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## Government launches a digital livestock tracker



A cow fitted with Animal Identification and Traceability (ANITRAC) software to capture information on each animal, including its owner, breed, and vaccination history.

Livestock Development PS says every animal will have a tag with a chip. When the code from the tag is keyed into the system, it will provide details such as the owner's name, the animal's weight, date of birth, milk production, and vaccination record

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND RODGERS OMONDIA, KNA

The Ministry of Agriculture is rolling out an animal identification and traceability system to capture information on each animal, including its owner, breed, and vaccination history.

Speaking during the opening of the Nambale Livestock Sale Yard in Busia County, Livestock Development Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke said the Animal Identification and Traceability (ANITRAC)

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### The Week In numbers

500m

Coffee seedlings the state is distributing to farmers this year as part of its efforts to boost coffee production in the country.

800,000

Youths across the country will benefit from government funding and entrepreneurship training

5,000

Size of land Konza City located approximately 60 kilometers to the South of Nairobi occupies

2.5b

Cost of Kabonyo Kanyagwai Fisheries and Aquaculture Centre of Excellence in Kisumu County whose construction has resumed

32m

Cost of a radiotherapy bunker Nakuru County Teaching and Referral Hospital (NCTR) is building access to cancer treatment in the South and Central Rift regions.

800m

Amount of money the State Department for Sports has been allocated to upgrade the historic Moi Stadium in Kisumu.

## First 10,000 prisoners join Social Health Authority

BY ANNE KANGERO, KNA

A total of 10,000 prisoners have been registered with the Social Health Authority (SHA) and can now access affordable, quality healthcare.

The Principal Secretary of the State Department for Correctional Services, Dr. Salome Muhia, said the government aims to register all 60,000 inmates across the country with SHA.

"Ten thousand prisoners have been registered with SHA so far, and we anticipate registering all 60,000 prisoners in Kenya since Article 43 of the Constitution provides that healthcare is a right and should be extended to inmates," she said at Machakos GK Prison during the monthly Greening Kenya tree-planting exercise.

She added that all Kenyans, including inmates in prisons and those in probation centers, are entitled to affordable, quality healthcare. During the tree-planting exercise, the PS and other prison officials planted 1,500 trees at the prison and the probation office. She disclosed that the department expects to plant 50,000 trees in all correctional facilities.

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# State rolls out digital animal ID to improve market access

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software, currently at the piloting stage in government farms, will soon be rolled out in the county.

"Every animal will have a tag with a chip. When the code from the tag is keyed into the system, it will provide details such as the owner's name, the animal's weight, date of birth, milk production, and vaccination records. This will make marketing easier and help improve animal prices, thereby increasing farmers' profits," he said.

Mueke added that the government has put measures in place to ensure farmers produce high-quality animals that yield high-quality products.

"The market demand for our animal products is high, but the challenge has been low productivity. We have the National Breed Improvement Programme through artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

These interventions are subsidized by the government to help improve the breeds among our farmers. This will also help them meet market demand in terms of both quality and quantity," he said.

He lauded the quality of the new market, adding that it would create job opportunities for many people in the county.



A modern livestock market at Nambale Sub County. The facility has been constructed through the partnership of the National Government and the County Government of Busia at a cost of Sh 23 million.

"This is a modern market, and I can confirm that its quality is excellent. It has a quarantine area, sale yards for cattle and goats, sheds, stalls, and officers.

This project will create job opportunities for youth in various sectors, including transport, security, casual labor, and food services. This is among the interventions the government is implementing to create employment for the youth in this country," he said.

The livestock sale yard was constructed by the national government in partnership with the

County Government of Busia under the KeLCoP project at a cost of Sh 23 million.

The Director of Livestock Production, Bishar Fille Elmi, noted that Busia County is heavily involved in livestock farming.

"In Busia County, we have 1.2 million poultry. We also have 217,000 cattle, 197,000 goats and 112,000 sheep. The animals are treated annually in this county, for instance in last year 72,000 cattle were treated, 96,000 sheep and goats and 10,000 poultry were also treated," he said

# First 10,000 inmates join Social Health Authority



Principal Secretary, State Department for Correctional Services, Dr Salome Muhia (in red) watering trees at the Machakos GK Prison on Thursday during the monthly tree planting Greening Kenya exercise, on the first Thursday of every month as part of the national tree growing and landscape restoration campaign. PHOTO: ANNE KANGERU

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tional facilities across the country.

"We anticipate planting in excess of 50,000 trees that Correctional Services have planted across the country in compliance with greening Kenya by 2032," she said.

She highlighted the efforts of convicts in correctional facilities, where they learn farming as part of vocational training.

The convicts water and care for the trees, contributing to environmental sustainability and supporting the presidential directive

to plant 15 billion trees by 2032.

County governments and other well-wishers have supported the initiative by constructing boreholes to supplement water supply during dry seasons. This water helps sustain the trees planted around prisons and probation offices across the country.

The officials conducted an inspection of the Machakos probation offices and the prison to assess ongoing initiatives and carry out a needs assessment aimed at ensuring effective rehabilitation and reducing recidivism.



## MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI)

### STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT KENYA E-COMMERCE POLICY

The State Department for Trade is in the process of developing an e-commerce policy for Kenya to provide a structured framework to guide the development, growth, and regulation of e-commerce in the country. The policy seeks to enhance consumer protection, promote the development of digital infrastructure, bridge the digital divide, promote digital skills development, create a conducive environment for digital trade, develop a coherent policy framework, support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and respond to climate change and sustainable e-commerce.

A draft Kenya E-Commerce Policy has been developed by the State Department for Trade with input from various stakeholders drawn from key government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), the private sector, and academia.

In line with constitutional requirements and the need to build consensus nationally, the State Department for Trade hereby seeks to subject the draft policy to public participation so as to elicit the views of industry players, citizens, as well as other interested parties for consideration and incorporation into the final policy document.

Submission of views and comments on the draft Kenya E-Commerce Policy can be done through the email [info@trade.go.ke](mailto:info@trade.go.ke) on or before **21<sup>st</sup> July, 2025**. There shall be a hybrid public participation meeting to collate further views on the **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025** in Nairobi at a venue to be confirmed.

A copy of the draft E-Commerce Policy can be accessed on the State Department for Trade Website <https://www.trade.go.ke/>



#### NOTICE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is established by the Political Parties Act, CAP 7D (PPA) as a State Office within the meaning of Article 260 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The mandate of the ORPP is to register and regulate political parties as well as administer the Political Parties Fund

In line with Section 5 (2) (a) of the PPA, the Registrar of Political Parties is in the process of provisionally registering the following proposed Political Parties: -

Name	Party Colours	Party Symbol	Slogan	Founder Members
Economic Patriotic Alliance (EPA)	Golden, Green Purple and White		Wealth is power	1. Sunduah David Masafu 2. Grace Wanjiru Mwangi 3. George Masafu Wanyonyi 4. Jacqueline Munini Mutua
Accountability and Transparency Party (ATP)	Red Green, Blue White and Black		Pamoja Twaweza, Together we can	1. Virginia Wanjiru Githinji 2. Samwel Peter Mukudi 3. Asha Suleiman 4. Pigbin Odimweng 5. Benson Kiasi
Kenya Liberation Movement (KELMO)	Navy, Yellow and Beige		Kelmo Hoyee! Kenya Hoyee!	1. James Wambani Owiti 2. Kennedy Osotsi Imbuki 3. Lenah Muli Mutemi

Particulars of the above-listed proposed political parties have been provided on the ORPP website [www.orpp.or.ke](http://www.orpp.or.ke)

Any objections may be presented in writing or in person within seven (7) days to:

Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP)  
Lion Place, 4th floor off-Waiyaki way, Karura Close  
P O Box 1131-00606 Nairobi

Ann N. Nderitu, CBS  
Registrar of Political Parties/CEO



[www.orpp.or.ke](http://www.orpp.or.ke)

# ICT Ministry to set up new headquarters at Konza Technopolis

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI, KNA

Plans are underway to construct modern headquarters for the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy at Konza Technopolis in Makueni County.

The headquarters will host the State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, state agencies that include the Directorates of Information and Public Communication, the State Department of ICT and the Digital Economy, as well as the ICT Authority.

Chairing a planning committee of the project at Telposta Towers, Nairobi, the Director Administration State Department for ICT, Mr Wesley Maritim said the construction is one of the important flagships for the ministry as it houses all the departments in one locality.

Noting that some of the departmental offices currently operate in rental premises where they pay huge sums of money, Mr Maritim said the Headquarters will therefore save a lot of resources as well as ease administrative work.

"This project will save a lot of money, currently some of the offices operate in rental buildings and in different locations," he said. The government, through

Konza Technopolis Development Authority under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, aims at conglomerating investments in innovators, industries, academic institutions as well as other emerging technologies.

Alongside the construction of the ministry's headquarters, the project will also include staff quarters.

Konza City is located approximately 60 kilometers to the South of Nairobi and features 5,000 acres master planned city targeted to foster science, innovation, technology and commercial investments, thus playing a crucial role in Kenya's development agenda in the digital era and to drive economic growth in line with the Kenya Kwanza Bottom- Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Among the committee members included Secretary Administration State Department for ICT Jonam Kinama, Senior Deputy Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting and Communication Stephen Nyakundi, Manager Investor Facilitation for Konza Technopolis, Agatha Kakui, and Director of Information Joseph Kipkoech among other senior departmental heads and representatives from other line ministries.



Committee members for the establishment of the Ministry of Information Communication and Digital Economy pose for a photograph at Teleposta Towers during a discussion for the establishment of the Ministry headquarters which is proposed to be constructed at Konza Technopolis.

The Manager Investor Facilitation for Konza Technopolis, Agatha Kakui speaks at Teleposta Towers, during a discussion for the establishment of the Ministry headquarters which is proposed to be established at Konza Technopolis.

PHOTOS: BONFACE MALINDA KNA



## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

### NATIONAL VALIDATION OF THE DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCING AND SUBSIDY MANAGEMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND THE DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND) REGULATIONS

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development through the State Department for Agriculture has developed the draft Policy Framework for Sustainable Financing and Subsidy Management in Agriculture and the draft Public Finance Management (Agricultural Development Fund) Regulations, 2025. The objective of the Policy and Regulation is to enhance agricultural productivity and food and nutrition security by increasing public and private sector investments in the agriculture sector through establishing a framework for sustainable financing and providing guidelines for effective agricultural subsidy management.

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 require the public to participate in the decision-making process through the submission of comments to the Ministry. The Ministry requests the general public and all interested persons to participate by submitting written comments or memoranda on the draft policy and regulations using the prescribed public comments form, to reach the undersigned not later than **fourteen (14) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

The following documents to facilitate discussions and enable stakeholder feedback are available to the general public and can be accessed through the Ministry website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke):

1. The draft Policy Framework for Sustainable Financing and Subsidy Management in Agriculture;
2. The draft Public Finance Management (Agricultural Development Fund) Regulations, 2025; and,
3. The Stakeholders Comments Form.

There shall be a public forum for invited representatives of various stakeholders on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025** at a venue in Nairobi to discuss, receive comments and validate the draft policy and Regulations.

Duly filled comments/feedback forms may also be submitted back via the following address:

**Principal Secretary**  
State Department for Agriculture  
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development  
Kilimo House, Cathedral Road,  
P.O. Box 30028-00100  
NAIROBI

Or by e-mail: [psagriculture.research@kilimo.go.ke](mailto:psagriculture.research@kilimo.go.ke) and copy to [dirpolicy@kilimo.go.ke](mailto:dirpolicy@kilimo.go.ke)

**Sen. Mutahi Kagwe, EGH**  
Cabinet Secretary  
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development



## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Department for Agriculture would like to inform members of the Public that the Sugar Development Levy is now in effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025.

The Levy is payable by every miller at the rate of four per cent of the ex-factory price for locally manufactured sugar sold and four per cent of cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value of each consignment of imported sugar. The Levy shall be remitted by the tenth day of the month immediately following the month when the domestic sugar is sold, and by the tenth day of the month immediately following the month when the sugar was imported.

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has appointed the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) as the collection agent. KRA will issue a communication advising on the mode of collection.

Please channel any inquiries to the

**Principal Secretary,  
State Department for Agriculture  
P.O. Box 30028-00100 Nairobi,  
or by email to [cdarprincipalsecretary@kilimo.go.ke](mailto:cdarprincipalsecretary@kilimo.go.ke)**

or

**Chief Executive Officer,  
Kenya Sugar Board(KSB)  
P.O. Box 51500-00200 Nairobi,  
or by email to [info@ksb.go.ke](mailto:info@ksb.go.ke)**

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE**



## Kajiado households receive goats to restock after drought

BY EDWIN GATHII AND FAITH MICHEAL, KNA

Vulnerable households in Kajiado North Sub-County have received goats to help restock their livestock and rebuild their livelihoods.

The government launched restocking pro-

grams aimed at strengthening the community's resilience through livestock reintroduction after a prolonged drought a few years ago that led to significant livestock deaths in the area.

The exercise is also part of the government's initiatives to empower citizens



Kajiado North Deputy County Commissioner Metrine Wafula and officials from the Ministry of Livestock issuing goats to the residents.

and promote growth and development from the grassroots.

The Kajiado North Deputy County Commissioner Metrine Wafula led the distribution exercise where 515 goats were distributed across Ngong, Olkeri, Ongata Rongai, Nkaimurunya, and Oloolua Wards.

Speaking during the exercise, Peter Mung'ayo from the Ministry of Livestock said the government is restocking

for the farmers affected by drought and those who lost their animals over the last three years.

"The government has stepped in to aid the drought affected families rebuild their livelihoods by distributing household livestock, primarily sheep and goats in hard hit regions," he said.

The officials noted that the intervention is expected to make a lasting impact by helping communities recover and regain self-sufficiency.

## Breakthrough as GDC strikes steam at Baringo Geothermal project



Geothermal Development Company (GDC) engineers open up steam wells at the Menengai Geothermal Project in Nakuru. PHOTO: DENNIS RASTO

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND DENNIS RASTO, KNA

The Geothermal Development Company (GDC) has struck viable steam at Silali, marking a major milestone in renewable energy development in Kenya.

The field is expected to discharge 22 megawatts of steam. Silali is one of three fields—along with Korosi and Paka—that make up the Baringo-Silali-Paka Geothermal Project, where GDC has been drilling wells for the past seven years.

GDC Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Paul Ngugi said the first phase of the Baringo-Silali-Paka project aims to develop 300 megawatts of power across the three geothermal areas, with each field expected to produce 100 megawatts.

He noted that the success at the Silali field is a major boost to the State corporation's mission to provide Kenyans with affordable and reliable energy. He added that the first viable well in the Baringo-Silali-Paka Geothermal Project was struck at the Paka field in

2020. "The viability of the Silali geothermal field will usher Kenya into an age of vibrant geothermal energy," the MD assured.

While admitting that the Silali field was a very productive area, the MD argued that having one well discharging steam at 22MW was equivalent to drilling about four wells that discharge at 5MW, adding that the GDC company would make huge savings considering that drilling a well costs Sh700 million.

In an interview with KNA, Ngugi said GDC is committed to ensuring timely delivery of renewable energy projects that will greatly support the country's development vision and plans.

The Director said the Paka field where most of the work has been done was slated to start production of the first 100MW

by 2028. He explained that GDC had drilled for steam and next is power plant construction, adding that the company is doing a feasibility study and thereafter scout for investors.

He said the project would be operational in the next three years feeding power on the national grid.

Noting that all major economies thrive because of access to abundant energy, the MD was happy that geothermal would power Kenya into a vibrant future of great industrial and social development.

At Baringo-Silali-Paka, Mr Ngugi disclosed that GDC had harnessed 75MW of geothermal steam and that the company is targeting to have a 105 MW power plant at Paka by 2027.

Similarly, GDC had started to open the Suswa field in Naivasha, Ngugi added.

He said power producers will be competitively selected to build power plants at the Baringo-Silali-Paka geothermal fields, which are then expected to start electricity production by 2028.

