability. We are now happy to announce that we have four charging stations in each seating arrangement. We assure you now that you can charge your phones," elucidated PS Daggar.

The coaches also now have a baby-changing area for refreshing babies during the journey and



Principal Secretary for Transport Mohamed Daggar when he flagged off 20 new Madaraka Express Passenger Service coaches at the Port of Mombasa.

foldout tray tables and pocket seats for placing small items.

"We are also receiving a way powerful power car. We used to carry 13 coaches with one power car, with the new car that we have received we can carry 20 coaches," stated the Transport PS.

The PS further reiterated the government's commitment to enhance last-mile connectivity through the Meter Gauge Railway (MGR).

Plans are at an advanced stage to revamp the Ruiru Line one of the busiest commuter rail lines through the support of the World Bank under

the Kenya Urban Mobility Improvement Project.

"We want to make the line dual to ensure that Kenyans who live in Ruiru can come to the Nairobi Central Station and seamlessly connect to the Syokimau station and take SGR and go to any part of the country," stated PS Daggar.

KRC has so far constructed 20 and five commuter stations in Nairobi and Mombasa respectively that are linked to the SGR terminuses in the two cities.

"We are determined to ensure that our customers continue moving seamlessly throughout Kenya.



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FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

APPLICATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Higher Education Loans Board invites applications for the 2024-2025 Postgraduate partial scholarships from Kenyan students enrolled for Masters and PhD programs in local Public or Private Universities recognized by the Commission for University Education [CUE].

The value of the scholarship award is **Kshs.200,000** and **Kshs.450,000** for Masters and PhD programs respectively, tenable for 2 years in respect of the Masters Program and 3 years for the PhD.

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2. Minimum of **Second-Class Upper Division**.
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4. If HELB loan beneficiary, the applicant **MUST** be repaying his/her loan or has cleared the same.

HOW TO APPLY:

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2. Submit online the duly completed form.

NOTE

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2. Do not pay any individual to process your HELB Postgraduate Scholarship Application.
3. Persons with Special needs and from Marginalized counties are encouraged to apply
4. The Application Closes on **31st August 2024**

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Athletics Kenya opens first-ever affiliate office in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu

BY EKUAM SILVESTER AND JUDY TOO(KNA)

The Athletics Kenya (AK) has launched its first-ever affiliate office in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County, to ensure athletes can access services easily and cost-effectively while training at their camps.

Previously, athletes were forced to incur transport and logistics costs as they had to travel to Nairobi to access services, including registration, among others. Speaking during the launch ceremony of the new office in Eldoret, AK President Jackson Tuwei indicated that the office, established through the efforts of the Anti-Doping Steering Committee, was logistically and significantly beneficial for the athletes. He announced that registration would start immediately, beginning on July 24, 2024, and encouraged athletes from across the region to visit the office to access all the services. "Why this Eldoret office for Athletics Kenya? First, this is the epicenter of athletics. We want our athletes to receive close

attention in terms of our services, such as documentation, registration, and recommendations, as they focus on training," the AK President noted.

"We thought it important for us to open this office here to assist the athletes and other people who may need information about AK services requirements. We want to make it easy for the athletes to get these documents in a more manageable manner," Gen. Tuwei explained.

Noting that Kenya is one of the cleanest countries in the world in terms of doping, Tuwei further called on the public not to forget to recognize the efforts of the legends who contributed to the development of athletics in this country.

He noted that they have begun the registration of athletes, camps, coaches, officials and anybody who is involved in the athletics domain and that they have already produced a programme for the exercise to begin with immediate effect so that AK is able to know how many athletes are there.

First batch of certified forensic fraud examiners completes KASNEB course

BY CHARI SUCHE(KNA)

The Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examination Board (KASNEB) has pledged to support the fight against corruption in the country through the training of fraud examiners.

KASNEB says these fraud examiners will investigate fraud and corruption cases both in the government and private sectors. Additionally, about ten Certified Forensic Fraud Examiner (CFFE) professionals have graduated from the post-professional course, which is helpful in building a career in fraud risk management and fraud detection systems.

Speaking in Mombasa, KASNEB Chief Executive Officer Mr. Nicholas Letting said the institution has marked a significant and fundamental step with the graduation of the first cohort of these professionals.

Letting stated that the graduates successfully pursued the qual-



A section of the first graduate cohort of Certified Forensic Fraud Examiners (CFFE) in Mombasa. INSET: Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examination Board (KASNEB) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Prof. Nicholas Letting gives keynote address during the graduation ceremony of the Certified Forensic Fraud Examiners (CFFE) in Mombasa. PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA

ification, which was launched in 2021, with exams beginning in April 2022.

The CEO mentioned that KASNEB has filled a gap in the integrity sector, where all investigative agencies need experts who have completed the course.

"The course was launched in 2021 in partnership with a representative of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), who have assisted us in devel-

is that it has a Kenyan case study chapter called "Integrated Case Study Paper" whereby students go through role modeling by coming up with a paper based on the situation in the country, tasking them to tackle it as fraud examiners, having been backed up by legal cases.

"As KASNEB, we want to support the government in the fight against corruption. We are looking forward to the impact of the professionals on the nation," he added.

The KASNEB Chairperson Dr. Nancy Muriuki said the graduation has produced graduates who would help the country deal with integrity cases.

Muriuki said money is lost and failed to be accounted for in the country yet there are many unemployed young people with some families languishing in poverty.

"We now have people who can help us to fight corruption in terms of fraud examination," she said.



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The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya National Examinations Council Act No. 29 of 2012. The Council is mandated to conduct national assessments and examinations at both basic and tertiary levels and certify learners.

1.0 KNEC invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Tenders below:


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1.4	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/14	Servicing, Repair and Maintenance of Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) equipment on a two-year contract	Youth
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1.6	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/16	Provision of Garbage Collection Services on a two-year contract	Women
1.7	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/17	Provision of Sanitary Bins Collection Services on a two year contract	Women

2.0 Interested eligible Bidders may obtain tender documents from the following websites: www.knec.ac.ke or www.supplier.treasury.go.ke or www.tender.go.ke

3.0 The closing date for submission shall be as per the dates provided in the respective bid documents.

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Also note that enforcement action(s) may be instituted for non-compliance without further notification. Application(s) should be submitted not later than 31st July, 2024.

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To ensure the disposal of smoke detectors is done in a responsible manner, it is hereby directed that all decommissioned or unused smoke detectors be disposed of at a licensed radioactive waste facility. Additionally, take note that all facilities using X-ray scanners for scanning baggage are required to register with KNRA.

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PS encourages Kenyans seeking jobs overseas to learn foreign languages

BY CATHERINE KAMAU (PCO)

The Principal Secretary for Labour and Skills Development, Mr. Shadrack Mwadime, has urged Kenyans interested in securing jobs abroad to learn foreign languages to fit into the positions the government is securing for them.

Addressing medical and nursing students at the Kenya Methodist University (KeMU) main campus in Meru, Mwadime assured Kenyans that job opportunities are available abroad due to bilateral labour agreements signed between Kenya and other countries.

Consequently, Mwadime urged the management of KeMU to introduce the teaching of the German language to enable students interested in working in Germany, as it is a requirement in the bilateral labour agreement between Kenya and Germany. The PS emphasized the need for a six-month Ger-



Prof John Kobia(left) the VC KeMU University, PS Shadrack Mwadime (centre) field questions from students.

man language teaching program, particularly for those in the medical field, as interacting directly with clients and knowing their language is paramount. Mwadime acknowledged that the State Department for Labour and Skills Development has been actively seeking opportunities for the youth and apologized for the poor communication regarding the initiatives that have been undertaken and continue to be pursued but have not been adequately communicated to the public.

"We have done and continue to do a lot to ensure you get jobs here in Kenya and abroad, but I agree with President

William Ruto that the information is not getting to the ground as is supposed, and I personally apologize for the same," Mwadime said. He cited a completed bilateral labour agreement with Germany for doctors and nurses to work in the country, which will be sealed in September this year. "During negotiations, the German Government cited a shortage of workers of a number not less than two hundred and fifty thousand across all skilled sectors with the medical having the greatest," the PS said. Addressing the students, the Acting Secretary General for Labour Migration Mr. Joel Mwanzi who had

accompanied the PS and the Director General of the National Employment Agency Ms Edith Okoki assured Kenyans that the bottlenecks and the prolonged processes in getting clearance to work abroad for applicants are sorted out.

"The Department of Labour Migration was created a year ago to streamline labour migration across agencies, public and private institutions," Mr. Mwanzi added. Responding to students on why Kenyans were dying in the Gulf country, which was of great concern, Ms Edith Okoki advised Kenyans to log in to the National Employment Agency website and use only the vetted private recruiting agencies listed by the Agency. "Kindly log in to www.neamis.go.ke and use the PRAs highlighted in black. Those are the qualified ones to recruit besides being active, which if you have a complaint, we can follow up for you as government," the DG said.

Mombasa partners with ILO to eliminate child labour menace

BY CHARI SUCHE(KNA)

The Mombasa County Government has expressed its commitment to address the most pressing issues driving the child labour menace in the county in partnership with development partners and other stakeholders.

Consequently, the County Public Administration Department will enforce and implement all the aspects articulated in the Mombasa Call to Action against Child Labor.

This includes developing enabling laws and policies as well as supporting implementation programmes to build the capacity of the county government and stakeholders to address child labor, forced labor and trafficking of persons.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) Deputy Regional Director Coffi Agossou said the Mombasa Call to Action 2024 is a significant commitment to addressing the most pressing issues in child labor in the county. The initiative speaks to, among others, all the priority areas under

the Durban Call to Action 2022, which is a global blueprint on addressing child labor.

The Mombasa Policy on the Elimination of Child Labor, which is currently under development, is likely to be a key tool in supporting the development of key structures and programmes for effectively addressing child labor in the country. Agossou said ILO, through the CAPSA project, will continue to provide technical and financial support to the Mombasa County Government to develop the Mombasa County Policy on the elimination of child labor.

He said the project will be the country's first stand-alone county level policy on child labor, adding that the organization will also provide support to the county to establish a sub-committee on child labor.

"This will entrench the sub-committee as a policy making, enforcement and monitoring framework on child labor at the county government level," he said.



FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS' FIRST TIME SCHOLARSHIP, LOANS & BURSARY APPLICATIONS UNDER THE OLD AND NEW FUNDING MODELS

Higher Education Loans Board in conjunction with Universities Fund invites applications for the First Time 2024-2025 Financial Year Undergraduate Student Scholarship and Loan from Kenyan students placed in public universities by the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service [KUCCPS]. Kenyan Students placed or in self-sponsored programmes in Public and Private Universities in Kenya and the East African Community that are recognized by the Commission for University Education [CUE] also qualify to apply for HELB Loan only.

Eligible students for Old Funding Model: Undergraduate Students applying for scholarship and loan for the First-Time and who sat for their KCSE before the year 2022.

Eligible students for The New Funding

Model: Newly placed Undergraduate Students applying for scholarship and loan for the First-Time and who sat for their KCSE in 2022 or 2023 only.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Visit www.hef.co.ke to access the application portal to register, create and activate account (applicants are advised to use their personal mobile number registered under their name and National Identification Number).
2. Log in, go to apply for Loan/Scholarship or both, click and select the **2024-2025 Undergraduate First Time Scholarship and Loan Application Form**. (you can only apply for both loan and scholarship if you sat for your KCSE in 2022 or 2023 and newly placed by KUCCPS)
3. Read and appraise yourself online on Financial Literacy and appreciate the purpose of Higher Education Financing.

4. Access and fill the Scholarship and Loan application form.
5. Upon successful application and submission of the Scholarship and Loan application online, **YOU ARE NOT** required to print and submit any physical application to us. **(This is a paperless application process)**
6. You will be enabled to track the processing status of your application on the application portal.
7. For any assistance/support, kindly Contact HELB through contactcentre@helb.co.ke

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The closing date for the applications is **31st December 2024**.

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UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING STUDENTS' SUBSEQUENT SCHOLARSHIP & LOAN APPLICATIONS UNDER THE OLD AND NEW FUNDING MODELS

The Higher Education Loans Board in conjunction with Universities Fund invites applications for the **2024-2025 Financial Year Second and Subsequent Undergraduate Scholarship and Loans**, from Kenyan continuing students placed by the Kenya Universities & Colleges Central Placement Service [KUCCPS] and those in Self-sponsored Programs in Public & Private Universities in Kenya and the East African Community that are recognized by the Commission for University Education [CUE].

Eligible students: Undergraduate Continuing Students applying for the **second and subsequent student scholarship and loan**.

How to Apply:

1. Download the **HELB App** from **Google Play Store** or use **USSD Code** by dialing ***642#**
2. Register using your phone number to generate a PIN which you will use to log in.

NB: Ensure the mobile number is registered under your name. **Please NOTE** that mobile numbers not registered in the student's name will not be able to proceed with the application.

