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Government lowers fees in public universities

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba directed public universities to implement the Student-Centered Funding Model for both first-year and continuing students beginning September 1

BY BENSON KELIO AND CHRISTOPHER KIPROP,

KNA

The Ministry of Education has reduced the fees payable by students across all academic programmes in public universities.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba made the announcement during the 29th graduation ceremony of Moi

Teachers Training College in Baringo. He said the decision followed extensive consultations involving the ministry, the public, students, and stakeholders in higher education.

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The Week In numbers

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Number of days it will take for young Kenyans to receive national identification cards, following the launch of Mobile Live Capture Unit

10,500

Number of households set to benefit from the rehabilitation of The Chemeron Dam in Baringo

30

Litres of milk Susan Nduta's cows produce per day at her dairy farm in Kasphat, Kiambaa Sub-County

2,362.28 MW

New peak for the demand for electricity consumption according to data from Kenya Power's National Control Centre

5b

Cost of Nasewa Industrial Park Affordable Housing project the State Department for Housing and Urban development intends to construct in Busia County

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Cost of the Somare Dam that will ultimately transform over 5,000 livelihoods in Moyale's arid and underserved region.



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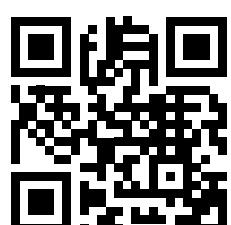


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tember 1.

He urged institutions to update their admissions and finance portals, emphasizing the government's commitment to supporting all deserving learners.

Under the new funding model, the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Universities Fund are expected to support 201,696 first-year university students, over 237,000 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students, and 257,523 continuing students this academic year.

Ogamba also announced that the disbursement of HELB loans will begin on August 15, following an increase in government funding from Sh36 billion to Sh41 billion. He said this will ensure students can begin their academic journey without financial disruption.

He encouraged the 2024 KCSE cohort to apply for the first quarter of scholarship funds for the 2025/2026 financial year. The application portal will remain open until August 31.

"The government is committed to ensuring that no student is left behind due to lack of



Graduants of Moi Teachers Training College follow proceedings during the institution's 29th graduation ceremony at the school's grounds in Seretunin, Baringo Central. PHOTOS: VINCENT MININGWO

school fees," Ogamba affirmed.

He also addressed concerns about capitation for basic education, saying it is a constitutional right for all learners and that the government will allocate sufficient resources to support the programme.

Joseph Makilap, a member of the National Assembly's Education Committee, also reassured the public that there are enough resources to ensure the success of the education sector.

He noted that the contentious Sh22,000 per student capitation figure is often overstated,

as deductions are typically made for textbooks and related materials.

However, Makilap assured that whenever there is a shortage, parliamentarians are always ready to put more resources in the next supplementary budget for all learners same as for the first-year students who will join in September.

The institution graduated 272 students who had pursued diploma courses in primary education and early childhood development education.

Electricity consumption hits new high, driven by 400,000 new connections

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

Electricity demand has reached a new peak driven by new customer connections and increased consumption of grid power during the ongoing cold season.

Data from Kenya Power's National Control Centre shows that peak demand surged twice in July, with a record high of 2,362.28 MW being registered.

Peak demand – the highest level of electricity consumption recorded at the National Control Centre – rose to 2,325 MW, surpassing the previous peak of 2,316 MW recorded in February 2025. Kenya Power's Managing Director and CEO, Dr. Eng. Joseph Siror, said they expect the momentum to continue as the company rolls out more connectivity projects across the country.

"The new peak demand is a testament to our commitment to expanding national electricity access through the implementation of various electrification projects. When we analyze our electricity dispatch data, we observe that demand has risen by 46 MW over the last five months, since February, when we recorded the year's first peak," he explained.



Kenya Power's Managing Director and CEO, Dr. Eng. Joseph Siror.

During the last financial year, which ended on June 30, 2025, Kenya Power connected a total of 401,848 new customers.

In addition to new connections, the increased demand is also attributed to the cold season, which has led to higher electricity use for heating homes and offices.

Eng. Siror added that the company is at various stages of implementing last-mile connectivity projects commissioned across the country. In addition to these projects, the company is also carrying out other connectivity projects targeting various customer categories, including commercial and industrial consumers.


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Tough measures as Government targets illegal chemists



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale (third left) and Governor Susan Kihika (fourth left) during the activation of Nakuru County Taifa Care at Nyayo Gardens. PHOTO: LUCY NJERI.

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND LUCY NJERI (KNA)

The Government has issued a stern warning to investors in the health sector against trading in, importing, or handling unregistered pharmaceutical products in Kenya.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale directed all stakeholders to desist from handling any un-

registered products and to ensure that all pharmaceutical products in their possession are duly registered and approved by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB).

Duale also ordered an intensified crackdown on unlicensed pharmacies and pharmacists to protect public health, adding that the operation will involve the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) and the National Police Service. The op-

eration will target illegal chemists, distributors, and those selling counterfeit or substandard medications.

The CS affirmed that those found operating pharmaceutical outlets without proper licensing, or handling unregistered pharmaceuticals, will face arrest, prosecution, seizure of products, and closure of their premises. He issued a warning to absentee superintendents

who leave licensed pharmacies in the hands of unqualified personnel, adding that the culprits will face disciplinary proceedings if they fail to comply.

"Essentially, you cannot use other people to commit a crime while you are comfortable somewhere," he warned. Duale spoke at Nyayo Gardens in Nakuru County, where he officiated the launch of the devolved unit's 'Taifa Care' program under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) initiative.

The CS, who vowed to supervise extensive crackdown on rogue pharmacists, said PPB was currently actively monitoring the market and will take action against anyone found violating the regulatory framework.

He said the government was particularly concerned about the sale of fake and counterfeit drugs, improper storage of medications and dispensing without qualified medical guidance, all of which pose serious risks to public health.

"The government is also urging the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious pharmaceutical activity to the authorities," he appealed.

The CS noted that the PPB had developed guidelines for good distribution practices, transportation of pharmaceuticals and also for safe management of pharmaceutical waste. The guidelines, he said were available and all health practitioners were advised to familiarize with the provision of the

guidelines. The CS also emphasized on the need for the public to use the health safety code 21031 displayed in registered pharmacy outlets to verify legality of the premises they are buying medicines from.

Duale said collaborative efforts between the government and the professionals in the health sector was crucial for the successful battle against the merchants of the harmful drugs.

"Don't dispense unregistered or unprescribed drugs over the counter. We must also have a good record of all the drugs dispensed," he advised. The Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by Governor Susan Kihika, County Commissioner Lyford Kibaara, Nakuru Women Representative Lizz Chelule and Members of Parliament Samuel Arama (Nakuru Town West) Irene Mrembo (Bahati) and David Gikaria (Nakuru Town East).

The CS also put on notice wholesalers supplying pharmaceutical products without proper documentation saying that the Ministry through PPB will shift attention to wholesalers who supply illegal outlets without identifying the documentation of those purchasing drugs.

"Such wholesalers will be profiled and also prosecuted. We are using our inspectors who are cracking down on the illegal chemists and will be able to get invoices of those supplying them," he noted.



COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE INTEREST RATES FOR JUNE 2025

	LENDING INTEREST RATES						DEPOSIT INTEREST RATES					
	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
1 Citibank N.A Kenya	13.34	12.78	11.14	10.82	10.36	10.60	10.07	9.34	6.47	6.60	7.29	7.27
2 Stanbic Bank Kenya Limited	13.97	13.86	12.76	12.92	12.84	12.20	8.47	8.25	7.42	7.54	7.56	7.23
3 Ecobank Kenya Limited	15.30	14.08	13.82	13.59	13.72	12.90	9.85	10.02	9.18	8.80	8.78	8.43
4 Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited	15.00	14.90	14.07	13.50	13.35	13.08	3.00	3.36	3.26	3.19	3.14	3.11
5 Guardian Bank Limited	14.17	13.68	13.94	13.59	13.57	13.54	9.57	9.07	8.77	8.47	8.17	7.89
6 Consolidated Bank of Kenya Limited	13.34	13.31	13.31	13.60	13.61	13.80	7.33	7.30	7.29	7.23	7.31	7.30
7 Paramount Bank Limited	14.90	14.91	14.69	14.62	14.47	14.37	12.83	12.71	11.01	10.79	10.81	10.42
8 Habib Bank A.G Zurich	15.53	15.55	15.24	15.26	14.55	14.61	10.18	9.38	8.62	8.21	8.34	8.20
9 Gulf African Bank Limited	15.45	15.44	15.21	15.16	14.77	14.70	10.39	10.05	9.23	8.50	8.54	8.39
10 Equity Bank Kenya Limited	16.08	16.04	14.88	14.91	14.89	14.84	11.30	10.79	10.76	10.72	10.76	10.73
11 Bank of India	15.47	15.47	15.34	15.44	14.94	14.98	11.94	11.04	10.75	10.57	10.20	9.83
12 Premier Bank Kenya Limited	15.07	15.13	15.03	15.06	15.12	15.00	3.62	3.21	3.11	2.67	2.75	2.86
13 Bank of Baroda (Kenya) Limited	16.35	16.11	15.65	15.41	15.12	15.09	12.23	11.71	11.24	10.66	10.19	9.80
14 Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Limited	16.54	16.20	16.12	15.97	15.44	15.15	8.56	8.49	8.52	8.51	8.43	7.69
15 ABSA Bank Kenya PLC	17.51	17.49	15.94	16.34	15.48	15.29	10.19	9.96	9.60	9.07	8.88	8.07
16 NCBA Bank Kenya PLC	18.05	16.87	16.42	15.74	15.68	15.41	11.08	10.76	7.81	9.00	8.41	8.05
17 Prime Bank Limited	17.37	17.25	16.94	16.40	15.79	15.44	12.18	12.13	11.24	11.00	10.39	9.00
18 Victoria Commercial Bank PLC	17.58	15.75	15.74	15.66	15.68	15.64	12.00	10.94	10.48	9.92	9.70	9.47
19 KCB Bank Kenya Limited	16.80	16.82	16.18	16.09	15.76	15.69	8.80	8.76	8.70	7.30	7.07	6.65
20 Guaranty Trust Bank (K) Ltd	16.11	16.12	15.71	15.50	15.61	15.74	10.39	9.71	8.90	8.21	8.01	7.99
21 Kingdom Bank Limited	14.02	14.28	14.42	14.77	15.80	15.75	13.57	13.09	11.57	11.46	10.22	10.63
22 National Bank of Kenya Limited	16.04	16.06	16.05	15.74	15.87	15.87	9.01	8.48	8.42	8.22	7.92	7.93
23 Family Bank Limited	16.91	16.89	16.44	16.41	16.40	16.00	7.03	7.14	7.44	6.39	11.64	11.96
24 Co-operative Bank of Kenya Limited	16.85	16.17	16.08	16.09	16.10	16.09	7.77	7.43	7.68	7.79	6.44	6.11
25 M-Oriental Bank Limited	17.94	17.91	17.36	16.75	16.17	16.19	11.93	11.39	10.78	10.25	9.76	9.42
26 African Banking Corporation Limited	17.67	17.42	17.54	17.31	17.31	16.42	14.26	13.67	13.31	12.89	12.63	12.32
27 UBA Kenya Bank Limited	15.07	18.60	17.98	17.11	16.90	16.44	11.60	10.97	10.72	9.21	8.70	8.97
28 I&M Bank Limited	17.79	17.77	17.60	17.36	16.90	16.55	11.99	11.98	12.00	8.39	8.38	8.20
29 Development Bank of Kenya Limited	16.76	16.93	16.31	16.12	16.63	16.69	12.27	12.23	11.92	11.22	10.83	10.61
30 DIB Bank Kenya Limited	16.72	16.58	17.07	17.10	16.87	16.85	12.36	11.24	10.84	10.25	9.72	9.31
31 Sidiq Bank Limited	19.50	19.11	18.63	17.72	17.68	17.52	10.21	9.58	9.37	9.15	9.07	8.77
32 SBM Bank Kenya Limited	18.78	18.77	18.72	18.17	18.09	18.00	12.28	11.58	11.06	10.66	10.12	9.77
33 Bank of Africa Kenya Limited	18.60	18.58	17.90	18.02	18.07	18.21	10.70	10.23	9.87	9.53	9.52	9.04
34 Middle East Bank (K) Limited	22.01	21.62	20.63	20.49	19.87	18.65	12.32	10.66	10.51	10.00	9.66	9.71
35 HFC Limited	20.00	19.80	18.92	18.99	18.99	19.01	7.58	7.32	7.22	7.13	6.81	6.49
36 Commercial International Bank (CIB) Kenya Limited	20.01	19.95	19.64	20.22	20.00	19.43	12.72	11.88	11.56	10.82	10.42	9.99
37 Credit Bank PLC	19.80	19.79	19.49	19.45	19.41	19.43	14.42	14.22	13.32	13.60	12.68	13.18
38 Access Bank (Kenya) PLC	20.77	20.39	20.50	19.77	19.98	19.97	6.80	6.83	6.97	10.50	10.31	10.11
OVERALL INTEREST RATE	16.64	16.41	15.77	15.65	15.44	15.29	10.05	9.76	9.33	8.87	8.70	8.37

