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KRA exceeds revenue target by Sh16 billion



Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner General, Mr. Humphrey Wattanga

KRA Commissioner General Mr. Humphrey Wattanga says notable growth was recorded in key sectors such as agriculture, forestry and fishing; financial and insurance activities; transportation and storage; and real estate

BY MICHAEL OMONDI
(KNA)

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) surpassed its revenue target for the Financial Year 2024/2025, collecting Sh2.571 trillion against a target of Sh2.555 trillion.

This represents a 6.8 per cent growth in revenue collection and a performance rate of 100.6 per cent, compared to the Sh2.407 trillion collected in the previous financial year.

According to KRA Commissioner General Mr. Humphrey Wattanga, the revenue performance reflects prevail-

ing economic indicators, particularly the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 4.7 per cent (as reported in the Economic Survey). Notable growth was recorded in key sectors such as agriculture, forestry and fishing; financial and insurance activities; transportation and storage; and real estate.

Additionally, overall inflation eased to an average of 3.6 per cent in 2024/25, down from 6.3 per cent in 2023/24. The exchange rate of the Kenya Shilling against the US Dollar strengthened to an average of Sh129.35/

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Amount of money Garissa County will receive for housing projects alone, according to the Northeastern Coordinator for Affordable Housing and Markets

1.4b

Cost of the rural electrification project The Ministry of Energy has rolled out in Kericho County

1000

Number of Galla bucks the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) is distributing in Baringo North Sub-County

6b

Amount in unpaid settlement fees The Ministry of Lands plans to waive to help land allottees collect unclaimed title deeds nationwide

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Amount of money the State Department for Housing and Urban Development has channeled towards the upgrading of the informal settlements



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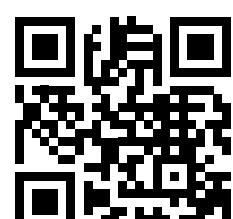


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US\$, down from Sh144.1 the previous year.

International oil prices per barrel dropped by 12.5 per cent, contributing to an aggregate downward adjustment in local fuel pump prices: petrol by 11.8 per cent and diesel by 12.2 per cent.

However, Mr. Wattanga noted that some factors negatively impacted revenue. The first half of the Financial Year 2024/25 was marked by several economic headwinds, including the shelving of the Finance Bill 2024, high bank lending rates, a global tariff war, and ongoing international conflicts.

Specifically, overall import values recorded minimal growth of just 0.04 per cent, weighed down by declines in import values of fuels and lubricants (-16.4 per cent) and food and beverages (-14.6 per cent). At the same time, export values declined by 2.0 per cent, mainly due to drops in horticulture (-2.5 per cent) and tea (-15.4 per cent).

The Commissioner General further revealed that access to credit by the private sector remained constrained due to higher commercial bank lending rates compared to the previous year. However, a downward adjustment in lending rates is expected following the Central Bank of Kenya's (CBK) decision to lower the benchmark rate to 9.75 per cent

KRA exceeds revenue target by Sh16 billion



Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner General, Mr. Humphrey Wattanga (Right) speaking at a past event.

in June 2025.

"As of the end of December 2024, credit extended by commercial banks to the national government grew by 13.9 per cent, while credit to the private sector declined by 1.1 per cent," he reported, adding that this contraction dampens prospects for investment and expansion in key economic sectors.

Despite these challenges, Mr. Wattanga noted that KRA's robust measures resulted in a significant turnaround in the second half of the financial year, with revenue growth of

9.1 per cent, up from 4.5 per cent in the first half.

He reiterated that the exchequer revenue of Sh2.323 trillion collected by KRA represents a 4.5 per cent increase from the Sh2.223 trillion collected in the previous year—equating to a performance rate of 99.0 per cent, against a target of Sh2.347 trillion.

KRA also collected Sh248.276 billion on behalf of other government agencies, surpassing the target by Sh40.465 billion, which translates to a performance rate of 119.5 per cent.

Power consumption in Kenya hits record high

BY IMMACULATE CHEBET

Kenya has reached a new record in electricity demand, hitting 2,362.28 megawatts (MW)—a significant milestone in national energy consumption, driven by industrial expansion, increased urbanisation, and rising household usage.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), Eng. Peter Njenga, revealed that KenGen's geothermal and hydropower sources contributed the lion's share of energy to the national grid.

According to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), KenGen's geothermal plants supplied 13,678.35 megawatt-hours (MWh), representing 31.85 per cent of the total output, while hydropower plants delivered 10,915.93 MWh, accounting for 25.42 per cent of national generation.

Combined, these sources accounted for 57.27 per cent of Kenya's daily electricity production.

The CEO noted that this contribution has significantly helped stabilise electricity supply and prevent outages.

"While the total energy demand stood at 42,943.11 MWh—including thermal sources, wind, and interconnectors from



KenGen CEO Eng. Peter Njenga.

Uganda and Ethiopia—we are glad to note that it was KenGen's consistent delivery from indigenous resources that ensured grid stability," Mr. Njenga said.

He added that the demand was met without any reported load shedding, highlighting the strong response from system operators.

Eng. Njenga further noted that hydroelectric power stations such as Kiambere exceeded expectations, producing 2,908 MWh—23.31 per cent above dispatch projections. Other major hydro plants like Gitaru, Kamburu, and Masinga also supported system operations, despite flow variability within the cascading river system.



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KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT ICTA-PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Name of Assignment:	Supply, Delivery and Installation of WiFi routers and related goods for 55 universities and TVETs in Kenya: Lot 1: 13 No. Institutions; Lot 2: 15 No Institutions; Lot 3: 18 No. Institutions; Lot 4: 9 No. Institutions;
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-486639-GO-RFB
Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.:	IDA 7289-KE and 7290-KE
Country:	Kenya
Date:	21 st July 2025

To All Interested Bidders

RE: AMENDMENT OF RFB DOCUMENT THROUGH ADDENDUM NO. 1

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders ITB 8 [Amendment of Bidding Document], the Client has amended Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS) of the issued RFB Document:

S/ No	Section	Original Bid Submission Deadline	New/ Extended Bid Submission Deadline
1	Section II – Bid Data Sheet (BDS)	31 st July 2025 at 1000 Hrs EAT	14 th August 2025 at 1000 Hrs EAT

This addendum No. 1 forms part of the issued RFB document. All other terms and conditions of the issued RFB document remain unchanged.

Zilpher Owiti, OGW
Ag. Chief Executive Officer
ICT Authority



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:-

S / No	Names	Party Colours	Party Symbol	Slogans	Founder Members
1.	Restoration Alliance Party (RAP)	Gold, Blue, Red, and white		Mambo sawa sawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dancun Oduor Otieno 2. Adam Paul Maina Mwafrica 3. Miriti Valentine Hope Wanjira 4. John Karamuwa Limakamar 5. Philomena Bochaberi Koche 6. Esther Kamene Mutio 7. Masawa Jenipher Achieng 8. Alice Gesare Raterno
2.	Citizen Alliance for Democratic Affairs (CADA)	Green Blue and White		Siasa za Maendeleo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr George Muigai Kiongera 2. Ann Njeri 3. Innocent Oンドondo Omondi 4. Boniface Kinoti Mutwiri 5. Justus Kabosi Wambua 6. Getrude Gatwiri Mwongera

Particulars of the above-listed proposed political parties have been provided on the ORPP website - 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, Karuna Close
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NAIROBI
Email: info@orpp.or.ke

Sophia Sitati
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NYOTA project poised to unlock massive job opportunities for youth

BY AMINA BAKARI AND ESTHER MULONGO (KNA)

Kenya, in collaboration with the World Bank, has officially launched the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Program.

The program is a transformative initiative aimed at empowering over 200,000 youths across the country by providing access to employment, entrepreneurship, digital technology, and opportunities in the creative industry.

The launch event, held in Nairobi, was presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, the Creative Economy, and Sports, Salim Mvurya, alongside the Principal Secretary for Youth Affairs and the Creative Economy, Fikirini Jacobs.

It brought together youth leaders from all 47 counties, implementing partners, and stakeholders from both the government and the private sector.

Speaking at the event, Mvurya described the program as a strategic milestone in the government's efforts to harness the potential of Kenya's youth.

"NYOTA is not just a project; it is a national platform for youth transformation—an initiative that seeks to provide young people with equitable access to opportunities that will help them realize their aspirations," he said.

Mvurya further emphasized that the application process is fully digital, accessible via mobile phones, and intentionally designed to eliminate bureaucratic barriers.

"You no longer need to know anyone in the government to access youth empowerment opportunities. If you are applying for business support or recognition of prior learning, all you need is a phone, internet access, and your ID," he said.

He revealed that NYOTA is already making headway with applications surpassing



Youth Affairs, the Creative Economy and Sports CS Salim Mvurya, speaking during the launch of the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Programme in Nairobi.

expectations and is now moving to rollout and implementation phases.

Mvurya praised the transparency of the project's recent logo competition, where winners were awarded after a public, inclusive selection process.

The CS also announced that NYOTA will be fully rolled out during the International Youth Week in August, noting that by then, many applicants will have been certified to begin receiving support.

On his part, Fikirini echoed the CS's sentiments and urged youth to make use of the available opportunities.

"This is a call to action, we are currently accepting applications under the On-Job Experience (OJE) program through the *254# platform, hence I urge all youths to apply only for the currently open components to avoid application errors," he advised.

The PS emphasised that the NYOTA also targets vulnerable youths who lack formal educational qual-

ifications, providing avenues through recognition of prior learning and national certification frameworks.

He added that social enterprises, access to government procurement, and financial inclusion programs are embedded within NYOTA's design to reach underserved youth.

Fikirini highlighted the government's ongoing commitment to international job placements through the Labour Mobility Program, supported by the Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF).

"The State Department is currently facilitating 600 youths, each with up to Sh300,000, to enable them to take up job opportunities abroad and is keen on ensuring no youth is left behind due to lack of facilitation," he stated.

Fikirini also noted that global remittances from Kenyan youths working abroad under the program contributed over Sh5 billion to the economy last year.

To improve access to youth services, the PS announced the development of a digital Youth Opportunity Passport, consolidating all youth-targeted government programs in one platform.

He called on the National Youth Council to expedite digitization to allow for real-time updates.

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PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION FOR CLERICAL OFFICERS- SEPTEMBER, 2025

It is notified for general information that year 2025 Proficiency Examination for Clerical Officers will be held from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th September 2025 at Machakos; Nyeri; Mombasa; Embu; Garissa; Kisumu; Nakuru; Kakamega and Eldoret examination centers. The actual venues will be notified to the candidates after registration.

ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

To register for the Proficiency Examination for Clerical Officers, an officer must:

- (a) Have passed the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E) with a mean grade of C – (minus) or its equivalent;
- (b) Be designated as a clerical officer in the Public Service; and
- (c) Have served as a clerical officer for a minimum period of one (1) year.

REGISTRATION FORMS

1. REGISTRATION FORMS

- (a) All candidates attempting the examination for the first time are required to complete registration FORM A while referred candidates should complete FORM B available on the Public Service Commission website www.publicservice.go.ke.
- (b) The Candidate should submit the duly completed registration form, accompanied by the Government copy of the receipt generated from E-citizen platform to the Secretary/Chief Executive, Public Service Commission P. O. Box 30095-00100 NAIROBI so as to reach the Commission not later than **Friday, 22nd August, 2025**.

REGISTRATION FEES

Each candidate will be required to pay registration fees as per the revised rates in the circular Ref **PSC. EXAM/1/VOL.11 dated 3rd May 2018**.

Basic Fee	Kshs. 2625
Fee per paper	Kshs. 875 (7 papers)
E-citizen fee	Kshs. 50

Candidates are required to pay the registration fee through the E-Citizen platform using the following procedure:

- i. Log in to <https://psc.ecitizen.go.ke>;
- ii. Select PSC Examinations;
- iii. Click the apply now button;
- iv. Log in to the e-citizen using your personal account;
- v. Read the requirements for registration and click the next button;
- vi. The applicants details will be uploaded from your personal e-citizen account;
- vii. Click the next button;
- viii. Select whether registering for the first time or for a re-sit;
- ix. Select the type of examination;
- x. For candidates who are re-sitting select the appropriate subjects;
- xi. Select the examination center;
- xii. Click the next button to preview the applicants details;
- xiii. Click the next button to preview the examination details;
- xiv. Click the next button and confirm that the information provided is accurate;
- xv. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the complete button;
- xvi. Await approval from the Public Service Commission;
- xvii. The approval status will be displayed on the applicant's E-citizen profile and communicated to their registered telephone number via SMS;
- xviii. Once approval is granted, scroll back to your profile and click on the awaiting payment button;
- xix. Make the payment through one of the gateways provided; and
- xx. Download the Government copy of the receipt and attach it to the duly filled registration form.

LATE REGISTRATION

A late registration fee of Kshs. 525 will be charged on all candidates who submit their registration forms after 22nd August, 2025. The deadline for late registration is **29th August, 2025**.

COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATES

The certificates for candidates who passed the Proficiency Examination for Clerical Officers held in September 2024 are ready for collection at the Public Service Commission House during official working hours. Officers are requested to carry their original identification document. Officers who passed promotional examinations administered by the Public Service Commission in earlier years and have not collected their certificates are requested to do so.

This information can also be downloaded from the Public Service Commission website at www.publicservice.go.ke.

**PAUL FAMBA, MBS
SECRETARY/CEO**

SHA hits 24.8 million registrations as TAIFA Care gains momentum

BY VICTOR KIPLAGAT AND KAMAU DANIEL (KNA)

At least 24.8 million Kenyans have enrolled in the Social Health Authority (SHA), a milestone attributed to aggressive county-by-county registration campaigns.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale has lauded the progress of SHA reforms since the rollout of TAIFA Care on October 1, 2024.

"We head to Nakuru to keep this momentum alive so that no Kenyan is left behind," he said during a press briefing, urging the timely remittance of contributions to sustain the Fund.

According to Duale, 4.5 million Kenyans have accessed treatment for common illnesses and maternal care under the primary healthcare component, while 2.2 million have benefited from specialized care — including 8,000 patients who have undergone dialysis and 18,000 who have received cancer treatment.

The CS noted that maternal health coverage has supported over 515,000 deliveries since October 2024.

To date, Duale added, SHA has paid out Sh6.8 billion in primary healthcare claims, with an additional Sh1.5 billion



Health CS Aden Duale while briefing the press on the Social Health Authority (SHA) Milestones and Nursing Internship issue. PHOTO BY DANIEL KAMAU

scheduled for disbursement.

"We are keen on strengthening claim processing and verification to ensure funds are utilized transparently and only valid claims are honored," he emphasized.

The CS further urged Kenyans to report illegal charges at government facilities, emphasizing that Sh13 billion has been allocated to fund free primary healthcare, primarily in Level Two to Level Four facilities. Duale revealed that he had just received a report from the independent committee investigating kidney transplants and organ trafficking.

"It is a public document, and I encourage the media to analyze it. It addresses legal, ethical, and medical gaps while rec-

ommending actionable reforms," he said.

He promised to present the findings to Parliament and the Cabinet, adding that the report would be implemented fully.

Duale called on Kenyans to be patient with ongoing reforms.

"We are building a system that ensures fairness, accountability, and universal access to healthcare. Our focus is on integrity, innovation, and service delivery," he said. He directed patients with complaints to use the Ministry of Health's Toll-Free Helpline (107 or 147) for assistance, stating that the call centre response time is under one second and that no Kenyan should be left in the dark.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Power Pension Fund (KPPF) is a Retirement Benefits Scheme registered with Retirement Benefits Authority, responsible for providing pension benefits to permanent and pensionable employees of Kenya Power and Nuclear Power & Energy Agency upon their retirement or withdrawal and to their dependents in the event of death in service.

In pursuing its mandate, KPPF is seeking to recruit top talents to join the innovative and transformative team to deliver on key milestones of the Fund. The individuals who will fill this position should be result oriented, self-driven, creative, visionary and of high integrity.

Applications are therefore invited from qualified persons to fill the vacancy indicated in the matrix below:

No.	Job Title	Ref No.	No. of Vacancies
1	Manager, Planning & Strategy - Re-advertisement	KPPF/HRA-HR/1/25/7	1

How to Apply

Interested and qualified candidates are advised to visit the Fund's website for detailed job descriptions for the roles at www.kppf.co.ke/careers/. Applications should be submitted through the link: <https://e-recruitment.kppf.co.ke> to be received not later than **Tuesday 12th August, 2025**.

Canvassing will lead to disqualification.

KPPF is an equal opportunity employer. Marginalized groups and persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

The CEO & Trust Secretary
Kenya Power Pension Fund
P.O Box 1548 00600 Nairobi



2025 REMITTANCES HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), in collaboration with the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSD Kenya), is conducting the first ever Remittances Household Survey (RHS) from July to September 2025.

Remittances represent international transfers in monetary (cash), and non-monetary (non-cash/in-kind) form sent by family members, friends and relatives living abroad to households in Kenya (inward remittances) or sent by households in Kenya to family members, friends and relatives living abroad (outward remittances). The remittances can be transferred through formal channels such as the banking system, couriers, money transfer operators, and mobile money or informal channels such as physically carrying across borders.

Purpose

The purpose of the 2025 RHS is to collect qualitative and quantitative information on inward and outward remittances. The data collected will be used to improve national statistics for planning, research and policy formulation, including those related to supporting the remittance flows.