The viability of the Silali geothermal field will usher Kenya into an age of vibrant geothermal energy



### Specific Procurement Notice (Updated Version)

#### Invitation for Bids for Plant Design, Supply, and Installation

(Two-envelope Bidding Process, Without Prequalification)

<b>Employer:</b>	Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO)
<b>Project:</b>	Kenya Green and Resilient Expansion of Energy (GREEN) Program Phase 2 Project
<b>Contract title:</b>	Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of the 400/220 kV Kimuka Substation and Associated Transmission Lines
<b>Country:</b>	Kenya
<b>Credit No.:</b>	4791-KE
<b>RFB No:</b>	KE-KETRACO-416094-CW-RFB
<b>Issued on:</b>	8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Green and Resilient Expansion of Energy (GREEN) Program Phase 2 Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contract for Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of the 400/220 kV Kimuka Substation and Associated Transmission Lines.
2. The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of the 400/220 kV Kimuka Substation and Associated Transmission Lines.
3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated September 2023 (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Senior Manager, Supply Chain Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. [kimuka400procurement@ketraco.co.ke](mailto:kimuka400procurement@ketraco.co.ke) and inspect the bidding document during office hours, 0800 to 1500 hours EAT at the address given below.
5. The bidding document in English is available for download by interested eligible Bidders via this link: <https://www.ketraco.co.ke/procurement/tenders/open-tenders> Interested eligible Bidders are required to register with the Employer upon download of the bidding document via the email address indicated above and provide their official email address for purposes of communication during the entire bidding period.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at 1000hr EAT**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked "**ORIGINAL BID**", and the inner envelopes marked "**TECHNICAL PART**" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on **21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at 1000hr EAT**. All envelopes marked "**FINANCIAL PART**" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Employer until the second public Bid opening.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sixty-Six Million and Three Hundred Thousand Kenya Shillings (**KES 66,300,000**) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

**Senior Manager, Supply Chain**  
**Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd**  
**Second Floor, Kawi Complex, Block B**  
**Off Popo Road, Off Red Cross Road, South C**  
**P O Box 34942 - 00100**  
**Nairobi**  
**[kimuka400procurement@ketraco.co.ke](mailto:kimuka400procurement@ketraco.co.ke)**  
**<https://www.ketraco.co.ke/procurement/tenders/open-tenders>**



# Kakamega County to build Sh90-million maternity wing at Likuyani Level 4 Hospital

BY MOSES WEKESA, KNA

The County Government of Kakamega has embarked on the construction of a 60-bed maternity wing at Likuyani Level IV Hospital to enhance maternal health-care services in the region. The devolved unit has committed to spend Sh90 million to construct the facility, which is expected to be completed by January 2026. The maternity wing will include a theatre, labour ward, antenatal and postnatal units, a newborn unit (NBU), and a kangaroo room, ensuring comprehensive care for mothers and infants under one roof. Governor Fernandes Barasa said the county government

is constructing the maternity wing under the "Tutunze Kakamega" programme. The county government coordinated with Jakaranda Health, Think-Well, ThinkPlace, Rescue, Harvard University and other stakeholders in the health sector to implement the service delivery redesign (SDR) initiative.

This joint strategy aimed to revolutionize healthcare access and improve service quality at the community level, commemorating a significant milestone in the county's commitment to health system transformation, Barasa said. He urged expectant women to also register for "Barasa Care" to receive a stipend of Sh12,000 once they

attend both phases of a childbirth from going to clinic for checkup during pregnancy, giving birth in a hospital and taking the child to all immunizations. He expressed appreciation to the partners for facilitating the groundbreaking of a remarkably advanced facility as an unprecedented development in Kakamega.

Dr. Job Makoyo, the Country Director of Jakaranda Health, stated that the "Tutunze Kakamega" programme secured the top position globally in the area of service delivery redesign.

He further explained that the project had been the first of its kind globally and was exclusively implemented in Kakamega County.



**TOP:** Kakamega Governor during the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a 60-bed maternity wing at Likuyani Level IV hospital.



**Left:** Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa speaking during the launch of the construction of a Maternity wing at Likuyani Level Four Hospital.

## Kisumu's Moi Stadium lined up for Sh800m renovation

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

The State Department for Sports has been allocated Sh800 million to upgrade the historic Moi Stadium in Kisumu.

The project, announced by President William Ruto last month has sparked excitement among sports enthusiasts and residents alike.

A team of engineers from the state department toured the facility to assess its status and advise on the best approach for the upgrade.

According to Kisumu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Sports Beatrice Odongo, the groundbreaking ceremony is expected to take place later this month, paving the way for the multi-million-shilling upgrade.

"We are privileged to have a team come and assess the ground and advise on what best can be done for Kisumu County and this facility. We look forward to having the facility launched as soon as possible," she said.

The upgraded stadium, she said, is expected to be a game-changer for sports in the region, providing a world-class facility for youths to showcase their talents.

"This will be one of the best facilities that will be



**Kisumu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Sports, Beatrice Odongo addressing the media during the visit.**

used not just within Kisumu County, but in the western region and even in East Africa," Odongo added.

The project was expected to be completed by the end of 2026, with the county government working closely with the Ministry of Sports to ensure its timely delivery, she said.

"Most probably by the end of 2026, we'll be launching a new stadium in Kisumu County," Odongo said.

Built in the 1980s, Moi Stadium has served as Kisumu's main sporting venue, but its ageing infrastructure and poor

drainage have drawn criticism. Local teams like Kisumu All Stars have called it home but now, a new era beckons.

With the upgrade on the horizon, excitement is building among athletes and fans alike.

"This will be the heart of sports in western Kenya," said Odongo. "We're not just building a stadium. We are building hope, pride and opportunity."

County Secretary Hesbon Hongo, who was also present during the tour, echoed Odongo's sentiments, saying the stadium would be developed into an international standard facility.

"We are going to get an international standard stadium which will be in the same league as the Emirates Stadium," he said.

**We're not just building a stadium. We are building hope, pride and opportunity**

## Kenya hosts Maritime Oil Spill simulation to bolster preparedness

BY CHARI SUCHE AND SITATI REAGAN (KNA)

The Government is leading efforts to strengthen regional readiness against maritime oil pollution.

Through the Maritime Search and Pollution Response Exercise (MASEPOLREX25) field training exercise, the training brought together stakeholders from across the region to assess and improve response mechanisms in the event of an oil spill in the Western Indian Ocean.

The simulation at the Bandari Maritime Academy in Mombasa co-ordinated by the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) in collaboration with the Kenya Navy and Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), aimed to evaluate national and regional preparedness, test emergency protocols, and foster cooperation among neighboring states.

Speaking at the opening of the exercise, KMA Director for Maritime Safety and Exercise Coordinator, Julius Koech, said the scenario simulated a collision between two oil tankers at the Kenya Tanzania maritime border, resulting in a major oil spill.

"We are testing the management of a large-

scale maritime crisis by activating the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan. This involves a multi-sectoral, multi-agency incident management team comprising both state and non-state actors," Koech said.

The exercise included the deployment of offshore containment equipment and a simulated shoreline cleanup at Nyali Beach following the hypothetical drift of heavy fuel oil towards the Kenyan coast.

Participating vessels included KPA's Mwokozi, Tangulizi, and Duma, alongside the Kenya Navy Vessel Shupavu.

Koech emphasized that the government has invested significantly in oil spill preparedness, including training responders and establishing a cleanup fund.

"We have built capacity over the years and ensured that our partners, such as the Kenya Navy and KPA, have the necessary equipment and skills to manage such incidents," he added.

Representing the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Raj Mohabir commended Kenya's advanced level of preparedness, noting that many countries in the region are still in the early stages of developing marine pollution response frame-

works.

"Kenya has a well-structured national oil spill contingency plan, organized response systems, and appropriate equipment. One of the objectives of this exercise is to facilitate experience sharing so that other countries can replicate Kenya's model," Mohabir said.

He highlighted the importance of regional co-operation in addressing maritime pollution, referencing the 2020 Mauritius oil spill as an example of the need for collective response strategies.

"Marine pollution cannot be effectively tackled by a single country. That is why we are working under the Nairobi Convention to develop a regional contingency plan, which is expected to be finalized by August next year," he added.

Kenya Navy Fleet Commander Brigadier Mohamed Shemote described the exercise as critical for regional maritime security, marking it as the second of its kind following a similar drill in 2023.

"Oil spills are trans-boundary by nature. A spill from Mombasa could affect Somalia or Tanzania. These joint operations help us identify and address gaps in our systems," he said.

# NCA unveils inaugural awards celebrating excellence

BY KAMAU DANIEL AND GESORA  
MINAX, KNA

The National Construction Authority (NCA) has launched the inaugural Construction Excellence Awards as part of the Annual Contractors Conference initiative, aimed at recognizing, rewarding, and institutionalizing excellence, safety, and innovation within Kenya's construction industry.

The event attracted contractors, regulators, developers, and key stakeholders from all 47 counties, who gathered to discuss transformative reforms in the sector under the National Building Code, 2024.

Presiding over the launch, the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Alice Wahome, praised the NCA's efforts to align policy and performance through this awards platform.

"This pairing of regulation and recognition is the alignment we need to deliver our national development agenda. Those who build right, build the future," Wahome emphasized.

The CS noted that since the National Building Code, 2024 came into effect in March, incidents of building collapsing have significantly reduced.

She attributed this progress to enhanced enforcement, inter-agency collaboration, digi-



Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary, Alice Wahome, speaking during the official launch of the Construction Excellence Awards in Nairobi. PHOTO: DANIEL KAMAU

tized approvals, and mandatory compliance frameworks for developers and contractors.

"Public safety is a public service priority. Every safe building spares family from tragedy and businesses from disruption," Wahome stated, highlighting the code's life-saving impact.

Additionally, she announced

the accreditation of over 25,000 skilled construction workers and site supervisors, a direct outcome of increased engagement, training, and awareness driven by the government and NCA.

This effort, according to the CS, supports the Affordable Housing Programme, which

currently has over 175,000 units under construction, and a pipeline of an additional 450,000 units.

The newly launched Construction Excellence Awards, she noted, are not merely ceremonial, but represent a strategic lever to embed the National Building Code into everyday practice across the sector.

Wahome added that contractors and professionals will be recognized for compliance, innovation, and high standards.

"The awards are a rallying point, a call for peer learning, capacity building, and investment in professionalism," she reiterated as she officially launched both the awards and the Contractors Conference.

Wahome said applications for the awards will be open for 30 days, after which a rigorous vetting process will follow.

She said starting July 1st, 2025, the government had transitioned to full e-procurement, aimed at curbing corruption and ensuring transparency in tendering processes. She cautioned contractors against malpractice such as falsifying tax returns or submitting fake bank guarantees.

"From now, interaction with procurement is digital and transparent. If you lose a tender, it will be on merit, not manipulation," the CS said, adding

that only compliant contractors would qualify for future projects.

She further urged contractors to embrace professional support, including procurement officers and legal counsel to improve their competitiveness in an increasingly standardized sector.

Highlighting the government's commitment to empowering local players, Wahome affirmed that most current housing and infrastructure projects are being implemented by Kenyan contractors and not foreign firms.

"If Kenyan firms cannot deliver a Sh1 billion project, how will we compete globally? This work belongs to Kenyans," posed Wahome, warning against unethical practices such as withholding payments from subcontractors.

Speaking at the event, the Principal Secretary (PS) for Public Works, Joel Arumonyang, lauded NCA for organizing the forum, insisting that the National Building Code is a national tool for safer, smarter, and more accountable construction.

In her remarks, NCA Board Chairperson, Mercy Okiro, indicated that the Authority is focused on capacity building, inclusive training for women and youth, and deepening county-level engagement.

## Government makes policy changes to boost pyrethrum sector

BY JANE NGUGI, KNA

The Government is reviving the pyrethrum industry through key environmental and agricultural policy shifts.

In the new dispensation, the government has implemented the ban on the use of over 77 harmful pesticides and restricted the use of 100 others in a bid to make Kenyan pyrethrum competitive in the global market.

This key environmental and agricultural policy shift creates an opportunity for Kenya to reclaim its position in the global pyrethrin value chain as well as modernize the sector to meet the market demands.

Pyrethrum farmers in Nakuru County, Kenya's leading pyrethrum producer, will therefore receive enhanced earnings following the renewed national government's initiative to fully revive the country's once thriving pyrethrum industry.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe made the remarks at the 2025 Nakuru National Agricultural Show, where he was accompa-



Agricultural officer Lilian Rotich (extreme right) explains a point to Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe (middle) as Deputy Governor Dr Kones and CEC Leonard Bor (second left and extreme left consecutively) look on.

nied by Nakuru Deputy Governor David Kones.

The CS called upon local and international investors to source pyrethrin directly from Kenyan farmers as he advocated for local processing to generate employment and enhance farmers' incomes.

"We are working hard to make sure that we solve the challenges facing the pyrethrum farmers by also ensuring they are paid on time for their deliveries," he stated.

The Cabinet Secretary further outlined additional interventions designed to support farmers across various agricultural value chains.

He revealed that dis-

cussions are underway to waive import duties on yellow maize and soya, two critical inputs for live-stock feed manufacturing.

Kagwe said this measure is expected to significantly reduce production costs for farmers, subsequently leading to lower production costs, especially within the dairy sector and therefore translating into better returns for their investment.

In his remarks, the Deputy Governor said in order to support the pyrethrum sector, the county government has distributed certified seedlings and other planting materials worth Sh146,411,264 to 10,995 farmers in the last three years.

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# Counties at the heart of Kenya's transformation



**Principal Secretary, State Department for Devolution, Michael Lenasalon gives his address during the State of Devolution Address by the Council of Governors.**

BY IRENE GALGALO (PCO)

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Devolution, Michael Lenasalon, has lauded county governments for their role in national development.

He said they are the "engines of transformation".

During the 11th State of Devolution Address at the Council of Governors' offices in Nairobi, the PS affirmed that devolution is not merely an administrative process, but a powerful tool for inclusion, equity and grassroots service delivery.

"Devolution is the heartbeat of our governance framework. It is a covenant of trust between the people, counties and the national government," PS Lenasalon said.

He said counties are now responsible for essential public services including healthcare, agriculture and early childhood education, bringing government closer to the people.

Economic initiatives like County Aggregated Industrial Parks (CAIPs) and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), he said, are unlocking value chains and creating jobs across the country.

In the 2024/25 Financial Year, the government allocated Sh2.9 billion to 13 counties for CAIP development. He hailed the enactment of the Division of Revenue Bill 2025, allocating Sh415 billion to counties, as a milestone in fiscal empowerment.

Lenasalon also praised progress in accountability, with counties now using digitized own source revenue (OSR) systems and human resource information systems (HRIS), to help eliminate ghost workers and improve payroll integrity.

He cautioned that challenges remain. He said counties are grappling with Sh89 billion pending bills and persistent underperformance in OSR generation.

He called for urgent reforms in legal frameworks, enhanced intergovernmental collaboration and timely disbursement of funds to protect service delivery.

PS Lenasalon stressed inclusion, climate resilience, youth empowerment and investment mobilization as pillars for securing devolution's future.

The Principal Secretary invited all stakeholders to the upcoming Devolution Conference 2025 in Homa Bay County, calling it a "moment for national reflection and recalibration."



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**Specific Procurement Notice  
CONSTRUCTION  
Road Infrastructure Development**

**Closing Date:** Friday, 22nd August 2025; 1100Hrs East African Time

**Country:** Kenya

**PREQUALIFICATION**

**Subject:** International Open Tender for Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road Project and Adjacent Road Network.

**Tender No:** KeNHA/2889/2025

**Project Executing Agency:** Kenya National Highways Authority – KeNHA

**Project Measures:**

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received commitment from the People's Republic of China through the China Export Import (EXIM) Bank to finance the cost of the Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road. The financing agreements shall be signed upon finalization of the commercial contract.
2. Kenya National Highways Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport in the State Department for Roads, established under the Kenya Roads Act 2007, now seeks to invite Eligible Chinese Contractors or Consortia led by Chinese Enterprises in accordance with the financing arrangements set by the People's Republic of China through the China Exim Bank for the proposed Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) road project and Adjacent Road Network to submit their prequalification applications in order to be considered for the execution of these Works.
3. The Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road and adjacent road network will improve traffic flow along the Eastern part of the Nairobi Metropolis as it seeks to decongest traffic along the both Kiambu Road and Thika Superhighway. The project will also improve the level of service and reduce travel times, improve road safety and increase accessibility thereby spurring economic growth of both Nairobi and Kiambu Counties with ripple effect to the overall Kenyan Economy.
4. The Project will be implemented through FIDIC Silver Book – Engineering Procurement and Construction Contract Arrangements and will involve the following:
  - Detailed Engineering Design and Upgrading of the entire Project Road from a two lane single carriageway to a four lane dual carriageway urban thoroughfare including 2 lane service roads on both sides and pedestrian walkways on both sides along the entire project road as follows;
  - i. Upgrading of the entire project road from a two-lane single carriageway to a four-lane dual carriageway including 2 lane service lanes on either sides and pedestrian walkways along the entire project road section.
  - ii. Construction of new bridges across Muthaiga Golf Club Spur, Mua Road Overpass, DCI Overpass, Coffee Garden U-turn, Tala Road Overpass Bridge, Ridgeways U – Turn Underpass Bridge, Runda U Turn and Kirigiti Junction Bridge.
  - iii. Construction of interchanges at Kamiti Road/Kiambu Road Interchange, Banana Road/Kiambu Road Interchange and Northern Bypass/Kiambu Road Interchange.
  - iv. Provision of Six (6) number Footbridges at various locations along the road
  - v. Enhancement of key roads in the network abutting the project road as follows:
1. **Main Project Road**
  - A. **Main Trunk Road**
    - Muthaiga - Kirigiti Junction
    - Kirigiti JN - Kiambu Town - Governor's Office
    - Governor's Office - Ndumberi - Sasini
  - B. **Bypasses**
    - Githunguri Road - Sasini - Boma Road
    - Riabai - Kiriguini B Road
  - C. **Spur Roads**
    - Ridgeways Road from Kiambu Road to Thika Road (Roasters)
    - Evergreen – UN Avenue through Runda
    - Wambui Road
    - Muthaiga North
    - Mua Park Road/Serengeti Avenue
    - KIST JN – Kamiti Road
    - JN Boma Road - Kirigiti
    - Access to other public institution and key settlements
2. **Maintenance of the existing road during construction period**

