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Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura addressing the media on Government's achievements in implementing austerity measures to empower the youth at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi on 22nd August, 2024.

Government targets 46,838 new jobs for youth through civil service retirements

This action follows several austerity measures set to be undertaken during the 2024/2025 Financial Year, including a state reorganization declared by the President that civil servants who reach the retirement age of 60 be released to retire immediately

BY MICHAEL OMONDI(KNA)

The Government has announced that a total of 39,361 civil servants are expected to retire within the next five years, based on the June 2024 payroll, to pave the way for youth to take up positions in the public service.

This action follows several austerity measures set to be undertaken during

the 2024/2025 Financial Year, including a government reorganization declared by the President in response to public feedback that civil servants who reach the retirement age of 60 be released to retire immediately, thus opening up opportunities for hiring younger individuals.

These measures aim to fulfill President William Ruto's commitment to

continuously and effectively listen to the people and incorporate their contributions into policy-making and governance.

Speaking to the media in Nairobi, Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura reported that this presidential directive is being implemented, with an additional 7,477 officers already retired

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Sh500m disbursed to kickstart Mwache Dam project in Kwale

BY CHARI SUCHE(KNA)
The Government has released Sh500 million to compensate all Project Affected Persons (PAP) of the Mwache Dam Project in Kwale County, where construction has stalled due to land compensation challenges.

The Sh500 million is part of the Sh4.4 billion the government is expected to spend to compensate residents of Kinango Constituency in Kwale County, with the Treasury having already paid Sh1.6 billion for Priority Area One.

Construction of the dam stalled in July after being disrupted by compensation and livelihood restoration demands from

the local community in Kinango. Irrigation PS Eng. Ephantus Kimotho stated that Sh500 million was released to compensate the first batch of residents, except for a few who lacked proper documentation. Local leaders have promised to assist in resolving the conflict.

Kimotho also announced that the Treasury and the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation will release another Sh500 million to the National Land Commission to disburse awards for the Mwavumbo and Bofu areas.

The compensation plan, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

The Week In numbers

- Sh5,000.** New price of cane per tone following state approval to revise it from Sh 4,950
- Sh1.2b** Amount of money to be spend to construct 1,243 classrooms of Junior Secondary
- 3m** Number of tourists the ministry of Tourism argets to achieve by the end of the year
- 39,361** Civil servants expected to retire within the next five years based on the June 2024 payroll

National Youth Service(NYS) Pass-out



President William Ruto inspecting a guard of honor during the pass-out parade of the National Youth Service (NYS) trainees in Gilgil, Nakuru County on Monday August 26th, 2024. PHOTO/COURTESY

Major retirement wave to open jobs for younger workers

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between September 13, 2023, and June 30, 2024, from state departments, county executives, and county assemblies.

According to the Government Spokesperson, the payroll also indicates that 43,976 officers aged 55 years and above are expected to retire between 2024 and 2029, with 7,662 expected to retire in this financial year alone.

Dr. Mwaura added that 39,441 officers are currently serving the government on contractual terms, with their contracts set to expire on various dates depending on their periods of engagement. "This creates 46,838 job opportunities for our jobless youth to serve in the government either on permanent or contractual terms upon the retirement and expiration of current contracts," Dr. Mwaura emphasized.

He also highlighted the commemoration of this year's International Youth Day, celebrating

the vibrancy, creativity, and resilience of Kenyan youth under the theme 'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development.' This theme underscores the transformative potential of digital innovation in driving meaningful change and fostering sustainable development, not only in Kenya but globally.

Dr. Mwaura noted that the celebrations come at a time when the country has implemented several measures to ensure progressive youth empowerment in line with the BETA Plan, under the newly constituted Broad-Based Government (BBG), which aims for a more inclusive national development agenda. The Government Spokesperson further highlighted that the Plan has achieved significant progress within its fifth pillar, the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy, including the digitalization of 17,668 government services.

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estimated to cost Sh2.8 billion, has been developed in collaboration with local leaders to ensure that affected individuals are properly compensated.

In January 2025, another Sh538 million will be released to go towards completing the whole area of the lower check-dam.

"The other balance of Sh1.3 million will be released in the year 2025/2026," he added.

The PS said the project has a little bit of uniqueness as there will be a component of livelihood whereby the government will restore the livelihood of the project affected persons to where they were before they were relocated.

Moreover, the government negotiated with the World Bank, which is the financier of the project and agreed to set aside Sh1.9 billion with Sh500 million going to community projects with the involvement of respective elders, he said.

He added that for the balance of Sh1.4 billion, the Ministry has already



Irrigation PS Ephantus Kimotho (2nd right) flanked by Kinango MP Gonzi Rai (left) briefs the media during a tour of the Mwache dam project, Kwale. PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA

engaged a consultant who has started work and in three months he will come with a detailed programme to tell on how the respective parts will benefit.

Unfortunately, the PS said three schools in the area will also be affected for a very short period of time, with few adjustments and renovation made once relocated.

"The Mwache dam project is in Kwale County, but the neighboring coun-

ties of Mombasa and Kilifi will also benefit. There is a project called Kwale Urban which is going to generate 9,000 cubic liters in the county and another 1,000 acres of irrigation," he said.

Mombasa County will get 186,000 cubic liters of water per day, and as a result will no longer need water from Kilifi.

Kimotho assured the locals that every one of them, who has been affected will be fairly com-

pensated as a lawyer and a surveyor have worked on the project for three years and adjudication of the land and issues of succession have been tackled.

Kinango Member of Parliament Mr. Gonzi Rai said residents of Kinango had stopped work, demanding compensation, but added that once he took the issue to the Assembly, the Commission, Ministry, and the Treasury agreed to sort out the challenge in due course.




REPUBLIC OF KENYA | ATHI WATER WORKS

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMENCEMENT OF TESTING AND FLUSHING OF THE KIGORO TO GIGIRI BULK TREATED WATER PIPELINE

Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) would like to inform members of the public living along/near the newly constructed Kigoro to Gigiri Bulk Treated Water Pipeline of the commencement of scheduled testing and flushing/washout of the pipeline from **Monday 26th - 9th September 2024.**

This exercise is critical to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the pipeline, which is part of the Northern Collector Tunnel Bulk Water System. During this period, residents may observe the following safety precautions:

- Please avoid any contact with the discharged water as it will contain chlorine used for sterilization.
- Refrain from accessing restricted areas around the pipeline during the testing period.
- Any unauthorized personnel should stay away from the testing areas to ensure their safety.



We kindly request the cooperation and understanding of the public during this period.

Background: The Kigoro to Gigiri pipeline is a vital component of the Northern Collector Tunnel Bulk Water System, designed to supply 140 million liters of clean water daily to Nairobi and communities along the pipeline route in Muranga and Kiambu counties. This pipeline, stretching 55 kilometers, will convey treated water from the Kigoro Water Treatment Plant to the Gigiri Pump Station and Reservoirs.

Chief Executive Officer

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA | KENYA POWER PENSION FUND

TENDER INVITATION

The Kenya Power Pension Fund invites firms for the following;

NO.	TENDER NAME	TENDER NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	PROVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCE AUDIT	KPPF/PROC/2-A/06/2024	OPEN	Wednesday 11 th September 2024 at 11.30AM
2.	PROVISION OF TAX HEALTH CHECK SERVICES	KPPF/PROC/2-A/08/2024	OPEN	Friday 13 th September 2024 at 11.30AM
3.	PROVISION OF COMPETITIVE MARKET RESEARCH & ANALYSIS	KPPF/PROC/2-A/07/2024	OPEN	Monday 16 th September 2024 at 11.30AM
4.	PROVISION OF Q-PULSE LICENSES	PPF/PROC/2-A/09/2024	OPEN	Tuesday 17 th September 2024 at 11.30AM

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tender may be downloaded from Kenya Power Pension Fund website www.kppf.co.ke from **Tuesday 27th August 2024** at no fee. Bidders are required to register by sending an email to tenders@kppf.co.ke in order to receive clarifications and/or communication, where necessary.

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


CEO & TRUST SECRETARY
Kenya Power Pension Fund,
Stima Plaza Annex, Kolobot Road, Parklands
P.O Box 1548 - 00600
Nairobi, Kenya.

and deposited in the Tender box at Ground floor, Stima Plaza Annex next to the Lift Lobby

So as to be received on or before the closing dates shown above. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in the presence of the Tenderer's or their representatives who choose to attend in Kenya Power Pension Fund at Stima Plaza Annex ground floor, Kolobot Road, Parklands, Nairobi.

Save for responding to KPPF's request for clarification, bidders shall not contact or discuss any aspect of their tenders with KPPF after tender closing date and before receipt of notification of award of tenders or letters of regret, as applicable. Any such contact shall lead to disqualification of the tenderer.

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Government to spend Sh1.2 billion to construct JSS classrooms in Western

BY GEORGE KAIGA (KNA)
The National Government is expected to spend over Sh1.2 billion on the construction of 1,243 Junior Secondary School (JSS) classrooms across the four counties of the Western region. Regional Director of Education (RDE) Jared Obiero says that Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, and Busia counties have been allocated a total of Sh1,243,000,000 for these projects, which will be ready for grade nine students next year. Speaking to the Kenya News Agency (KNA) in his office in Kakamega, Obiero noted that construction for phase one has already begun, with phase two scheduled to start in October this year. The RDE added that the



Western Regional Director of Education (RDE) Jared Obiero speaking to KNA in his office in Kakamega town.

Schools' Board of Management (BOM) and Schools' Infrastructure Committees (SIC) are overseeing the construction. The government has already transferred the funds to the respective schools' bank accounts. According

to Ministry of Education guidelines, construction must be completed within three months from the date of signing the contract. Obiero mentioned that Kakamega County has received the largest allocation, with 506 classrooms planned—81 under phase one and an additional 425 under phase two. He said Vihiga has been allocated a total of 170 classrooms, with 55 currently being constructed under phase one, while another 115 classrooms to be constructed under phase two. Bungoma and Busia counties have been given a total of 366 and 201 classrooms respectively. "Under phase one, Bungoma is currently undertaking construction of 129

classrooms, with 239 expected to be constructed under phase two, while in Busia 50 classrooms are being constructed under phase two and 151 classrooms to be constructed in phase two. "Construction works of phase two are expected to commence in October this year, at a time when ongoing construction works of phase one will have been completed," he said. "I have launched the construction works in a number of schools including Kakamega Primary School that has the largest number of 12 classrooms based on the enrollment," he added. "Each classroom is being constructed at a uniform cost of Sh1 million countrywide," he added.

DP directs administrators to ensure timely completion of projects

BY DPCS
Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has directed National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) to closely supervise the implementation of government programs and projects in their areas of jurisdiction. The Deputy President stated that the officers represent President William Ruto on the ground and must take responsibility to ensure that projects do not stall under their watch and are delivered as planned. "It is your responsibility to uphold the dignity of the President. When the President launches a project and the contractor abandons the site after one week, the dignity of the President is called into question.

"You must ensure that this does not happen, and if it does, you must inform the respective Principal Secretary and Cabinet Secretary so that necessary interventions can be made," said Mr. Gachagua. The Deputy President spoke at the Kenya School of Government in Lower Kabete, where he accompanied President Ruto as he engaged with officers from across the country. It is the duty of the officers to take keen interest and monitor progress of the projects for faster implementation and realisation of their objectives, the DP said. "You are the ear and the eye of the President at the grassroots. You represent the President in his personal and official capacity," he said.

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National Environment Management Authority

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

(Consulting Services- Individual Selection)

Name of project:	Africa Environmental Health and Pollution Management Programme
Credit Number:	TF0B3322
Project Number:	P167788
Contract Title:	Consultancy Services for Procurement Specialist
Reference No.	KE-NEMA-423693-CS-INDV

- 1) The Government of Kenya has received a grant from Global Environment Facility through World Bank as the Implementing agency and National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) as the executing agency for a project namely **"African Environment Health and Pollution Management project"** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- 2) The consulting services (**"Services"**) include consultancy services for selection of procurement specialist.
- 3) The Services are expected to be executed in a **period of twelve (12)** calendar months from contract commencement date.
- 4) The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website www.nema.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke.
 - a. The National Environment Management Authority now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services by providing curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies).
- 5) The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" first published July 2016 and revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- 6) An Individual Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in World Bank Procurement Regulations.
- 7) Further information can be obtained at the address below from **0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT)** from Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.
- 8) Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form by **11th September 2024 at 1000hours EAT** and be dropped in the tender box located at National Environment Management Authority Headquarters, Elland House POPO Road South C Off Mombasa Road clearly indicating the Assignment title and Reference Number on the Envelope and addressed to:

The Director General
National Environment Management Authority
Popo Road, South C, off Mombasa Road
P.O.BOX: 67839-00200,
NAIROBI.

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NOTICE

INVITATION TO A VIRTUAL WEBINAR-VALIDATION FORUM

VALIDATION OF THE DRAFT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION) REGULATIONS, 2024

Public Service Commission has, pursuant to the provisions of Section 48 and 92 of the Public Service Commission Act, 2017 developed Draft, Public Service Commission (Affirmative Action) Regulations 2024.

The Regulations are aimed at:-

- a) mainstreaming in the public service a culture which supports and values diversity and affirmation of special interest groups;
- b) supporting the attraction into, retention and advancement of persons from special interest groups in the public service;
- c) speeding up the achievement of representation of special interest groups in the public service as required by the Constitution;
- d) eliminating unfair discrimination against persons from special interest groups; and
- e) promote equal opportunity and fair treatment in employment in the public service.

Views were sought from all stakeholders through written memoranda as was notified to you vide our letter dated **26th March, 2024** and the Star Newspaper advertisement dated **26th March, 2024** and **9th April, 2024**. The Commission received the written memoranda which were considered for inclusion in the draft regulations.

Therefore, the Commission invites all stakeholders for a one-day virtual validation forum scheduled for **10th September, 2024**. Consequently, all institutions and individual participants are required to send to the Commission: -

- i. Name of participants and their designations,
- ii. Name of Institution (where applicable),
- iii. Email address, and
- iv. Cellphone number.

A dedicated email address has been assigned for this exercise. Kindly send an advance copy of the participant details to webinar@publicservice.go.ke on or before **6th September, 2024**.

The Draft, Public Service Commission (Affirmative Action) Regulations 2024 can be accessed from the Commission's website <https://www.publicservice.go.ke>, under Publications-Legislation.

The Secretary/CEO
Public Service Commission
Commission House, Harambee Avenue
P.O. Box 30095 - 00100

Third investor breaks ground at Naivasha SEZ, to create several jobs

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU (KNA)

The Naivasha Special Economic Zone (SEZ) has received a boost with a new investor moving in to establish a potato processing firm.

Crystal Frozen and Chilled Foods Limited has committed to an investment of Sh645 million to set up a facility for producing chilled or frozen potatoes (fries) at the Naivasha SEZ.