Objectives

The overall objective of the 2025 RHS is to collect information on the amount of inward and outward remittances in Kenya. Specifically, the survey seeks to:

- Collect information on the amount of inward and outward remittances in cash and in-kind/non-cash.
- Establish the channels for remitting the transfers, the costs incurred, and the challenges faced.
- Establish the uses of remittances received to estimate the impact on the livelihood of the recipients.
- The difficulties encountered in sending or receiving money or in-kind/non-cash transfers.
- Provide policy recommendations for improving the remittances market in Kenya.

Use of Data Collected

The 2025 RHS is expected to produce national estimates on the magnitude of remittance flows into Kenya and out of Kenya, both money and non-cash. The data collected from the 2025 RHS will be used for compilation of Balance of Payments statistics, monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), research and policy formulation.

Target Respondents

2025 RHS will be administered to households in Kenya who have received and/or sent remittances.

Authority

The Statistics Act, CAP 112 Laws of Kenya [Rev. 2022] empowers KNBS to collect Remittance Statistics in Kenya, among other statistics. Households are legally bound to provide the required information.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality of statistical information provided is guaranteed under the Statistics Act, CAP 112 Laws of Kenya [Rev. 2022] which can be accessed on the KNBS Website (www.knbs.or.ke). All the information provided will be treated with utmost confidentiality and will only be used for statistical purposes. The 2025 RHS personnel are under oath not to divulge information provided by the households to a third party.

Output

The findings will be published in aggregated form on the KNBS, CBK and FSD Kenya websites.

Appeal

The 2025 RHS Field Personnel will visit selected households during the survey period, which will be conducted, between **July and September 2025**. The Field Personnel will have identification badges. Given the importance of this exercise, we appeal to the selected households to cooperate and support the survey field staff.

We appreciate the continued cooperation and support in the production of official statistics.

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Informal settlements in Nakuru to undergo major infrastructure overhaul

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND MARY OCHIENG, KNA

In the suburbs of Nakuru City, a quiet transformation is unfolding. Four informal settlements—once characterized by crime, poor sanitation, clogged drainage systems, and dilapidated roads—are slowly but surely changing.

For decades, these dwellings were also known as hotspots for waterborne diseases, including cholera and typhoid.

However, after years of living in squalid conditions, a new chapter is beckoning for the residents of Kwa-Murogi, London-Hilton, and Lake View in Nakuru Town, as well as Karagita slums in

Naivasha—areas where narrow pathways and limited services once defined daily life.

The Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP 2) is reshaping these communities, bringing hope, security, and opportunity to hundreds of thousands of residents, particularly in the well-known slums of Nakuru County.

The State Department for Housing and Urban Development, through World Bank's KISIP 2, has invested Sh1.5 billion in upgrading informal settlements. The initiative has made remarkable strides in improving access to basic services, securing land tenure, and strengthening institutional frameworks for slum upgrading within

the devolved unit.

Alex Wachiuri, a resident of Kwa-Murogi in Nakuru Town East Constituency since 1974, described the area's history as disheartening, noting that investors avoided the area due to the lack of amenities and infrastructure to support businesses.

He added that the sewer system was inadequate, with waste from toilets and latrines seeping into homes, roadsides, water sources, and market places.

"This place not only reeked of illicit brew and waste, but it was also a hotspot for diseases. No one wanted to live here," he said.

Wachiuri further explained that as the population grew, inse-



A section of workers engaged in KISIP 2 project in Lakeview settlement in Nakuru. PHOTO: MARY OCHIENG

curity became rampant, prompting residents to protest and demand the construction of a nearby

police station.

However, since March this year, the 73-year-old former matatu driver has

observed positive changes following the launch of the KISIP 2 project. Private developers have begun constructing flats and business premises in the area.

KISIP was initiated by the government in 2011 with support from the World Bank, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The slum upgrade projects are expected to be completed by 2027.

Kwa-Murogi is currently in Phase II of the KISIP upgrade, which includes the construction of roads and footpaths, installation of high-mast and street lighting, and improvements to water and sanitation systems.

KISIP is building over two kilometres of road in the area and installing streetlights along known gang hideouts, main roads, and crime-prone zones.

NDMA distributes 1,000 Galla bucks to needy families in Baringo



National Drought Management Authority Chief Executive Officer Hared Adan joins other Baringo leaders in distributing 500 Galla bucks to needy families at Chebarsiat in Saimo Soi Ward, Baringo North.

BY BENSON KELIO AND JOSHUA KIBET (KNA)

The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) has rolled out the distribution of 1,000 Galla goat breed for Bartum Location.

Speaking after he launched the exercise at Chebarsiat, NDMA Chief Executive Officer Hared Adan, said NDMA is partnering with the County Government of Baringo under the National Drought Emergency Fund (NDEF) following a request by residents of Saimo Soi

Ward, three years ago. Adan, who was joined by Baringo deputy governor Eng Felix Kimaiyo and area Member of Parliament (MP) Joseph Makilap distributed 500 Galla goat breed for Bartum Location.

He said the remaining 500 would be distributed to residents in the Sibilo and Yatya areas. The CEO said the authority has also secured funding to support Tiaty residents with 500 camels to be availed in the next three weeks.

"Our major aim is to support all communities in arid and semi-arid lands by uplifting their lives," the CEO said. He revealed that Baringo

County has also been included in phase two of cash transfer of Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project (KSEIP) which is expected to be rolled out in the next few months after identification of beneficiaries.

The deputy governor, in his remarks, lauded the authority for its immense support which he said will help improve local breeds for domestic and export markets.

Eng Kimaiyo pointed out that the programme is timely since it will support the Maoi abattoir in Baringo South which is nearing completion, and which requires 1,000 livestock per day to operate optimally.

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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE ADDENDUM 1

PURCHASER	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING
PROJECT	SUPPORT TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (TVETE) PROJECT – (GOK/AFDB TVET PHASE III PROJECT)
COUNTRY	KENYA
DATE	29 TH JULY 2025
LOAN NO.	ADF No. 2100150042254
SUBJECT	ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

This addendum Number 1 relates to the Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) for the tender for Supply, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the Use and Maintenance of training equipment as shown below:

OCBI NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION
1 OCBI/TVETE PHASE III/EQUIP/47/24-25	Lot 1 - Tender for Supply, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Building and Civil Engineering Training Equipment
2 OCBI/TVETE PHASE III/EQUIP/48/24-25	Lot 2 - Tender for Supply, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Mechanical & Automotive Engineering Training Equipment
3 OCBI/TVETE PHASE III/EQUIP/49/24-25	Lot 3 - Tender for Supply, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Hospitality and Tourism Training Equipment and Assistive Training Equipment
4 OCBI/TVETE PHASE III/EQUIP/50/24-25	Lot 4 - Tender for Supply, Installation, Calibration, Commissioning and Training on the use and Maintenance of Printing and Publishing Equipment

The tender appeared in the **Star Newspaper – My Gov pull out**, the Ministry of Education (Kenya) and the African Development Bank websites and the UNDB online on **17th June 2025**, and prospective bidders are advised as follows:

1. That the closing/opening date has been extended from **Thursday, 7th August 2025 to Thursday 21st August 2025** to give adequate time to bidders to prepare bids incorporating clarifications to questions raised.
2. That all the other conditions and Instructions to Bidders shall remain as in the tender documents and initial Specific Procurement Notice.
3. That all subsequent addendums shall be published on the Ministry of Education website www.education.go.ke and African Development Bank (AfDB) website: www.afdb.org and shall form part of the final submission. This will be taken into account in the evaluation and selection of the successful bidders.

**HEAD – SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

Public invited to nominate heroes ahead of Mashujaa Day

BY IMMACULATE CHEBET

The National Heroes Council (NHC) is currently accepting nominations for individuals to be recognized as national heroes in Kenya, to be awarded during this year's Mashujaa Day.

According to NHC Chief Executive Officer Charles Wambia, "Nominations can be submitted by the public, counties, organizations, groups, or institutions. The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2025."

Wambia stated that nominees should have demonstrated exceptional service to the country in

one of the 14 functional areas outlined in the Kenya Heroes Act.

"These areas include the liberation struggle, spiritual leadership, indigenous knowledge, cultural values and practices, arts, sports, scholarship, professionalism and research, peace-making, statesmanship, entrepreneurship and industry, philanthropy, human rights, national cohesion and integration, and environmental conservation," said the CEO.

He urged the public to ensure that nominees' actions align with the values outlined in Article 10 of the Kenyan Constiti-



Hiribae Rodgers (centre), son of the late Mzee Meza Morowa Galana, when he paid a courtesy call to the National Heroes Council offices. Mzee Meza was honoured posthumously for his contribution to the composition of the Kenya National Anthem. On the left is Council Chairman Jimmy Angwenyi flanked by the CEO Charles Wambia.

tution, such as courage, discipline, selflessness, and perseverance.

The nomination form and supporting documents can be submitted via email, post, or hand-delivered to the

NHC office," he added.

During the visit, Wambia acknowledged Mzee Meza's enduring legacy and emphasized the importance of recognizing citizens who have shaped Kenya's history.

He also highlighted the ongoing call for nominations, urging Kenyans to propose individuals whose actions have made outstanding contributions to the country.

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RECRUITMENT OF INTERNS FOR GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS, STATE AGENCIES/ CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

The Public Service Internship Programme (PSIP) is a Government youth empowerment programme whose main objective is to offer college graduates the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and build skills in order to enhance their chances for employment, networking and entrepreneurship.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is pleased to announce recruitment of interns (Cohort 8) under the PSIP for the Financial Year 2025/2026. The year-long internship programme will mainly involve attachment in Ministries, Departments, State Agencies/Corporations and Public Universities.

Requirements for appointments

For appointment to an internship position, a candidate must:

- Have a **Bachelor's degree** in any discipline from a recognized university;
- Have graduated not earlier than the year **2018**; and
- Be proficient in computer skills.

Internship Duties and Responsibilities

Duties include, but not limited to;

- Completing duties mutually agreed upon and assigned by the supervisors;
- Documenting relevant skills acquired in their areas of deployment; and
- Actively participating in any relevant mentorship activities and additional responsibilities designed for the programme.

Duration of Internship

Twelve (12) months- Non renewable

Stipend

The interns will be paid a stipend at a rate as determined by the Government.

Certificate

On successful completion of the Internship Programme, the interns will be awarded a certificate.

Interested and qualified graduates are requested to make their applications through the Commission's job portal accessible through www.publicservice.go.ke or www.psckjobs.go.ke by **18th August, 2025**.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport was established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 and charged with the mandate to manage, develop, rehabilitate, and maintain national trunk roads.

To carry out this mandate effectively, the Authority wishes to fill the following vacant position with creative and proactive Kenyan citizens with the ability to quickly adapt to a dynamic work environment.

No.	Job Title	KeNHA Grade	Reference Number	Position
1.	Director, Internal Audit	2	KeNHA/D-IA/01/2025	1

All candidates who meet the requirements detailed in the Job Specifications should apply using the provided email boardrecruitment@kenha.co.ke or through the specific address shown below by close of business on **Monday, 18th August 2025 at 5:00 pm**.

For a detailed Job Profile and Specification, and general information on KeNHA, please visit the Authority's website www.kenha.co.ke.

KeNHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to diversity and gender equality within the organization and therefore encourages persons with disability, women and those from marginalized areas to apply. Applicants with disability are requested to indicate their status on the application link for ease of identification.

Prospective candidates **MUST** satisfy the requirements of Leadership and Integrity set out in Chapter six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya and shall be required to present the following documents during the interview.

- Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission Clearance Certificate
- Kenya Revenue Authority Tax Compliance Certificate
- Higher Education Loans Board Clearance Certificate or proof of ongoing repayments
- Certificate of Good Conduct issued by National Police Service
- Certificate of Clearance from the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) The above documents will not be required at the point of application.

The terms of appointment for the above positions shall be on a five (5) year Contract Terms of Service:

Applications for the position should be addressed to:

**The Chairperson, Board of Directors,
Kenya National Highways Authority,
Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)
Off Airport South Road, along Mazao Road
P.O. Box 49712 - 00100 Nairobi.**

Applications clearly quoting the reference number should be hand delivered and inserted in the **Recruitment box** placed at **4th Floor (Outside the Director General's Office)**.

Applications without the relevant qualifications will not be considered. Any form of canvassing shall lead to automatic disqualification.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Gov't to waive Sh6b in interest to unlock thousands of title deeds



Lands and Physical Planning Cabinet Secretary, Alice Wahome, addresses wananchi during the official launch of the Malindi land Registry. PHOTO: SHANI RHAI

BY EMMANUEL MASHA
AND SHANI RHAI, KNA

The Ministry of Lands plans to waive over Sh6 billion in interest on unpaid settlement fees to help land allottees collect unclaimed title deeds across the country, Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome has disclosed.

Speaking during the opening of the Malindi Land Registry, Ms. Wahome said she had already prepared a Cabinet memo and forwarded it to the Attorney General and the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury.

"I have sent a request to the Treasury CS. We have also discussed the matter with the President so that, if agreed, we can waive the interest on the fees," she said, adding, "I have a pending Cabinet memo, which I have submitted to the AG and the CS for the Treasury."

The CS was responding to requests by Kilifi leaders, who said thousands of local residents had been unable to collect their title deeds due to large debts owed to the Settlement Fund Trustees (SFT). They called for a waiver on the interest to enable residents to pay the principal amounts.

The leaders – including Kilifi Governor

Gideon Mung'aro, National Assembly Deputy Majority Leader Owen Baya (Kilifi North), Kaloleni MP Paul Katana, Malindi MP Amina Mnyazi, and former Magarini MP Harrison Kombe – said the accumulated fees had hindered residents from claiming their titles.

Ms. Wahome acknowledged that thousands of title deeds remain uncollected in various land registries across the country, with 33,000 documents lying unclaimed at the new Malindi Lands Registry alone.

She urged beneficiaries of settlement schemes to promptly pay the "small fees" and collect their ownership documents, stressing that title deeds should be safeguarded by holders as they guarantee land security.

At the same event, Ms. Wahome announced that she had directed Ministry officials to close all outstanding settlement schemes dating back to 1960 and to issue title deeds to beneficiaries so

We have also discussed the matter with the President, we might waive the interest on the fees

that discharges can be processed. She further asked foreigners holding title deeds under freehold and 999-year leases to surrender them and be issued 99-year leases in line with government policy arising from the 2010 Constitution of Kenya.

Ms. Wahome said some 7,000 new title deeds had been processed for various settlement schemes and adjudication sections in Kilifi County and that she would soon return to the region to issue them to beneficiaries.

She added that more than 170,000 land transaction documents had been transferred to the new Malindi Lands Registry, which is expected to serve Malindi and Magarini sub-counties.

The CS also noted that adjudication work is ongoing in several areas of Kilifi County, including Kibokoni, Chakama Phase III, Adu/Kamale, Pumwani Phase III, and Wakala.

To meet increasing demand, Ms. Wahome announced the planned establishment of three new land control boards to supplement the existing two in Kilifi County.

Governor Mung'aro urged land officers to collaborate with residents to resolve disputes and ensure the smooth processing of land documents.



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REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

The Financial Reporting Centre (FRC) was established under section 21 of the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2009 (POCMLA) and the prevention of Terrorism Act (PATO) 2012 with the principle objective of identifying proceeds of crime, combating money laundering and the fight against terrorism financing.

The Centre (FRC) invites Registration of supplier's /service providers as indicated below.

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND 2026-2027-FRC/RS/001/2025-2026

A-SUPPLY OF GOODS			
Category Number	Description	Remarks	Closing Date
Category 1	Supply of General Office Stationeries, Stationery and other office Consumables	Special	Monday 18 th August,2025 12 noon
Category 2	Supply and Delivery of Toners and Cartridges.	Special	
Category 3	Supply and Delivery of Application Software, Accessories & Assorted Licenses (Windows, Microsoft Office, Anti-virus, DMS Memory)	Open	
Category 4	Supply and Delivery Office Equipment (Computers,Laptops,Notepads, Tablets,Phones,Modems,Projectors,video Conferencing and related items)	Open	
Category 5	Supply and delivery of printed, Branded merchandise/ staff ID Cards and Staff Uniform.	Special	
Category 6	Supply and Delivery of assorted office Furniture and Fittings.	Special	
Category 7	Supply and Delivery of Drinking mineral water/Disposable Cups	Special	
Category 8	Supply and delivery of Motor Vehicle Tyres, Batteries and Accessories.	Open	
Category 9	Supply and Delivery Newspapers, Periodicals and Magazines	Special	
Category 10	Supply and Delivery of Telephone airtime	Special	
Category 11	Supply and Delivery of Text books	Special	
Category 12	Supply and Delivery of Fuel for Motor Vehicles and related Lubricants.	Open	
Category 13	Supply Fit and Maintenance of window Blinds And Curtains.	Open	

B-PROVISION OF SERVICES

Category Number	Description	Remarks	Closing Date
Category 14	Provision of cleaning services	Special	Monday 18 th August,2025 12 noon
Category 15	Provision of Event Management Services	Special	
Category 16	Provision of Catering Services	Special	
Category 17	Provision of Legal services	Open	
Category 18	Provision of Cab, transport and Car Hire services	Special	
Category 19	Provision of Auctioneering Services	Open	
Category 20	Provision of Office Movers services	Open	
Category 21	Provision of Asset Tagging, Assets verification and Asset Reconciliation Services	Open	
Category 22	Provision of Computer Repairs and Maintenance services	Open	
Category 23	Provision of Air Ticketing Services (IATA,KATA registered firms only)	Special	
Category 24	Provision of Vehicle Maintenances Services	Open	
Category 25	Provision of car parking space at upper Hill Area	Open	
Category 26	Provision of print production and Graphic Arts Services	Special	
Category 27	Provision of Building Repairs and Maintenance services (painting, wood repairs & Related)	Open	
Category 28	Provision of security/Guard services	Open	
Category 29	Provision of internet services	Special	
Category 30	Provision of maintenance and repair of Uninterruptible power supply (Ups)	Special	

C-PROVISION OF SMALL WORKS

Category Number	Description	Remarks	Closing Date
Category 31	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of CCTV, Access Control, Intruder alarms, Structured cabling and Support services	Open	Monday 18 th August,2025 12 noon
Category 32	Provision of Building Works, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and related works	Open	

Interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information and download the registration document at the FRC website: www.frc.go.ke free of charge.

