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128

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200

Families who gave up over 4000 parcels of land for the establishment of The Fluorspar Mining Company in Keiyo South Sub-County

3.2b

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1.4b

Cost of a project to upgrade informal settlements in Homa Bay County with KISIP2 funding

200

Residents from Kangema Sub-County who have benefited from a World Bank project through the Water Fund

Government releases Sh3.2 billion to expand Inua Jamii programme

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BY SAMUEL MAINA (KNA)

ver one million people enrolled in the Inua Jamii program have begun receiving their June stipends from the Sh3.2 billion released by the government last week.

A week ago, Joseph Motari, the PS of the State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizens Affairs, announced the disbursement of Sh3.2 billion to 1,607,996 beneficiaries, up from 1,037,773 in May last year. Motari mentioned that 570,263 new beneficiaries had been added to the program following President Dr. William Ruto's directive to expand it to 2.5 million beneficiaries.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection released Sh3.2 billion for the June 2024 payments to beneficiaries enrolled in the Inua Jamii program," Motari stated.

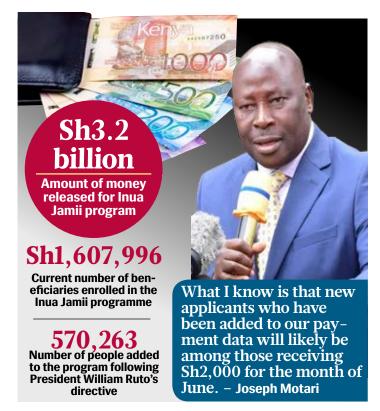
In Nyeri, out of the 22,000 beneficiaries registered in the county, 17,000 are under the Older Persons Cash Transfer (OP-CT) program, 4,000 under the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program, and 1,300 under the Persons with Severe Disabilities (PWSDs) program.

Kung'u Mwaniki, the Nyeri County Director of Children Services, mentioned that he will confirm the exact number of beneficiaries once the payroll for the payments is finalized.

'What I know is that new appli– cants who have been added to our payment data will likely be among those receiving Sh2,000 for the month of June.'

"But what I know is that a total of 500,000 of those who had applied to be considered for registration in

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The Managing Trustee of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) David Koross briefs the press on the sidelines of the 20th symposium of the Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers and Caterers in Diani, Kwale.

Retirees to receive claims in record 24 hours as NSSF surpasses annual target

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

The Managing Trustee of plagued retirees for years.

the National Social Secu- The Managing Truste rity Fund (NSSF), Mr. David Koross, has assured retirees that they will soon receive their claims within 24 hours as the organization digitizes its systems.

Koross noted that the NSSF is leveraging technology to digitize its processes, ensuring seamless claim payments and eliminating unnecessary bureaucracies that have Sh2.6 billion to over 38,000

mentioned that the fund has grown, surpassing its target for the financial year 2023/2024 as of March 31st. The NSSF has raised Sh43 billion, exceeding the target of Sh41 billion. The payment period has been reduced from an average of 18 days to between 10 and 14 days. Last quarter, the NSSF paid over

claims.

institution that used to delay payments. We have now cleared all backlogs of pending claims, and we are currently dealing with new claims," said Koross. He added that this will ensure an efficient turnaround in the payment of claims.

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Retirees to receive claims in record 24 hours as NSSF surpasses it targets

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He continued, "Soon, we want to ensure that we pay claims within 24 hours. We are digitizing and automating our processes so that Kenyans can receive their claims from the comfort of their homes without having to visit NSSF offices."

Koross noted in Kwale. during the 20th Symposium for the Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers and Caterers, that the transformation efforts at the NSSF will continue unabated to ensure seamless service delivery to Kenyans. "We are introducing enhanced contributions of 12 percent of the salary for retirement savings," said Koross, adding that they face challenges with unremitted contributions, mainly from county governments that owe the fund Sh5 billion.

The Managing Trustee further revealed that 83 percent of Kenyans have no formal pension, and only six percent of retirees above 60 have pensions.NSSF is on a mission to bring more people on board to start saving for their retirement.

The NSSF boss said they are banking on the new NSSF Act, 2013 whose implementation started in 2023 after it was halted by court cases to widen coverage and to increase social security benefits that retirees will get. "Previously, we have been only asking people to save about Sh400 per month and when people retire you retire to about Sh120, 000 - 150,000. We would want to move to a situation where at least when people retire you get a basic income replacement of at least 30 per cent for what you were earning," he explained.

"We remain one of the lowest countries in terms of savings. Our savings are still very low, and we want to encourage Kenyans, especially the young people who are coming for employment to focus and save," he added.

NSSF has also extended its savings concept to the informal sector through the introduction of a product dubbed Haba Haba where a person can save Sh25 a day and Sh750 in a month.

Government releases Sh3.2b to expand Inua Jamii programme

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2023 across the country have been included in the Consolidated Cash Transfer Program Management Information System (CCTPMIS)," he has told KNA.

At least 26,000 persons from Nyeri had applied to be enlisted in the Inua Jamii scale up program by September last year.

The Government rolled out a nationwide registration exercise on September 1st last year and had planned to end the exercise after two weeks, but this was later extended for a fortnight to avoid locking out deserving beneficiaries.

In Nyeri the Government had targeted a total of 3,952 new beneficiaries for the OVC and PWSDs but this figure later surpassed the initial projection by 3,280 persons.

The official has also clarified that OVCs and PWSDs will continue receiving their monthly stipends disbursed through their M-Pesa



Members of the public wait to be enlisted for the new Inua Jamii monthly social safety net program at the Mathira West Subcounty offices. PHOTO: FILE

accounts unlike in the past where such monies were sent through individual bank accounts.

However, beneficiaries under the Older Persons Cash Transfer (OP-CT) program will continue receiving their money through their respective bank accounts.

Kung'u said the payments will assist families taking care of orphans and vulnerable children ahead of the resumption of learning in schools after the brief mid-term break.

"We shall continue paying money to orphans and vulnerable children and persons with disabilities through their M-Pesa mobile accounts. Those accounts are tailor-made to ensure such funds cannot be deducted through the Fuliza overdraft system. "These accounts are also secure and safe as the beneficiaries can access their money at the place of their convenience and avoid falling prey to fraudsters and rogue relatives," he explained. The State began disbursing funds for the Inua Jamii cash transfer program monthly last year to address perennial backlogs that had turned out to be an added pain to the intended beneficiaries.

The move came at a time when beneficiaries of the social safety net had been forced to wait for months before receiving their dues.

For one to access the Sh2,000 monthly stipends, he or she must have been registered through the CCTPMIS.



MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS & THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

State Department for ICT and Digital Economy

ADDENDUM 001

PUBLIC NOTICE: CALL FOR COMMENTS FOR THE INFORMATIO AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY BILL.2024

The Government recognizes the central role it plays in delivery of the Digital Transformation Agenda to accelerate the country's economic growth and enhance service delivery to the citizens.

In this regard, the Ministry through the Committee on Revitalization of Regulatory Agencies has developed the Draft Information and Communications Technology Bill, 2024 ('Bill'). The Bill proposes the establishment of a mechanism for integration of ICT in Government entities.

The objective of this Bill is to establish an Act to provide a legal framework for the establishment, powers and functions of the Information and Communications Technology Authority (ICTA) and provide for a well-coordinated and regulated oversight of ICT matters at both the National and County levels.

The Ministry is, therefore, required to conduct public consultations in accordance with the Constitution and invites relevant stakeholders, members of the public and all interested parties to provide suggestion(s), views and inputs, with justification(s), on the Bill, which will inform its review.

The Bill is available on the following links **www.icta.go.ke** and **www.ict.go.ke**.

Written submissions should be submitted to the ICT Authority using the provided template below not later than 5.00 PM EAT on 15th July 2024 through ictabill@icta.go.ke and copied to legal@moict.go.ke or to the address:

Chief Executive Officer ICT Authority 12th Floor TelPosta Towers P. O. Box 27150-00200 Nairobi, Kenya

TEMPLATE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

	NAME OF ORGANISATION/OR INDIVIDUAL PERSON				
S/No	Section of Bill	Proposal	Justification		
1.					
2.					





MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES AUTHORITY

OPEN TENDER FOR DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND UNSERVICEABLE ASSETS. TENDER NO. MSEA/OP/D/02/2023-2024.

Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) is a state agency domiciled in the Ministry of Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development. It is mandated to facilitate the MSE sector in terms of physical infrastructure, basic amenities and equipment, among others.

The Authority now invites applications for Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus, Unserviceable Assets Tender **no. MSEA/OP/D/02/2023-2024** from interested eligible bidders for the assets as listed in the tender document.

The Tender documents may be downloaded from www.msea.go.ke OR www.tenders.go.ke at no cost. Completed tender documents should be submitted in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with lot and Reference number and deposited in the tender box at Utalii House, Mezzanine floor, along Utalii lane to the address below on or before 23rd July 2024 at 11.00am.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL/CEO. MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES AUTHORITY P O BOX 48823-00100 NAIROBI

Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above unless communicated otherwise. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders designated representatives who choose to attend. Late tenders will not be accepted.

DIRECTOR GENERAL/CEO

Tourism sector rebounds to record 2.09 million visitor arrivals in 2023

BY MABEL KEYA-SHIKUKU (KNA)

enya is a renowned tourism destination globally, celebrated for its stunning sandy beaches along the coast and diverse wildlife that annually attracts millions of tourists. Tourism is Kenya's second-largest foreign exchange earner, trailing only the agriculture sector, which contributes about 70 percent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

In 2020, the sector was severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, leading to border closures worldwide. However, recent data from the Ministry of Tourism indicates a significant recovery, with tourist arrivals reaching a record high of 2.09 million in 2023. This surge underscores Kenya's successful efforts in marketing itself as a preferred international destination been crucial for post-pandemic.

Compared to 2021,



Tourists from Denmark enjoy a boat ride at the Kenwood camp in Lake Naivasha.

where arrivals stood at 870,465, the 2023 figure represents a substantial increase of 70.45 per cent. Income from tourism also rose to Sh268.09 billion in

2022 from Sh146.51 billion in 2021, mark-

Engaging with local tourism authorities has **Kentwood Cabins**

ing an impressive 83 per cent growth.

Naivasha, known for its conference-tourism economy, has also seen a revival in tourism. The region attracts international tourists seeking to explore attractions like Lake Naivasha, its resident hippos and buffaloes, Hells Gate National Park, luxury hotel dining, and the diverse local culture.

Job Gatheru, Marketing Manager at Kentwood

Cabins in Naivasha, highlights their strategy to attract tourists through robust online marketing, showcasing their cottages' unique features and the region's natural beauty. Their approach focuses on promoting activities such as nature walks, bird watching, and visits to nearby attractions, aiming to position Kentwood Cabins as a gateway to memorable adventures.

Engaging with local tourism authorities and travel agencies has been crucial for Kentwood Cabins, participating in tourism fairs and industry events to expand their reach and promote their offerings.

Collaborations with tour operators have also helped attract visitors interested in guided tours and package deals that include accommodations.

Despite recent challenges like droughts and floods affecting wildlife and local communities, the tourism sector's resurgence brings relief to industry stakeholders. As Kenya gears up for the peak tourist season, particularly in the Maasai Mara National Game Reserve, optimism remains high for significant economic gains.

Varsity launches prime care center to offer specialized, affordable medicare

BY ROBERT OJWANG (KNA)

¬he Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teach-ing and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) has launched a new Prime Care Center (PCC) to offer specialized and high-quality medical services at more affordable rates.

The PCC is equipped with advanced medical equipment for conducting specialized procedures, complex diagnostic tests, and treatments for chronic illnesses, all at subsidized prices.

Kisumu Governor, Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, who presided over the launch, revealed that the new center is designed to meet the advanced medical needs of patients from the region.

"I urge all residents to utilize this facility because it is your hospital," he emphasized. Whether you are a civil servant, a business owner, or simply seeking specialized care, the PCC is designed to meet your needs.

Prof. Nyong'o acknowledged the difficulties locals face, including those with insurance, in accessing specialized healthcare in private hospitals where insurance limits are quickly exhausted.

He stressed that the JOOTRH Prime Care Center aims to tackle the high cost of treatment in private facilities by providing high-quality specialized services at more affordable rates.

Speaking at the same event, Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili noted that JOOTRH, a level-five hospital in the Nyanza region, previously operated without a dedicated amenity wing. This issue has now been resolved with the inception of the Prime Care Center, he said.



MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

The Government of Kenya through The Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, State Department for Housing and Urban Development intends to procure suitably qualified service provider for the following insurance cover as listed below:

No.	TENDER NO.	PROPOSED PROJECT	CATEGORY
1.	1. MLPWHUD/SDHUD/ SUD/14/2024-2025 Insurance cover for fire and other perils Tenant F Scheme for Kibera Soweto East Zone A-Canaan (822 No. units).		Open Tender
2.	MLPWHUD/SCHUD/ SUD/15/2024-2025 Insurance cover for Group Mortgage Protection Tenant Purchase Scheme for Kibera Soweto East Zone A-Canaan Estate (810 No. Units)		Open Tender

- 1. Interested bidders can access the tender document from the State Department's website v.housingandurban.go.ke free of charge. Bidders may download the tender documents from the website and are required to provide their details by registering with the Supply Chain Management Office, located at Ardhi House 6th Floor Wing B, 1st Ngong Avenue, during normal working hours. All enquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: procurement@housingandurban.go.ke.
- Qualified and interested Tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours between 8:00am-5:00pm at the address given below.
- Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for 120 days from the date of opening of tenders.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before 24th July, 2024 at 9:00am. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- 6. Late tenders shall be rejected.
- 7. The addresses referred to above are:

Head Supply Chain Management Service

For: The Principal Secretary State Department for Housing and Urban Development. P.O. Box 30119 -00100 NAIROBI, KENYA





NUMERICAL MACHINING COMPLEX LIMITED (NMC)



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Against this backdrop NMC seeks applications for the position below: -

	JOB TITLE	GRADE	JOB REF. NO.	TERMS OF SERVICE
1.	MANAGING DIRECTOR	NMC1	NMC/MD/01/2024	3 YEARS CONTRACT

The full details, job summary and requirements for this position are available on the NMC website at www.nmc.go.ke.

All shortlisted candidates will be required to provide the following documents in compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010:

- Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Tax Compliance Certificate
- Certificate of clearance from Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) Clearance Certificate Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) Clearance Certificate
- Certificate of Good Conduct from the Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

Applicants whose background and competencies match the specifications are invited to apply for the position by submitting a cover letter, detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copy of their national Identity Card, copies of academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials either via email to chair

> The Chairman, Board of Directors, **Numerical Machining Complex Ltd.** P.O. Box 70660-00400, Kenya Railways Central Workshop, NAIROBI

Please note:

- Applications must be received by Monday, 29th July 2024 at 5.00pm
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Numerical Machining Complex is an equal opportunity employer. Female candidates, the marginalized and persons abled differently are encouraged to apply. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

Kwale launches solarpowered water schemes to promote agriculture

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI(KNA)

The Kwale County Government has launched solar-powered water schemes in rural areas to enable residents to access clean potable water for domestic and agricultural use, including irrigation.

Governor Fatuma Achani says the solar-powered water projects will increase access to safe drinking water and improve hygiene and basic sanitation across the coastal county.

The Governor noted that the solar water initiatives are being executed following wide consultations with residents at the grassroots level to unlock

economic opportunities.

Achani emphasized that the solar water projects and pumps will also support improving agriculture and attaining food security in the county, highlighting food security as a top priority through the improvement of agricultural production.

"This new solar-powered water scheme seeks to provide sustainable access to clean and safe drinking water for

We are working tirelessly to establish the best infrastructure to address water scarcity

the community, which is a vital resource that has long been scarce in rural and far-flung parts of our county," she said.

Achani spoke when she led the groundbreaking ceremony for the installation of two solar water projects in Mlongotoni and Bodo areas in Ramisi Ward of Msambweni Sub-County and handed over the Mkonjwe borehole to residents of Mkonjwe Dzombo ward for use. She added that the county will support the implementation of renewable sources of energy to power water sources for vulnerable communities.

"We are working tirelessly to establish the best infrastructure to address



Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani (in flowing black dress) when she commissioned several water projects in Msambweni and Lunga Lunga sub counties.

water scarcity for the residents of our county," she said. The Governor revealed that the two solar water projects consist of solar pumping and distribution systems, motorised boreholes and their accessories and 10,000 litre tanks capacity and security fences. Achani vowed that her administration will continue to engage residents in the implementation of projects that

have positive bearing on their lives and reaffirmed her commitment to ensuring the timely completion of projects across Kwale. The coastal county boss pointed out that the new investment in the water sector would make potable water available to all residents.

She said provision of safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene are fundamental to improving the living standards of the people and expressed her commitment to ensuring that Kwale county residents have access to safe and reliable water supply near them.

"We will continue to drill boreholes in the lower region of Kwale and construct dams in the drought prone areas of Kinango and LungaLunga Sub-Counties to make Kwale a self-reliant region in food production through irrigation," Achani said.

Christin Mwadele, a resident of Mlongotoni Village, commended the county for the solar water project saying that it's a game changer for the locals who had to walk long distances in search of the precious commodity.

"I want to thank our Governor for the water project as it will reduce the burden of women who have to walk long distances in search of water," Mwadele said.



SOUTH NYANZA SUGAR COMPANY LIMITED





TENDER NOTICE

South Nyanza Sugar Company Limited invites sealed tenders from competent vendors for the provision of the below listed services/works and supply of goods. Tenders are open to all candidates meeting the eligibility criteria set in the tender document including AGPO group.

S/No	Item Description	Type of Tender	Closing Date
1.	Supply, Installation, Configuration, Migration, Replication, Testing and Commissioning of Data Centre Servers	Open Tender	26th July 2024
2.	Supply, Installation, Configuration, Testing and Commissioning of 40 KVA Data Centre Smart UPS	Open Tender	26th July 2024
3.	Provision of one year 50MBPS (Expandable) Internet and MPLS Services	Open Tender	26th July 2024
4.	Provision of Infrastructure as a Service (IAAS) Solution for remote DR Solution	Open Tender	26th July 2024
5.	Provision of Consultancy Services-Offsite Cloud Disaster Recovery Solution	Open Tender	26th July 2024
6.	Supply, Installation, Configuration, Testing and Commissioning of Unified Threat Management System (Hardware & Software including Licensing)	Open Tender	26th July 2024
7.	Configuration & Enhancement of Oracle Sparc Servers T4-4 & T4-2	Open Tender	26th July 2024
8.	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of CCTV System.	Open Tender	26th July 2024
9.	Supply of Laminates	Open Tender	26th July 2024
10.	Supply of Industrial and Automotive Lubricants	Open Tender	26th July 2024
11.	Provision of Life Assurance Services (Re-tendering)	Open Tender	26th July 2024
12.	Provision of General Insurance Services (Re-tendering)	Open Tender	26th July 2024
13.	Supply of Fibrizer Hammers	Open Tender	26th July 2024
14.	Prequalification/Registration of Suppliers for the Supply, Installation of Curtains. Fittings and Interior Decoration.	Open Tender	26th July 2024

The tender documents containing detailed information on the tenders can freely be downloaded from the official company website (www.sonysugar.co.ke) & PPIP Portal.
Duly filled and completed tender documents clearly marked "Tender reference No. and Closing date" should be addressed to.

The Managing Director,
South Nyanza Sugar Company Ltd,
Off Kisii-Migori Road.
P.O. Box 107-40405, Sare-Awendo.
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Email; administration@sonysugar.co.ke:tenders@sonysugar.co.ke

and be deposited in the tender box at our Headquarters in Awendo by **26th July 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** Tenders will then be opened thereafter at the Company's Training Centre in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. (**This is optional**)

SonySugar Company Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any application and is not bound to give any reasons thereof.

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BASIC EDUCATION

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Ministry of Education, State Department for Basic Education, in conjunction with **ASTORION AUCTIONEERS P.O BOX 33340-00600 NAIROBI,** shall sell by **PUBLIC AUCTION** boarded motor vehicles/equipments and other items at the respective regions on specified dates and times:-

No.	DATE AND VENUE	DESCRIPTION
1	MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER ITEMS	
2	31 ST JULY 2024 AT 10.00 AM - NYERI MOE OFFICES – CENTRAL, NAIROBI/ MERU & UPPER EASTERN	MOTOR VEHICLES
3	2^{ND} august 2024 at 10.00 am Garissa moe offices – Lower Eastern/North Eastern & Coast	MOTOR VEHICLES

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Interested bidders may view the vehicles and boarded equipment/items at the respective stations during working hours to verify all the details for themselves.
- Vehicles and all boarded equipment/items are sold "as is where basis is" and the sale is subject to reserve price(s).
- 3. Interested bidders will be required to pay a refundable deposit of 10% of the reserve price as indicated in the catalogue at the Ministry of Education cash office (7th floor) during normal working hours to obtain a bidding number. No bids will be viable without a bidding number as indicated in the catalogue.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information by visiting Ministry of Education website
 www.education.go.ke to download a detailed disposal document (catalogue) containing details of the
 items to be auctioned and conditions of sale.
- Viewing should be before date of Auction as indicated in the Disposal Document (catalogue) at CDE's/ SCDE's offices and MOE warehouse at industrial area Likoni Road supplies branch for other items.
- 6. The appointed auctioneer is **ASTORION AUCTIONEERS OF P.O BOX 33340-00600 NAIROBI..**

N/B: Where taxes are applicable they will be borne by the buyer(s).

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TEL 0720797118, 0721963927



Commissioner urges strict compliance with mining ban amid safety concerns

BY SEBASTIAN MIRITI(KNA)

The Government has directed that no human activities, except for the security operation order in place, are allowed within the gold mining sites at Hillo in Marsabit County.

Marsabit County Commissioner, Mr. James Kamau, stated that government orders should be implemented without exception. He added that any deviation would result in swift and stern disciplinary action against law enforcement officers responsible for enforcing the ban. Mr. Kamau expressed concern that despite a gazette notice and successive directives from the Cabinet Secretary for Interior outlawing the activity, cases of lives being lost at the mines continue to be reported.

During a fact-finding visit, the Commissioner, who led the county security team along with officials from Moyale and Sololo sub-counties, was dismayed to find active



Marsabit County Commissioner James Kamau (right) and other senior security officials inspects a generator used to run crashers within the outlawed Hillo gold mines in Moyale Sub county.

mining sites, indicating a lack of enforcement of the ban imposed in mid-March this year."

During the tour which also included the new County Police Commander Leonard Kimaiyo, artisanal miners busy extracting the precious mineral were found but escaped upon citing the security teams.

The CC directed those three formations with a multi-sectoral composition of security personnel from the Kenya Police Service, Border Patrol Unit, Kenya Forest Service, the DCI, General Service Unit and the Kenya Defence Forces to be established to enforce the ban.

He reiterated that the 13 mining sites in Dabel Location remain disturbed and dangerous and advised artisanal miners and other mineral speculators to keep off the area.

"We cannot afford to continue to report failure in our duties," the CC said and warned those facilitating illegal entry into the prohibited area will be sacked.



TENDER NO. IRA/273/2023-2024 - "REGISTRATION OF CONSULTANTS FOR PROVISION OF INVESTIGATION SERVICES UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE INSURANCE ACT"

The Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) is a government agency established under the Insurance Act, 2006, Cap 487 of the Laws of Kenya to regulate, supervise and promote the development of the Insurance Industry in Kenya.

The Authority wishes to invite all eligible, competent and qualified firms to submit applications for purposes of registration for the Provision of Investigation Services under section 9 of the Insurance Act

Interested firms may view and download the registration documents from the Public Procurement Information Portal (www.tenders.go.ke) and IRA website (www.ira.go.ke) or at IRA's Procurement Office on the 10th Floor, Zep-Re Place, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Nairobi. Interested and eligible applicants are required to download the registration document from the website free of charge.

Completed Registration documents MUST be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly

"IRA/273/2023-2024 FOR REGISTRATION OF CONSULTANTS FOR PROVISION OF INVESTIGATION SERVICES UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE INSURANCE ACT."

and addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Insurance Regulatory Authority
10th Floor, Zep-Re Place, Longonot Road, Upperhill
P.O.Box 43505-00100
Nairobi, Kenya.
Telephone +254-20-4996000
Email: procurement@ira.go.ke
Website: http://www.ira.go.ke

and deposited in the tender box located on the 10th floor of Zep-Re Place, Longonot Road Upper Hill, Nairobi so as to be received on or before 16^{th} July 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders' representatives who may choose to attend at the Training Room located on the 10th floor, Zep-Re Place, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Nairobi. Late tenders will not be accepted.

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT)

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

In pursuit of its mission and mandate, the University wishes to invite applications from suitable qualified candidates to fill the positions indicated below:

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DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT FOUNDATIONS

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Homa Bay unveils major infrastructure upgrade for informal settlements

BY DAVIS LANGAT (KNA)

esidents of Homa Bay County liv-Ling in informal settlements are poised to benefit from significant infrastructure improvements initiated by the county government in collaboration with the State Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The initiative forms part of the second phase of the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2), funded at a cost of Sh1.4 billion by the World Bank, AFD France, and the European Union.

The targeted settlements include Shauri Yako, Sofia, and Makongeni in Homa Bay Sub-County, as well as Rusinga Old Town in Suba North Sub-County, Nyandiwa in Suba South Sub-County, and A Thousand Street in Rachuonyo South Sub-County.

During the groundbreaking ceremony at Rusinga Old Town Informal Settlement, Homa Bay County Governor Gladys Wanga thanked the partners for their support extended to Homa Bay County through the pro-

The Governor outlined the project's ambitious plans to enhance infrastructure and urged the



Governor Gladys Wanga operates a tractor during the ground breaking ceremony for slum upgrading at Rusinga Island.

locals to support it.

"These upgrades encompass the upgrading of roads to bitumen standards, construction of storm water drainage systems, installation of streetlights and high masts," she said.

She added that the project will also encompass building of vending platforms, construction of ablution blocks and latrines, and the connection of piped water, among

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During the ceremony, Governor Wanga also commissioned the first of five completed solar high masts in the county."

She also emphasized the transformative potential of these upgrades, saying that the improvements will significantly enhance the lives of residents by improving access to amenities and boosting security.