**3. Management and control of traffic during construction period**

**4. Provision and erection of road furniture and road markings, pedestrian walkways, bus bays, and other miscellaneous works**

**5. The Construction Period will be 36months and Defects Notification Period will be 24months**

**6. Applicants are required to complete the Prequalification Document and demonstrate that they are qualified to perform the services (technical capabilities, financial capabilities, description of similar assignments, experience in similar assignments/conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). To be considered for prequalification, Applicants must demonstrate that they have achieved a minimum annual construction turnover of USD 250 million for the last five (5) years calculated as the sum of all total certified annual payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed divided by the number of years. A firm may apply for prequalification both individually, and as part of a JV to enhance their qualifications.**

**7. This prequalification for construction of the Works will be guided by the latest version of the "Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Plant, Goods and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries.**

**8. The Executing Agency is under no obligation to shortlist any firm or Joint Venture who submits a prequalification application. Should the Tender be cancelled, tenderers are not entitled to any compensation, nor will any reasons be given for the cancellation.**

**9. The Prequalification Document is available free of charge from the KeNHA website ([www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke)) or <https://tenders.go.ke>. Bidders are encouraged to download the Prequalification Document to minimize physical visits to KeNHA Head Office.**

**10. Applicants may obtain further information at the address and e-mails given below during office hours (weekdays from 8h00 to 17h00 EAT, excluding public holidays):**

**Director Development,  
Kenya National Highways Authority  
Barabara Plaza, Block A, Off Airport South Rd, along Mazao Rd (Opposite KCAA HQ)  
P.O. Box 49712 – 00100, Nairobi, Kenya  
Telephone: +254 20 4954000; +254 700 423606  
Email: [ddevelopment@kenha.co.ke](mailto:ddevelopment@kenha.co.ke) and [procurement@kenha.co.ke](mailto:procurement@kenha.co.ke)**

The Prequalification Application shall be clearly marked with the following:  
"Prequalification Application for:  
**Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road and adjacent Road Network**

**Tender No KeNHA/2889/2025** and must be delivered to the address below on or before **Friday, 22nd August 2025 at 1100Hrs East African Time.**

**Kenya National Highways Authority  
Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, South Wing,  
Supply Chain Management Department,  
JKIA, Off Mazao Road (Opposite KCAA),  
P. O. Box 49712 – 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA**

The Tender closing date will be **Friday, 22nd August 2025 at 1100Hrs East African Time.** Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of Applicants/Representatives who wish to attend at the KeNHA Block C 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) for any tender addendums or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

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# Stakeholders rally Africa to invest in research and innovation

BY IMMACULATE CHEBET,  
MYGOV

The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Education Julius Ogamba has called for a renewed commitment across Africa to invest in science and research.

Speaking at the African Research Initiative for Scientific Excellence and Sustainable Development (ARISE-SD) conference in Ghana, he noted that despite the continent's vast

potential, investment in research and development remains significantly below the global average.

"We committed to spending one per cent of our GDP on research and development, yet the current average across the continent stands at only 0.42 per cent, compared to the global average of 1.7 per cent. We must reverse this trend," the CS said.

Mr. Ogamba also emphasized the importance of intra-African

cooperation and global partnerships to scale up innovation, tackle common challenges, and achieve inclusive growth.

"Africa holds some of the world's greatest endowments: youthful population, arable land, rich biodiversity – but these alone are not enough. We must invest in applied knowledge," he added.

The CS reaffirmed Kenya's unwavering commitment to strengthening Science, Technology And

Innovation (STI) as critical pillars for sustainable development and economic transformation.

He highlighted the country's deliberate efforts to increase STI investments, including the establishment of a full-fledged State Department for Science, Research and Innovation, and the government's commitment to raise STI funding from the current 0.7 per cent to the AU-recommended one per cent of the GDP.

"Kenya's own experience with home-grown innovations that have advanced financial inclusion, digital entrepreneurship, climate-smart agriculture, and food security is clear proof that investing in STI delivers tangible benefits," Mr. Ogamba stated.

Underlining its leadership in STI, Kenya expressed readiness to host the next ARISE-SD conference, further affirming its belief in African-led research excellence.

"As we deliberate on continental strategies, we urge all stakeholders to align their efforts with the aspirations of the AU Agenda 2063 and the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA) 2024-2034," the CS said.

"Let us forge a bold, African-owned, globally connected pact, grounded in action, driven by science, and centered on the dignity and prosperity of our people," he said.



## MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

### STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES

#### AQUACULTURE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME(ABDP)

IFAD Loan No. 2000002052

#### SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country	Kenya
Name of Project/ Procuring Entity	Aquaculture Business Development Programme
Contract Title and Description	Construction, Supply and Installation of Seven (7) Smart Fish Kiosks
NCB Reference No	KEN-2000001132-0302-W-NCB

#### CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCTION, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SEVEN (7) SMART FISH KIOSKS

The **Aquaculture Business Development Program (ABDP)** has received financing from the International Fund for Aquaculture development (IFAD) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of the financing to this procurement. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with **Construction Supply and Installation of seven (7) Smart Fish Kiosks**

1. The employer now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for the execution and completion of Construction Supply and Installation of **seven (7) Smart Fish Kiosks**, which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bills of quantities.
2. This invitation for bids is open to all eligible bidders who wish to participate. Subject to the restrictions stipulated in the bidding document, eligible bidders may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the works.
3. A complete set of bid documents may be obtained electronically free of charge from [www.abdpcu.org](http://www.abdpcu.org).
4. Bidders are advised to register their interest to participate in these bids and to seek for clarification by sending an email to: [procurement@abdpcu.org](mailto:procurement@abdpcu.org). This will ensure that the bidders receive updates and or clarifications regarding this bidding documents.
5. The goods and related services, and the contract expected to be awarded, as a single Lot. Bidding will be conducted using the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD procurement handbook which is provided on the IFAD website <https://www.ifad.org/en/-/document/ifad-procurement-handbook>. The NCB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below and in the manner specified in the BDS ITB 25 no later than **11:00 am on 19th August 2025** to the address below:

**The Programme Coordinator**  
**Aquaculture Business Development Programme**  
**IFAD Building, Kamakwa Road, Opposite Nyeri Club**  
**P.O Box 904-10100, Nyeri**  
**Email: [procurement@abdpcu.org](mailto:procurement@abdpcu.org)**  
**[info@abdpcu.org](mailto:info@abdpcu.org)**

7. Bids will be opened on **19th August 2025 at 1130hrs EAT** in the presence of bidders designated representatives.
8. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened to the bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security (as required) in the manner and amount specified in the bid data sheet.
9. Please note that electronic bids shall not be accepted.

**PROGRAMME COORDINATOR**  
**AQUACULTURE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**



#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### REQUIREMENT TO GRANT ACCESS TO PREMISES BY LICENSED COMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SERVE CONSUMERS

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), established under the Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998, is the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, cyber security, e-commerce, broadcasting and postal/courier services. The CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of users of ICT services.

It has come to the attention of the Authority that some private, public entities and landlords are denying access or limiting access or locking-in specific telecommunication service providers and services to their premises. It is important to note that consumers and users of communication services have a right to choose their service provider from among the licensed entities.

We wish to notify the public that denying access or limiting access or locking-in specific service providers in premises is in contravention to the Constitution of Kenya Chapter Four on Bill of Rights Articles 33, 34 & 35 that grant free access to information and communication systems of any nature by members of the public. The Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998, further prohibits denial of access to communication services and requires provision of equal opportunity for access to the same type and quality of service to all customers.

We would like to make specific reference to the following sections of the Act for information.

**84U. Denial of access** *No licensee under this Act shall deny access or service to a customer except for delinquency of payment of dues or for any other just cause.*

**84V. Anti-competitive practices and conduct** *A licensee shall provide equal opportunity for access to the same type and quality of service to all customers in a given area at substantially the same tariff limiting variations to available or appropriate technologies required to serve specific customers.*

To this end, the Authority directs:

- Landlords, property owners and managers not to deny access, limit access or locking-in specific telecommunication service providers and services to their premises. All licensed service providers should be given equal treatment in terms of access to the premises, to give the consumers and users of communication services the right to determine and choose their service provider.
- Members of public, landlords, property owners and managers to procure communication services from duly licensed and compliant entities only. The register of licensed entities is always updated and posted routinely on the Authority's website vide the link <https://www.ca.go.ke/licensee-register>.
- That all premises and services deployed must be supported by a valid compliance certificate issued by the Authority which should be produced and be displayed in the contact office of the utilizing premise.
- Landlords, property owners and managers to guarantee safety and ensure no vandalism or compromise on installed communication systems and services within their premises.

ICT services are critical in powering the socio-economic development of our country and as such, the public is advised to desist from obtaining services from unlicensed or non-compliant licensees to ensure better quality of services and robust consumer protection.

**David Mugonyi, EBS**  
**Director General/CEO**

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# Nandi's flagship agricultural projects uplift local communities

BY LINET WAFULA, KNA

The Nandi County Government is leveraging flagship agricultural initiatives to boost farmers' incomes and spur economic growth. These initiatives aim to transform smallholder farmers into agri-entrepreneurs, enhance food security, and strengthen the local economy. The county is implementing value addition programs and engaging farmers in dignified, profitable, and sustainable ventures. "Our agenda is simple: move from subsistence farming to structured agribusiness. Every flagship project focuses on adding value, creating markets, and improving livelihoods," Governor Stephen Sang said. He noted that stakeholders

regard the Kabiyet Dairy Factory, a state-of-the-art facility with the capacity to process over 200,000 liters of milk daily, as a game changer in Nandi County's dairy sector.

It has created a structured market for milk from smallholder farmers across Mosop, Aldai, and Chesumei, improving income stability and reducing post-harvest losses.

"Farmers now earn more, cooperatives are stronger, and youth have jobs in logistics and packaging," the Nandi County Executive Committee Member CECM for Agriculture, Dr Kiplimo Lagat said.

"We no longer have to sell our milk to brokers at throwaway prices. The factory pays promptly, and we are now expanding our herds and investing in quality feeds

because we know there is a reliable market," Mercy Chelangat, a dairy farmer from Kabiyet, said.

The Avocado Aggregation and Processing Hub in Mosoriot focuses on Hass avocado production for export, linking local farmers to international markets. The county has distributed over 15,000 seedlings and trained farmers on global compliance standards.

Kipkorir Rotich, a beneficiary farmer from Emgwen, said, "Avocados mature in three years, and we are almost there. This is our future."

The construction of a chicken slaughter and processing plant in Kapsabet town will be a major boost to poultry farmers. The facility has a capacity to process over 3,000 birds daily, adding value and expanding market access.



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- For further details and requirements for each role, please visit HR Powerhouse Limited website [www.hrpowerhouse.co.ke](http://www.hrpowerhouse.co.ke)
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  - Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
  - Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).
  - Clearance from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
  - Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) clearance report.
  - Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.

### How to apply

- Applicants are advised to indicate the position and reference number on their cover letter; their current and expected salaries;
- Each application should be accompanied with a detailed curriculum vitae, copies of relevant academic and professional certificates and transcripts, National Identity Card or Passport, testimonials and other relevant supporting documents;
- Hard or Soft Copy applications shall be accepted;
- Soft copy applications/ online applications should be emailed in pdf format** (as one running document) to: [chairman@hrpowerhouse.co.ke](mailto:chairman@hrpowerhouse.co.ke)
- Hard copy applications should be delivered to:

Chairman  
HR Powerhouse Limited  
P.O Box 74380-00200  
Nairobi  
4th Floor AEA Plaza, Valley Road

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

### N/B:

- All applications should be received not later than 29th July 2025 at 5:00 pm, EAT.
- Those who had responded to our earlier advertisement are at liberty to respond to this re-advertisement as well.



## CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICE

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CA notifies the public of cancellation of the tender detailed below:

Tender Reference	Description of tender
CA/SCM/PQ/06/2024-2025	Open International Pre-Qualification for Provision of Revenue Assurance System (RAS)

**Director General/CEO**  
Communications Authority of Kenya (CA)  
P.O. Box 14448, Nairobi 00800  
Tel: +254 (020) 4242000/  
Website: [www.ca.go.ke](http://www.ca.go.ke)

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# How dam changed a brewer's life and a village's future

BY ALICE WANJIRU, KNA

For many years, Mrs. Leah Kiptarus from Kapteren village, Keiyo North Sub-County, engaged in brewing chang'aa to support her family. "It was a life full of chaos," she says, as she was constantly in conflict with the law.

Mrs. Kiptarus recalls that fights would often erupt at her home as drunk men and women clashed, and most of the money she made went towards paying fines whenever she was arrested.

But all this is in the past after the government, through the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), embarked on the rehabilitation of Etio Dam.

Tired of the chaos that characterized her life, Mrs. Kiptarus saw an opportunity to better her circumstances and started cooking for the dam construction workers.

"For the one year the dam was under construction, I used to make Sh19,000 every week," she said. The money helped her take one of her children to the Kenya Medical Training College, and she never looked back.

During that time, she also started growing traditional vegetables, but it became quite tedious, especially during the dry season, when she had to fetch water from the family borehole to irrigate the plants.

When the dam was completed early this year, she was overjoyed. She bought pipes and embarked on farming traditional vegetables, locally known as managu, which she sells to traders from the neighboring Uasin Gishu County.

"This area gets very dry, especially in the first months of the year, and vegetable prices



1. An aerial view of the Etio dam in Keiyo North sub county rehabilitated by the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA). It will serve 4,500 households and irrigate 6,000 acres.

2. Mrs. Leah Kiptarus at her farm in Kapteren where she grows traditional vegetables alongside maize using water from Etio dam.

skyrocket. With irrigation from the dam, I was able to make Sh5,000 every week from the sale of managu," she proudly narrated.

This planting season, Mrs. Kiptarus has diversified into growing capsicum, and she says she is now a role model in her



village. "My home is at peace. I no longer fear being arrested thanks to the dam, and I have time to engage in social activities," she says as she rushes to join other women to play football.

Edwin Tarus, a Bachelor of Education graduate from Masinde Muliro University, has also been using water from the dam to grow cabbages, kales, and managu. He says he earns between Sh25,000 and Sh30,000 a month.

"This may look like little to some people, but remember that I do not pay rent or spend money on transport, plus I get most of my food from the farm," he said.

Tarus, who graduated in 2019, says he grew up on the farm, with his father — a teacher — introducing him to farming. He finds it satisfying, especially since he is his own boss.

He is calling on fellow youth to consider farming instead of waiting for elusive white-collar jobs, saying it offers better returns.

For 24-year-old Justus Kiplimo, the dam could not have come at a better time. Kiplimo, who sat for his KCSE in 2021, initially started a bodaboda business like many other youths. However, with increasing competition and other challenges such as working in the cold, he transitioned to farming.

Kiplimo now engages in passion fruit farming and is able to make ends meet. He harvests up to 50 kilograms of the fruit every week, and with a kilogram going for Sh70, he makes about Sh3,500 weekly. He remains optimistic that prices will improve and intends to expand his venture using water from the dam to increase profits.

# State to champion and safeguard women's land rights

BY MICHAEL OMONDI  
(KNA)

The Government has stressed its commitment to address the systemic inequalities that prevent women from realizing their land rights.

During IGAD's (Intergovernmental Authority on Development) Regional Dialogue with Women Parliamentarians and Duty Bearers on Gender, Land and Climate Resilience in Nairobi, the Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development, Alice Wahome said the BETA plan seeks to promote job and wealth creation through secure land tenure for all.

The CS highlighted that secure land rights which include women's equal access to, control over, and ownership of land; digitalization; regulation and development of the

construction industry; affordable housing; development of urban and metropolitan areas; research and development in land and built environment are key priority areas for the ministry.

In the housing sector, Wahome disclosed that the Ministry aspires to implement policies and initiatives that promote affordable and sustainable housing solutions, while urban development initiatives are geared towards creating attractive, inclusive, and well-planned cities that cater for the evolving needs of the citizens.

In the realm of public works, the Ministry commits to robust infrastructure development, fostering connectivity and accessibility for citizens across the nation," the CS added in a speech read on her behalf by Dr. Juliana Mutua (pictured),

Senior Deputy Director, State Department for Lands and Physical Planning.

Further, Wahome noted that rampant systemic inequalities and discriminatory practices have for a long time prevented women from fully realizing their land rights, impacting on their social, economic, and political empowerment in society.

She said the government has made major milestones in land reform and transformation process on land rights for all, which was prompted as response to several land related upheavals that had confronted the country over time.

According to the CS, countless customary law and traditions, which govern about 65 per cent of land rights in Kenya, make women face severe restrictions on inheritance under the law as



well as negative attitudes towards women taking on leadership roles — leading to women facing strong barriers to entry.

"Traditional Dispute Resolution Mechanisms (TDRM) operated at community levels are also conducted by traditional male elders," she stressed, outlining the various upheavals preventing women from fully realizing their land rights.