Tenderers who have downloaded the registration documents must immediately forward their particulars (i.e. Name and Category application) to the email: info@frc.go.ke; dg@frc.go.ke; and procurement@frc.go.ke for any further clarifications.

Completed registration documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked the category number, name and addressed to:

The Director General
Financial Reporting Centre
Private Bag, 00200
NAIROBI

The registration Documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the **UAP OLD Mutual Tower, Upper hill road, Nairobi, on the 13th floor Meeting room** on the indicated closing dates.

Director General
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NEW KENYA PLANTERS CO-OPERATIVE UNION PLC

NATIONAL COFFEE REVIVAL PROGRAMME

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union PLC (New KPCU PLC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Cooperatives and MSMEs Development, invites passionate, community-rooted individuals to join an intensive **Coffee Extension Champions Training Program**, under the revival of coffee through cooperative societies Campaign. This nationwide initiative aims to expand coffee production within the Cooperative Movement from 51,852 MT to 151,000 MT.

Program: Coffee Farm Extension Training Program (Ward-Level Extension Champions)

Location: Listed Wards within the following Coffee-Growing Counties (Two positions available per ward: one for male and one for female applicants)

COUNTY	WARD
Baringo	Bartabwa, Emining, Ewale Chapchap, Kabarnet, Kabartonjo, Kapropita, Koibatek, Lembus, Lembus Kwen, Lembus Perkerra, Maji Mazuri, Mochongoi, Mogotio, Ravine, Sacho, Saimo Kipsaraman, Saimo Soi, and Tenges.
Bomet	Boito, Cheboin, Chebunyo, Chemaner, Chemagel, Chepchabas, Chesoen, Embomas, Kembu, Kapletundo, Kimulot, Kipreres, Kipsonoi, Kong'asis, Longisa, Merigi, Mogosiek, Mutarakwa, Ndarakweta, Ndai/Abosi, Nyangores, Rongena/Manaret, Silibwet, Singorwet, and Siongirio.
Bungoma	Bokoli, Bokembe East, Bokembe West, Bumula, Cheptais, Chesikaki, Chepyuk, East Sang'alo, Elgon, Kabuchai/Chwele, Kabula, Kamukuywa, Kaplateny, Kaplama, Khalaba, Khasoko, Kibingei, Kimaeti, Kimalili, Kwake/Luuya, Lwandanyi, Maeni, Malakisi/South Kulisiru, Maraka, Marakatu, Matulo, Mbakalo, Mihu, Milima, Mukuyuni, Musikoma, Naftiri/Kabuyeywe, Namwela, Ndalu/Tabani, Ndivilis, Siboti, Sitikho, Soysambu/Mitua, South Bukusu, Tongaren, Township, Tuuti, West Nalondo, and West Sang'alo.
Busia	Ageng'a Namguba, Amukura Central, Amukura East, Amukura West, Ang'urai East, Ang'urai North, Ang'urai South, Ang'oram, Bukhayo Central, Bukhayo East, Bukhayo North/Walatsi, Bukhayo West, Bunyala Central, Bunyala North, Bunyala South, Bunyala West, Burumba, Busibwabo, Bwiri, Chakol North, Chakol South, Elugulu, Kingandole, Malaba Central, Malaba North, Malaba South, Marachi Central, Marachi East, Marachi North, Marachi West, Matayos South, Mayenje, Nambale, Namboboto/Nambuku, Nangina, and Namboboto/Nambuku.
Elgeyo Marakwet	Arro, Cherang'any, Chepkorio, Embobut, Emsoo, Endo, Kabiemit, Kamariny, Kapchemutwa, Kapsowar, Kaptarakwa, Kapyego, Lelan, Metkei, Moiben Kuserwo, Sambirir, Sengwer, Soy North, Soy South, and Tambach.
Embu	Central, Gatondo, Gaturi North, Gaturi South, Kagaari North, Kagaari South, Kithima, Kirimari, Kyeni North, Kyeni South, Nginda, Ruguru and Ngandori.
Homa Bay	Central Kasipul, East Gem, East Kamagak, Kabondo West, Kabuoch South, Kanyadoto, Kanyamwa Kalogi, Kanyamwa Kosewe, Kanyikela, Kegan, Kochia, Kojwach, Kokwanyo/Kakel, Kwabwai, South Kasipul, West Gem, West Kamagak, and West Kasipul.
Kakamega	Bunyala Central, Bunyala East, Bunyala West, Butali/Chegulu, Butsotso Central, Butsotso East, Butsotso South, Chekalini, Chemuche, Chevaya, East Kabaras, East Wanga, Etenje, Idako Central, Idako East, Idako North, Idako South, Ingotse-Matiba, Isukha Central, Isukha East, Isukha North, Isukha South, Isukha West, Khalaba, Kholera, Kisa Central, Kisa East, Kisa North, Kisa West, Koyonzo, Kongoni, Lugi, Lumakanda, Lusheya/Lubini, Lwandeti, Mahalakalo, Malaha/Isongo/Makunga, Manda-Shivanga, Marama Central, Marama North, Marama South, Marama West, Mautuma, Mayoni, Mumias Central, Mumias North, Murhanda, Musanda, Namamali, Nzoia, Sango, Shieywe, Shiana/Mareng, Shinoyi-Shikomari-Esumeiya, Shirugu-Mugai, Sinoko, South Kabaras, and West Kabaras.
Kajiado	Entonet/Lenkisi, Ewuso Ooidong'i, Imaroro, Imbirikani/Eselekei, Iloodokilani, Kaputei North, Kee-konyokie, KeiKuku, Kenyawa-Poka, Kimana, Kitengela, Kuku, Magadi, Mbirikan/Eselen, Moriso, Ngong, Nkaimurunya, Olkeri, Olosirkon Sholinke, Oloolu, Ongata Rongai, and Rombo.
Kericho	Ainamoi, Kapkukerwet, Kaplelartet, Kapsoit, Kapsaos, Chepseon, Kimugul, Kipchebor, Sigowet, Soin, Soliat, and Waldai.
Kiambu	Kamwangi, Ngenda North, Ngenda South, Kimende, Kiamu, Kanunga, Kiambaraa, Kahugu/Mitubiri, Githunguri, Ikinu, Komothai, Ngewa, Githiga, Juja, Kalimoni, Witeithie, Murera, Theta, Kabete, Uthiru, Gitaru, Nyathuna, Muguga, Cianda, Karuri, Ndenderu, Muchatha, Kihara, Ting'ang'a, Ndumberi, Riabai, Kiambu Township, Kinoo, Kikuyu, Karai, Nachu, Lari/Kirenga, Kinale, Kijabe, Kamburu, Ngecha-Tigoni, Ndeiya, Bibirioni, Biashara, Gitothua, Gatongora, Kiuu, Township, Kameni, Ngoliba, and Gatuanya.
Kirinyaga	Kerugoya, Kanyekine, Mutira, Inoi, Kiini, Mukire, Baragwi, Njukiine, Kabare, Ngariama, Karumandi, Kangai, Murinduko, and Gathigiriri.
Kisii	Babasi/Boitang'are, Basi Central, Birongo, Bobaracho, Bobasi, Bogeka, Bogetenga, Bogiakumu, Bogusero, Boikimoge, Bokeira, Bomariba, Boochi/Borabu, Boochi/Tendere, Borabu Chitago, Borabu Masaba, Bosot/Senger, Getenga, Gesusu, Ibeno, Ichuni, Keumbi, Kegogi, Kiakomaka, Kiogoro, Kisii Central, Kititu Central, Magenche, Majoge Basi, Marani, Masige East, Masige West, Masisi, Monyerero, Moticho, Nyacheki Basi, Nyakoe, Nyamasibi, Nyatiako, Riana, Sameta/Mokwerero, Sensi, and Tabaka.
Kisumu	Chemelil TAMU, Muhoroni Koru, and South Nyakach.
Laikipia	Githiga, Igwamiti, Marmanet, Mukogodo East, Mukogodo West, Nanyuki, Ngobit, Olmoran, Rumuruti Township, Salama, Segera, Sosian, Thingithu, Tigitii, and Umande.
Machakos	Kangundo Central, Kangundo East, Kangundo North, Kangundo West, Kathiani Central, Kyeleni, Machakos Central, Matungulu East, Matungulu North, Mitaboni, Mua, Mumbuni, Mututini, Muvutu, Tala, and Upper Kaewa/Iveti.
Makueni	Kasikeu, Kee, Kilungu, Kithungo/Kitundu, Mbooni, Mukaa/Kitaingo, Nzaui/Kilili/Kalamba, and Tulimani.
Meru	Abogeta East, Abogeta West, Abothuguchi Central, Abothuguchi West, Akithi, Athwana, Igoji East, Igoji West, Kiagu, Kianjai, Mbue, Mitunguu, Mwanganthia, Nkomo, Nkuene, Ntima East, Ntima West, Nyaki East, and Nyaki West.
Migori	Bukira East, Bukira Central/Ikerege, East Kamagambo, Ikerege/Bukira Central, Isibania, Makerero, Masaba, North Kamagambo, Ntimaru, Nyabasi North, and Nyabasi West.
Muranga	Gachanjiru, Gatanga, Gaturi, Gitugi, Ichagaki, Ithanga, Ithiru, Kagundu ini, Kahumbu, Kakuzi/Mitubiri, Kamacharia, Kamahuha, Kambiti, Kangari, Kanyenyaini, Kariara, Kigumo, Kihumbu ini, Kimororii/Wemba, Kinyona, Kiru, Makuyu, Mbiri, Mugoiri, Mugumo ini, Muguru, Murarandia, Muruka, Muthithi, Ng'araria, Nginda, Ruchu, Rwathia, Township, and Wangi.

Nakuru	Bahati, Dundori, Kabatini, Kabazi, Keringet, Mosop, Solai, Subukia, Visoi, and Waseges.
Nandi	Cabiyet, Chekumia, Chekunyuk, Chemell/Chemase, Chemundi, Chepterwai, Kabiyet, Kabwareng, Kabisaga, Kameloi/Maraba, Kapchorua, Kapitel/Kamoiyo, Kapsabet, Kapsimatwo, Kaptumo/Kaboi, Kelbwoni, Kipkaren, Kiptuiya, Kobuji, Kosirai, Koyo/Nduri, Kurgung/Surungai, Lelmokwo/Ngechek, Ndala, Nandi Hills, Ngechek, Ol'lessos, Sang'alo/Kebulonik, Songhor/Soba, Terik, and Tinderet.
Narok	Enosoen, Ilmotiok, Ololmasani, Olmekenyu, and Sonoo.
Nyamira	Bokeira, Bogichora, Bomwagamo, Bonyamatatu, Bosamaro, Ekerenyo, Esise, Gachuba, Gesima, Itibo, Kamera, Kiabonyor, Magombo, Magwagwa, Manga, Mekenene, Nyamaiya, Nyansiongo, Rigoma, and Township.
Nyeri	Chinga, Gatitu, Gikondi, Iriaini, Kamakwa, Karatina, Karima, Karimukuyu, Kiganjo, Konyu, Magutu, Mahiga, Mukurweini Central, Mukurweini East, Rugi, Ruguru, Ruringu, and Wamagana.
Siaya	Central Alego, Central Gem, Central Sakwa, Central Ugunja, East Alego, East Gem, East Ugenya, East Ugunja, East Asembo, North Alego, North Gem, North Sakwa, North Ugenya, North Ugunja, North Uyoma, Siani, South Alego, South Central Alego, South East Alego, South Gem, South Sakwa, South Uyoma, South West Alego, Tala Township, Township, Ukwala, Ukuja, Usonga, West Alego, West Asembo, West Gem, West Sakwa, West Ugenya, West Ugunja, West Uyoma, West Yimbo, and Yimbo East.
Taita Taveta	Bomeni and Marungu.
Tharaka Nithi	Chogoria, Ganga, Igambang'ombe, Karingani, Magumoni, Mariani, Mitheru, Muthambi, Mugwe, and Mwimbi.
Trans Nzoia	Bidii, Chepchoina, Endebess, Hospital, Kaplamai, Kapomboi, Keiyo, Kiminini, Kinyoro, Kiptoror, Kwanza, Makutano, Machewa, Matisi, Matumbi, Motosiet, Nabiswa, Saboti, Sikhendu, Sirende, Sitatunga, Suwerwa, Tuwan, and Waitaluk.
Uasin Gishu	Ainabkoi/Olare, Kamagut, Kapserset, Kapsaos, Kapsoya, Kaptagat, Kipkenyo, Kiplombe, Kipsomba, Largas, Megun, Moiben, Moi's Bridge, Ngeria, Ngonyiel, Racecourse, Segero/Barsombe, Sergoit, Tarakwa, Tapsagoi, Tembelio, Tulwet/Chuiyat, and Cheptiret.
Vihiga	Banja, Busali, Central Bunyore, Central Maragoli, Chavakali, Emabungo, Gisambai, Jepkoyai, Luanda South, Luanda Township, Lugaga-Wamuluma, Lyaduywa/Izava, Muhudi, Mungoma, Mwibona, North East Bunyore, North Maragoli, Shamakhokho, Shiru, South Maragoli, Tambaa, Wemilabi, West Bunyore, West Sabatia, and Wodanga.
West Pokot	Alale, Batei, Chepareria, Endugh, Kapchok, Kapenguria, Kasei, Kiwawa, Kodich, Lelan, Lomut, Masool, Mnagei, Riwo, Sekerr, Siyo, Sook, Suam, Tapach, and Weiwei.

Terms: Sponsored Training with Self-Employment Opportunity Post-Training

Training Details:

- Venue:** Coffee Research Institute and designated county training centers
- Duration:** One week of intensive theory and practical training
- Certification:** Certificate of Completion issued jointly by New KPCU and the Coffee Research Institute
- Cost:** Training is fully sponsored. Trainees will cater for their own transport.

Roles After Training: Upon successful completion, trained Extension Champions will:

- Provide private extension services to farmers in their wards.
- Train farmers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) to boost yields.
- Support rehabilitation of abandoned or underperforming coffee farms.
- Promote adoption of quality planting materials supplied through the program.
- Mobilize and organize farmers into cooperatives or farmer groups.
- Assist farmers with record-keeping, crop monitoring, and basic farm management.

How Trainees will Earn from Services

Extension Champions will levy farmers a reasonable service fee agreed upon at the ward level through cooperatives or farmer groups, and approved by the Standing County Technical Committee. Champions will work with cooperatives to streamline collection of service fees through cooperative deductions or mobile money payments, ensuring transparency and accountability. Champions are encouraged to enter into formal service agreements with cooperatives or farmer groups.

Eligibility: Applicants must:

- Hold a Certificate, Diploma, or Degree in Agriculture, Agribusiness, Horticulture, Agricultural Economics, or related fields.
- Be residents of the ward they wish to serve (proof required).
- Demonstrate passion for transforming rural livelihoods through sustainable coffee farming.
- Have effective communication and teamwork skills.

Added Advantage:

- Previous experience in coffee farming, cooperatives, or agricultural extension.
- Familiarity with digital tools for data collection.
- Knowledge of coffee agronomy and post-harvest techniques.

Application Requirements: Submit:

- Detailed CV
- Copies of academic and professional certificates
- Copy of National ID and proof of ward residency
- Brief cover letter indicating the Ward you wish to serve

How to Apply: Interested persons who meet the requirements should submit their application in a sealed envelope, through the post office, email to recruitment@newkpcuplc.go.ke, or hand delivery, together with a copy of a detailed CV, copies of Academic certificates, national identity card and telephone contacts of three referees, to reach the Company by **1700hrs on Tuesday, 12th August 2025 (East African Time)**.

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Northern Corridor to upscale trade, regional integration and unlock global markets

BY GODFREY BIHEMBO
(PCO)

The Northern Corridor Council of Ministers resolved to upscale trade and regional integration by facilitating transit of goods between the Port of Mombasa and the landlocked countries within the region.

The Northern Corridor is a crucial transport route in East and Central Africa, linking the Port of Mombasa in Kenya with several landlocked countries, including Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Uganda.

The resolution was made in Nairobi during the Council's 37th meeting. It was observed that the Northern Corridor is a critical artery necessary to accelerate East Africa integration.

Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Davis Chirchir, said regional integration can be achieved through various initiatives, including infrastructure development, policy harmonization and the use of technology to monitor and improve performance.

Specifically, Chirchir pointed out the port ex-



From left: Ms. Marie Chantal Nijimbere, Chairperson Northern Corridor Council of Ministers, Mr. Davis Chirchir, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Mr. Abolia Taba Mopolo Jean Marie, Secretary General, Ministry of Transport and Ways of Communication, representing the Minister, Democratic Republic of Congo during the 37th Council of Ministers meeting in Nairobi.

pansion in Lamu, Mombasa and Kisumu, the development on the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and the upgrades on the road network as key components to revitalize the corridor.