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Kenyans to receive national IDs in 7 days under new system

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER AND KENNEDY ASUGO (KNA)

The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Kipchumba Murkomen, has launched the Mobile Live Capture Unit in Uasin Gishu County—a revolutionary technological intervention that will enable Kenyans to receive national identification cards within three to seven days.

The initiative underscores the government's unwavering commitment to providing civil registration services to facilitate identification, access to essential services, and national security.

Speaking during the launch at the County Commissioner's Office in Eldoret, the CS announced that the service is free of charge and is available only to Kenyan citizens who are fully recognized by the area chief.

He reminded the local administrators to be keen to ensure security at the grassroots is guaranteed by vetting people for IDs after the old system was scrapped, noting that they will bear full responsibility in case one unlawfully acquires Kenyan ID under their watch.

The CS, further, un-



The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen, launched the Mobile Live Capture Unit for Digital Identity Cards at the County Commissioner's Office in Eldoret town, Uasin Gishu County.

PHOTO CAPTION BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER

derscored the benefits of the crucial document for identification purposes, access to jobs, social security benefits, financial services among others as he rallied the youth to take advantage of the current technological system to get IDs in order to exercise their democratic rights like participating in elections.

He commended the system's efficiency and effectiveness in providing a secure and convenient way to access services, manage personal information and participate in the digital economy.

The Mobile Live Capture Unit, a portable battery-powered machine, is used to capture data of ID applicants and submitted electronically for processing.

He mentioned that the initial vetting process unreasonably affected communities especially in border and pastoralist regions, aggravating inequality in access to government services, identification and, by extension public service jobs, voting, education, and formal employment.

"The initiative aligns with the government's broader agenda to use technology and innovation to improve public service delivery, especially for historically underserved populations and restore confidence between citizens and state institutions in regions where registration has long been viewed as a privilege rather than a right," said Murkomen.

4-K Clubs redefine the future of agricultural education



BY ARNOLD LINGA-KNA

Nestled within the rolling plains of Mbololo Ward on the outskirts of Voi Town, a quiet revolution is taking root at Mkwachunyi Primary School.

Here, a determined group of 29 girls and 27 boys has embraced the spirit of Kuungana, Kufanya, Kusaidia Kenya through their thriving 4-K Club. What began as a simple agricultural initiative under the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) has blossomed into a movement—one that nurtures not just crops, but future leaders, environmental stewards, and agripreneurs.

The journey began in 2021, following the government's renewed push to revive the once-thriving 4-K Club movement. Originally launched in the 1960s under the slogan Kuungana, Kufanya, Kusaidia Kenya, the program was designed to equip learners with agricultural skills and instill a spirit of community service.

After losing momentum in the late 1990s, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and other key stakeholders, revived the pro-



Pupils of Mkwachunyi Primary School in Taita Taveta County at their school compound.

The Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) pupils have been busy, farming vegetables on their school compound under the 4-K Club.

the money to buy more seeds. Now we see that farming can also be a business."

The 4-K Club's efforts go beyond farming to embrace environmental conservation. With support from the Kenya Forest Service and the National Drought Management Authority, the school has planted over 300 indigenous and fruit trees, transforming the grounds into a green sanctuary.

Creative container gardens built from old tires, buckets, and sacks, showcase how waste can be turned into life-giving spaces.

The success of Mkwachunyi's 4-K Club is rooted in community collaboration. Teachers have allocated land, built rabbit cages, and even joined students in the fields. Parents and local agricultural officers have lent their time, expertise, and resources to mentor the young farmers.

The County Government of Taita-Taveta led by Deputy Governor Christine Kilalo supported the school by fencing the farm and linking it with devel-

gram in June 2021. The revival came at just the right time for Mkwachunyi Primary School. Teachers and parents saw an opportunity to go beyond the classroom and provide learners with hands-on experience in agriculture, environmental conservation, and entrepreneurship.

With 56 enthusiastic pupils—29 girls and 27 boys—the school established its 4-K Club with one clear mission: to nurture both crops and character. Walking through Mkwachunyi's compound today, the impact of the 4-K Club is impossible to miss. Rows of kales, spinach, and coriander thrive in neatly arranged cone gardens and recycled containers.

The soft rustling of rabbits including Chinchilla and New Zealand White breeds echoes from nearby pens, while a sweet aroma of ripening water-

KEPROBA and DHL Group sign partnership to benefit SMEs access markets

BY HILDA CHESHARI (MYGOV)

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) are set to reap big after Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) has signed a partnership with DHL to offer necessary skills to help scale their businesses.

This partnership, if it comes into effect, will benefit the SMEs through training from DHL Group, world's leading logistics company. They will get training sessions to enable them to understand the market environment.

"SME members will be able to understand export processes, compliance requirements, and mar-

ket access strategies," Ms. Floice Mukabana, CEO KEPEROBA has said.

She lauded the MOU noting that the partnership with DHL aligns with KEPEROBA's vision to make Kenyan products visible, competitive and accessible in international markets. The MOU would address the gaps experienced by SME members, to experience their full potential.

Paul Makalosi, Managing Director DHL Express Kenya expressed optimism that the SMEs would be able to operate on a grand scale on an international platform. Further, the members will also benefit from capacity-building programs and sustainable

financing options.

Emphasizing the impact of the partnership, Donavan Brent, Supply Chain CEO noted that SMEs contribute more than 60% of employment and up to 40% of GDP in many African countries. "SMEs not only spur the local economic growth but also drive innovation and job creation," he said.

On his part, Pramod Bagalwadi of DHL Global Forwarding, highlighted their commitment in supporting the growth of SMEs and the partnership in empowering entrepreneurs. "By equipping SMEs with the right tools and knowledge, we are contributing to economic growth," said Pramod.



**Deputy President (DP)
Prof Kithure Kindiki addressing participants during an economic empowerment program for women, youth, and people with disabilities and the launch of the Shield Okumba SACCO in Muhoroni Sub-County, Kisumu County.**

PHOTO BY ROBERT OJWANG'

as well as the launch of the Shield Okumba SACCO in Muhoroni Sub-County, Kisumu County.

The deputy president also announced that 17 Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) markets are currently under construction across Kisumu County to provide small-scale traders with a dignified environment to earn a livelihood.

The state has prioritised the construction of fish landing sites and equipping them with modern facilities across the lake-side counties in an effort to revitalise the fisherfolk economy, boost fish production, encourage value addition and ensure sustainability of the sector.

"The president is building fish landing sites along Lake Victoria from Homa Bay, Migori, Kisumu, Siaya, and Busia Counties. They will be equipped with cold storage facilities to prevent fish from rotting," Prof Kindiki noted, adding that the government will provide grants to the fisherfolk through the Beach Management Units to boost fish production.

He also stated that the government is committed to expedite the com-

pletion of the stalled road projects in the region highlighting the 52 kilometer Mamboleo – Miwani – Muhoroni road whose construction has resumed in earnest to facilitate effective movement of people and goods.

At the same time, the DP stated that the government has elaborate plans of increasing the number of citizens with active health insurance.

Presently, he noted, only 25 million Kenyans are enrolled into the Social Health Authority insurance (SHA)

"So far, almost 50% of Kenyans have health cover. We aim to attain 100% health insurance coverage in the next two years," he stated.

The DP lauded Kisumu County with a population of 1.2 million people for registering 600,000 people into SHA so far.

To empower the youth economically, Prof Kindiki said the President has ordered the return of the Kazi Mtaani programme across all counties to employ jobless youth in environmental clean-up projects.

Kisumu, he observed, has benefited from the affordable housing programme with 2,348 units at Lumumba Estate.

"The affordable housing programme will be expanded to other satellite towns including Muhoroni, and also build student hostels for Jaramogi Oginga Odinga KMTC, Kisumu National Polytechnic among other institutions of learning.

State revives key sugar factories in economic boost for Nyanza

BY ROBERT OJWANG' (KNA)

The Government has partnered with private investors to revive and restore operations at the Sony, Muhoroni, Chemelil, Miwani, and Nzoia sugar factories, which have long been the backbone of the region's economic activities.

"We aim to ensure that farmers receive better,

timely, and regular payments for their mature cane, and also receive annual bonuses, just like coffee, pyrethrum, and tea farmers," Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki (pictured) said.

The deputy president reaffirmed the government's commitment to economically transform the Nyanza region through investments in critical sectors such as agricul-

ture, transport, fishing, energy, and education.

Prof. Kindiki noted that under the broad-based government, the lake-side region has witnessed major development programmes aimed at improving the livelihoods of local residents.

He made the remarks during an economic empowerment programme for women, youth, and people with disabilities,

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AQUACULTURE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME(ABDP)IFAD

Loan No. 2000002052

ADDENDUM

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

The Programme provides an Addendum as follows:

No	Item	Revision
1.	Pre-bid conference	The new date for the Prebid conference is 12 th August 2025. Link will be shared a day prior Email for registration is: procurement.abdpcu@gmail.com
2.	Bid document	A Slightly revised BOQ has been uploaded on the website www.abdpcu.org/tenders
3	Bid closing date	The bid closing date is 2 nd September 2025

**PROGRAMME COORDINATOR
AQUACULTURE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**



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The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) in the United Kingdom (UK) invites the Ministry of Education to nominate **Five (5) PhD and Nineteen (19) Masters Kenyan citizens for consideration for full scholarships award** tenable in 2026. The awards are tenable at any approved United Kingdom University that hosts CSC awardees.