Wahome said the government has made mile-

stones in the land reform, including policy and legal provisions addressing land and gender issues.

She said key issues to be addressed include, securing land tenure that involves ensuring women have secure and legally recognized rights to land, including ownership, inheritance, and access to land resources, promoting women's participation that includes increasing women's representation in decision-making processes related to land governance, land use planning, and resource management.

Others include reforming discriminatory practices that entails challenging and reforming customary practices, cultural norms, and legal frameworks that discriminate against women in land matters and addressing systemic ine-

qualities which recognize that women's land rights are intertwined with broader issues of gender equality, social justice, and economic empowerment.

"This will enable economic empowerment, social empowerment, political empowerment, food security, poverty reduction, peace and stability, which will contribute to women's economic independence, decision-making power, autonomy and strengthen their political voice and influence," said Wahome.

The dialogue brought together women parliamentarians, duty bearers, policymakers, technical experts, and development partners from IGAD Member States, to deliberate on the critical intersections between gender equality, land governance, and climate resilience.

## Nakuru Hospital builds Sh32m radiotherapy bunker to boost cancer care

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND MARY OCHIENG, KNA

The Nakuru County Teaching and Referral Hospital (NCTRH) is completing the construction of a Sh32-million radiotherapy bunker aimed at improving access to cancer treatment in the South and Central Rift regions.

The County Director of Medical Services, Dr. Daniel Wainaina, said

the facility is 65 percent complete and is scheduled to be operational in two months.

He added that it will supplement the already operational specialized bunker that was commissioned in 2024, thereby expanding radiotherapy services.

"This new bunker will increase access to radiotherapy services for patients in Nakuru and 21 neighboring counties,

thus reducing the need to travel long distances for treatment," he said during an inspection tour with the hospital board, led by Chairman Bishop Philip Nderitu.

The new radiotherapy bunker will house a linear accelerator (LINAC) machine and other high-tech equipment for diagnosis and cancer treatment, similar to the existing unit commissioned in 2024.



County Director for Medical Services, Dr. Daniel Wainaina (right), flanked by members of the Nakuru County Teaching and Referral Hospital (NCTRH) Board, led by the Chairman, Bishop Philip Nderitu (Second right), on a tour of the Regional Cancer Centre recently.

PHOTO BY MARY OCHIENG

## Work resumes on Kisumu's Sh2.5 billion fisheries centre



Aerial view of the Sh2.5 billion Kabonyo Kanyagwal fisheries project which is under construction in Kisumu County.

PHOTOS: CHRIS MAHANDARA

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

Construction of the Sh2.5 billion Kabonyo Kanyagwal Fisheries and Aquaculture Centre of Excellence in Kisumu County has resumed after a lull that threatened the project's timelines.

This follows a directive by President William Ruto to fast-track the stalled works during a meeting with Kisumu County leaders.

Heavy machinery has been deployed to the site, and construction crews are back on the ground – a sign of renewed government commitment to the transformative initiative.

The project, which is part of efforts to revitalize Kenya's blue economy, is a partnership between the Kenyan and Hungarian governments.

Project engineer Vundi Mbwika said construction, currently at 30 percent completion, is progressing steadily.

"Five permanent buildings are under construction, and we have begun excavating a canal to

manage backflow from Lake Victoria and overflow from River Nyando," he said.

He added that an 800-metre access road is being developed within the site, alongside a three-metre-wide flood canal to safeguard the facility from rising water levels.

The first phase of the project, he said, is expected to be completed by June 2026.

"Once operational, the facility will produce 28 million fingerlings annually from 20 fish ponds," he said. It will also feature administrative blocks, dormitories, staff quarters, a hatchery, cold storage, and processing units.

Kisumu Governor Prof Anyang' Nyong'o praised the President's intervention and expressed satisfaction with the ongoing works. "I want to thank President Ruto for his commitment. He assured us at the State House that the project would be delivered, and we are seeing that promise being fulfilled," Prof Nyong'o said.

He said the centre will serve as both a production site and a specialised

training ground for farmers and fisheries stakeholders, significantly boosting aquaculture in the region.

"Fish bred at the facility will be distributed to smallholder farmers and used to restock Lake Victoria, where fish stocks have declined sharply," he added.

"Thousands of small-scale fish farmers stand to benefit from this initiative, which aligns with national efforts to enhance food security and increase household incomes in lake region," he said.

The project, he added, is also poised to create numerous short and long-term job opportunities for engineers, artisans, architects, and other professionals, injecting economic vitality into Kisumu County.

Kisumu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation, Kenneth Onyango, said the project will be a game-changer for Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward, an area long plagued by perennial flooding.



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### Exciting Career Opportunities for Deputy Commissioners

Kenya Revenue Authority wishes to notify the general public that the job vacancy advertisement published on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 on MyGov, inviting applicants for the Deputy Commissioner positions, has been cancelled.

We appreciate the interest expressed by all applicants and regret the inconvenience caused.

Kenya Revenue Authority will re-advertise the positions in due course.

#### Deputy Commissioners

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1.	Deputy Commissioner, Trade Facilitation	1	KRA/PKF005/2025
2.	Deputy Commissioner, Micro and Small Taxpayers	1	KRA/PKF006/2025
3.	Deputy Commissioner, Tax Dispute Resolution	1	KRA/PKF007/2025
4.	Deputy Commissioner, Revenue Monitoring, Southern Region		KRA/PKF008/2025
5.	Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement and Prosecution	1	KRA/PKF009/2025
6.	Deputy Commissioner, Business Transformation and Digital Engineering	1	KRA/PKF010/2025
7.	Deputy Commissioner, Risk Management	1	KRA/PKF011/2025
8.	Deputy Commissioner, Supply Chain Management	1	KRA/PKF012/2025
9.	Deputy Commissioner, Audit and Risk	1	KRA/PKF013/2025
10.	Deputy Commissioner, Information Security and Data Governance	1	KRA/PKF014/2025
11.	Deputy Commissioner, International Tax	1	KRA/PKF015/2025
12.	Deputy Commissioner, International Tax	1	KRA/PKF016/2025

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**SOUTH EASTERN KENYA UNIVERSITY INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTGRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES AT THE MAIN, WOTE TOWN, KITUI TOWN, MTITO - ANDEI CAMPUSES AND MIGWANI CENTRE.**

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BLOCK			
ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES			
S/ NO	PROGRAMME	COURSE DURATION	CAMPUS
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES			
1.	a) Master of Science in Infectious Disease Diagnosis	Minimum 4 Semesters	Main Campus
	b) Master of Science in Public Health		
	c) Master of Science in Epidemiology		
	d) Master of Science in International Health		
2.	a) Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Minimum 12 Semesters	Main Campus
	b) Bachelor of Science in Public Health		
	c) Bachelor of Science in Population Health		
	d) Bachelor of Science in Medical Microbiology		
	e) Bachelor of Science in Food Nutrition & Dietetics		
	f) Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences		
	g) Bachelor of Science in Health Records and Information Technology		
3.	a) Diploma in Health Records	Minimum 6 Semesters	Main Campus
	b) Diploma in Food Science & Processing Technology		
	c) Diploma in Food & Beverages Management		
	d) Diploma in Food & Beverages Production, Sales and Service Management		
	e) Diploma in Nutrition & Dietetics		
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND COMPUTING			
4.	a) Doctor of Philosophy in Physics	Minimum 3 Years	Main, Wote Town and Kitui Town
	b) Doctor of Philosophy in Information Systems Technology		
5.	a) Master of Science in Computer Science	Minimum 4 semesters	Main Campus
	b) Master of Science in Biochemistry		
	c) Master of Science in Biodiversity Conservation and Management		
	d) Master of Science in Biotechnology		
6.	e) Master of Science in Physics	Minimum 4 semesters	Main, Wote Town and Kitui Town
7.	a) Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science	Minimum 8 Semesters	Main Campus
	b) Bachelor of Science in Statistics		

S/ NO	PROGRAMME	COURSE DURATION	CAMPUS
7.	c) Bachelor of Science in Electronics	Minimum 8 Semesters	Main Campus
	d) Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology		
	e) Bachelor of Science (Specializing in ONE or TWO of the following disciplines: - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Biochemistry and Mathematics).		
	f) Bachelor of Science in Mathematics		
	g) Bachelor of Information Technology		
	h) Bachelor of Science in Computer Science		
	i) Bachelor of Science in Physics		
	j) Bachelor of Science in Chemistry		
	k) Bachelor of Science in Biology		
8.	a) Diploma in Information Communication Technology		Main, Wote Town, Mtito Andei and Migwani Centre
9.	a) Certificate in Communication Information Technology	Minimum 4 Semesters	Wote Town Campus and Migwani Centre
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS			
10.	a) Doctor of Philosophy in Supply Chain Management	Minimum 3 Years	Kitui Town and Wote Town
	b) Doctor of Philosophy in Project Management		
11.	a) Master of Business Administration (MBA) (Specializing in ONE of the following disciplines: - Accounting, Finance, Human Resources management, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Management Information System, Operations management, Procurement & Supply Chain Management, Risk management & Assurance and International Business Management).	Minimum 4 semesters	Kitui Town and Wote Town
	b) Master of Arts in Economics		
	c) Master of Science in Project Management		
12.	a) Bachelor of Commerce	Minimum 8 Semesters	Kitui Town and Wote Town
	b) Bachelor of Procurement and Supply Chain Management		
	c) Bachelor of Economics		
	d) Bachelor of Project Planning and Management		
	e) Bachelor of Economics and Statistics		
	f) Bachelor of Business and Information Technology (BBIT)		



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S/ NO	PROGRAMME	COURSE DURATION	CAMPUS	S/ NO	PROGRAMME	COURSE DURATION	CAMPUS
<b>SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS</b>							
13.	a) Diploma in Business Management b) Diploma in Sales and Marketing c) Diploma in Supply Chain Management d) Diploma in Human Resources Management e) Diploma in Cooperative Management f) Diploma in Project Management g) Diploma in International Freight Management h) Diploma in Maritime Transport Logistics i) Diploma in Road Transport Management	Minimum 6 Semesters	Main, Kitui Town, Wote Town, Mtito Andei and Migwani Centre	18.	f) Diploma in Entrepreneurial Agricultural g) Diploma in Agricultural Entrepreneurship h) Diploma in Forestry i) Diploma in Petroleum Geo-Science j) Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development k) Diploma in Environmental Science and Technology l) Diploma in Water Technology (Water Supply Option) m) Diploma in Water Technology (Sanitation Option) n) Diploma in Water Technology (Surface Water Option) o) Diploma in Water Technology (Ground Water Option) p) Diploma in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing q) Diploma in Disaster Management	Minimum 6 Semesters	Main Campus and Wote Town
14.	a) Certificate in Human Resources Management b) Certificate in Business Management c) Certificate in Sales and Marketing d) Certificate in Supply Chain Management e) Certificate in Cooperative Management	Minimum 4 Semesters	Main, Kitui Town, Wote Town and Migwani Centre	19.	a) Certificate in Animal Health & Husbandry b) Certificate in Artificial Insemination and Fertility Management c) Certificate in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Audit d) Certificate in Petroleum Geo-Science	Minimum 4 Semesters	Main Campus
<b>SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>							
15.	a) Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Resources Management b) Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Science c) Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics d) Doctor of Philosophy in Watershed Management e) Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Management f) Doctor of Philosophy in Climate Change and Agro-forestry	Minimum 3 Years	Main, Wote Town, Kitui Town and Mtito Andei	20.	a) Doctor of Philosophy in Education with options in: I. Educational Administration, II. Educational Planning and Economics of Education and III. Curriculum Studies	Minimum 3 Years	Main, Wote Town, Kitui Town and Mtito Andei
16.	a) Master of Science in Agricultural Resources Management b) Master of Science in Livestock Production Systems c) Master of Science in Agronomy d) Master of Science in Comparative Mammalian Physiology e) Master of Science in Reproductive Biology f) Master of Science in Agricultural Economics g) Master of Science in Rangeland Resources Management h) Master of Science in Environmental Management i) Master of Science in Climate Change and Agro-forestry j) Master of Science in Aquaculture k) Master of Science in Integrated Water Resources and Watershed Management l) Master of Science in Mineral Exploration and Mining	Minimum 4 Semesters	Main, Wote Town, Kitui Town, Mtito Andei	21.	a) Master of Education with options in: I. Educational Administration, II. Educational Planning, III. Curriculum Studies, IV. Economics of Education and V. Corporate Governance in Education b) Master of Education in Early Childhood Education c) Master of Education in Kiswahili Methods d) Master of Education in Guidance and Counselling	Minimum 4 semesters	Main, Wote Town, Kitui Town and Mtito Andei
17.	a) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with specialization in: I) Dryland Agriculture, II) Dryland Animal Science, III) Horticulture, IV) Agronomy and V) Agricultural Economics b) Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship c) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension d) Bachelor of Science in Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources Management e) Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management f) Bachelor of Science in Forestry g) Bachelor of Science in Hydrology and Water Resources Management h) Bachelor of Science in Fisheries Management and Aquaculture Technology i) Bachelor of Science in Geology j) Bachelor of Science in Meteorology k) Bachelor of Science in Climate Change and Agroforestry	Minimum 8 Semesters	Main Campus	22.	a) Bachelor of Education (Arts): - (English and Literature, Kiswahili, History, Christian Religious Education, Geography, Business Studies, Mathematics) b) Bachelor of Education (Science): - (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geography & Agriculture)	Minimum 8 Semesters	Main, Wote Town, Kitui Town and Mtito Andei
18.	a) Diploma in Animal Health b) Diploma in Apiculture c) Diploma in Crop Protection d) Diploma in Rangeland Management e) Diploma in General Agriculture	Minimum 6 Semesters	Main Campus and Wote Town	23.	a) Diploma in Counselling (Disaster Management and Trauma Counselling option) b) Diploma in Counselling (Guidance and Counselling in Learning Institutions option)	Minimum 6 semesters	Wote Town Campus
<b>SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>							
				24.	a) Doctor of Philosophy in Kiswahili	Minimum 3 Years	Main, Wote Town, Kitui Town and Mtito Andei
				25.	a) Master of Arts in Sociology b) Master of Arts in Linguistics c) Master of Arts in Kiswahili d) Master of Arts in Literature e) Master of Arts in Religious Studies f) Master of Arts in Gender and Development Studies g) Master of Arts in Geography	Minimum 4 semesters	Main, Wote Town, Kitui Town and Mtito Andei
				26.	a) Bachelor of Arts (Specializing in ONE or TWO of the following disciplines: - Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Geography, History, Kiswahili, English, Literature, Economics, Mathematics). b) Bachelor of Arts in Social Work c) Bachelor of Arts in Gender and Development Studies d) Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Social Sciences	Minimum 8 Semesters	Main Campus
				27.	a) Diploma in Social Work and Community Development	Minimum 6 semesters	Main Campus, Wote Town, Mtito Andei and Migwani Centre
				28.	a) Certificate in Social Work and Community Development	Minimum 4 Semesters	Wote Town



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<b>SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>			
28	b) Certificate in African Languages Learning	Minimum 1 Semesters	Main Campus
<b>SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY</b>			
29.	a) Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	Minimum 10 Semesters	Main Campus
	b) Bachelor of Science in Electrical & Electronics Engineering		
	c) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering		
	d) Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering		
	e) Bachelor of Science in Textile Technology & Applied Fashion Design		
30.	a) Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Power Option)	Minimum 6 Semesters	Main Campus
	b) Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Plant Option)		
	c) Diploma in Civil Engineering		
	d) Diploma in Quantity Surveying		
	e) Diploma in Agricultural Engineering		
	f) Diploma in Building Technology		
	g) Diploma in Architecture		
	h) Diploma in Fashion & Design		
31.	a) Certificate in Fashion Design & Garment Making	Minimum 4 Semesters	Main Campus
<b>SCHOOL OF LAW</b>			
32.	a) Bachelor of Laws	Minimum 8 Semesters	Main Campus

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- Doctor of Philosophy:** Master's Degree from a recognized university in areas of specialization relevant to the programme.
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# Slum upgrade project is restoring dignity for 50,000 Nyeri residents

BY WANGARI MWANGI (KNA)

Ruth Wachira (*pictured*) comfortably turns on a water tap outside her modest wooden house in Chorong'i, a colonial village in Nyeri town.

For someone who had depended on the goodwill of her neighbours to access the precious commodity, it would have been difficult to convince the grandmother of four that she would one day enjoy the simple joys of having piped water in her compound.

Ruth is one of the 26 direct beneficiaries of Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Program (KISIP) in Chorong'i village.

The program, which is in its second phase, is hinged on promoting dignified living for inhabitants of informal settlements by addressing systemic challenges like the lack of secure land tenure, inadequate infrastructure, and limited socio-economic opportunities.

Besides access to amenities such as piped water, its beneficiaries like Ruth are enjoying murram roads network linking the villages to the main road. But the biggest upgrade yet is her promotion from being a squatter to a holder of the title deed for the 40x80 parcel of land she has been residing in for close to 20 years, something she says.

To empower herself, Ruth recently acquired a dairy goat which provides milk for her family complementing the farm produce she harvests from the kitchen garden around her house.