Crystal Frozen and Chilled Foods Limited aims to address the long-standing issue of produce wastage that has affected farmers in Nakuru and neighboring Nyandarua County. The company also seeks to fill the market gap for frozen potatoes, a market currently dominated by just two countries on



Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry Salim Mgala Mvurya (left) joins other officials in displaying a map of the Special Economic Zone in Naivasha that has attracted bids from 19 investors worth billions of shillings.

the continent—South Africa and Egypt. This is the third company to break ground in the Naivasha SEZ, focusing on potato processing through freezing for extended shelf life. The establishment of this facility is expected to cre-

ate 359 direct employment opportunities, particularly for the youth and women, who are central to our economic agenda.

Speaking during the ground breaking ceremony for the company at Naivasha SEZ, the Cabinet

Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry Salim Mgala Mvurya reiterated that the Government of Kenya is fully committed to creating a business environment that is conducive to investment, innovation, and sustainable growth. “Over the past few years, we have implemented a series of reforms aimed at improving the ease of doing business in our country. These reforms include simplifying business registration processes, enhancing access to credit, reducing bureaucratic red tape, and modernizing our infrastructure to support efficient trade and logistics. Our efforts have borne fruit,” Mvurya said.

He noted that Kenya has consistently improved its ranking in the World Bank’s Ease of Do-

ing Business Index, and is forging ahead to become a preferred destination for both local and international investors.

The CS hailed effort’s by Crystal Frozen and Chilled Foods limited to add value to potatoes and added that these efforts are not just about attracting investment; but are also closely aligned to the government’s Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) which focuses on empowering the ordinary Kenyan by creating opportunities for employment, enhancing access to resources, and ensuring that the benefits of economic growth are felt at the grassroots level.

“By fostering a favourable business environment, we are enabling enterprises like Crystal Frozen and Chilled Foods to flourish, which in turn creates jobs and generates income for our citizens.”

Mvurya noted that by supporting industries that add value to our agricul-

tural produce, like Crystal Frozen, we are not only boosting our economy but also ensuring that our farmers and producers receive better returns for their efforts.

This, he said in turn, translates to higher incomes and improved livelihoods for families across the country. Moreover, as we continue to attract investments into the manufacturing and processing sectors, we are creating a ripple effect that benefits the wider economy.

The director of the company Mr. Mungai Kihuyu said they plan to work with research institutions such as Egerton University to provide high quality seeds and train farmers on the best practices so that they can produce high quality seeds and maximize on the yields.

“We are already working with Egerton University to speed research on potato breeds that address the shortages in the market,” he said.



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES YEAR 2024

Applications are invited for Certificate in Apiculture course offered at the National Beekeeping Institute (NBI)-Lenana in the State Department for Livestock Development. The application letter should be addressed to the Principal of the National Beekeeping Institute (NBI)-Lenana to reach by 30th September 2024. Application requirements are as follows: A money order or bankers’ cheque of Kshs. 1,000 (non-refundable), your telephone contact and e-mail address, copies of your academic certificates, your national ID, secondary school leaving certificate and two recent passport size photographs.

CERTIFICATE COURSE				
S/N	COURSE	INSTITUTE	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT	DURATION AND FEES
1	Certificate in Apiculture Course	National Beekeeping Institute (NBI)-Lenana	An individual entering this course should have any of the following minimum requirements: a) Either: i. Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) with a minimum mean Grade D plain ii. Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE) Division IV iii. One- year certificate in any agriculture related course iv. Artisan Certificate in Apiculture, or b) Equivalent qualifications as determined by Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA)	1 year (2 semesters) Kshs.98,300

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MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INDUSTRY



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CALLING ON ASPIRING INDUSTRIALISTS IN KENYA)
ADDENDUM

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry through State Department for Industry invited eligible firms/manufacturers/investors to express their interest for the following assignments under the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks in **MyGov of Tuesday, 20th August, 2024.**

#	Item (EOI) Description	Reference (EOI No.)	Site Visit to the CAIP of Interest	EOI Closing Date
1	EOI for Provision of Management Services for County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPS)	MITI/SDI/REOI/1/2024/2025	26 th to 30 th August, 2024	13/09/2024
2	EOI for lease/uptake of Industrial Space within specific County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPS)	MITI/SDI/REOI/2/2024/2025	26 th to 30 th August, 2024	13/09/2024
3	EOI for provision of requisite machinery and equipment for own manufacture or to lease them out for common use.	MITI/SDI/REOI/3/2024/2025	26 th to 30 th August, 2024	13/09/2024
4	EOI for provision of logistics and an e-commerce platform for upcoming industries within the CAIPS	MITI/SDI/REOI/4/2024/2025	26 th to 30 th August, 2024	13/09/2024

However, you are requested to take note of the following: -

- (i) On the **Schedule of site visits group IV**, inadvertently, County Government No. 5 in the group - **Taita Taveta** is indicated as **Taita** which is not the correct name of the County Government of Taita Taveta.
- (ii) Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below or be deposited in the Tender Box situated on the 16th Floor, NSSF Building Block A, Eastern Wing, on or before **13th September, 2024 at 10.00 A.M** Local Time and **NOT 6th of September, 2024.**

Dr. Juma Mukhwana, PhD, CBS
Principal Secretary
Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry
State Department for Industry

Attn: Head / Supply Chain Management Services
NSSF Building, Block A, Eastern Wing, 16th Floor

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Joho announces measures to reclaim grabbed coastal landing sites to enhance Blue Economy

BY NURU SOUD(KNA)

The Government will reclaim illegally occupied public landing sites along the coast to boost the Blue Economy.

Cabinet Secretary for Mining and the Blue Economy, Hassan Ali Joho, said that the encroachment on landing sites has been a significant issue for the sector.

Speaking at the Kenya Maritime Authority headquarters in Mombasa, Joho emphasized that the government, in collaboration with county authorities, is committed to addressing this challenge by demolishing any personal properties that encroach on these vital sites.

This effort, he said, is part of a broader strategy to ensure the sustainability and integrity of the



Cabinet Secretary for Blue Economy Hassan Ali Joho briefs the media during a familiarization tour at the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) Headquarters, Mombasa.

PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA

Blue Economy, which is crucial for the livelihoods of many coastal communities.

“The government will soon issue a legal notice to anyone occupying these

landing sites illegally. I call upon those who have encroached on these areas to begin removing their personal property. This notice especially pertains to land grabbers in the beach area

stretching from Kiunga to Lungalunga,” the CS said.

He explained that action will complement government’s effort to provide fishermen with a docking area for their boats in the 46 landing sites in Mombasa County as well as those in other regions.

The CS said he will be visiting the Liwatoni processing ground, citing the various challenges that have been delaying the completion.

“I want to announce that an eligible contractor for the Liwatoni Factory has been found and contracts have been prepared hence we are expecting that within the next eight to 12 months we should be commissioning the factory and fully operationalizing it for the interest of the Coast region,” the

CS said.

Acknowledging the lack of employment is a huge challenge in the maritime sector, the CS noted that the government plans to combat the issue by collaborating with key stakeholders to offer sea time to seafarers upon graduation.

“We have had an extensive discussion with key stakeholders in the Maritime Sector hence within a week they should have developed a framework in collaboration with TVET institutions on how they can broaden the spaces for training the upcoming seafarers,” Joho said.

He highlighted another significant move to form a working committee on ship wreckage regarding the issue of eventually getting rid of worn-out ships in the country.

“We have decided that regarding worn-out ships in the country, the owners of the vessels are to transport them at their cost and to pay for the exercise as well as leave behind the scrap metal. Hence this initiative will contribute immensely to the steel industry by bringing a significant decrease in metal prices in the country,” the CS explained.

On his part, Mombasa County Governor, Abdulswammad Shariff Nassir said the county government is working to ease the burden of high hospital bills by commissioning free health care to seafarers at the Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital as well as to launching new boats for maritime personnel.



TENDER NOTICE

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

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

S/ No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing/Opening Date/Time/Venue
1.	KeNHA/2794/2024	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Medical Equipment for Sagana Trauma Center Package 1: Laboratory, Central Sterilization, Physiotherapy, ICU, HDU and General Ward Equipment	15th October, 2024 at 11.00am. KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao Road, Block C - 2 nd Floor Board Room.
2.	KeNHA/2795/2024	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Medical Equipment for Sagana Trauma Center Package 2: Surgical Instruments, Theatre & Recovery, Emergency and Resuscitation Equipment	
3.	KeNHA/2796/2024	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Medical Equipment for Sagana Trauma Center Package 3: Biomedical Engineering Tools, Ambulance, Stand-by Generator and Medical Gases	
4.	KeNHA/2797/2024	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Medical Equipment for Sagana Trauma Center Package 4: Diagnostic and Imaging Equipment	

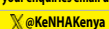
A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested Bidders **free of charge** by downloading from KeNHA website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP): www.tenders.go.ke or from KeNHA Office JKIA BaraBara Plaza Block C, 2nd Floor Supply Chain Office during normal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

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

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

Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
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NATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Institute of Mass Communication invites applications for Tenders for supply of goods and services from interested, eligible and competent bidders for the financial Period: 2024 -2025 as indicated below.

S/n	Tender description	Tender No.	Closing dates
1	Supply and Delivery of Beef meat	KIMC/G/1/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
2	Supply and Delivery of Fruits and Vegetables	KIMC/G/2/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
3	Supply and Delivery of Bread	KIMC/G/3/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
4	Supply and Delivery of Chicken and eggs	KIMC/G/4/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
5	Supply and Delivery of Human medical drugs	KIMC/G/5/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
6	Supply and Delivery of Dry foodstuff	KIMC/G/6/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
7	Supply and Delivery of Tonners	KIMC/G/7/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
8	Supply and Delivery of Milk	KIMC/G/8/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
9	Supply and Delivery of Bulky Cooking Gas	KIMC/G/9/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
10	Provision of Sanitation services	KIMC/S/10/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
11	Provision of fumigation and pest control services	KIMC/S/11/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
12	Provision of Garbage collection services	KIMC/S/12/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
13	Provision of Catering Unit equipment servicing and repair services	KIMC/S/13/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
14	Provision of Cleaning services	KIMC/S/14/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm
15	Provision of security services	KIMC/S/15/2024-2025	10.9.2024 at 2.00Pm

Tender documents with detailed information may be obtained from the **Supply Chain Management office, Kenya Institute of Mass Communication** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Ksh, 1000/=** per document. Bidders can also download the same documents from the Institutes website: www.kimc.ac.ke and PIIP Portal; www.tenders.go.ke for free.

The Director,
Kenya Institute of Mass Communication.
Uhoho Road, Nairobi south B, off Mombasa Rd
P.O.Box 42422-00100 Nairobi
Tel.0206997000/070826895 Email: info@kimc.ac.ke



Dr. Belio Kipsang

Popular school meals programme expanded to support 3 million learners across 34 counties

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The state is providing food to three million learners in 34 counties under the School Meals Programme. The Principal Secretary for the State Department of Basic Education, Dr. Belio Kipsang, said the government has adopted two models: the in-kind model, which provides

food to schools and covers learners in eleven arid counties, and the homegrown model, which allocates budgets to schools for purchasing food from local suppliers.

Dr. Kipsang made these remarks when he received a courtesy call from Ms. Kate Hampton, Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), at his Jogoo

House office in Nairobi. He explained that the homegrown model helps boost small-scale farmers and local economies while covering learners in 23 counties. Dr. Kipsang noted that providing food in arid and semi-arid regions aims to improve children's access to education, as harsh environments often create barriers to schooling in these areas.

Ms. Hampton expressed CIFF's interest in discussing priority areas for partnership and collaboration with the Ministry of Education. She also mentioned that CIFF has partnered with the County Government of Nairobi to provide hot meals for children in public primary schools in the city. Ms. Hampton emphasized that education funding aims to

ensure that every young child is mentally, emotionally, and physically prepared for primary school and future life.

The School Meals Programme in Kenya was initiated in 1980. Started by the Ministry of Education with support from the World Food Programme, the programme was designed to encourage school enrollment and retention.



MINISTRY OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

- The Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications invites sealed bids from Youth, Women and Persons Living With Disability bidders for the following tender;

S/NO.	TENDER NUMBER	SERVICES DESCRIPTION
1.	MICDE/SDBT/01/2024-2025	PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES

- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during official working hours from [0800 to 1700 hours]
- Prices quoted must be net inclusive of VAT and all Government taxes. The tenders shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender document submitted.
- Tender documents with detailed specifications may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website (www.ict.go.ke) and PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document may forward their particulars immediately to; Head Supply Chain Management Services (through email procurement.bt@information.go.ke) Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications.
- Any addendum if any, pertaining to this tender will be done through the Ministry website www.ict.go.ke and PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below and placed in the tender box on or before **11th September, 2024 at 11am East African Time**, labeled with the tender Number and bearing no indication of the tenderer and addressed to: -

The Principal Secretary
Attn: Head, Supply Chain Management Services
Ministry of Information Communication and the Digital Economy
State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications.
Telposta Towers 11th floor,
P.O. Box 30025-00100
Nairobi

- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the Conference Room, 9th floor, Telposta Towers.

Principal Secretary



MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country	KENYA
Name of project	HORN OF AFRICA GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (HOAGDP)
Credit No	6768-KE
Assignment Title	DEVELOPMENT OF A 50-YEAR INTEGRATED NATIONAL TRANSPORT MASTERPLAN (INTMP), AND A 10-YEAR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME, FOR KENYA
Reference	KE-SDOT-1-2024-CS-QCBS

- The Government of Kenya (GOK) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project, (HOAGDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("*the Services*") include the development of a 50-Year Integrated National Transport Masterplan (INTMP), and a 10-Year Investment Programme, for Kenya. The duration of the assignment is eighteen (18) calendar months.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: Ministry of Roads and Transport Portal www.transport.go.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke
- The State Department for Transport (*the "Client"*) in the Ministry of Roads and Transport, now invites eligible consulting firms ("*Consultants*") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in Transportation Engineering and Urban & Regional Planning for a period of at least Fifteen (15) years.
 - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate experience in Public Infrastructure Finance, Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and development of National Transport Sector Investment Programs. Additionally, the firm should demonstrate successful execution and completion of at least two (2) assignments of similar nature and in similar operating environment in the last ten (10) years. Details of similar assignments - Name and address of the client, scope, value, and period should be included in the Expression of interest (EOI).
 - Technical and managerial capability of the firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity including relevant equipment, tools, software, etc., and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment. **Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**
- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023: ("*Procurement Regulations*") setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
 - Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
 - A Consultant firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
 - Further information can be obtained at the address below from Monday to Friday excluding weekends and public holidays from 9.00AM to 4.00PM East African Time (EAT).