For more details on the application procedure, kindly visit the Ministry's website www.education.go.ke under the scholarship theme. The online application opens **2nd September, 2025** and closes on **14th October, 2025**.

Applications should be submitted to the Ministry of Education on or before **16th October, 2025 at 5.00 pm**

KISIP 2 launches 10-year development plan for Kiambu settlements



Mrs. Joan Kihori, Ruiru Municipal manager presenting community development plan to the residents of Gitambaya and Fort Jesus in Kiambu County.

2. Residents of Gitambaya and Fort Jesus in Kiambu County during the launch of the 10-year Community Development Plan (CDP) aimed at improving their quality of life.

PHOTOS BY LAURA MUNDEYE

BY LAURA MUNDEYE
(KNA)

Gitambaya and Fort Jesus, two densely populated informal settlements in Kiambu County, are set for significant transformation under a 10-year Community Development Plan (CDP) aimed at improving residents' quality of life.

At the heart of this vision is the construction of a multipurpose social hall—a flagship facility poised to become the social and economic hub of the community.

The plan, spearheaded through the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project Phase 2 (KISIP 2), forms part of a broader effort to address historical underdevelopment in informal areas.

Residents of Gitambaya gathered in large numbers to celebrate and officially endorse their newly launched CDP—a decade-long blueprint offering more than just roads and streetlights.

It introduces spaces for learning, enterprise, and childcare, laying a foundation for long-term community empowerment. The CDP proposes the construction of a multipurpose social hall that will house an ICT hub, a bakery, a daycare centre, and other essential amenities. The facility will be managed



by local Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), ensuring that the development remains community-led and sustainable.

"This plan is a direct result of the community's voice," said Ms. Joann Kihori, Ruiru Municipal Manager.

"It reflects their hopes and provides a platform for inclusive development, where residents are not just beneficiaries but active drivers of their future."

The initiative falls under Component 2 of the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project Phase 2 (KISIP 2), which focuses on socio-economic inclusion.

The plan is funded by the World Bank and implemented by Kiambu County Government with support from the Pamoja Trust and other technical partners.

According to the County KISIP Coordinator Mr. Julius Mwololo, "The CDP will not only guide infrastructure but

also ensure residents are socio-economically uplifted. Through community-driven models, we aim to reduce poverty, connect people to employment, and build resilience."

By tapping into the energy of local CBOs, the plan aims to empower women and youth, improve service delivery, and create opportunities for entrepreneurship, especially in underserved populations.

The event drew participation from various stakeholders, including the County Project Co-ordination Team (CPCT), Biashara Ward MCA Kimani Nduta, representatives from the Settlement Executive Committee (SEC), the Grievance Redress Committee (GRC), and Gitambaya resident leaders. The Gitambaya CDP represents a unified community vision, one that looks beyond physical infrastructure to build a resilient, connected, and empowered settle-



THE NATIONAL TREASURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (PRISONS ENTERPRISE FUND) REGULATIONS, 2025

Section 4(a) of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 provides that "the object of this Act is to provide a comprehensive regime for the making, scrutiny, publication and operation of Statutory Instruments by requiring regulation-making authorities to undertake consultation before making Statutory Instruments". In addition, Section 5 (3) of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 states that "without limiting by implication the form that consultation referred to in sub-section (1) might take, the consultation shall –

- involve notification, either directly or by advertisement, of bodies that, or of organizations representative of persons who are likely to be affected by the proposed instrument; or
- invite submissions to be made by a specified date, or might invite participation in public hearings to be held concerning the proposed instrument.

Accordingly, a Multi-Agency Taskforce composed of officers drawn from the Kenya Prisons Service, the State Department for Correctional Services, the Probation and Aftercare Service, the Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice, and the National Treasury has now finalized preparing the draft Public Finance Management (Prisons Enterprise Fund) Regulations, 2025

The draft Public Finance Management (Prisons Enterprise Fund) Regulations, 2025 have been prepared and posted on the National Treasury website <http://www.treasury.go.ke>.

Now, under Section 4 (a) and 5 (3) (a) and (b) of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the National Treasury & Economic Planning invites members of the public to submit comments, inputs or memoranda they may have on the said draft Public Finance Management (Prisons Enterprise Fund) Regulations, 2025 in the format provided on the website.

The comments, inputs or memoranda thereof from the general public may be forwarded to the Principal Secretary, The National Treasury, P. O. Box 30007-00100, Nairobi or hand delivered to the Office of the Principal Secretary, National Treasury Building, Nairobi, or emailed to pstresu01@gmail.com and copied to jona.wala@treasury.go.ke to be received by **26th August, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

The comments, inputs, or memoranda received from the general public will be considered public records and may be shared with the legislative arm of the Government.

Additionally, there shall be an in-person meeting for public consultations on the above Public Finance Management (Prisons Enterprise Fund) Regulations, 2025, as per the schedule below:-

Stakeholder	Dates for meeting	Time for meeting	Venue
1. The Public	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
2. State Department for Correctional Services	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
3. Probation and After-Care Service	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
4. Faraja Foundation	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
5. Muslims for Human Rights	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
6. Chandaria Foundation	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
7. Kenya Human Rights Commission	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
8. Kituo cha Sheria	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
9. Independent Medico	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
10. Italian Bishop	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
11. Judiciary	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
12. MSEA	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
13. NITA	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
14. NACADA	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
15. RODI	19th August, 2025	10.00 a.m	Kenyatta International Convention Centre
16. Kamiti Maximum Prison	21st August, 2025	10:00 a.m	Kamiti Maximum Prison
17. Mwea G.K Prison	25th August, 2025	10:00 a.m	Mwea G.K Prison
18. Eldoret Main/Ngeria Farm Prison	25th August, 2025	10:00 a.m	Eldoret Main/Ngeria Farm Prison
19. Kisumu Main Prison	26th August, 2025	10:00 a.m	Kisumu Main Prison
20. Manyani Prison	27th August, 2025	10:00 a.m	Manyani Prison
21. Shikusa Prison	27th August, 2025	10:00 a.m	Shikusa Prison
22. Shimo la Tewa Maximum Security Prison	28th August, 2025	10:00 a.m	Shimo la Tewa Maximum Security Prison

The invitation letters for the meetings will be delivered to the registered stakeholders before the meeting date. The venue of the meeting will be at various locations across the country, as indicated in the invitation letter, including the Kenyatta International Convention Centre.

**HON. FCPA JOHN MBADI NG'ONGO, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY**

Informal settlements in Eldoret get new infrastructure



BY FREDRICK MARITIM
(KNA)

Residents from informal settlements in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County, have a reason to smile as the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP) enters its final phase, ushering in a new era of infrastructure development.

The project, aimed at transforming under-served communities has commenced the tarmacking of key roads across seven settlements of Segero, Mwanza, KK, Kasarani, Shauri, Kipkaren and Maili Nne.

The improvements



mark a turning point in efforts to elevate living standards and enhance service delivery in these densely populated areas.

Speaking during an inspection tour, Uasin Gishu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Community Development, Edward Sawe, announced that road construction will begin immediately.

He confirmed that high-mast floodlights have already been installed, a move expected to significantly improve safety and security, especially during nighttime.

1. **Uasin Gishu Chief Officer for Housing and Urban Development, Mary Kerich (left), Chief Officer for Lands, Julius Koech (center), and County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Community Development, Edward Sawe (right), during an inspection tour in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.**

2. **One of the roads under construction in Kipkaren Estate, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County, as part of the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP).**

PHOTO BY FREDRICK MARITIM

"These improvements are not just about physical infrastructure, they represent a critical step in transforming livelihoods," said Sawe.

"Residents are eager to see the works completed within the stipulated timelines and we are fully committed to delivering on that promise," he said.

The Chief Officer for Housing and Urban Development Mary Kerich, echoed the same sentiments, emphasizing the far-reaching impact the project is having on the community.

"The impact of KISIP on our informal settlements is already evident," said Kerich.

"With improved roads and lighting, we are witnessing a real uplift in the quality of life for our residents. This investment is not only improving access and mobility but is also contributing to economic growth and strengthening community security," she said.



MINISTRY OF ENERGY & PETROLEUM
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION) MOEP WORLD BANK FINANCED PROJECTS

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Energy Projects and intends to apply part of the proceeds for procurement of Individual Consultants Services to support Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MOEP) for the World Bank Financed projects.
2. The consulting services ("Services") include Project Coordinator, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Project Accountant and Geographic Information System (GIS) Expert (individual consultants). The assignment is expected to be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar months from the date of contract commencement. The Government of Kenya (GoK), through the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum seeks the services of the Consultants to undertake the tasks listed in the terms of reference.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <http://www.energy.go.ke> or from the address given below.
4. The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (Cover/ application letter summarizing the relevant experience, detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, experience, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies (as applicable).
5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.13, 3.15, and 3.16 of the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** First Published July 2016 and the Revised Sixth Edition February, 2025 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. The Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the World Bank **"Procurement Regulations"**.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday.
8. Expressions of Interest (REOI) must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or email by **27th August, at 12.00 noon East African Time**. The REOIs will be closed/opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their representatives

The Tender box is located on the ground floor Kawi house Block A. The address (es) referred to above are:

**The Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Energy & Petroleum
State Department for Energy
P.O. Box 30582, Nairobi, Kenya
Code: 00100
Nairobi, Kenya**

Attn: **Head of Supply Chain Management Services**
E-mail: supply.chain@energy.go.ke

**Head, Supply Chain Management Service,
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**



KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY

Transforming Urban Mobility



INVITATION TO REGISTER ON THE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (e-GPS) AND TO BID AS PER UPLOADED TENDERS

The Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) is a State Corporation in the Ministry of Roads and Transport; established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 with the core mandate of Management, Development, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of the National Urban Road Network.

As a leading Government Agency with the above mandate, KURA wishes to inform the public that procurement of all goods, works and services for the financial year 2025/2026 shall be done end to end using the Electronic Government Procurement System (e-GPS).

All interested suppliers, contractors, consultants and service providers are required to register on the Electronic Government Procurement System (e-GPS) vide <https://egpkenya.go.ke> and bid for uploaded tenders.

Further, interested bidders are encouraged to keep visiting the platform from time to time to appraise themselves on any advertised procurement opportunities so as to participate.

Deputy Director-SCM
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL



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1. Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Geoffrey Ruku, handing over foodstuffs to residents of Chemolingot, Tiay Constituency during a government relief distribution exercise aimed at supporting vulnerable households.

2. Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Geoffrey Ruku, while addressing residents of Chemolingot, Tiay Constituency during a government-led relief distribution drive targeting households affected by food insecurity. PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS BY CHRISTOPHER KIPROP

(KVDA), the government has also commissioned 14 additional water infrastructure projects, including boreholes, earth dams, and water pans, expected to benefit over 5,000 households and support more than 110,000 livestock.

Ruku reiterated the ministry's commitment to citizen-centered programmes aligned with President William Ruto's development agenda. He said the initiatives are part of the government's broader strategy to foster food security, human capital development, and social empowerment.