3. Read, understand, and click to accept the **terms and conditions**.
4. Enter your (first name) as it appears on your national ID card, the ID number and valid email address to complete registration.
5. Click on the **scholarship or loans or loans & scholarship** tab and choose degree. Then click **"apply"** on the Undergraduate second and subsequent scholarship and loan.
6. Read and understand the process tutorial and proceed to read the financial literacy guide.
7. Answer the financial literacy questions and scroll down to view results and click **"proceed"**.
8. Click on **get started** to start the application process.

9. Enter your phone number which should be registered in your name and national ID number to verify that you are the owner.
10. Read and understand the scholarship/loan terms and condition and **agree to proceed**.
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12. Select your preferred loan payment option.
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300 disabled in Mandera receive assistive devices

BY ADAN MOHAMED (KNA)

More than 300 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Mandera County have a reason to smile after the county government donated assorted mobility kits to empower and to give them the independence to move around.

The persons with disability, some of whom have been bedridden for years, received wheelchairs, foldable steel wheelchairs designed for children, elbow crutches, tricycles, walking frames and white canes among others.

This initiative aims to provide essential tools to improve the quality of life, mobility, and independence of persons with disabilities.

Ms Sumeya Bishar, the county CEC for Social and Gender Services while distributing the items said they will no longer be holed up idle inside their houses due to lack of movement support devices.

She added the county government will distrib-

ute the assorted assistive devices across Mandera County adding that issues involving disability affairs involving PWDs will be sorted out.

CEC Sumeya also encouraged individuals with disabilities and their caregivers to take advantage of the assistive devices to improve their overall quality of life and independence.

She underscored the need to support these groups saying they have unmatched talents that if nurtured can get them out of poverty.

“Mandera County Government is committed to continuing its efforts in providing assistance and empowerment to PWDs within our community,” the CEC said while presiding over the launch.

Ibrahim Ali thanked the donors for these timely assistance saying it will bring joy to more persons with disability.

This assistance will make sure that PWDs in Mandera will go about their daily life like normal persons. We appreciate Ibrahim Ali.

Efforts underway to locate underground water sources in arid, semi arid counties

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI(KNA)

The Government has mapped out five arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) counties to survey the location of underground aquifers to tap water for residents of those water-insecure areas.

Mr. Julius Korir, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Water and Sanitation, said the initiative is still ongoing in Marsabit and seventeen other counties in the Athi and Tana Basins. He noted that this exercise will enable water researchers to identify groundwater aquifers and the extent they cover.

“The research will also determine the quantity and quality of groundwater held in these aquifers, and this knowledge could be a game changer in the ASAL areas where surface water is limited,” Korir said.

He mentioned that Kenya faces significant challenges in the water sector, with over 40 per cent of the population

lacking access to clean water and adequate sanitation.

The PS made these remarks in a speech read on his behalf by the Director of Water Resources, Mr. Kinyua Mware, during a media breakfast on climate change in Kenya’s drylands held at a Nairobi hotel.

Korir commended ‘The Reach: Improving Water Security for Poor Programme,’ funded by the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) for a period of 10 years, which has been transforming lives. He added that the growing water demand and water scarcity are significant challenges to the livelihood of Kenyans.

This global collaboration has brought together leading universities from the United Kingdom, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, and Kenya with the mission to ensure water security for those who need it most in line with the aspirations of the country to achieve universal access to water by 2030, as enumerated in the Con-



PS Julius Korir

of the water resources in the country to achieve water security as climate change is worsening the situation by altering hydrological cycles especially rainfall patterns,” he stated.

The PS said arid and semi-arid regions in the country are particularly vulnerable, with frequent droughts and water scarcity leading to food insecurity, displacement, and social conflict.

He said the government is keen to address the challenges related to water scarcity that cause water insecurity and other water-related conflicts, which he noted will be done through water harvesting and storage, catchment protection, restoration and rehabilitation and exploitation of groundwater.

“Through the 100 Dam Initiative, the government seeks to attract private investors to construct and operate mega dams and recoup their investment through tariffs obtained from bulk water purchase agreements,” he stated.



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FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

TVET STUDENTS' FIRST TIME SCHOLARSHIP, LOANS & BURSARY APPLICATIONS UNDER THE OLD AND NEW FUNDING MODELS

Higher Education Loans Board in conjunction with State Department For Technical, Vocational Education and Training invites applications for First Time 2024-2025 Financial Year TVET Scholarship, Loans and Bursary from Kenyan students admitted in National Polytechnics, Technical Training Institutes and Vocational Colleges under the Ministry of Education and are registered with Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service [KUCCPS] and members of the Kenya Association of Technical Training Institutions [KATTI].

Eligible students for the **NEW FUNDING MODEL**: Newly placed TVET Students applying for the First-Time TVET student scholarship and loan.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Visit www.hef.co.ke to access the application portal to register, create and activate account. (Applicants are advised to use personal mobile numbers registered under their name and National Identification Number).
2. Log in, go to apply for Loan/Scholarship or both, select Artisan, Craft or Diploma then click on the 2024-2025 TVET First Time Loan and Scholarship Form.
3. Read and appraise yourself online on the Financial Literacy and appreciate the purpose of Higher Education Financing.

4. Access and fill the Scholarship and Loan application form online
5. Upon successful application and submission of the Scholarship and Loan application online, **YOU ARE NOT** required to print and submit any physical application to us. (**This is a paperless application process**)
6. You will be enabled to track the processing status of your application on the application portal.
7. For any assistance/support, kindly Contact HELB through contactcentre@helb.co.ke

Please ensure that you read, understand, and follow the instructions provided at the beginning of the online Scholarship and loan application process including reading and undertaking the HEF Financial Literacy Programme.

#KaaChonjo, HELB does not charge any fee to access the loan application. Report any form of extortion to authorities.

The closing date for the applications is **31st December 2024.**

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Ministry of Education
State Department For Technical, Vocational Education and Training

FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

TVET CONTINUING STUDENTS' SUBSEQUENT SCHOLARSHIP & LOAN APPLICATIONS UNDER THE OLD AND NEW FUNDING MODELS

The Higher Education Loans Board in conjunction with State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training invites applications for the **Second and Subsequent TVET Scholarship/Loan and Bursary for 2024-2025 Financial Year** from Kenyan continuing students admitted in National Polytechnics, Technical Training Institutes and Vocational Colleges under the Ministry of Education, registered with Kenya Universities & Colleges Central Placement Service [KUCCPS] and are members of the Kenya Association of Technical Training Institutions [KATTI].

Eligible students: Continuing Students enrolled in approved TVET courses and are applying for the **second and subsequent student loan.**

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Download the **HELB App** from **Google Play Store** or use USSD Code by dialing ***642#**
2. Register using your phone number to generate a PIN which you will use to log in.
3. Read, understand, and click to accept the **terms and conditions.**
4. Enter your (first name) as it appears on your national ID card, the ID number and valid email address to complete registration.
5. Click on the **scholarship or loans or loans & scholarship** tab and choose Certificate/Diploma. Then click **“apply”** on the Undergraduate second and subsequent scholarship and loan.

NB: Ensure the mobile number is registered under your name. **Please NOTE** that mobile numbers not registered in the student's name will not be able to proceed with the application.

6. Read and understand the process tutorial and proceed to read the financial literacy guide.
7. Answer the financial literacy questions and scroll down to view results and click **“proceed”**.
8. Click on **get started** to start the application process.
9. Enter your phone number which should be registered in your name and national id number to verify that you are the owner.
10. Read and understand the scholarship/loan terms and condition and **agree to proceed.**
11. Click request loan to view and verify your loan details.
12. Select your preferred loan payment option.
13. Click **“submit”** to complete the loan application. A pop-up message will appear to show that you have successfully applied. The loan serial number will also be displayed.
14. In due course, you will receive other notifications on awards and disbursements of upkeep and tuition loans and where applicable, bursary.
15. Contact HELB for any further assistance.

Please note:

This application is paperless. You are not required to print any form. A confirmation SMS with a loan application serial number is the evidence that you have applied. Kindly save the SMS for future reference. HELB does not charge any fee to access the loan application.

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Kenya National Research festival to showcase youth innovation

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

The National Research Fund (NRF), in collaboration with Young Scientists Kenya (YSK), has organized the inaugural edition of the Kenya National Research Festival.

The partnership and festival, to be held next month, will provide a unique platform for Kenyan youths to demonstrate their capacity for innovation and research and showcase their scientific talents.

Speaking during a stakeholder engagement forum and media launch, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Higher Education and Research Beatrice Muganda Inyangala said the festival will serve as



Prof. Dickson Andala, NRF Chief Executive Officer (centre) at the upcoming national research festival.

a catalyst for collaboration, dialogue, and collective action.

“The festival will bring together, both physically and virtually, over 1,000 students from 390 schools drawn from the 47 counties to showcase and compete in science, innovation, and research projects,” she said.

She called on stakeholders to support the event, noting that it

will play a crucial role in fostering innovation and promoting knowledge-sharing among the research community.

“Let us leverage this opportunity to amplify the impact of research on our society, economy, and environment. Together, we can inspire the next generation of innovators, solve pressing challenges, and unlock new opportunities

for growth and development,” Dr. Muganda noted. Prof. Dickson Andala, the NRF Chief Executive Officer (CEO), said over the past two years, they have witnessed first-hand the transformative power of research and innovation in driving socio-economic development.

He added that the inclusion of the young people is meant to excite and enhance their curiosity in the research world and will help in safeguarding their skills in undertaking various studies.

“This exhibition is a testament to our young scientists’ talents and innovative spirit, offering them a unique platform to showcase their projects and compete at a national level,” he said.

New TVET strategy aims to align with President Ruto’s tree planting agenda

BY JUSTUS ANZAYA (PCO)

The State Department for Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET) Greening Unit has developed a Greening TVET Strategy and Implementation Plan, which is currently awaiting stakeholder validation.

The new TVET Strategy is intended to outline procedures, standards, and guidelines on how Greening TVET should be implemented in the TVET sector. According to the Principal Secretary for the Department, Dr. Esther Muoria, the Department is also involved in an ecosystem restoration initiative that supports President William Ruto’s agenda of planting 15 billion trees. The roll-out of the Greening TVET Strategy coincides with the sector’s 100-year anniversary

celebration on July 31st at the Kabete National Polytechnic. The celebrations will bring together key TVET stakeholders, government officials, policymakers, development partners, county government representatives, educationists, and TVET trainers. Dr. Muoria stated that the TVET at 100 celebrations is themed, “If education is the key to employability, TVET is the master key.” “Since the inception of TVET in 1924, it has continued to experience tremendous growth and transformation. This includes the expansion of national TVET institutions from 11 to 24, the increase of TVET institutions to 238, ensuring that there is at least one TVET institution in every constituency

100-day rapid results drive targets donkey trafficking

BY MABEL KEYA-SHIKUKU (KNA)

The Government has underlined its commitment to eradicating illegal slaughtering and smuggling of donkey products out of the country to save the donkey species from extinction.

To curb this menace, the government established a 100-day Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) on April 16 this year to spearhead the enforcement of rules and regulations that address concerns over illegal donkey slaughter and trafficking and save the donkey from extinction.

The initiative targets 12 counties plagued by the menace, including Turkana, Kajiado, Nairobi, Bomet, Kitui, Machakos, Embu, Narok, Kiambu, Nakuru, Laikipia, and Makueni.

Speaking in Naivasha on the sidelines of a multi-agency meeting to review the progress of the RRI and guidelines and rules to tame the menace of donkey slaughter and smuggling, Nairobi County Commissioner David Wanyonyi said Nairobi has been found to be the biggest market for illegal donkey meat, followed by Nakuru and Kiambu.

“But it’s not all gloomy because during this RRI period, which is midway, we have arrested 15 cases of illegally trafficked donkey meat and smashed



Dr. Allan Azegele, Deputy Director of Veterinary Services, State Department for Livestock addressing participants in Naivasha.

some syndicates in Nairobi,” Mr. Wanyonyi said.

Wanyonyi, who was representing the Nairobi Regional Commissioner (RC) Mr. Katee Mwanza during the event, said they were working closely with other stakeholders to ensure the menace is completely eradicated in the country in order to save the beast of burden, which is relied on by many families.

The high level multi-agency meeting spearheaded by animal welfare organisation Brook East Africa and the Ministry of Livestock seeks to address existing gaps that have been used by unscrupulous traders to smuggle donkey meat and donkey skin.

Brooke East Africa Regional Director Mr. Raphael Kinoti on his part called on the Government

to seal all loopholes used to illegally export donkey meat and other products to China which is the main market for the illegal business.

He lauded Emirates and Qatar Airlines who have announced that they will no longer transport donkey meat in their cargo planes and urged other airlines to follow suit.

“But more needs to be done since the trafficking of these donkey products are also transported on the high seas through the ships,” Kinoti revealed and singled out Kajiado and Turkana Counties as the most affected by the illicit trade.