"Life as a squatter comes with numerous insecurities and challenges. For one, you cannot make any sound investment or development decision due to lack of security of land tenure but now that title deed has given me some sense of belonging. I can walk into a bank or micro-finance and take up a loan and embark on a development project,"



she says.

Ruth is not alone. A few kilometres away in Kiamwathi – another colonial village in Nyeri town – Stephen Maathai, a beneficiary of KISIP narrates how the upgrade program has changed the outlook of the village and its inhabitants.

For Maathai, the expansion and murraming of roads has made his village more passable especially during the rainy season. Additionally, he notes that since the installation of the high-mast security light popularly known as mulika mwizi, the crime rate in the village has significantly reduced.

"The mulika mwizi has really improved our security especially at night. Those who work in town do not have to worry about their security at night when they return home from work because the place is well lit. Also, we no longer hear of cases of break-ins or theft of poultry which were very common in this area before," Maathai says.

It is not just security that has improved but residents are also enjoying some economic benefits from the improved lighting, he said.

According to him, improved lighting has increased the operating hours for the business community in the village with more business opening up.

"The grocery shops now operate till late at night and we have new ones coming up thanks to the security lights," he says.

Further away in Mweiga where the county government has been constructing a series of storm drainage systems to complement the road network, the residents

cannot hide their joy.

The area is prone to flooding due to the gradient and the residents say that with drainage trenches they are no longer worried about flooding during the rainy season.

"First, gaining access to this area during emergencies was an uphill task but through the KISIP project, our road network has improved significantly. They have also constructed drainage trenches, so we are no longer worried about the rainwater flooding our houses like it previously used to happen whenever there was a heavy downpour," Lucy Muthoni, a resident of Mweiga said.

Beatrice Koech, the County Project Coordinator, says that in Nyeri County the upgrade program will dignify the lives of more than 50,000 inhabitants of five colonial villages. She is quick to note that once complete the impact will be felt by communities neighboring the five villages.

"For instance, the roads that we are constructing will serve the people inside and outside these settlements, so the benefits go beyond the five colonial villages," she says.

Ms Koech also notes that the program is building on the achievements of the first phase which mostly addressed the systemic challenges in informal settlements such as lack of secure land tenure.

She says that the focus of the second phase will be to improve the livelihoods of the beneficiaries by addressing issues such as inadequate infrastructure and eliminating factors that limit them from accessing socio-economic opportunities.

BY PURITY MUGO, KNA.

Plastic waste continues to pose a significant threat to environmental conservation across the globe, with millions of tons ending up in the environment despite numerous recycling efforts.

However, an innovative initiative by a Murang'a-based engineer is offering a promising solution to this growing crisis.

James Muritu, a software and hardware engineer by profession, has developed a groundbreaking method to convert plastic waste into fuel – specifically, diesel.

His innovation, which took over two years of research and another 18 months of rigorous experimentation, is already gaining national recognition.

"Setting up the system was costly because I had to fund the research and build the production infrastructure myself. The project is capital-intensive, and meeting all the compliance requirements, including certifications, was a major challenge," he explained.

Based in Kenol town, Murang'a County, Muritu says he began his project during a period of surging fuel prices in Kenya.

To him, it was an alternative energy source.

"After fine-tuning the process of making fuel, I registered my company, Progreen, in mid-2023 and began trading in 2024 following a lengthy certification process," he added.

Although his diesel has been certified by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), it is currently used primarily in industrial machinery.

"I have identified a niche in the industrial sector where fuel costs are high and many manufacturers have welcomed this alternative as a cost-cutting solution," he said.

His innovation earned him a KEBS award in 2024 for the "Most Innovative Diesel Prod-

## Murang'a innovator converts plastic waste into clean diesel



1: Eng. James Muritu at his workshop in Kenol, Murang'a town displays the machinery he uses to convert plastic waste into diesel.

2: some of the waste plastics that James Muritu has acquired for recycling into diesel

uct" of the year.

Currently, Muritu produces about 4,000 litres of diesel monthly, which he supplies to a major manufacturer. With additional funding, he says the plant could upscale up to 50,000 litres per month, significantly boosting availability and impact.

Looking ahead, Muritu intends to expand into petrol production. He is currently pi-



luting petrol with 50 consumers and once fully certified, he plans to target the mass market, including boda boda riders and small-scale farmers who rely on machinery.

Since launching the recycling initiative, Muritu estimates that his operation has processed over 80,000 tonnes of plastic waste, diverting it from landfills and waterways.

"When converted into carbon rating, this amounts to 200 tons of carbon emissions. This is plastic waste that could have ended up in rivers or been burnt in the open air, releasing harmful greenhouse gases. Instead, we're converting it into something useful," he noted.

To ensure an eco-friendly process, Muritu has installed a gas scrubbing system that eliminates emissions from the production process, further protecting the atmosphere.

Beyond plastics, Muritu also repurposes organic waste to produce eco-friendly heating blocks made from dried and ground bio-waste, including avocado processing residue and household organic garbage collected by local waste collectors which he uses to power his furnace.

He uses the residue left after plastic conversion as a binding agent for the blocks.

"Currently, I am using waste from an avocado processing plant that produces oil and has no proper disposal method. They bring it to me and we also dry, grind, and mix organic waste from garbage collectors to make the bricks," Muritu said. He aims to scale up block production to at least 80 tons per month and target local tea factories, which still rely heavily on firewood, noting that the heating blocks could help reduce deforestation and promote sustainable energy use.

Muritu believes his model provides a sustainable and scalable solution for waste management.

## Kenya leads regional push to curb illicit medicines

BY JUDY SIRIMA  
(PCO)

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) has called for an urgent, collective action across East Africa to tackle the growing threat of counterfeit and illegally traded health products.

Speaking during the opening of the Operation African Star II workshop in Nairobi, PPB Chief Executive Officer Dr. Fred M. Siyo warned that the proliferation of falsified, diverted, and unregulated medicines continues to endanger lives, destabilize health systems, and erode public confidence.

"The illicit trade in health products is a

transnational crisis that thrives on regulatory gaps and weak coordination. It cannot be tackled in isolation – we must move as one," he said, adding that Kenya champions a digital response to strengthen pharmaceutical supply chain integrity.

The PPB boss highlighted Kenya's pilot of the Pharmaceutical Authentication and Traceability Program (PATP) as a transformative tool in the fight against substandard and falsified medical products.

The digital platform enables real-time tracking of medicines from manufacturing to end-user, using AI-powered systems to detect counterfeits and enable rapid

enforcement action, including recalls.

"PATP gives regulators a full view of the supply chain. It's not just about spotting fakes – it's about building a system that's transparent, responsive, and patient-focused," Dr. Siyo noted.

PATP forms part of a broader strategy to roll out a regional track and trace system, aligned with international standards, to secure supply chains, improve regulatory vigilance, and protect patients across East Africa.

Mathew Nice, from the INCB Secretariat, emphasized the critical role of coordinated enforcement in curbing pharmaceutical crimes.

"Multi-agency col-

laboration both international and national is essential in tackling illicit health products. We must prioritize intelligence sharing, capacity building, digital monitoring, enhanced investigations, and the strategic use of INCB's IONICS system to support real-time alerts and coordinated responses," he said.

The two-day workshop brought together key regional and international partners including Uganda's National Drug Authority, USAID-OIG, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), GS1, and Novartis.

Participants discussed the development of co-

ordinated, cross-border strategies to detect and disrupt illicit pharmaceutical activity.

Dr. Siyo referenced the impact of Operation African Star I, held in June 2024, which successfully intercepted falsified medicines trafficked via small courier parcels – a success he attributed to improved intelligence-sharing and joint enforcement among East African agencies.

He stressed that the success of PATP and similar efforts hinges on regional collaboration.

"Regulators, logistics players, ICT partners, manufacturers, and patients must work together. A siloed approach will fail," he said.

Calling for harmonized

regulatory frameworks and joint field exercises, Dr. Siyo urged delegates to prioritize the establishment of shared data platforms that can trigger real-time alerts and trace suspicious products before they reach vulnerable populations.

"Let us protect lives, restore trust in our health systems, and take decisive, united action against the illicit medicine trade," he said.

As the region confronts increasing pharmaceutical-related crime, Kenya's leadership in embracing digital innovation and promoting a unified response may prove critical in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of millions across East Africa.

# Ministry, KNLS to strengthen reading culture in schools

BY BRIAN MUTUA, MYGOV

The Ministry of Gender, Culture, and Children Services through the Kenya National Library Service has prioritised expanding access to knowledge and strengthening a reading culture nationwide.

According to the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry Ms Hannah Cheptumo, through the virtual library dubbed vtabu run by the Kenya National Library Services (KNLS), the ministry has provided information materials to thousands of Kenyans, regardless of their location.

"This commitment is guided by our conviction that equitable access to information and literacy is a right, not a privilege. Whether in rural villages or urban centres, every child deserves the opportunity to discover the joy and power of reading," Ms Cheptumo noted.

Speaking during celebrations to mark the National Reading Day at the KNLS Maktaba Kuu Headquarters at Uperhill in Nairobi she said, "When you open a book, you are opening a door to your own potential. You are investing in yourself, and no investment is more valuable. Reading can give you courage when you feel uncertain, knowledge when you feel unprepared, and hope when you feel discouraged".

In a world of constant screens and instant information, the CS noted, it is easy to lose sight of the deeper engagement that reading demands.

"Yet it is precisely this focus and reflection that

makes reading so important, adding, even fifteen minutes a day can lay the groundwork for a lifetime of learning and discovery," she added.

"As a ministry, we are fully committed to supporting initiatives that promote literacy, cultural expression, and the creative industries. We will continue to invest in expanding library infrastructure, strengthening digital platforms, and training communities in digital literacy in alignment with our national development goals and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda," the CS said.

She added, "Today, as we celebrate National Reading Day, let this gathering be more than a ceremonial moment. Let it be the start of a renewed commitment; within our families, our schools, and our communities, to value reading as a daily practice that enriches all aspects of life".

Speaking during the ceremony, the KNLS Director General Dr. Charles Nzivo said this year's theme, "Empowering Minds, Shaping the Future", speaks directly to the mission of the KNLS.

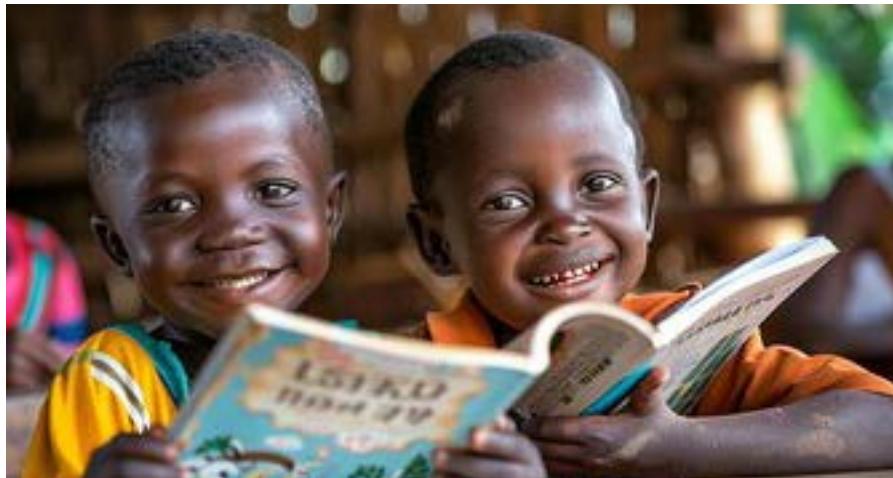
"As Kenya National Library Service, we are re-thinking how reading culture evolves in a dynamic world. Today's libraries are more than bookshelves, they are safe spaces for innovation, mental wellness, economic empowerment, and digital access.

Dr Nzivo commended authors and publishers for being the architects of Kenya's intellectual heritage, adding, "Your voices shape stories that edu-

cate, inspire, and preserve our cultural identity".

The DG said the KNLS will remain committed to providing inclusive spaces and accessible resources that support literacy, lifelong learning, and personal growth for all Kenyans.

Speaking during the event, the KNLS Board Chairman Bishop Robert Theuri




## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CIVIL WORKS

### THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA CONSTRUCTION OF SAMATAR – WAJIR (A13) ROAD Tender No. KeNHA/2890/2025

1. The Government of Kenya has obtained financing from Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), Saudi Fund for Economic Development (SFD) and Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payment under a contract for the Construction of Samatar – Wajir (A13) Road (90km).
2. The Samatar – Wajir (A13) Road is located in Wajir County in the North-eastern part of Kenya. The road forms part of the 740km Isiolo – Mandera road linking Kenya to the Somalia border. The road starts at Kanchara shopping centre which is approximately 255km from A2 junction at Isiolo and 65km from Modogashe and terminates at Wajir town at the intersection of B96 (Wajir – Gerille road) and A14 (Wajir – Griffu – Moyale road).
3. The Works consist of upgrading of the 90km existing road to a bituminised, two-lane single carriageway rural road, including bridges and box culverts. The Works comprise of:
  - i. Site clearance..... 567 hectares
  - ii. Earthworks..... 2,930,611 m<sup>3</sup>
  - iii. Improved subgrade material ..... 900,000m<sup>3</sup>
  - iv. natural material sub-base..... 209,000m<sup>3</sup>
  - v. natural gravel base material..... 168,000m<sup>3</sup>
  - vi. Asphalt concrete binder course surfacing..... 65,000m<sup>3</sup>
  - vii. Reinforced concrete bridge (100m long) ..... 1 no.
  - viii. Reinforced concrete box culverts ..... 30 no.
  - ix. Concrete pipe culverts..... 104no.
  - x. Bus bays, road markings, road signages, guardrails and landscaping
4. The Kenya National Highways Authority, KeNHA, being an authorized agent of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, now invites eligible Construction firms to indicate their interest for the contract for upgrading of the above-named road.
5. Interested firms **must** provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Works **in accordance to the prequalification Document**.
6. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Saudi Fund, OFID, Kuwait Fund and BADEA's procedures which is available on the Funds' websites.
7. African, Arab or African-Arab associated Contractors are encouraged to express their interest.
8. A 5% margin of preference shall be applied to the African, Arab or African-Arab associated Contractors.
9. The Tender shall be awarded only to prequalified Contractors under this Expression of Interest. Borrowers are under no obligation to shortlist any firm who expresses interest.
10. EOI must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the assignment title & Tender No and deposited or addressed to the:

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

11. so as to be received on or before **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 1100hrs local time** and thereafter opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives.
12. Interested firms may obtain further information at the address given below during office hours (weekdays from 0800hr to 1700hr local time, excluding public holidays).

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

13. Electronic submission is **NOT** permitted. Late Expressions of Interests shall be rejected.
14. Interested Contractors are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority's website [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)  
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## Lamu launches first intensive care unit

BY AMENYA OCHIENG  
(KNA)

Lamu County has launched its first ever Intensive Care Unit (ICU) facility at the King Fahd Hospital, a move that is expected to reduce numerous referrals to other facilities, especially the already congested Makadara Coast General Hospital in Mombasa.

The ICU features three adult and two pediatric beds, expected to ensure patients no longer need to be referred

to Mombasa or Kilifi Counties for life-saving interventions.

Additionally, the hospital has also installed a modern 128-slice CT scanner, replacing the older 64-slice version.

The scanner is set to offer faster and more accurate diagnostics and allow clinicians to make timely, informed decisions.

The new equipment was acquired under the National Equipment Support Program and alongside it, the hos-

pital has also installed and will now operate its own oxygen generating plant using PSA technology, eliminating the need to transport oxygen cylinders from Mombasa.

Speaking during the launch, Health CS Aden Duale stated that the new ICU facility and equipment reflect the national and county government's commitment towards ensuring universal healthcare coverage is realized across the country for all Kenyans.



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### VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF POLITICAL PARTIES

#### THE POLITICAL PARTIES ACT, CAP 7D

Pursuant to Section 33, 34 and 34A of the Political Parties Act, CAP 7D, the Public Service Commission invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the following positions:

#### 1. REGISTRAR OF POLITICAL PARTIES - ONE (1) POST

##### Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this position, a candidate must:

- (i) hold a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (ii) have proven knowledge and experience in any of the following fields;
  - a) Finance;
  - b) Management;
  - c) Political science;
  - d) Law;
  - e) Governance; or
  - f) Public Administration;
- (iii) have at least fifteen (15) years post qualification experience in the relevant areas of expertise; and
- (iv) have high moral character and integrity and has satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

##### Functions of the Registrar

The functions of the Registrar of Political Parties shall be to:

- (i) register, regulate, monitor, investigate and supervise political parties to ensure compliance with the Act;
- (ii) administer the Fund;
- (iii) ensure publication of audited annual accounts of political parties;
- (iv) verify and make publicly available the list of all members of political parties;
- (v) Keep and maintain a register of members of registered political parties;
- (vi) maintain a register of political parties and the symbols of the political parties;
- (vii) ensure and verify that no person is a member of more than one political party and notify the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission of the findings;
- (viii) certify that an independent candidate in an election is not a member of any registered political party
- (ix) certify that the symbol intended to be used by an independent candidate in an election does not resemble the symbol of a registered political party
- (x) certify that the names appearing in a party list are the names of members of the political party presenting the party list;
- (xi) regulate political party nominations in accordance with the Political Parties Act;
- (xii) train political party election agents upon the request and financing by the political party;
- (xiii) investigate complaints received under the Act; and
- (xiv) perform any such other functions as may be conferred by the Act or any other written law.