Principal Secretary, State Department for Transport
Attention: Director, Supply Chain Management Services
Ministry of Roads and Transport, State Department for Transport,
Procurement Office, Transcom House, Upper Ground Floor
Ngong Road, Nairobi, Kenya
Email: procurement@transport.go.ke
Tel. No. +254 20 2729200/3or +254 20 2722216

- Expressions of interest must be submitted either in written form to the address below in person or by e-mail on or before **Thursday, 12th September, 2024 at 11:00AM East African Time (EAT).**

Tender Box at Transcom House, Main Reception – Ground Floor
Ministry of Roads and Transport, State Department for Transport
Transcom House, Ground Floor
Ngong Road, Nairobi, Kenya
Email: procurement@transport.go.ke

- All submissions should be clearly marked "Consultancy Services for Development of a 50-Year Integrated National Transport Masterplan (INTMP) and a 10-Year Investment Programme for Kenya." **For email submissions: Assignment Title and Contract Number should be quoted in the subject row.**

Director, Supply Chain Management Services
For: Principal Secretary
State Department for Transport



Sh61.9 m in loans issued to coffee farmers across fifteen counties



Farmers pick coffee in a farm located in Gatanga Sub county

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

A total of 4,906 coffee farmers from various cooperative societies have benefited from loans totaling Sh61.9 million from the Coffee Cherry Fund, disbursed in a record eight days.

According to reports from the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (NKPCU), the funds were distributed to farmers across fifteen counties between August 5 and 12.

Machakos County led the way, with 2,718 farmers receiving Sh26.2 million from the fund.

Since the establishment of the Cherry Advance Fund in 2021, Sh5.1 billion has been allocated to farmers through NKPCU.

The government, through the Ministry of Cooperatives, has been encouraging farmers to obtain affordable loans from the fund to protect them from high-interest rates charged by commercial financial institutions. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua in his recent campaigns in parts of Central Kenya designed to reform the coffee sector has been chal-

lenging farmers to take advantage of the subsidies the government is putting in place to boost coffee quality and production.

Taking advantage of the cherry fund, the Deputy President explained, will relieve cooperative societies from indulging in heavy debts which usually leave farmers with meager earnings.

From the Sh5.1 billion disbursed to farmers for the past five years, Machakos County has benefitted from Sh569.4 million shared among 45,426 farmers.

NKPCU Chairman Daniel Kiprotich, when contacted via a phone call revealed that there has been an upward trajectory on cherry fund uptake among the cooperative societies and estates noting that between July 22nd and July 29th, a total of Sh38.2 million had been disbursed to 1,919 growers spread in 14 counties.

Kiprotich explained that the government is working through various strategies aimed at reviving the coffee sector through the provision of subsidies.

Kirinyaga County, Government collaborate to decongest prisons

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH(KNA)

The Kirinyaga County Government will collaborate with the National Government through the Department of Correctional Services to help decongest prison facilities in the area.

This commitment was made during a visit by the Correctional Services PS, Dr. Salome Muhia-Beacco, and the Commissioner General of Prisons, Patrick Aranduh.

They inspected ongoing projects at Kerugoya Probation Center, Kerugoya Prison, and Mwea GK Prison in Kirinyaga County.

Dr. Muhia-Beacco stated that decongesting the prisons is one of the strategic efforts aimed at transforming the country's correctional system to reflect the highest standards of justice and human dignity.

This collaboration is a significant boost, especially as the judiciary is placing greater emphasis on restorative justice by promoting victim-offender rehabilitation to facilitate the reintegration of offenders into society.

Consequently, this initiative will enable offenders, through the Community Service Orders (CSO) Program, to engage in public work across various county facilities, including hospitals and markets.

This approach will benefit the community while allowing offenders to serve their sentences. Additionally, the PS noted that with Kirinyaga being an agricultural county, the ongoing efforts to expand agricultural production within the prison system, were in line with Pres-

ident William Ruto's directive to scale up food production and increase revenue.

"In Kerugoya prison, we have expanded orchards for fruit farming, initiated fish farming, and enhanced coffee farming.


Our prisons are also involved in producing furniture, metal works like gates, doors and window frames, all aimed at increasing industrial output," she said.

Beacco highlighted that through support from private

partners like Chandaria Foundation, inmates receive valuable training and certification, with a view to empowering them to support themselves and their families after their release.

Kirinyaga County Deputy Governor David Githanda, who represented Governor Anne Waiguru, underscored the importance of collaboration in community service.

"We identified several areas where we can assist, especially in agriculture," Githanda said.



POLICYHOLDERS COMPENSATION FUND
Dhamana ya Bima Yako


THE INSURANCE ACT (CAP 487)


INVESCO ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
(UNDER STATUTORY MANAGEMENT)

DECLARATION OF A MORATORIUM

PURSUANT to the appointment of the Policyholders Compensation Fund (PCF) as Statutory Manager for Invesco Assurance Company Limited by the Commissioner of Insurance in exercise of his powers under Section 67 C (2) (i) of the Insurance Act dated 14th August 2024, the Policyholders Compensation Fund (PCF) declares a Moratorium in exercise of powers conferred to it under section 67C (2) (10) of the Insurance Act on payments by the said insurer to its policyholders and all other creditors for a period of six (6) months with effect from the date of this appointment.

MANAGING TRUSTEE
POLICYHOLDERS COMPENSATION FUND





REPUBLIC OF KENYA

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

TENDER NOTICE


TENDER NO	ITEM/SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CLOSE DATE
NBA/PRO/01/2024-2025	PROVISION OF MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER FOR NBA BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF	5 th September 2024


Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document **free of charge** from the PPIP Portal: tenders.go.ke and **NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY WEBSITE** (www.biosafetykenya.go.ke)

Tenders will be opened thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at National Biosafety Authority, Board-room.


Completed bid documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the tender number, tender name should be addressed and sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
National Biosafety Authority
NACOSTI Building,
Loresho, Off Waiyaki Way
P. O. Box 28251 – 00100, Nairobi
Tel: +254 202678667
Email: ceo@biosafetykenya.go.ke
Website: www.biosafetykenya.go.ke





COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION



VACANT POSITIONS - REPLACEMENTS

The Council of Legal Education herein referred to as 'Council' is established by the Legal Education Act, CAP 16B Laws of Kenya. The core functions of the Council of Legal Education are to regulate legal education and training, license and supervise legal education providers; conduct the ATP Examination and advise the Government on matters relating to legal education and training.


To deliver on its mandate, the Council wishes to competitively recruit full-time high-caliber officers to the following positions.

No.	Position	Reference	Job Grade	No. of Positions
1.	Senior Supervision and Compliance Officer	CLE/JOB-042/2024	CLE 6	1
2.	Information, Communication Technology Officer I	CLE/JOB-018/2024	CLE 7	1

For detailed job descriptions and application process, visit our website: www.cle.or.ke under careers and click on the link <https://cle.or.ke/careers/>

Applications should reach the undersigned not later than **17th September 2024 at 5.00 pm (East African Time)**.

AG. SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION
P. O. BOX 829 - 00502
KAREN, NAIROBI





KENYA
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SERVICE

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR ROUTINE AND PERFORMANCE BASED ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FY 2023/2024 & 2024/2025

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has received funds from Kenya Roads Board (KRB) and intends to carry out Routine and Performance Based Maintenance works on roads and tourism circuits across various National Parks and Reserves.

The scope of works is as detailed in the tender documents.

Eligible bidders SHALL submit the following, among other eligibility requirements listed in the instruction to bidders prescribed in the tender document:

- Certified Copy of Certificate of Incorporation / Business Registration name under the Companies Act or Partnership Deed.
- A certified current copy of Form CR12 for limited companies issued by the Registrar of Companies (not older than 12 months), that indicates the ownership of the company, as at the time of the tender closing.
- Copy of a valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) as at the time of tender closing.
- Valid current annual NCA practicing licence for each specified category in the tender document and respective schedule of road tenders (FY 2023/2024 & 2024/2025) posted on the KWS website.
- A declaration that the bidder will not engage in any corrupt or fraudulent practice.
- A declaration that the bidder is not debarred from participating in procurement proceedings by Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA).
- Tenderers shall provide Tender Security in the standard format provided in the tender document and valid for a period of 156 days from the date of tender opening:
 - For Open to All tenders: Tenderers shall provide an original and valid Tender Security amount as stated in the tender document and the Schedule of Roads Tenders posted on the KWS website. The tender security shall be issued in Kenya Shillings or a freely convertible currency and in the form of Bank Guarantee or an Insurance Guarantee from Insurance Companies approved by PPRA / deposit taking Microfinance institutions, SACCO societies, Youth Enterprise Development Fund or Women Enterprise Development Fund.
 - For Reserved tenders: Tenderers shall provide an original Form of Tender Securing Declaration duly filled, signed, stamped and dated. The Form of Tender Securing Declaration is provided in the tender document.
- For tenders reserved for special groups, each tender shall further be accompanied by:
 - Certified copy of valid AGPO Certificate as proof of Registration in the target Group as issued by the National Treasury as at the date of tender closing.
 - Certified valid copy of PWD Identity Card issued by National Council for Persons with Disability (NCPWD). This applies to tenders under PWD category.
 - Evidence of access to funds or financing agreement / Credit facility from banks or deposit taking microfinance institutions, SACCO societies, Youth Enterprise Development Fund or Women Enterprise Development Fund (Printed and signed on the financial institution's letterhead containing addresses and contact information).
- Bidders and their respective Directors can only submit **ONE BID**. Non-adherence to this condition shall lead to disqualification.
- There shall be a MANDATORY pre-tender site visit for the projects from **Monday, 9th September, 2024 to Saturday, 14th September, 2024**. All Site visits shall start at the respective assembly points and times specified in the schedule of road tenders FY 2023/2024 & FY 2024/2025:
 - Each company shall be represented by a nominated technical representative.
 - The technical representative above shall represent only one (1) company in each tender.
 - The technical representative shall bring Original National ID/Passport and hard copies of the following documents which will be retained by KWS for verification:
 - An **ORIGINAL** introductory letter on the company's letterhead signed and stamped by the company's director. The letter shall indicate the name, National ID or Passport no. of the representative, and shall be referenced to the tender the bidder is participating.
 - CERTIFIED** copies of the National ID or Passport and Academic Qualifications equivalent to that of the Site Agent described in the tender document.
 - A site visit attendance register shall be signed by the bidder's representative at the end of the pre-tender site visit and witnessed by the KWS representatives.
 - A site visit certificate **SHALL** be issued to the bidder representative and shall constitute the tenderers' bid document.
- Bidders having incomplete Road works with KWS will not be eligible for bidding in these tenders and **SHALL** be disqualified.
- The bidders shall comply with all the instructions of the tender and submit a complete set of tender documents as per the Tender Data Sheet ITT 11 and ensure that all the forms required are duly filled, signed and stamped for completeness.
- The bid document **MUST** be book / tape bound and all the pages **MUST** be sequentially serialized from the first to the last page in the format prescribed in the tender document. Bidders who fail to comply with this criterion will be disqualified.

Schedule of Road Tenders and Tender documents (FY 2023/2024 & FY 2024/2025) containing detailed specifications can be downloaded free of charge at the KWS website; www.kws.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke.

Any Communication regarding the tenders must be in writing via the email address: hps@kws.go.ke

All clarifications and/or amendments will be published on the KWS website and tenderers are required to check for any addenda or amendments before the closing date.

The complete tenders enclosed in sealed envelopes clearly marked with the appropriate Tender Number shall be submitted to:

Director General,
Kenya Wildlife Service,
KWS Headquarters, Lang'ata Road,
P. O. Box 40241-00100,
NAIROBI, KENYA

by depositing them in the Tender Box on Ground Floor, Main Reception as per respective Tender Opening/Closing date and time specified in the Schedule of Road Tenders and Tender documents (FY 2023/2024 & FY 2024/2025).

Opening of the Tenders will take place immediately thereafter in the KWS Conference Room in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Bidders should be aware that **late tenders will be rejected**.

For more details on the tenders, please visit our website at; www.kws.go.ke/ or www.tenders.go.ke

DIRECTOR GENERAL



KENYA
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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON APPROPRIATE DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS ALONG LAKE NAKURU RING ROAD (D351)

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has received funds from Kenya Roads Board (KRB) and therefore invites Proposals from interested qualified Firms to provide Consultancy Services to Undertake Feasibility Study, Detailed Engineering Design and Environmental Impact Study for Appropriate Drainage Solutions along Lake Nakuru Ring Road (D351).

Tender No.	Description	Category	Closing Date
KWS/ONT/RMLF/121/2023-2024	CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY, DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR APPROPRIATE DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS ALONG LAKE NAKURU RING ROAD (D351)	Open to All	Wednesday, 18 th September, 2024

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) is provided in the tender document.

Interested qualified consultants SHALL submit the following, among other eligibility requirements listed in the instruction to bidders prescribed in the tender document:

- Certified Copy of Certificate of Incorporation / Business Registration name under the Companies Act or Partnership Deed.
- Copy of CR12 form issued within the last six (6) months from the technical proposal opening date.
- Curriculum Vitae (CVs) of the proposed key staff duly signed by the proposed individual.
- Copy of valid Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Copies of certificates and testimonials of the proposed key staff.
- Letters of availability for the assignment signed by the proposed key staff.
- Proof of Registration with Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) as a Consulting Firm.
- Details of Current workload.
- Current Sworn Affidavit on litigation history.
- Client satisfaction on previous and current assignments including evidence of having successfully carried out feasibility studies/detailed design of a road as a firm.
- All forms to be filled are duly filled.
- The tender has been duly signed by the person lawfully authorized to do so through the power of attorney.
- The required number of copies of the tender document have been submitted.
- Proposals must be accompanied by a tender security of **Ksh. 450,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand)**. The tender security shall be issued in Kenya Shillings or a freely convertible currency and in the form of Bank Guarantee or an Insurance Guarantee from Insurance Companies approved by PPRA / deposit taking Microfinance institutions, SACCO societies, Youth Enterprise Development Fund or Women Enterprise Development Fund and should be valid for 156 days after the opening date of technical proposal.
- There shall be a MANDATORY pre-proposal conference on **Wednesday, 11th September 2024, 9:30 A.M.** at Lake Nakuru National Park Headquarters:
 - Each firm shall be represented by a nominated technical representative.
 - The technical representative above shall represent only one (1) company.
 - The technical representative shall bring Original National ID/Passport and hard copies of the following documents which will be retained by KWS for verification:
 - An **ORIGINAL** introductory letter on the company's letter head signed and stamped by the company's director. The letter shall indicate the name, National ID / Passport No. of the representative, and shall be referenced to the tender the bidder is participating.
 - CERTIFIED** copy of the National ID/Passport of the nominated technical representative.
- Consultants shall comply with all the instructions of the RFP and submit a complete set of proposal documents as per the Data Sheet and ensure that all the forms required are properly filled for completeness.
- All the pages of the technical and financial proposal **MUST** be sequentially serialized from the first to the last page in the format 1,2,3 ... Consultants who fail to comply with this criterion will be disqualified.
- The document **MUST** be book/tape bound. Bidders who fail to comply with this criterion will be disqualified.

The Request for Proposal document containing detailed specifications can be downloaded for free at our website: <https://www.kws.go.ke> or the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://www.tenders.go.ke>.

Any communication regarding the RFP must be in writing through the email address: hps@kws.go.ke four (4) days prior to the closing date.

All clarifications and/or amendments will be published on the KWS website and consultants are required to check for any addenda or amendments in the course of the bidding period before the closing date.