Gov't scales up drought relief, development projects in Baringo

BY CHRISTOPHER KIPROP
(KNA)

The Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development, and Special Programmes has intensified drought relief and development initiatives in Baringo County as part of broader efforts to cushion vulnerable families and enhance resilience in arid and semi-arid regions.

During a visit to Kolowa and Chemolingot in Tiay Constituency, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Geoffrey Ruku led a government delegation in distributing food and non-food items to households affected by prolonged drought.

The emergency intervention was conducted under the State Department for Special Programmes, which is coordinating humanitarian responses in arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) across the country.

Ruku said the government is committed to addressing the immediate needs of communities facing food insecurity while laying the groundwork for sustainable development. "We continue to support vulnerable communities across the country in response to droughts and other emerging humanitarian crises," he said.

The CS was accompanied by local leaders, including Tiay MP Wil-



liam Kamket, Baringo County Woman Representative Jemaiyah Seron, and Kacheliba MP Titus Lotee. The leaders lauded the initiative and called for sustained government support to mitigate the impact of failed rains and food scarcity in the region.

In addition to the relief efforts, the government is implementing several long-term development projects to address water scarcity and boost food production. Among them is the

Radat Dam, currently under construction. The Chemeron Dam is also being rehabilitated to supply water to over 10,500 households and more than 150,000 live-

stock. The projects aim to improve water access in Baringo, where only 39 percent of residents had reliable water sources according to the 2019 Kenya National Bureau of Statistics census—a figure that may have declined due to successive droughts.

Under the coordination of the Kerio Valley Development Authority



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE (GPN)

COUNTRY	REPUBLIC OF KENYA
NAME OF PROJECT	Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP)
SECTOR	Transport Sector
PROJECT ID NO	P161305

1. The Republic of Kenya has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group toward the cost of the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP). It intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services, and consulting services to be procured under this project. The Project Development Objectives are to improve: (a) the movement of people and goods and digital connectivity and access to social services to communities at designated locations along the targeted sections of the Isiolo-Mandera Regional Road Corridor; and (b) the capacity of selected transport related institutions in Kenya.
2. The Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project is a flagship regional initiative aimed at improving regional connectivity between Kenya and its neighboring countries—particularly Ethiopia and Somalia. It seeks to enhance mobility, trade facilitation and economic integration across the North Eastern region of Kenya by investing in border infrastructure, and related logistics support systems. The project also seeks to facilitate cross-border movement of goods and people, reduce transportation costs, and unlock economic opportunities for marginalized areas.
3. A General Procurement Notice (GPN) was published in United Nations Development Business (UNDB) and on the Bank's external website on February 14, 2017. Both the initial GPN and the Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) are being updated as necessary to reflect current market conditions, changes in contract packaging, and revised cost estimates. The Kenya National Highways Authority, as one of the project's implementing agencies, is in the process of updating the GPN to include activities that were not explicitly detailed in the original notice published on February 14, 2017. The update is as follows and excludes activities whose procurement has been concluded.
4. Procurement activities under Component A: Improving Movement of People, Goods, and Digital Connectivity will include the following:
 - (a) Design and Build of Civil works associated with installation of a fiber optic cable along the Elwak - Mandera Road.
5. Procurement activities under Component B: Facilitation of Regional Trade and Transport will include the following:
 - (a) Design and Build of Bridges and Access Roads: Construction of bridges, bridge approach roads, and access road infrastructure at Rhamu and Mandera.
 - (b) Development of Trade Facilitation Infrastructure: Construction of Trade Facilitation Centers, One-Stop Border Posts (OSBPs), and Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) staff accommodation units at Rhamu and Mandera.
 - (c) Design and Build of Virtual Weighbridges: Construction of virtual weighbridge stations at 3 proposed sites along Isiolo - Mandera Road Corridor.
 - (d) Design and Build of Static Axle Load Control Stations (ALCS): Establishment of static ALCS at 3 proposed sites along Isiolo - Mandera Road Corridor.
6. Procurement of contracts for Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, under Investment Project Financing (IPF) financed by the World Bank, will be conducted in accordance with the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – September 2023 (5th Edition)"**, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Regulations.
7. Specific Procurement Notices (SPNs) for contracts to be procured under the project will be published, as they become available, on the World Bank's external website, and in local newspapers of wide circulation.
8. Interested eligible firms and individuals who wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below:

Supply Chain Management

Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management

Kenya National Highways Authority,

Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor, North Wing, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)

off Airport South Road, along Mazao Road,

P.O. Box 49712-00100, Nairobi, Kenya

Phone: 0204954000/0700423606

Email: procurement@kenha.co.ke

Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
For: Ag. Director General

CS Ogamba denies plans to shut down satellite campuses



Education Ministry CS Ogamba Migosi (second left) with scholars and educationist at Riokindo Boys High school in Bokimonge ward, Bomachoge Borabu Constituency in Kisii County.

BY JANE NAITORE, KNA

Ministry of Education Cabinet Secretary Migosi Ogamba has denied claims by a section of the media that the government plans to close some satellite institutions of higher learning.

Ogamba clarified that the government is undertaking a rationalisation exercise to ensure all resources are optimally utilized for the benefit of learners.

Speaking at Riokindo Boys High School in Bokimonge Ward, Bomachoge Borabu Constituency in Kisii County during the school's prize-giving day to honour students who excelled in last year's KCSE exams, the CS said that a similar rationalisation of institutional staffing is also underway.

He emphasized that the exercise would be conducted in accordance with the law, with full respect for the rights of all individuals involved and affected.

The CS also noted that the rationalisation extends to the funding of higher education, school bursaries, and donations from other non-centralized sources to ensure resources are allocated more efficiently and governance is streamlined.

On the issue of delayed capitation, the CS cited challenges such as financial limitations and conflicting

government requirements but assured that efforts are being made to secure sufficient allocations and eliminate existing hurdles.

He applauded the school for attaining a mean grade of 9.2 points (B) and encouraged them to work hard to reach their target of 9.7 points in this year's KCSE exams.

Ogamba further explained that the school, which was recently upgraded along with six others in the county, will offer three pathways under the competency-based curriculum for Grade 10 students starting in 2026.

The CS promised that the state will support the institution with infrastructure including classrooms, dormitories and laboratories.

He said there was a budget commitment to do 1600 laboratories in various schools in the country, besides funds being set aside to employ 100,000 more teachers, in the efforts to reach the Kenya Kwanza manifesto target of up to 116,000 by end of 2025.

On bargaining agreements, Ogamba said all CBAs will be signed at the beginning of the cycle instead of end for sake of clarity and continuity so that teachers and students remain in class.

He explained there were plans to employ the over 65,000 teachers who were jobless despite having TSC numbers.

On the number of CBE classrooms, he said the government had already constructed 23,000 of them for grade 9 since last year.







SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

MULTINATIONAL KENYA - SOUTH SUDAN ROAD CORRIDOR LESSERU-KITALE AND MORPUS-LOKICHA ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT PHASE 1

LOT 1: UPGRADING OF LESSERU - KITALE (B14) ROAD

Invitation for Bids [IFB]

Works

(Without Prequalification)

IFB Number:	KeNHA/2880/2025
Employer:	Kenya National Highways Authority
Project:	Multinational: Kenya - South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru - Kitale and Morpus - Lokichar Road Upgrading Project Phase 1
Contract title:	Lot 1: Upgrading of Lesseru - Kitale (B14) Road
Country:	Kenya
Loans No.:	2000200005805 and 2100150043496
Procurement Method:	Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)
OCBI/LCB No:	KeNHA/2880/2025
Issued on:	5th August, 2025

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website on 28th February 2025 and on the MyGov newspaper on 11th March 2025.

2. The Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK) has received financing in form of a loan from the African Development Bank (AfDB) herein-after called the Bank toward the cost of the **Multinational: Kenya - South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru-Kitale and Morpus-Lokichar Road Upgrading Project Phase 1**. The project will be implemented in three lots, Lot 1: Upgrading of Lesseru - Kitale (B14) Road (55Km) , Lot 2: Upgrading of Morpus - Kainuk (A1) Road (54 Km), and Lot 3: Upgrading of Kainuk - Lokichar (A1) Road (74.4 Km). The GoK intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan toward payments under the contract for the **Construction of Lot 1: Upgrading of Lesseru - Kitale (B14) Road (55 Km)**.

3. The Government of Kenya through the Kenya National Highways Authority, herein referred to as the Client now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Construction of Lot 1: Upgrading of Lesseru - Kitale (B14) Road (55 Km)**. A margin of domestic preference of 10% shall apply.

The project traverses through Uasin Gishu, Kakamega and Trans Nzoia Counties and is located within the North Rift Region of KeNHA's road network. The Lesseru - Kitale highway, forms part of the Suam - Endebeles-Kitale-Matunda-Soy (B14) road and measures approximately 55kms. The project road starts at Lesseru interchange - (KM 00) at the junction of Eldoret - Kitale (B14) and Eldoret - Malaba (A8), about 10km from Eldoret town. The road proceeds in a North westerly direction passing through centres in Uasin Gishu of Soy (Km 9), centres in Kakamega of Nangili (Km 18), Furfaral (Km 24), Matunda (km 27), Moi's Bridge in Uasin Gishu (km 34), centres in Trans Nzoia of Maili Saba km 46), before ending at Kitale town (km 55).

The construction period is estimated at 36 months and 12 months Defects Notification Period.

The pavement structure shall comprise of Dense Bitumen Macadam to main carriageway, Asphalt Concrete surfacing to shoulders and service roads, Cement Stabilized GCS Base and sub-base to carriageway, Cement Improved GCS base to service roads, CIG sub-base to service roads and improved subgrade. A double seal surface treatment shall be carried out on the main carriageway, shoulders, and major junctions.

The following are the approximate quantities for the major Bill items of the works:

• Site Clearance	175Ha
• Excavation and fills	700,000m ³
• Improved Subgrade Material	582,000m ³
• Cement Improved Natural Material Sub-base	28,000m ³
• Graded Crushed Stone for Base and Sub-base	214,000m ³
• Dense Bitumen Macadam	79,000m ³
• Asphalt concrete	18,000m ³
• Bituminous surface treatment (Chippings)	20,000m ³
• Concrete for major and minor structures	5,000m ³
• Steel reinforcement	820Ton
• Piling	1,000m

4. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework, dated October, 2015 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding documents during office hours i.e., 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given in item 10 below:

6. A complete set of bidding documents prepared in English language will be available from **8th August, 2025** and may be obtained free of charge from the Kenya National Highways website – www.kenha.co.ke or the Government of Kenya Supplier Portal – PPIP Procurement Portal: www.tenders.go.ke or purchased from the below address by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of KShs. 1,000.00 (Kenya Shillings One Thousand Only) in form of a banker's cheque payable to: **Kenya National Highways Authority**.

7. There shall be No organized site visit. Bidders are encouraged to make arrangements to visit the site and familiarize themselves with the project road before submission of bids. There shall be a pre-bid conference on **4th September, 2025** at **KeNHA Headquarters, 2nd Floor, South Wing, Block C, Barabara Plaza**.

8. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Works

9. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Kshs. 160,000,000 (Kenya shillings One Hundred Sixty Million Only) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.