Wanga said enhancing hygiene and sanitation, extending business hours, and providing dignified spaces for conducting business will transform the local economy.

"These initiatives are projected to increase the value of land; I therefore standards-Wanga urge investors to consider

establishing their ventures in these emerging urban development frontiers," Wanga said.

The Governor implored the contractor to deliver quality workmanship.

"I would like to challenge the contractor that with this kind of funding, we expect first class work for the people of Homa Bay," he said.

On his part, the Deputy County Commissioner for Suba North, Peter Mutiso urged residents to protect the solar high masts and other infrastructure against vandalism.

"If these lights are vandalised, it is us the locals who will be left to operate

in the dark," Mustiso said. The lead contractor for the project, Engineer Said Rojo, assured residents that their company will give priority to locals to provide labour for the construction works.

A local trader, Mrs Saphine Akinyi lauded the project for its positive impact.

"I usually close my business at dusk, but the high mast lights have enabled me to carry on my business till late into the night without fear of encountering any danger, hence making more sales," she said.

She also expressed optimism about the planned road improvements, noting that better roads will improve trade.

The infrastructure projects represent a significant step forward in improving the quality of life for the residents of Homa Bay County's informal settlements.

REREC seeks Sh. 14.5 billion to boost rural electrification

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) is seeking approval for Sh. 14.5 billion in the current financial year to facilitate power connections in rural areas. If approved, the funds will enable the corporation to connect 690,000 households in rural parts of the country to electricity.

Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira noted that the current power connection rate in rural areas is about 75 percent. With the approval of these funds, REREC aims to increase this to more than 78 percent by the end of the financial year.

Wachira who spoke at Mugira village of Muragua constituency when he launched a power project, said increased electricity connections especially in rural areas will spur economic growth and create more employment opportunities.

He said REREC is targeting to attain 100 per cent power connection in rural Kenya by 2030, an initiative that will require more than Sh. 42 billion

"With the on-going power connections projects in various rural parts, we target to attain 78 percent by closure of this financial year but this will be realized if the amount we need will be approved by the national treasury.

"Increase of power connections in rural areas is aimed to boost economic growth and creation of employment since some projects and income generating initiatives need supply of electricity." He added during an occasion he was flagged by Maragua MP, Mary Waithera.

The PS further noted that theft of transformers and vandalization of power infrastructure that had cost the Energy ministry Sh.2 billion every year has gone down calling residents to be on the lookout for anybody vandalizing the power infrastructure.

"As a country we witnessed increased vandalism of power infrastructure especially last year and early this year. With collaboration with key stakeholders, the crime has gone down and we are working to stop and end the vandal-

ism completely.
"Theft of transforms and cables among other equipment have caused the Kenya Power Company to incur huge losses per year" said the PS.





TENDER NOTICE

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

TENDER NO.14/KBC/2023-24

PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES IN 30NO. KBC STATIONS

A 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. Kenva Broadcasting Corporation. P.O. Box 30456-00100, NAIROBI

Be deposited in the tender box at the Main Gate Broadcasting House on or before 23rd July 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.





KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY

Transforming Urban Mobility



TENDER NOTICE

This is to bring to the attention of the general public that an invitation for below tenders funded by the Road Maintenance Levy Fund has been uploaded on the PUBLIC PROCUREMENT INFORMATION PORTAL and KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE.

Interested bidders are requested to visit KURA's Website at www.kura.go.ke/tenders or www.tenders.go.ke. for more information.

- Provision of private security
- 2. Provision of motor vehicle insurance
- 3. Provision of cleaning and sanitary services
- 4. Consultancy services for OSH Audits
- 5. Group medical insurance in & out patient cover
- 6. Staff General Insurance (Group Life, Group Personal Accident/WIBA plus, Employer &

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Bomet's Tenwek Hospital poised to launch a state-of-the-art Cardiothoracic Centre

BY LAMECH WILLY(KNA)

The AGC Tenwek Hospital is nearing the completion of its state-of-the-art Cardiothoracic Centre (CTC), which is set to be the largest facility of its kind in the Rift region, significantly enhancing healthcare provision in Kenya.

The CTC will feature an impressive 170-bed capacity, including a specialized 39-bed ICU, a cutting-edge Cath lab,

advanced surgical and recovery rooms, and state-of-the-art imaging equipment. Tenwek Hospital, renowned for performing the highest number of open-heart surgeries in Kenya, has long struggled with a backlog of over 800 patients awaiting life-saving procedures.

In response to this pressing need, the construction of the CTC was initiated. Once opera-

tional, it is expected to employ 1,000 staff members and attract patients from across Africa, significantly impacting the healthcare landscape in the country.

During a recent visit to assess the facility's readiness for its imminent launch, Bomet Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok expressed his admiration for the advancements made.

"I am impressed by the progress and the potential impact of the Cardiothoracic Centre," Governor Barchok remarked during his inspection tour.

Governor Barchok also highlighted the collaborative efforts between his administration and Tenwek Hospital, emphasizing initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare delivery and community welfare. "We have established a Memorandum of Understanding with Tenwek Hospital focusing on



An artist impression of the magnificent state-of-the-art AGC Tenwek Cardiothoracic Centre (CTC), poised to be the largest and the only one of its kind in East and Central Africa.

clinical exchanges, student internship programs, community outreach in disease prevention, medical camps, compassionate

assistance, the revamping of Bomet Airstrip, and the urban planning of Tenwek Trading Centre," he disclosed

Stakeholders convene to boost medicines and vaccines access across Kenya

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) convened a stakeholders' meeting to propel Kenya towards achieving World Health Organization (WHO) Maturity Level 3 (ML.3). This level involves enhancing regulatory frameworks and ensuring nationwide access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable medicines and vaccines.

Chaired by CEO Dr. Fred Siyoi (pictured), the meeting brought together key representatives from the United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID-MTAPS, PQM PLUS, Afya-Ugavi), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA),



the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and Biovax. They evaluated progress and strategized for institutional advancement.

Central to the discussions were identifying critical areas requiring governmental and stakeholder support to attain ML.3 status, exploring collaborative opportuni-

ties, and outlining a comprehensive roadmap for achieving and sustaining ML.3 maturity.

Dr. Ahmed Mohamed, Director of Health Products and Technologies at PPB, and Dr. Wilfred Ochieng, along with other senior management officials, attended the meeting.

These efforts underscore the PPB's commitment to enhancing regulatory frameworks and ensuring access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable medicines and vaccines nationwide.

Dr. Siyoi said the PPB aims to achieve WHO Maturity Level 3 (ML.3) by 2025 as part of its commitment to the government's broader BETA agenda, emphasizing the necessity of robust support and collaboration from stakeholders to achieve universal health coverage.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids Goods (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country:	Kenya	
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)	
Contract Title:	Supply & Delivery of Laptops and Tablets	
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE	
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-395947-GO-RFB	

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply & Delivery of Laptops & Tablets. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders
 for Supply & Delivery of Laptops (Type 1 (260No) & Type 2 (40No)) and Tablets (25No) to be delivered
 at the ICT Authority headquarters within a period of 2 months.
- Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB)
 as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 Edition
 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- 4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from The Information and Communications Technology Authority, Supply Chain Department, or through procurement@ict.go.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below.
- 5. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Kshs. 1,000.00. The method of payment will be in cash at the cash office located at 12th Floor, Telposta Towers. The document will be sent by mail, courier or hand delivered.
- 6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 21st August 2024 at 1000hrs. 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 on 21st August 2024 at 1000hrs
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Kenya Shillings 1,200,00.00 in the form of a bank guarantee from a reputable commercial bank regulated by the Central Bank of Kenya or insurance guarantee from an insurance firm approved by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- 9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

Stanley Kamanguya, OGW
Chief Executive Officer
Information and Communications Technology Authority
12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue
P.O. Box 27150-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.
(+254) 20 667 6999 / info@ict.go.ke / procurement@ict.go.ke / www.icta.go.ke



BY MUTURIMWANGI (KNA)

earning institutions from Arid and Semi-Arid Areas of Laikipia County have been encouraged to devise innovative ways of water harvesting aimed to cushion them from unpredicted weather patterns.

The National Drought Management Authority CEO Lt Col (Rtd) Hared Adan speaking in UasoNyiro Primary school in Segera ward, Laikipia North sub county said that they had partnered with learning institutions to address challenges of unprecedented issues of climate change.

The NDMA CEO underscored the importance of water harvesting noting they had provided about 81 water tanks to schools in Laikipia aimed to support



National Drought Management
Authority CEO Lt Col (Rtd) Hared
Adan watering a tree in Uaso Nyiro
primary school in Segera ward
Laikipia North sub county.

them practice farming and ensure learners had food to bolster education in the county.

"We have supported 48 schools with water tanks

and some 69 others where we have planted 5000 fruit trees aimed at addressing the issues of climate change," said Ltd Col(Rtd) Adan.

NMDA technical

committee Chairman Koome Kiragu pointed out that they had also launched a fruit trees growing initiative in schools in dry parts of Laikipia in partnership with learning institutions, a strategy which he revealed was success-

"This area is very dry(Laikipia North) but I'm happy to see the survival rate of fruits we planted is over 97 percent and in four months learners will be having fruits in schools," said Kiragu





OFFICE OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS-FOR FY 2024-2025/2025-2026

The State Department for Parliamentary Affairs invites applications for registration of suppliers for goods, services, and works in accordance with Section 71 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. Interested suppliers/applicants are invited to apply for registration, indicating the goods, services, and works they wish to supply/provide as listed below;

TENDER NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBLE GROUPS
A. PREQUAL	IFICATION FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOOI	DS .
SDPA/A01/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of General office stationery	AGPO
SDPA/A02/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Computers, Laptops Printers, Scanners, Ups, Phones	OPEN
SDPA/A03/2024/2025-2026	Design, Supply and Delivery of General Printing Services, Branding and Promotional materials	OPEN
SDPA/A04/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Corporate Uniforms, Protective clothing/ Gear	AGPO
SDPA/A05/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Sanitary, Cleaning Materials, and Detergents.	AGPO
SDPA/A06/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Electronics, Telecommunication Equipment and PA Systems.	OPEN
SDPA/A07/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Motor Vehicle Spares, Tyres, Batteries.	AGPO
SDPA/A08/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Software and Associated Licenses.	AGPO
SDPA/A09/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Computer Consumables and Accessories (Toners, Cartridges, flash disks, Maintenance Kits, Rollers)	AGPO
SDPA/A10/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Office Furniture, Fittings and office equipment	OPEN
SDPA/A11/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Newspapers, Magazines and Periodicals	OPEN
SDPA/A12/2024/2025-2026	Supply of Bottled Drinking Water.	AGPO
SDPA/A13/2024/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Airtime	OPEN

CATEGORY	B. PREQUALIFICATION OF PROVISIONAL SERVICES		
SDPA/B01/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Cleaning, Fumigation and Pest Control Services.	OPEN	
SDPA/B02/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Air Travel and Ticketing Services. (IATA/KIATA Registered firms)	AGPO	
SDPA/B03/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Maintenance Services for Computers, Laptops, Printers and Photocopiers, Scanners, fridges, microwaves	OPEN	
SDPA/B04/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Catering Services.	OPEN	
SDPA/B05/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Hotel Accommodation and Conference Facilities	OPEN	
SDPA/B06/2024/2025-2026	Events Organization Including Provision of Tents and Chairs	OPEN	
SDPA/B07/2024/2025-2026 Repairs of Furniture, And Other Small Office Equipment.		AGPO	
SDPA/B08/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Training and Capacity building Services	OPEN	
SDPA/B09/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Asset Management Services (Tagging, Marking, Tracking, Verification and Reconciliation Services).	AGPO	
SDPA/B10/2024/2025-2026	Repair and Service for Motor Vehicles	OPEN	
SDPA/B11/2024/2025-2026	Provision of Transport and Car hire Services	OPEN	
SDPA/B12/2024/2025-2026	Web design, Installation of Internet Services and Maintenance	OPEN	
SDPA/B13/2024/2025-2026 Consultancy Services		OPEN	
CAT	TEGORY C. PREQUALIFICATION OF WORKS		
SDPA/C01/2024/2025-2026	SDPA/C01/2024/2025-2026 Building Repairs, renovations and small works (Firms with NCA) OPEN		

Interested bidders may view and download the above registration documents from the Public Procurement Information Portal **www.tenders.go.ke**, or **www.parliamentaryaffairs.go.ke**. Interested and eligible applicants are required to download the registration documents from the website **free of charge**.

Completed Registration documents **MUST** be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked: - **TENDER NO**.....

Registration of Suppliers for Goods, Services and Works for **The Financial Years 2024-2025/2025-2026** for the following Categories:

a)b)c)

And addressed to:

The Head of Supply Chain Management Services State Department for Parliamentary Affairs Kenya Railways Headquarters Block, "A" PO BOX Nairobi, Kenya.

And deposited in the tender box located on the Second floor, Room 211 of Kenya Railways Headquarters, Block "A" as to be received on or before CLOSING DATE: 23rd JULY 2024 AT 11.00AM

Registration documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders' representatives who may choose to attend at the PS Boardroom located on the First floor, Kenya Railways Headquarters, Block "A".