The technical and financial proposal shall be sealed separately in one envelope and the complete Proposal **MUST** be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the Tender Number and Name, addressed to:

Director General,
Kenya Wildlife Service,
KWS, Headquarters, Langata Road,
P. O. Box 40241-00100,
NAIROBI, KENYA

and shall be deposited in the Tender Box on Ground Floor, Main Reception on or before 10 A.M. on **Wednesday, 18th September, 2024**.

Technical Proposals will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the individual consultants who choose to attend the opening at the KWS Conference Room.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes, must be expressed in Kenya shillings and shall remain valid for a period of 126 days from the closing date of the Proposal.

This invitation is open to qualified Consulting Firms based in Kenya. Consultants will be selected under the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method as described in this RFP Document, in accordance with the policies established in the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act [PPADA], 2015.

Kenya Wildlife Service reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and may annul the tendering process and reject all tenders at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers.

DIRECTOR GENERAL



KenGen ensures reliable hydroelectric power amidst diminishing rainfall

BY MYGOV REPORTER
The Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) assures Kenyans of the continued benefits of affordable and reliable hydroelectric power (HEP) even as the heavy rains that recently swept across the country begin to subside.

KenGen states that its proactive water management program, particularly at the Seven Forks dams in Embu and Machakos Counties, is ensuring an uninterrupted power supply from these critical installations.

KenGen Managing Director Eng. Peter Njenga says the water management strategy has allowed the company to maintain optimal dam levels, ensuring that hydroelectric power generation continues uninterrupted throughout the year, regardless of weather conditions. "This initiative is part of KenGen's commitment to securing a stable and cost-effective energy supply for the nation," said Eng. Njenga.

"As KenGen, we have taken significant steps to manage our water resources efficiently. This means that even in the dry seasons, we can continue to produce clean and affordable hydroelectric power, which remains a vital component of the national grid," said

the KenGen CEO. "To date, Masinga Dam, the largest in the cascade, has recorded a water level of 1,056.35 meters against a maximum level of 1,056.50 meters above sea level, while Kiambere Dam, the last in the cascade, has recorded 698.68 meters against a maximum of 700 meters. All five dams in the Seven Forks system are currently operating at optimal levels, injecting clean energy into the national grid," said Eng. Njenga. Eng. Njenga expressed confidence in the company's ability to continue providing reliable energy.

"Our water management program is a testament to our commitment to delivering clean and affordable electricity to Kenyans. Despite the change in weather patterns, we have positioned ourselves to ensure that hydropower remains a stable source of energy for Kenyans throughout the year," he said.

At the same time, the NSE-listed energy generator's CEO, also highlighted the environmental

benefits of hydro-
The health of our dams is crucial not only for power generation but also for the safety of the people

power in the context of climate action.

"HEP is not only a cost-effective source of electricity, but it also plays a crucial role in reducing carbon emissions. By relying on renewable energy sources like hydro, geothermal, wind, and solar, we are contributing significantly to Kenya's climate goals and the global fight against climate change."

KenGen said that all five dams in the Seven Forks system are currently operating at optimal levels, contributing clean and renewable energy to the national grid. Despite the full dams, KenGen's effective water management has prevented any overflows, safeguarding downstream communities from potential flooding. "The health of our dams is crucial not only for power generation but also for the safety and well-being of the people living along the Tana River," added Eng. Njenga. Even during the peak rainy seasons, the MD added, "we were able to control the flow of water downstream, minimizing the effects of flooding and reducing the potential damage to property and loss of life. This is a clear indication of our commitment not only to energy production but also to the safety and well-being of the communities around us."

CS outlines plans to diversify Kenya's tourist attractions



Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife Rebecca Miano among other guests enjoys a game drive at the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

BY ANN SALATON(KNA)

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Ms. Rebecca Miano is optimistic that her ministry will achieve a target of three million tourists by the end of the year.

Miano, who spoke at Maasai Mara National Reserve, noted that tourists have already started flocking to the country, with all hotels and camps at the Mara being fully booked. Going forward, the CS said, the ministry, in collaboration with county governments, will strategize to diversify what the country has to offer. She mentioned that Kenya has long marketed only its fauna and beaches as tourism attractions.

"There are many other things that we can offer because Kenya is en-

dowed with numerous natural resources that can attract tourists, such as agri-tourism, medical tourism, cultural experiences, and many others," she observed.

She pledged to work with all stakeholders, including county governments, to grow the tourism industry for the benefit of local communities and the satisfaction of tourists.

"We are on course to surpass the three million target. This is a big achievement for the communities and the country at large," she added. The CS reiterated the need to bring athletes on board to market the country saying the performance at the just concluded Paris Olympic Games was amazing and attracted world attention.

"We got 50 per cent of

all the gold medals that went to Africa and we were number two after the USA. Being the best in Africa, we want to promote and showcase our abilities hence we will put a deliberate strategy to promote Kenya as a home of athletics," Miano said.

The CS was accompanied by Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu who underscored the need for the county and national governments to work in unison to promote tourism and wildlife in the country.

Ntutu observed that this year, the number of wildebeest moving from Serengeti National Park in Tanzania to the Mara had increased from one million to three million, making the spectacular phenomenon memorable.



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The tender documents detailing relevant terms and conditions, may be downloaded for free from the Authority's website www.tveta.go.ke and PPIP portal www.ppip.go.ke as from **27th August 2024**.

Duly completed documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the tender number and contract name should be deposited in the Tender Box provided on the 8th Floor Utalii House, addressed to: -

The Director General,
Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority
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Nairobi.

so as to be received on or before **Thursday 12th September 2024 at 10:00 a.m. East African Time**. Applications/Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at **10.15am in the TVETA board Room on 8th floor Utalii House**, in the presence of candidates or their representatives who may wish to attend.

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Kisii's new Affordable Housing Project to provide 120 jobs daily

BY MERCY OSONGO AND ALFRED MISHEBA (KNA)
 The government is currently constructing 927 affordable housing units worth Sh1.8 billion in Kisii County as part of its commitment to providing decent, safe, and affordable housing for Kenyan citizens. According to Mr. Jared Buoga, the Nyanza Regional Director of Housing and Urban Development, the project is being implemented in the Nyaribari Masaba, Ogembo, and Nyanchwa areas and is expected to be completed by July 2025. Mr. Buoga noted that the project has several benefits, including job creation. It is anticipated

that contractors will employ local workers such as masons, carpenters, steel fixers, plumbers, electricians, and even unskilled laborers. "We expect up to 120 workers per day at the project sites to meet the demand for the units, and these are employment opportunities that our President has been championing," he said. The Regional Director affirmed they are keen on ensuring that the employment opportunities are given

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to the young people, and they must come from within the project catchment area. Buoga pointed out that the certification of artisans on site was crucial and they would liaise with the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) to recognize prior learning among the workers. In addition, he noted that they will push for the registration of the workers on site through the National Construction Authority (NCA) and Juakali Association to ensure that they are recognized with the Micro and Small Enterprise Authority (MSEA) and can supply items like hinges, windows and doors to the project.





Nyanza Regional Director of Housing and Urban Development Jared Buoga speaking to KNA

"The government has put in place projects that impact the young people and ensure that as the projects are being im-

plemented, there are direct benefits to the young people and women as well as indirect benefits that locals will enjoy," Buoga said. The Regional Director assured the residents that the contractors were capable of delivering the project on time adding that they will be constantly monitoring the projects together with the county's implementation team to ensure it is delivered on time and to the expected quality. He called for continuous collaboration with the county government

and the implementation committee that brings all the stakeholders together including Members of the National and County Assemblies, ward administrators, NCA, MSEA, NITA and all other facilitative institutions that support the affordable housing project. Buoga said the involvement of all stakeholders was crucial, especially in sites such as Nyanchwa where the previous occupants were asked to seek accommodation in other places as they wait to benefit from the completed project.




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Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy invites tenders from eligible bidders as described in the table below.

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY SITE VISIT
ISHAQBINI/WSTFSWASAP/01/2024	Tender for Excavation and Construction of Bulla Warade 40,000M3 capacity Water pan in Kotile, Ishaqbini Conservancy, Garissa County	Date: 3 rd September, 2024 Location: Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy, Kotile Time: 10:00 am Contact: 0729991806
ISHAQBINI/WSTFSWASAP/02/2024	Equipping of Kotile Borehole, Supply and installation of elevated Steel tank, construction and rehabilitation of kiosks and Supply and laying of pipeline with associated fittings and civil works.	Date: 3 rd September, 2024 Location: Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy, Kotile Time: 10:00 am Contact: 0729991806

Tender Documents are available **Free of Charge** to all qualified contractors and can be downloaded from this website ://<https://ishaqbiniconservancy.org> or www.nrt-kenya.org/vacancies . Bidders who may want to obtain further information or seek clarification can do so by sending an email to Ishaqbini Conservancy ishaqbini@nrt-kenya.org

Completed Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be submitted in two copies - Original and copy clearly marked **"Do not Open Before 9th September 2024 at 10am ."** showing the **Tender No, Description and Lot No. addressed to:**

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Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy Office
Kotile, Masalani Ward, Ijara Subcounty.
P.O Box 46-70105**

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Application Deadline: THURSDAY MIDNIGHT, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

The ICT Authority invites suitable recent university graduates to apply for the Presidential Digital Talent Programme (PDTP) Cohort IX Intake. Through this transformative initiative, the Government is looking for young talented Kenyans with passion for ICT and Public Service to undergo a structured 12-month internship programme in both the public and private sector.

Internship Objective: The objective of the program is to develop and prepare young ICT graduates to take up employment and entrepreneurship opportunities that come up in the ICT as well as other sectors. The program provides participants an excellent opportunity to gain workplace experience, expand knowledge, mentorship and build professional networks in the areas of: **Network & Digital Infrastructure (150), Software Development & AI (100), Information Security (50), Multimedia (Graphic Design) & Digital Marketing (50), and Data Analytics (50).**



Presidential Digital Talent Program

Eligibility

- Applicants **MUST** have graduated and attained First or Upper Second-Class Honors (or the equivalent) from a recognized institution in the last two years (from Jan 2022).
- If waiting graduation (till Dec 2024), **MUST** provide a recommendation/reference letter signed & stamped by the university and transcript indicating First or Upper Second-Class Honors to be awarded.
- Recent graduates in BSc. ICT or Engineering (Electrical & Electronics, Telecommunication, Software) – The graduates must have thorough knowledge in the core areas of specialization; **Network & Digital Infrastructure, Software Development & AI, Information Security, Multimedia (Graphic Design) & Digital Marketing, and Data Analytics. The Applicant may be required to demonstrate technical competencies on their core of specialization prior to the interview.**
- MUST** be a Kenyan youth between 21 to 29 years of age and unemployed
- Should NOT** have undertaken any other Internship program in the government including PSC.
- Applicants should be willing and ready to be deployed in any government organization (MCDAs) within the 47 counties on full time basis from 8:00am – 5:00pm.
- Females, persons with disability and graduates from ASAL regions are encouraged to apply.

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Kakamega school turns to eco-friendly briquettes for meal preparation reducing smoke emissions

BY MOSES WEKESA (KNA)

A school in Kakamega has embraced the use of briquettes as its main source of fuel for preparing meals, shifting from firewood since 2018. St. Antony Secondary School Kakoi acquires the briquettes from a Malava-based supplier who produces them using sugarcane bagasse. The supplier collects the bagasse from sugar factories in Kakamega, where large amounts are generated, with the excess often being disposed of in landfills.

The school's head cook, Justus Muthami, said the briquettes are efficient and generate sufficient heat for meal preparation, similar to firewood. Muthami expressed gratitude to the school management for introducing the briquettes, which emit less smoke.

"When I was employed at St. Antony Kakoi Secondary School, we used firewood to prepare meals for students and staff. We faced many challenges in the kitchen due to the excessive smoke produced by the firewood, which became a significant concern for us," he noted.

The school's bursar, Neville Situma, said the school had been searching for eco-friendly fuel alternatives to replace firewood for many years. He mentioned that the kitchen staff had also raised concerns about the excessive smoke from firewood, especially when the supplied wood was wet and had to be used immediately. Situma noted



St. Antony Kakoi Secondary school bursar Neville Situma (left) with cooks display briquettes made from sugarcane bagasse that the school has adopted as the main source of fuel

that the briquettes have proven effective, motivating other nearby schools interested in transitioning to eco-friendly solutions to benchmark and learn how to integrate such alternatives.

Most schools in the county still use firewood as they consider migrating to cleaner fuel sources, with the alternatives often being more expensive than the firewood currently used. Maurice Ajulu, the Principal of Mwhila Boys High School in Khwisero Sub-County, Kakamega, said the school heavily relies on firewood but is prepared to transition to cost-effective, dependable, and eco-friendly alternatives.

He mentioned that

We have received quotations for biogas and other alternatives, which are even more expensive to install than firewood

a local bank had proposed financing the transition to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), but he found it too costly. The school has decided to experiment with briquettes, and if they prove effective, they will implement them and seek larger burners designed for the same.

Dr. Elizabeth Waseka, Principal of Lwanda Dudi Secondary School in Khwisero, shared similar views, stating that the school relies on firewood for cooking but faces challenges in identifying affordable alternative fuel sources due to high installation costs. She noted that the school is prepared to stop using firewood due to concerns from cooks about the excess smoke in the kitchen, which not only creates a dirty environment but also discolors the floors and walls.

"There are also other environmental effects. We know that cooking with firewood and the resulting smoke are not envi-

ronmentally friendly, but for now, that is what we have. We have received quotations for biogas and other alternatives, which are even more expensive to install than firewood. However, if there is a way to install an alternative cooking fuel, it would greatly help us," she pointed out.

In response, Powerspot Pelletizers, a factory based in Kakamega that produces pellets from sugarcane bagasse, is set to design and manufacture large Jiko cookers that utilize pellets as fuel. The Chief Executive Officer of Powerspot Pelletizers, Alfonso Acebal, said the proposed Jiko design is intended for educational institutions, including schools and colleges, as well as companies willing to shift from firewood to more energy-efficient alternatives such as pellets. He mentioned that a pilot test of the Jiko was conducted at St. Mary's Secondary School in Kabras,



The Headcook of St. Antony Kakoi Secondary school Justus Muthami standing next to bags of briquettes at the school



Firewood ready for use at Mwhila Boys High School Kakamega. The school still relies on firewood as the main source of fuel



A kitchen at a school in Kakamega. Smoke emanating from the firewood discolors walls and floors.

proving successful.

The factory currently produces 100 tons of pellets from 200 tons of sugarcane bagasse obtained from West Kenya Sugar Factory. Acebal stated that plans are underway

to expand the factory to produce over 2,000 tons of pellets from about 4,000 tons of sugarcane bagasse to meet the demands of local customers, institutions, and industries.

New oxygen plant boosts services at Trans Mara Sub-County Level IV Hospital

BY JOHN KALEKE (KNA)

Trans Mara Sub-County Level IV Hospital has enhanced its healthcare services with the installation of a new oxygen plant capable of continuously producing up to 600 liters of oxygen over 24 hours.