"The corridor serves as a critical artery for East African Integration, acting as a vital trade conduit that links landlocked countries within the region to global markets," said the CS.

During their deliberations, the Council reviewed reports on key corridor programmes, the proposed budget and workplan for the financial year 2025/2026 and priority activities to enhance corridor efficiency and eliminate barriers to trade among others.

The gathering also witnessed the transition of leadership where Uganda's Mr. Benon Kajuna, Managing Director,

Uganda Railways, representing the Minister, Republic of Uganda handed over the Chairmanship to Ms. Marie Chantal Nijimbere, Minister for Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism, Republic of Burundi; who will be in charge for the next two years with the Democratic Republic of Congo as second in command.

Chirchir noted that the Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Agreement

(NCTTA) provides a regional legal framework for trade facilitation, transport infrastructure, and customs harmonization among member states.

Similarly, the CS pointed out that the Northern Corridor Transport Observatory Portal serves as a platform for real-time data monitoring and reporting on key performance indicators, enabling evidence-based policymaking and contin-

Government to enhance interests and development of minorities

BY ANITA OMWENGA, KNA

The State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications is partnering with the Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit to advocate for the interests and development needs of the minorities and marginalized communities in the country.

The partnership is focused on expanding broadcasting and development initiatives to underserved communities to ensure equitable visibility, access and participation of minority and marginalized populations in national, media and innovation programmes.

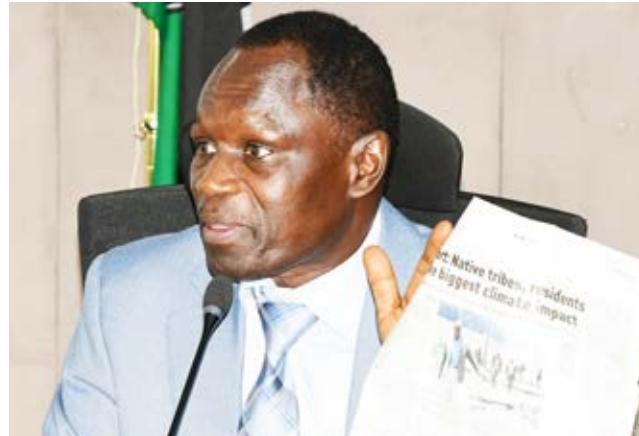
The Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Mr Stephen Isaboke, during the consultative meeting at Telposta Towers in Nairobi, said the department is ready to accord the necessary support to the Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit by providing national visibility

to issues, initiatives, culture and voices of marginalized communities.

"Visibility initiatives will be captured through documentaries, interviews, news and development stories using communication and media outlets including Kenya News Agency (KNA), MyGov, Kenya Yearbook Editorial publications and Kenya Broadcasting Corporation," he said.

The Secretary and Head of Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit, Mr Josaphat Lowoi, said that the partnership will focus on showcasing culture and livelihoods of the minorities and marginalized communities, promoting inclusivity and helping to sensitize the public on minorities and marginalized communities' rights.

"The strategic partnership will help unlock the full potential of these initiatives by aligning them with the Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit mandated to ensure outreach to these communities and



The Principal Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Stephen Isaboke

awareness about them to the world at large," he said.

Mr Lowoi said that it will promote cultural diversity of the ethnic minorities and marginalized communities that will promote indigenous cultural practices, as well as act as a repository of important historical data for the communities being described often as marginalized and indigenous people, or native tribes.

He said the ICT Author-

ity, and related broadcast-

ing agencies are currently implementing programmes such as the Digital Literacy Programme, Presidential Digital Talent Programme, Last Mile Connectivity, Konza Technopolis and Studio Mashinani, among others.

He said these initiatives offer vital platforms for access, inclusion and cultural expression, yet consumption and outreach in remote and historically excluded regions remain limited.

UK, Turkish governments support ECDE in Wajir

BY HAMDI BUTHUL, KNA

The County Government of Wajir is partnering with the Governments of the United Kingdom and Turkey to boost basic learning in the county.

The county has commissioned newly constructed ECDE classrooms and flagged off learning materials in Hodhan and Barwako Primary Schools.

The aid, implemented through the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), is intended to assist improve access to early childhood education across the county.

Speaking during the launch, Wajir County Commissioner, Ka-

ruku Ngumo, noted that their support in the foundational stage of education would yield long-term benefits.

"The foundation of education begins at the ECDE level. Once we create a conducive environment for learners, we reduce early marriages, school dropouts and teenage pregnancies," Ngumo said.

Ngumo added that the initiative would boost enrollment and instill the value of education among young children.

FCDO Deputy Development Director, Eduarda Mendonça Gray, said the UK was committed to supporting education in Wajir County through teacher training and learning materials.

uous improvement.

"Initiatives like the Northern Corridor Green Freight Strategy 2030 (NCGFS 2030) aim to balance economic progress with environmental responsibility by enhancing fuel efficiency, reducing pollutants, and promoting the use of electric vehicles," Chirchir said.

He noted that by improving road infrastructure and implementing streamlined processes, it should lead to faster and more reliable movement of goods.

Also present were the Principal Secretary State Department for Transport Mohamed Daghar-Kenya, Dr. Lam Akol Ajawin, Minister of Transport, Republic of South Sudan, Mr. Abolia Taba Mopolo Jean Marie, Secretary General, Ministry of Transport and Ways of Communication, representing the Minister, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mr. Fidele Abimana, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure, representing the Minister, Republic of Rwanda and the Chairperson of the Public Private Partnership Stakeholders Committee, Mr. Lino Criel, was also present.

PCF digitizes systems, securing trust in the insurance sector

BY BRIAN MUTUA

The Policyholders Compensation Fund is enhancing its claims management systems to deepen collaboration with insurance firms and regulatory agencies such as the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA).

"We are future focused. Our aim is to be a responsive, reliable, and transparent Fund that policyholders can count on during difficult times," Simon Mbugua, the Chair of the Board of Trustees said.

Speaking during the 20th anniversary celebrations held in Nairobi, Mbugua said stakeholders are currently in talks to review the compensation amount of Sh250,000 upwards and consensus building around the Sh500,000 ceiling of pol-

icyholder claims.

The Chairman said that the 20-year journey has not been without challenges, but PCF's resilience, prudent financial management, and adherence to good governance have earned it recognition as one of the most reliable compensation schemes in the region.

The Fund, which was established in 2005, has grown to become a critical pillar in the country's financial safety net, protecting policyholders in the event of the collapse of insurance companies.

Over the past two decades, PCF has played a pivotal role in safeguarding the interests of insurance policyholders, ensuring that claims are met even when insurers become insolvent.

The Fund operates under the Insurance Act (Cap 487) and is administered



Policyholders Compensation Fund Managing Trustee, Mr. Mohammed Sahal.

by a Board of Trustees under the oversight of the National Treasury.

PCF Managing Trustee, Mr. Mohammed Sahal, emphasized the Fund's

commitment to enhancing public confidence in the insurance industry.

"For 20 years, PCF has stood as a symbol of security and reliability. We

have not only compensated affected policyholders but have also worked to educate the public on the importance of insurance and the role of PCF," Mr. Sahal said.

"We have compensated claimants of seven collapsed insurance companies; some have had the two-year compensation window closed while others are still open. Currently, we are compensating claimants of BlueShield Insurance, United Insurance, Invesco Assurance and Xplico Insurance," he said.

Mr. Sahal noted that the compensation period for Concord Insurance,

Standard Assurance and Resolution Insurance has lapsed.

The Managing Trustee added that in recent years, the Fund has expanded its mandate to include awareness creation, stakeholder engagement, and industry collaboration, ensuring that more Kenyans understand their rights and safeguards within the insurance sector.

To commemorate this milestone, he noted, PCF has rolled out a nationwide campaign dubbed "PCF Mtaani", aimed at increasing public awareness of its services.

The campaign, the Trustee further said, targets grassroots communities and urban centers, leveraging partnerships with county governments, industry players, and community-based organizations.



THE NATIONAL TREASURY



NT - PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT FINANCING LOCALLY-LED CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM JOB OPPORTUNITY

Project ID No.:	BMZ-No. 2016 65 108 / 2018 65 138 (KfW- Co-financing)
MONITORING AND EVALUATION TECHNICAL OFFICER Ref:	TNT/FLLoCA/PIU/M&ETO/2025/01 1-post

1.0 Background

The Government of Kenya requested for financial support for the support of the **Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Program**. The program development objective is to strengthen local resilience to the impact of climate change, natural hazards, and other shocks/stressors by building local capacity to plan, budget, implement and monitor resilience investments in a way that promotes collaborative partnerships between communities, national and county governments. These Terms of Reference outline the functions, roles and responsibilities for the Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Officer who will be recruited for the PIU.

Therefore, FLLoCA seeks to engage a Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Officer for a 1-year contract period, subject to work requirements and satisfactory performance. The M&E Technical Officer will enter into a contract with the National Treasury and Economic Planning and will report to the M&E Specialist and by extension Program Coordinator. The position will be based at the PIU Office in Nairobi.

2.0 Role of the Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Officer

The main role of the M&E Technical Officer is to support in implementation and support the Program's monitoring and evaluation system. This includes developing performance indicators, supporting data collection and analysis, preparing reports, conducting performance reviews, and ensuring stakeholder engagement for informed decision-making and accountability throughout the program lifecycle.

Interested candidates can obtain the detailed scope of the assignment at www.treasury.go.ke

3.0 Qualifications, Skills and Experience

- A minimum of a first degree in relevant field. Relevant professional qualifications will be an added advantage;
- A minimum of 3 years' relevant experience in the public service and donor funded program is preferable;
- A minimum of 3 years' of demonstrated knowledge of and experience with program management, including monitoring and evaluation practices and reporting requirements of donor funded program and a good understanding of program and program M&E systems.

4.0 Selection Criteria

For the position, CVs will be evaluated considering the Academic & Professional qualifications and Relevant Experience. Complete application documents (Curriculum Vitae, copies of certificates and relevant supporting documentation giving details of their qualifications, experience, day and evening telephone contacts, email address and names of three referees) with the Position reference and name clearly marked on top should be delivered in person, or by email to the address shown below:-

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Treasury Building-Harambee Avenue, Nairobi
Attn: Program Coordinator-FLLoCA
Email: programcoordinator.piu@gmail.com Or fllcoa.piu@gmail.com

Deadline for submission of applications is **12th August, 2025 at 1630hrs East African Time**. Please note that the National Treasury and Economic Planning is an Equal Opportunity-Affirmative Action Employer.



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FINANCE AND COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST Ref:	TNT/FLLoCA/PIU/FCS/2025/01 1-post

1.0 Background

Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Program is a World Bank Funded Government of Kenya Program and co-financing from German KfW Development Bank among other development partners. The program's development objective is to strengthen grass root resilience to the impacts of climate change, natural hazards, and other shocks/stressors by building the country's capacity to plan, implement, and monitor resilience investments in partnership with County Governments and communities. The Program is managed and coordinated by a Program Implementation Unit (PIU) domiciled at the National Treasury and Economic Planning's Climate Finance and Green Economy Unit (CG&GEU).

Therefore, FLLoCA seeks to engage a Finance and Compliance Specialist for a 1-year contract period, subject to work requirements and satisfactory performance to be based at the National Treasury, PIU Office in Nairobi.

The main objective of the position is to support in realization of financial compliance with the County component during program implementation.

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2.0 Qualifications, Skills and Experience

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, Public Policy, Public Administration, Finance, Economics or Governance;
- A minimum of 2 years' relevant experience in the public sector, parastatals and/or donor – funded projects / programs;
- Excellent analytical, report writing skills and must be computer literate;
- Experience in international projects/programs, especially those financed by the World Bank is an added advantage.

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Government steps in to support vulnerable learners in Baringo

BY BENSON KELIO AND CHRISTOPHER KIPROP, KNA

The Ministry of Gender, Culture and Children's Services has mobilized humanitarian support for 32 schools serving children with special needs in Baringo County.

Speaking during a special handover ceremony of materials and equipment at Kabarnet School for the Deaf and Blind, Gender Cabinet Secretary Hanna Cheptumo highlighted the important role such institutions play in providing care and protection for vulnerable children and disadvantaged members of society.

She emphasized the need for coordinated efforts to establish safe and child-friendly spaces for children in emergency situations, including those rescued from abuse, exploitation, and conflict.

"The deprived children in Baringo are all our children, and they need our support," said

Cheptumo, who was flanked by her Principal Secretaries Anne Wang'ombe (Gender) and Caren Angego (Children Welfare Services).

The CS noted that her ministry is working on a sustainable model to address the challenges faced by special schools to ensure they operate effectively and comfortably.

She urged charitable organizations to partner with the government to identify children who can be reintegrated into family-based care arrangements, ensuring their safety and well-being.

Angego, in her remarks, called on all stakeholders to team up to identify children with disabilities who have either been locked at home or abandoned by their parents, to ensure they are supported.

The Children Welfare Services PS decried the rampant cases of parental neglect in Baringo County, where 2,177 cases were reported between July 2024



1. Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Gender, Culture and Children's Services Hanna Cheptumo handing over a dignity kit with Baringo Governor Benjamin Cheboi to Junior Secondary School students during a ceremony held at Kabarnet School for deaf/blind.

2. Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Gender, Culture and Children's Services Hanna Cheptumo planting a tree at Kabarnet School for deaf/blind during the handing over of material and equipment in support to over 30 Baringo institutions with special needs children.

PHOTO: CARLOS KIPROP

and June 30, 2025, making the county position three county-wide on the vice.

She encouraged parents from the region to be near their children at all times and provide conducive conditions for them to develop their full potential and become productive members of society in future.

Wang'ombe, on the other hand elucidated that physically challenged women and girls are three times more likely to suffer gender-based violence hence there is need for their relatives and guardians to talk on their behalf or call for help.

Narok disabled man's farming success story



BY ANN SALATON, KNA

Mukare Mpusia, 43, is differently abled. He was born with a physical disability that limited his ability to engage in casual labor. Born in Narosura, Narok, where disability is often viewed as a curse, Mpusia's parents hid him during his early years, denying him the opportunity to attend school.

He grew up relying on his parents for his livelihood until, at the age of 20, their communal land was subdivided, and Mpusia fortunately received a share of the 20 acres.

Mr. Mpusia began rearing a few livestock but struggled to earn enough to support his two wives and 13 children, who depended entirely on him. His children were often sent home from school due to unpaid fees.

Despite owning a large parcel of land, providing daily meals was a

challenge. This situation frequently caused tension in his family, leading to conflicts with his wives. However, his life changed when World Vision invited him to attend the Empowered World View (EWV) training, which opened his mind to his great potential despite his disability. After the training,



Mukare Mpusia, 43, who is differently abled at his farm in Narosura area, Narok South Sub County.

he began to appreciate his wives and children more.

Together, they developed an economic plan, prioritizing maize and bean farming and goat rearing.

"I started by planting maize on one acre and harvested six bags, which I sold for Sh65,000. I used the money to pay school

fees for my children. With the surplus, I purchased two he-goats, which I sold after two months for Sh14,000. I used Sh4,500 to farm maize and beans on my one-acre plot," he said. His farming activities are supported by the 'Erasaroto Enkongu Enkare' self-help group, where he saves and accesses loans to expand his agricultural ventures.

"Since the EWV training, my family is more united and happier. My two wives get along well, and all our children live together happily. There is enough food for all my family members," he said joyfully. When we visited, he was busy on his farm with his first wife, as his second wife had recently given birth to their 13th child.

The couple emphasized that through their farming business, they can comfortably educate their children and provide for their other basic needs.

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When we visited, he was busy at his farm with his first wife as the other wife had just delivered their 13th baby.

The couple reiterated that through the farming business, they are able to educate their children comfortably and provide them with other basic needs.

He advised people living with disabilities struggling to earn a living to identify their unique strength and explore it as income-generating activity instead of begging for money from society.

How an engineer turned to healing through bees

BY FLORENCE KINYUA
(KNA)

In the sleepy rolling hills of Kandara, Murang'a County, a buzzing innovation is taking root.

It is an unusually warm afternoon in July when KNA visits Steven Kimani's apiculture centre. From far and wide, visitors stream into the apiculture centre, to seek healing from nature's oldest chemists - the honeybees.

Outside a makeshift tent, several visitors wait in line patiently for their turn to get the magical healing bee sting. Metres away another group of customers are streaming in and out of a well-stocked farm shop, with four attendants behind the counter.

Some came to buy raw honey, others propolis bee extract, bee pollen and beauty products from honey, while others came by to drink dawa - a honey blended concoction known for treating colds and boosting immunity.

"I graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from Moi University in 2010 and after working for a while, I ditched the trade in 2015, before jumping into the murky waters of entrepreneurship," says 38-year-old Kimani, the founder and proprietor of the Bella Apitherapy Centre.

He first tried dairy farming but quickly realized it was not tenable since he needed to be there physically, so he instead planted avocado trees as they were not labour intensive.

"One day, I found a bee pollinating an avocado tree and it sparked my interest to keep bees. My initial thought was just to sell honey," he says.

To deepen his knowledge about bees, he undertook a certificate



1. Steven Kimani explaining the 13 acupuncture points used in apitherapy during the interview
2. Steven Kimani working on one of his 150 bee hives at his apiary
3. An apitherapist administering bee stings on a patient at an apitherapy centre in Kandara

PHOTOS: FLORENCE KINYUA

course in beekeeping and got to know the many other bee products and their benefits and was surprised to know that beekeepers rarely get sick.