Late submissions will not be accepted.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS





SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids
Information Systems (Design, Supply, and Installation)
(Without Prequalification)

PURCHASER	NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY
PROJECT	HORN OF AFRICA GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (HoAGDP)
CONTRACT TITLE	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Support of Customer Relationship Management, Contact Centre, Upgrade of Microsoft Dynamics Enterprise Planning and Big Data Analytics System.
COUNTRY	KENYA
CREDIT NO.	6768-KE
RFB NO.	KE-NTSA-381592-GO-RFB
DATE OF ISSUE	9 th July 2024.

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Horn of Africa Gateway
Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply,
Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Support of Customer Relationship Management, Contact Centre, Upgrade of Microsoft Dynamics Enterprise Planning and Big Data Analytics System comprising of three (3) Lots as

Lot No.		Lot Description
		Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Support of Contact Center, Customer Relationship Management, and IP Telephony System
	2	Upgrade and Support of Microsoft Dynamics Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) System to Latest Version of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations ERP
3 Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Support of Big Data Analytics System		Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Support of Big Data Analytics System

- The National Transport and Safety Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Support of Customer Relationship Management, Contact Centre, Upgrade of Microsoft Dynamics Enterprise Planning and Big Data Analytics System.
- Bidders may bid for one or several contracts (lots), as further defined in the request for bid document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract (Lot) will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.
- 4. Bidding will be conducted through Open National Competitive Procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, dated July 2016 revised in September 2023 (5th Edition) ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from National Transport and Safety Authority, Attn:
 Deputy Director Supply Chain Management, procurement@ntsa.go.ke and inspect the bidding document during
 weekdays (Monday to Friday), excluding public holidays, from 0800 hours to 1700 hours East African local time at
 the address given below.
- The bidding document in English may be obtained by eligible bidders from our website at http://www.ntsa.go.ke or at Public Procurement Information Portal http://tenders.go.ke.
- 7. Bids must be delivered into the tender box located on 8th Floor, 316 Upper Hill Chambers on 2nd Ngong Avenue on or before 21st August 2024 at 1100Hrs East African Local time. The bids should be clearly marked Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Support of Customer Relationship Management, Contact Centre, Upgrade of Microsoft Dynamics Enterprise Planning and Big Data Analytics System 'No. KE-NTSA-381592-GO-RFB'. 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 on 21st August 2024 at 11:00 Hours East African local time.
- 8. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as tabulated below:

Lot No	Lot Description	Bid Security Amount in Kenya Shillings	
1	Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Support of contact Center, Customer Relationship Management, and IP Telephony System	4,000,000.00	
2	Upgrade and Support of Microsoft Dynamics Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) System to Latest Version of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations ERP.	2,000,000.00	
3	Supply, Delivery, Installation, and support of Big Data Analytics System.	2,000,000.00	

The address referred to above is:

National Transport and Safety Authority Attention: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management Address: 316 Upper Hill Chambers 2nd Ngong Avenue Location: 9th Floor Boardroom City: Nairobi, Kenya

Email Address: procurement@ntsa.go.ke, dg@ntsa.go.ke

Director General.





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Sh4m World Bank project delivers 200 modern toilets to **Kangema Sub-County**

BY FLORENCE KINYUA (KNA)

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200 residents from Kangema Sub-County, under the Murang'a West Water and Sanitation Company, have benefited from a World Bank project facilitated through the Water Fund. This initiative has overseen the construction of 200 modern toilets in the area.

The Sh4 million project aims to significantly enhance sanitation and hygiene levels in Kangema, Gakira, and Kahuro towns.

Eng. Ephantus Kamau, Managing Director of Murang'a West Water and Sanitation Company (MWEWASCO), empha-

sized that modernizing toilets in their catchment areas will alleviate the burden of waterborne diseases, particularly during the rainy season. Improved hygiene and sanitation are expected to boost productivity in the

region.

"We approached the World Bank through the Water Fund, and they agreed to construct 200 toilets during the initial phase," he stated. Eng. Kamau made these

remarks in Kangema town while distributing compensation cheques to residents who had already installed modern toilets in their homes.

"During the rainy season, hospitals often report numerous cases of waterborne diseases due to flooded water and poor hygiene from inadequate sanitation facilities. With this initiative, we anticipate a significant reduction in such cases," he affirmed.

He urged other residents to follow suit and install modern toilets, emphasizing that any unutilized funds after project completion would revert to the Water Fund.

"We also plan to enhance sanitation in larger towns like Kangema, Gakira, and Kahuro through similar initiatives," he

The company serves Kiharu and Kangema Sub-Counties.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT





KENYA FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCE PROJECT (KFSRP) - PHASE 3

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Kenya

Kenya Food Systems Resilience Project (KFSRP) Phase 3

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Loan No./Credit No: 7328-KE, 7327-KE

Project ID No. P177816

- The Government of Kenya has received financing in the amount of US\$ 150 million equivalent from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Food Systems Resilience Project (KFSRP) Phase 3 and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the Government of Kenya.
- The project will include the following components:

Component 1: (Re-) Building Resilient Agricultural Production Capacity.

Component 2: Supporting the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources for Resilient Agricultural

Landscapes

Component 3: Getting to Market.

Component 4: Promoting a Greater Focus on Food Systems Resilience in National and Regional Policy making.

Component 5: Contingency Emergency Response

Component 6: Project Management

- The consulting services that will be procured through Open International Competitive Procurement are: -3.
 - Consulting services for project baseline survey.
 - Consulting services to undertake digital farmer registration.
- Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016 and Revised Fourth Edition November 2020 (Procurement Regulations), and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.
- Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in UN Development Business online, on the World Bank's external website and Ministry's website, www.kilimo.go.ke and local newspapers in Kenya.
- Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

Principal Secretary State Department for Agriculture Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Attention: National Project Coordinator Kenya Food Systems Resilience Project (KFSRP) Phase 3 P.O Box 8073-00200 Nairobi Kenya Tel.: +2540202715466 E-mail: info@fsrp.go.ke Website: www.kilimo.go.ke Website: www.fsrp.go.ke





MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

The Ministry of Lands, Public Works Housing and Urban Development through the State Department for Housing and Urban Development wishes to invite bids from interested eligible bidders for the following tenders:

S / NO.	CLUSTER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	MARKET	REMARKS	CONSTITU- ENCY	CATEGO- RY
1.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/ 01/2024-2025 Cluster 9	Proposed Construction of ESP Markets in	Mogonga – Re-adver- tisement	2 Markets	Bomachoge	Open
		Kisii County.	Nyamatutu		Bonchari	
2.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/ 02/2024-2025 Cluster 86	Proposed Construction of ESP Markets in	Holo	2 Markets	Kisumu West	Open
	cluster oo	Kisumu County.	Kaloka		Seme	
3.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/	Proposed Construction of	Panpaper	2 Markets	Lugari	Open
	03/2024-2025 Cluster 87	ESP Markets in Kakamega and Vihiga County.	Esirulo		Emuhaya	
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	04/2024-2025 Cluster 88	Construction of ESP Markets in Busia County.	Mungatsi		Nambale	
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Kitui, Tana River administrators urge residents to end perennial cross border violent skirmishes

BY CHRIS MUMO AND BRIAN KALESO (KNA)

Residents living along the porous border of Kitui and Tana River counties have been called upon to co-exist peacefully and to end perennial violent conflicts.

Security teams from Kitui and Tana River convened a day-long meeting in the wake of a border dispute arising from a site earmarked for the construction of a border police station at a location in Bangale Ward, Bura Constituency in Tana River.

A section of Tana River County residents and majorly at Bangale Ward which borders Mwingi East Constituency, stopped the construction of the said border police station at the earmarked point, until a survey is done to establish official border points dividing the two counties.

County Commissioners Jepchumba Rutto of Kitui and David Koskey of Tana River, while addressing the residents of Bangale during the meeting, appealed to them to allow the construction of the border police station irrespective of the earmarked border area for its construction.

The two administrators reiterated that the border police station is meant





Kitui County Commissioner Mr Jepchumba Rutto and his Tana River counterpart Mr David Koskey during a security meeting held at border areas of Kitui and Tana River counties. PHOTOS: CHRIS MUMO

to provide the muchneeded security services to all border communities in the two counties, emphasizing that the government is commitResidents of Bangale ward of Tana River county during a border security meeting held at the border of Tana River and Kitui counties and chaired by the county commissioners of the two counties, Mr Jepchumba Rutto (Kitui county) and Mr David Koskey (Tana River county).

ted towards helping residents of both counties and wants the communities to co-exist peacefully.

Both County Commissioners advocated for the construction of the border police station in the area noting that security officers from both counties would continue to work closely to ensure there is a lasting peace.

"We are working to-

gether as security agents from both counties as well as collaborating with the two county governments to ensure there is peace and stability at the border," Kitui County Commissioner Mr Jepchumba Rutto said.

The disputed construction of a police station at the Bangale border area is one of the eight border police stations, currently under construction and funded by Kitui County Government in conjunction with the national government in efforts to restore peace among the border communities.

County Commissioner Rutto also condemned the murder of two residents in the Mwingi North Constituency last month.

He said the two were shot dead by armed herders from Tana River County who had crossed over to Kitui county in search of pasture.

Residents present during the meeting admitted witnessing boundary conflicts, including vio-

Any illegally armed herder causing insecurity within the the two counties will be punished

talities and cattle rustling activities that have deeply affected residents in both counties.

The two administrators called for the formation of border peace committees comprising representatives from both Bura and Mwingi East Constituencies to foster dialogue, mediate disputes, and promote sustainable solutions to outstanding grievances, thereby paving the way for peaceful coexistence and development in the border areas.

Tana River County Commissioner David Koskey issued a stern warning that any illegally armed herder involved in causing insecurity within the borders of the two counties will face the full wrath of the law once caught.

Historically, recurrent conflicts have been witnessed between the farmers in Kitui County and armed herders from neighbouring border counties including Garissa and Tana River.

Communities living along the border in Tana River have been crossing over into Kitui County in search of pasture and water leading to conflicts and scores of deaths hence the need to address the biting insecurity menace along the county borders.

Special economic zone set to take off in Homa Bay following new Master Plan

BY DAVIS LANGAT (KNA)

"The County Government of Homa Bay is currently drafting a master plan for the development of the Riwa Special Economic Zone in Rachuonyo North Sub-County.

Governor Gladys Wanga stated that the master plan will be implemented following the completion of a topographical survey of the park. This survey aims to map out areas designated for factories and other amenities.

Wanga emphasized that the county government is collaborating with agencies such as the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Special Economic Zone Authority, the National Land Commission (NLC), and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) in rolling out this initiative."

She noted that the 532-acre industrial park will have multiple companies operating from the same area.

The Governor was speaking when she led officials from dif-



Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga. Photo by Davis Langat/KNA

ferent government agencies to the area on a site visit.

She said Homa Bay boasts of having been the first county in Western Kenya to launch a special economic zone.

"This is a strategic place for investment. We have come to for-

malize the boundaries between custom and non-custom areas within the industrial zone," Wanga said.

She said her administration had put in place plans to develop the economic zone to attract investors.

The County boss announced that there are on-going infrastructure improvements and utility enhancements which are part of a strategy to develop the area and make it an attractive destination for industrial enterprises.

"Kenya Power has supplied electricity to the park. It is now the county government's responsibility to ensure we improve roads to the park according to a master plan that we have," Ms Wanga said.

During the topographical survey, a technical team comprising officials from NLC, NEMA and the county government will identify locations of each company.

Kenya Investment Authority will advise a technical team formed to oversee the exercise.

The team will identify areas such as customs, industrial, residential and hospitality where each investor will establish a branch

Businesses setting up in the industrial zone will enjoy preferential treatments including lower

taxes. Ms Wanga said another advantage that companies will enjoy is having land for investment at no cost.

The Governor said several companies that have shown interest in the Riwa Economic Zone signed the deals with the devolved unit during the second international investment confer-

Ms Wanga said this was part of her efforts of creating job opportunities for residents.

She commended the local community for availing land for the special economic zone, adding that all disputes relating to the parcel had been resolved.

County Trade and Investment Executive Committee Member Polycarp Okombo said the county government had received a draft master plan before the final document was developed with some amendments.

He said Victory Farms was the first company to move into the economic zone.

"Once the topographical survey and master plan is done, we will be ready to move," he said.

Okombo said National Youth Service personnel will construct dykes to control floods and the work is expected to end in three weeks' time before other companies move in.

PS stresses climate education integration in curriculum for sustainable development

BY DAVID MUTWIRI(KNA)

The government is equipping the younger generation with the necessary knowledge, skills, and values to foster resilience and sustainable development in response to the challenges posed by climate change. Principal Secretary Beatrice Inyangala of the State Department for Higher Education and Research emphasized that integrating climate education into the curriculum, teacher training, research, innovation, and community engagement is crucial.

During the official opening of the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice at Chuka University, Inyangala highlighted the Ministry of Education's commitment to training educators to effectively impart knowledge, practical skills, and technologies for climate adaptation, sustainability, and resilience.

The Fourth Cohort of the annual Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice has brought to-



The PS State Department for Higher Education and Research Beatrice Inyangala addressing the media at Chuka University during the official opening of the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice International Symposium. PHOTO: BLAISE GITONGA/KNA

gether a variety of climate justice actors, civil servants, diplomats, researchers and innovators, civil society, activists, scholars, community level activists, youth leaders and students majorly drawn from Africa, Latin America, USA, Europe and Asia repre-

senting over 87 countries in the world.