Dr. Samwel Misoi, the medical superintendent, announced that the hospital now has new facilities, including the oxygen plant.

Dr. Misoi noted that the hospital's piping system has been completed, ensuring that every bed, both in the wards and in the theater, has direct ac-

cess to this vital resource.

He elaborated on the comprehensive services the hospital now offers, available 24 hours a day. These services include a fully equipped theater, an operational casualty section, a well-equipped laboratory, radiology services, and a pharmacy stocked with a sufficient supply of medications.

The medical superintendent also mentioned that the hospital now features a mortuary with a capacity to hold up to 36 bodies.

Previously, residents who lost loved ones had to seek mortuary services in

Kisii or Bomet Counties, but the new facility brings much-needed relief by reducing the burden of traveling long distances.

Dr. Misoi urged residents to make full use of the government-established facilities, specifically the 17 fully operational dispensaries within the sub-county.

He also encouraged expectant women to avoid home deliveries and instead visit the hospital, where they can access all necessary services and receive professional care from the hospital's well-staffed team.

In addition, Dr. Misoi

challenged the Trans Mara West Sub-County Hospital staff to strive for excellence in providing the best possible services to the people of Trans Mara.

He commended Governor Patrick Ntutu for the significant improvements in healthcare services across the county since he took office.

Before the installation of the oxygen plant, the hospital had to rely on facilities from neighbouring counties such as Kisii, Longisa and Tenwek hospitals for oxygen supplies.

Evelyn Siparoh, the Nursing Officer in charge of the Trans Mara Sub-



Oxygen Plant in TransMara west Sub County Level 4 Hospital

County Level IV Hospital, echoed Doctor Misoi's sentiments, noting that the new oxygen plant has greatly alleviated the challenges previously faced.

Peter Kilel, a biomedical engineer, explained that the oxygen plant can produce 60 cylinders in 24 hours, equating to one cylinder every 40 minutes.

Kilel stated that the machine is capable of producing 95 per cent pure oxygen, which is critical for patient care.

He added that it is the only plant of its kind in Narok County, and can now supply oxygen to other hospitals such as Lolgorian and others within the county.

CS unveils plan to address tea stockpile issues amid economic challenges

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)
Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Dr. Andrew Karanja has promised to institute sweeping reforms in the tea sector which supports the livelihoods of 834,129 farmers in the country which in the recent past has been grappling with the challenge of unsold tea stored in Mombasa warehouses.

The unsold stock which was initially at 100 million kilogrammes has now been reduced to 70 million kilogrammes, amid concerted efforts to clear it by the end of September.

Karanja said some of the successes in the tea sector can be attributed to favorable weather and government intervention through the fertilizer subsidy program.

However, he added that timely absorption of tea is being affected by the current economic recession facing some of the major and critical markets such as Pakistan, Egypt and Sudan.



Agriculture CS Dr. Andrew Karanja briefing the media at a consultative meeting with tea stakeholders at the East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) offices, in Mombasa. PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA

Karanja noted that as a result of the fertilizer subsidy program, tea production for the half-year period of 2024 was 321.09 million kilogrammes up from 273.64 million kilogrammes recorded during the same period in 2023.

This year, the CS said the sector expects to surpass the high production for last year by eight per cent, adding, "We are going to have one of the highest production in tea. That is one of the issues that is creating a bit of a problem in terms of stock".

"It is anticipated that by

the end of this year the tea industry is going to bring in more than Sh2 billion," Dr Karanja said during a meeting with Tea stakeholders at the East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) offices in Mombasa.

He further noted that preliminary analysis indicates that in the Financial Year (FY) 2023/2024, the average payments to the smallholder tea farmer will increase to about Sh66 per kilogramme of green-leaf from Sh59.02 in the FY 2022/2023 and Sh50.18 in the FY 2021/2022.

"We have realized that we have some old stock which we need to clear and one of the bottlenecks, which is happening to make sure that it is not cleared, is the reserve price. We are suspending that reserve price for the old stock," Dr. Karanja declared.

Subsequently, a committee will be constituted to look at the reserve pricing to make sure it doesn't remain static and create problems.

At the same time, to address challenges of low quality, the ministry will come up with measures to have a minimum standard of quality.

The CS revealed that the country has started to produce orthodox tea for specialized markets like China.

"We are going to put up structures to make sure that the orthodox tea is sold through an auction. We may create another second auction to sell our orthodox tea," the CS said.

Karanja said certain unethical trade practices and collusion in the trade had been noted, and consequently the government will put in place measures to stop this malpractice as it compromises earnings of the farmers.

Ministry to foster relations with counties to improve primary healthcare services

KNA BY ISIAIAH NAYIKA

The National Government through the Ministry of Health has pledged to strengthen relations with county governments in an effort to enhance healthcare delivery.

Speaking at Wamalwa Kijana Teaching and Referral Hospital (WKTRH) during a familiarization tour, Health Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Deborah Barasa said if Primary Health Care (PHC) was to be improved, there is need to strengthen existing relations between the national and county governments.

Meanwhile, she hailed Trans Nzoia County Government for transforming the status of Wamalwa Kijana Hospital into a modern institution capable of offering quality services in the region, adding that it stands out as a true testimony of the fruits of devolution.

"I am proud of the success story I have witnessed today here at WKTRH which is worth emulating. The Governor's focused resolve towards service delivery ought to be appreciated. Be assured of the national government's support," she said.

Dr. Barasa revealed that with collaboration from the county government, the national government intends to build an oncology center at Mount Elgon Hospital which she said, will help bring services closer to the people.

Hailing intern doctors for their tireless efforts in service delivery which has seen more Kenyans benefit from standardized quality healthcare services across the country, Dr. Barasa said there is need for health facilities to have more Universal Health Coverage (UHC) staff to uplift the management of patients.



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- Fill out the online claim form with accurate information and ensure that you attach all the necessary documents as outlined in the claims process section.
- Upon successful application and submission in the portal, you will receive an email notification.

The portal will be open for submission from **Tuesday 27th August 2024.**

NOTE:

- The Fund **ONLY** compensates claims of incidents/accidents that occurred after 1st January 2005 being the **material date of the Funds establishment.**
- A policyholder who does not make a claim for compensation within **two (2) years** from the date of notice publication shall not be entitled to claim any compensation.
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S/no	Tender Description	Tender Reference Number	Closing Date	Eligibility
1.	Provision of Conference Facilities	KETRACO-PT-026-2024	23 rd September 2024 at 10.30am EAT	Open Tender
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KETRACO tenders run on SAP ARIBA e – procurement platform and therefore tender documents detailing the requirements may be viewed at KETRACO e – procurement portal found on the KETRACO website (www.ketraco.co.ke) starting from Tuesday 27th August 2024.

Tender enquiries, clarifications and/or addendums to; kettenders@ketraco.co.ke cc; hkiser@ketraco.co.ke.

Complete bid documents should be electronically submitted through SAP ARIBA platform on or before the closing date.

Bids will be opened electronically promptly thereafter in the presence of the Tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend in KETRACO Supply Chain Management Offices at KAWI House, South C, Nairobi

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NACADA calls for school-based sensitization to tackle drug abuse in West Pokot

BY RICHARD MUHAMBE(KNA)

The inter-agency team tasked with addressing alcohol and drug abuse in West Pokot County has been encouraged to adopt extensive sensitization models to help eradicate the issue.

During a meeting organized by the National Authority for Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) in Kapenguria, the team was informed that alcohol and drug abuse are severely impacting many families' socio-economic foundations. This highlighted the need for widespread engagement to assist the government in serving its people more effectively.

Scola Komen from NACADA, which serves as the forum's secretariat, emphasized the importance of spreading sensitization messages about positive schooling and parenting in schools.

"The fight against alcohol and drug abuse can be more effective if we start



West Pokot County Inter-Agency Team during a meeting on alcohol and Drug Abuse Control and assessment of hotspots. PHOTO: RICHARD MUHAMBE.

at a young age among children. A multi-agency team is effective because it eliminates finger-pointing, thereby ensuring compliance with directives," she advised.

Komen urged the multi-agency team to enhance their efforts for effective adherence to government directives concerning alcohol and substance abuse.

NACADA plans to establish desk offices in every county, with Turkana and Baringo Counties being prioritized for increased sensitization among locals

and the business community about liquor laws.

A report from the County Liquor Licensing Board revealed that there are a total of 126 registered alcohol outlets, with West Pokot Sub-County hosting the majority, totaling 102 outlets within Makutano Centre and its surroundings.

Board Secretary Moses Khaemba noted that there are hotspots in the area where drugs and illicit brews are being sold. Reports have been forwarded to the relevant authorities for action.

"Alcohol outlets are concentrated in Kapenguria Municipality, and after vetting following the presidential directive, only 24 within the sub-county met the requisite standards. Chepareria town, which is in Kipkomo Sub-County, also has several alcohol outlets. Currently, the most abused substances there are miraa and muguka," Khaemba stated.

The board is struggling with the smuggling of alcohol products from neighboring Uganda due to the porous border, which complicates law enforcement efforts.

"In Kacheliba Sub-County, there are eight outlets, and it is unfortunate that almost all the liquors in stock are from Uganda. Consumers claim these are cheaper than Kenyan brands, leading to a preference for them. We even have unregistered outlets operating in home-steads or under trees, making them difficult to track," he observed.

Smugglers of alcoholic drinks from Uganda are reportedly very elusive, using motorbikes to evade police efforts, according to the committee briefing.

Issues, thus perpetuating their illicit business.

Coastal farmers urged to use scientific techniques for cashew and coconut growth

BY MUNIRA MANDANO(PCO)

The Deputy Government Spokesperson, Mwanaisha Chidzuga, has urged farmers in the Coastal region to leverage scientific farming techniques to revive the cashew nut and coconut sectors.

Chidzuga emphasized that farmers should adopt grafted seedlings, which mature quickly, to improve yields and increase the acreage of nuts and other fruit trees. This, she said, would boost the supply of raw materials for industries in the region.

She highlighted that these two crops have the potential to transform the Coastal region's economy and the livelihoods of farmers, as well as improve food security.

"Just as coffee thrives in the central region and sugarcane flourishes in Nyanza, cashew nuts and coconuts are the pride of the Coast region. It is therefore our duty to ex-

pand our acreage of the crops to encourage the establishment of industries for value addition," she said.

Chidzuga also noted that farmers must transition from small-scale to large-scale farming to enhance crop production and gain economic benefits, urging residents to adopt serious agricultural practices for both food security and commercial gain.

She pointed out that increased productivity is crucial for creating new economic opportunities for the youth in the region and boosting the country's Gross Domestic Product. Cashew nuts and coconuts once thrived in the Coastal counties, but their production has declined due to poor farming practices and the continuous planting of inferior crop varieties. Chidzuga noted that tKwale, Lamu are well-suited for the farming of nuts, mangoes, and oranges.



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT DIVERSITY & INCLUSION POLICY

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) informs the public that in compliance with the court ruling on **Petition E004 of 2023** and in adherence to Article 232 (g), (h), and (i) of the Constitution, along with directives from the Public Service Commission, KRA is required to conduct public participation to gather views on the proposed Diversity and Inclusion Policy before its implementation.

KRA therefore invites the general public and any other interested parties to submit their feedback and suggestions to be received on or before **4th September, 2024**. The draft policy can be accessed from the KRA website (<https://kra.go.ke/images/Draft-Diversity--Inclusion-Policy.pdf>).

Please send your submissions to the Kenya Revenue Authority via the following channels:

- Online form on the KRA Website (www.kra.go.ke)
- P.O. Box 48240-00100, Nairobi,
- Email: stakeholder.engagement@kra.go.ke

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Tender Notice

Kenya Revenue Authority invites bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders:

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/NCB-002/2024-2025: Provision of Security and Safety Services (Guarding, Lease of Security Equipment and Alarm Backup Services) for a Period of Three (3) Years	OPEN	3 rd September, 2024 11:00AM VIRTUAL	19 th September, 2024 11:00AM TIMES TOWER

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tender may be obtained from the Kenya Revenue Authority website www.kra.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) www.tenders.go.ke

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New TVET strategy aims to equip Kenyan youth with skills to curb crime

BY JUSTUS ANZAYA (PCO)
The State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) has introduced a master plan aimed at equipping youth in conflict-prone areas of Kenya with technical skills. This master plan, dubbed "Skilling for Peace," will be implemented in all conflict-prone regions of the country.

Welcoming the strategy, Principal Secretary Dr. Esther Muoria noted that "Skilling for Peace" is an initiative whose time has come. She emphasized the need for perfect implementation to ensure that youth in conflict hotspots gain skills to avoid engaging in criminal activities such as cattle rustling and other vices.

Dr. Muoria stressed the critical importance of equipping youth in volatile regions with skills, stating that this will help them abandon cattle rustling and banditry.

"TVET, in partnership with Interpeace, a



PS State Department for TVET Dr. Esther Muoria addressing the media in her office at Jogoo house.

non-governmental organization (NGO), will launch a campaign in Northern Kenya and the North Rift to ensure that the youth acquire these skills," said Dr. Muoria.

She also revealed that the State Department for TVET, in collaboration with Interpeace, conducted a study to explore opportunities for diversified livelihoods in the troubled regions of North-

ern Kenya and the North Rift. She added that TVET together with Interpeace went ahead and mapped out training areas that will suit the youth and herders in most of these conflict-prone areas.

Dr. Muoria noted that the intention of the study is designed to integrate herders and the youth in these areas in TVETs as envisaged in the shared national security strategy

thereby contributing to sustainable peace, security and development in the regions.

The study, the PS said, also evaluated the potential of "Skills4Peace Initiative" in addressing root causes of conflicts and 'drying up the sources' of conflict in Northern Kenya and North Rift through provision of diversified skills set leading to varied economic opportunities, fostering cultural diversity and social cohesion, and promoting sustainable development.

She revealed that already 500 youth in Tiati constituency have embraced Skills for Peace initiative and are set to join North Rift Technical Vocational College (TVC) to pursue various programs in the institution.

The youth vowed to join the Skills for Peace bandwagon to drum up a campaign to ensure that the youth shun cattle rustling to embrace TVET training for economic sustainability.

The PS rallied the Government, the County Governments and development partners to support the Skills for Peace Initiative in order to help TVET to restore peace in these conflict hotbed regions.

Sh2.95m fish farming initiative set to transform Kwale

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The Kwale County Government has initiated plans to establish fish farming ponds at an initial cost of Sh2.95 million. This effort aims to increase fish production and promote employment in the coastal county.

The five-year project is being implemented by the State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries, with support from the World Bank, which is providing funding worth Sh10 billion from 2020 to 2025. The initiative is funded through the Kenya Marine Fisheries Socio-Economic Development (KEMFSED) project, which is designed to improve and enhance livelihoods through the sustainable farming of marine tilapia.

The KEMFSED project is being carried out in the coastal counties of Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, and Lamu, with the goal of enabling fishermen to increase their catches and improve livelihood

activities in coastal communities.

Governor Fatuma Achani described the fish farming initiative as a viable means of boosting fish production, meeting the growing demand in the region, and addressing malnutrition.