The Regional Director further revealed that the illegal trade had led to a dwindling population of donkeys in the country from 1.8 million in 2009 to 1.1 million in 2019. This is according to a report by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS).

“Any theft of a donkey leaves families devastated as this animal is their source of income and support around the home. It should also be noted that these traffickers also export other animal trophies, mostly wildlife and even humans,” Kinoti stated.

Deputy Director of Veterinary Services, Dr. Allan Azegele warned Kenyans against consuming uninspected meat saying it can be a recipe for outbreak of diseases.



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The Postal Corporation of Kenya is a commercial State Enterprise operating under the PCK Act, 1998. The Corporation’s mandate includes provision of accessible, affordable and reliable Postal services to all parts of Kenya as a Public Postal Licensee where communication through the Post Office forms part of the basic human right as enshrined in the 1948 United Nations Charter.

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Grade: PCK 3

No of Positions: 1

Reporting to: Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors

Job Title: MANAGER -E-COMMERCE & LOGISTIC SERVICES

Terms of Employment: 5 years contract renewable

Department: Courier and E-Commerce Department

Grade: PCK: 3

No of Positions: 1


Reporting to: General Manager/Courier, E-commerce & Logistic Services




Interested candidates should log on to PCK website www.posta.co.ke for more details. Those who meet the minimum requirements should submit a written application and updated Curriculum Vitae through the POST or Expedited Mail Service (EMS) and attach relevant copies of certificates and testimonials to the following address:

The Postmaster General,
Postal Corporation of Kenya,
P. O. Box 34567- GPO, 00100
Nairobi.

The closing date for receipt of the applications through the POST is **Tuesday 20th August, 2024** before close of business. Kindly note, only short listed candidates will be contacted and any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification without any notice.

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MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

KENYA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (KITI)



SEPTEMBER 2024 INTAKE

Kenya Industrial Training Institute (KITI) is Training Institute under the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, situated in Nakuru town. It offers Industrial/ Entrepreneurship skills training for school leavers and skills upgrading for industrial workers and employees from SMEs & SMIs. The Institute is also partnering with Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), GIZ CDF Committees and KCB Foundation to train employees from Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Small & Medium Industries (SMIs) in Clothing and Textiles, Welding and Fabrication, Foundry Technology, Automotive, Building and Construction, Electrical and Electronics, Food and Beverage, Leather and Tannery and Entrepreneurship. The Institute is well equipped with state of the art training facilities/ equipment including a modern and registered medical facility with qualified medical staff offering medical and counselling services to the trainees.

LONG TERM KNEC/CDACC EXAMINED COURSES					
COURSE TITLE	PERIOD	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	FEES		EXAM BODY
			Boarder	Non Boarder	
1. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT i. Diploma in Civil Engineering Module 1 ii. Diploma in Civil Engineering Module 2 iii. Diploma in Building Technology Module 1 iv. Diploma in Building Technology Module 2 v. Diploma in Building Technology Module 3 vi. Craft certificate in Building Technology Module 1 vii. Craft certificate in Building Technology Module 2 viii. Masonry Level 4	1 Year	KCSE minimum Grade C-	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC
2. CLOTHING AND TEXTILES DEPARTMENT i. Diploma in Fashion Design and Clothing Technology Module 1 ii. Diploma in Fashion Design and Clothing Technology Module 2 iii. Craft Cert. in Fashion Design and Garment Making Module 1 iv. Craft Cert. in Fashion Design and Garment Making Module 2 v. Fashion Design level 4 vi. Hair Dressing & beauty Therapy Level 4	1 Year	KCSE Mean Grade C- Pass in craft 2 OR Diploma 1	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC
3. LEATHER & TANNERY DEPARTMENT i.) Artisan in Leather and Tannery ii.) Craft Certificate in Leather and Tannery	1 Year	KCPE and above	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC
4. I.C.T DEPARTMENT i) Diploma in ICT Module I ii) CBET ICT Level 5	1 Year	KCSE Minimum Grade C- KCSE minimum Grade D plain	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC
5. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT i. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (plant) module I ii. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (production) module I iii. Craft Cert. in Mechanical Engineering (plant) module I iv. Craft Cert. in Mechanical Engineering (production) module I v. Craft Cert. in welding Module 1 vi. Welding and fabrication Level 5	1 Year	KCSE minimum Grade C- KCSE Minimum Grade C- plain	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC
6. AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT i. Craft in Automotive Engineering Module 2	1 Year	Pass in Craft module 1	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC
7. ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC i. Diploma in electrical Engineering (power option) module 1 ii. Diploma in electrical Engineering (power option) module 2 iii. Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Telecommunication Option) Module 1 iv. Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Telecommunication Option) Module 2 v. Certificate in Electrical Installation Level 5	1 year	KCSE minimum Grade C- Pass in Diploma 1 OR craft 2	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC
8. FOOD AND BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT i. Diploma in Food and Beverage management 1 ii. Craft Certificate in Food and Beverage Sales and Service Module 1	1 Year	KCSE Minimum Grade C- KCSE Minimum Grade D plain	1st Term 32,500/=	1st term 23,000/=	KNEC

COURSE TITLE	PERIOD	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	FEES		EXAM BODY
			Boarder	Non Boarder	
INDUSTRIAL SKILLS UP-GRADING					
1. BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT i) Plumbing Intermediate	3 months	School leavers, employees from SMEs & SMIs, Employees from Industries	1st Term 32,500/=	1st Term 23,000/=	NITA KITI
2. CLOTHING & TEXTILES DEPARTMENT i). Dress Making Basic (Including tie & dye and Embroidery) ii). Tailoring Basic (Including tie & dye & Embroidery) iii). Hair Dressing & Beauty Therapy	3 months	School leavers, employees from SMEs & SMIs, Employees from Industries	1st Term 32,500/=	1st Term 23,000/=	NITA KITI
3. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT i) Welding & Fabrication ii) Lathe Machine Operator iii) General Fitting	3 months	School leavers, employees from Industries	1st Term 32,500/=	1st Term 23,000/=	NITA KITI
4. AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT i) Motor vehicle mechanics (Advanced)	3 months	School leavers, employees from Industries	1st Term 32,500/=	1st Term 23,000/=	NITA KITI
5. FOOD & BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT i). Food & Beverage Sales & Service ii). Food & Beverage Production iii). Cake Making & Decoration	3 months	School leavers, employees from Industries	1st Term 32,500/=	1st Term 23,000/=	KITI
TAILOR MADE COURSES iv) Juice Making v) Yogurt Making vi) Jam Making	2 Days for each		6,000/=	-	KITI
6. ELECTRICAL/ ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT i). Electrical Installation Basic level ii) Solar Water Heating iii) CCTV Installation and Maintenance iv) Electric fence installation	3 months	School leavers and employees from industries	1st Term 32,500/=	1st Term 23,000/=	KITI NITA
7. I.C.T DEPARTMENT i) Computer applications(Full day) ii) Computer applications	3 months	School leavers and employees	32,500/=	23,000/=	NITA KITI
COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN i) AutoCAD ii) Autodesk Inventor iii) Civil 3D	1 month each	Builders, Draughtsmen, Engineers, Technicians working in manufacturing industries	10,000/=	-	KITI
8. LEATHER & TANNERY DEPARTMENT i). Leather Tanning (Basic) ii). Footwear (shoe making) Production(Basic) iii) Leather work (Basic)	3 months each	Employees from tanneries, shoe industries, school leavers	1st Term 32,500/=	1st Term 23,000/=	KITI NITA
9. ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEPARTMENT i. Entrepreneurship Skills ii. Effective Business plan Writing iii. Certificate in Accounting and management skills	3 Months each	School leavers and employees	1st Term 32,500/=	-	KITI

All applications **MUST** be accompanied with Photocopies of:-

- **KCSE/ KCPE Certificate or Result Slip**
- **School Leaving Certificate or any relevant certificates**
- **National ID Card**
- **Birth Certificate**
- **Kshs.300 (Non-refundable) application fee**
- **1 passport size photograph (coloured)**

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

THE DIRECTOR
KENYA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE
P.O. Box 280 - 20100 NAKURU, Tel. (051)2216755, (051)2216291
E-mail: directorkiti@yahoo.com Mobile numbers: 0774944615

APPLICATIONS TO REACH US ON OR BEFORE 15TH AUGUST 2024



Kenya to establish region's largest granite processing plant at Emuhaya, Vihiga

BY WAGEMA MWANGI (PCO)

Kenya is poised to join the league of major granite producers in the region after the government handed over the site to an investor, effectively marking the start of construction on the Sh2.5 billion granite processing plant at Emuhaya in Vihiga County.

This will be the country's largest granite processing facility, with construction expected to take twelve months. According to the investor, Equip Agencies Limited, the plant will be operational by July 2025.

Speaking during the site handover and ground-breaking event at Emuhaya, Principal Secretary for Mining Elijah Mwangi termed the project as one of the most significant in mineral value-addition processes in the country.

Mwangi noted that the facility will bolster job creation in the region, support the transfer of technical skills to the workers, and accelerate community development through empowerment programs targeting local residents.

The PS added that projections indicate the plant will create over 500 direct jobs for local youths and thousands more indirectly by cascading the benefits



PS Mining Elijah Mwangi inside an excavator's cabin during the ground breaking event for the Granite Processing Plant in Vihiga.

of the granite value chain to other sectors, including business enterprises, transport, warehousing, and other essential support services.

"While we want this facility to exploit the granite resource that is in abundance in this region, we want, above all, the people and the community to be the biggest beneficiary through jobs, skills transfer and community development," Mwangi said.

Mwangi pointed out that the Government has adopted the mineral value addition policy as a key catalyst for boosting job creation while increasing the value for locally mined minerals.

The ground-breaking event was attended by top county leaders led by Vihiga Governor Dr. Wilbur Otichilo, his deputy Wilberforce Kitiezo,

Vihiga Women Representative Beatrice Adagala and several Members of County Assembly.

In his address, Governor Otichilo termed the granite plant as a long-awaited game changer set to transform fortunes for county residents.

He disclosed that other neighboring counties of Siaya, Kakamega, Nandi and Migori with reported granite resource would also be beneficiaries of this project.

"We are delighted as a county that this project has come to this county but we know it will benefit our neighbors too because they have the granite too," said the governor.

The commencement of construction works for the plant marks the long wait for the plant whose history has been marked by inordinate delays.

1,500 vulnerable youths trained over three years in Tharaka Nithi

BY KAMANJA MAERIA AND ANNE MABIRU(KNA)

At least 1,500 vulnerable youths have been trained over a three-year period, courtesy of a non-governmental organization in Tharaka Nithi County.

The youth have been trained through ZOE, a non-governmental organization based in Tharaka-Nithi and Meru Counties, which targets orphaned and vulnerable youths aged 20 years and below.

The organization, which began in Africa in 2004 during the HIV/AIDS pandemic, has various branches in Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Liberia, and Zimbabwe.

This vital initiative has enabled 1,500 beneficiaries to gain practical skills in barbering, tailoring,



Some of ZOE graduates entertaining during the graduating ceremony held at Maua stadium. PHOTO: FLORENCE KANANU


and hairdressing.

Speaking during the graduation at Maua Stadium, Chief Executive Officer Rigan Kaberia noted that the initiative is a pathway to financial independence and self-sufficiency among the young participants.

"The main goal of this initiative is to empower youths especially those from vulnerable backgrounds and orphans with vocational skills necessary for self-employment," he said.

The ZOE organization has been a beacon of hope among many youths who expressed their gratitude for the golden opportunity adding that the training has opened a new chapter in their lives.

The event was also attended by the Igembe South Sub-County Deputy County Commissioner Noah Kibet who applauded the organization for its unwavering commitment in empowering the youth.



THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

STATE HOUSE

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Executive office of the President (State House) invites sealed tender documents from interested firms for tenders for Financial Year 2024-2026 as indicated below: -

NO	TENDER NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	BID SECURITY (KSHS.)	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	SH/FA/001/2024-2026	Supply of Seeds, Farm Inputs and Implements	N/A	AGPO	Thursday, 15 th August, 2024 at 11.00 a.m
2.	SH/FA/002/2024-2026	Supply of Fresh Cut Flowers and Flower Arrangements	N/A	AGPO	
3.	SH/FA/003/2024-2026	Supply of Newspapers, Periodicals and Journals	N/A	AGPO	
4.	SH/FA/004/2024-2026	Supply of General Hardware and Electrical Items	200,000	Open	
5.	SH/FA/005/2024-2026	Supply of Motor Vehicle accessories, Tyres, Tubes and Batteries	200,000	Open	
6.	SH/FA/006/2024-2026	Supply of Oils and Lubricants	200,000	Open	
7.	SH/FA/007/2024-2026	Supply of Flags and Pinnet stands	200,000	Open	
8.	SH/FA/008/2024-2026	Supply and Fitting of Carpets	200,000	Open	
9.	SH/FA/009/2024-2026	Provision of Cleaning Services	N/A	AGPO	
10.	SH/FA/010/2024-2026	Provision of Motor Vehicle Towing Services	200,000	Open	

A complete set of the Tender documents may be downloaded by the eligible bidders from the State House website www.president.go.ke, or <https://supplier.treasury.go.ke> and www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the tender documents must forward their companies particulars to supplychain@president.go.ke for recording and further addendum /clarifications if any.