#### 2. ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF POLITICAL PARTIES – ONE (1) POST

##### Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this position, a candidate must:

- (i) hold a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (ii) have proven knowledge and experience in any of the following fields
  - a) Finance;
  - b) Management;
  - c) Political Science;
  - d) Law;
  - e) Governance; or
  - f) Public Administration;
- (iii) have at least ten (10) years post qualification experience in the relevant areas of expertise; and
- (iv) have high moral character and integrity and has satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

The Assistant Registrar of Political Parties shall deputize the Registrar of Political Parties in the functions of the office.

##### DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

A person shall not be qualified for appointment as a Registrar or Assistant Registrar if the person has, at any time within the preceding five years, held office or stood for election as a Member of Parliament or a county assembly or a member of a governing body of a political party;

##### INTERESTED APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT:

- (i) The office of the Registrar shall be a State Office within the meaning of Article 260 of the Constitution;
- (ii) The salary and benefits for these positions have been determined by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission;
- (iii) The Registrar and Assistant Registrars shall serve for a non-renewable term of six (6) years and shall not be eligible for re-appointment;
- (iv) The Public Service Commission is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution - Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED AND THE MINORITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**
- (v) Beware of fraudsters soliciting for bribes from the public while masquerading as Commission staff. Public Service Commission does not charge any fee for job applications, shortlisting, interviews or appointments;
- (vi) The names of shortlisted candidates shall be published in the print media;
- (vii) Shortlisted candidates will be required to present originals of the following documents during the interviews:
  - (a) National Identity Card;
  - (b) Academic and Professional Certificates and transcripts;
  - (c) Any other supporting documents and testimonials; and
  - (d) Clearances from the following bodies:
    - (i) Kenya Revenue Authority;
    - (ii) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
    - (iii) Higher Education Loans Board;
    - (iv) Any of the Registered Credit Reference Bureaus;
    - (v) Directorate of Criminal Investigations (**Police Clearance Certificate**);
  - (e) Letter of recognition of qualifications from the Commission for University Education (CUE) for any degree obtained from foreign university; and
  - (f) Recommendations from relevant professional bodies (**where applicable**).
- (viii) It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.

##### MODE OF APPLICATION

- (a) Applications should be submitted, together with a detailed curriculum vitae, a copy of ID/Passport, copies of academic and professional certificates and transcripts, testimonials and any other relevant supporting documents.
- (b) Applicants should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application. Details of academic and professional certificates not obtained by closure of the advert should not be included.
- (c) Applications should be clearly marked: -

**"Application for Registrar of Political Parties" OR "Application for Assistant Registrar of Political Parties"**

- (i) Hand delivery:

**Office of the Secretary/CEO  
Public Service Commission, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Commission House,  
Harambee Avenue,  
NAIROBI.**

- (ii) Online applications should be submitted in **PDF Format** via e-mail to **registrarpp2025@publicservice.go.ke**

- (iii) Post Office in ordinary or registered mail to:

**The Secretary/CEO  
Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 30095 - 00100  
NAIROBI.**

All applications should be received on or before **05 August, 2025 (latest by 5.00 p.m. EAT)**

**NB. This advertisement can also be accessed on the Commission's website [www.publicservice.go.ke](http://www.publicservice.go.ke)**

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## Kenya secures global market

BY ROSELYNE KAVOO (PCO)

Kenya has secured a 46 per cent global gross domestic product (GDP) market access through various trade agreements.

Acting Director of External Trade Joseah Rotich has said the various trade agreements Kenya has entered into have opened vast markets globally.

He emphasized the need for Kenyan producers and manufacturers to leverage on these trade pacts

to boost exports and drive economic growth.

"Now that we have secured these markets, we need to put in place strategies to access them by increasing our production capacity and diversifying our products to enhance competitiveness," he said in Nairobi when he officiated a two-day sensitization workshop for Kenya's National Implementation Committee (NIC) on the AfCFTA implementation strategy.

These agreements in-

clude the Kenya-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), the Kenya-UK EPA, the Kenya-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the East African Community (EAC).

Rotich termed the AfCFTA as a landmark agree-

ment with the potential to industrialize Africa, noting that a strong NIC is essential for effective implementation of the continental agreement.

"The AfCFTA implementation strategy is the first strategy tied to a particular agreement, and it will provide a road map on how Kenya can access the African market. For the strategy to succeed the NIC must be equipped with the necessary tools for implementation," he added.

The acting director stated that AfCFTA seeks to only increase intra-Africa trade but also enhance

regional integration and underscored the need for Kenya to capitalize on the agreement by trading with the other 54 member states.

For Kenya to fully optimize on the agreement Rotich highlighted agriculture, livestock and fisheries, manufacturing, mining, handicrafts, oil and gas as some of the priority export sectors for products particularly targeting markets in Central and West Africa.

He also highlighted business, tourism, education, cultural and sports services, ICT, transport

and logistics as key service sectors with potential under the trade pact.

Speaking at the same workshop, Kenya Association of Manufacturer's (KAM) Head of Policy and Regulatory Advocacy Miriam Bomet said sensitization of the NIC is key to comprehensively equip members with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement the AfCFTA.

"A fully informed NIC with all members understanding the implementation strategy is crucial for Kenya to utilize the continental market," she said.

## Gabra and Dasanach communities agree to coexist peacefully



**Internal security and national administration PS Dr. Raymond Omollo speaking at Illeret ward of Marsabit county after witnessing the signing of a peace agreement between the Gabra and Dasanach communities, which resolved to end long existing rivalry and coexist in harmony.**

BY SEBASTIAN MIRITI,  
KNA

The Dasanach and Gabra communities of North Horr Constituency in Marsabit County have signed a peace accord ending nearly a century of inter-community hostilities in a landmark move to attain lasting peace.

In a historic reconciliation effort witnessed by the Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration Dr. Raymond Omollo, members of the Dasanach and Gabra communities gathered at Illeret Ward headquarters to formally end nearly 160 years of enduring hostilities.

The peace accord, which follows generations of repeated clashes, bloodshed, and deep-seated mistrust, marked a transformative milestone in Marsabit County's peacebuilding journey, ushering in a new era of unity, shared prosperity, and coexistence, said Dr Omollo.

He noted that the rivalry and hatred

between the two pastoralist communities has been costly as lives and property, including livestock have been lost.

The PS lauded the homegrown solution to the persistent insecurity problem and appealed to the two groups to ensure that the newly found peace and unity is maintained.

He commended the key role played by the local Catholic Church and non-governmental organizations like the Pastoralist Community Initiative Development and Assistance (PACIDA), Caritas - Marsabit, Community Initiative Facilitation and Assistance (CIFA) and Interpeace in building friendship and trust among members of the two communities.

The PS expressed optimism that the newly established cordial coexistence between the two communities, which has the full backing of elders, youth and women, would last in order to foster development and safeguard

lives and property.

The PS, who was accompanied by the Regional Commissioner Paul Rotich, Marsabit County Commissioner James Kamau, Marsabit Deputy Governor Solomon Gubo and the MP Wario Ade, noted that women and children always bear the brunt in times of insecurity.

Announcing the operationalization of the recently gazetted Illeret Sub-County, Dr. Omollo said his office is working out modalities on how the necessary administrative infrastructure including offices and security stations can be developed.

Authorities are in talks with the area Member of Parliament to explore support from the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) with the aim of fast-tracking the initiative.

Principal Secretary Dr. Raymond Omollo urged Kenyans to prioritize the common good and uphold the rule of law, calling on citizens to reject acts of lawlessness that threaten peace.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT AND CALL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Pursuant to Section 116 (1) and (2) (b) of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, Cap. 376 and Section 5(3) and Section 8(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap. 2A Laws of Kenya, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife notifies the public that the Ministry has developed the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025 and its attendant Regulatory Impact Statement.

In compliance with the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act and the Statutory Instruments Act, the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife invites tourism and wildlife industry stakeholders, members of the public and all interested parties to submit their comments, views and input on the aforesaid Regulations and the Regulatory Impact Statement. The Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025 provide for fees payable for access and conservation of national parks, national reserves, national marine parks, national marine reserves and national sanctuaries.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on the Regulations contains detailed information on the anticipated impact of the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025.

The Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025 and the Regulatory Impact Statement can be accessed in the ministry website [www.tourism.go.ke](http://www.tourism.go.ke) and the Kenya Wildlife Service website [www.kws.go.ke](http://www.kws.go.ke). Physical copies of the documents can be accessed free of charge at all the offices of Kenya Wildlife Service-managed national parks, reserves, stations and sanctuaries country wide.

The Ministry shall also hold public forums to discuss the documents. The consultations are scheduled to be held as follows:-

No.	REGION	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
01	Homa Bay	Tom Mboya University Hall	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
02	Kisumu	Tom Mboya Hall	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
03	Kitale	Kitale Polytechnic Hall	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
04	Eldoret	Uasin Gishu County Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
05	Nakuru	Nakuru County Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
06	Machakos	Machakos University Hall	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
07	Marsabit	Marsabit National Park-Museum Hall	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
08	Meru	Imenti North CDF Hall	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
09	Chogoria	Chogoria Social Hall	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
10	Nanyuki	CDF Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
11	Embu	Kenya School of Government	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
12	Nyeri	Nyeri Cultural Center	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
13	Hola	Hola Primary School	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
14	Lamu	Mwanarafa Hall (Lamu Island)	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
15	Watamu	Turtle Bay Beach Club Hotel	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	9.00 am
16	Mombasa	Mombasa Beach Hotel	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
17	Ukunda	County Social Hall - Bongwe	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
18	Voi	Dan Mwazo Hall	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
19	Wote	Wote Green Park Social Hall	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am
20	Nairobi	Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) (Amphitheatre)	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9.00 am

Written submissions on the documents should be sent in the format below:

PART IN THE REGULATION	SECTION IN DRAFT REGULATION	PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION	JUSTIFICATION AND RATIONALE
E.g Part II			

Written submissions should be sent to [rates@kws.go.ke](mailto:rates@kws.go.ke) or hand delivered to the address provided below no later than fourteen days (14) from the date of publication of this notice addressed to:

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## Restoring our forests

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## ENVIRONMENT

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Initiative ensures that residents have clean environment

## REFORESTATION

# Restoring our forests, one tree at a time

The Government is committed to increasing the country's forest cover through the 15 billion tree campaign

**T**hey say the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, and the second best time is now.

Kenya has seized the moment with purpose and urgency, turning today's tree seedlings into tomorrow's shades as the Government leads efforts to plant 15 billion trees to reverse the effects of climate change.

The tree-planting programme is at the centre of Kenya's national development agenda, with the Government weaving it into its various projects in the different sectors, from agriculture to infrastructure, energy, education and health.

This strategic fusion of climate action in the development agenda, initiated by President William Ruto's administration, reflects the Government's unwavering commitment to building a climate-resilient economy.

Climate change, while it appears to be only an environmental problem, burdens other sectors like health, infrastructure and local and international supply chains.

The forest restoration project, which kicked off in earnest on December 21, 2022 after a presidential launch at Ngong Forest, targets to plant 15 billion trees by 2032, thus restoring 10.6 million hectares of degraded forests and rangelands.

More importantly, the programme aims to increase the national tree cover to 30 per cent from the current 12 per cent.

It is the biggest forest restoration programme in Kenya's history.

To support this ambitious drive, the Government has established seed centres across the country as well as partnered with various stakeholders to accelerate seedling production and tree planting.

A major boost, however, has come with the adoption of a whole-of-government approach, with each Ministry, Department and Agency assigned a specific forest or degraded landscape to restore.

**INFOBOX****Why Kenya is planting trees**

- **Reversedeforestation and land degradation: Tree planting helps restore these ecosystems, improve soil fertility, and reduce erosion.**
- **Tree planting helps restore ecosystems, improve soil fertility and reduce erosion**
- **Trees absorb carbon dioxide, making them powerful tools for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.**
- **Ecosystem restoration: By restoring forest cover, Kenya aims to stabilise its water cycle, reduce drought impacts and safeguard biodiversity in fragile ecosystems**
- **Economic empowerment and job creation: The tree-planting campaign has created hundreds of green jobs.**
- **Kenya is positioning itself to benefit from carbon markets, where it can sell carbon credits to countries and companies seeking to offset emissions.**

**President William Ruto leads a tree planting drive in 2022.**

President Ruto, Cabinet Secretaries and other senior officials have planted trees at public functions and various institutions as part of the Government policy.

The first phase of the project, which runs until 2027 and targets to plant five billion trees, has recorded great success, with about 800 million trees planted so far, according to the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry.

The second phase, which ends in 2032, will see up to 10 billion trees planted to achieve the overall target.

"Climate change is a reality we live with every day. This is why we stopped all other business today to plant trees. We must look for a solution to climate change, and the solution is planting and growing trees," the President said when he launched the initiative.

To monitor progress of tree planting, the Government has embraced digital tools, in particular Jaza Miti App.

The app allows users to document tree-planting activities by recording the number, species and location of trees planted.

One also can upload photos and monitor the survival and growth of their trees over time.

President Ruto has expressed concern over the escalating impacts of climate change, which have significant posed threats to the country.

The President, who chairs the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), notes that across the globe, greenhouse gas emissions are still on the rise.

"Pollution patterns are veering in an alarming direction and biodiversity is confronted with escalating threats along with the risk of an accelerating rate of loss," he said during the Sixth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, UNEA-6, at Gigiri in Nairobi in 2024.

Apart from restoring the environment, the 15 billion trees programme has created hundreds of jobs for the youth and women, including through the sale of seedlings as well as the planting and taking care of the plants.

So, how does tree planting help in reversing climate change effects?

First, trees isolate and absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, therefore, reducing emissions as they store the carbon in the leaves and soil and release oxygen into the atmosphere.

Studies show that broadleaved tree species like oak and beech do the job much better as their large leaf surfaces generate more photosynthesis, while conifers absorb more heat.

Further, trees help in stabilising land by preventing soil erosion thus boosting fertility besides mitigating pollution and evaporation of moisture.

And by planting trees, one can also engage in carbon credit trading. Carbon credits represent the reduction of one tonne of carbon dioxide and are sold in the international market.

George Wara, an ecosystem conservator at the Kenya Forest Service, notes that trees also act as water catchment areas by holding moisture, therefore, attracting rainfall whose water supply sustains plant and animal life, increases agricultural production and thus food security.

The tree initiative is anchored in Kenya's National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) 2023-2027 and the second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which outline bold targets that include a 35 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2035.

NCCAP guides the country's transition towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient development pathway, aligning Kenya's commitments under the Paris Agreement and the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

NCCAP identifies eight priority sectors that are central to the country's climate resilience and low-carbon development goals.

These sectors are disaster risk management, food and nutrition security, water, fisheries and blue economy, forestry, wildlife and tourism, health, sanitation and human settlements, manufacturing, energy and transport and children and youth.

Under forestry, the plan prioritises reforestation, biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism, with Kenya seeking to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation while restoring habitats and supporting tree-growing enterprises that benefit local communities. ■



### KAWI SAFI NYUMBANI

Project seeks to ensure residents use clean energy for cooking and lighting



### MAJI NYUMBANI

Residents get access to clean water for domestic and agricultural use

Initiative is an example of how we can restore degraded landscapes and boost livelihoods

**S**ituated in Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Kaptagat Forest is one of Kenya's most important natural resources.

The over 32,000 hectare (ha) forest is part of the Elgeyo Hills-Cherangany Ecosystem, making it a vital carbon sink and a source of livelihood for residents.

The forest serves as a major water catchment area, feeding rivers and streams that supply water to Eldoret City, surrounding towns and agricultural areas.

Being a forest, the resource helps to regulate the local climate, support biodiversity and it provides cultural and spiritual value to local communities.

Its importance, however, spreads beyond the environment. The Kaptagat Forest area has a rich sporting heritage, which blends with its ecological importance.

The landscape is home to about eight different communities that rely on the region for water, wood-based goods and agriculture.

Kaptagat is internationally recognised as a high-altitude training ground for elite athletes, including marathon icons like Eliud Kipchoge.

However, despite its importance, the forest has faced significant degradation over the years arising from human activities. These include illegal logging,

charcoal production, overgrazing and human encroachment which have led to the loss of approximately 35 per cent of the forest cover.

According to WWF, one of the supporters of the restoration project, the "steep terrain and soil characteristics of the area exacerbate these pressures as the largely treeless farmland is highly vulnerable to degradation."

The degradation has led to the drying of streams, loss of biodiversity and human suffering.

In response to the crisis, the Government, in collaboration with environmental conservation organisations like WWF and local communities, started the Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Programme.

The project, which is in its ninth year, aims to restore the forest through reforestation, promote sustainable livelihoods and engage communities in conservation.