10. Bids must be enclosed in plain packages and clearly marked with the Tender Reference Number and Description for identification as appropriate, sealed and transmitted by courier or delivered by hand so as to be received at the address below, not later than 1100hrs local time on **3rd October 2025**.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management),
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
2nd Floor, South Wing, Block C, Barabara Plaza,
Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)
P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842**

11. Electronic Bidding will **NOT** be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Opening of the Bids will take place immediately thereafter at the KeNHA Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, on 3rd October 2025 at 1100Hrs local time in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend.

12. Further information and clarification on the bidding documents may be obtained at the address below:

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

13. Interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

14. Kenya National Highways Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any (or all) bids.

**Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
For: Ag. Director General**

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extends to
the funding
of higher
education,
school bursaries

Farmers in drought hit Laikipia shift from maize to more lucrative coffee growing



BY MUTURI MWANGI (KNA)

Laikipia County, a semi-arid region traditionally known for livestock rearing is experiencing a shift as farmers venture into high-value coffee farming.

Amid the scorching sun, blossoming coffee bushes thrive on the farm of Peter Kimani, a budding farmer in Tandare Village, Kinamba Ward.

Kimani, who has dedicated his one-and-a-quarter-acre piece of land to coffee farming, reveals he began in 2022 and, after making his first sale, has never looked back.

He explains that while maize has long been the area's primary cash crop, the impressive returns from coffee are prompting farmers to replace maize



1. Peter Kimani, a coffee farmer in Kinamba and a Secretary of Ng'arua Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Society.

2. From right, Laikipia County Governor, Joshua Irungu, (clad with jumper) holds a coffee seedling during issuance to farmers in Kinamba.

PHOTOS BY MUTURI MWANGI/KNA

with coffee, hoping to reap greater profits from the berries.

"Maize has been our

cash crop for many years, but now it is being replaced by coffee due to the good returns. An acre of

maize yields a net profit of about Sh30,000 annually, whereas the same piece of land planted with coffee earns Sh240,000. Coffee is clearly the better option," says Kimani, as he proudly shows this writer his well-utilized land. He adds that his sales have increased significantly, with a recent earning of Sh320,000.

Despite the unpredictable weather patterns in the county and the fact that coffee requires altitudes between 1,000 and 2,000 meters to thrive, Kimani—who grows nearly a thousand Batian variety coffee bushes—says they rely on shallow rains and dams to sustain their farming.

Kimani who is also the Secretary of Ng'arua Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Society highlights that since they are yet to come up with their own factory, they use portable machines to remove the red husk, then wash and dry for market.

He says a kilo of parchment fetches at Sh330 while dried one goes for Sh200 at New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (NKPCU).

"Since we do not have a processing factory it's upon the farmers to do their

pulping and dry then we sell the produce as members of the society aimed to get good returns," notes Kimani.

He points out that, they discourage members from selling to brokers aimed for them to benefit from the cooperative society through advance pay and training, brokers have been frequenting the area

from the counties of Nyeri, Kirinyaga and Nairobi.

Kimani is among hundreds of farmers across the six wards of Sossian, Githiga, Marmanet, Igwamiti, Ol Moran and Ngobit in Laikipia county who had depended on maize farming but now embraced the top-rated coffee farming to turn around their economic fortune.



GOVERNMENT OF MAKUENI COUNTY

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR FY 2026/2027 ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADP)

Pursuant to the provision of the Public Financial Management Act 2012 section 126 and in accordance with Constitution of Kenya 2010 Article 220(2), The Government of Makueni County is in the process of developing County Annual Development Plan FY 2026-27. To this end, the Government notifies the residents and other stakeholders that there shall be a Ward Public Participation on **FY 2026-27 County Annual Development Plan** at various Ward venues on **14th and 15th August 2025**.

For more information, contact your Ward Administrator's office or the County Government of Makueni website: www.makueni.go.ke. Citizens are also encouraged to provide their memoranda, suggestion and written submission via co.planning@makueni.go.ke. by **20th August 2025**.

**DAMARIS MUMO KAVOI
COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER – FINANCE,
PLANNING, BUDGET & REVENUE AND HEAD OF COUNTY
TREASURY**

State constructs Sh100m Somare Dam to boost water access for 5,000 Moyale residents

BY CHARLES MATACHO (PCO)

The State Department for ASALS and Regional Development is constructing the Sh100 million Somare Dam in an effort to transform the livelihoods of over 5,000 people in Moyale's arid and underserved region.

Principal Secretary for the State Department for ASALS and Regional Development, Kello Harsama, said the project will hold an impressive 160 million litres of water upon completion. It is being implemented by the Ewaso Ng'iro North Development Authority (ENNDA) under the stewardship of the State Department.

Harsama hailed the initiative as a strategic investment under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA),

which seeks to empower historically marginalized communities and unlock the development potential of Kenya's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS).

"A key component of the government's push to boost rural infrastructure, the Somare Dam is designed to provide sustainable access to water for domestic use, livestock, and small-scale irrigation, offering relief to residents who have long relied on seasonal rainfall and distant water sources," he said.

The PS disclosed that the project features a 10-metre-high earth embankment dam, a modern intake and spillway system, advanced treatment facilities, and extensive water distribution infrastructure.

"This includes solar-powered and grid-supported submersible pumps, elevated tanks, water



State Department for ASALS and Regional Development Kello Harsama (centre) inspects the ongoing construction of Somare Dam in Moyale, Marsabit County.

kiosks, livestock troughs, and community taps – all tailored to serve the unique needs of Moyale's pastoralist communities," he added.

The dam site, he pointed out, is also being secured with perimeter fencing to ensure sustainability and safety.

Harsama described the dam as a transformative force for

borderland communities adding: "This dam is more than a water project, it is a symbol of transformation. It reflects our resolve to take development to the grassroots."

The PS averred that through the BETA framework, "We are not only bringing services closer to the people but restoring dignity and hope in communities

that have long been forgotten."

He emphasized the pivotal role water plays in driving rural economies, enhancing food security, and promoting peace and cohesion in fragile regions like Moyale, which often bear the brunt of drought, climate shocks, and resource-based conflicts.

The inspection, the PS noted, comes at a time when the government is scaling up high-impact projects in ASALS counties, reinforcing its commitment to equitable development, agricultural productivity, and climate resilience.

Harsama disclosed that the Somare Dam is expected to reduce the burden on women and children who trek long distances in search of water, while also improving livestock health and spurring agricultural activities.

"With implementation already in high gear, the dam is poised to become a flagship symbol of the government's renewed focus on marginalized regions anchoring not just water security, but a future of opportunities, prosperity, and lasting peace in Kenya's northern frontier," he said.

New pact to roll out internationally accredited courses in local polytechnics



The Kenya High Commissioner to Australia Dr. Wilson Kogo (3rd left), TVET Director John Tuwei (2nd left), Signet Institute Sales and marketing Head Muhammad Ali (right) officially launched the Signet Institute of Australia office in Eldoret National Polytechnic, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County. PHOTO: EKUWAM SYLVESTER

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER AND LUKA CHERONO (KNA)

The State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (SDTVET) has signed a partnership agreement with the Australia-based Signet Institute to roll out internationally accredited courses aimed at equipping Kenyan youth with globally competitive skills.

Speaking during the launch of the Signet Institute of Australia office at The Eldoret National

Polytechnic (TENP), TVET Director John Tuwei underscored the significance of the programme, which will initially be piloted in seven technical institutions before being extended to more TVETs in subsequent phases.

He noted that the initiative would enhance the productivity of young people and enable them to earn self-sustaining incomes while working abroad, thereby boosting foreign inflows and improving the country's economy.

"We are collaborating as a government with the Signet Institute of Australia to roll out courses that are internationally accredited. We have signed the agreement, and it will cover several national polytechnics, including the Eldoret National Polytechnic," said the TVET Director.

He mentioned that they had already launched an office for Signet that will coordinate in collaboration with Kenyan institutions, at Kabete National Polytechnic and the Nairobi

National Polytechnic. "This is a pilot and based on the uptake, we'll be increasing this. We start with seven national polytechnics and maybe we'll start with 100 students. And this will be growing gradually depending on the skills requirement outside there," explained Tuwei.

In his remarks, the Kenya High Commissioner to Australia Dr. Wilson Kogo commended the milestone achieved in TVET modernization noting that upskilling of the human capital in Kenya is key in order to leverage on the opportunities available internationally.

He welcomed the collaboration which he said will strengthen the relationship between Kenya and Australia and support both economies through labour mobility.

The High Commissioner pointed out that many regions outside there, be it Europe, America, Australia and others, are really asking for labour noting that the question that is in the minds of everybody else is on the kind of training that we have in Kenya if it does really resonate with needs and the expectations other regions like Australia.

"That is what we are focusing on and asking ourselves the question, why is it that at one point, if you have a nurse from here going to Australia, they cannot be allowed to practice, and yet we have trained? Why is it that you have plumbers who have been trained in our institutions here, but when they go to other regions, probably they are not allowed to practice," exclaimed Dr. Kogo.

We have done a good job, but Australia could be requiring a little bit more than what we have managed to do

He lauded the training standards in Kenya's TVET emphasizing the need to upgrade them to the global standards through linkages and collaborations with international institutions like Signet Institute so as to match the skills required in Australia which is in dire need of labour due to its fast-aging population.

Dr Kogo hinted on bringing in more countries whose market need is not covered in Kenyan training so that any gaps can actually be taken care of by the institutions focused on as far as labour mobility is concerned.

"Australia is one of them. We want to be probably going forward, be even a source of labour to the wonderful country of Australia. That is what we have in mind.

But the question is, can we address the gaps? We have done a good job, but Australia could be requiring a little bit more than what we have managed to do in our institutions," added the High Commissioner to Australia.

The Head of Sales and Marketing, Signet Institute, Muhammad Imran Ali described the collaboration as a snowball effect—a process where an initial small event or action triggers a chain reaction, causing it to grow larger and potentially more impactful over time.

He mentioned that Kenyans, through the programme, have advantage of two snowball effects. One is that slowly youth will learn, use their skills to go abroad and develop themselves. And on the other side when they are developed, they will start sending remittance back home and that will have a ripple snowball effect to bring up the economy.

"Australia has an ageing population. We have many people to look after, but we don't have young people like you to do that," said Ali.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF: DIRECTOR GENERAL/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JOB REF. NO.: FRC 1/2025

The Financial Reporting Centre (FRC) is a government agency created by the proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act (POCMLA) 2009, with the principal objective of identifying the proceeds of crime, combating money laundering and fighting against financing of terrorism.

The Anti-Money Laundering Advisory Board (AMLAB) is seeking to recruit a dynamic, exceptional and visionary leader with good professional and ethical standing to fill the position of the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer. The successful candidate will lead the Centre on the execution of its mandate.

The successful candidate shall be appointed for a single term of Six (6) years.

Applicants **MUST** submit their applications in a plain sealed envelope and clearly marked with the Job Ref. No. and Job title, and addressed to:

CHAIRPERSON,
ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ADVISORY BOARD,
13th FLOOR, OLD MUTUAL TOWER,
UPPER HILL ROAD,
P.O PRIVATE BAG - 00200, NAIROBI, KENYA.