Complete Tender Documents, both "Original" and "Copy", enclosed in plain sealed envelope, marked with the Tender Number should be deposited at the Tender Box located at Gate D and Addressed to:



The Comptroller of State House
P. O. Box 40530 - 00100
NAIROBI

so as to be received not later than **Thursday, 15th August 2024 at 11.00 a.m. East African Time**. Late applications will not be accepted.

NOTE: Tender No.SH/FA/001/2024-2026 for Supply of Seeds, Farm Inputs and Implements, Tender No. SH/FA/002/2024-2026, for Supply of Fresh Cut Flowers and Flower Arrangements, Tender No. SH/FA/003/2024-2026, for Supply of Newspapers, Periodicals, Journals And SH/FA/009/2024-2026, for Provision of Cleaning Services are reserved for **AGPO Preference Groups**.

Comptroller of State House



YOUR NATIONAL BROADCASTER

TENDER NOTICE

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

TENDER NO.02/KBC/2024-25	PROVISION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTOR CYCLE. (UNDERWRITERS ONLY)
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complete set of tender documents may be downloaded by interested candidates from the Corporation website; www.kbc.co.ke, 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.


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 **6th 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 EDUCATION

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS [IFB] GOODS (ONE-ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCESS)

PURCHASER :	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING
PROJECT :	SUPPORT TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (TVETE) PROJECT – (GOK/AFDB TVET PHASE III PROJECT)
COUNTRY :	KENYA
DATE :	30 June 2024
LOAN NO.:	ADF No. 2100150042254


1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online on 8 June 2020 and on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website.
2. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Fund hereinafter called the Bank towards the cost of the Support to Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Entrepreneurship (TVETE) Project – (GOK/AFDB TVET PHASE III PROJECT), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Training Equipment.
3. The Ministry of Education - State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the Use and Maintenance of training equipment as shown below:


	OCBI NO.	Lot No.	Institution	Bid Bond Amount (KES)
1.	OCBI/VTI/TVETE PHASE III/EQUIP/32/23-24	Lot 1: Tender for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Building and Civil Engineering Training Equipment	Ol'lessos Technical Training Institute	1,000,000.00
		Lot 2: Tender for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Mechanical Engineering Training Equipment	Limuru Technical and Vocational College	1,000,000.00
		Lot 3: Tender for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Hospitality (Food & Beverage) Training Equipment	Nyeri National Poly-technic	1,000,000.00
4. Bidders may Bid for one or more lots, as applicable and, as further defined in the bidding document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one lot as applicable will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.
5. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework 2015 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
6. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given below:

Ministry of Education- State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
The Project Coordinator – GOK/AFDB TVETE (GOK/AFDB TVET PHASE III) Project
Teleposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue, 24th Floor, Room 2412
NAIROBI, KENYA.
Email : pc.afdbvetphase2@gmail.com
7. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Kenya Shillings One Thousand (KES. 1,000) or its equivalent in freely convertible currency, to the Cashier Ministry of Education- State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Harambee Avenue, Jogoo House B, 9th Floor Room 925. Tender documents may also be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the Ministry of Education website <https://www.education.go.ke/>. Those who choose to download the tender document and intend to submit a bid **MUST** register their details at the office of the Project Coordinator, Teleposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue, 24th Floor, Room 2412 or through email pc.afdbvetphase2@gmail.com for the purpose of receiving any other information, clarifications and addenda.
8. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the Tender documents submitted.
9. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **29th August 2024, 10.00 am Local Time**. Electronic Bidding will **NOT** be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below:

Ministry of Education- State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training
Directorate of Vocational, Technical Education
Teleposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue,
24th Floor, Room 2412
P.O. Box 9583 – 00200 Nairobi
Telephone: +254 020 318581, Tel/Fax: 254 020 2251991
NAIROBI, KENYA
10. Bids shall be valid for a bid period of 120 days after bid opening. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security as indicated in the table above in Kenya Shillings or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency. The bid security shall be in the form of a Bank guarantee and must be from a reputable commercial bank supervised by the Central Bank of Kenya.
11. The address(es) referred to above is (are):


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Directorate of Technical Education
The Project Coordinator – GOK/AFDB TVETE (GOK/AFDB TVET PHASE III) Project
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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES) INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)

SUPPORT TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ENTREPRENEURSHIP (TVETE) PROJECT (TVET PHASE III PROJECT)-ADF NO. 2100150042254

AHHD-HUMAN CAPITAL, YOUTH AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	
Date:	30 July 2024
Financing Agreement reference:	ADF NO. 2100150042254
Project ID No:	P-KE-IAE-003

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE ON INTEGRATION OF THE KENYA NATIONAL LEARNERS RECORDS DATABASE (KNLRD)

The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost of the Support to Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Entrepreneurship (TVETE) project (TVET phase III project) and intends to apply part of the agreed amount of this loan to payments under the contract for a Consultancy Service on Integration of The Kenya National Learners Records Database (KNLRD) under the project.

The services included under this assignment are:

- a) Carry out an in-depth study of the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) and its stakeholder Management Information Systems and processes;
- b) Carry out various Management Information Systems integrations that will create a seamless transfer of information and statistics on skills and qualifications; and,
- c) Implement the integrated Kenya National Learners Records Database (KNLRD) in a real working environment for Kenya National Qualifications Authority.

The Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

The shortlisting requirement/criteria are;

- a) Eligibility and legal documents (Certificate of incorporation/registration, valid trading license, tax compliance clearance certificates/documents and powers of attorney for the firm; in the case of joint venture, the power of attorney must be authorized by the parties to the JV.
- b) Demonstrated ability of having been involve in successful execution, completion of at least 3 assignments in the past 10 years. Details of the assignment, name and address of the client, scope, value and period should be provided. The EOI should include samples of written outputs from previous assignments.
- c) Core business as a consulting firm with relevant experience in integration of databases.
- d) Technical capability including equipment and personnel to undertake this assignment should be demonstrated in the company profiles (mention the areas of expertise).

(Key Experts will not be assessed during the shortlisting stage)

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's **"Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations"-August 2015**, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method set out in the procurement guidelines/regulations.


Interested consulting firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 08.00-17.00 Hours or via email address pc.afdbvetphase2@gmail.com

The Project Coordinator – GOK/AFDB TVET Projects
Ministry of Education- State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
Teleposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue, 24th Floor, Room 2412
NAIROBI, KENYA.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **16 August 2024 at 10.00 Hours Kenyan local time** and clearly marked **"Consultancy Service on Integration of The Kenya National Learners Records Database (KNLRD)"**.

Ministry of Education
Directorate of Technical Education
Teleposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue, 24th Floor Conference Room
P.O. Box 9583 – 00200 Nairobi
Telephone: +254 020 318581
Tel/Fax: 254 020 2251991
NAIROBI, KENYA
E-mail : pc.afdbvetphase2@gmail.com

Head, Supply Chain Management Services
For: Principal Secretary



Sh1.8b regional marine transport and port logistics centre nears completion

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

Phase one construction of a regional flagship marine transport and port logistics center under the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) is almost complete.

EASTRIP is being implemented in 13 regional Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania. These institutions focus on skills development in Transport, Power and Energy, Manufacturing, and ICT.

The Kenya Coast National Polytechnic (KCNP), Kenya Institute of Building and Highway Technology, Ken-Gen Geothermal Institute, Kisumu National Polytechnic, and Meru National Polytechnic were selected in Kenya.

Through funding from the World Bank and the Government of Kenya, KCNP was selected to develop a regional center of excellence in marine transport and port logistics aimed at producing professionals to serve in the ever-growing maritime sector.

The Deputy Director of TVET at the Ministry of Education, Mr. Archer Arina, during a monitoring and evaluation tour of the institution located on a 40-acre plot in Waa, Kwale County, said the project that began in 2022 is 75 percent complete.

He reported that construction is progressing well, albeit at a slow pace, as the team is working on a fact-finding mission to resolve the project's challenges.



A team from the Ministry of Education and Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) inspects construction works at the Regional Flagship Marine Transport and Logistics Centre in Kwale County.

“The project, costing Sh1.8 billion, includes construction and equipment supply for buildings, aiming to create functional systems beyond just structures,” Arina said.

The construction works that entail a maritime centre, catering centre and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) and swimming pool will cost Sh600 million.

The remaining amount will be used to purchase equipment for the structures. “So far, they haven’t used all the money that is required. The project was about 75 per cent

complete as of May; so, the remaining work is about 25 per cent,” Arina explained.

On his part, the Deputy Executive Secretary at the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) Dr Idris Rai said the institution is poised to be a game changer in the region.

Dr Rai led a regional facilitation unit (RFU), the coordinator of the project tasked with the development of policies geared at harmonizing TVET systems in the region and monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the projects.

“We have seen the buildings; the works have been

going on well. There is a lot of work to be done to make this institution truly regional whereby it can accommodate students from other partner states,” he said.

Some countries in the region Dr Rai noted are prioritizing the Blue Economy and thus there is demand and potential to make the institution truly regional.

“Blue Economy is being prioritized in several partner states. It is set to grow. If you look at tourism, maritime transportation and logistics are set to grow,” he stated, adding that employment potential in the sector will also grow as the sector will provide much-needed skills to the youths that will be absorbed in the market.

Chief Principal of KCNP Ms. Mary Muthoka said the institution is regional in the sense that it will train students from Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

She noted that the project has marine engineering and hospitality sections adding all the TVET areas that KCNP is training will use the marine centre as the finishing school.

“This is the facility that will make them sea ready for those who are interested in careers in marine transport and port logistics,” the Chief Principal said.

She said Phase I of the project is poised to accommodate up to 1,500 students and appealed to the government and the World Bank to also support Phase II of the project.

Leaders in Wajir engage in peace talks to prevent conflicts



Wajir County Commissioner Karuku Ngumo giving his remarks during a press briefing in Wajir.

BY HAMDY BUTHUL(KNA)

Security agencies in Wajir County, with the support of the Vision Corps Initiative (VCI), are holding a peace dialogue with local opinion leaders, including representatives from youth, women, and peace elders.

The public hearing aims to improve social cohesion and exchange knowledge to build mechanisms for preventing conflicts in the region.

Wajir County Commissioner Karuku Ngumo emphasized the importance of collaboration between VCI, the county government, and security agencies in implementing peace and conflict resolution programs in conflict-prone areas of Wajir County.

“The main goal of these peace initiatives is to prevent resource-based conflicts, promote sustainable peace, and enhance unity among communities in the region and along the county borders,” Commissioner Ngumo stated.

Speaking during a press briefing in Wajir, Ngumo noted the significance of public hearings in achieving peace and stressed the importance of maintaining an ongoing dialogue between stakeholders and community members.

Ngumo observed that individuals from the public voiced their opinions and preferences on measures that the security agencies, county governments and NGOs could adopt to strengthen peace and security in the county.



“This collaborative endeavor aims to foster sustainable peace and development,” he added.

Ahmed Noor, Chief Executive Officer of Vision Corps Initiative, highlighted the collective commitment to achieving peaceful coexistence and prosperity for Wajir County.

“We discussed peaceful co-existence with all stakeholders in Wajir. Representatives from youth groups, women groups, disability advocates, minorities, national and county government officials, and security agencies were present,” Noor explained.

Noor outlined various conflicts affecting the area, including resource-based conflicts, drug abuse, droughts, climate change, demarcation and boundary disputes, and political issues.

“Together, as the people of Wajir, with the county government, national government, security agencies, and peace elders, we will assure peaceful co-existence and a prosperous Wajir County,” he affirmed.

KENYA VETERINARY BOARD

THE VETERINARY SURGEONS AND VETERINARY PARAPROFESSIONALS ACT (NO.29 of 2011)


NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF DR. JOAN CHEPKEMOI



KVB REG NO. 3109

IN EXERCISE of powers conferred by Section 35 (1)(b), (5) of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, 2011, notice is given that the Kenya Veterinary Board has directed the suspension of Joan Chepkemoi (Dr.), Registration No. 3109 from the register of veterinary surgeons w.e.f. 15th July, 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to Section 13 (1) she shall not practice, or hold herself out, whether directly or indirectly as practicing or being able to practice as a veterinary surgeon or to take up employment as such unless she is registered and licensed

Registrar
KENYA Veterinary Board



TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

CAREER OPPORTUNITY – RE-ADVERTISEMENT

The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) is an independent Commission established under Article 237 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

The Commission invites applications from qualified, experienced, result oriented and highly motivated Kenyans to fill the position listed below:

S/No	Position	Job Reference No.	Available Position	TSC Grade	Terms of Appointment
1.	Director Human Resource and Development	41/2024	1	3	Contract

Interested candidates are requested to visit the Commission website www.tsc.go.ke for more information about the vacancy. Applications should be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on **13th August 2024**.