Achani was speaking when she led the inauguration and stocking of four aquaculture ponds with tilapia species at the Bonje Beach Management Unit (BMU).

The Governor said the fish development project will help the local small-scale farmers to improve their livelihoods and income by sustainably producing tilapia.

She termed the fishing sector as a key component of the national and county governments' Bottom-up Economic

Transformation Agenda.

Achani emphasised on the importance of the fisheries economic stimulus programme in transforming the lives of those trying their hands in fish farming.



KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
INVITATION TO TENDER

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) is a State Corporation established in Kenya in 1979 through the Science and Technology (Repealed) Act, Cap 250 of the Laws of Kenya operated under the Science Technology and Innovation Act, 2013 as the national body responsible for carrying out research in human health in Kenya. Currently KEMRI operates under legal Notice No. 35 of March 2021. The vision is "to be a leading centre of excellence in human health research" and its mission is "to improve human health and quality of life through research, capacity building and service delivery".

KEMRI wishes to procure the following: -

TENDER NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	BID BOND AMOUNT	OTHER DETAILS
KEMRI/HQ/001/2024-2025	Tender for the provision of Staff Medical Cover (In and Out Patient)	Kshs. 3,800,000	OPEN
KEMRI/RFP/001/2024-2025	Request for proposal of manufacturing Services for KEMRUB Hand Sanitizers (Alcohol Based)	N/A	OPEN
KEMRI/RFP/002/2024-2025	Request for proposal of manufacturing Services for Sodium Hypochlorite solution 5.4w/v (TBicide).	N/A	OPEN

Interested eligible and qualified tenderers with relevant experience in similar undertakings are invited to submit their bids. The tender documents may be obtained from the procurement department, **KEMRI, headquarters off, Raila Odinga way, P. O. Box 54840 - 00200 Nairobi** during normal working hours upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Ksh. 1,000.00** per set of documents to be deposited in:

Bank: Kenya Commercial Bank,
Branch: Kipande House,
Name: Kenya Medical Research Institute, Main Account
Account Number: 1104161362


Alternatively, Tender documents can be downloaded free of charge from our website www.kemri.go.ke. However candidates who choose to download the documents must notify the procurement office immediately for record purposes by email: procurement@kemri.go.ke. Those who buy the tenders are advised to take the banking slip to Kenya Medical Research Institute, cashiers office situated on 1st floor KEMRI headquarters and be issued with an official receipt before collecting the tender documents. Instructions to tenderers are in the respective tender documents. The envelope containing the tender document, bearing no indication of the bidder and clearly marked as indicated in the table above, should be deposited in the tender box at the Reception Area, Ground Floor, KEMRI Headquarters or sent by post to: -

The Director General/CEO
Kenya Medical Research Institute
P. O. Box 54840- 00200
Nairobi

so as to reach not later than **Friday 6th September, 2024 at 10:00am** local time. Interested bidders or their representatives are invited to witness the opening of the bids to be held at the Conference Hall, at KEMRI Headquarters, on the same day at **10.00 am**. KEMRI may terminate the procurement proceedings prior to entering into a contract and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders, without being bound to give reasons for its decision or incurring any liability. The Institute is also not obligated to award to the firm that offers the lowest price.

DIRECTOR GENERAL/CEO,
KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE





Social Health Authority
Bima Bora, Afya Nyumbani

PUBLIC NOTICE TO HOSPITALS UNDER PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

Section 18 of The Primary Health Care Act, 2023 mandates the County executive committee members to establish a Primary Healthcare Network (PCN) in their respective counties at the sub-county level. Each Primary Health Care network will consist of a Level 4 sub-county hospital serving as the hub, with KEPH Levels 3, 2, and 1 acting as spokes. Every Primary Health Care Network is designated to serve a specific population, as determined by the County Primary Health Care Advisory Committee, and each person within the population will be registered within a specific PCN. The primary goal of establishing these networks is to enable the delivery and access to primary healthcare services from the community level to healthcare facilities in a seamless, coordinated manner, thereby promoting efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery.

The Social Health Insurance Act of 2023 establishes a Primary Healthcare (PHC) Fund which is funded by the exchequer. The eligible beneficiaries of the fund are Social Health Authority (SHA) registered members. The PHC Fund shall procure primary healthcare services from the level 2 and 3 hospitals housed under the PCN at the sub-county level. These services include essential outpatient services, screening, inpatient and maternity services. The provider payment mechanism shall vary based on the benefit package approved by the SHA Board.

In this regard, SHA wishes to inform KEPH Level 2 & 3 Healthcare Providers of the following:

Relevant Regulatory agencies have successfully concluded the compilation of hospitals under the Primary Care Network and the comprehensive list of hospitals has been published on the SHA website.

Level 2 & 3 hospitals are therefore requested to visit our website <https://sha.go.ke/resources/categories/2> to verify if included in the directory. If your hospital is not listed, or if the information provided is inaccurate, please contact us on pcn@sha.go.ke to update our records accordingly.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the accuracy and completeness of this important resource. For further enquiries and assistance, contact pcn@sha.go.ke. Dial *147# or visit www.sha.go.ke/registration to register

MR ELIJAH WACHIRA

Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Kenya and Tanzania conduct joint assessment to enhance border safety

BY ELIZABETH OCHANDA
(PCO)

Multisectoral teams from Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania conducted a comprehensive joint rapid assessment at the Lunga Lunga and Horohoro Points of Entry (PoEs) to enhance regional safety and health in both countries.

The initiative, which includes public health officers, revenue officers, forestry services, port

health officials, immigration, police services, intelligence services, and laboratory experts, is a crucial step in identifying and addressing shared risks at these strategic border crossings.

Speaking in Lunga Lunga when she flagged off the Technical Working Group, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms. Mary Muthoni Muriuki

noted that the exercise was vital for identifying and addressing shared risks. The assessment focused on evaluating potential threats such as disease outbreaks, radiological hazards, environmental challenges, and chemical risks. A significant component of the review was examining isolation and quarantine facilities to ensure both nations are well-prepared to handle any health or

environmental emergencies that may arise.

This collaborative effort aligns with the Presidential Directives issued on May 4, 2021, and the subsequent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on December 10, 2021. The MOU, which formalized cooperation between Kenya and Tanzania in the field of health, was signed by Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Health and Tanzania's Minister



The PS for Public Health and Professional Standards Miss Mary Muthoni Muriuki

for Health. The findings from this assessment are expected to play a crucial role in formulating effective mitigation strategies.

"This joint initiative is a testament to the strong relationship between our

two nations. By working together, we are not only safeguarding our borders but also ensuring that our preparedness to protect our people from any potential threats," Muthoni said.

Gov't vows to streamline private recruitment agencies to boost job openings in foreign lands

BY SHARON ATIENO (KNA)

The Ministry of Labour and Skills Development has organized a strategic engagement with private recruitment agencies to streamline the recruitment system for exported labor.

This initiative covers job applications, travel logistics, and the well-being of Kenyan citizens working abroad, aiming to benefit the economy and all its stakeholders.

The meeting, organized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, seeks to unite the government and private agencies for a candid discussion on how these agencies can generate revenue. It also aims to explore opportunities for young people to earn money beyond casual labor, helping to address various challenges.

Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection, Dr. Alfred Mutua, emphasized that both the government and the agencies need to develop solutions that will create employment and stimulate economic growth.

He noted that the role of the agents extends beyond sending young citizens abroad for work; it also includes empowering them to find opportunities within their own country.

He observed that as the economy grows in real time, the country needs to provide jobs for the young people but instead, the rest of the world takes advantage of the unemployed Kenyan workforce by importing available labour



Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Dr. Alfred Mutua speaking during the Ministry's strategic engagement with private recruitment agencies to enhance labour migration at the Kenya International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi

when the country has a perfect environment to work and live in.

"If we manage the process and do things properly, the country will have a good score," added Dr. Mutua.

Speaking in Nairobi, Mutua announced that 570 licensed recruitment agen-

I encourage the agencies to cut down costs if it means giving a chance to recruit more people

cies were registered in National Employment Agencies, terming it as a good number that could be doubled to 1,500 to accommodate a lot of jobs since the market is large. He revealed that the online application system has currently posted 466,000 jobs in the system from different countries in the world, and urged agencies to access the available jobs on the website which could accommodate a lot of people.

Dr. Mutua pointed out that unlicensed operating agencies are some

of the challenges being faced and urged the agencies to get licensed immediately, cautioning that the government would act against those who fail to adhere.

Additionally, he cited the challenge of recruitment stressing that it should be national and accessible to each part of the country.

The CS also highlighted conflict of interest by the political class as another challenge in recruitment, terming such behaviour as unhelpful in solving the problem of integrity.

He admitted that the recruitment system has got a problem and that the Ministry of Labour and the State Department of Diaspora Affairs has done quite a bit towards making things better.

"We are dealing with the issue of smuggling and trafficking of persons," the CS stated, adding that people are traveling with fake documents including forged police clearance, and training certificates while there are cases of employment agencies in Kenya receiving commissions from foreign employers and declining to deliver on the same.

He emphasised the need to give a proper database to report fair and accurate information on migrant workers who have been recruited.

Further, Dr. Mutua cautioned agents from taking clients' passports terming it a criminal act since nobody has a right to take someone else's passport unless through a court order.

The CS highlighted other challenges including renewal of passports, limited issues of medication, delay in engagement with police for clearance and security among others, saying that the Ministry would ensure that the agencies work, which will consequently streamline the system.

"I encourage the agencies to cut down costs if it means giving a chance to recruit more people and assist in streamlining the service so they can push as many job seekers as possible for employment," he reiterated.

Bandari Academy students leave for training in South Korea

BY HANIFA TAMIM (PCO)

The first batch of Bandari Maritime Academy students is leaving for South Korea for twelve months of hospitality onboard training on shipping vessels, following the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the two countries and the Korean institutions offering this training.

According to Mr. Geoffrey Kaituko, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs, who led the signing of the MOUs earlier this year, the government wants the students to make the most of this opportunity while in South Korea.

Mr. Kaituko stated that the training program, aimed at educating and training the world's top cadets in the maritime industry, is a result of the signed MOUs, which are designed to foster cooperation between maritime institutions in Kenya and South Korea.

"This program aims to provide capacity-building courses focused on onboard training, helping future merchant marine officers meet the minimum standards of seagoing experience as outlined by the STCW Convention," Mr. Kaituko noted.

He added that the students will not only gain technical qualifications and certifications aligned with various requirements but are also expected to develop high levels of cross-cultural awareness, global leadership, and communication skills through shared interactions and their collective experiences onboard.

"This initiative aims at solving the problem of acquiring sea time for maritime students in Kenya which is a key requirement for maritime graduates before obtaining sea jobs around the world" Kaituko noted..

Miano lauds Kenya Wildlife Society for “Tunza Mali Yako” Initiative



Tourism CS Rebecca Miano at the KWS headquarters in Langata.

BY ALICE GWORO (PCO)

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Ms Rebecca Miano has lauded the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) for initiating the “Tunza Mali Yako” Programme, which she described as a timely and vibrant conservation education campaign for communities living side by side with wildlife.

Ms Miano said the initiative, which aims to raise awareness and empower communities, is critical on wildlife conservation.

It aims to empower the community with the necessary knowledge and skills to co-exist harmoniously with wildlife in their neighbourhoods.

“This phenomenal initiative is thankfully keen on fostering a culture of active engagement and ownership of wildlife and its habitats among Kenyans. And what an ingenious way of promoting awareness in matters of conservation as well as behavioural change and appreciation of co-existence between human beings and wildlife,” the CS noted.

The CS spoke during her maiden visit to the KWS Headquarters since being appointed as the Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary.

She further noted that she considers KWS a monumental cornerstone in the Ministry because it is entrusted with the task of conserving Kenya’s wildlife.

“The precious heritage of our biodiversity and especially our wildlife is a major tourist attraction from every corner of the globe,” the CS added.

Ms Miano further observed that driven by remarkable wildlife, Safari tourism accounts for approximately 75 per cent of tourists visiting Kenya, which she added generates the much-needed foreign exchange that significantly bolsters the economy making it the second largest contributor to Kenya’s GDP.

“I look forward to working with a board and management totally sold to working in perfect concert and unequivocally focused on fostering robust leadership with clear and unified goals,”.

Malaysia to support Kenya become animation film hub of Africa

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

Kenya and Malaysia continue to deepen diplomatic relations, with the Asian nation committed to supporting Kenya to become the animation film hub for Africa.

Malaysia will bring animation film experts to Kenya and share their expertise to develop Kenya’s animation film industry, said the Malaysian High Commissioner to Kenya Mr. Ruzaimi Mohamad during a ceremony to commemorate the 67th anniversary of the independence of Malaysia held in Nairobi.

Mr Mohamad underlined Malaysia’s commitment to support Kenya to develop its ICT and Creative Economy by supporting Kenya to become the animation film hub of Africa to enhance both countries’ bilateral economic cooperation through the digital economy.

“As the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Kenya, I recognise the significant potential of Kenya’s animation film industry. I believe Kenya will emerge as the animation film hub of Africa, soon,” the envoy noted.

Mr Mohamad further stated that Malaysia is endeavoring to bring animation film experts to Kenya and share their expertise to develop Kenya’s animation film industry.

He underscored the importance of both countries working in unity to develop various sectors and bolster their economies.

Currently, he indicated, Malaysia and Kenya are actively promoting extensive cooperation in the digital economy which “not only opens new avenues for innovations and growth, but also strengthens the bonds of friend-

ship between our nations”.

Speaking at the event, Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Dr. Margaret Ndung’u noted that both the nations are working collaboratively in many other areas such as the semi-conductor manufacturing as well as best practices in information sharing on digitalization of the economy.

The CS added that Kenya will continue to maintain close collaborations with Malaysia to en-

hance bilateral ties through the South-to-South cooperation for the mutual benefit of the people of the two countries.

Dr Ndung’u pointed out that Kenya’s export to Malaysia stands at USD 17.77 million which include tea, coffee, textile materials and edible vegetable products among others, while the imports from Malaysia stand at USD918.76 million which include palm oil, furniture, telecommunications equipment, apparel and clothing accessories.

KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY

Transforming Urban Mobility

TENDER NOTICE

This is to bring to the attention of the general public that an invitation to tender for road maintenance works for the Financial Year 2024/2025 has been uploaded on the **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT INFORMATION PORTAL and KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY’S WEBSITE.**

Bidders are requested to visit KURA’s Website at www.kura.go.ke/tenders or www.tenders.go.ke for more information.

**Deputy Director –SCM
For: Director General**

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EXTENSION OF PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

DATE:	27th August 2024
Project Name:	CKE1135-NAIROBI WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT
IFB No :	AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-2A/2023

All prospective applicants for the above ongoing prequalification of firms for the **Construction Works for Western Nairobi Water Transmission System and Sewerage Networks”, Contract No. AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-2A/2023** are hereby informed that the responses to clarifications sought by applicants, can be downloaded from the AWWDA website: www.awwda.go.ke, and PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke, for free.