All applications should be received by **Monday, 25th August, 2025 at 5.00p.m.**

Interested and eligible candidates should access the Financial Reporting Centre website <https://www.frc.go.ke> for detailed requirements and qualifications needed.



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT KENYA E-COMMERCE POLICY

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

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

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

The State Department for Trade wishes to notify the public that the hybrid public participation meeting to collate views on the policy will take place on **6th August, 2025**, from 8:00 am at the **Jacaranda Hotel, Westlands, Nairobi**. The public can also follow the meeting online via a link to be provided on the SDT website.

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



State gains in agriculture, jobs creation MSMEs, and digitization

BY ISAAC MWaura

Good day dear fellow lover of the written word. I hope your week has been great. Last week, we focused on what the 5th administration led by H.E President William Ruto has achieved so far in matters economy, health and education. Today, we have many more achievements in areas such as Agriculture, Job creation and digitization of government services; wins that can only serve to make our country a true middle level economy.

In agriculture, we have moved from struggle, to surplus. Previously, there was a lot of exploitation of farmers by middlemen and cartels; through fake farm inputs, and unsustainable subsidies. Cartels thrived, and racketeers profited at the expense of the common good of all farmers. In return, farm inputs became expensive, and farming became less profitable. The game changer was when 6.6 million farmers were registered digitally, ensuring more accurate mapping of farming activities, thus cutting out fraudsters and

commen enabling real farmers to direct support from the Government.

A good example is the fertilizer distribution programme. A 50kg bag now retails at Ksh. 2,500 down from Ksh. 7,500. More farmers are using certified fertilizer, thus enhancing yields. In addition, Milk prices have risen by 29%, with dairy farmers now earning Ksh.45 per litre up from Ksh. 35 per litre, with exports doubling to Ksh. 7.2B. Coffee prices have more than doubled, from Ksh.65 in 2022 to Ksh.148/kg in 2025. Export earnings from coffee also grew by Ksh. 34B to stand at Ksh.170B.

In the tea sector, farmers now earn Ksh.60/kg of green leaf, up from Ksh.50 with national earnings rising to Ksh. 215B up from 138B. Further, maize harvests jumped from 40 million bags in 2022 to 64 million bags in 2024 thanks to production support and good rains.

In the sugar sector, production rose from 490,000 metric tonnes to 815,000 metric tonnes, a 66% growth, reducing imports by 70%, and increasing income from



Ksh.50 billion to Ksh.90 Billion. For the first time in Kenya's history, sugar farmers received a bonus. Even more transformative, Kenya is now on the verge of achieving sugar self-sufficiency. Once the remaining 30% import gap is closed, Kenya will move from deficit to surplus, with sugar ready for export. Going forward, the government is leasing out 4 sugar factories in order to turn Kenya into a sugar exporter.

This way, there shall be more disposable income, lower cost of food, better earnings for farmers, jobs creation across various value chains, reduced reliance on food imports (rice, maize, sugar etc), and data-based planning and decision making to enhance food security.

Our urban areas are being renewed through

the affordable housing program, that is not only helping Kenyans get jobs, but also giving them dignity and decency. So far, over 1,000 slum dwellers have been resettled in the new Mukuru Estate, and 44 out of 47 counties have ongoing AFP construction works. In total, over 171,000 housing units are underway, and over 320,000 construction jobs have been created for our youth. This has led to secure, decent housing for low-income families, dignified living, better healthier environment, and safer neighborhoods.

The transformation and stabilization of our economy is also happening in the Micro, Medium, and Small Enterprises (MSMEs). Financial access through the Hustler Fund that was launched within the first 100 days of President Ruto administration has 25 million Kenyans getting over Ksh.70B. These are mostly youth, mama mboga, bodaboda riders, and artisans who have saved over Ksh.4.5B, through the platform. loans are collateral-free, and 7 Million blacklisted Kenyans are

now restored to the credit system, based on smart credit scoring. As a result, new businesses have been started, women, youth and PWDs are now able to access capital more easily, and more digital lenders are now regulated thus reducing predatory lending habits of shylocks.

Over and above the jobs created so far, there are 110,000 new opportunities in green public works (ClimateWorx), 182,000 digital jobs through Jitume labs & TVETs, and over 400,000 Kenyans are now working abroad in health, farming, hospitality, construction, domestic, and other industries. This means that more Kenyan youth are not idling at home but can now send money back home to their families, with diaspora remittances hitting over 638.5 billion last year alone. Local economies are now thriving, hardware stores, salons, boda boda and food kiosks are benefiting from new earnings.

Kenya is the silicon savannah for Africa, with over 24,000km of fibre laid, connecting remote areas to the world. So far,

1,494 free Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed in markets, towns, schools, up from none few years ago. In addition, eCitizen services grew from 353 to 22,500, with 316 digital hubs now operational. A further 404 are under construction, while 20,000 laptops/devices have been distributed.. So far, over 1.8M youth have been trained in digital skills, with over 300,000 of them now earning online through the Ajira, BPO, gig economy. This has led to increased online learning, and access to information and digital assets for decision making.

In conclusion, President William Ruto's Transformation Agenda is on course, and it's about: lower cost of living, building a healthy nation, creating more jobs and income opportunities, providing affordable and dignified housing for all, empowering farmers, and providing relevant education for our children.

We are stronger together. United we stand, divided we fall.

Senator Mwaura is the Government Spokesperson.

Environment conservationists push for sustainable restoration of rangelands

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A

Kenya is actively engaged in national rangelands restoration efforts, aiming to revitalize degraded ecosystems and support sustainable livelihoods.

Speaking in during a rangeland's restoration forum in Nairobi, Principal Secretary State Department for Environment and Climate Change Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno, in a speech read by Environment Secretary Dr. Selly Kimosop, said that these efforts are

part of a broader national commitment to landscape restoration, with specific targets for restoring forests and rangelands.

"The Ministry is also working towards increasing tree cover, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing land degradation,"

"On the same score, environment conservationists are pushing for the prioritization of sustainable restoration of rangelands in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands, to cushion these regions from the

effects of extreme weather conditions," said Dr. Ng'eno.

The PS said that Kenya has pledged to restore 10.6 million hectares of degraded forests and rangelands by 2032 by planting and growing 15 billion trees.

He said that land conversion to farmland, over-exploitation, frequent fire regimes, the introduction of non-native plants, overexploitation of water resources, overutilization of wild species, and the long-term effects of cli-

mate change are some of the major factors that lead to dryland degradation.

"The preservation of biodiversity, food security, economic growth, livelihoods, and human well-being will all be enhanced by the sustainable management of drylands," said the PS.

Dr Ng'eno disclosed that the southern rangelands of Kenya are 50% degraded and 40% highly eroded, with hard pans, bare ground, and the intrusion of invasive species being the main indicators of land

degradation.

"There are many invasive species, primarily Ipomea carnea, Ipomea hildebrandtii, Gutenbergia (Erlangea), Prosopis juliflora and Parthenium hysterophorus. Over the previous 20 years, excessive logging, overstocking, and intensive farming have caused the disappearance of native vegetation," said the PS.

National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) Director General Dr. Mamo Boru said that community led restoration programs are being supported and implemented in Arid and Semi-arid areas under a four year 'National Child Project programme.'

Dr Boru said that rangelands are not just vast use-

less landscapes; but they are the lifeline of millions of pastoralists and Agro-pastoralist communities in the drylands.

"They support biodiversity, contribute significantly to our national economy, and play a crucial role in climate resilience and food security," he said.

Dr Boru reaffirmed NEMA's commitment to working collaboratively with all partners to ensure that the policies, strategies, and programs developed are inclusive, practical and impactful. Dr Boru reaffirmed NEMA's commitment to working collaboratively with all partners to ensure that the policies, strategies, and programs developed are inclusive, practical and impactful.

KenGen unveils first battery storage system for its data centre

CHRISTINE CHERYL

The Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen) has commissioned a new Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to supply uninterrupted renewable power to its modular data center.

The milestone marks a new frontier in the company's long-term green energy strategy as Kenya accelerates adoption of clean energy technologies.

Speaking during the

ceremony at the company's Nairobi headquarters, KenGen's Managing Director and CEO Eng. Peter Njenga said, "This commissioning marks a crucial step in our journey toward a low-carbon, digitally resilient future."

The newly installed 1.16 megawatt-hour (MWh) BESS will serve KenGen's 52-kilowatt Modular Data Center (MDC) at its Nairobi headquarters.

The state-of-the-art facility comprises 356

U-spaces and is purpose-built to support KenGen's expanding digital infrastructure.

The storage system is designed to guarantee stable electricity even during periods of low grid demand, underscoring the role of battery technology in enhancing energy resilience.

The launch is a cornerstone of KenGen's Good to Great (G2G) 2034 strategic blueprint, which targets the rollout of 500MWh of energy storage capacity over the next decade.



KenGen's Managing Director and CEO Eng. Peter Njenga (center) unveils first battery storage system for the company.

"By integrating battery storage into our data infrastructure, we are not only reducing our carbon footprint but also showcasing how energy utilities can lead in sustainable innovation," he said.

He said the MDC and its storage system signal a shift in how energy producers support Kenya's digital transformation and energy security.

The facility will serve internal operations and provide a model for how utilities can use renewable storage to meet increasing demands for computing and connectivity, he said.



**THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY
KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT
ICTA-PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT**

ADDENDUM NO. 2

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:	21ST JULY 2025

To All Interested Bidders

RE: AMENDMENT OF RFB DOCUMENT THROUGH ADDENDUM NO. 2

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders ITB 8 [Amendment of Bidding Document], the Client has amended the following sections of the RFB document

- i. Section VII – Schedule of Requirements (Table 1: Minimum Specifications of Active Network Equipment)
- ii. Section VII – Schedule of Requirements - Additional/New Equipment in Table 3: Minimum Requirements for Passive Equipment & Structured Cabling Materials

Please visit the Authority's website www.icta.go.ke/tenders and www.tenders.go.ke to download the detailed addendum.

This addendum No. 2 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



**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS
EXAMINATIONS BOARD**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**TRAINING AND ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTED PROFESSIONALS
FOR RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)**

The Human Resource Management Professionals Examinations Board (HRMPEB) is a state corporation within the Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes. It is established in accordance with Section 16 of the Human Resource Management Professionals Act, No. 52 of 2012.

The Board is seeking to enlist the services of contracted professionals of unquestionable integrity and professionalism for the Recognition of Prior Learning Assessment on need basis in the following roles:

No	Position
1.	RPL Practitioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Counsellors ii. Assessors iii. Verifiers
2.	Industry Experts

Details of the vacancy can be accessed at www.hrmpeb.or.ke

How to apply

All applications should reach the Board on or before **20th August, 2025 by 1700 hrs.**

The applications should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Human Resource Management Professionals Examinations Board (HRMPEB)
P.O Box 23733-00100
Nairobi, Kenya

Applicants should email the softcopy applications to the CEO using the email recruitment@hrmpeb.or.ke quoting the job title on the subject. All the documents should be in a single PDF file.

Please note: There will be a non-refundable training fee of **Ksh. 20,000** for successful candidates.