"This told me there was something about bee venom or bee products. This fueled my curiosity further," he said.

Kimani would then enroll for an Apitherapy course in Romania before undertaking an advanced beekeeping course with a Dutch company.

Armed with technical knowledge and sheer determination, he set up an office in the capital Nairobi before relocating to the current location - Kandara.

He approached the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), whose premises are nearby, which allowed him to set up an apiary in their farm, where he has set up more than 150 bee hives that offer him a consistent supply of honey

and other bee products. "Other bee products include bee venom, bee wax, propolis, honey, bee pollen, bee bread, royal jelly, bee drone larvae and beehive air," he says.

Apart from the products, his main area of expertise became apitherapy - a branch of alternative medicine that uses products from bees for healing and wellness.

The apitherapist notes that bee venom has been proven to manage sev-

eral conditions including relieving pain and inflammation, and boosting immune system, healing wound and relieving skin conditions such as eczema and psoriasis.

"When a client first gets here, we sting them once on the hand to test whether they are allergic to bee pollen. If they are, we put them on antihistamines and discontinue the treatment" he adds.

"The body has 13 acupuncture points that when stung with bee venom are able to heal specific body parts or organs," he said. Bee venom therapy has ancient roots and was used in Egypt in 2000 BC, ancient Greece in 460 BC and in traditional Chinese medicine over 2,000 years ago to stimulate healing for joint pain and inflammation.

In the 19th century, researchers started studying bee venom more formally in Europe and in the 1930s, bee venom injections started gaining popularity.

Today, bee venom is used in complementary medicine for arthritis, chronic pain, autoimmune disorders, skin conditions

and neurological diseases.

According to the National Institute of Health, a United States government agency that funds and conducts biomedical research, about 90 per cent of Kenyans have used traditional medicine at some point, with over 70 per cent relying on home-made remedies as their first source of medicine.

One such person is Mercy Wairimu, 48 years old. She arrived at the centre as we got in and waited patiently for her turn, to get the bee sting.

She had travelled from Githurai 45 Estate in Kiambu County to have

bee venom therapy at the Bella Apitherapy centre for her arthritic feet condition. "I started experiencing pain on my back years ago when my daughter, now in high school, was at lower primary level. The pain would come and go, and my life went on normally," she said.

She explains that she got concerned when the pain started moving downwards to her feet and settled at the back of her knees and became persistent.

"I visited a hospital and after numerous tests, I was diagnosed with arthritis. I was given medicine, but the pain was always there and became worse during cold seasons," she says.

Her condition was aggravated by her occupation as a market trader. She invested in legwarmers and warm clothes, but the pain persisted, making her dependent on pain killers.

Early this year, her feet started swelling, slowing her down and worsening the pain to the extent that doctors had to extract fluid built up.

Two months ago, as she sat at her stall in pain, other traders noticed her prolonged silence and sought to establish what was bothering her.

"I told them I was in too much pain and that I suffered from arthritis which had made my walk slow. One told me she had earlier suffered from the condition and managed it using bee venom, and referred me to this centre," says Wairimu, a ray of hope flashing in her eyes.

"This is the fifth dose of the bee stings, three on each knee and the swelling has gone down significantly. I have also not taken pain killers since," she said, showing off her slightly swollen feet that she had covered in a long skirt.

AFA releases new wheat prices and import quotas for 2025/26

BY HILDA CHESHARI

The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) convened a four-day stakeholder workshop to review the implementation of the Wheat Purchase Programme (WPP) which is part of its monitoring and evaluation efforts in the Wheat sub sector.

During the workshop, key outcomes included the official closure of the 2024/2025 season, an analysis of production

costs and the determination of minimum wheat prices and aggregator margins for the 2025/2026 season.

According to the AFA Director General Dr. Bruno Linyiru, AFA held a follow-up price negotiation meeting, during which allocation of Wheat Import Quotas was agreed upon and the Authority, in collaboration with the National Treasury, evaluated applications from millers seeking to import wheat under the Duty Re-

mission Scheme (DRS) for the upcoming season to make the WPP effective.

During the follow up price negotiation meeting, Dr. Linyiru said approvals were granted based on, registration with AFA as wheat importers, performance in previous local wheat purchase commitments, performance in previous import quota utilization and installed milling capacity.

"All participating millers will be required to purchase locally produced

wheat in quantities proportional to their allocated import quotas," the DG said.

He said the grading criteria applied in the 2024/2025 season will remain in effect for the 2025/2026 season.

He added that the wheat aggregation process will be done by aggregators vetted afresh and registered by AFA as marketing agents.

A handling fee of Sh220 per 90-kilogramme bag to cater for weighing, offloading and testing will be paid to aggregators, shared equally between the farmer and the miller. Dr. Linyiru added that

the recommended minimum wheat prices for 2025/2026 season have been determined based on a study of the average cost of production, an established pricing formula and negotiations.

"The goal is to offer farmers fair compensation and encourage increased production. After stakeholder consultations," Dr. Linyiru noted.

The Authority announced that the bushnell weight for a Grade One 90-kg bag of wheat will fetch Sh4,759, Grade Two Sh4,650 while Grade Three will sell for a willing buyer, willing seller price at traditional wheat

buying centres of Narok, Nakuru, Eldoret, Nyahururu and Timau for the 2025/2026 season.

The DG said all commitments agreed upon during stakeholder negotiations are final and binding and any future amendments aimed at supporting the WPP will be communicated in due course following stakeholder consensus.

The Wheat Purchase Programme is a duty remission scheme established by the National Treasury after consultations with the Cereal Millers Association (CMA) and the Cereal Growers Association (CGA).

Affordable Housing projects to give a lifeline to Jua Kali sector in Garissa

BY ERICK KYALO, KNA

The Jua Kali sector in Garissa will benefit tremendously from supplying building materials to the affordable housing projects in the county.

According to the Northeastern Coordinator for Affordable Housing and Markets John Karanja, Garissa County will receive Sh1.03 billion for housing projects alone.

The projects include the construction of the 408 housing units, which are about 40 per cent complete, 1,720- bed capacity hostels at the Garissa University, and a modern market at a cost of Sh288 million among others.

Speaking during a meeting with the Jua Kali sector representatives and the housing contractors in Garissa town, Karanja said the contractors have an obligation to cascade the works to all the levels, which include sourcing of materials from local artisans.

"In the Affordable Housing projects, we have 75 ring fenced

items which include the windows, steel doors, flash doors, landscaping works as well as the painting works among others for the Jua Kali sector," Karanja said.

"We came here to have the Jua Kali artisans start onboarding themselves into these works. It is a mutual understanding between the contractor and the Jua Kali but more importantly is that the government is very deliberate that an item that has been earmarked for the Jua Kali must be undertaken by the Jua Kali," he added.

Garissa Township Member of Parliament Dekow Mohamed encouraged young people, especially skilled plumbers, electricians, welders and painters in the county to take up the job opportunities to better their lives.

"I want to encourage the Jua Kali guys to be prepared because we have another 2,000 units coming up and two other markets in the pipeline. There are also many other associated infrastructures which will have opportunities for them," Mo-



1. A section block of the 408 Garissa affordable housing units.
2. Garissa Township MP Dekow Mohamed during a press briefing after a meeting with Jua Kali traders in Garissa. He urged the local youth to take up the available opportunities in the housing projects.
3. The North-Eastern coordinator for Affordable Housing and markets John Karanja during a press interview. He revealed that Garissa County is receiving Sh 1.03 billion for housing projects alone

hamed said.

"Within this year, we will build about 3,000 housing units for construction so you can imagine the economic benefit that this will bring to us," he added.

Abubakar Mohamed, the

chairperson for the Garissa Jua Kali Federation said they have never had such high value opportunities, noting that they would expand their workshop and improve the quality of their products from the capital.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE DRAFT TOURISM REGULATORY AUTHORITY (TOURISM ENTERPRISES) REGULATIONS, 2025

PURSUANT to Section 122 of the Tourism Act, 2011 and section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism & Wildlife hereby notifies the public that the Ministry has prepared a Regulatory Impact Assessment on the impacts of the proposed Tourism (Tourism Enterprises) Regulations, 2025 on regulations of the tourism sector in Kenya.

Any person who is likely to be affected by the proposed regulations may submit a written memorandum on the proposed Regulations within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice.

The memorandum should be delivered during official working hours from 8:00am – 5:00pm on weekdays or by email addressed to:

Tourism Regulatory Authority
Utalii House, 4th Floor
Nairobi CBD,
P.O Box 25357 - 00200
NAIROBI.
Email: ris@tra.go.ke
Tel: + 254 111 161 200 / 0701 444 777

The Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed regulations are available on the Authority's website www.tra.go.ke.

Hon. Rebecca Miano, EGH
Cabinet Secretary
MINISTRY OF TOURISM & WILDLIFE



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NOTIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF KENYA CONSUMERS PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Kenya Consumers Protection Advisory Committee (KECOPAC) is a statutory Committee established by Section 89 of the Consumer Protection Act No. 46 of 2012. Its main aim is to oversee the protection of the consumer and prevent unfair trade practices in consumer transactions at all levels. We have 4 vacancies of members to be filled as below:-

Pursuant to Section 89 (d) (i), we are calling for the submission of names of nominees, from accredited consumer rights organizations to be considered and/or appointed to be members of the Kenya Consumers Advisory Committee for the next three years by the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry.

The basic qualifications for appointment are:-

- (i) Must have a first degree.
- (ii) Must be knowledgeable in matters related to consumer rights and has an experience of not less than 3 years dealing with matters related to consumer rights and advocacy.
- (iii) Satisfies chapter six of the constitution of Kenya.

NB:
The outgoing members are **NOT** eligible to be re-appointed. This being a re-advertisement, those who had applied through the earlier advert **should** apply again.

The names and complete details including copies of academic and professional testimonials together with a detailed curriculum vitae of nominees should be submitted to:-

The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Trade,
Telposta Towers – 18th Floor,
P.O. Box 30430 - 00100, NAIROBI
on or before 14th August, 2025

This advert is also available on KECOPAC website: www.KECOPAC.go.ke

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE

PSs call for strong messaging to promote Kenya's KJET Initiative

BY VICTORIA NJERI (PCO)

Communication units from the State Departments for Investment Promotion (SDIP) and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (SDMSME), along with partner state agencies, have aligned their strategies for a publicity and promotion campaign for the Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation (KJET) project. The State Departments and these agencies are imple-

menting the KJET Project, a World Bank-supported Government of Kenya initiative focused on investment promotion and job creation. Principal Secretaries Susan Auma Mang'eni (SDMSME) and Abubakar Hassan Abubakar (SDIP) emphasized the strategic role of communication in showcasing the project's value and encouraging broader uptake. Mang'eni commended the work done so far by the team and called for the

creation of high-impact messages to generate public interest and position KJET as a catalyst for sustainable business growth and youth employment. "When there's an overflow in demand, the project gains more traction and potential for funding," she said.

Abubakar emphasized the importance of packaging KJET messaging to resonate with the business community and drive investments and therefore job creation:

KJET aims to address key constraints within government and market systems that hinder the creation of high-quality jobs and the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Overall, KJET will increase private sector investments, access to markets and sustainable finance to create and improve jobs.

The purpose of the 4th Session was to assess on-

going activities and plan for communications interventions; streamline stakeholder engagement efforts; and finalize key communications tools and branding assets critical to the roll-out of the KJET initiative.

These include; KJET communications work-plans, website, a grievance redress mechanism (GRM) and capacity building for implementation teams.

"Our audience is the entrepreneur, the SME

and that investor out there. Make the messages reflect that pull-factor reality in the Kenyan investment environment," he said.

Kibisu Kabatesi emphasized collaboration by all agencies implementing KJET and commended the unity-of-purpose so far displayed by the communications teams.

"You remain the eyes and ears of the project - the mirror. You have done great!," said the Communications Specialist.

CAF gives green light for Kenya to host tournament



(From left) CAF Secretary General Veron Mosengo-Omba, Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports, Salim Mvurya and Principal Secretary, State Department for Sports, Elijah Mwangi, during a CHAN 2024 Championship press briefing at the Talanta Plaza.

BY NAIF RASHID, KNA

It is a historic moment for Kenya. The air is electric with anticipation as the country prepares to host the Confederation of African Football (CAF) African Nations Championship (CHAN) for the first time.

Kenya will host the second-day matches between the Harambee Stars and the DR Congo national football team at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani, on Sunday, 3rd August, at 15:00 EAT (12:00 GMT).

CHAN, co-hosted by Tanzania and Uganda, kicks off on 2nd August and concludes on 30th August 2025, with Tanzania hosting the opening match between itself and Burkina Faso at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Kenya will host the final match, while Uganda will stage the third-place playoff at the Mandela Stadium in Kampala.

Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, the Cre-

ative Economy, and Sports, Salim Mvurya, confirmed Kenya's preparedness for the matches following a high-level meeting with the CAF delegation.

The delegation included Sports Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi, FKF President Hussein Mohammed, and Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Nicholas Musonye.

"We are ready to host CHAN 2024. Everything required of us has been done, and CAF has confirmed we are making good progress," Mvurya said.

Security is tight, with the CS underscoring the government's commitment to staging a successful event.

He termed the tournament a "great opportunity" for Kenya, referencing missed chances to host major events in 1996 and 2018.

He also expressed appreciation to CAF President Patrice Motsepe for his continued support and guidance in helping Kenya meet international tournaments.

standards.

CAF Secretary General Veron Mosengo-Omba, speaking after a tour of key venues including the Nyayo and Kasarani stadiums, expressed satisfaction with the progress.

"All the boxes are ticked. We are ready for the kickoff on August 2nd. This event is an important platform to show the world that Kenya is capable of hosting global tournaments, including AFCON 2027," Mosengo-Omba said.

He praised the quality of preparations, noting that the stadium infrastructure, pitch conditions, and operational logistics are up to standard. The SG commended the visibility and public awareness of the tournament, with CHAN 2024 branding prominently across the city and a growing sense of excitement on the continent.

Mosengo-Omba confirmed that ticket sales would commence imminently, as final arrangements are being concluded.

KENYA INSTITUTE OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT



Nurturing Every Learner's Potential

ADDENDUM II TO THE INVITATION TO SUBMIT COURSE MATERIALS FOR EVALUATION AND APPROVAL

Reference is made to our advert and **Addendum in 'mygov' newspaper dated 20th May and 1st July 2025; respectively**, on Submission, Evaluation and Approval Procedures for Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) Support Materials for SENIOR SCHOOL 2025 Edition.

This is to inform all publishers and others interested in submitting curriculum support materials for evaluation and approval that:

1. The literary texts for Literature in English and Fasihi ya Kiswahili have been amended as follows:

No.	LITERATURE IN ENGLISH	GRADE
1	Novel from Kenya	10,11,12
2	Autobiography	
3	Biography	
4	Anthology of short stories (including stories from Kenya, Africa and the rest of the World)	
5	Anthology of poetry (including poetry from Kenya, Africa and the rest of the World)	
6	Textbook on Oral Literature	
7	Textbook on Poetry	
KISWAHILI		
1	Wasifu	10,11,12
2	Hadithi Fupi (hadithi thelathini katika kitabu kimoja)	
3	Kitabu cha Fasihi Simulizi	
4	Kitabu cha Mashairi	

NOTE:

For both literature and Fasihi

- The Novel, Autobiography and Biography should be literarily rich in terms of context, plot, themes, characterization, aspects of style, length and language; to sufficiently engage learners who shall have opted for literature in English and Fasihi ya Kiswahili for the next four years.
 - The plots, themes and structures of the texts in the anthologies of short stories and poetry should be varied and in tandem with the core competencies, values and Pertinent Contemporary Issues (PCIs) as outlined in the curriculum designs.
 - The level of language in the literary texts MUST be appropriate to the learners in the grades 10, 11 and 12.
 - The literary texts MUST also take cognisance of relevance to the age, academic level and psychosocial developmental level of the learners at Senior School and topicality in terms of social, economic, political developments in Kenya, Africa and the World Currently.
 - For Autobiography and Biography in particular, they should preferably be based on the Kenyan or African context; though texts from the rest of the world would also be acceptable if they show remarkable relevance.
2. The date of submissions has been changed from **6th August 2025 to 12th August 2025**. Submissions must be made by **12p.m. on 12th August 2025**.

Curriculum support materials received will be opened/announced in the presence of submitting publishers who wish to attend at **12.30 p.m. on 12th August 2025 at the, KICD, Desai Road off Murang'a Road, Nairobi, KENYA.**

All other guidelines remain unchanged.

Any enquiries on submission of materials should be directed to:

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Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development
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Eleven counties awarded for prioritising health in budget and procurement

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) is collaborating with County Pharmacists and the Directorate of Health Products and Technologies (DHPT) to align medical supply priorities with real-time health demands.

KEMSA convened a strategic national workshop in Naivasha to accelerate reforms in Kenya's devolved health system, celebrate counties that have excelled in the strategic prioritization of medical supplies as a core component of healthcare delivery, and pave the way for a smarter, data-driven healthcare supply chain.

The event showcased counties that have consistently placed health at the center of their planning by allocating dedicated budgets for Health Products and Technologies (HPT), honoring payments to KEMSA on time, and aligning procurement with the diverse, real-time health needs of their populations.