Present at the ceremony included Jacqueline Amongin - Member of Parliament (East Africa Legislative Assembly), Azerbaijan's Ambassador to Kenya, Sultan Hjiyev among others.



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Nyandarua Water and Sanitation Company Ltd.

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New Nandi County initiative brings cancer survivors together for community support

BY LINET WAFULA AND LILIAN KANGANI (KNA)

The Nandi County Government has launched a cancer survivors' support group, where residents can share their personal experi-

Over 128 survivors gathered at Kapsabet County Referral Hospital for the launch of the program. They expressed that the support group will serve as a welcoming space for cancer patients and survivors in the county, fostering a sense of close-knit community engagement.

The group will also serve as a platform for patients and survivors to receive moral support from individuals who are experiencing similar challenges or from those who have significant knowledge and experience in providing emotional and psychological support.

"This group aims to instill persistence and hope in breast cancer patients while providing them with all types of neces-sary assistance," said Ms. Stella Birgen from Barton, a breast cancer survivor.

Ms Birgen began her treatment at Kapsabet



Nandi Deputy Governor Dr. Yulita Mitei (in blue dress and specks) flanked by cancer survivors and health professionals cutting a cake during the launch of cancer survivors support group at Kapsabet County Referral hospital.

Referral Hospital in 2021, undergoing eight cycles of chemotherapy. She said the support she received from healthcare professionals and loved ones has been crucial in her fight against cancer.

According to her, cancer patients experience lack of attention, slow processing speed, memory dysfunctions, loneliness, anxiety and distress among other things which

have a negative effect on the quality of life.

As a cancer survivor, Birgen has encouraged everyone to prioritize cancer screening, emphasizing that it can affect anyone regardless of age. Her own experience with breast cancer has shown her the importance of getting screened regularly, early detection and prompt treatment.

Jane Chepkoech, a res-

ident of Kabutei and a cervical cancer survivor, called on the county government to provide financial support for cancer patients.

She highlighted the financial burden of treatment, stressing that it is costly and often difficult for patients to afford.

Speaking at the same event, Nandi Deputy Governor Dr Yulita Mitei said, "as a county government, we are committed to enhancing access to cancer screenings and treatments for our residents.

"While we strive to bring these services closer, we also encourage our residents to utilize the oncology center at Kapsabet County Referral Hospital for comprehensive care and specialized treatment options."

She went on, "together, we celebrate life, inspire hope, and reaffirm that no one has to face cancer alone."

Nandi County Executive Committee Member for Health (CECM) Ms Ruth Koech asserted that cancer diagnosis and treatment is an overwhelming process for the patients and their loved ones, adding that the treatment of cancer is a journey right from the diagnosis to treatment and even after survival.

"This cancer support group is extremely helpful for patients to get motivated and inspired every step of the way. We aim to combat cancer jointly by encouraging the patient and their families, and friends to be courageous and positive during the treatment process. At Kapsabet Oncology, we are committed to offering best clinical expertise, and service excellence for our patients in the county," she said.

Koech said that it is a platform that not only provides a safe space for survivors to share their experiences but also promotes a sense of belonging and solidarity.

By offering emotional support, practical advice, and a network of understanding peers, the support group empowers survivors to navigate challenges with resilience and optimism.

"When we first set up the cancer center in Kapsabet, we noticed many patients who came to us were already in advanced stages of cancer, often stages three and

"This showed the treatment process that people were not getting diagnosed early enough or seeking treatment early. It's a reminder of the importance of awareness and early detection in fighting cancer effectively. Our goal now is to improve access to screening and education," she said.

CS Mvurya lauds Kenya, EU enhanced partnership on Blue **Economy and fisheries**

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI (KNA)

ining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya has praised the strengthened partnership between the Kenyan Government and the European Union (EU), especially in the blue economy sector. Mvurya highlighted that the country stands to benefit significantly from increased cooperation in various areas, including the blue economy and fisheries sectors.

"I acknowledge ciate the support Kenya has received from the EU so far, including patrol boats under the 'Go Blue' project, and training for youth and local communities in blue economy and fisheries," CS Mvurya said.

The Cabinet Secretary made these remarks during a meeting with Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries at the EU, who paid him a courtesy call at his office in Nairobi. The meeting, attended by EU Ambassador to Kenya Henriette Geiger and Blue Economy Principal Secretary Betsy Njagi, also welcomed the Kenya government and EU's \$18 trillion Economic Partnership Agreement, which took effect on July 1, 2024.

"This agreement is a real game-changer for our economic growth, as it provides duty-free and quota-free access for Kenya's exports to the European Union. It further strengthens our existing cooperation," CS Mvurya added.

On boosting the blue economy and fisheries sector, the Cabinet Secretary and the Director-General agreed on working together in marine spatial planning, fish stock assessment in the Indian Ocean, conservation and sustainable use of marine resources among other areas of mutual interest.



Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya, EU's Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Director-General Charlina Vitcheva, EU Ambassador to Kenya Henriette Geiger and Blue Economy Principal Secretary Betsy Njagi pose for a photo after the meeting.

The CS emphasized that fish stock assessment should be where CS Mvurya said he looks and that coastal communities made a regular exercise to ensure that the country's fish stocks are not exhausted.

To ensure effective monitoring and surveillance to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the country, the Cabinet Secretary said his ministry has adopted the multi-agency approach where all key governments have been on

The meeting also discussed

forward to more EU support for and the fishing sector have a the Bandari Maritime Academy and the Technical University of Kenya which offer maritime and fisheries courses.

On her part, Ms. Vitcheva assured the Cabinet Secretary that the Commission's Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Department fully supports Kenya's Blue Economy Strategy and Roadmap."We support Kenya's efforts towards ensuring that the ocean

prosperous future," said the EU Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Director-General.

She said the EU is also keen to work with Kenya to promote ocean governance at international level and urged Kenya to ratify the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Treaty that safeguards life in the ocean beyond national jurisdic-

Locals to benefit as Fluorspar Mining Company prepares for restart operations



Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya in Keiyo South Sub-County.

BY ALICE WANJIRU (KNA)

The Fluorspar Mining Company, which ceased operations nine years ago, will restart within the next six months, reviving the hopes of hundreds of residents in Keiyo South Sub-County, Elgeyo Marakwet County.

The Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Salim Mvurya, assured over 200 families who relinquished their 4,329 parcels of land for the company's establishment that they will be compensated. The investor, Fujax-Soy, will inject Sh4.8 billion to kickstart operations.

The CS stated that his ministry will ensure strict adherence to the Mining Act of 2016, with 70 percent of royalties going to the National Treasury, 20 percent to the county government, and 10 percent to the local community. As part of corporate social responsibility (CSR), the company will collaborate with the community to enhance schools, hospitals, and other essential services during its operational period.

He also mentioned that the company will prioritize hiring qualified locals and award tenders for supplying various goods to them.

Furthermore, he instructed the PS for Min-

ing, Elijah Mwangi, to establish a testing laboratory in the area for local testing and sampling of minerals.

The PS noted that the company has been granted a 25-year lease on government property, with all movable assets reverting to the government after the lease expires

The government will also own 15 percent of the company's shares, ensuring its and the community's interests are protected through a government-appointed director on the company's board.

Fujax Company UK Regional Director, Hendrick Ryst, pledged to collaborate closely with the local community in reviving the Fluorspar Company.

Local leaders, including Governor Wisley Rotich, Senator William Kisang, Women Representative Jane Ngelechei, and MP Gideon Kimaiyo, pledged their support for the company.

They emphasized its potential to provide employment opportunities for youth and increase county revenue.

Youth leader Bernard Chemase urged young people to form groups to access bank loans and purchase lorries for transporting minerals, thereby benefiting from the company's operations.



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Tourism growth in Kenya surpasses expectations-PS

BY NURU SOUD(KNA)

The Principal Secretary of the State Department for Tourism, John Ololtuaa, has expressed satisfaction with the increasing number of tourists visiting the country, describing the latest data as encouraging.

Speaking at the official opening of a tourism and security capacity-building workshop in Mombasa, Ololtuaa noted that reports from various tourism stakeholders indicate a significant and continuous rise in tourist arrivals.

He praised the positive impact of this growth on both the tourism sector and the broader economy, stating, "As the tourism sector, we are indeed very happy because the number of visitors continues to grow. By the end of 2023, we had over 2 million tourists arriving in Kenya," he revealed.

The workshop is focused on several objectives, including enhancing knowledge and skills to address safety issues, fostering collaboration among stakeholders to develop a comprehensive approach to tourism safety and security, sharing and learning from best practices both locally and internationally, and identifying potential risks and vulnerabilities in the tourism sector to develop appropriate risk assessment and mitigation strategies.

However, the Principal Sec-



The Principal Secretary for Tourism, John Ololtuaa (C)addressing the media during the Official Opening of the Tourism and Security Capacity Building Workshop held at Mombasa Beach Hotel. PHOTO: FATMA SAID

retary noted that the main objective of the workshop is to secure and promote Kenya as a premium tourism destination, reinforcing the "Magical Kenya" brand

"We need to project Kenya as the destination to be and hence we need to focus on all aspects we need to improve in terms of security and peace so that we can transform the tourism sector," the PS said.

He stated that the government is focusing on critical areas that are expected to transform the tourism sector including the open skies policy, county-level

infrastructure including the Diani-Malindi airport and the Dongo Kundu bypass as well as tourism infrastructure including the KICC and historical sites in restructuring the facilities to make them more hospitable to the visitors.

The PS said the Ministry of Transport is currently working closely with airlines to ensure that there are more direct flights coming into the country including the China Southern Airlines to Nairobi, Air Brussels from Brussels to JKIA, KQ from Mombasa to Dubai and Malaysia Air which will commence soon.

On his hand, County Commissioner, Noor Mohammed stated that security is well maintained in Mombasa County citing that those involved in malicious activities have in past protests have been nabbed.

"We have managed to arrest at least 15 people who have been robbing and destroying people's property during the Gen Z protests. We have been able to retrieve CCTV footage from city cameras and are working towards arresting all of them eventually.

"We cannot allow goons to destroy our beautiful city especially when Mombasa is a city that depends a lot on tourism. I want to assure our guests not to worry as the security team is on the radar," the County Commissioner reiterated.



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This move aims to enhance collaboration, productivity and satisfaction of our employees and stakeholders.

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CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND INSURANCE COVER FOR STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TENDER NO. CRVWWDA/OT/MEDCOVER/1/2024-2025

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency wishes to engage the services of eligible and competent Insurance Firms for the provision of a Comprehensive Medical Insurance for the CRVWWDA Board of Management and CRVWWDA Staff this also includes Group Personal Accident (GPA) and Group Life For Staff. The contract will be for a period of two years subject to annual Satisfactory Performance review.

Obtaining Bid documents

Interested bidders may *freely* download tender documents from Agency's website www.rvwwda.go.ke or at PPIP portal https://tenders.go.ke. The bidders who download the document should send their details to procurement@rvwwda.go.ke to facilitate subsequent clarifications and/or addendum. The particulars should include Name of the Firm, Address, Telephone Number, Email and Tender Name.

Submission

Complete tender document marked the tender No. must be delivered to the tender box situated at the address below by 23rd July 2024 at 12:00 Noon. The bids must be duly serialized. The bids will be opened at 12:05 hours local time on 23rd July 2024 in presence of the bidder who chose to attend, bidders' representatives who chose to attend must submit written authorization from the firms they are representing..

The address referred to above is:

Chief Executive Officer Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency. Maji Plaza, Prisons Rd P.O. Box 2451-20100 Nakuru, Kenya. MOBILE NO. 0725-999000, Fax (051) 2214915, E-mail: info@rvwwda.go.ke



Government commissions construction of mega market at Ewaso Nyiro area

BY ANN SALATON (KNA)

The national government, through the State Department for Housing, has commissioned the building of a Sh57 million market at Ewaso Nyiro Trading Centre in Narok North SubCounty to boost small-scale vegetable vendors and livestock traders.

Speaking at the trading center, Joel Nkuruma, a representative from the office of the Narok North Member of Parliament Agnes Pareyio said the market will be completed in six months and will boost the economy in the area.

Nkuruma lauded the national government for fulfilling its Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda, as the market will boost the working environment of the market vendors.

"The women who were working in filthy environments will soon work in a clean and conducive environment. Their goods will be more secure, and they will slowly expand their businesses," he said.



Livestock traders at Ewaso Nyiro market. The traders are set to benefit from a mega market.

Nkuruma said 70 per cent of the labour force and materials to build the market will be drawn from the locals, to boost the economy of the area.

"I beg the young people to stop demonstrations and give the President ample time to deliver his promises as we have seen good things coming to us. If we demonstrate and destroy our nation, we are the ones to suffer in future," Nkuruma said.

"Most of the griev-

ances that the young people had presented to the president have been put into consideration. We also need to be fair and give him time to implement his promises to the nation," he continued.

The market chairlady Ms. Mary Siningi appreciated the government for the market saying the women have been trading along the dusty road, under erratic weather conditions.

She said despite the

market having been set aside by their forefathers, the government has not built a standard market for the traders, thanking the current administration for the noble idea to build the market.