The Teachers Service Commission is an equal opportunity employer as per the Constitutional provisions and law. Persons with disabilities (PWDs) are encouraged to apply.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE

State efforts to provide meals encourage school attendance

BY ANTONY MELLY AND RICHARD MUHAMBE(KNA)

Parents in West Pokot County have been urged to ensure all their children return to school as the government continues with plans to provide a comfortable learning environment for school-going children.

Speaking during the distribution of food to schools under the school feeding program in Kapenguria, County Director of Education (CDE) Simon Wamae said poverty levels in West Pokot are usually very high, and some parents withdraw their children from school because they cannot afford three meals a day.

Wamae mentioned that with the arrival of school food consignments, parents have no reason to keep their school-going children at home since they can at least have something to eat at school.

“Once they receive lunch, some of the children may go up to the following day without meals. Our schools now have food, and parents are requested to bring their children back to school,” the CDE said.

He highlighted that the program is funded by the



Food for school feeding program received in West Pokot County from Government of Kenya through the National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya. PHOTO : ANTHONY MELLY.

Government of Kenya through the National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya.

He emphasized that providing food to schools not only boosts student enrolment but also improves students’ access to education.

“We have a belief that the appearance of white smoke in the kitchen area indicates the imminent arrival of the food supply for the school feeding programme, which would aid the Ministry of Education in encouraging student attendance,” he observed.

Wamae revealed that they have already received a complete food consign-

ment for the school feeding programme in most sub-counties.

He disclosed that, “in Pokot South Sub-County, approximately 80 per cent of the food for learners has been delivered, and we anticipate receiving the full consignment by the end of the week.”

He also encouraged teachers in schools to handle food properly by ensuring it is safely stored to prevent spoilage

“Ensure you use the recommended ratios of rice, pulses, cooking oil, and salt so that the food can last the 45 days that is supposed to last,” the CDE said.

Health Ministry leads massive tree planting campaign in West Pokot

BY RICHARD MUHAMBE AND ANTONY MELLY(KNA)

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has ramped up tree planting efforts in West Pokot to mitigate the impact of climate change and support the national strategy to address environmental challenges.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board, in collaboration with the Kenya Institute of Primate Research, Kenya Forest Service, and Interior Ministry, has escalated tree planting exercises in Kasang’ar Government Forest and in two schools in Pokot South Sub-County, West Pokot County.

The Kenya Institute of Primate Research donated tree seedlings to support environmental conservation efforts, emphasizing the significance of clean air for both animals and humans.

During the exercise, Dr. Peter Mbugua, the team leader from the Ministry of Health, noted that this was the second team to

partake in a tree planting event within the county.

“We have planted a total of 11,200 tree seedlings today at the two schools. Our plan is to plant more trees each year for the next decade to meet the target set for our ministry,” he said during the exercise at Kamonges and Kaptabuk Primary Schools.

The MOH has been assigned to spearhead tree planting in West Pokot and Elgeyo-Marakwet Counties.

Dr. Mbugua announced that another group from the MOH would be visiting the county for a similar initiative, aiming to plant 25,000 trees in every periodic visit.

A researcher at the Kenya Institute of Primate Research Dr Sharon Chepkwony stressed the significance of collaboration and forming of partnerships in the tree planting project to achieve the established goals.

Additionally, she emphasized the need for nurturing and maintaining the trees for the benefit of

future generations.

West Pokot County Forest Conservator Benjamin Kore emphasised the importance of nurturing the trees planted until they reach maturity.

He said that the county intends to plant 150 million trees within a decade, with an annual target of 15 million trees.

“This means for every tree planting season; we must plant 50,000 trees to meet the yearly projection to ultimately achieve the target in the county for ten years. We have moved from just planting to growing trees since we must ensure that all the tree seedlings planted grow to maturity,” said the conservator.

Tapach Division Assistant County Commissioner (ACC) Ibrahim Masiaga expressed his shock at the report from the Ministry of Health last year, which revealed that Pokot South Sub-County, known for being the county’s food basket, has cases of malnourishment among children.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS [IFB]
GOODS
(ONE-ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCESS)**

PURCHASER :	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING
PROJECT :	SUPPORT TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) FOR RELEVANT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – (GOK/AfDB TVET PHASE II PROJECT)
COUNTRY :	KENYA
DATE :	30 June 2024
LOAN NO.:	ADF No. 2100150033295

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project which appeared in Development Business Issue No. AfDB656-09/15 Published on September 09 -2015 and on the African Development Bank Group’s Internet Website.
2. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Fund hereinafter called the Bank towards the cost of the Support to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for Relevant Skills Development Phase II’ project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Learning Management System (LMS) hardware for the National TVET ODeL center at the Kenya School of TVET.
3. The Ministry of Education - State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Learning Management System (LMS) hardware for the National TVET ODeL center at the Kenya School of TVET as shown below:

	OCBN NO.	Lot No.	Institution	Bid Bond Amount (KES)
1.	OCBN/TVET PHASE II/ EQUIP/ODEL/23-24	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Learning Management System (LMS) hardware for the National TVET ODeL center	Kenya School of TVET	1,000,000.00

4. Bidders may Bid for one or more lots, as applicable and, as further defined in the bidding document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one lot as applicable will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.
5. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (National), (OCBN) method as specified in the Bank’s **Procurement Framework 2015** and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
6. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given below:

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The Project Coordinator – GoK/AfDB TVETE (GoK/AfDB TVET PHASE III) Project
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NAIROBI, KENYA**

10. Bids shall be valid for a bid period of 120 days after bid opening. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **Kenya Shillings One Million (KES 1,000, 000)** or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency. The bid security shall be in the **form of a Bank guarantee** and must be from a reputable commercial bank supervised by the Central Bank of Kenya
11. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

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Directorate of Technical Education
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Website: <https://www.education.go.ke/>**



Farmers urged to harness rice value chain for better pay

BY PATRICIA KOMBO(PCO)

The Government has underscored the pivotal role played by Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in fostering economic development, employment creation, and poverty reduction as a key deliverable for the attainment of Vision 2030.

Speaking during an engagement with rice farmers from the Western and Nyanza regions, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Develop-

ment Principal Secretary Susan Mang'eni urged farmers to explore key value chains in rice farming in order to earn more from the sector.

Ms. Mang'eni also stressed the need for farmers to form small groups that will enable them to access finance, capacity building, and incubation of their enterprises as a way of strengthening key value chains in the rice and cotton farming sectors.

"There are so many

opportunities in the rice value chain. For instance, adopting new technology of rearing mudfish in the rice plantation or utilizing the rice husks as both a source of energy and manure, which will not only enhance your incomes and livelihoods but will ensure you have 'Pesa Mkononi,'" Ms. Mang'eni said.

Alluding to the issue lack of finance, the PS urged the farmers to tap into the different financial interventions provided by the government to support

MSMEs growth and stimulate economic participation of the masses towards inclusive growth like the Hustler Fund and Uwezo Fund.

During Ms Mang'eni's engagement with farmers from Lower Kuja Ir-

We are collaborating with counties and other agencies among them the Hustler Fund


rigation scheme, they expressed concern over the lack of adequate irrigation infrastructure, finance and market access as a hindrance to their full exploitation of the available land. The 19,000-acre irrigation Scheme which has 3,500 farm holders and 10,000 farmers was established in 2013 and began operations in 2019 utilizes only a bout 30 percent of total land due to limited access to capital and lack ready market.

The visit by the PS aims

at evaluating the existing value chains and identify potential growth opportunities for small holders' farmers.

In addition to addressing immediate challenges, the tour explores broader opportunities for growth within the rice sector.

"We are collaborating with county governments and other different agencies among them the Hustler Fund and Uwezo Fund so that they can provide financial linkages" said the PS.



THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
TNTEP/SDEP/1503104/2024-2025

The National Treasury and Economic Planning, State Department for Economic Planning has appointed M/s Immediate Auctioneers of P.O. Box 75185-00200, Nairobi to sell by Public Auction used Motor Vehicles, ICT Equipment, Office Equipment and Furniture on 15th August, 2024 at Ministry of Public Works Yard, Machakos Road, Nairobi at 10.00 a.m.

The items are contained in a bidding catalogue available at the Auctioneer's office at a cost of Kshs.500.

Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable bid deposit to the State Department Bank Account as provided below:-

BANK: CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA, NAIROBI
ACCOUNT NAME: DEP-STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING (KES)
BRANCH: HAILE SELAISSE AVENUE
ACCOUNT NO: 1000384328

S/No	Item Description	Bid No. Deposit (KES)
1	Motor Vehicle	10% of Reserve Price
2	Other Equipment or Furniture	10% of Reserve Price

Bidders will be issued with a bidding Number upon payment of the bid number deposit which number will serve as an entry pass to the auction yard. **No Bidder Will be Allowed entry into the Auction Venue Without a Bidding Number and the Auction Catalogue.**

All interested bidders may view the items from the date of the advert to 14th August, 2024 on week days during normal working hours to verify all the details for themselves as they are not warranted by the State Department for Economic Planning. All items are being sold on **AS-IS-WHERE-IS** basis and the sale is subject to the reserve price.

The successful bidders must pay a deposit of **40%** of the purchase price at the fall of the hammer on the auction day and the balance within Fourteen (14) days, failure to which the 40% deposit and their bid deposit will be forfeited and the items disposed off at the sole discretion of the State Department for Economic Planning.

The payment confirmation should be presented to the Procurement Office, **Room No. 716.**

The purchased items must be collected upon full payment and within 14 days of the auction, failure to which any paid amount will be forfeited and the items disposed of at the sole discretion of the State Department for Economic Planning.


Interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from the addresses provided below:


Enquiries and viewing purposes to be made to:

Head, Supply Chain Management Services
The National Treasury & Economic Planning
State Department for Economic Planning
Treasury Building
P. O. BOX 30005-00100
NAIROBI

Or

Immediate Auctioneers
Kenya Post Bank Pension Towers, Muranga Road, 3rd Floor Suite No.17
P. O. Box 75185-00200 Nairobi
Contact: 0792 824665
Email: immediateauctioneers@gmail.com





MINISTRY OF LABOUR & SOCIAL PROTECTION
State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs (SDSP&SCA)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

Country	Kenya
Project	Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project
Loan No. /Credit No	IDA-63480
Assignment Title	Recruitment of an Associate Software Developer for the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme (CCTP) Consultancy
Reference No	KE-NSPS- 439374-CS-INDV

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project-KSEIP and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("*the Services*") will support Senior Software developer in development and enhancement of CCTP MIS and will participate in the analysis, design, code development, testing business software applications and project implementation for a period of 4 months after signing the contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the website: www.socialprotection.go.ke

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection through State Department for Social Protection & Senior Citizens Affairs now invites eligible individual consultant ("*Consultants*") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The short listing criteria are as follows:-

The consultant should have Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Information Technology, Software Engineering, or any related field. Extensive knowledge in system/software design and architecture, development and project management with at least three (3) years of experience. Extensive knowledge of the software development life cycle, tools, and programming languages. Excellent organizational and leadership abilities of information systems and computing solutions. Strong communication and presentation skills. Other specific qualification includes Expertise in front-end technologies, including JavaScript, CSS3 and HTML5 and third-party libraries such as React Js, Angular, jQuery and LESS. Knowledge of server-side programming languages including .NET, Java, Ruby, and Python. Experience in Micro services and agile technologies implementation. Familiarity with DBMS technology, including SQL Server and MySQL. Basic design ability, including knowledge of UI/UX and basic prototype design. Excellent writing and communication skills. Ability to visualize a proposed system and be able to build it. Familiarity with project management tools such as JIRA. Experience in Social Protection Cash Transfer MIS design, development and quality Assurance is desired among others as detailed in the ToR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers Fifth Edition of September 2023 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.


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KASNEB, KEBS to address quality management with new diplomas

BY NURU SOUD AND FATMA SAID(KNA)

The Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examination Board (KASNEB), in collaboration with the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), has launched the Diploma in Quality Management (DQM) and the Certified Public Finance Manager (CPFM) courses.

These programs aim to equip professionals with the skills needed to enhance professional development and quality management in their re-

spective fields, addressing a significant gap in quality management systems within the country and across Africa.

Speaking on behalf of the National Treasury Principal Secretary, Dr. Chris Kiptoo, at the KASNEB International Conference for Professionals in Mombasa, KASNEB Board Member Ms. Jane Njogu Macharia applauded KASNEB and KEBS for their initiative to unleash potential through continuous professional development. She reiterated that the

State Department is fully committed to fostering an environment that supports learning and growth.

“We recognize the importance of equipping our professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate the complexities of the world.

Through continuous partnerships, we can ensure that our professionals remain at the forefront of their fields, ready to tackle challenges and seize opportunities,” Macharia said.