All applicants are further informed that the prequalification submission date has been extended from **4th September 2024 to 18th September 2024 at 12:00 pm East African Time.**

Electronic Tenders **WILL NOT** be permitted.

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The Competition Authority of Kenya (the Authority) is a Statutory Agency established under the Competition Act CAP. 504. The Authority’s mandate is to promote and safeguard competition and also protect consumers from unfair and misleading market conduct.

The Authority invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons to fill the following vacant position:

Job Title	Department	No. of Positions	Job Reference
Principal ICT Officer	ICT	1	CAK/01.08/2024

Interested candidates may access the detailed job description and specification required for the position from our Website www.cak.go.ke. Candidates who meet the requirements are advised to submit their applications to the Authority through E-mail: recruitment@cak.go.ke

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Canvassing of any form will lead to automatic disqualification. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Government disburses Sh8 billion for university loans, scholarships

BY ESTHER MWANGI (KNA)

The Government has disbursed Sh8 billion for university loans and scholarships for first year students currently being admitted in public universities under the new student-centered university funding model.

University Fund Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Monari said out of the Sh8 billion, Sh5.2 billion has been disbursed to the Higher Education Loans

placed in.

Monari clarified that about 12,000 appeals had been received and were being processed and that they will be concluded within three weeks from the date of each appeal.

Monari emphasized that the re-categorization process will rely on the accuracy of the information provided regarding an applicant's socio-economic background where they will review the affirmative action considerations, so-

individual needs.

According to the categories, Band One, where students from homes earning less than Sh5,995 will get the highest amount of government funding.

The government will pay up to 95 per cent of their university tuition fees through a mix of scholarships of 70 per cent and student loans of 25 per cent, and families will only be required to pay five per cent.

Students from house-



University Fund Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Monari.(FILE)

Board (HELB) towards tuition and loans for students joining public universities across the country.

Monari added that the remaining Sh2.8 billion has been allocated to the Universities Fund for scholarships and confirmed that the funds are now being credited to respective universities and student accounts upon ascertainment of students reporting and admission.

Speaking in Naivasha during a media sensitization workshop, the CEO said 134,029 applications for loans and scholarships had so far been received following opening of the Higher Education Portal, out of which 127,591 of the applications had been approved and categorized into various financing bands depending on the student's needs.

At the same time, Monari said the Ministry of Education had extended the opening period of the Higher Education Portal for application of loans and scholarships to 31st December 2024 to allow late applications following appeals lodged by students on the basis of the funding bands they had been

ocio-demographic factors and family education expenses.

To ensure that all applicants are categorized fairly, the CEO re-affirmed that the Education Ministry will work in collaboration with the National Government Administration Offices (NGAOs) where the officers will assist in verifying the information provided by applicants from their respective jurisdictions, across all the 106,600 villages in the country.

He clarified that the multi-agency approach was part of the government's broader effort to enhance transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the University financing system.

"The result of the appeals will be communicated through the Higher Education Fund Portal and accompanied by an SMS alert to the student to save time," Monari said.

The new university funding model now prioritizes a student's financial needs and separates placement from funding where the students are categorized into five financing bands depending on their

holds earning between Sh5,995 and Sh23,670 will be classified in Band Two and will get the second highest amount in government funding of up to 90 per cent, with 60 per cent scholarships, 30 per cent loans and 10 per cent from households.

Households making between Sh23,571 and Sh70,000 are classified in Band Three with 80 per cent funding where 50 per cent will be scholarships, 30 per cent loans and 20 per cent from households.

Students classified in Band Four will be those from households with a monthly income of between Sh70,001 and Sh119,999. They will receive 70 per cent government funding with 40 per cent as scholarships, 30 per cent as loans while 30 per cent of the funds will come from the households.

And students who will get the least government funding will be from homes earning above Sh120,000 who will receive 60 per cent as government funding where 30 per cent will be scholarships, 30 per cent loans and 40 per cent from households.

Kenya Yearbook pledges to enhance public awareness of Cabinet decisions



Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau (left) receives an Olympics Souvenir book from the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lilian Kimeto at State House in Nairobi.

BY MIKE ORIEDO (KYEB)

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) has pledged to provide communication support to the Cabinet Affairs Office to ensure citizens are well informed about decisions reached by the Cabinet.

KYEB CEO Ms Lilian Kimeto said the institution will document and amplify Cabinet decisions in its publications, including the "Kenya Yearbook", "InfoBytes" and "AgendaKenya" newspaper.

"KYEB will work with the Cabinet Affairs Office to disseminate information on Cabinet decisions and Government projects and initiatives to the last

mile," Ms Kimeto said when she paid a courtesy call on the Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau at State House in Nairobi.

She observed that the communication support will enable the ordinary 'mwananchi' to know the deliberations of the Cabinet and how they affect them.

Ms Wanjau appreciated KYEB's support, noting that it will ensure Kenyans at the grassroots understand issues discussed by the Cabinet as part of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

She lauded KYEB for documenting the work of the Cabinet through its publications on Cabinets, noting that the books are

"a historical record that meticulously documents the lives and contributions of every Cabinet Secretary who has served since Kenya's independence".

KYEB is mandated to document and detail the work of the government in partnership with the people.

The Cabinet Affairs Office, established under Article 154 of the Constitution, on the other hand, is an institution in the Executive Office of the President.

The office implemented the use of a paperless system in the Cabinet, paving the way for a streamlined and efficient management of Cabinet business.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION (CSC) IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

ANNOUNCES

2025 COMMONWEALTH PhD AND MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) in the United Kingdom is offering Ten (10) PhD and Nineteen (19) Masters full scholarships to Kenyan citizens tenable in 2025. The awards are tenable at any approved UK University that hosts CSC awardees.

For more details on the application procedure, kindly visit the Ministry's website www.education.go.ke under the scholarship theme.

Online application opens on **10th September, 2024** and closes on **15th October, 2024**.

Printed copies of completed applications should be submitted to the Ministry of Education not later than 5.00 pm on **17th October, 2024**.

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New funding model will ensure needy students get the most support from Government.

EDUCATION

How new university funding model works

State assures no student will miss university education under new funding model

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Ms Wanjau said the goal is to ensure Kenyans, especially those at the grassroots, understand issues discussed by the Cabinet and how the Government works.

“KYEB will document the work of the Cabinet Office and amplify it in our products including InfoBytes, Cabinet Series and AgendaKenya. We will also work with the Cabinet Office to disseminate information on Government projects and initiatives to the last mile,” Ms Kimeto said.

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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



WAJIR COUNTY

POPULATION

The county has a population of 720,000 people.



State acts to contain spread of Mpox

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HIGHER LEARNING

Universities asked to enrol all students admitted to their institutions

The Government assures that no student will miss university education under the new funding model



The Government has assured that all students who have qualified for direct admission to institutions of higher learning will receive funding under the new model to continue with their education.

The students, who are placed in universities and colleges, by the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS), have to apply for Government sponsorship, loans and scholarships and will be assessed for eligibility under the new funding model, said Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba Migos.

Mr Migos ordered universities to enrol all students admitted to their institutions, noting that the Government has released Sh8 billion for scholarships and is also working to address all the bottlenecks students face.

There has been an outcry over some students missing university admission due to high fees some institutions have asked them to pay. However, the Government moved to correct the situation by asking universities to recall letters that indicated higher fees and issue out new ones that factored in State sponsorship.

“Students who don’t know how much their households are supposed to pay are encouraged to go to universities and get admitted as the Government determines the amount to be paid,” said Dr Beatrice Inyangala, the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Higher Education.

According to the Universities Fund (UF), the new funding model constitutes scholarship, loan and household contributions.

Students placed in public universities by KUCCPS and TVET trainees under the Ministry of Education are eligible for both government scholarships and loans.

UF provides scholarships to students from 30 per cent to 70 per cent depending on the level of need. The deficit is covered through household contributions and loans. The Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) provides additional financial support in the form of loans, covering 25 per cent to 30 per cent of the fees.

Students are expected to apply for the loans and scholarships through the availed platforms for consideration for funding.

Those seeking to pursue their studies in

private universities and as parallel/module two/self-sponsored students in public universities are eligible for loans only.

The Government introduced the new model, which uses Means of Testing Instrument (MTI) - a scientific method, to make the funding process more sustainable and equitable.

The method, which is student-centred, addresses varying financial needs and ensures that assistance is allocated based on individual circumstances.

MTI uses a number of variables including parent’s background, gender, course type, previous school type, expenditure on education, family size and composition, marginalisation and persons living with disabilities.

The scientific method classifies students under the following bands:

Band 1: Families with a monthly income of up to Sh5,995. The Government scholarship will cover 70 per cent, the loan 25 per cent making a total of 95 per cent. The family will contribute 5 per cent and the upkeep loan will be Sh60,000.

Band 2: Families with a monthly income of up to Sh23,670. The Government scholarship

will cover 60 per cent, the loan 30 per cent, making the total support 90 per cent. The family will contribute 10 per cent and the upkeep loan will be Sh55,000.

Band 3: Families with a monthly income of up to Sh70,000. The Government scholarship will cover 50 per cent, the loan 30 per cent, making the total support 80 per cent. The family will contribute 20 per cent and the upkeep loan will be Sh50,000.

Band 4: Families with a monthly income up to Sh120,000. The Government scholarship will cover 40 per cent, the loan 30 per cent, making the total support 70 per cent. The family will contribute 30 per cent and the upkeep loan will be Sh45,000.

Band 5: For families with a monthly income up to Sh120,000. The Government scholarship will cover 30 per cent, the loan 30 per cent, making the total support 60 per cent. The family will contribute 40 per cent and the upkeep loan will be Sh40,000.

So how accurate is the new model? From the information provided by the student during application, MTI assesses the student’s financial ability and determines in which band to place them. This, therefore, calls for integrity of the students when availing information, explains UF.

Candidates who sat their KCSE exams in 2022 and 2023 and TVET trainees admitted from September 2023 are eligible for sponsorship. Applicants who feel that they have been placed in the wrong band can appeal the decision through the HEF portal, which has a provision for online scholarship and loan review application.

In the 2023 intake process, 112,741 applicants benefited from Government scholarships. Some 9,720 applicants appealed and out of these, 587 of the appeals were successful for re-banding based on evaluation of additional information provided by the applicant.

Beneficiaries who receive less financial assistance are also encouraged to apply for the HELB loan as well on the same portal and can use the established appeal process to request more assistance.

“I am persuaded now that we need a funding model that is not focused on the university but on the student. A funding model that will not leave any child in Kenya behind but recognises that there are children that come from vulnerable families,” President William Ruto said.

President Ruto during a Town Hall meeting with university students on Sunday acknowledged some of the challenges the model is facing but expressed confidence in its direction.

“We are not saying the model is perfect, but I believe it is 95 per cent in the right direction, and we will continue to improve on it,” he reassured.

Mr Migos said as opposed to the old funding model that had been in existence for 29 years, the only thing that has changed with the new model is that the needs of testing instruments were adjusted and reviewed to ensure that those children who need the government support benefit most from the government funds. ■

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Requirements when applying for scholarship

- A valid email address
- A telephone number
- KCPE index number and year of examination
- KCSE index number and year of examination
- An admission letter from the university
- National identification card (ID)/Maisha Number
- Passport-sized photo
- Primary/secondary sponsorship if available

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook, Cabinet Office to work together to enhance Government communication

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) and the Cabinet Office will work together to enhance communication on Cabinet decisions, Government programmes and initiatives.

KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto and the Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau noted during a meeting at the Cabinet Office at State House in Nairobi last Friday that this would enable the public get information on what the Cabinet Office and the Government are doing in serving

the country.

“KYEB will document the work of the Cabinet Office and amplify it in our products including *InfoBytes*, *Cabinet Series* and *AgendaKenya*. We will also work with the Cabinet Office to disseminate information on Government projects and initiatives to the last mile,” Ms Kimeto said.

Ms Wanjau said the goal is to ensure Kenyans, especially those at the grassroots, understand issues discussed by the Cabinet and how the Government works.

“We are keen on breaking down what is passed by the Cabinet so that the mwanaichi understands what is in it for them. This is part of the Bottom up Economic Transformation Agenda,” she said.

KYEB is mandated to document and detail the work of Government in partnership with the people to foster nationhood.

On the other hand, the Cabinet Office, established under Article 154 of the Constitution, is an institution in the Executive Office of the Pres-



ident. The Office implemented the use of paperless system in Cabinet, paving the way for a streamlined and efficient management of Cabinet business. ■

KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto (right) presents the latest publication on Olympics to Secretary to the Cabinet, Mercy Wanjau, at her office in State House Nairobi.

State Department for Public Service prioritises communication in the digital age



The State Department for Public Service has emphasised the need for modern communication strategies in Government.

As social media reshapes how information is accessed, the government must shift focus from traditional media to digital platforms.

The rise of Tiktok and other video apps highlights the need for updated communication approaches.

Principal Secretary Mr Amos Gathecha, EBS, ndc (K), led a high-profile meeting with Communication and Corporate Affairs officials from various ministries and institutions, including the Kenya School of Government, Huduma Kenya, the Institute of Human Resource Management

and the HRMPEB, to discuss how this can be achieved.

The meeting centred on improving collaboration and forming strategic partnerships to enhance public engagement and transparency.

Mr. Gathecha stressed that clear, timely communication is crucial for maintaining public trust and confidence.

Addressing the challenges posed by misinformation, the participants explored strategies to promote accurate information and counter false narratives.

With digital communication becoming increasingly vital, the State Department for Public Service is committed to embracing new tools and fostering partnerships to strengthen governance and improve citizen trust. ■

HUDUMA CORNER

Principal Secretary, State Department of Public Service Mr Amos Gathecha (centre) when he met with Corporate Communications professionals from different MDAs.



Health CS Deborah Barasa (third left) tours health facilities including Kenyatta National Hospital to assess preparedness for the Mpox outbreak.

HEALTH

State acts to contain spread of Mpox

The Government has instituted several measures to combat the viral disease

The Government has stepped up measures to contain the spread of Mpox as the disease becomes a global health concern. The Ministry of Health has taken both short and long term measures to ensure the disease does not spread.

Health Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa said the Government has activated an operation centre and established incident management teams across the country.

This has enhanced the detection and management of Mpox cases and prevent further spread.

The first case of Mpox was reported on 31st July 2024. The case involved a truck driver who travelled from Uganda to Lunga Lunga border in Taita Taveta County. The driver, 42, lived in Kinoo, Kiambu County.

"This individual has since made full recovery and is now well," CS Barasa said, highlighting the effectiveness of the country's response to date.

Since then, 28 contacts of the driver have been completed a 21 day follow-up period without developing symptoms and have been discharged from active follow-up.

A second case was confirmed on Friday 23

August 2024 of an adult make truck driver who presented to the Post Health screening desk at the Malaba One Stop Border Post in Busia County.

The driver has a history of travel to the epicentre of the outbreak in DRC. He has been isolated and is under active management in one of the health facilities in Busia.

The World Health Organization and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) declared Mpox a public health emergency last week following an increase in cases.