"This isn't just another meeting – it's a reset," said Dr. Waqo Ejersa, CEO of KEMSA. "We are re-engineering our systems, policies, and partnerships so that every shilling counts, every product matters, and no Kenyan is left without the medicine they need. The era of blind procurement is over."

As part of the workshop's theme, "Delivering as One," KEMSA honored eleven counties for their outstanding performance in HPT management during the 2024–2025 financial year.

The counties include Machakos, Kitui, Elgeyo Marakwet,



KEMSA CEO, Dr. Waqo Ejersa (right) presents a trophy to Kitui County Pharmacist Dr. Beatrice Muia, celebrating the county's stellar performance in health supply chain management.

Turkana, Mandera, Kwale, Nyeri, Meru, Narok, Kisumu, and Busia, which were recognized for their consistency in order placement, good credit management, and prioritization of KEMSA as their primary supplier of health commodities.

Similarly, sixteen County Pharmacists received individual recognition for exemplary leadership in health commodity management.

Among those honoured are Dr. Alex Oindi (Machakos), Dr. Beatrice Muia (Kitui), Dr. Brian

Muyokani (Turkana), Dr. Jerusa Oluhano (Vihiga), Dr. Kepher Mogere (Kisii), Dr. Nancy Olunga (Siaya), and Dr. Matthew Yegon (Bomet) for their commitment to timely procurement, debt management, stakeholder collaboration, and innovative strategies that improve health supply outcomes.

Their dedication reflected a broader national effort to build a resilient, transparent, and people-centred health system.

"We're building a supply chain anchored in data, not

guesswork," Dr. Ejersa explained. "Our new ERP system will turn frontline facility feedback into actionable insights. This is how we end stockouts, cut waste, and restore faith in our public health system."

This is about more than moving boxes, systems, and stocks. It's about saving and transforming lives

The forum also marked a critical step in KEMSA's turn-around agenda, in response to Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale's call for a smarter, technology-enabled supply chain.

Dr. Ejersa pointed out that central to this transformation is the rollout of a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that captures real-time demand data from health facilities nationwide and guides precision procurement.

"This is about more than moving boxes, systems, and stocks. It's about saving and transforming lives," Dr. Ejersa stressed, "When County Pharmacists tell us what's needed and we act on it with speed and accuracy, we save lives." Dr. Ejersa also urged counties with outstanding debts to clear their balances with KEMSA to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essential medical commodities. He encouraged all counties to leverage on Social Health Authority (SHA) to expand universal access to quality healthcare services.

Acknowledging KEMSA's not-for-profit commercial model where all revenues are reinvested into the national revolving fund, the CEO noted that financial constraints have prompted the Authority to rethink its business model in favour of becoming leaner, smarter, and more sustainable.

"We're shifting gears," he said. "Our target is to raise our Order Fill Rate to over 90% in the shortest time possible. This is just the beginning of our broader 2025–2030 Sustainable Growth Strategy."

Dr. Ejersa disclosed that KEMSA remains focused on reshaping Kenya's healthcare supply system, one rooted in accountability, innovation, and a relentless commitment to the health and dignity of every Kenyan.

Miriam Chepchumba's journey from village girl to trailblazing mechanic

BY GILBERT MUTAI AND JOYCE JEPKOSGEI, KNA

At just 21, Miriam Chepchumba—a single mother and certified mechanic—is challenging deep-seated norms in Kenya's male-dominated automotive industry.

Her calloused hands tell a story of resilience that continues to inspire young women.

Chepchumba's journey began in the heart of Kericho's highlands, where, as a child, she would watch tractors navigate the steep plantation roads.

"While others covered their ears from the noise, I'd move closer, fascinated by how these machines conquered hills that left people breathless," she recalled.

This childhood curiosity turned into determination when she chanced upon a television

feature about a female mechanic in Nairobi.

"That documentary planted a seed. For the first time, I saw concrete proof that engines weren't just a man's domain," Chepchumba said.

At 17, armed with nothing but passion, she approached local garages seeking an apprenticeship—but the responses were disheartening.

"They told me to go learn hairdressing instead," she recounted.

One garage owner finally relented but handed her a broom instead of tools and said, "Sweep first, then we'll see."

For six months, Miriam swept floors, organized tools, and watched the mechanics work during her breaks.

At night, she pored over discarded repair manuals by the light of a kerosene lamp.

Her persistence paid off when



Miriam Chepchumba takes a rest after successfully fixing a faulty truck tire in her garage. PHOTO: JOYCE JEPKOSGEI

a neighbor's motorcycle broke down. After several mechanics failed to fix it, Miriam asked for a chance.

"They all laughed until I pointed out the faulty carburetor," she said. Within hours, she had the engine purring.

Word spread quickly through the close-knit community, and soon villagers were bringing their broken appliances and

bicycles to "the girl who fixes things."

Even as her reputation grew, Chepchumba faced daily challenges that her male counterparts never encountered. Suppliers would quote her higher prices, assuming she wouldn't know better. Customers would also arrive at her garage asking to speak to 'the real mechanic' and some would even

refuse to let her work on their vehicles until she demonstrated her expertise.

"There were days I wanted to quit but I knew giving up would just prove their stereotypes right," she revealed. Her turning point came when a truck driver scoffed at her abilities. "He said he'd wait for a 'proper mechanic,'" she explained.

Miriam calmly asked him to describe the problem, correctly diagnosed with faulty fuel injector, and fixed it within an hour. The stunned driver not only paid her double but became one of her most loyal customers.

"Now he tells everyone, 'Take your car to Miriam, she sees what others miss'."

Determined to formalize her skills, Chepchumba enrolled at the Kisumu National Polytechnic. Juggling motherhood, evening classes, and weekend work at the garage tested her limits. "Some nights I would study with my daughter sleeping on my back," she said.

Her 2023 graduation with a diploma in Mechanical Engineering silenced many doubters and earned her respect in the industry.

EPRA unveils draft regulations to boost Kenya's biofuels sector

BY JOANNE MORA AND KENEDY OGADA (KNA)

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has unveiled draft regulations aimed at streamlining Kenya's growing biofuels industry.

This move is part of efforts to achieve the country's goal of transitioning to 100 per cent clean energy by 2030.

EPRA Managing Director Daniel Kiptoo, in a speech delivered on his behalf by the Deputy Director for Renewable Energy, Eng. Mungai Kihara, during a public participation forum in Kisumu, said the proposed Energy (Biofuels) Regulations, 2025 will provide a legal framework for the production, blending, distribution, and sale of biofuels across Kenya.

"The regulations are intended to promote fair business practices, ensure quality and safety across the biofuels value chain, support environmental sustainability, and enable the collection of accurate data for evidence-based policymaking," Kiptoo said.

He noted that the draft regulations come at a time when Kenya is intensifying efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. He highlighted successful initiatives such as the ENI project in Makueni County, where an Italian oil firm is extracting vegetable oil



EPRA Managing Director Daniel Kiptoo

from castor seeds for export to its refinery in Italy.

Bioethanol projects linked to Kenya's sugar sector, he added, are also gaining momentum—particularly for clean cooking applications.

The proposed regulations, the MD added, will apply to the entire biofuels supply chain from

production and importation to storage, packaging, blending, and sales.

Among key provisions, Kiptoo noted, was the requirement for blending bio-ethanol with petrol to produce gasohol, adding that biodiesel derived from vegetable oils and animal fats must also comply with the set

standards before blending with automotive gas oil.

"All blending activities must take place at EPRA-licensed facilities under strict quality, safety, and environmental protocols. EPRA will conduct regular inspections and audits to ensure full compliance," he said.

On his part, Eng. Kihara, underscored the importance of proposed biofuel regulations in transforming Kenya's energy landscape.

The Deputy Director said the draft regulations are pivotal in diversifying the country's energy mix, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and expanding access to modern energy services. "These regulations are not just policy instruments; they are vital frameworks that will drive transformation and sustainability in the energy sector. We are targeting a 100 percent transition to clean energy by 2030," he said.

Eng. Kihara said the regulations will apply to both household and industrial usage including the transport sector.

EPRA and the Ministry of Energy, he said, are partnering with farmers particularly in Western Kenya's sugarcane belt to promote local bioethanol production. The Deputy Director said the initiative is expected to boost farmer incomes and cut dependence on traditional fuels such as firewood and charcoal.

"We want every household to access cleaner cooking options, and this is why bioethanol is key," he said.

Briquette Producers Association of Kenya representative Brian Onyango decried the exclusion of briquettes from the regulatory framework, despite their relevance in clean cooking solutions. "If the global population sees this as viable, why not EPRA? Our plea is to incorporate briquettes in the regulations, lest we continue making money without being regulated," he said.

ture including roads, electricity, water, internet, and transportation is crucial for the parks' functionality.

"Counties must invest in staff training and providing support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as they are essential for the parks' success," the PS added.

Dr. Mukhwana made the remarks during a meeting of the National Technical Implementation Committee (NTIC) on the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) held at the Kenya Industrial Training Institute (KITI) in Nakuru.

The event brought together County Executives from Nakuru, Busia, Kakamega, Bungoma, Kwale and Kisii Counties, in deliberating on the policy framework for the CAIPs.

The PS said county governments could support industrial parks by offering tax breaks, subsidies and streamlined permitting processes in addition to playing their role in marketing the parks to attract businesses and investors and by ensuring access to skilled labor through training programs.

The PS emphasized the need for the county governments to establish strong linkages between the CAIPs and other relevant sectors such as agriculture, tourism.

New push for manufacturing and branding in counties to spur export trade

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND NELLY KIARIE (KNA)

County governments have been urged to implement strategies that enhance value addition to agricultural commodities for export, in order to attract premium prices for Kenyan produce in both local and international markets.

The Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department for Industrialization, Dr. Juma Mukhwana, emphasized the need for county governments to promote industrial investments in aggregation, manufacturing, branding, packaging, labelling, and logistics. These efforts, he noted, would help the country reduce its reliance on imports.

This, in turn, would bolster economic development and support the creation of new value-added products that increase foreign exchange earnings.

Dr. Mukhwana expressed regret that Kenya has long exported raw commodities with

minimal investment in value addition, despite the country's immense potential to command a larger share of both local and global markets. He stressed the need to promote trade in enriched products.

Noting that many international goods are blended with Kenyan produce, Dr. Mukhwana stated that the government is working with county governments, as well as state and non-state actors, to develop a framework for operationalizing the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs).

These parks, he said, are being designed to drive growth by diversifying Kenya's exports, adding value, creating new products, and opening up new markets.

Dr Mukhwana said counties should start getting ready for the operationalization of industrial parks through initiatives such as constructing aggregation centres for agricultural produce with the requisite



Principal Secretary in the State Dept for Industrialization, Ministry for Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI), Dr Juma Mukhwana, addresses the media on the sidelines of the National Technical Implementation Committee (NTIC) meeting on the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs).

amenities to support post-harvest management before being collected for processing, as well as organizing farmers into groups or cooperatives for group marketing.

He called on counties to work with the national government to create and sustain an environment in which export-oriented industries could thrive by leveraging economies of scale, shared infrastructure and access to global markets. To operational-

ize County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) in Kenya, the Principal Secretary observed that a multi-faceted approach was needed towards focusing on product identification, market analysis, infrastructure development and capacity building.

He said counties should first identify competitive products with strong market demand in their respective jurisdictions and ensure adequate supply chains, adding that infrastruc-

Kenya to double its livestock vaccine production capacity to 70 million doses by 2027

BY WANGARI MWANGI,
KNA

The Ministry of Agriculture through the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI) has embarked on an ambitious plan to double the country's vaccine production from the current 35 million doses to 70 million doses by 2027.

The plan is among a raft of strategies contained in the 2023-2027 KEVEVAPI Strategic Plan which aims to boost livestock productivity and enhance food security by easing access to affordable and high-quality vaccines to farmers in Kenya and the region.

Speaking during the launch of the Sh10.8-billion plan at the FK resort in Nyeri, Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe underscored the

role of the institute in cementing the country's position as an animal vaccine producer.

The CS also revealed that Kenya is already gaining recognition as a regional supplier of vaccines with a market reach of more than 14 countries with additional efforts being made to tap Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Djibouti and Mali markets.

According to data from the institute, a total 14 different vaccines were produced between 2018-2022. Out of the 177.2 million doses produced during the same period, the country exported 11.3 million doses.

"When we went to Paris for the World Health Organisation meeting, I made sure I pointed out that Kenya is an animal vaccine producer. Since then, I have received many

calls from people who want to buy vaccines from us," Kagwe stated.

"As you know KEVEVAPI is an animal vaccine producer and one of the very few in the African continent. We are very proud that we export many vaccines to many countries.

"Most of them have been in Africa but increasingly outside the continent and this is an important and very strategic institution for Kenya because without it we will not be able to secure animals in our nation," he added.

Other key proposals that have been outlined in the roadmap include plans to upgrade the institute's facilities to align with global manufacturing standards.

The Agriculture CS noted that it will not only boost production capacity but also enhance the country's capability to combat Foot and Mouth Disease,



Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe (centre) during a press briefing on the sidelines of the launch of the 2023-2027 KEVEVAPI Strategic Plan at the FK resort in Nyeri

Lumpy Skin Disease, and Peste des Petits Ruminants, which are major contributors of livestock losses and economic disruption.

"The demand for vaccines globally is going up because of the insistence by most of the consumers to know that the animals they are eating are healthy.

"And this is one of the reasons why we have embarked on a mass vaccination campaign to ensure that Kenya is declared one of the countries that are disease free in the next three years so that the importers of our livestock can do so knowing that they are safe and secure not just for food but for sustenance in their own

countries," Kagwe said.

He also dismissed allegations that the inoculations currently being used for the mass vaccination exercise in the country are donations from Bill Gates.

He said Kenya produces its own animal vaccines and it would therefore make no sense for the country to import vaccines.

Marsabit County shifts to farming amid flood and drought challenges

BY SEBASTIAN MIRITI, KNA

Marsabit, the second largest county in Kenya, is synonymous with droughts, floods and soil erosion.

The rising level of Lake Turkana has made it worse for the county, home to thousands of pastoralists.

The situation has over time made the majority of the residents vulnerable to food insecurity with high rates of malnutrition being reported.

Climate change has dealt a blow to the residents whose mainstay is livestock keeping and animal trade. Frequent droughts kill their animals and destroy their pastureland.

But the tide is turning, efforts to diversify livelihoods are underway. Residents are being introduced to crop farming.

The County Government of Marsabit and development partners are providing free seeds for a variety of fast-growing crops like maize and beans.

While this has not borne much fruit because rain has become erratic with unpredictable weather

patterns, through a partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), the county government has introduced fish farming in three areas.

The move is aimed at enhancing food security and resilience among local pastoralist communities who have for long depended on food aid.

WFP Supply Chains Officer Albert Mwambonu in an interview said the adoption of aquaculture is purely a climate adaptation and an alternative source of livelihood for pastoralists in the arid areas of the county.

He said local communities, who are predominantly keepers of livestock including camels, cattle, sheep and goats, never had fish in their menu as their culture prohibited them from consuming fish.

The officer said a lot of awareness creation, through training and sensitization meetings on the benefits of fish farming and eating, was done to propel climate smart agriculture.

"We have so far managed to establish fish farms in the very arid areas of North Horr, Moyale

and Saku Constituencies, where eating and trading in fish is now unbroken," Mwambonu said, adding that the economic and nutritional value of the venture are real.

At the same time, a 40-member strong self-help group, the Chalbi Rural Development Initiative run by both men and women fish farmers is running successful ponds that are stocked with 500 fish of the tilapia species.

The group leadership says it ventured into fish farming which traditionally was associated with those afflicted by poverty in society after being educated on its importance.

Hadija Guyo, the chairlady of the group, said fish farming has made them food secure, besides offering a source of income made from sales of mature fish.

She pointed out that persistent drought had wiped out their livestock exposing them to vulnerability as they had to depend on food aid from the government and donors for their survival.

According to her, many locals have regained their dignity, which they had



lost because of begging for food and other forms of basic support as they are now engaged in fish farming.

"Members of this group get dividends from fish sales after every harvest, which we also use to pay school fees for our children and to start small businesses," she said, with a broad smile of satisfaction.

The members also save a fraction of the sales for table-banking, which they use as a revolving kitty.

The transformation is now three years old and the number of locals who want to be enlisted in the venture is growing by the day.

Katelo Guyo, who initially reared a combined herd of camels, cattle and sheep numbering about 500 animals but currently has only a handful goats after the stock was wiped



1. North Horr Technical and Vocational Training Institute agriculture students doing fencing of a fish pond at the institution.

2. World Food Programme chain supplies officer for Marsabit county, Albert Mwambonu speaking about the progress of the program.

out by three consequent droughts, says there is always adequate water to support tilapia fish farming.

The County Fisheries Officer Sostine Wanjala says tilapia fish are well suited for rearing in arid and semi-arid areas, as it does not require a big supply of water and can survive in ponds under hot climatic conditions, which can be refreshed bi-weekly.

The main sources of water in the region are boreholes, springs and shallow wells, though the Fisheries Officer says it can be boosted through rainwater harvesting.

Wanjala expressed optimism that the eat fish awareness campaigns being jointly carried out by the county government and WFP were winning over pastoralist communities, whose cultural beliefs hindered them from eating fish.



COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION



VACANT POSITION

The Council of Legal Education is established under the Legal Education Act, CAP 16B. The core functions of the Council of Legal Education are to regulate Legal Education and training, license and supervise Legal Education providers, conduct the Advocates Training Program (ATP) Examination, recognize and approve qualifications in Law obtained outside Kenya and advise the Government on matters relating to legal education and training.