“I am pleased to note

that this international conference has provided a forum for high-level engagements and updates on emerging and pertinent areas of interest to professionals,” Macharia added.

The board member said the conference comes at a pivotal time, when the country is navigating complex economic challenges and opportunities, citing that the insights and solutions generated in the forum will contribute to each participant’s professional growth and drive towards a collective mission

of economic prosperity.

She further said the “Blue Space” represents the vast expanse of opportunities in the international arena, a concept that poses a challenge to look beyond the conventional and to seek out new possibilities, where Kenyan professionals can make a significant impact on the global stage.

On his part, Nicholas Letting, the KASNEB Chief Executive Officer noted that the two courses are market-driven and meant for upcoming professionals

in the management sector, especially those working in the National Treasury, who may require to improve their qualifications, knowledge, and skills in public finance management.

On her part, KEBS Managing Director, Esther Ngari, reiterated that the agency has been developing the Diploma in Quality Management (DQM) Course since 2018 to cover the gap in the country’s extensive programs and training on quality management.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

Country	Kenya
Project	Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project
Loan No. /Credit No	IDA-63480
Assignment Title	Recruitment of a Senior Software Developer for the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme (CTP) Consultancy
Reference No	KE-NSPS- 439372-CS-INDV

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project-KSEIP and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include supporting the CTP MIS team in system and software development while keeping track of project design and development for a period of 4 months after signing the contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the website: www.socialprotection.go.ke

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The short listing criteria are as follows: -

The consultant should have a Master’s Degree (or its equivalent) in Computer Science/Information Technology, Software Engineering, or any other related field. Extensive experience with at least 10 years in the design and architecture development of MISs and in project management. Extensive knowledge of programming languages, tools, development platforms and the software development life-cycle. Excellent organizational and leadership abilities. Highly analytical mindset, problem solver with an ability to see both the big picture and the details with the ability to solve problems using their in-depth understanding of information systems and computing solutions. Strong communication and presentation skills. Fluent in most data manipulation languages. Have sound technical skills and administrative aptitude. Experience in Social Protection Cash Transfer MIS design, development and quality assurance is desired among other specific qualification as detailed in the TOR.

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CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

Country	Kenya
Project	Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project
Loan No. /Credit No	IDA-63480
Assignment Title	Recruitment of a payments specialist for the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme (CTP) Consultancy
Reference No	KE-NSPS- 439370-CS-INDV

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project-KSEIP and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include support and strengthen the financial management function within the DSA in accordance with international best practice principles. Key functions will include working closely with the Accounts, Finance and Internal Audit departments in SDSP&SCA to ensure the financial management functions of the Programme are in line with the development partner’s agreements and GoK procedures. In addition, the consultant is expected to work closely with the Payment Service Providers (PSPs) to ensure timely payments to the beneficiaries and reconciliation among other assignments for a period of 4 months after signing the contract.

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The short listing criteria are as follows: -

A qualified financial expert with either a degree in Finance/Accounting, or CPA (K), ACCA, CIMA; coupled with hands-on experience in banking, payments and social assistance programme environment. The Consultant must also have thorough knowledge of overall Social Protection and financial management for at least 4 to 6 years at senior managerial position in a reputable organization or Government of Kenya; demonstrate to have served for not less than 5 years in reputable International Organizations, Government(s), or projects/programmes funded by donors and cash transfer programme(s). In addition, the Consultant should be able to display: Strong financial management skills; Excellent people management and communication skills and a trainer at corporate level; Strong communication and presentation skills; Strong knowledge of donor financial compliance and governance requirements; Impeccable integrity and diligence; Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment; Working knowledge procedures of Government and Donors (World Bank, DFID, UNICEF) – a must; Understand accounting software – a must; and Practical experience of working as a financial Management consultant within the public sector / Government in African transitional countries among others as detailed in the TOR.

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PS-Government, private sector to enhance market access for livestock farmers

BY MUTISO MBITHI (MYGOV)

The government has embarked on a beef and leather value chain development project to create jobs and enhance livelihoods especially in arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) counties and foster the economic development of the country and these arid regions.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Livestock Mr. Jonathan Mueke says Kenya is home to over 18 million cattle, 18 million sheep, 28 million goats, and three million camels with about 60 per cent of the households (about seven million) keeping some livestock that includes over 30 million poultry and over 300,000 pigs.

“The livestock sector contributes over 10 per cent and 40 per cent of Kenya and Agriculture Gross Domestic Products (GDPs) respectively while access to a valuable market remains a key challenge for most of the livestock producers especially in the beef value chain,” Mr. Mueke said.

The PS, in an interview with

reporters, further noted that the government had opened export opportunities in several countries and was working on strengthening the livestock value chain competitiveness by identifying and addressing the bottlenecks faced by producers and other market actors.

He added that the Government is also committed to developing the country’s local beef market and leather industry by streamlining the entire leather value chain through numerous initiatives.

Among such initiatives, Mueke said, is the World Bank funded De-risking Inclusion and Value Enhancement of Pastoralist Economies (DRIVE) Project that aims at ensuring that livestock production is economical and sustainable for the value chain actors.

The DRIVE Project, the PS said, is a national government initiative implemented in partnership with county governments in a Public- Private Partnership model.

The DRIVE Project, Mueke said, approaches the value chain development from two ways. The first is enabling the beef livestock producers to access government insurance premium subsidy and savings

incentives which is coordinated by ZEP-RE (PTA Reinsurance Company).

This approach, the PS added, aims at cushioning them against the impact of drought on fodder and building saving buffers to respond to the mild shocks and increase their bankability.

The insurance, Mueke said, is meant to support pastoralists to access timely funds (insurance payouts) to finance livestock fodder and health needs during drought times.

To date, the PS further said, ZEP-RE, the Horn of Africa implementing agent for this component, has coordinated fourteen underwriters in Kenya and seven international reinsurers to cover close to 140,000 pastoralists in twelve counties with insurance payouts of Sh640 million paid to the few areas that have had drought even as the country witnessed good rains.

“Insurance will be more critical if the seasons change from the prevailing good rainfall to poor rainfall like it was witnessed in the last drought cycle where over 2.5 million livestock was lost whose estimated value was over Sh100 billion,” the PS said.

The other component of DRIVE, Mueke added, will aim at unlocking access to capital through partners like Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) and Agricultural Finance Corporation among others.

“Access to markets is a major component for the project since it enables pastoralists to access high value domestic and export markets, as well as developing the leather value chain,” the PS said.

To enhance the impact of the project, Mueke noted that the government is undertaking a value chain approach under the DRIVE project.

“The Government is supporting the market to function optimally so that value can be delivered at all levels of the beef and leather value chains,” Mueke said.

Through the project, he noted, pastoralists will be accessing local and export markets through co-operative aggregation models, equivalent to the dairy sector.

“This model does not only deliver more value to pastoralists but ensures the cost of doing business by market actors like local abattoirs and exporters is optimised,” Mueke said.

Cotton, Textile, sector urged to formulate policy

BY BERNARDETTE KHADULI (KNA)

The Principal Secretary for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana has called upon the cotton, textile and apparel (CTA) sector to come up with sound policy interventions that will address each challenge on cotton, textile and apparel.

Dr. Mukhwana said the sector holds a prominent place in Kenya’s industrialization agenda of Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) whose development is crucial not only to the national economy but also to improve the livelihoods of countless individuals along the value chain and across communities at the grassroots.

He said policy formulation in the country follows laid down guidelines that advocate for comprehensive stakeholders’ consultation and public partici-

pation.

The PS was speaking during the launch of the Cotton, Textile, and Apparel (CTA) Policy development exercise and the CTA Policy Development Technical Steering Committee composed of experts, stakeholders, and industry leaders held at a Nairobi hotel.

He said the launch marks a significant step forward in the sector’s ongoing efforts to develop the cotton value chain.

“Our journey towards revitalizing the cotton, textile, and apparel sector is driven by the recognition of the sector’s immense potential to contribute to our economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development,” said Mukhwana.

The PS noted that the establishment of the CTA Policy Technical Steering Committee will harness collective expertise and perspectives to craft a policy that is innovative, practical and fit for purpose.





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Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is implementing a Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) project in Fafi and Dadaab Sub-Counties, Garissa County dubbed “Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme” supported by the Royal Embassy of Denmark through DANIDA. The Programme is aimed at Increasing community resilience and adaptation to climate change through sustainable, peaceful use of natural resources including improved access to water and sanitation services in the target ASAL Counties.

DRC hereby invites interested, experienced, reputable and licensed contractors to submit sealed offers(bids) for the following tender with closing dates of **9th August 2024 at 11am**. Late submissions will not be considered.


TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
DRC/SWASAP/00300763 /23/24	Borehole Equipping, Solar Installation, fabrication and installation of 100m ³ Elevated Steel Tank, Pipeline Extension and fencing in Ifo Refugee Camp, Dadaab Sub-County, Garissa County.	Open to all qualified and interested bidders.

Tender Documents are available Free of Charge to all qualified bidders and can be downloaded from Danish Refugee Council website www.drc.ngo. Bidders who may want to obtain further information or seek clarification can do so by sending an email to procurement.ken@drc.ngo

Completed Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be submitted in two copies- Original and copy clearly marked “**DO NOT OPEN BEFORE**” **9th August 2024 at 11am** showing the Tender No and delivered to the DRC Tender Box at DRC Head Office in Lower Kabete Road (Ngecha Road Junction) addressed to;

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DRC East Africa & Great Lakes Region
Lower Kabete Road (Ngecha road Junction)
P.O. Box 14762-00800 Westlands
Nairobi, Kenya**

Bidders will also be required to register their details as they drop their bids. Tenders will be opened in the presence of bidders or representatives who wish to witness the opening process.




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The Kenya National High Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, with the responsibility for the Management, Development Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Roads.

KeNHA invites sealed bids from eligible Service Providers for the following tender.

S/No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing/Opening Date/Time/Venue
1.	KeNHA/2787/2024	Provision of Private Security Services for KeNHA's Ten (10No.) Regional Offices & Corridor Offices	16th August, 2024 at 11.00am. KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) Nairobi, Off Mazao Road, Block C - 2 nd Floor Board Room.

A complete set of tender document may be obtained by interested Bidders free of charge by downloading from KeNHA website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP): www.tenders.go.ke or from KeNHA Office JKIA Barabara Plaza Block C, 2nd Floor Supply Chain Management Office during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of Kshs, 1,000.00 (One thousand shillings only) in form of a banker’s cheque payable to Kenya National Highways Authority.

There shall be a mandatory pre- tender site visit as specified in the tender document uploaded onto the KeNHA website and PIIP.

Bidders are encouraged to download the Tender document from the above websites to minimize physical visits to the KeNHA Office.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke and Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) for any other tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

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

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

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

- Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, NHIF Building, 12th Floor, Ragati Road, Upper Hill, P.O.BOX: 30126-00100, NAIROBI**
- Director General, NEMA Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, P.O. BOX 67839-00200, NAIROBI**
- County Director of Environment KAJIADO COUNTY**
- County Director of Environment NAIROBI COUNTY**

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at 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**

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PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

Kenya's flagbearers at the Paris Olympics.

Youngsters carrying Kenya's dream at the Paris Olympics

We highlight the young athletes representing the country at the Paris 2024 Olympics and why the country is banking on them

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It's four days since the Paris 2024 Olympics Games kicked off and all eyes are on Team Kenya, which is carrying the country's dream at the event. The team comprises a mixture of the old and young athletes taking part in various disciplines, from rugby to volleyball, javelin, fencing and athletics. Kenya is keen on excelling at the biggest sporting stage on the globe to build on its rich legacy. A look at the athletes shows a fresh wave of talent, highlighting the country's dedication to nurturing young talent and seeking to maintain its dominance in track and field events in the coming years. Below are the profiles of some of the youngest athletes carrying the Kenyan dream at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

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Simon Kiprop Koech, 21
African Games 3,000m steeplechase bronze medalist in 2023.



Reynold Kipkorir Cheruiyot, 20
Gold medalist 1,500m African U20 Championship, 2023.



Beatrice Chebet, 24
Silver medalist 5,000m World Athletics Championships, 2022.



Mary Moraa, 24
Gold medalist 2023 World Athletics Championships.



Jackline Chepkoech, 21
Gold medalist at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.



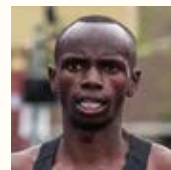
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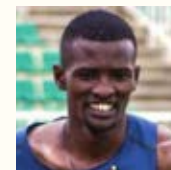
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Silver medalist at the African Championships in Cameroon in 2024.



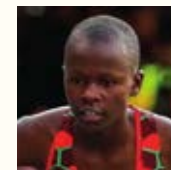
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KYEB has published 'Kenya at the Olympics: A 60-Year Journey of Medaling', a souvenir publication on the Games.

The publication showcases our national heritage through words and pictures, highlighting tales of excellence and tenacity that make the victories of Kenya's Olympians part of the country's collective identity.