"Today, we declare this Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) to mobilise our institutions, our collective will and our resources to act - swiftly and

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QUICK FACTS ABOUT MPOX

- Mpox is a viral illness caused by the monkeypox virus
- Common symptoms include a skin rash or mucosal lesions lasting 2-4 weeks, fever, headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, and swollen lymph nodes
- Can be transmitted to humans through physical contact with an infectious person, contaminated materials, or infected animals.
- Can be prevented through avoiding close contact with infected individuals and practising good hygiene.
- Only one case has been confirmed in Kenya and he has since recovered.

decisively. This empowers us to forge new partnerships, strengthen our health systems, educate our communities, and deliver life-saving interventions where they are needed most," noted Dr Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya's key trading partner, is the epicentre of the outbreak, with the virus spreading other countries and beyond Africa, raising international alarm.

WHO issued an alert following the detection of a new strain - 1b of the virus.

The agency is working with health authorities across the globe to contain the virus amid low vaccine supplies and inadequate testing.

As part of a global initiative, Kenya will receive 50,000 doses of the Mpox vaccine, donated by Emergent BioSolutions through Direct Relief, in partnership with the WHO and the U.S.

Kenya's neighbours DR Congo, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda will also receive the vaccine.

Suspected cases across the continent have surged past 17,000, a significant increase from 7,146 cases in 2022 and 14,957 cases in 2023.

In Kenya, a total of 42 samples have been submitted out of which 40 have tested negative. In addition, about 426,438 travellers have been screened at various Ports of Entry across the country.

Symptoms of the disease are similar to smallpox, which include fever, headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, and a distinctive rash.

The disease spreads through close contact with infected individuals or contaminated materials.

"The outbreak is a reminder to the global community that there is an urgent need to finalise and sign an equity-based pandemic treaty," noted Dr Githinji Gitahi, Global Chief Executive for Amref Health Africa. ■

PARTNERSHIP

Kenya Yearbook, University of Eldoret to jointly disseminate research knowledge

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) and University of Eldoret (UoE) will collaborate to disseminate research knowledge.

KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto and UoE Vice Chancellor, Prof Thomas Cheruiyott, agreed during a recent meeting at the university that the dissemination would involve joint hosting of conferences and production of publications.

KYEB produces AgendaKenya, InfoBytes and Yearbook, among other publications.

Ms Kimeto committed that her institution will use these products to



KYEB's Board Director Dr Dinah Samikwoh (left) and CEO Lilian Kimeto with the VC University of Eldoret Prof Thomas Cheruiyott. KYEB publishes AgendaKenya newspaper.

disseminate research information and boost the strategic positioning of the UoE. The two institutions agreed to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to outline the specific areas of their collaboration.

Other areas of cooperation include UoE providing space for the "Kenya Yearbook" at their library, jointly publishing special publications, including Agro-innovation, and co-hosting a conference.

Others present at the meeting were KYEB Board Director, Dr Dinah Samikwoh, and Prof Victor Kimeli, UoE's Director, Directorate of Information and Communication Technology. ■

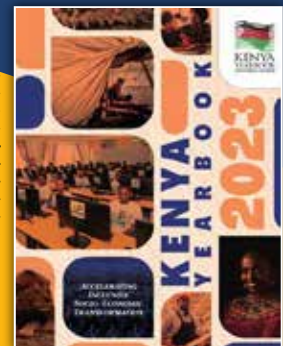


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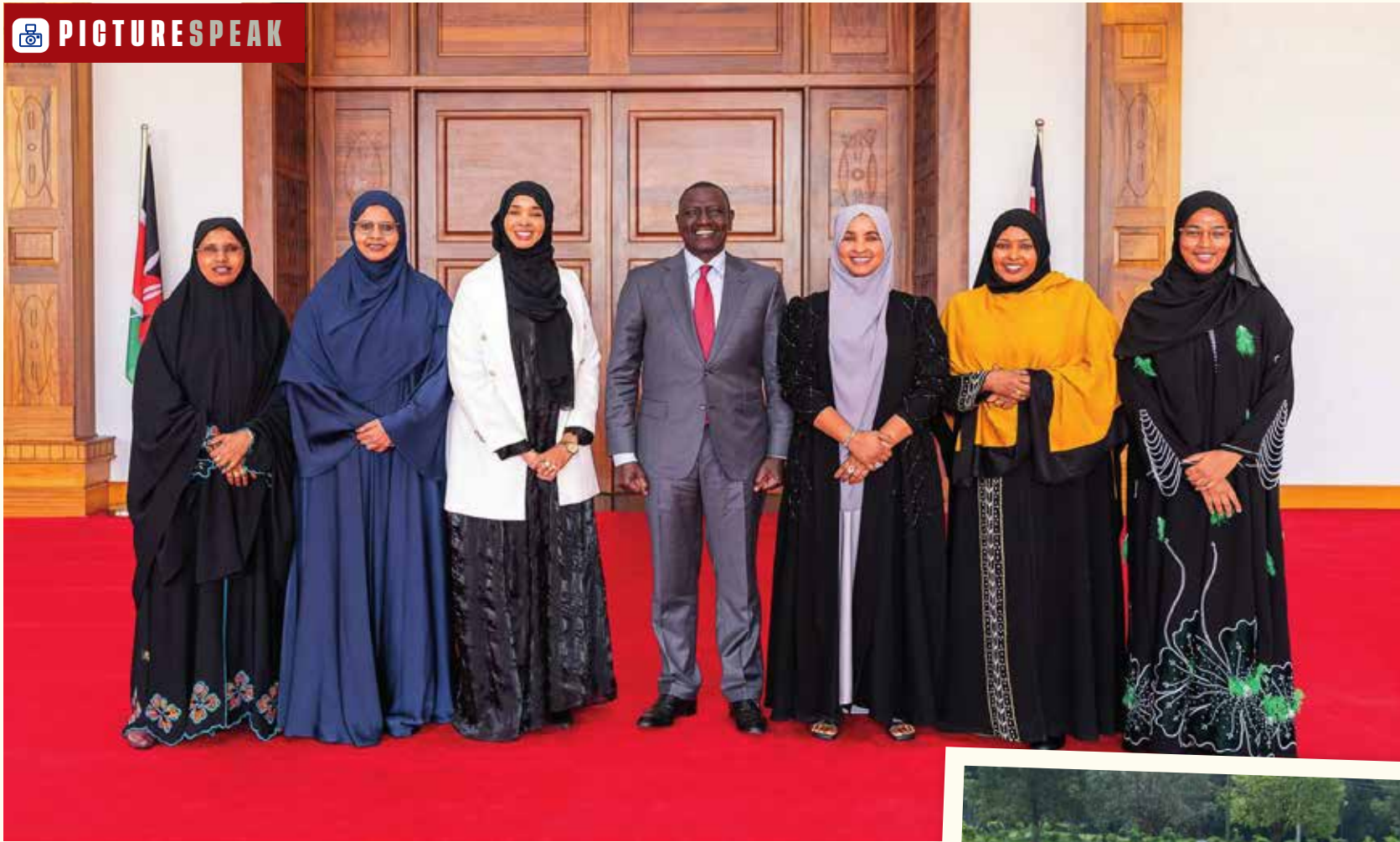


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PICTURESPEAK



President William Ruto when he met with grassroots women leaders from Wajir, Mandera and Garissa Counties to discuss inclusive development.



President William Ruto (centre right) and Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (centre left) when they met leadership of the National Government Administration Officers at Kenya School of Government.



Ms Dorcas Oduor when she was sworn in as the first woman Attorney General in Kenya.



Ms Beatrice Asikul when she was sworn in as the Cabinet Secretary East Africa Community and Regional Development.

Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Dr Margaret Ndung'u (centre) when she met officials from the ICT Authority (ICTA) in Nairobi. She lauded progressive activities of ICTA and other Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies in the Ministry.

State establishes advanced breeding centres to improve livestock, profits

BY ANNE SABUNI(KNA)

The government has established embryo transfer facilities and goat artificial insemination centers aimed at improving animal breeds in the country and boosting farmers' incomes.

Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura stated that the livestock sub-sector has deployed modern agricultural risk management tools, such as crop and livestock insurance schemes and commodity market instruments, to ensure that farming is profitable and earnings in the sector are predictable.

"In the past 23 months, the centers have produced about one million doses of bull semen and 50,000 straws of buck semen, while 35 semen import permits were approved, allowing the importation of 297,027 doses of semen and 416 embryos," he added, noting that this initiative was intended to make farming more profitable.

Speaking to the media during the weekly press briefing, Mwaura also mentioned that more than



Dairy cows in a farm.(FILE)

400,000 liters of liquid nitrogen were produced, and 950 sires were evaluated, of which 638 were approved and 312 rejected for non-compliance.

The spokesperson added that the government had engaged 1,128 veterinary interns to provide technical support to farmers at the county level.

Livestock feeds, too, have been subsidized through duty waiver and the exemption of the 16 per cent VAT raw materials alongside distribution of 8,900 kilogrammes of seed for pasture production.

This, he said, had led to

stabilized prices and availability of animal feeds and improved availability of livestock feeds more so, in the dry ASAL areas.

"Dairy Value Chain Development was enhanced with mapping of 265 sites in 34 counties for milk cooler installation and provision of 200 dairy goats to multiplication centres. With mapping having been completed, 220 milk coolers are scheduled to be installed to address post-harvest losses in milk production," he added.

The livestock sector has also witnessed an improvement in the meat value

chain, with construction of two feedlots in Kiburu (Meru) and Hadado (Wajir) being at 80 and 20 per cent completion.

"This is being complemented with provision of sheep and meat goats to multiplication centres and elite breeders in Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KELCOP) project areas for enhanced livestock production," he said.

The KELCOP project has also enabled the drilling of seven boreholes and installed them with solar power, in addition to provision of water pans in Siaya and Samburu Counties. The project also saw boreholes drilled in Marsabit, Samburu, Baringo, Siaya and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties.

Some 138,679 pastoralists were supported in livestock insurance and 503,480 Tropical Livestock Unit (TLUs) were covered under the De-Risking, Inclusion and Value Enhancements of Pastoral Economies (DRIVE) program with the aim of enhancing resilience of the pastoralists.

BRIEFS

Sugarcane farmers benefit from price increase to Sh5,000 per ton

■ Cane farmers have reason to smile after the government approved a revised price for cane per ton, increasing it from Sh4,950 to Sh5,000.

The new price took effect on August 22nd and reflects the prevailing market conditions, including fluctuations in sugar prices, production costs, and global trade dynamics. Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Dr. Andrew Karanja announced the change in a statement following a sugarcane prices committee meeting, which is responsible for setting and reviewing sugarcane prices. According to the CS, the new prices will further enhance farmers' income.

Once a vibrant sector, cane farming has been declining, with local millers and the government facing income challenges that negatively impact the national economy. However, the government has implemented various strategies to revive sugarcane farming and

production.

These include President William Ruto's debt write-off for sugar firms, reestablishing sugarcane as a key crop in the country, and attracting investors to private sugar mills. The increase in production is also attributed to improved cane management, increased rainfall, and government interventions, such as providing subsidized fertilizer to farmers. These efforts have resulted in a yield increase of nearly 40 percent compared to previous levels. Last week during the launch of the Agriculture Food Authority Strategic Plan 2023/2027, Dr. Karanja said the country has, after a long time, flipped from being a net importer and is now going to be a net exporter of sugar. Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Paul Ronoh confirmed that the sugar sector is currently the most aligned sector, saying that the transformation plan has worked through the AFA reforms.

By Wangari Ndirangu

New maritime centre in Kisumu to improve rescue operations on Lake Victoria

■ The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) has unveiled plans to establish a Maritime Regional Communication Centre (MRCC) in Kisumu to respond to emergencies on Lake Victoria. This initiative comes in response to a series of boat accidents on the lake, which have claimed hundreds of lives due to inadequate rescue mechanisms. Ali Hassan Joho, the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, stated that the project, which is being jointly implemented by Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, aims to install navigation tools and a modern communication network on the lake for quick response in the event of an accident. The facility, to be linked to search and rescue centers in Busia, Migori, Siaya and Homabay, would also operate with other MRCCs in the region for redundancy and complementary operations. Speaking at the Kisumu Pier during a visit to the project's site, Joho, who was accompanied by Maritime Affairs Principal Secretary (PS)

Geoffrey Kaituko said the government is committed to fast-tracking the project to guarantee safety of fishermen and travelers in the lake. The PS said the center would coordinate rescue operations on the lake in collaboration with Uganda and Tanzania as the government moves to revive transport linking the three countries through the lake. He added that with measures to enhance safety in the lake in place, the government targets to scale up exploitation of blue economy activities in the lake to create employment for the youth and boost inter-county and inter-country trade. Kaituko said the government would work with the fisherfolk cooperative societies to empower fishermen to acquire fibre boats which were safer, to reduce the number of accidents in the lake.

The PS further said KPA has donated land to KMA for the project and procured additional land, which, he noted, would be a game changer for transport and operations in the lake. By Chris Mahandara (KNA)

Health Ministry underscores importance of reporting Mpox signs for early detection

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Ministry of Health is urging Kenyans who experience fever, skin rashes, mucosal lesions, headache, muscle aches, back pain, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, or who have a history of travel to countries reporting Mpox cases or contact with a suspected case, to report to health facilities for screening of this contagious disease.

Speaking at the National Public Health Laboratories in Nairobi, Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Mulongo Barasa stated that Mpox has an incubation period ranging from five to fourteen days, though it can vary from one to 21 days from infection to the appearance of symptoms. She urged Kenyans to be vigilant and report all suspected cases to the minis-



Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Mulongo Barasa

try immediately.

Dr. Barasa noted that symptoms typically last from two to four weeks and emphasized that other diseases, such as scabies and chickenpox, may present similarly to Mpox.

She advised individuals showing symptoms of the disease to visit a health facility promptly for proper evaluation and management. "In collaboration with other ministries, county governments, and partners, the ministry

has implemented several measures to protect Kenyans from this outbreak," Dr. Barasa added.

"Specifically, we have activated the Public Health Emergency Operation Centre and the Incident Management System for Mpox which oversees overall coordination and response efforts in the country. Similarly, the National Rapid Response Teams have been deployed to provide technical assistance to counties that have reported suspected cases," Dr. Barasa noted. The CS said counties have similarly activated the emergency response mechanisms, with 25 County Emergency Operation Centers (EOC's) currently active and providing coordinated efforts.

She directed all counties to activate their Rapid Response Teams (RRTs), cru-

cial in case investigation and contact tracing.

The CS further said that surveillance has also been enhanced across the country and points of entry. She added that 300,000 travelers have been screened for Mpox, adding that the diligence of the Ministry's surveillance teams have ensured that the one and only confirmed case was detected early and that the patient's contacts were followed up and none developed the disease.

Additionally, the CS said, MoH has followed and tested 29 suspected cases, all of which have tested negative. Testing of suspected cases is currently being conducted at the Ministry of Health National Public Health Laboratories (NPHL) in collaboration with partner institutions such as KEMRI.