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

MEDIA COUNCIL ACT, 2013

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 7(2) of the Media Council Act, 2013 ("the Act"), the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and Digital Economy declares vacancies in the positions of Four Members of the Media Council of Kenya.

Qualified candidates are invited to apply for the post. The applications shall be forwarded to the Selection Panel pursuant to Section 7(3) of the Act within Seven (7) days of the publication of this Notice.

A. QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

A person shall be qualified for appointment as a member of the council under Section 8 of the Act, if that person is-

- i. A citizen of Kenya
- ii. Holds a degree from a university recognised in Kenya
- iii. Has knowledge and experience of at least 10 years in matters relating to the following fields-
 - a) Law;
 - b) Journalism;
 - c) Finance;
 - d) Gender and Human Rights;
 - e) Performing Arts;
 - f) Advertising;
 - g) Public Relations;
 - h) Religious Studies;
 - i) Communication;
 - j) Humanities and Social Sciences; or
 - k) Information Technology.
- iv. Meets the requirement of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; and
- v. Has had a distinguished career in their respective fields.

Women, persons with disabilities, people from minority and marginalised groups are encouraged to apply.

B. DISQUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

A person shall not be qualified for appointment as member of the Council under Section 8(2) of the Act, if that person-

- i. Is a Member of Parliament or County Assembly;
- ii. Is an Official of a governing body of a political party;
- iii. Has at any time within the preceding 5 years, held a political office;
- iv. Is an undischarged bankrupt;
- v. Has been convicted of a felony;
- vi. Has benefitted from, or facilitated an unlawful or irregular allocation, acquisition or use of land or other public property; or
- vii. Has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law;

C. TERMS OF SERVICE

The members shall hold office for a period of three (3) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further and final term of three (3) years.

D. HOW TO APPLY

- (a) All applications (**manual and online**) should be accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae, copies of relevant academic and professional certificates, testimonials and other relevant supporting documents. Scanned copies of these documents must accompany online application.
- (b) A copy of the National Identity Card or Passport should be appended.
- (c) All applications should be clearly marked, "**Application for position of Member, Media Council of Kenya**" and submitted in any **ONE** of the following ways:
 - (i) Manual applications should be hand delivered to the reception desk on **10th Floor of Teleposta Towers, off Koinange Street**
 - (ii) Online applications should be emailed to moictjobs@information.go.ke
 - (iii) Applications through the post office should be addressed to:

Selection Panel for the Selection of the Member of the Media Council of Kenya
Ministry of Information Communication and the Digital Economy
Teleposta Towers
P.O Box 30025-00100
NAIROBI

Note:

- (i) The names of all applicants and the shortlisted candidates will be published under section 7(7) of the Media Council Act in the Kenya Gazette, and in at least two daily newspapers of national circulation and the website of the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology—www.information.go.ke.
- (ii) Shortlisted applicants will be required to obtain clearance from the following bodies.
 - Kenya Revenue Authority
 - Higher Education Loans Board
 - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
 - Directorate of Criminal Investigation (**certificate of good conduct**); and
 - Credit and Reference Bureau

All applications should be received before 5.00 pm on Monday, 4th August 2025.

A copy of this advertisement can also be obtained from the Ministry of Information Communications and Technology website www.information.go.ke, The Media Council of Kenya website www.mediacouncil.or.ke and from the Government Advertising Agency website www.mygov.go.ke.



MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ROADS

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from qualified persons for the following positions shown below:

VACANCY NO	JOB TITLE	CSG	POSTS
2/2025	Housekeeping Assistant I	13	3
3/2025	Driver Instructor III KIHBT	13	7
4/2025	Plant Operator Instructor III KIHBT	13	8
5/2025	Housekeeping Assistant III	15	27
6/2025	Cook III	15	23
7/2025	Waiter Assistant III	15	5
8/2025	Artisan III (General Power Electrician)	15	3
9/2025	Artisan Tailoring III	15	3
10/2025	Artisan Auto Electrician Mechanic III	15	15
11/2025	Artisan Motor Vehicle Mechanic III	15	10
12/2025	Artisan Mechanical III	15	6
13/2025	Artisan Building III	15	4
14/2025	Artisan Plant Mechanic III	15	16
15/2025	Artisan Spray Painter III	15	4
16/2025	Artisan Panel Beater III	15	5
17/2025	Artisan Upholster III	15	4
18/2025	Plant Operator III	15	11
19/2025	Driver II (Light & Heavy Commercial)	15	12
20/2025	Security Warden III	15	23

Interested and qualified persons are requested to make their applications by completing one PSC2 (**Revised 2016**) application form. The form may be downloaded from the Public Service Commission's websites: www.publicservice.go.ke

For more details on salary scale, requirements for appointment, duties and responsibilities, visit the following website www.roads.go.ke.

Completed PSC 2 (2016) application form can be sent to:-

The Principal Secretary
State Department for Roads
Ministry of Roads and Transport
P.O. Box 30260-00100 Nairobi

OR

Hand delivered to the **State Department for Roads Human Resource Management registry, Transcom House, 5th Floor** on or before **22nd August, 2025**.



SOCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (SHA)

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

The **Social Health Authority (SHA)** is a State Corporation established under the **Social Health Insurance Act, 2023** and mandated to provide financial risk protection for Kenyan residents by facilitating equitable access to quality healthcare. SHA is responsible for administering the Social Health Insurance Fund, Primary Healthcare Fund, and Emergency, Chronic, and Critical Illness Fund in collaboration with stakeholders.

To enhance institutional capacity and deliver on its mandate, the SHA Board seeks to recruit visionary, result-driven, and experienced professionals for the following Senior Management positions.

S/NO	DESIGNATION	SHA GRADE	NO OF POSITIONS
1.	Director, Provider and Beneficiary Management	2	1
2.	Director, Benefits & Claims Management	2	1
3.	Director, Corporate Services	2	1
4.	Director, Funds & Finance Management	2	1
5.	Director, Internal Audit	2	1
6.	Deputy Director, County Coordination	3	1
7.	Deputy Director, Legal Services	3	1
8.	Deputy Director, Human Resource Management & Development	3	2
9.	Deputy Director, Administration	3	1
10.	Deputy Director, Corporate Communication	3	1
11.	Deputy Director, Information & Communication Technology	3	1
12.	Deputy Director, Finance & Accounts	3	1
13.	Deputy Director, Funds Management	3	1
14.	Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management	3	1
15.	Deputy Director, Internal Audit	3	2
16.	Deputy Director, Claims Management	3	1
17.	Deputy Director, Benefits Management	3	1
18.	Deputy Director, Registration and Compliance	3	1
19.	Deputy Director, Provider Management	3	1
20.	Deputy Director, Planning & Linkages	3	1
21.	Assistant Director, County Coordination	4	1
22.	Assistant Director, Legal Services	4	2
23.	Assistant Director, Human Resource	4	2
24.	Assistant Director, Administration	4	2
25.	Assistant Director, Corporate Communication	4	1
26.	Assistant Director, Customer Experience	4	1
27.	Assistant Director, ICT	4	1
28.	Assistant Director, Fund Management	4	2
29.	Assistant Director, Finance and Accounts	4	2
30.	Assistant Director, Supply Chain Management	4	1
31.	Assistant Director, Internal Audit	4	3
32.	Assistant Director, Claims Management	4	2

S/NO	DESIGNATION	SHA GRADE	NO OF POSITIONS
33.	Assistant Director, Benefits Management	4	2
34.	Assistant Director, Registration and Compliance	4	2
35.	Assistant Director, Provider Management	4	1
36.	Assistant Director, Planning & Linkages	4	2
37.	Principal Officer, Claims Management	5	15
TOTAL			64

To access full advertisement, including detailed job descriptions, core functions, and person specifications, kindly visit the SHA website at <https://recruitment.sha.go.ke/>

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya by submitting valid and current copies of the following:

1. Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.
2. Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority.
3. Clearance Certificate from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
4. Clearance Certificate from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).
5. Report from a Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit their applications, including:

- A detailed curriculum vitae.
- Copies of academic and professional certificates.
- A cover letter demonstrating suitability for the position.
- Contacts of at least three professional referees.

Applications should be addressed to:

The Chairperson
Social Health Authority
P. O Box 30443-00100
Ragati Road
NAIROBI

Applications can be submitted online on <https://recruitment.sha.go.ke/> or physically delivered to SHA building 10th floor by clearly marking the position applied for on the envelope.

DEADLINE

All applications must be received by **5.00pm 19th August 2025**.

TERMS OF SERVICE

A competitive remuneration package as advised by the Salaries & Remuneration Commission will be offered to the successful candidate.

SHA is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and gender equality. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Pokot and Marakwet communities unite to build Peace Road and boost development



local communities from Pokot Central Sub-County and Marakwet East Constituency have joined hands to construct a vital road linking Chepkogogh location in West Pokot County to Kipchumwa Location in Marakwet East Constituency, Elgeyo Marakwet County. Photo Caption By Anthony Melly

BY ANTHONY MELLY AND VICTOR WANJALA, KNA

Communities living in Pokot Central Sub-County and Marakwet East Constituency have joined hands to construct a road linking Chepkogogh Location in West Pokot County to Kipchumwa Location in Marakwet East Constituency, Elgeyo Marakwet County.

The road construction is a grass-roots initiative driven by community members from both regions and aims to strengthen peace, improve access to essential services, and foster long-term development in an area historically affected by banditry and inter-community conflict.

The new road runs from Tilakai village in Chepkogogh location of West Pokot County to Chemusto village of Kipchumwa location, Elgeyo Marakwet County.

The locals say the road symbolizes not just physical connectivity but also a commitment to reconciliation among them-selves.

They said the road will help reduce insecurity, enhance emergency response, and create new opportunities for trade, education, and healthcare access.

"For years, insecurity forced families to abandon their homes, farms, and businesses. But now, there's hope. This road

is not only a deterrent to crime but a path towards prosperity," a local elder said.

The area historically is still marginalized due to banditry and cattle rustling activities.

In his remarks, West Pokot Director of Peace Rev Jackson Alukusia praised the initiative during the construction of the road by locals, calling the project a "bridge to lasting unity."

"The effort was born out of grassroot dialogue with local communities. It started with the people and has gained the support of county and national leaders. Peace has prevailed since we began open community engagement, and we are incorporating this project into broader development plans," he said.

Rev. Alukusia emphasized that the region's agricultural potential supported by fertile land and water resources can be harnessed fully in a peaceful environment to drive economic growth and reduce reliance on conflict prone activities.

Police Inspector Arnold Lufumbu, who is in charge of the Anti-Stock Theft Unit (ASTU) in Marakwet East, noted a significant decline in insecurity reports.

"The peace we're witnessing is due to the people's active involvement. Parents are sending their children to school, residents are volunteering transport and sharing se-

curity intelligence. This is true community policing at work," he said.

The Chief of Chepkogogh Location in West Pokot County, Joseph Kasiltich, applauded residents who volunteered their time and resources for the road construction.

"This region has suffered for too long. The new road will open an access to Kipchumwa, Kapsowar, Eldoret and beyond, strengthening trade and market opportunities to both West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties," he said.

Chelimo Kemboi, the Chief of Kipchumwa Location in Marakwet East, echoed the sentiments expressing joy over the increased connectivity.

"This road will bring our people closer, not just for business, but for social and cultural exchange," he said.

Kemboi urged the government to further support the project and fund youth peace ambassadors, particularly through sports such as football tournaments.

He called for farming input support from the government to boost local agriculture noting that the land is fertile and good for agriculture activities.

The road stands as a symbol of hope, a powerful reminder that unity, driven from the ground up, can overcome decades of mistrust and pave the way for lasting peace and prosperity, residents said.



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VACANT POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

MINISTRY OF LANDS PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING)

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

V/NO.	POST	GRADE	NO. OF VACANCIES
150/2025	Deputy Chief Land Registrar	CSG 5	2
151/2025	Senior Deputy Director Land Valuation	CSG 5	2
152/2025	Deputy Director Research	CSG 6	1

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

Interested and qualified persons are required to make their applications **ONLINE** through the Commission website www.publicservice.go.ke or jobs portal www.psckjobs.go.ke so as to reach the Commission on or before **19th August 2025 latest 5.00pm (East African Time)**

Caution: 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.

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VACANT POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 35(1)(a) (v) of the Universities Act, 2012 amended through Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act No. 18 of 2018, the Public Service Commission invites applications from suitably qualified persons to be considered for appointment to the following vacant positions in public universities.

S/ No	Position	University	No. of Vacancies
1.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning, Research and Innovation)	Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology	1
2.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs)	University of Kabianga	1

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William
(right)
engages
youth
working at
a housing
project site.

State expands job initiatives

From ClimateWorx to Affordable Housing Internship Programme, Government unveils opportunities for thousands of young people

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Thousands benefit as Government rolls out youth empowerment projects

From ClimateWorx to Affordable Housing Internship Programme, Government unveils economic opportunities for young people



Youth take part in a ClimateWorx pilot-testing programme in 2024. The Government inducted 25,000 youth into the project last week.

The Government has unveiled several initiatives aimed at equipping young people with skills and access to income-generating opportunities as it prioritises youth employment.

From ClimateWorx to Affordable Housing Internship Programme and NYOTA Project, thousands of graduates and school leavers are being absorbed into structured training, mentorship and entrepreneurship schemes spearheaded by the Government.

The latest youth empowerment drive to be unveiled by the Government is the internship programme under the Affordable Housing initiative.

The Government is targeting some 4,000 young people, signalling a major push to empower youth with jobs and other opportunities to accelerate the country's economic growth.

The initiative targets to offer graduates with practical skills in the built environment, therefore, bolstering the delivery of the

targeted 200,000 housing units annually.

The internships, which will run for a year, target graduates from both TVETs and universities in fields such as architecture, engineering, surveying, ICT and urban planning.

"We are pleased to announce 4,000 internship opportunities in the State Department for Housing and Urban Development. Diploma and degree graduates eligible to apply," the Public Service Commission (PSC) said in a notice last week.

The interns will be deployed by PSC to housing sites across the country, working under registered professionals and contributing to project supervision, design and documentation.

PSC said the one-year, non-renewable internship programme is open to individuals who graduated in 2018 or later.

The youth will undertake assigned duties and participate in mentorship initiatives as they receive monthly stipends.

INFOBOX

Benefits of Youth Initiatives

- The youth are getting practical skills, therefore, enhancing their employability.
- There is also linkage to financial institutions, Government procurement, and export markets.
- Government has expanded digital skills training through Ajira Digital and Jitume Labs for online jobs.
- The Government is offering entrepreneurship opportunities.
- 4,000 youths to be engaged under housing internship programme and 25,000 in environmental clean-up.

The new initiative boosts employment in the sector, where the Government has created over 200,000 direct and indirect jobs for the youth at the various sites across the country.

These include Mukuru Met Site, Homa Bay Town, Kibera, Shering Moyo, Mavoko, Bondeni and Buxton.

Away from housing, the Government is implementing ClimateWorx, a nationwide programme aimed at tackling environmental degradation while creating sustainable jobs for young people.

Some 25,000 young people have been recruited so far into the programme, with the Government targeting to enlist over 100,000 across the 47 counties.

"We are proud of the programme's success in cleaning up Nairobi River. We are now expanding our reach by deploying more youth to active and emerging Climate Worx sites, particularly in high-density informal settlements, riparian corridors, and flood-prone urban areas," President

William Ruto said recently. He added that the Government is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for young people while advancing environmental conservation.

ClimateWorx integrates social impact and economic development as it gives the youth, including women and people with disabilities, a chance to contribute meaningfully to environmental sustainability in their communities.

Participants are earning Sh500 per day, with supervisors receiving Sh550, offering immediate income for young people.

Through the engagement of the thousands of young people in climate resilience and public works projects, the Government is helping alleviate the crisis of youth unemployment.

Steady income from the project is helping the youth meet their daily needs, as well as restore dignity through purposeful work.

For many like Martin Otieno, who attended the induction drive of the 25,000 youth on Saturday in Nairobi, this is their first formal engagement, offering a sense of structure and belonging within a community-driven initiative.

Apart from the financial relief, the youth contribution to climate resilience through tree planting, waste management and infrastructure maintenance, is helping Kenya advance its environmental sustainability agenda as committed under frameworks like the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Further, involving the youth in environment clean up through ClimateWorx strengthens local ownership of climate action, making sustainability a shared responsibility across communities.

Kenya is grappling with climate crisis that has seen communities affected by floods and drought, which have become too frequent.

In northern Kenya, about a million people are currently facing hunger caused by a lengthy dry spell, as well as floods following heavy in the past seasons that led to displacement.

The Government launched the 10-year 15 billion tree planting drive in 2022 to transform degraded landscapes as well as raise the forest cover from the current 12 per cent to 32 per cent as part of its response to climate change.

So far, over 800 million trees have been planted according to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change, with the project also involving the youth giving them jobs through sale of tree seedlings and the planting itself.

Another key Government youth employment project is the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA), which similarly is offering vocational training, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship development and financial literacy.

It targets some 800,000 youth across the 47 counties. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook, Engineers Board engage in partnership talks

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) and the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) have agreed to collaborate in a move aimed at enhancing service delivery to the people.

The partnership, to be formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding, was solidified during a meeting between KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto and EBK CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai.

The discussions centred on how the two organisations can leverage their respective strengths to better serve the public.