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The total population according to the 2019 national census



How Olympics has united Kenyans over the years

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SPORTS

A wave of fresh talent at the Paris 2024 Olympics

Kenya's team comprises a mixture of the old and young taking part in various disciplines, from rugby to volleyball, javelin, fencing and athletics

PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS TEAM



Abraham Kibiwot, 28: Steeplechase



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Margaret Chelimo, 31: Long distance



Benard Koech, 25: Long distance



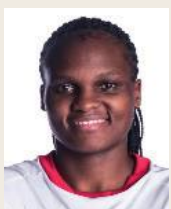
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Lorine Chebet, 25: Volleyball



Maria Brunlehner, 24: Swimmer



Faith Kipyegon, 30: 1,500m



Ferdinand Omanyala, 28: 100m



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Nicholas Kipkorir Kimeli, 25: 5,000m



Ronald Kwemoi, 28: Long distance



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Zablon Ekwam, 26: 400m



Wiseman Mukhobe, 26: 400m



Maureen Nyatichi, 27: 400m



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Benard Kibet Koech, 25

- World best performance for the 10-mile run, with a time of 44:04 set at the Kosa 10-Miler in December 2022.

Zablon Ekwam, 26

He is a track and field athlete who competes in 400m race. Running for Ndura Athletics Club athlete, he ran a 45.65 seconds 400 metres victory at the Athletics Kenya (AK) weekend meet in March 2021. In March 2024, he competed in the Men's 4 × 400 metres relay at the 2024 World Athletics Indoor Championships in Glasgow.

Naomi Korir, 26

- Competes as a middle-distance runner.
- Came second place in the Mixed 2x2x400m relay at the World Athletics Relays Championships in Silesia, Poland, in 2021.

Wycliffe Kinyamal, 27

- Won a gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and holds a personal best of 1:43.12 minutes.
- In 2016, he competed in the East African Junior Championships in Tanzania where he won the race at 1.50.17.
- His personal best was when he made it to the Paris 2024 Olympics team in the 800m with a time of 1.41.08.

Wiseman Mukhobe, 27

He was a medalist at the 2022 Commonwealth Games as part of the Kenya team in the 4x400m relay, and finished fourth in the final of the 400m hurdles.

Lilian Kasait Rengeruk, 27

She is a long-distance runner. She won the bronze medal in the women's senior race at the 2017 World Cross Country Championships.

Rengeruk is the former 3,000 metres World Under-18 champion and World U20 Championship silver medallist.

Maureen Nyatichi Thomas, 27

Competes in the 200 and 400 metres events. In Paris, she will represent Kenya at the 4*100m relay.

Ferdinand Omanyala Omurwa, 28

Omanyala competes in the 60m, 100m and 200m races. In 2022, he won his first international championships in Birmingham, with victories in the 100m at the Commonwealth Games and African Championships in Athletics in Mauritius.

Edwin Kurgat, 28

- Long-distance runner in both track and field events in 3,000m, 5,000m and 10,000 metres.

- Won the 2019 NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships while competing for Iowa State.

Daniel Mateiko, 28

He mainly competes in between 5,000m and half marathon, and holds a 58:36 half marathon personal best, which makes him the 9th fastest of all time over that distance.

Abraham Kibiwot, 28

- He is a steeplechase runner.
- Bronze medallist at the African Championships in Athletics in 2016.
- Personal best is 8:09.25 minutes, set in 2016.

Alexander Mutiso Munyao, 28

He is a long-distance runner who specialises in road running. He also won 2023 Prague International Marathon at the course record of 2:05:09.

Ronald Chebolei Kwemoi, 29

- Long-distance runner specialising in the 1,500 metres.
- Holds a personal best of 3:28.81 set at Herculis on July 2014.
- Silver medallist at the 2013 IAAF World Cross Country Championships.

Daniel Kyumbe Munguti, 29

- Won the Kenyan Athletics national title over 1,500 metres in Nairobi in 3:37.38.
- Won a gold medal with the Kenyan relay team at the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Belgrade.

Timothy Cheruiyot, 29

Middle distance runner specialising in 1,500m. He is the 2020 Tokyo Olympic silver medallist in the event and the 8th fastest athlete all time over the distance. At the World Athletics Championships, Cheruiyot won the silver medal in 2017 in London, and a gold in 2019 in Doha.

Susan Ejore-Sanders, 29

- Set a Kenya National Record in the indoor mile (4:20.61) in February 2024

Faith Chepngetich Kipyegon, 30

Faith competes in both the middle and long distance events. She is the current world recordholder for the 1,500 metres and mile, set in 2024 and 2023 respectively, and the former world record holder for the 5,000 metres.

Sharon Lokedi, 30

- Won the 10,000 metres at the 2018 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
- Won the New York City Marathon in her debut in May 2022

VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Oluoch Veronich Odhiambo, 25

Veronica Adhiambo Oluoch is an Outside Hitter who played volleyball at Kamrembo Siwandhe Primary School in Siaya County.

Lorine Chebet Kaei, 25

She plays as the middle-blocker position.

Sharon Chepchumba, 25

She plays as the Opposite position in the team. Has won individual awards as Best Scorer, 2022/23 and in the African Championships, 2023.

Gladys Ekaru Emaniman, 24

Plays the position of Middle-blocker. She joined the Malkia Strikers in 2019.

Loice Simiyu Masista, 23

Plays at the Middle-blocker position.

Mutinda Esther Kamene, 25

Plays at the Setter position.

Owino Pamela Odhiambo, 23

Named Most Valuable Player in 2023. Plays as the Opposite Spike position.

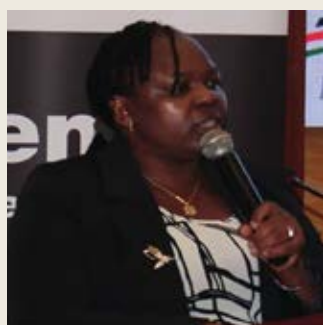
TELLING THE STORY: BOOK REVIEW

Kenya Yearbook showcases country's 60-year journey at the Olympics

It was in 1956 when Kenya first sent its national team to the Summer Olympics. Since then, the country has steadily embraced the values and spirit of the Olympic movement. The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board has published, "Kenya at the Olympics: A 60 Year Journey of Medaling" to document the country's participation in the games.

The book showcases Kenya's journey in the Olympics, highlighting both successes and challenges from the perspective of the athletes.

It captures the triumphs that Kenya has recorded to the hurdles that have



Kenya Yearbook CEO Lilian Kimeto. She notes that the book celebrates Kenya's resilience at the Olympics.

been used to fuel for more success. It is not just about the celebration of winning, but also the resilience of the Kenyan people.

The publication showcases our national heritage through words and pictures, highlighting tales of excellence and tenacity that make the victories of Kenya's Olympians part of the country's collective identity.

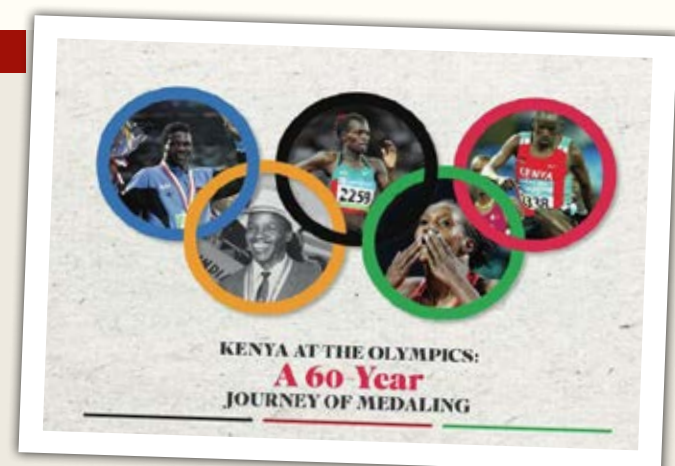
Capturing the tales of the traditional sports that Kenya is well known for, like athletics, and the newer sports such as fencing, the book gives a 360-degree narration of the resilience and unity of the Kenyan people, through

the determination of its sportspeople.

The book also recognises the role the government has played in ensuring the success of our athletes. Through financial support and the development of sports in the country via federations, the government has laid a solid foundation

for excellence.

Further, by availing and constructing sports infrastructure for training and competition, the government has provided our athletes with the necessary tools to compete at the highest levels. ■



New Huduma Centres take services closer to the people

President William Ruto commissioned three Huduma Centres in Tharaka Nithi, Maara and Kathwana constituencies last week, expanding access to government services for the public.

The centres have been built in partnership with the respective local NG-CDF, with Huduma Kenya operationalising them through equipment, branding and staffing.

The three centres will ensure that residents of Maara will not have to walk 32km to Embu to get government services, while those in Tharaka Nithi and Kathwana now have better access to digital standardised government services unlike before.

This initiative is geared towards deepening access to government services through Huduma Centres in the 290 constituencies.

The residents will be able to access services such as duplicate IDs, police abstract, police clearance, birth and death certificates, Posta services, health services, AGPO services, pension services, NCA services and cyber services among others.

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HUDUMA CORNER

President William Ruto (right) during the commissioning of new Huduma Centres in Tharaka Nithi County.



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Edith Mukuvilani, 30

Plays as the Middle-blocker position
Competed in the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Belinda Nanjala Barasa, 23

Plays as the Middle-blocker position.

SWIMMING

Maria Brunlehner, 24

Event - Women's 50m freestyle
She competed in the women's 100m freestyle at the 2019 World Aquatics Championships.

Ridhwan Abubakar, 23

Event - Men's 400m freestyle.

RUGBY TEAM

Denis Abukuse, 25

Plays for the Kenya 7's since 2022
Position - Outside Centre

Safari Festus, 28

He is a semi-professional rugby player

Kokoyo Ambetsa, 24

Position - Winger
Started playing for Kenya 7's in 2021
Occupation - Civil and structural engineer

Herman Francis, 29

Played for Kenya in the 2020 Summer Olympics
Position - Forward
Occupation - Athlete

Angeyo George, 24

Position - Tighthead prop
Has been in the Kenya 7's team from 2022

Tanga Brian, 29

Position - Fly-Half
Occupation - Public relations and creative arts

Vincent Onyala, 27

Kenya team Co-captain
Position - Center/forward
Occupation - Student/business person/athlete

Anthony Omomdi, 29

Co-captain
Position - Fly-half
Occupation - Athlete and Rugby Coach

George Ooro, 24

Position - Backrow
Occupation - Athlete

Samuel Asati, 25

Position - Scrum-Half
Occupation - Student

Nygel Amaita, 22

Position - Fly-Half
Occupation - Student

Kevin Wekesa, 23

Position - Forward (Prop)
Occupation - Mechanical Engineer. ■

PATRIOTISM

How Olympics has united Kenyans over the years



A Kenya rugby player (right) in action. Kenya finished ninth at the Olympics.

Watching the Olympics has become a collective experience and a moment of shared joy for Kenyans

Kenya first took part in the Olympics in 1956, and since then, the country has sent athletes to compete in various sports, with their participation being a source of pride and unity for the nation.

Over the years, the Olympics have had a unique way of fostering a sense of togetherness. And things are not any different with the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Let's start from the start. Kenya's Olympics story began with Nyandika Maiyoro when he first ventured into British East Africa Colony athletics competition in 1949 and, together with Lazaro Chepkwony, became Kenya's first elite runners to compete in Britain at the 1954 AAA Championships in London, with Chepkwony featuring in the six miles and Maiyoro in the three miles.

Maiyoro later ran in the 5,000 metres at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne (Africa's first Olympics) in a race won by Russia's Vladimir Kuts and at the 1960 Olympics in Rome, where he finished sixth.

Kenya has subsequently won various medals at the Olympics, including Wilson Kiprugut (800 metres) at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 and Naftali Temu (10,000m) and Kipchoge Keino (1,500m) in 1968 in Mexico City, Wangila Napunyi in boxing in 1988 in Seoul. Keino

ended up amassing tens of other medals to earn the title "father of athletics".

Just as their podium finish then evoked a strong sense of pride and national identity, over the years, the same has happened as the Kenyan flag is raised and the national anthem played during medal ceremonies.

Every four years, watching the Olympics has become a collective experience and a moment of shared joy for Kenyans.

Initially, families gathered around TVs in homes and public places, but these days a majority of Kenyans follow online to share in the excitement, watching their own outrun their competitors.

However, during the Olympics, Kenyans do not only celebrate the athletes, but also the diverse talents and cultures within the country.

The athletes taking part in the sports are diverse and come from different parts of the country, therefore, whenever they win, we celebrate their backgrounds, regions and families as we come together under one flag, highlighting the country's rich diversity and promoting national cohesion.

That said, successful athletes like Eliud Kipchoge, Faith Kipyegon, Ferdinand Omanyala and Vivian Cheruiyot have become role models to many.

Their stories of hard work, perseverance, and success become shared narratives that encourage unity and inspire the next generation.