Another resident Jackson Saaya thanked both the county and national governments for initiating the market project, adding it will boost the economic standard of the trading center.

Nakuru launches City beautification

BY VERONICA BOSIBORI (KNA)

Takuru City, in collaboration with the Environment Department, has mapped out spaces for installing additional planters in the core Central Business District (CBD).

This initiative aims to enhance the urban environment and create a more aesthetically pleasing city center.

Key locations within the CBD have been identified for the planters, which will beautify the area and contribute to environmental sustainability by adding greenery and improving air quality.

During the exercise, the City Manager Mr. Gitau Thabanja emphasized the importance of green spaces in urban settings, stating that the goal was to transform Nakuru into a greener, eco-friendlier and sustainable city for residents and visitors alike.

He noted that flowers enhance the visual appeal of the city, making it more attractive to residents, tourists, and investors, adding that beautiful landscapes could boost civic pride and contribute to a positive image of the city.

The City Manager emphasized that flowers contributed to the urban ecosystem by improving air quality, reducing pollution, and supporting biodiversity besides attracting pollinators like bees and butterflies, which are essential for



Nakuru City Manager Gitau Thabanja holding a palm tree planted within the CBD in the on-going beautification exercis

the health of the environment.

Apart from that he said green spaces and colorful flowers could have a positive impact on mental health because they provide a serene environment that can reduce stress, promote relaxation, and improve overall well-being for city dwellers.

Additionally, he said a well-maintained and visually appealing city attracts tourists, leading to increased revenue for local businesses thereby stimulating the local economy and creating job opportunities in the tourism and horticulture sectors.

Besides, he noted that flower planting initiatives could foster a sense of community and encourage civic engagement since residents could participate in gardening and maintenance activities, promoting social and community cohesion.

He said integrating flowers and green space into urban planning augments the overall design and functionality of the city, provides recreational areas, improved walkability, plus it discourages littering because people feel embarrassed to drop dirty when a place looks neat and well maintained.

Research shows organic, conventional systems can be equally productive



A section of participants at the SysCom demo farm in KALRO Horticulture Research Institute in Kandara, Murang'a County. Photo by Anita Omwenga

BY ANITA OMWENGA (KNA)

A long-term field research trial has shown that organic and conventional systems can be equally productive in terms of productivity over time.

The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) together with Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) of Switzerland, and other partners including Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) among others, have been implementing research trials on organic and conventional farming systems since 2007.

The trials carried out under a project dubbed SysCom Kenya, have been comparing the performance in terms of productivity and sustainability of conventional and organic farming using local farming systems.

SysCom Kenya Project coordinator at ICIPE Dr Edward Karanja said that 15 years of continuous cropping showed that organic and conventional systems can be equally productive if organic systems are managed holistically and if it is adopted to agro-ecological and socio-cultural contexts.

Dr. Karanja was speaking during a stakeholders meeting meant to disseminate research findings of the project which has been researched in the last 17 years at KALRO Horticulture Research Institute in Kandara, Murang'a County.

"We have been comparing conventional and organic agriculture at high input level, representing commercial production and low input level, representing subsistence production," said Karanja.

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He said the threeyear crop rotation
cycle of maize, leafy
vegetables, legumes
and potatoes has been
repeated five times.
Trial management
has been adopted
throughout the years
especially during fifth
rotation.

"Crop yield in a long-term organic versus conventional farming system trial since 2007 show that yield gap is partially closed by the adoption of a system approach namely system diversification and high-quality inputs and holistic pest management," he said.

The SyScom project which is to be conducted for a period of 20 years, has the farming system established in the sub humid agroecological zones of Kandara-Murang'a County (at KALRO) and Chuka-Tharaka Nithi County (at Kiereni Primary School) in Kenya.

Karanja under-scored the importance of biodiversity in maintaining and ensuring optimal agricultural productivity, noting that over time biodiversity has been lost.

"Organic farming is a suitable alternative and can have

additional benefits for soil fertility, biodiversity as well as human and environmental health," Karanja, who is also a postdoctoral scientist

He further said the project is also implementing a participatory on-farm research (POR) trials together with farmers at Chuka, Kianjugu and Kangari sites, based on the identified challenges experienced by farmers.

"Through a participatory approach, 1,049 farmers have been trained on the various aspects of farming including compositing techniques, agroforestry, water harvesting, pest and disease control, animal housing and welfare among others," he divulged.

KALRO Director General Dr. Eliud Kiplimo Kireger said the project has since been used as a reference trial by learning institutions, researchers, farmers and young scientists, seeking to learn about organic farming and independent groups and teams involved in the drafting of organic agriculture policies.

In a speech read on his behalf by KALRO Director of Natural Resource Management Dr David M. Kamau, Dr. Kireger said as an open learning site, the SysCom project has always had a strong capacity building component since its inception, receiving over 4,900 visitors over the years.

Kenya Maritime Authority develops Blue Economy action plan for frontier counties

BY MARGARET WACHIRA AND MICHELLE WANGA (PCO)

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), in partnership with the Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC), key government agencies, and private sector institutions, has developed the FCDC Blue Economy Multi-Agency Action Plan.

KMA's Acting Director of Maritime Trade and Development, Mr. Joseph Kapeku, stated that the Action Plan serves as a Blue Economy framework for ten frontier counties, aiming to accelerate socio-economic development and enhance peace in these member counties.

The Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC) is a regional economic bloc composed of the County Governments of Lamu, Tana River, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, Isiolo, Turkana, Samburu, and West Pokot.

"The Blue Economy Multi-Agency Action Plan aims to improve Blue Economy opportunities in the frontier counties by providing alternative avenues of income to predominantly traditional livestock herding com-



Mr. Joseph Kapeku

munities, while fostering peace and security in their regions.

This initiative addresses the perennial conflicts and insecurity stemming from struggles over inadequate sources of livelihood exacerbated by severe droughts, intermittent floods, and other effects of climate change in the FCDC counties," said Kapeku.

"This realization has emerged from the public participation workshops held to sensitize stakeholders and the public in Turkana and Marsabit Counties," he added.

The public participation workshop in Turkana County delved into crucial discussions and unveiled Blue Economy opportunities for sustainable growth and development in the County Government of Turkana and the nation at large.

"The workshop is a testament of collective commitment towards harnessing limitless opportunities that Lake Turkana can offer for both Turkana and Marsabit Counties, "said Mr. Evans Lemodei, the Chief of Staff at the County Government of Turkana.

Hindu Salim, the FCDC coordinator also sensitized stakeholders on the Blue Economy framework and how it will address challenges hindering effective harnessing of the blue economy resources in the frontier counties. A presentation of the way forward and adoption of the same by the stakeholders was moderated by Margaret Wachira, the Principal Ports and Shipping Services Officer at Kenya Maritime Authority.

Salim expressed optimism about the trajectory set forth, highlighting the need to continue dialogue, investment and enactment of policy frameworks to capitalize on the immense opportunities within the Blue Economy sector in Kenya.



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER-TANA RIVER

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

The County commissioner Tana River county invites sealed tenders from interested bidders for Prequalification and registration of suppliers/contractors/service providers for supply and delivery of goods and provision of works and services to National Government Departments, Institutions, National Government Constituency Development Fund on, "AS" and "WHEN REQUIRED" basis for the period ending 30th June, 2026 financial year 2024/2025 – 2025/2026.

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2	CATEGORY B:	PROVISION OF WORKS AND SERVICES	VARIOUS
3	CATEGORY C:	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOODS	VARIOUS

Interested bidders for provision of Framework Agreement Contract (CATEGORY "A") can obtain tender documents upon payment of non-Refundable fee of Ksh 1000 at the Deputy County Commissioner's Office-Tana River, Tana North and Tana Delta Sub Counties during normal working hours. Those bidders who wish to apply for category B and C may download Pre-qualification documents with detailed specifications and condition from mygov.go.ke website. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to our email countycommissionertanariver@gmail.com (insert email, telephone and postal address) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum. For category B, tender Number 13, 14 and 15 attach NCA for Building, water works and Road works respectively. For tender Number 10 attach private garage certificate.

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Pre-qualification description and Number" should be deposited in the tender box situated at the County Commissioner's office or posted to:-

The County Commissioner, Tana River County P.O BOX 1- 70101 Tana River

So as to reach him on or before 24th July, 2024 at 10.00 am. Tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who wish to attend

HEAD OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR: COUNTY COMMISSIONER TANA RIVER COUNTY



Kiambu Governor unveils ambitious plans for Thika's smart city makeover

BY MUOKI CHARLES(KNA)

The process of elevating Thika town into a smart city has kicked off with Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi disclosing that Sh10 billion will be required to initiate a raft of development projects crucial to ensure the town matches a city status.

Wamatangi said in collaboration with the national administration, the county government will be allocating Sh1 billion annually in support of the project which will be undertaken in the 690 acres ceded by Del Monte fruit processing company. Among the projects, he said, include Sh5.7 billion for water reticulation which is being implemented in partnership with the national government, Sh500 million for walkways and non-motorized transport.Others are the installation of 2 500 solar streetlights and the dueling of the Thika-Kolpin section of the Garissa Road by the Kenya National Highways Authority to ease congestion.

The county is also implementing Sh256 million worth of infrastructure projects under the Kenya Urban Support Program while the



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi addressing the press during a stakeholders' forum on elevating Thika town into a smart city yesterday

Thika Stadium is being modernized at a cost of Sh250 million to provide a world-class venue for local and national events.

Major markets including Madaraka, Jamhuri, and Kiganjo have also been earmarked for significant investments with Sh1 billion injected to enhance these trading hubs.

Plans are also underway to move the Thika GK Prison from the CBD to the outskirts of the town, with the Governor disclosing that they will allocate 30 acres for the relocation. Future pro-

jects include a proposed airstrip at Del Monte, a Sh2 billion light rail system, established ICT and tech hubs and the modernization of hospitals and ECDE centers to meet the population's

It is not going to be easy; we must accommodate the wishes and aspirations of our people

needs.He at the same time cautioned that the process will not be a walk in the park as it faces opposition by critics including politicians.

"It is not going to be an easy walk; we must accommodate the wishes and aspirations of our people. There have been claims that people will be evicted but I can assure you that no-one will be kicked out of their homes," Wamatangi said during a public engagement forum in Thika town.

MCAs who were present at the forum includ-

ing Kennedy Mwangi (Township), John Njiru (Hospital), Peter Mburu (Kamenu) and Jackson Kung'u Jackma (Gatuanyaga) called for involvement of all stakeholders in the project.

Already, an ad-hoc and county technical committees have been put in place to midwife the town's elevation into an industrial smart city and the process will culminate in the President conferring it with a charter. Once regarded as the industrial town of Kenya, it will be the first city in the Mt Kenya region.

Patriotism paramount in prevention of violent extremism

BY SAMMY MWIBANDA(KNA)

Citizens have been challenged to embrace patriotism in order to confront the issue of radicalization and violent extremism in the society, the Principal Liaison Officer at the National Counter Terrorism Centre Gatama Nderitu has said.

Nderitu stated that it was only through putting the country first that this nation would free herself from the danger of radicalization and attendant consequences.

The officer, who was addressing Vihiga County Engagement Forum (CEF) members during a capacity building forum, stated that they were transitioning from the National Strategy to Countering Violent Extremisim (NSCVE) (2016) to the National Strategy to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism (NSPCVE) (2024–2029).

He informed the participants that the new strategy has prioritized building resilience, creating awareness, building capacity, policy and practice as well as considering inclusivity and protection unlike the previous one which focused on education, law enforcement, economic empowerment, ideology and the media to address the menace.

The Liaison Officer added that the health strategy laid emphasis on immunization (prevention) rather than cure and that is why they also wanted the communities to be sensitized in time so that they become vigilant.

Government revises legislation to tackle health challenges in correctional facilities through multi-sectoral collaboration

BY PILI CHIMERAH (PCO)

The government, through the State Department for Correctional Services, is revising related legislation aimed at addressing health challenges in correctional facilities.

Dr. Salome Beacco, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Correctional Services, stated that the legal revisions will enhance health outcomes by ensuring the provision of high standards of healthcare in correctional institutions across Kenya and Africa, through multi-sectoral collaboration.

"Effectively addressing health issues in detention requires a multi-sectoral engagement based on



State Department for Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco speaking during the official opening of the First African Conference of Health in Detention in Nairobi.

inter-agency collaboration and a coordinated approach. It necessitates involvement from men, women, communities, organizations, institutions, companies, as well as the government," observed

Beacco

She made these remarks during the official opening of the three-day First African Conference on Health in Detention in Nairobi, supported by the Ministry of Health, Kenya Red Cross, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, African Correctional Services Association (ACSA), and the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA)."

"These efforts include adopting measures for legal reform regarding the treatment of mental health offenders. The new legal order aims to inspire a new pathway for national laws and policies and to

provide practical guidance for execution, "the PS said. Emphasizing the importance of the conference which will build continued partnerships, the ICRC Head of Nairobi Regional Delegation Daniel O'Malley said that collaborations and teamwork from those directly involved will promote a positive and sustainable outcome for the health of those in detention.

"We need to start from the places of detention, with the detaining authorities, and including the criminal justice systems, national health, and public infrastructure systems, and expand to cooperation at a global level between states and organizations," he said.