NATIONAL CRIME RESEARCH CENTRE

Fighting Crime through Research



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The National Research Centre (NCRC) is a State Corporation established by the National Crime Research Centre Act No. 4 of 1997. The Centre is mandated to carry out research into causes of crime, its prevention and to disseminate the research findings and recommendations to Government Agencies concerned with the administration of criminal justice and other relevant stakeholders.

The Centre is seeking to recruit highly competent, proactive and self – driven individuals to fill the following positions;

No.	Position	NCRC Grade	Job Ref. No.	No. of posts
1	Assistant Director Research	NCRC 3	NCRC/1/8/2025	3
2	Assistant Director Finance	NCRC 3	NCRC/2/8/2025	1
3	Assistant Director Human Resource	NCRC 3	NCRC/3/8/2025	1
4	Principal Planning Officer	NCRC 4	NCRC/4/8/2025	1
5	Senior Research Officer	NCRC 5	NCRC/5/8/2025	5
6	Senior Officer Administrator	NCRC 5	NCRC/6/8/2025	1
7	Senior Knowledge Management Officer	NCRC 5	NCRC/7/8/2025	1
8	Human Resource Management Officer	NCRC 6	NCRC/8/8/2025	1
9	Supply Chain Management Officer	NCRC 6	NCRC/9/8/2025	1
10	Accountant	NCRC 6	NCRC/10/8/2025	1
11	Legal Officer	NCRC 6	NCRC/11/8/2025	1
12	Internal Auditor	NCRC 6	NCRC/12/8/2025	1
13	Corporate Communications Officer	NCRC 6	NCRC/13/8/2025	1
14	Records Management Officer	NCRC 6	NCRC/14/8/2025	1
15	Office Administrator	NCRC 6	NCRC/15/8/2025	1

Application Procedure

Interested candidates are advised to visit the Centre's website: www.crimeresearch.go.ke and apply online as guided. The application should be filled and sent not later than **5.00 P.M. on Monday, 25th August, 2025**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

"National Crime Research Centre is an equal opportunity employer, people abled differently, the marginalized and the minorities are encouraged to apply. Applicants are informed that any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.



Water Resources Authority (WRA)

OPEN NATIONAL TENDER NOTICE
HORN OF AFRICA GROUND WATER FOR RESILIENCE PROJECT (HOAGW4RP)

PROJECT ID NO.:	P174867
CREDIT NO.	IDA-7082-KE

The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the implementation of the Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following:

Reference No.	Description	Closing Date
WRA/HOAGW4RP/CS/INDV/03/2024-2025	Consultancy Services for an Individual Consultant-Hydrogeologist	26 th August 2025
WRA/HOAGW4RP/CS/INDV/04/2025-2026	Consultancy Services for an Individual Consultant-Legal Services	26 th August 2025

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **[weekdays Monday to Friday 0800hrs to 1700hrs local time excluding public holidays]**. The document may also be downloaded **free-of-charge** from these websites: <http://www.info@wra.go.ke> <http://www.tenders.go.ke>.

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President William Ruto and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga (Baba) during Kenya's inaugural CAF African Nations Championship (CHAN) game against DR Congo at the Moi International Sports Centre-Kasarani. Kenya's national team Harambee Stars won the match against Les Léopards 1-0



Photo 1: Harambee Stars players at the start of the game. Photo 2: Harambee Stars playerson the pitch. Photo 3: Fans of Harambee Stars during the inaugural match. Photo 4: (From Left-President William Ruto, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, and FKF President Mohammed Hussein. Photos by Hilda Cheshari.

Storytelling the best modus for growing Kenya's tourism

BY REBECCA MIANO

The recent recognition of the Maasai Mara as the stage for the "World's Greatest Annual Terrestrial Wildlife Migration" by the World Book of Records is a gesture beyond ordinary accolade. In fact, it is great fodder for one more magnetic narrative about magical Kenya.

To unlock Kenya's immense potential and attract a new generation of travellers, we need to reboot our mastery in storytelling. That demands imagination on stilts, and crucially, the energy of our youth.

Kenya's stories are etched in the rich heritage of our sociocultural fabric readily visible across our landscapes. However, presently, and unfortunately so, we tell our stories in whispered tones. Yet the Lake Turkana basin holds evidence of fossils traceable back to humanity's very origins. Therein is a potentially hypnotic tale presently told in lily-livered cadence. Surely, time has come to create a mesmeric yarn of humanity's origins adorned with an irresistible allure.

With the Equator literally cutting across Kenya's waist, we are the ultimate natural global astro-tourism haven. This

fact alone is sheer oxygen for a potentially gripping narrative that fuses ancient wonders with the fascinations of modern technology. Kenya, by the way, boasts some of Africa's darkest and clearest night skies in Samburu, Turkana, and the Laikipia Plateau. Our astro-tourism delights including laser-guided constellation tours via high-powered telescopes and star-beds are already on offer at some lodges in Samburu area. The most electrifying magic of the Samburu stargazing spectacle lies in intertwining cosmic wonders with indigenous knowledge of the stars.

Lest you forget, where our own Maasai folk follow crescent moons to find pasture, the Samburu hold certain ceremonies guided by lunar phases that link stars to fertility and community rhythms. Here lies a unique but untold story inspired by knowledge shaped by our local cultures for ages.

In this day of many digital storytelling platforms we have the tools to transform singular experiences into global invitations if we deliberately make the intangible tangible and the distant desirable. As international demand for celestial citing surges the upcoming September 7th 2025 total lunar eclipse should in-



spire the crafting of digital narratives can position Kenya as the place to be by churning out sizzling online curtain-raiser narratives.

Digital storytelling is squarely the domain of our youth. Our youthful digital natives who wield classy smartphones and command social media platforms with admirable fluency and unmistakable gaiety are our most qualified tourism ambassadors.

They can frame stargazing sessions as journeys to

marvels of ancestral wisdom. Our young men and women are exemplary content creators too given their ability to cause Kenya's culinary delicacies to go viral for instance. They are innovators who can develop apps, design immersive web experiences, and manage digital campaigns that tell of Kenya's sensations, either known or hidden.

It is, therefore, time to empower our youth with digital content creation skills, cultural interpretation, and tech-enabled

product development for tourism.

Therefore, as we champion the revamping of our National Tourism Policy and foresee the development of niche tourism circuits, skillfulness in narrative intelligence should be one of our utmost priorities. In that regard, four imperatives come to mind. One, the need to establish digital story hubs to serve as domiciles for curating authentic, multi-format

content such as virtual reality, podcasts, and short films that showcase our niche experiences.

Two, we are ripe for storytelling by youth fellowships where training of young Kenyans in digital content creation, narrative-weaving craft, and tech-enabled tourism marketing are offered. Three, we should partner with all stakeholders to forge narrative creation partnerships with our communities who are the true keepers of our stories while ensuring all participants benefit from every story told.

Four, it is now time for Kenya to create immersions in tech-enhanced experiences to support lodges and conservancies using modern communication tools including augmented reality, portable planetariums, and high-quality streaming to deepen on-site storytelling.

Kenya's touristic endowments are chapters in an epic human and planetary story. By unleashing the power of inventive storytelling, amplified by modern technology and driven by the creative energy of our youth, we will invite the world to visit a sanctuary of unending wonders.

Miano is the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife

ARA, COMESA strengthen regional cooperation to tackle financial crime and terrorism

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL AND IMMACULATE CHEBET

Kenya Assets Recovery Agency (ARA) in collaboration with Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) conducted a Regional Training of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAS) in Nairobi, Kenya to combat financial crime and terrorism.

The training focused on financial investigations and on the management, recovery, and disposal of seized, forfeited, or confiscated assets.

It charted a new frontier toward implementing an Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) program aligned with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards.

"This program represents not just a learning opportunity but a collective resolve and shared



Acting Director General Mark Ogonji (Center) during the Regional Training of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAS) in Nairobi. Photo by: Eliaph Ngari.

commitment among COMESA Member States. It strengthens regional cooperation and builds robust frameworks to tackle financial crime, recover proceeds, and combat transnational organized crime through asset recovery," said Acting Director General Mark Ogonji.

The workshop under-

scored the importance of strengthening AML/CFT regimes across COMESA Member States. It aligned the regional agenda with the decision taken at the 19th COMESA Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting in Bujumbura.

The session also emphasized the need to build stronger capacities within Financial Intelligence

Units (FIUs) and law enforcement agencies, while updating AML/CFT legal frameworks in line with FATF standards.

COMESA has developed two strategic documents: a Regional Training Manual on Financial Investigations and Asset Forfeiture and a Regional Strategy on Combating Transnational Organized Crime, Anti-Money Laundering, and Counter-Financing of Terrorism.

Some of the criminal activities noted were drug trafficking, human trafficking, arm trafficking, wildlife trafficking and counterfeit goods. Corruption was noted as the most significant impediment.

"We must pursue proactive international cooperation, because criminals do not respect borders," said Ogonji.

"COMESA's leadership in convening this training clearly demonstrates

that Africa is leading the region in designing continental solutions to transverse crime," he added.

The Ag Director-General said that Kenya's Assets Recovery Agency has made considerable strides in recent years in recovering proceeds and instrumentalities of crime.

"However, it continues to face challenges such as asset concealment through complex corporate structures, virtual assets, cross-border recoveries, and difficulties in managing seized, preserved and forfeited assets," he said.

Mr. Ogonji called upon continuous dialogue and sharing information among COMESA member states while also bringing every key player on board by enhancing capacity building and mobilizing resources.

ARA is committed to deepening cooperation. I

invite all the team players for further engagement to move the *Assets Recovery* forward. In exercise of its mandate the Agency has enhanced its efforts to combat money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing.

Ogonji pointed out that the need to introduce civil forfeiture in COMESA countries was noted as a crucial mechanism to empower law enforcement and prosecutorial authorities to confiscate illicit assets on a civil standard of proof circumventing the delays or impossibility of criminal conviction, enhancing regional asset-recovery rates, and deterring corruption networks more effectively.

Stakeholders identified mutual legal assistance to facilitate litigation and manage virtual assets among COMESA Member States.

State hands over Sh5.5b Nasewa Housing Project site to contractor

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND RODGERS OMONDI (KNA)

The State Department for Housing and Urban Development has handed over the proposed Sh5.5 billion Nasewa Industrial Park Affordable Housing Project site to the contractor, who is expected to commence work immediately.

Speaking during the occasion, Cassius Kusienya, Secretary of the Integrated Project Delivery Unit for the Affordable Housing Programme, said the site will have 2,000 housing units along with associated infrastructure.

"We will have a Level 3 hospital, an ECD kindergarten, a primary school, a social hall, a shopping centre, a police post, and the chief's office. Other amenities in the project will include two basketball courts, a football pitch, and a volleyball pitch," he said.

Kusienya urged the contractor to adhere to the agreed project timeline, adding that sufficient funds have been allocated to ensure timely completion.

"The project will take 24 months, and the contractor is starting work immediately. Adequate funds have been provided, so there should be no delays in honoring payment certificates. We expect continuous progress and timely delivery," he said.

He added that the project will offer an opportunity for work-

ers on site to gain accreditation from relevant government bodies, provided they meet the required standards.