Through the years, the initiative has restored

some 2,765 hectares of degraded forest area and distributed over 300,000 high-value avocado trees to forest adjacent communities.

The programme is in line with the President William Ruto's clarion call to mitigate the effects of climate

change by planting  
15 billion  
trees



to achieve a tree cover of more than 30 per cent by 2032.

The Kaptagat environmental initiative has introduced eco-friendly farming practices such as the cultivation of tea, avocados and coffee to reduce reliance on forests.

It also supports the use of biogas to reduce reliance on firewood and encourages the adoption of high-yielding dairy animals to improve agricultural productivity.

The initiative has four elements that give it a unified approach. First, "Pesa Mfukoni" enhances household incomes through livestock breed improvement and cash crop farming on one acre, while "Kawi Safi Nyumbani" promotes clean energy use through biogas and solar

lighting at the household level.

Similarly, "Maji Nyumbani" gives residents access to clean water for domestic and agricultural use through borehole drilling, dam construction and solarisation. Lastly, "Mazingira Safi" enhances climate action through on-farm carbon projects, forest block fencing and restoration of degraded catchments.

"We are calling it one cow, one acre and one cash crop so that in each family, we are improving the breed of the animals, there is a cash crop and there is green energy. We will do an exhibition later in the year. Tulisema "Pesa Mfukoni", so we have to take the people to the market. We want to see true empowerment of the communities," said

Dr Chris Kiptoo (pictured), the Treasury Principal Secretary, who is also the patron of the initiative, when he officially kicked off the current restoration drive in April.

This phase targets to restore 500 hectares of the forest ecosystem.

It is part of the 10-year Kaptagat Integrated Restoration and Livelihoods Improvement Programme, which is themed "Delivering a 10-year vision through a one km, one acre, one cow initiative."

Over 28,000 households have benefited from the programme, getting alternative income sources, therefore, reducing pressure on forest resources.

The Kaptagat Forest's restoration initiative has emerged as a model for integrated environmental management in Kenya. It illustrates how ecological restoration and community empowerment can be harmonised to achieve a lasting impact. ■

# Kaptagat Forest rehabilitation model sets the pace



## Achievements of the past eight editions of the initiative

1 <sup>st</sup> EDITION	2 <sup>nd</sup> EDITION	3 <sup>rd</sup> EDITION	4 <sup>th</sup> EDITION	5 <sup>th</sup> EDITION	6 <sup>th</sup> EDITION	7 <sup>th</sup> EDITION	8 <sup>th</sup> EDITION
27th June 2017	29th June 2018	20th July 2019	26th June 2020	23rd June 2021	15th July 2022	1st July 2023	13th July 2024
50 hectares 60,000 assorted indigenous tree seedlings	15 hectares 18,000 assorted indigenous tree seedlings 20,000 avocado tree seedlings (100 ha)	40 hectares 48,000 assorted indigenous tree seedlings	118 hectares 20,000 bamboo seedlings 126,000 assorted indigenous tree seedlings	185.4 hectares 222,480 assorted indigenous tree seedlings 3,000 avocado tree seedlings (15 ha)	480.8 hectares 576,960 tree seedlings 40,000 avocado seedlings (200 ha)	436 hectares 479,600 assorted indigenous seedlings 505 hectares 100,000 avocado seedlings	511.85 hectares 50,000 (avocado seedlings) 30,000 tea plants 2,500 coffee plants 35 cross-breed heifers Etio Dam launched Yogot Dam commissioned 1 borehole launched
Location: Bombo, Sabor	Location: Kittany, Sabor	Location: Kapchesoo, Sabor	Location: Kessup, Kaptagat, Kipkabus, Penon & Sabor forest blocks	Location: Kessup, Kaptagat, Penon, Kipkabus and Sabor forest blocks	Location: Kessup, Kaptagat, Penon, Kipkabus and Sabor forest blocks	Location: Kaptagat, Kessup, Kipkabus, Penon & Sabor forest blocks	Location: Kessup, Sabor & Kipkabus

## ECOSYSTEM

# Kaptagat Forest sustains livelihoods in

Elgeyo Marakwet County, known for its spectacular terrain, diverse ecosystems and rich natural beauty, stretches from the high-altitude Elgeyo Escarpment down to Kerio Valley, creating beautiful landscape shaped by volcanic forces.

Forming part of this magnificent terrain, diverse ecosystems and rich natural beauty, is Kaptagat Forest.

The resource is part of the Northern Mau Ecosystem, extending to the southern parts of Elgeyo Marakwet County and comprises five forest reserves namely Kaptagat, Penon, Sabor, Kessup and Kipkabu.

The Kaptagat catchment lies between latitude 00°17' N and 00°30' N and longitude 35° 20' E and 35°37' E and has an area of about 269 km<sup>2</sup>

It is located approximately 27km away from Iten Town, the Elgeyo Marakwet capital. The Kaptagat landscape is part of the Cherangany-Elgeyo Hills ecosystem and is among the five major water towers in the country.

It is a critical watershed area providing the resource to major towns and communities in North Rift, Western and Nyanza regions.

This important water catchment area is the main source of Sosiani, Kipkaren, Ndoroti, Kipsinende, Naiberi and Kapkei rivers, forming parts of the Lake Victoria watershed. Kaptagat, which was first designated as a national forest reserve in 1941, encompasses a rich forest plantation, natural indigenous forests,



Community members plant trees to rehabilitate Kaptagat Forest.

grasslands, bushland and bamboo. The Indigenous tree species such as Olea, Podo, Cedar, Acacia and Melanoxyton dominate the forest, providing habitat for wildlife and supporting climate resilience.

The forest plays a critical role in sustaining livelihoods across six counties, supplying water to towns such as Eldoret and Iten, and supporting agriculture, biodiversity and climate regulation.

The broader forest area comprises 7,800ha of plantation, 5,200ha of indigenous forest, 514.1ha of grassland, 1,595ha of bushland and 25.4ha of bamboo

Historically, Kaptagat was a complete

indigenous forest. However, over the decades, it faced serious threats from deforestation, illegal logging, charcoal burning, overgrazing and agricultural encroachment

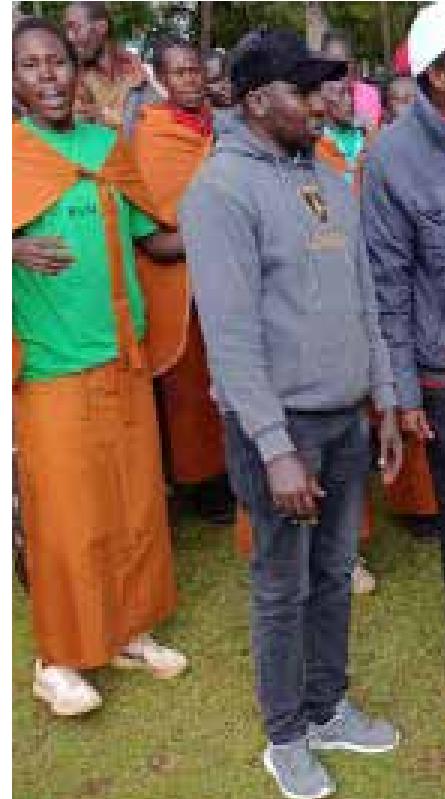
These activities led to widespread degradation, resulting in soil erosion, reduced water flow, biodiversity loss and frequent landslides posing significant risks to surrounding communities and the ecosystem.

In response to this degradation, the Kaptagat Forest Restoration Initiative was launched in 2017, bringing together Government bodies, environmental organisations, private sector partners

and local communities.

As a result, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry and Kenya Forest Service (KFS), in collaboration with partners like Trillion Trees, UK PACT, and the Eliud Kipchoge Foundation, have implemented large-scale reforestation, agroforestry and community conservation programmes.

Over the years, key initiatives have included the planting of over 500,000 indigenous seedlings covering more than 420 hectares, annual targets to rehabilitate 225 hectares across all five forest blocks, distribution of avocado seedlings and promotion of high-value



crops like macadamia and introduction of clean energy solutions such as biogas and solar water pumps, benefiting over 170 households and public institutions.

Public participation has also been conducted on the proposed installation of Solar Electric Fence Project through which, the Government seeks to fence 273km of Kaptagat Forest.

Currently, 7,935 community members are actively engaged through Community Forest Associations (CFAs) under participatory forest management agreements signed in 2019. ■

**Sustainable Development**  
Goal 13 calls on countries to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Kenya's commitment to SDG 13 represents a crucial step toward a sustainable, climate-resilient future for all Kenyans. Here is the progress:

## Kenya's implementation of SDG 13



### Key Achievements

- Regional clean energy leader: 90% of on-grid electricity from renewable sources
- Geothermal power: Significant geothermal energy development
- Carbon markets: New regulations for carbon trading (2024)
- Green bonds: Supporting sustainable agriculture and climate initiatives
- 15 billion tree campaign: 10% forest cover. Target is 30% by 2030.
- SDG Progress Score 51%



### Policy Framework

- Climate Change Act 2016
- National Climate Change Action Plan
- Energy Transition Investment Plan 2023
- Carbon Markets Regulations 2024
- Kenya Vision 2030



### Key Targets

- Target 13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate hazards
- Target 13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies
- Target 13.3: Improve education and awareness on climate change



### International Support

- UN collaboration on climate initiatives
- Green Climate Fund projects
- Climate Investment Funds participation
- Regional climate partnerships



### Key Focus Under SDG 13

- Mitigation: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Adaptation: Strengthen resilience to climate impacts.
- Equity: Protection of vulnerable communities.



### Implementation Timeline

- 2024: Carbon Markets Regulations enacted, enhanced climate finance initiatives
- 2025: Continued renewable energy expansion, climate adaptation projects
- 2030: Target: 100% renewable electricity, universal electricity access
- 2040: Goal: 100 GW grid capacity, fully integrated climate resilience



### Opportunities

- Geothermal Potential: Vast untapped geothermal resources
- Carbon Markets: New regulatory framework for carbon trading
- Green Finance: Increased international climate funding
- Regional Leadership: Platform for African climate action



### Key Challenges

- Financing: Limited access to climate finance for adaptation projects
- Agriculture: Climate vulnerability affecting 80% of smallholder farmers
- Infrastructure: Need for grid expansion and modernization
- Capacity: Technical expertise gaps in renewable energy deployment

# over six counties



Through the project, residents are given high-yielding livestock breeds to enable them get more income.



A Kenya Forest Service official plants a tree.



Athletes (above and below) during the recent Kaptagat Cycling Challenge and marathon.



Principal Secretary Treasury Dr Chris Kiptoo flags off the distribution of tea seedlings.



A woman prepares food using biogas.

## CONSERVATION

# Green agenda gathers pace as Ministry steers climate mitigation efforts

From the roll out of the 15 billion tree planting campaign to enactment of various climate change frameworks, the Ministry is driving the environment conservation programme



Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa (centre) leads a tree planting drive.

The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry oversees the protection, conservation and sustainable management of the country's environment and forest resources.

Headed by Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa and Principal Secretaries Dr Festus Ng'eno (Environment and Climate Change) and Gitonga Mugambi (Forestry), it plays a central role in shaping environmental policy and promoting climate resilience.

The strategic frameworks the Ministry has developed to combat climate change include the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) and Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

In bid to strengthen its climate governance framework, the Ministry spearheaded the process to develop and enact the Climate Change (Carbon Markets) Regulations, 2024.

The regulations took effect on May 17, 2024, providing a comprehensive legal structure for the development and oversight of carbon markets in the country. The law categorises carbon projects into land-based like reforestation

and conservation and non-land-based like clean cook stoves and solar lighting initiatives. It distinguishes between compliance carbon markets (regulated) and voluntary carbon markets, enabling both public and private sector participation.

The law mandates community development agreements and annual social contributions to ensure local communities benefit from carbon projects. By establishing a transparent and accountable carbon trading system, Kenya has positioned itself as a regional leader in climate finance and sustainable development.

Other key milestones the Ministry has made in the environment and climate change sectors include the rehabilitation of critical ecosystems such as the Mau Forest Complex and Mount Kenya, which are vital for water security and biodiversity.

In May 2025, the Ministry, together with various partners, including the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction launched the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative, which seeks to strengthen Kenya's disaster preparedness. It is a step towards protecting lives and livelihoods as Kenya shifts from

reactive disaster response to proactive anticipatory action.

“Every Kenyan, regardless of where they live or what language they speak, deserves access to life-saving information before disaster strikes. This initiative will do exactly that. Let us, therefore, unite, collaborate, engage and build an Early Warning System in Kenya that will reduce loss of life and livelihoods, bolster food security and build a more resilient Kenya for generations to come,” Ms Barasa said.

The Ministry has also stepped up efforts to strengthen plastic waste management and promote circular economy to reduce single-use plastics, encourage recycling, reuse and sustainable packaging alternatives, building on



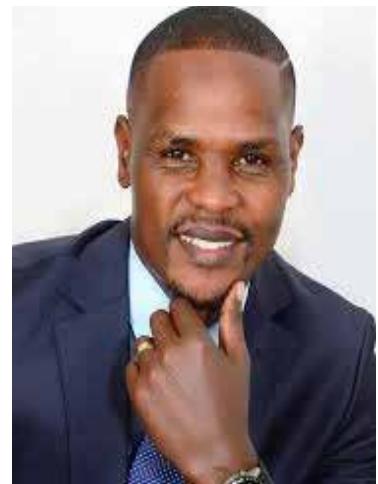
**Sh10.7 billion was allocated for forest conservation and management in the FY2025/26 Budget.**



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa



Mr Gitonga Mugambi (PS, Forestry)



Dr Festus Ng'eno (PS, Environment and Climate Change)

the 2017 plastic bag ban.

Last Tuesday, Kenya marked a historic milestone with the breaking of ground for the Africa Headquarters of the Global Centre on Adaptation (GCA) at the Kenya School of Government, Lower Kabete.

The new facility, to be known as Mazingira House, will serve as the headquarters of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry.

President William Ruto, who presided over the event, highlighted the harsh realities of climate change facing Kenya and many African nations, from prolonged droughts and destructive floods to erratic weather patterns.

“Our ecosystems are under immense pressure. It is our responsibility to strengthen our capacity to adapt by building resilient institutions, empowering our workforce and fostering the partnerships needed to act,” he said.

In the forestry sector, the Ministry is implementing the 15 billion tree planting campaign, which aims to restore over 10 million hectares of degraded land and increase national tree cover to 30 per cent by 2032.

The campaign targets to reduce greenhouse emissions as well as stop and reverse deforestation. Tree planting is a powerful sustainable solution to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and reduce environmental degradation. In the 2025/2026 financial year, the Government's allocation of financial resources to the Environment, Climate

and Forestry sector signals a deepening commitment to locally driven solutions.

Some Sh10.7 billion was allocated for forest conservation and management to accelerate reforestation efforts, expand protected areas and support the 15 billion tree planting campaign. Similarly, Sh1.6 billion was dedicated to forest research and development to enhance scientific understanding of the forest ecosystems, promote innovation in agroforestry and inform policy decisions.

On the other hand, Sh3.7 billion allocated for environmental management and protection will fund restoration of degraded ecosystems, enforcement of environmental regulations and community-led conservation programmes while Sh1.5 billion went to the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Project, which empowers counties to design and implement climate resilience initiatives tailored to local needs.

For meteorological services, the Government allocated Sh1.6 billion, which will be used to modernise weather forecasting systems, expand early warning capabilities and improve climate data collection. The upgrade is essential for disaster preparedness and agricultural planning in the face of increasing climate variability.

These budgetary commitments reflect the Government's holistic approach to environmental stewardship, one that integrates science, community leadership and sustainable development. ■

## ELGEYO MARAKWET

# Welcome to the beautiful county of champions

Your Excellency, the President of the Republic of Kenya, partners, esteemed guests and the great people of Elgeyo Marakwet County, it is with immense joy and honour that I welcome you to this beautiful county of champions.

Today, as we gather for the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Programme, we reaffirm our shared commitment to environmental sustainability and community empowerment.

It is my profound honour to welcome you all to Elgeyo Marakwet County for this historic occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Program and commissioning of Etyo and ground breaking of Tirwane dams, which are

transformative development projects.

The dams will be game-changers in enhancing water security, supporting agriculture and uplifting livelihoods.

Together with tree planting, these projects will shield our land from erosion, stabilise our ecosystems and create opportunities for generations to come.

Your Excellency, all invited guests and local residents, your presence today demonstrates your unwavering commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development in our country.

This year's Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Programme holds special significance as we expand our tree planting initiatives while commissioning key projects that

will revolutionise agriculture, water access and eco-tourism in our region.

The programme, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> successful edition, stands as a testament to what can be achieved when national leadership, County Governments, development partners and local communities work together towards a common vision of environmental sustainability.

This tree-planting exercise is not just a symbolic gesture but a crucial step towards mitigating climate change, restoring our ecosystems and securing a better tomorrow for future generations.

Most parts of our county, especially the hanging valley has on several occasions suffered from the brunt of mudslides, which is often associated with a

poor forest cover.