Among the issues tackled during the forum included constraining the spread of infectious diseases especially due to the challenge of overcrowding, development of infrastructure, improvement of nutrition and capacity building of health care in correctional facilities.

The conference included presentations and plenary sessions where the attendees were presented with the chance to interact with healthcare professionals while sharing ideas on the different experiences within the various Correctional institutions across Africa.

EAC partner states in new push to hasten integration, political confederation

BYMUNYASYA MUSYA (PCO)

Poreign Affairs and East African Community Ministers from the eight -partner nations of the East African Community (EAC) have converged in Zanzibar, Tanzania to discuss regional security and how to fast track the integration process of the block towards its ultimate goal of forming a political confederation.

The retreat drawing top officials from the ministries in charge of foreign affairs and the EAC in each state are meeting to firstly deliberate on the region's peace, security and relations between partner states that have recently been rocked by inter-state tensions especially in the Great Lakes Region.

Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign and Diaspora Affairs CS Musalia Mudavadi and his EAC, ASALs and Regional Development colleague Peninah Malonza are in attendance. Other officials include EAC Principal Secretary Mr. Abdi Dubat, Interior Principal Secretary Mr. Raymond Omolo and senior ministry officials.

The meeting, co-hosted by the Government of Tanzania and the EAC Secretariat headed by Secretary General Veronica Nduva, started on Saturday, July 6th and runs until Monday July 8, 2024. It is chaired by the Chairman of the EAC Council of Ministers Mr Deng Alor Kuol, who is the South Sudanese Minister for East African Community Affairs.

On its first sitting, on Saturday, the retreat discussed pertinent issues that impede a faster integration process, especially the conflicts in the Great Lakes Region that threaten peace, security and

the integration process by engendering tensions among partner

The discussions revolved around tensions between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, Rwanda and Burundi as well as a diplomatic tiff between DRC and Kenya that saw DRC recall their ambassador to Kenya in December 2023.

During the retreat, the ministers are expected to propose modalities for an amicable resolution of the hostilities and the return of cordial relations to ease the movement of people, goods and services across partner countries.

During its second day yesterday, the meeting discussed the status of the EAC integration process and proposed new deadlines for national consultations after which constitutional experts would work with the information provided to develop a model for a political con-

federation.

The ministers also deliberated on guidelines for the hosting of EAC institutions namely East African Legislative Assembly, The East African Court of Justice, The East African Monetary Institute and The East African Bureau of Statistics. Others are East African Competition Authority, The East African Financial Services Commission and The East African Surveillance, Compliance and Enforcement Commission.

The three-day meeting also discussed a raft of measures for enforcement and sanctions applicable to member states who fail to deliver on their commitments towards meeting the EAC financial obligations.

During its conclusion today, the ministers will adopt the report of the three day retreat and later present it to the Heads of State Summit for approval.

Tourism Stakeholders equipped with Safety and security skills to manage tourism activities

BY PILI CHIMERAH (PCO)

State Department for Tourism PS John Ololtuaa has said the government will train and equip tourism stakeholders with essential skills and knowledge to help them in management of tourism activities and make them appealing and more hospitable to the visitors.

Speaking at the official opening of a Tourism and Security Capacity-building workshop in Mombasa, PS Ololtuaa said the workshop has come at the right time to help industry players share knowledge and skills and also share best practices accepted both locally and internationally in safeguarding the sector.

"We want to be able to identify risks and plan how best to address them for the sustainability of the industry by ensuring tourists are not affected."

"The overall aim of this engagement is to ensure we secure and showcase Kenya as a premium tourism destination and to promote the brand Magical Kenya," he said.

The workshop is focused on various objectives including, knowledge and skills to address safety issues, fostering collaboration among stakeholders in developing a comprehensive approach to tourism safety and security, sharing and learning from basic practices locally and internationally, and identifying potential risks and vulnera-

bilities in the tourism sector and to develop appropriate risk assessment and mitigation strategies.

"The overall aim of this engagement is to ensure we secure and showcase Kenya as a premium tourism destination and to promote the brand Magical Kenya. We want to be able to identify risks and plan how best to address them for the sustainability of the industry by ensuring tourists are not affected," said the PS.

The PS acknowledged that the number of tourists visiting the country has been on an upward projection despite the chaos being witnessed in the country.

"Even right now our hotels continue to receive guests without any hitches, as a government, we are happy with the numbers and we hope the numbers continue to grow," Ololtuaa said.

The PS added that the Ministry of Tourism is working in collaboration with other state organs and the private sector to develop strategies that will increase the number of tourists visiting and make their stay enjoyable.

He noted that the Ministry of Transport is currently working closely with airlines to ensure that more direct flights come into the country and stated that some have already been cleared to operate including the China-southern airline from China to Nairobi, Air Brussels from Brussels to Nairobi, KQ from Mombasa to Dubai and Malaysia

air and AirAsia which are scheduled to commence

PS Ololtuaa added that the government is focusing on improving critical areas that are expected to transform the tourism sector including the Diani and Malindi airports, Dongo Kundu bypass as well as other tourism products.

He also asked the County government to develop MICE facilities in-order to attract more conferences and meetings outside the capital city.

His sentiments were echoed by the chief executive officer of the Kenya Tourism Federation Susan Ongalo who said no guest was affected by the demos.

"We have been coordinating well with the Tour-

ism Police Unit and the regular police to ensure that tourists avoid routes that will make them encounter protesters," Ongalo said.

Mombasa County's Chief Officer for Trade, Tourism and Culture Pauline Oginga reiterated the County's commitment to working with security apparatus within the county to ensure Mombasa is safe.

She said the county was looking to procure more CCTV cameras within the city to boost security and surveillance.

"We are also set to establish the Mombasa Tourism Safety Centre to coordinate all safety-related activities, provide regular training and offer real-time updates on potential threats," Oginga said

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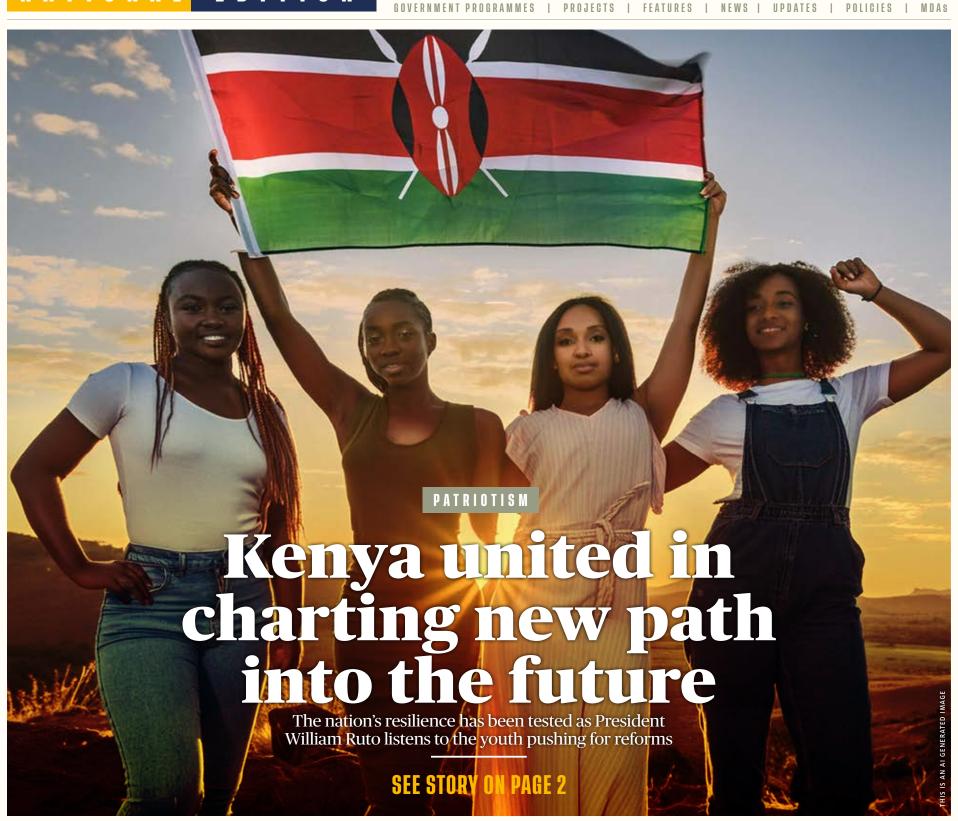
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Kenya Yearbook GEO Lilian Kimeto said communication is part and parcel of the industrialisation process, however, it is always overlooked.

"Communication has been undervalued in the industrialisation process. One of the things Kenya Yearbook is doing is to make citizens understand our industrialisation journey and where it is headed," said Ms Kimeto.

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How KIPPRA is empowering the youth for tomorrow

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ONE PEOPLE, ONE <u>voice</u>

President Ruto lauds the youth in pushing for a better country

The recent political events in the country have underscored the nation's resilience and deep patriotism

he last three weeks have proven that Kenya is not only a resilient country, but also strongly founded and guided by deep patriotism.

For the love of their country, the youth, in particular the Gen Z, started a discourse and a significant movement that demonstrates their commitment to change and patriotism.

The discourse was sparked by the Finance Bill 2024 through which the government had come up with various tax proposals in which it sought to raise an additional Sh346.7 billion to fund its various programmes in the Sh3.9 trillion budget for the financial year 2024/2025.

The Gen Z rejected the taxes and President William Ruto listened to their voices by dropping the Bill that has been passed by

He said, "Listening keenly to the people of

nothing to do with this Finance Bill 2024, I concede and therefore I will not sign it and it shall subsequently be withdrawn," President Ruto said.

He consequently announced austerity measures that would be implemented across government, including in the Executive Office of the President, Parliament and Judiciary.

'The government must now focus on charting a new future for the country and significant changes must be made to align with that new future. Treasury has to reorganize the budget to accommodate the new reality, and balance between what to be implemented and what can wait and ensuring that key national programmes are not affected," noted President Ruto, during the latest Cabinet meeting.

By listening to the voices of the Gen Zs,

Kenya, who have said loudly that they want President Ruto is willing to steer change for the benefit of the country guided by a patriotic spirit, the love of the nation and constitutionalism.

This is a time to reflect as a country, and the best place to start is the Kenyan flag, which many Gen Zs carried along during

The flag is a powerful symbol of our history, unity and aspirations as a country. It shows our resilience, our independence hard fought from the colonialists and signifies our future aspirations for abundant resources for every citizen in the country.

The flag is also a symbol of national cohesion amidst challenges that include conflicts and inequality that the Gen Z have protested against. The youth are calling for inclusivity and equitable service delivery, and President

"I want to assure Kenyans that we will never go back to politics of ethnicity, personalities and people not being in centre of power"

President William Ruto.

Ruto have conceded to all that.

Further more, he is ready to facilitate dialogue with the youth, action groups, and religious bodies.

"I am ready to engage the youths of this country on X Space and listen to their suggestions," President Ruto said.

This move aims to enhance inclusivity and involve Generation Z in national decision-mak-

It's a significant step towards ensuring that young people have a seat at the table rather than being on the menu.

Additionally, the President has emphasized that he will eliminate all barriers that hinder the youth to exploit their potential and provide quality infrastructure, financing and training.

President Ruto has also sent a stern warning to government officials on the misuse of public resources, which the youth have complained

"All government officials, beginning with me, shall be held accountable for resources under their supervision," said President Ruto, who has committed to abolish all unconstitutional offices starting this financial year.

It, therefore, is right to say that the President, and the youth of Kenya, are aligned in regards to the new direction the country needs to take.

Notably, various leaders in particular have come out strongly in support of the call of the President and the people of Kenya.

Parliament, comprising of the Senate and the National Assembly, has declined proposed salary raises, noting that a pay rise would be counterintuitive to the austerity measures that government has put in place.

"As leaders, we have to introspect and see where we have let the country down, and do better to get us out of the mess we are in. We should feel embarrassed that it is children who are telling the leaders that they are naked, we must do better," noted Majority Leader of the Senate, Kericho Senator Aaron Cherniyot,

Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale, observed, "Kenyans are angry with the country's leadership because they see us in helicopters and we also dish out millions at events, when life for a majority of them is unbearable. The public display of wealth and opulence is not right."

Even as the country seeks to move forward, we must appreciate the unity that has been displayed across the board during these challenging times.

The youth complimented government's efforts in ensuring peaceful protests as enshrined in the Constitution through citizen arrest of thieves who were disrupting the peaceful protests.

Hundreds of Kenyans also donated blood for those who were unfortunately injured during the protests. Further, Kenyans stood in solidarity with families of those that were injured and those that unfortunately lost their lives during the protests, proving the strength we have as a nation.

Lest we forget, Kenya has been the envy of her neighbours, some steeped in perpetual internal conflicts. It is time to leverage on the relative tranquility the country has enjoyed, to build a strong, peaceful and united country that caters for the interests of all. \blacksquare

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook advances industrialisation agenda through its publications

Board (KYEB) is advancing the country's industrialisation agenda through its publications. KYEB has produced a number of publications touching on the sector, in particular manufacturing and the future of industrialisation.

The latest publication, Agenda-Kenya, takes readers through the country's industrialisation journey, from 'Swinging 60s' to growth under Vision 2030', it explores how the

be as well as the new pathways to industrial growth.