"No human is limited," says Kipchoge, who has become the greatest marathoner of all the time. These words inspire many people, in particular the youngsters, to push their limits, just as he did during the INEOS 1:59 Challenge to cross the line in 1 hour, 59

INFOBOX



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Breaking new ground

From Archery to Sailing, Kenya's sportsmen and women have endeavoured to compete at the Olympics in honour of their motherland.

Alexandra Ndolo has broken new ground by qualifying for Fencing in Paris and in 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Gaudencia Makokha and Brackcedes Khadambi Agala put Kenya on the Olympic map by taking part in Beach Volleyball.

Other sports are; Taekwondo, Tennis, Shooting, Weight-lifting, Judo and Cycling Mountain Bike.

minutes, and 40 seconds.

Kenya's athletes are the country's foremost ambassadors as they showcase their excellence on the global stage. Therefore, the Olympics serve as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when a nation stands together, celebrating both individual achievements and collective identity. ■

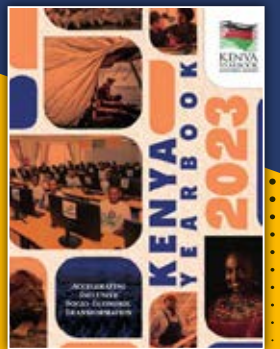


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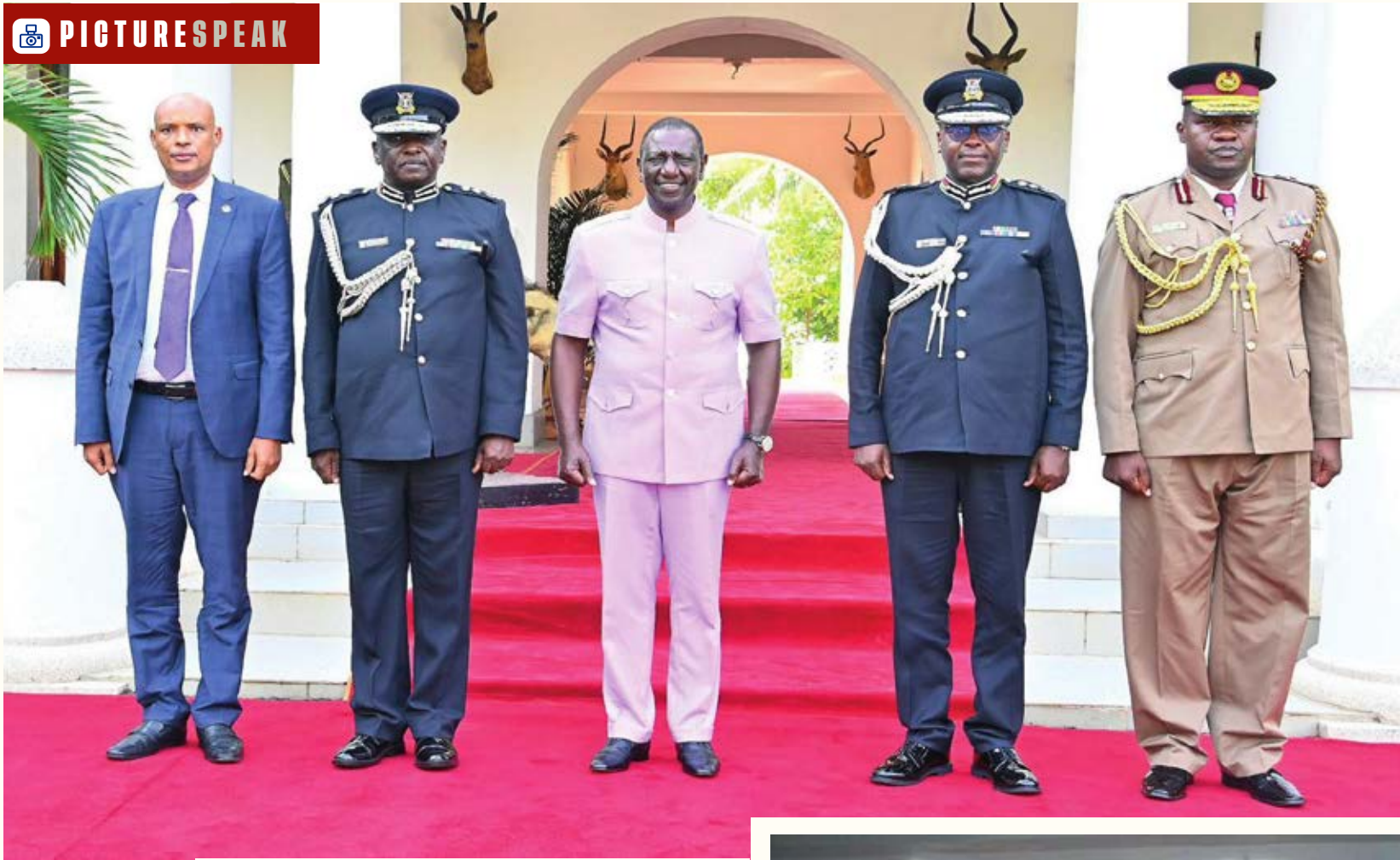


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PICTURESPEAK



President William Ruto (centre) with the newly appointed Deputy Inspector Generals of Police Gilbert Masengeli (right) and Eliud Lagat (second right) after their swearing in at State House, Mombasa.



President William Ruto (left) and his deputy Rigathi Gachagua during the launch of the rehabilitation of Etio Dam in Elgeyo Marakwet County on July 13. The dam will serve 7,000 households and public institutions. The dam was constructed by the Kerio Valley Development Authority.



ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary, Eng John Tanui (centre) when he visited E&M Tech Hub last week at Tatu City, Kiambu County. The government is training youths in digital skills.



Participants at the 20th Annual Scientific Conference for the Kenya Pharmaceutical Association (KPA). Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ms Mary Muthoni (above), emphasized the vital role of pharmaceutical technologists in achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Experts root for use of herbicides for higher yields and easier weed control

BY GEORGE AGIMBA(KNA)

Agriculture experts are calling on Kenyan farmers to embrace a new approach to weed control in their maize farms.

This approach, the experts say, dubbed 'chemical farming,' is gaining popularity and traction as a viable alternative to traditional weeding methods nationwide.

A research study conducted by CropLife International has revealed that maize is a crucial staple food in Sub-Saharan Africa, covering over 25 million hectares of land.

Surprisingly, despite its importance, maize production in Kenya has the lowest yield worldwide, averaging only 1.5 tons per hectare compared to the global average of 4.9 tons per hectare.

The main challenges that maize farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa, including Kenya, face are weed infestations, insect attacks, and disease pathogens, the study shows. These chal-



A maize farm located in Suna East, Migori County. The owner found out that using herbicides was not only cost-effective but also a highly efficient method of controlling weeds and ensuring maximum maize yield.

lenges, however, can be effectively managed using herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides.

In Kenya, hand weeding is the most common method employed by small-scale maize farmers to control weeds.

However, labor shortages during the early stages of the season often lead to delayed weeding, resulting in significant maize yield

losses ranging from 15 to 90 percent due to weed competition.

The research also highlights that prolonged weed competition throughout the season can cause even higher losses, ranging from 50 to 90 per cent.

While there have been experiments and extensive studies on the use of herbicides to control weeds in maize farms in Kenya, the

adoption of this technology has been slow among small-scale farmers.

One of the reasons for this slow uptake is the lack of an effective mechanism to disseminate the knowledge and technology to smallholders once the research is completed.

Ms Pamela Odhiambo, a small-scale maize farmer in Suna East, Migori County, attributes this slow adoption to ignorance and lack of awareness about the availability of affordable herbicides for weed control in maize.

She believes that many farmers, particularly those in rural areas, are unaware of these herbicides, while others assume they are expensive. Ms Odhiambo, decided to try chemical farming for the first time last season, and has been amazed by the results.

She found that using herbicides was not only cost-effective but also a highly efficient method of controlling weeds and ensuring maximum maize yield.

BRIEFS

KURA completes key road projects in Muranga County

The Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) has embarked on improving the road network within Muranga County. This initiative is part of a broader plan that will benefit urban centers in the central region by upgrading the road network, making it easier for residents to access social amenities. The Authority is currently upgrading a total of six road projects, totaling 6.9 kilometers, within Muranga County. The road projects, which were commissioned in February 2024, are fully funded by the Government to the tune of Sh297,425,487.3. The road network includes: 1.4 kilometers (km) of periodic maintenance for MTN-KAG-Grogon-Jakasa Road, 1.2 km of periodic maintenance for Kandundu Junction-Kandundu ACK Road, 1.5 km of periodic maintenance for Kayahwe-Muchungu-cha-Gacharu Road, 0.8 km of periodic maintenance

for Mjini-Chief's Office-Bishop Kairu Road, 3 km of upgrading to bitumen standards for Huh-Rescue Centre Road, and 0.4 km of periodic maintenance for Water Supply-High Point Estate Road.

In addition, KURA, through the Annuity Programme, has substantially completed two road projects within Muranga County, totaling 8.9 kilometers. The two projects, implemented by Infra-connect 15 Contractors, include the 3.8 km Ndiwe-Kiria Road and the 5.1 km Mucunguca-Kiangage Road.

The upgrading of the road network across the entire central region will enable Muranga County benefit with a total of 15.8 kilometres of improved roads. This enhancement will boost the economic status of the area and improve people's livelihoods by providing better access to social amenities.

By MyGov Reporter

Murang'a County to build 82 new classrooms for Grade Nine learners

Some 47 primary schools in Murang'a County will soon receive new classrooms to prepare for grade nine learners starting early next year. A total of 82 classrooms, distributed among the 47 schools, will be constructed at a cost of Sh. 82 million. This program is funded under the Kenya Primary Education Equity Learning (KPEEL), which is spearheaded by the World Bank and the Government. Murang'a Director of Education, Ms. Ann Kiilu, stated that the benefiting schools were selected based on need, as many local primary schools already have the necessary infrastructure to accommodate grade nine learners. During a meeting to inform school heads, chairs of the boards of management, and members of the school infrastructure committees (SIC) at Murang'a Technology Primary School, Ms. Kiilu noted that the construction of the classrooms is expected to take three months. She observed after the sensitization forum

which was also attended by officers from the procurement and public works, the head teachers and the other involved officers will embark on procurement process so as to source for contractors. "The classrooms are factored in phase one as we await for phase two which will include construction of laboratories and learning resource centres." She added.

A total of 22, 662 pupils in public primary schools and another 2, 128 learners from private institutions in the county are set to join grade 9 next year. Mutunduini primary school in Kandara Sub County will be the highest beneficiary after it was allocated six new classrooms followed by Peter Kariuki School in Maragua Sub County which is slated to get five classrooms.

Kiilu noted the funds have already been disbursed and are at the schools accounts requesting members of the school infrastructure committees to hasten the procurement process.

By Bernard Munyao (KNA)

Authority partners with local chiefs to boost claim uptake amounting to Sh62b

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

The Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority (UFAA) has partnered with the National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) to sensitize the public to collect Sh62 billion being held in trust by the authority.

UFAA is banking on the administrators' grassroots network to ramp up sensitization efforts across the country to increase the uptake of unclaimed assets.

The Authority Chairman CPA Francis Njenga who spoke during a sensitization meeting of Mombasa chiefs said that they received all unclaimed assets, safeguarded them and united them with the rightful owners, assuring that the money was kept safely, and it could not be misappropriated.

"We have a trust fund account at the Central Bank of Kenya. This is the account where every coin is

placed. When this money is placed there, it is safe because it is a guaranteed fund by the Government of Kenya," the chairman said.

He said UFAA heavily relied on assistant chiefs, chiefs, assistant county commissioners, deputy county commissioners, and county commissioners for verification of claims.

Njenga said UFAA has also partnered with the Judiciary to fast-track succession cases. Talks are ongoing with the National Assembly to fast-track cases of deceased persons as the Unclaimed Financial Assets Act, 2011 directs the Authority to reconfirm grants. "A grant before is confirmed by other processes. We have got amendments to this Act of ours and we have launched amendments to the regulations with the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury where it will be so easy to get your money. It will be



UFAA Chairman CPA Francis Njenga

like a one-stop shop," CPA Njenga said.

The Chairman urged Kenyans to collect their money as they have so far managed to pay only Sh2.5 billion. He noted that in its third strategic plan for 2023-2028, the Authority targets to pay Sh7 billion in claims. "We know the problems that people are facing, the economic hardships that are there in this country. We want to be-

come the first institution, and we are, that will provide financing for the Bottom-up Economic model," the UFAA Chairman said. On his part, John Mwangi, the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Trustee of UFAA, said they were on a week-long sensitization of Mombasa residents about its mandates. UFAA has received unclaimed financial assets from various institutions. "Unclaimed assets are the money that the owners have left or forgotten in various institutions, which could be in commercial banks, SACCOs, pension funds, mobile money, utilities, or dividends in capital markets," he explained.