Your Excellency, your leadership in championing the 15 billion trees initiative continues to inspire our local conservation efforts.

In that regard, as part of our comprehensive regreening strategy, my administration has ensured that we follow suit and set a target of 60 million trees in 10 years.

For the past two-and-a-half years, we have grown 12 million fruit trees, which include coffee, avocados, mangoes and pixie oranges, among others across the county.

We have also grown 14 million exotic trees and 1.8 million indigenous trees as we aim to increase our forest cover from 20 per cent.

Besides conserving our soils, trees improve household earnings and combat climate change.

The programme has been broken down into household levels where others than being a conservation measure, it will also act as wealth creation strategy through income generating activity, especially the fruit trees.

To achieve this, we have established 20 model tree nurseries across all wards in our county and employed the services of our learning institutions through our school regreening programme, which has so far been adopted in 50 schools.

Through this programme, we are not only planting trees but also nurturing environmental champions by establishing tree nurseries, creating green

classrooms and integrating conservation education into school curricula.

As we plant these trees today, we are not just putting seedlings in the ground, we are planting hope for future generations, securing our water towers, and combating the devastating effects of climate change.

To our partners, we say thank you for standing with us through eight successful editions of this programme.

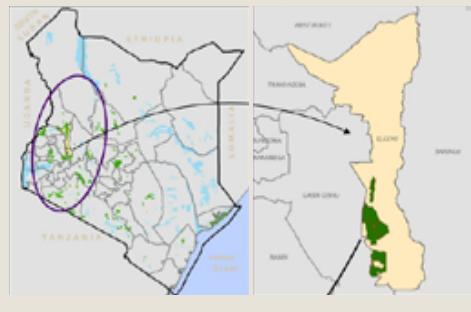
To the people of Elgeyo Marakwet, let us continue being stewards of our environment. Together, we shall grow a greener, more prosperous County.

Karibuni sana Elgeyo Marakwet!

**Wisley Rotich, Governor, Elgeyo Marakwet County**

## Elgeyo Marakwet County: National Leaders

Elgeyo Marakwet County is situated in the Rift Valley. The county borders West Pokot to the North, Baringo to the East, Uasin Gishu to the South West and Trans Nzoia to the North West. It covers an area of 3,030km<sup>2</sup>. The area has cool temperatures ranging from 12 to 22°C and rainfall of between 800 and 2,300mm annually. The county's headquarters is Iten, which is a global hub for athletics training, producing Olympic and world champions. The area's high-altitude conditions make it ideal for endurance sports. Iten hosts paragliding and extreme sports events. Agriculture is the main economic activity, with residents practising mixed farming (livestock and crops), and there are also tourism and sports activities. Rimoi National Reserve



Mr Kipchumba Murkomen, CS Interior and National Administration

Dr Chris Kiptoo, PS National Treasury

## County leaders



Mr William Kisang, Senator



Mr Wisley Rotich, Governor



Ms Caroline Ng'eleche, Women Representative



Hon. Bowen Kangogo, MP Marakwet East



Hon. Gideon Kimaiyo, MP Keiyo South



Hon. Adams Kipsanai, MP Keiyo North



Hon. Timothy Kipchumba, MP Marakwet West

## In praise of the Keiyo people who live around Kaptagat

Kiboo Keiyo; Keiyo Keel, Keiyo Soin, Keiyo Tengunin Keiyo Scheme

Keiyo, nengemass Cheptilet, Kekosune Tugen Keiyo netinyei ibinwoik Sisiit

Kiboo Soliat, Scheme netebes Kiboo Ainabkoi, Tilileen Pei Kiboo Ainabkoi Lenguu Che Kiboo ole maite Punyo ak lemin

Kiboo Chepkuring'ung, ngwan koris

Kiboo Kapkenda, kenda mwai

Kiboo Kaptarakwa, tooret Mooi ko kemei

Kiboo Metkei nengotul tum kegosune Tugen

Kiboo Mutei, tui suswo

Kiboo Wareng netebes

Kiboo Kipochii ak Simit

Kiboo Kipkabus Ak Flax

Kiboo Chepkorio Ak Singore

Kiboo Kalwal ole ngotwek boiyo koribis ng'eta!

Kiboo kipsinende, ole mareru sinendeet

Kiboo Biretwo, Keetip noo,

Kiboo Kapchorwa, choor Kina

Kiboo Chemaech, chang

Tererono!

Kiboo simit, siim tarit

Kiboo Cherota ak Kessup

Kiboo Tugumoi suswop moi

Kiboo Iten Lapateet ak Rwaet

Kiboo Tumeiyo, London

Kiboo kapkomol, molong bun long Koiyet

Kiboo Kipsaos, Chang Terkek

Kiboo Turesia, Ielach pei

Kiboo Nyaru, oonyiny Maiyo

Kiboo Kamwosor, Ngwaan

Tuum

Kiboo Kapteren, Maluchi Tany

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Kiboo Mutei, Belio Moo

Kiboo Irong ngosir cheptirkich

komanach

Kiboo Kapkatui rirchi puun

Kiboo Sergoit cheptui ng'eny

Kiboo Kapteren, Tui kou Ter

Kiboo Kimwarer, warir nderit

Kiboo Kaptagat, Tagat Toek

Kiboo Kapchebelel, peel ako lukuy

Kiboo Chemutwa

Kiboo Cheboror

Kiboo Irong

Kiboo Maan

Kiboo Mutei

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KIPOO KEIYO!

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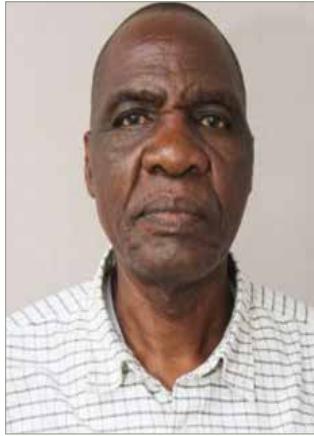
# Message from the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board



Ms Wangui B. Ng'ang'a



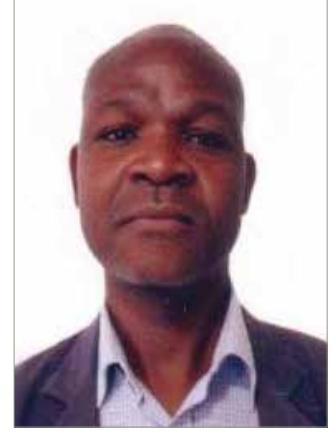
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**A**s we gather today to mark the 9th edition of the Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Programme, we celebrate not only the restoration of one of Kenya's most vital forest ecosystems, but also the milestones the country is making in mitigating the effects of climate change.

The programme has grown into a national model for balancing environmental protection with socio-economic development.

It is now one of the flagship initiatives under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), demonstrating how environmental restoration should go hand-in-hand with improving community livelihoods.

This year's edition graced by President William Ruto marks a significant milestone in the initiative's journey, as well as the Government's broader efforts to integrate climate action into national development priorities.

The Government has shown great

commitment to environmental conservation, not only through the implementation of the 15 billion trees campaign, but also in its budgetary allocations for the sector.

In the 2025/2026 financial year, the Government's allocation to the Environment, Climate Change and Forestry sectors signals a deepening commitment to climate action.

The National Treasury allocated Sh10.7 billion for forest conservation and management to accelerate reforestation efforts, expand protected areas and support the 15 billion tree planting campaign.

Similarly, Sh1.6 billion was allocated to forest research and development to enhance scientific understanding of the forest ecosystems, promote innovation in agroforestry and inform policy decisions.

These allocations reflect a deliberate effort towards mainstreaming climate action and environmental sustainability

for Kenya's progress.

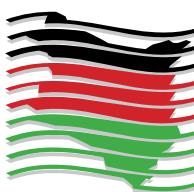
But environmental conservation isn't the responsibility of a single sector, institution or the Government for that matter, it's a movement driven by collective action.

When we plant trees, protect water towers and do environmental clean ups, we're not just saving nature but securing our livelihoods and stability for future generations.

At Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB), we are at the forefront of supporting environmental conservation through our publications and corporate social responsibility efforts.

In the "Yearbook 2024", we showcase the milestones the country has made in conserving the environment and mitigating the effects of climate change.

From the launch of the 15 billion tree planting campaign to the hosting



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of the inaugural Africa Climate Summit and the enactment of the Climate Change (Carbon Markets) Regulations, 2024, the publication chronicles how Kenya is making progress.

The book serves not only as a chronicle of progress but also as a call to action, reminding us that environmental stewardship is a

shared responsibility and a cornerstone of national pride.

As an institution, KYEB has implemented the Government directive in tree planting by actively participating in the National Tree Growing Restoration Campaign drives initiated by the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy in Nandi and Kisii counties.

In both counties, KYEB staff and Directors joined hands with local communities, county officials and

other stakeholders to plant thousands of indigenous and fruit tree seedlings in designated public spaces.

And for the second year running, KYEB continued with its support for the Rhino Charge, whose 2025 edition was held in Saimo-Soi, Baringo County.

The event saw 65 teams compete in the off-road challenge, with KYEB sending a team to take part in the event.

The institution was also recognised for its role in documenting conservation efforts and amplifying the impact of the initiative, which helps to protect Kenya's forests, wildlife and water catchment ecosystems.

KYEB remains committed to storytelling that highlights environmental preservation and climate change mitigation.

The institution will continue to champion environmental conservation not only through its publications, but also in active participation in restoration efforts like this at Kaptagat. ■

## State to distribute 500m coffee seedlings to boost production

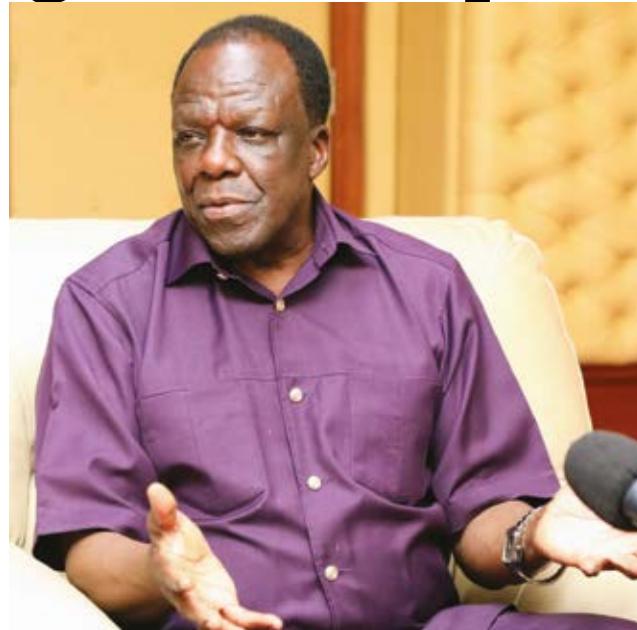
BY DICKSON MWITI, KNA

The government will distribute at least 500 million coffee seedlings to farmers this year as part of efforts to boost coffee production in the country. Speaking at Urru Stadium in Tigray West Constituency, Meru County, during a coffee reform sensitization tour, the Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Wycliffe Oparanya, said the seedlings were ready for planting and awaiting distribution. "We already have the seedlings—300 million from the Kenya Planters Cooperative Union and an additional 200 million sourced from Uganda. We want farmers to increase the acreage under coffee and, in turn, raise our production," Mr. Oparanya said.

However, he advised primary coffee cooperatives to liaise with their respective county governments to submit proposals detailing the varieties of seedlings they require before distribution begins.

"Distribution will only be done through primary cooperatives. That is why we want them to submit proposals specifying their needs, since we have a variety of seedlings," Mr. Oparanya said.

Addressing the issue of coffee extension officers,



**Co-operatives, Micro and Small Enterprise (MSMEs) Cabinet Secretary, Wycliffe Oparanya, speaking to the press during a courtesy call to the Meru County Governor, Isaac Mutuma.**

which had been raised by various speakers during the forum, the CS announced the Ministry's plan to employ at least two officers dedicated to coffee farming in each ward across all 47 counties.

"The issue of extension officers falls under county governments, but since I understand the challenges they are facing, we have decided to employ these special officers—one male and one female per ward—to help improve the state of coffee farming in the country," Mr. Oparanya said.

He added that the selected officers will be taken to KPCU for training on coffee issues, in order to offer informed services to farmers. "The government is committed to implement various reforms to revive coffee farming just as promised by President William Ruto, during his campaigns. You

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should not listen to propaganda which is peddled by those who have been swindling your money all along," Mr Oparanya said.

The Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Cooperatives, Patrick Kilemi, said the programme aims to increase production, with 20 million coffee seedlings earmarked for distribution to farmers across all coffee-growing regions annually.

He noted that Coffee Research Institute (CRI) and New KPCU will be entrusted with the responsibility of propagating seedlings of high yielding coffee varieties.

The PS stated that coffee production in the country is still low compared to other neighbouring coffee producing nations.

"Last year, Kenya produced 50,000 metric tons, while Uganda produced 400,000 metric tons and Ethiopia produced 750,000 metric tons of coffee.

"We want our farmers to plant recommended coffee seedlings as we target to increase our production by more than ten times. Properly planted and well nurtured coffee can produce more than 40 kilogrammes per bush," Mr Kilemi said.

He blamed old coffee bushes for low production, saying a coffee bush can only be properly productive for a period of 20 years.

## BRIEFS

### State, counties launch national vaccination drive

BY PHILIP ONYANGO, KNA

The national government, in collaboration with devolved governments, is rolling out national vaccination campaigns to control livestock diseases and boost trade in livestock products.

As part of this effort, the State Department for Livestock will provide subsidized genetics to improve local livestock breeds in Siaya. This initiative aims to enhance breed quality and enable residents to compete effectively with other regions in selling their livestock, including in international markets.

Agriculture Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke said the ministry had held discussions with county governments and agreed to continue collaborating to increase the production of livestock and livestock products.

"The cordial relation-

ship between the national government and the Siaya County government has resulted in the smooth implementation of the projects," he said as he commissioned projects implemented under the Kenya Livestock Commercialisation Project (KeLCoP).

George Okode, the Speaker of the Siaya County Assembly, said the county has benefited to the tune of Sh46 million from KeLCoP.

Okode urged the extension of the project which currently covers only four wards to include all the 30 wards in Siaya. He also advocated for the construction of modern livestock markets in Aram, Boro, Akala, and Bar Ober markets.

The speaker commended the national government for the project and challenged residents to own and use the commissioned projects responsibly to improve their lives.

### Red Cross, Turkana launch major disaster preparedness project

BY PETER GITONGA, KNA

Turkana County will construct a world-class disaster response hub to serve the local community as well as neighboring Uganda and South Sudan.

The groundbreaking plan was revealed during a high-level meeting between the county government and the Kenya Red Cross Society.

Deputy Governor Dr. John Eruis expressed confidence in the hub's capacity to improve emergency preparedness and provide critical information for decision-making on disaster response programming going forward.

"We can confirm that the ten acres of land donated by the County Government of Turkana to the Kenya Red Cross Society will host the advanced center," Dr. Eruis said.

Noting Turkana's long history of recurrent disasters, Dr. Eruis acknowledged that the county is a strategic location for such an investment and that climate change challenges

are worsening the disaster situation.

Kenya Red Cross Society's Deputy Secretary General, Joe Mbalu, said the new hub would bring the total number of existing hubs to eleven, as ten are already operational in other regions. "Once completed, this hub will be unique."

Designed to serve all areas of Turkana including the hard-to-reach areas, the hub will also serve as an international resource therefore limiting time wastage in responding to disasters in the neighbouring Uganda and South Sudan," Mbalu said.

The parties discussed issues including the impact of funding cuts on service delivery, the ongoing joint resource mobilizations for construction of a Sh6-billion dam across River Tarach for enhanced water supply, host-refugee integration support, deployment of drone technology to assess damage caused by backflow of water bodies and the entry of the Danish Red Cross as new partners.

## Government to fund 800,000 youths in fight against joblessness

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI AND SEIN MAKANDA, KNA

Over 800,000 youths across the country will benefit from government funding and entrepreneurship training in a bid to tackle the growing challenge of unemployment. This follows recent statistics indicating that 19 percent of the 42 million youths in the country remain unemployed despite holding the necessary academic qualifications.

Through a coordinated

approach with non-state actors, the government aims to empower youths through several programmes, including the National Youth Opportunities towards Advancement (NYOTA), Vijana Vuka na Afya (VIVA), and On-Job Experience (OJE).



**Principal Secretary, State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy, Fikirini Jacobs, during an engagement held in Naivasha, address County Heads of Youths and Trade dockets on the various government programs that aim to impart crucial skills to the youths, provide funding to establish businesses and address rising unemployment rates.**

enable them to launch business-oriented ventures starting next month.

Fikirini noted that the beneficiaries, drawn from every ward in the country, will each receive Sh50,000 through the five-year NYOTA project, which is funded by the World Bank, to expand employment opportunities.

Speaking during a stakeholder engagement meeting with county heads of youth and trade dockets in Naivasha, the PS revealed that over one million youths have already applied for NYOTA funding despite only 100,000 being targeted for support. The PS said tens of youths are also benefiting through the VIVA project, supported by the German government.