"KYEB will support EBK's mission to professionalise Kenya's engineering sector by amplifying EBK's initiatives in line with the institution's mandate



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of disseminating Government information," said Ms Kimeto.

"We will collaborate to showcase Kenya's engineering industry both locally and internationally, highlighting opportunities for graduates and professionals," Eng. Ogai added.

KYEB, as the official Government storyteller, remains committed to telling Kenya's story and highlighting key sectors of the economy to foster an informed society.

EBK is a statutory body responsible for regulating the engineering profession in Kenya. ■



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lilian Kimeto (right) and Engineers Board of Kenya CEO Margaret Ogai when they met in Nairobi.

Kenya joins Washington Accord, unlocking doors for local engineers

Kenya's engineering sector was officially admitted as a Provisional Signatory to the Washington Accord, a landmark achievement that grants local graduates international recognition and eliminates the need for retraining when working abroad.

The announcement that was made at the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) meeting in Mérida, Mexico, positions Kenya among an elite group of over 25 nations whose engineering

qualifications are mutually recognised, opening doors for thousands of local engineers to compete in the global job market.

Kenya's inclusion means that graduates from the accredited universities will have their qualifications recognised in other signatory countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa and Japan.

Eng. Margaret Ogai, the CEO Engineers Board of Kenya, hailed the achievement as a "game-

changer".

"This is not just a win for engineers but for the entire economy. Our graduates can now work abroad without additional certification barriers, and foreign firms can confidently hire Kenyan talent," she said.

Having attained the provisional signing, Kenya aims for full signatory membership within the next few years.

This will require sustained adherence to global accreditation standards. ■

Engineers Board of Kenya staff during a mentorship event at Limuru Girls High School on July 9, 2025. The event aimed to inspire young women to get into the engineering profession.



CYBERSECURITY

Cybergame 2025 builds the next digital defenders

ICT Ministry holds competition designed to cultivate and empower the next generation of cybersecurity talent as threats grow

As cyber threats rise in Kenya, the Government is using innovative ways to bolster the country's digital defences and build the next generation of cybersecurity experts.

One such way is the Cybergame 2025, organised by the State Department of ICT and Digital Economy in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy.

The competition that covered 10 weeks was designed to identify, nurture and promote cybersecurity talent across the country.

It attracted some 1,000 registered participants, with 300 actively competing to the end. They included students and seasoned professionals, all seeking to help the country boost its cybersecurity.

At the end of the competition, outstanding participants were celebrated last week in various categories including Youngest Star, All round performers, industry professionals and top young talent.

Eng. John Tanui, the Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy, said that the competition aimed to build skills gap and Kenya's cybersecurity resilience.

"It's not just a game; it's a strategic intervention to close the cybersecurity skills gap, build a digitally secure society and position Kenya as a regional leader in cyber defence," he said.

During the competition, participants were involved in various challenges that covered key cybersecurity fields.

These were malware analysis, digital forensics, cryptography, open-source intelligence (OSINT), offensive security and security governance and processes.

Eng. Tanui said that awarding the winners represented more than just recognition, adding that it is a testament to the participants' dedication and accomplishments and encouraged them to use the achievement as a "springboard for continued growth and meaningful contributions within the ever-evolving cybersecurity sector".

With cyber threats in Kenya surging significantly in the past year, the initiative was timely.

Cyber threat incidents surged to 8.6 billion during the financial year 2024/2025, up from



The Cybergame 2025 Awards winners, ICT Ministry and Slovak Embassy officials at Utalii Hotel in Nairobi. The event honoured Kenya's brightest cybersecurity talents.



3.5 billion in the previous year, according to the Communication Authority of Kenya (CA).

The country has become a prime target for increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. These include ransomware, phishing and distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks.

According to CA, a significant portion of the attacks exploit system vulnerabilities, an indication of weaknesses in existing digital infrastructure and configurations. ■

A hacker at work. The scale and complexity of hacking incidents have grown, with the attacks targeting critical infrastructure like e-Citizen portal and Government websites as well.

FACTS & FIGURES

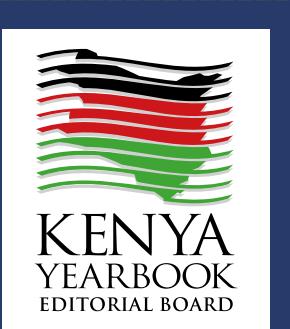
8.6 billion

The number of cyber threats in Kenya in the financial year 2024/2025, an increase from 3.5 billion in the previous years, according to the Communication Authority.

INFOBOX

WINNERS OF THE 2025 CYBERGAME

- Best Overall: Stephen Waweru, Carlos Githui, Eve Maina
- Youngest Star: Skylar Wamboi
- All-Rounders: Ochieng George, Calvin Ndichu, Washington Adiado
- Top Young Adults: Daniel Nthongoi, Victoria Ntinyari
- Industry Pros: James Kilonzo, Peter Nzomo.

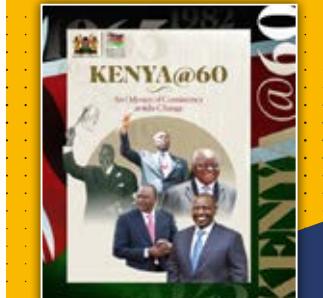
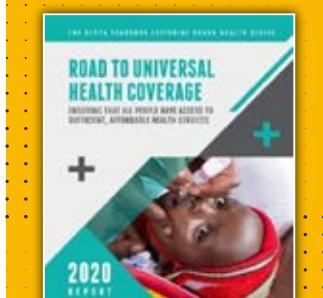
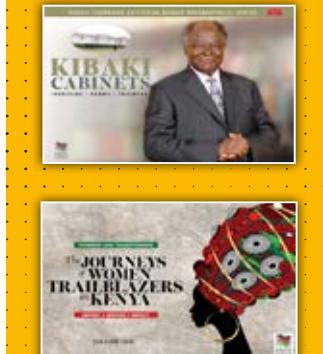
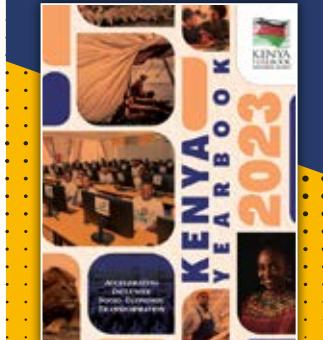


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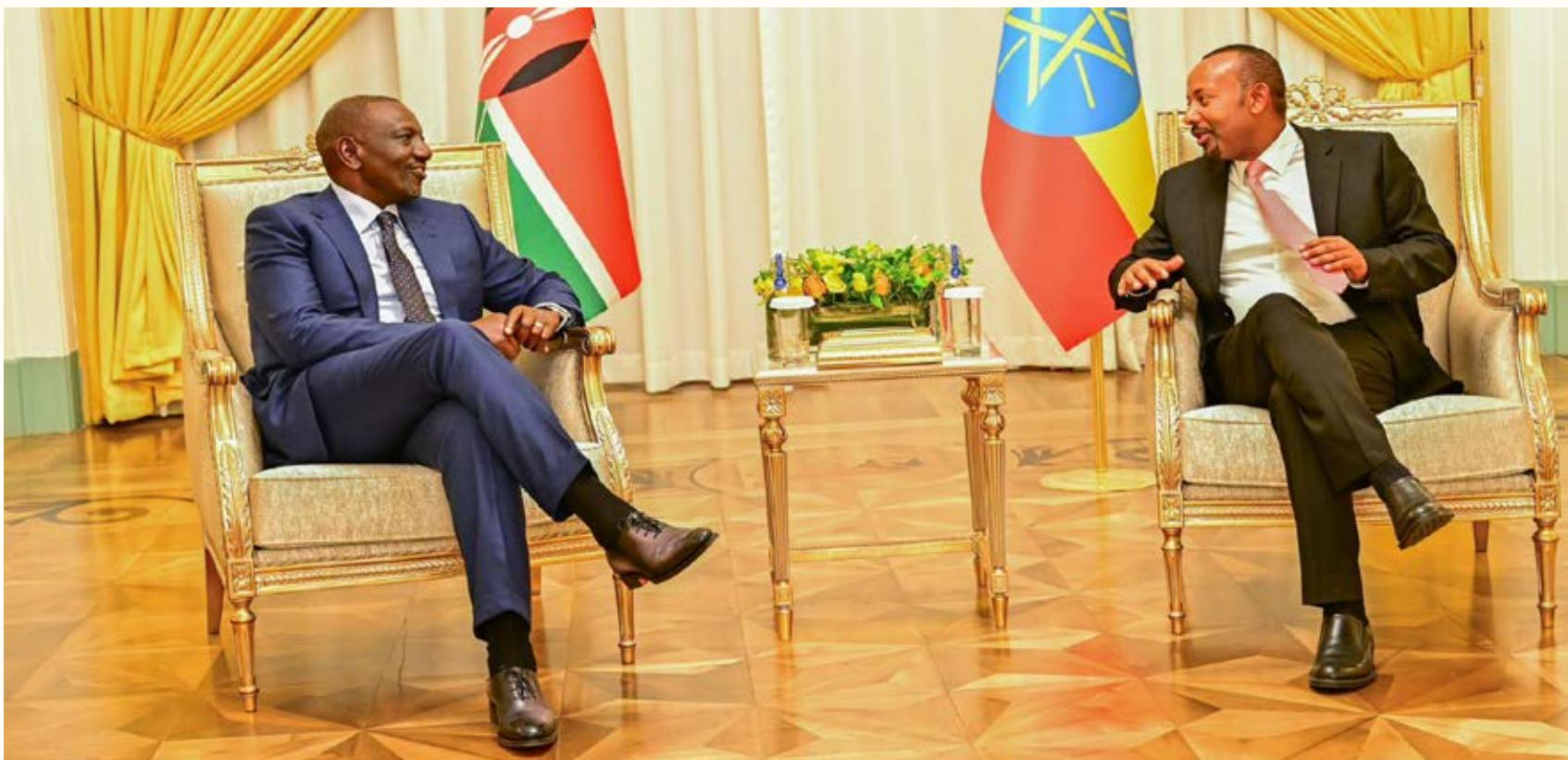
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 PICTURESPEAK


President William Ruto (left) and Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed when they met on Sunday at the National Palace in Addis Ababa ahead of the United Nations Food Systems Summit. The two held bilateral talks, seeking to deepen historically robust relationship grounded in good neighbourliness.



Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William Kabogo (left) with Mr James Ngumbau, the CEO of Culture Art Gallery, with a portrait of the CS swearing-in at State House. Mr Kabogo said the Ministry will enhance support to creatives.



Principal Secretaries Steve Isaboke (Broadcasting & Telecommunications) (right) and Eng. John Tanui (ICT and Digital Economy) (centre) when they hosted their National Coordination counterpart Ahmed Ibrahim at the Ministry headquarters in Nairobi. The three discussed how the digital superhighway can support efforts to enhance data-driven decision-making, improve inter-agency collaboration and accelerate the delivery of the Government agenda.



Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano dressed in Maasai traditional attire. From the rhythmic dances of the Maasai, the coastal Swahili architecture, to the sacred Kaya forests, Kenya cultural heritage and tradition is rich.

KEBS secures global recognition for product and lab certification

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A

The Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) has officially awarded multiple international accreditations to the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), marking a major leap forward in product quality, information security, and regional trade competitiveness.

During a high-level certificate handover ceremony, KENAS announced the successful accreditation of KEBS to ISO/IEC 17065 as a Product Certification Body, to ISO/IEC 17043 as a Proficiency Testing Provider, and the extension of its Management Systems Certification Body scope to include ISO/IEC 27001:2022 for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS). KEBS was also awarded accreditation under the African Certification of Agricultural Products (ACAP) program, based on ARS/AES 01:2014—a landmark achievement for agro-sustainability and eco-labelling in Africa.

"This is a proud moment for Kenya's quality infrastructure," said Dr. Walter Ongeti, CEO of KENAS. "By accrediting KEBS to these globally recognized standards, we are not only enhancing consumer trust but also unlocking massive opportunities for Kenyan businesses across the ag-



KENAS CEO Dr Walter Ongeti (left) and KEBS MD Esther Ngari holding the ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation certificate.

riculture, manufacturing, and digital sectors."

Dr Ongeti said that the ISO/IEC 17065 Product Certification is an international standard that confirms KEBS's capability to certify products—such as the Standardization Mark (S-Mark), Diamond Mark, and Food Fortification Mark—based on rigorous, impartial evaluation.

"It assures both local consumers and export markets that products meet safety, health, and performance requirements," he said.

The CEO disclosed that KEBS becomes the second product certification body in East Africa to be accred-

ited under ISO/IEC 17065 by KENAS, after Burundi Bureau of Standards and Quality Control (BBN).

Dr Ongeti said that the S-Mark is mandatory for most products sold in Kenya, making this accreditation a critical enabler of consumer safety and trade compliance.

Commenting on the ISO/IEC 17043 Proficiency Testing Provider, Dr Ongeti said it ensures that KEBS can offer credible inter-laboratory comparisons to test accuracy and harmonize results across national and regional laboratories.

"This reduces costs for Kenyan labs, who previ-

ously had to source PT services from abroad, often in the Middle East or other African regions. With this, KENAS strengthens Kenya's laboratory system and empowers local labs to meet accreditation requirements, spurring investment in lab services," he said.

Further, the CEO pointed out that the ISO/IEC 27001:2022 – Information Security Management is an extension of KEBS's accreditation scope under ISO/IEC 17021-1 which now allows it to certify organizations in Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) per ISO/IEC 27001:2022.

"This comes at a time of growing cyber threats and data privacy risks. Banks, tech companies, government institutions, and cloud service providers can now seek globally trusted cybersecurity certification locally," Dr Ongeti averred.

The CEO said that under the African Regional Organization for Standardization (ARSO), KENAS accredited KEBS to certify agricultural products under the ACAP scheme—a pan-African, sustainable certification based on ARS/AES 01:2014.

He said that KEBS becomes the second certification body in Africa accredited by KENAS under ACAP, after the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS).

EAC states urged to harmonise orthodox tea production

BY SADIK HASSAN, KNA

East African nations should harmonise their tea production standards to fully tap into the growing global demand for orthodox tea.

Speaking during the launch of Africa Orthodox Tea by the East African Tea Trade Association in Mombasa, Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) CEO Willy Mutai said Africa has long been a global leader in the production of black crush, tear, curl (CTC) tea, contribut-

ing 12 per cent to the global commodity market.

However, he noted that global prices for black CTC tea have stagnated or declined in recent years, significantly affecting farmers' incomes.

"Africa now finds itself at a strategic inflection point. Global consumers are seeking authenticity, origin stories, wellness, and transparency. Orthodox teas provide exactly that—they are handcrafted, diverse in flavour, rooted in heritage, and tailored to

premium segments of the global market," the CEO stated.

He added that black orthodox tea holds high value and significant potential, presenting an opportunity to reposition African black tea from a bulk commodity

to a luxury, branded product.

To unlock this potential, Mutai called for stronger regulatory coherence among East African and other African tea-producing countries.



Tea sector stakeholders sample orthodox tea during the inaugural Africa orthodox tea expo in Mombasa. PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA

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UK, Turkey build ECDE classrooms in Wajir

BY HAMDI BUTHUL (KNA)

The County Government of Wajir is partnering with the Governments of the United Kingdom and Turkey to boost basic education in the county.

The county has commissioned newly constructed ECDE classrooms and flagged off learning materials at Hodhan and Barwako Primary Schools.

The support, implemented through the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), is aimed at improving access to early childhood education across the county.

Speaking during the launch, Wajir County Commissioner Karuku Ngumo noted that support at the foundational stage of education would yield long-term benefits.

The foundation of education begins at the ECDE level. Once we create a conducive environment for learners, we reduce early marriages, school dropouts,

and teenage pregnancies," Ngumo said.

Ngumo added that the initiative would boost enrollment and instill the value of education among young children.

FCDO Deputy Development Director Eduarda Mendonça Gray said the UK was committed to supporting education in Wajir County through teacher training and provision of learning materials.

"We are here to help children get quality education so that one day they can become governors or even presidents. This partnership is the first of its kind globally, with the UK providing teacher training and TIKA supporting infrastructure," Gray said.

She added that the partnership, under the Inspire Programme, had trained over 500 teachers and supported 264 schools in Wajir with learning materials.

Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi said that 368 ECDE centers in Wajir County currently serve 28,686 learners, supported by 543 trained teachers.

Authority bans raw macadamia exports



BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) has issued a notice prohibiting the export of raw and unprocessed macadamia nuts.

AFA Director General Dr. Bruno Linyiru said in a statement that several consignments of raw macadamia nuts, allegedly on transit through Kenya, were intercepted at various border points.

He noted that these interceptions are in line with Kenya's enforcement of the Crops Act, 2013, and the Crops (Nuts and Oil Crops) Regulations, 2020, aimed at safeguarding the local nut processing industry.

The Authority emphasizes that no raw macadamia nuts may be exported through or from Kenya, regardless of country of

origin, and that exporters from foreign states intending to trade in raw macadamia are advised to use alternative foreign ports of exit and to refrain from routing raw macadamia produce through Kenya," he warned.

Dr. Linyiru added that this measure aims to support local farmers and processors by promoting domestic value addition through local processing and industrial development. "Any member of the public and stakeholder who requires any clarification may contact the Authority through info@afa.go.ke," he said.

Kenya ranks third, the largest macadamia producer globally. Production has been rapid in recent years with a large portion of it coming from smallholder farmers.