Kenya Yearbook CEO Lilian Kimeto said communication is part and parcel of the industrialisation process, however, it is always

"Communication has been undervalued in the industrialisation process. One of the things Kenya Yearbook is doing is to make citizens understand our industri-

uisation journey and where it is headed," said Ms Kimeto.

She added that KYEB will strive to make the people in the process of industrialisation,

including researchers and policy makers, to become good communica-

"This will help in the diffusion of ideas to the lower level - mwananchi and they will know the opportunities



they can find in the process," she said. KYEB worked with Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) to produce the AgendaKenya newspaper, which is available on the KYEB website www. kenyayearbook.co.ke.

KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto (right). KIPPRA Executive Director Dr Rose Ngugi and Prof Victor Murinde, the Executive Director at the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) at the KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference 2024 in Kisumu.

KIPPRA held its 7th Annual Conference on Industrialisation in Kisumu, whose theme was, in Kenya: Pathways to industrialisation in the Bottom-Up **Economic Transformation** Agenda (BETA)".

The theme explored sustainable and inclusive pathways to industrialisation under BETA.

Kenya Yearbook, established in 2007, is mandated to tell the story of the soul of the nation, highlighting various government achievements, initiatives and programmes. ■

NATIONAL EDITION

Huduma Kenya to open four new Centres as it takes services closer to the people

itizens of Kamwangi in Gatundu North, Igamba Ngombe in Chuka, Kathwana and Marimanti and Maara in Tharaka, will soon access Government services right in their constituencies. This is thanks to the Huduma Kenya Programme, which is transforming how citizens access Government services.

Through the programme, Huduma Kenya has dispelled the myth that government services are hard to access. It's all about transparency, efficiency and citizen empowerment. Huduma Centres now serve as hubs for over 40 min-

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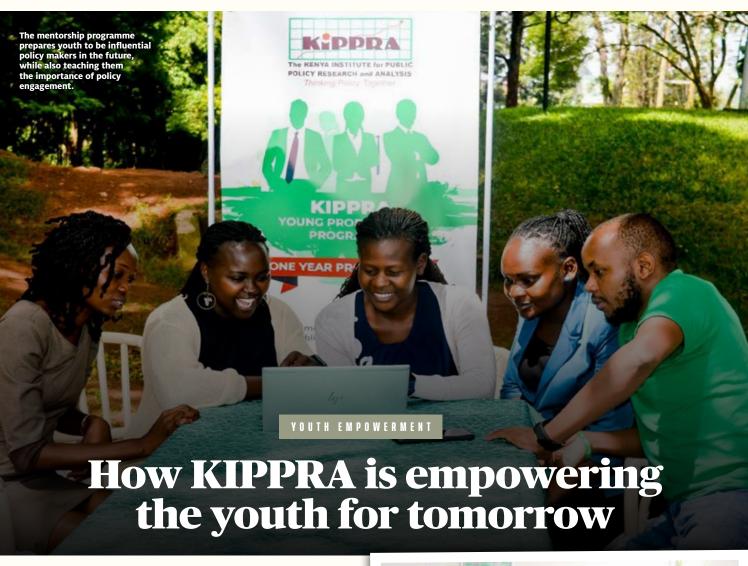
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The Huduma
Centre at Gatundu
North, Kamwangi
will be opened
later on this
month.



The mentorship programme prepares students and young professionals for active roles in policy-making

he Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) is taking strides to ensure the next generation of policy makers is well-prepared by investing in university and Technical, Vocational and Education Training (TVET) students. This initiative, part of the KIPPRA Mentorship Programme for Universities and TVETs (KMPUT), aims to cultivate awareness and develop the capacity of students in understanding the public policy-making process.

KIPPRA's Executive Director, Dr Rose Ngugi, has expressed the institute's commitment to the young generation, highlighting the significance of student involvement. "It doesn't mean that because they are students, they are not stakeholders. They can actually bring agenda for policy making process from their participation even in public affairs in their counties." she noted.

Professor Eustace Mwenda, representing Meru University's Vice Chancellor, Professor Romanus Odhiambo, is on record stating that the University's engagement with KIPPRA is appreciated.

"In Meru University of Science and Technology, we basically have three roles including trainings, research and community service. This marries very well with what KIPPRA is doing," said Professor Mwenda.

He emphasised that the mentorship programme is a testament to KIPPRA's commitment to nurturing future leaders, adding, "By fostering linkages between academia and public policy making, this programme not only equips students with the necessary skills but also empowers them to contribute meaningfully to our national development agenda."

The mentorship programme, which has also benefitted students at Kisii University, includes discussions on Kenya's development agenda and public policymaking processes.

"For a long time, universities have been taken as ivory towers, but we want to move away from that perception," noted KIPPRA Board Chairman, Professor Benson Ateng. "We believe that the universities can also contribute to the work that KIPPRA is doing and that is why we are here with them."



Youth in Taita Taveta during a training session by KIPPRA.

The programme not only focuses on students but also aims to support researchers in prioritising their work to address emerging policy issues.

"Our contributions don't stop there," Professor Ateng added. "We have a programme where young professionals that we take in are with us for a period of one year during which they polish their research skills."

Some of the mentees of the programme were given a chance to speak about different

topics that affect youth and policy, during the recently concluded KIPPRA Annual Regional Youth Conference, which attracted over 130 youth from 14 counties that make up the Lake Region Economic Bloc.

The KIPPRA mentorship initiative is a significant step towards preparing students and young professionals for active roles in policy-making, ensuring that they are equipped to contribute effectively to Kenya's national development agenda.



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President William Ruto chairs a Cabinet meeting, where members discussed emerging issues such as the rejection of the Finance Bill 2024 and the security situation in the country.

Ruto (left) receives a copy of Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board's 'Kenya at the Olympics - a 60-year Journey' publication from Paul Tergat (right) the President of NOCK.



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi (second left) officially opens the Nakuru ASK Show.

Blue Economy, Maritime Affairs and Mining, Salim Mvurya, when he met Charlina Vitcheva the Director General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries at the European Commission.

Cabinet Secretary,





Ferdinand Omanyala wins the 100m race at the Continental Gold Tour in Netherlands.

Faith Kipyegon shattered her own world record in the 1500m race during the Paris Diamond League.







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KISIP 2 initiates major upgrades for 49 informal settlements nationwide

BY MUTISO MBITHI (MY-GOV)

The The Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP 2), under the State Department for Housing, is implementing various land use development plans and proposals to transform at least 49 urban informal settlements across thirteen counties nationwide.

According to KISIP2 National Coordinator George Arwa, these development plans aim to foster coordinated development and ensure the optimal utilization of land, with the goal of upgrading and regularizing informal settlements in the targeted counties. The improvements focus on providing legal recognition, enhanced infrastructure, and basic services to the residents.

Arwa spoke during a meeting between officials from KISIP's National Project Coordination Team (NPCT) and various consulting firms responsible for planning and surveying the settlements. During these meetings, the NPCT reviewed the findings from the



A section of an upgraded road to bitumen standards in Embakasi Village in Nairobi County done earlier by KISIP!, the precursor to KISIP2 with World Bank funding to improve informal settlements.

consultants and provided their recommendations. The rigorous forum was led by the team from the Project's Component 1.1 on Land Tenure Regularization.

The core objective of this component is to coordinate the regularization of tenure for people living on uncontested public lands. This is achieved through the preparation of Local Physical and Land Use Development Plans for the settlements, which delineate land parcels and wayleaves for infrastructure like roads, drainage, and walkways. The activities include surveying, physically placing beacons to mark parcels according to the plan, preparing lists of beneficiaries, issuing letters of allotment based on the survey plans, and preparing titles.

KISIP2 is a Government of Kenya project funded by the World Bank and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). It is a key enabler of Vision 2030 and represents the government's commitment to providing Kenyans with access to land and adequate, quality, and decent housing facilities. The project's development objective is to improve access to basic services and land tenure security for residents in participating urban informal settlements and to strengthen institutional capacity for slum upgrading in Kenya.

The workshop focused on presenting Draft Local Physical and Land Use Development Plans, prepared in collaboration with the beneficiaries and settlement residents through a participatory planning process. "This workshop is meant to allow the NPCT to provide their inputs on the plans before they are presented to the wider stakeholder

group, including County Technical Teams and the respective communities in the settlements," said Mr. Arwa in his opening remarks delivered by Land Tenure Regularization Head, Ms.

Celestine Wanjala. Mr. Arwa stated that the plans will also address issues of tenure security and housing rights by providing legal recognition and protection to residents. He commended the teams for developing comprehensive plans that will significantly improve the settlements conditions once approved by the counties.

BRIEFS

State urged to prioritize research funding for employment creation

■ The National Research Fund (NRF) Chairman Prof Ratemo Michieka is urging the Government to allocate more funds to research institutions to enhance the country's development. Speaking at the official

opening of the third Meru University of Science and Technology International Conference (MUSTIC), Prof. Michieka emphasized that every country should invest in its research institutions for its own benefit. "No one can support research institutions other than the nation where they are located. Therefore, it is crucial and very important for developing nations to allocate more funds to research to achieve national goals," he stated.

He further advocated that the government should prioritize this agenda, which would create employment opportunities for its citizens."If a large factory resulting from research at an institution is established, it could potentially employ 600 to 700 people comfortably, thanks to the innovations developed through research," Prof. Michieka added.He said the government is releasing two per cent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to research institutions, but this could be increased for more benefits to the country.

He added, "If you want to know how research contributes to the development of a country, go to the development index of developed countries and check on the amount of money paid in research. You will then realise that it is much more than what we give in Kenya".

He said the theme of the conference: 'Science in Service of Climate Action', revolves around the question of whether the floods shall be witnessed again.

"What can climate teach us, how can we educate the citizens how to mitigate and stop the devastating effects of climate change as it keeps on coming every four to five years in time, Prof Michieka posed. By Dickson Mwiti (KNA)

Kenya Yearbook to bridge information gap in industrialization drive, reassures CEO

BY MIKE ORIEDO(KYEB)

lhe Kenya Year-book Editorial Board (KYEB) has underlined its commitment to playing its role in documenting the successes of the country's industrialization journey and disseminating ideas to the lower echelons of society to help catalyze the process.

Lilian Kimeto, the CEO of KYEB, speaking at the seventh KIPPRA Regional Conference held in Kisumu, stated that KYEB, as an institution, will narrate the story of the country's industrialization in a way that citizens can understand, allowing them to identify and exploit opportunities for their socio-economic advancement.

"Kenya Yearbook's role in the industrialization process is clearly defined. We will package the content



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lilian Kimeto (right), KIPRRA Executive Director Dr Rose Ngugi and Prof Victor Murinde, the Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) at the recent KIPPRA Conference 2024 on industrialisation in Kisumu.

way, the youth and other groups can comprehend the process and become active participants," she said.

Ms. Kimeto noted that communication had been undervalued in the indus-

and deliver it to the last trialization process, yet it mile because this is critical is crucial for disseminating for industrialization. This information and new technologies to encourage adoption.

She emphasized that KYEB will strive to ensure that researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders in the industrialization value chain become effective communicators to aid in the diffusion of ideas to the lower levels of society.

"We aim to bridge the gap in documenting knowledge, which is why we are participating in this conference," said Ms. Kimeto. She spoke during a panel discussion on data and industrialization, observing that for KYEB, "data is our content, and we must present it in its simplest form for citizens to consume and understand."

According to Kimeto, this approach helps to narrate the country's story in a way that captures its essence across various economic spheres and contextualizes the government's perspective for citizens to understand. Since its establishment in 2007, KYEB has responded to government objectives for the citizens. "Now, we are at a point where we are listening to citizens, which is why the Yearbook 2024 will be presented from the youth's perspective," she noted.

IGAD ministers convene to boost regional food security

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) convened a ministerial meeting to strengthen and accelerate national and regional efforts to address food insecurity in the region, aiming to enhance the resilience and livelihoods of vulnerable communities in the long

Ministers and heads of delegations from IGAD member states attended the meeting, which also sought to identify common opportunities and gaps in implementing and accelerating sustainable national pathways for transforming the food security system in the IGAD region.

The objectives of the forum included facilitating the sharing of best practices and knowledge exchange among Ethiopia, Somalia, and South Sudan, identifying common priorities to accelerate the transformation of the food security system, securing ministerial approval, and consolidating a harmonized and coordinated approach to strengthening food systems regionally.

Speaking at the event in Nairobi, Dr. Fatuma Adan,

IGAD's Head of Mission in Kenya, stated that the agenda of the meeting was to discuss strategies, policies, and systems to improve food security in the region, which has faced crises including climate change, conflict, and floods, among others.

She noted that 21 percent of the 300 million people in IGAD are food insecure, with the most affected vulnerable groups being women, children, and adolescent girls. She added that IGAD convened to have a strategy system so that it could build food secure communities, countries and the region. "The food situation is not getting better due to the climate crisis, but countries are also investing heavily to ensure that they are able to cope up and build a resilient system that helps to cope with shocks," she stated. Resilience team leader for Eastern Africa Cyril Ferrand said that food security is an issue across the borders, but the region has tried in the past 20 years to bring capacity to collect information, share and take some information. By Sharon Atieno(KNA)