"This project is going to provide employment as there is a clear directive that 70% of the job be given to the local community. We are also going to collaborate with the National Construction Authority, NITA and TVETS to do onsite assessment for those with skills to be accredited. This will enhance their skills and give them the opportunity to work at other places when certified." He said

The official urged the contractor to ensure there is proper consideration of occupational safety and health to avoid injuries and fatalities adding that enforcement officers will be doing routine inspection at the site to ensure the work place policy is observed and complied with.

"The houses we are going to construct will pull together a minimum of 5,000 people and with the accompanying infrastructure, this will change this area. There will also be employment opportunities for around 3,000 people when the project is done. There will also be jobs for those who will be working in other amenities like hospitals and schools" he said.

"I want people from this area to start registering with Boma yangu so that when these houses are done, they will not be taken by people from other



places. We should also benefit by getting and staying in those houses something that is possible regardless of our economic status" he said

Busia County Director for Housing, Jason Abuga called on the community to fully support the project due to its benefit.

"This is our project and we should now own it by ensuring we cooperate and work well with the contractor. When you get an opportunity to work at the site, ensure you follow all the set guidelines including the safety measures and even time

so that there is smooth working relationship between you and the people in charge" he said

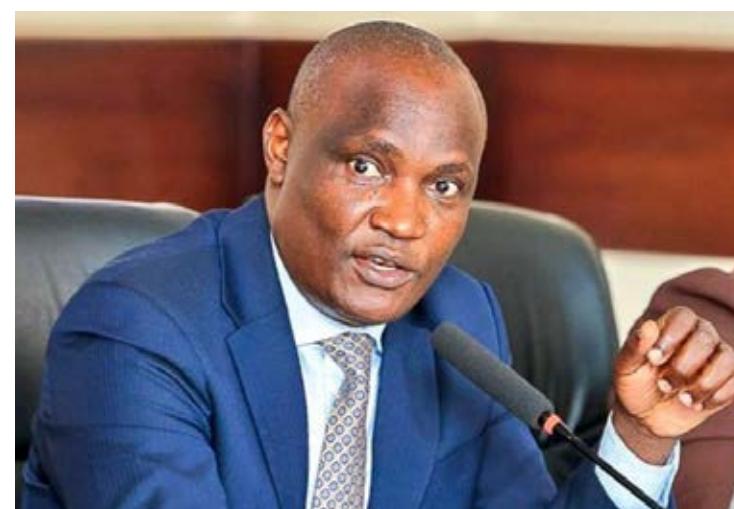
Abuga added that the government is determined to ensure that many other projects are established in Nasewa to add on the existing EPZA and the County Aggregated Industrial Park (CAIP) that will ensure the area have been fully transformed to an industrial area.

Busia Assistant County Commissioner Jackline Sabulei assured the team of the security during the progress of the work.

1. Residents of Nasewa, being taken through the architectural plan of the Nasewa industrial park housing project.

2. The Secretary of the Integrated Project Delivery Unit for the affordable housing program, Cassius Kusienya, addressing a section of residents of Nasewa during the site handing over for the Affordable Housing Project.

3. The master plan for the 2,000 affordable housing units to be constructed at Nasewa area in Busia County



Cabinet Secretary (CS) for The National Treasury and Economic Planning John Mbadi.

crepancies in government expenditure, such as inflated costs of common items.

"We are also finalising integration of the payroll system across all Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and County Assemblies to address ghost workers and multiple payroll issues," he explained, hinting that implementation would begin in August.

On pension reforms, Mbadi

announced improved timelines for disbursement, with 97 percent of pension claims settled by June and monthly pensions now paid earlier, warning that any corruption in the Pension Department would be dealt with decisively. Further, the CS revealed that the Treasury is also pushing for the adoption of a Treasury Single Account (TSA) to centralize cash management and avoid instances where the

Treasury, EACC step up anti-graft fight with institutional reforms

BY NAIF RASHID(KNA)

The National Treasury has reaffirmed its commitment to intensifying the fight against corruption through institutional reforms and closer collaboration with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), in a move aimed at safeguarding public funds and enhancing service delivery.

Speaking during a courtesy call at the EACC headquarters, Cabinet Secretary (CS) for the National Treasury and Economic Planning, John Mbadi, noted that corruption remains a significant threat to Kenya's development, with billions lost daily.

He emphasized the Treasury's role in eliminating financial leakages by implementing strategic reforms to promote accountability and transparency.

"I actually requested this meeting because we are part-

ners in this assignment. Kenyans expect us to protect the taxes they work hard to pay," stated Mbadi.

"It is estimated, as was once stated by former President Uhuru Kenyatta, that Kenya loses about Sh2 billion daily to corruption. If put to proper use, this money could transform lives," he added.

The CS outlined ongoing Treasury reforms, including the rollout of the electronic government procurement (e-GP) system to seal loopholes in public procurement—a key area of concern in corruption cases.

He also highlighted the transition from cash-based to accrual-based accounting, which would enable better tracking and valuation of public assets and liabilities.

Mbadi disclosed that through zero-based budgeting, the Treasury aims to eliminate dis-

government unknowingly borrows its own funds.

Significantly, Mbadi celebrated the recent presidential assent to the Conflict-of-Interest Bill, now law, which he said would empower the EACC and help prevent public officials from abusing their positions.

He also confirmed that EACC received 100 percent of its allocation in the last financial year and pledged further support within the limited fiscal space, including provision of vehicles and additional staff.

"We are not shying away from empowering EACC. We are also committed to strengthening other institutions such as the Office of the Auditor General, Controller of Budget and the Judiciary," affirmed the CS.

He reiterated that his ministry would remain transparent and cooperative in all matters concerning the fight against corruption.

In a quick rejoinder, EACC Chairperson Dr. David Oginde welcomed the Treasury's commitment and emphasized the importance of a collaborative, multi-agency approach in the fight against corruption.

State completes major road projects, unlocking development in Vihiga's rural heartland

BY ROSE WASIKE (KNA)

The Government has made significant strides in road infrastructure development in Vihiga County through the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA).

Two major roads now completed and awaiting official commissioning. The Gisambai-Hamisi-Senende Road, a 13.5-kilometre stretch launched in 2020, is now 98 percent complete and has been upgraded to bitumen standards.

Similarly, the Ekwanda-Lwanda-Esirulo-Magada Road, spanning 27 kilometres and also upgraded to bitumen standards, is 96 percent complete.

Meanwhile, several other road projects are underway, including the Mbale-Mbihi-Magada-Wemilabi-Luanda Road, a 20.8-kilometre stretch currently at 15.6 percent completion, and the Mago-Mululu-Wangulu and Lusuli-Vokoli Road, measuring 20 kilometres and now 14.5 percent complete. Both roads are being upgraded to bitumen standards.

The 24-kilometre Stendikisa-Luanda Road is undergoing reconstruction and rehabilitation and is currently 51 percent complete.

According to KeRRA Regional Engineer Michael Outa, the ongoing road projects have made notable progress, a success he attributes to the involvement of local contractors and labour drawn from surrounding communities.

"We have held several barazas with residents, and their cooperation during construction has been commendable," said Eng. Outa. He, however, cited a few challenges affecting some of the ongoing projects, including the need to relocate electricity poles—an issue awaiting resolution by Kenya Power—and the rising cost of raw materials, particularly the scarcity of quality murram.



Two major roads near completion as several other roads are underway in Vihiga County. PHOTO BY ROSE WASIKE

Residents have responded positively to the ongoing works, expressing optimism about the potential benefits. Local leaders have also hailed the projects, calling them a "game-changer" for the county's socio-economic transformation.

Acting County Commissioner Florence Sitawa underscored the impact of the improved roads on local mobility and access to essential services.

"These roads are transforming how people access health

care and education. Students can now get to school more easily, and emergency response is quicker," said Sitawa.

Gisambai Ward MCA Eric Odei, commenting on the nearing completion of the Gisambai-Hamisi-Senende Road, lauded the government's commitment to rural development.

"This road is more than just a transport link—it is a symbol of the government's pledge to deliver tangible development to our rural communities," said

Odei. He noted that the road would boost connectivity within the constituency, enhance access to markets, schools, and health facilities, and stimulate

trade and mobility.

"The improved infrastructure reflects the government's agenda of equitable development and regional integration. As Gisambai becomes more accessible, the benefits will ripple across Vihiga County," he added.

The project is expected to spur further investment, streamline logistics, and open up remote areas to greater economic potential, making road infrastructure a cornerstone of de-

Lower Kuja Rice Scheme outperforms national average at 3.6 tonnes

BY MARION OBUYA AND MAKOKHA KHAOYA (KNA)

Farmers from the Lower Kuja Irrigation Scheme in Nyati-ke Sub-county, Migori County, have been praised for achieving rice productivity levels that surpass the national average per acre.

According to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Irrigation Authority (NIA), Eng. Charles Muasya, the Lower Kuja Rice Scheme has been producing 3.6 tonnes per acre, compared to the national average of 2.8 tonnes per acre.

Muasya, who spoke during the issuance of cheques worth Sh15.2 million to compensate farmers affected by the infrastructural expansion of the Kuja Irrigation Scheme, said that the scheme's rice productivity exceeds that of all other rice schemes in the country, making it one of the most productive rice systems nationwide.

The Sh152 million compensation package will benefit 177 farmers following a wayleave agreement between the farmers and the NIA to facilitate canal construction within the Lower Kuja Irrigation Scheme.



The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) National Irrigation Authority (NIA), Eng. Charles Muasya. NIA issued cheques worth Sh 15.2 million to compensate farmers affected by the infrastructural expansion of the Kuja Irrigation. Right: Grace Akinyi, a beneficiary of the compensation fee by the NIA. PHOTOS BY MARION OBUYA

In April this year, NIA gave out a land compensation package of Sh17 million to 77 farmers in the Lower Kuja Irrigation scheme, bringing the total cash compensation to Sh 36 million.

The government, through NIA, had promised to pay Sh 68 million to compensate all the affected farmers in the scheme to open up the 19,000 acres scheme for irrigation.

The current 7,200-acre scheme under rice production is able to generate an annual income of Sh 3.7 billion, making it one of the viable economic ventures in Migori County.

The official, however, disclosed that the remaining compensation package of Sh 32 million can be paid before the end of the 2025/2026 Financial Year (FY) if the court cases by affected farmers are withdrawn and consent forms signed.

Muasya encouraged farmers to invest the money in the project to ensure the revenue generated from the scheme benefits the Nyati-ke community and Migori County.

Already, farmers in the scheme have a ready market with the National Cereal and Produce Board (NCPB) opening a depot in the area.

Gov't taps Kericho for tea value addition and agro-processing drive

BY KIBE MBURU
(KNA)

The government is positioning Kericho County as a model for county-based industrialization, anchored in tea value addition and agro-processing, as part of a broader national strategy to drive economic transformation through devolved units.

Speaking during the official opening of the Kericho County Enterprise and Investment Summit at Kiprugut Chumo Sta-

dium in Kericho Town, Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry, Lee Kinyanjui, said Kericho's strong agricultural base and infrastructure potential place it at the forefront of Kenya's regional industrial growth agenda.

The CS disclosed that the Ministry is in discussion with the County government to convert some 88 acres of land in Kericho into a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), while consultations were at an advanced stage for



Investments, Trade and Industry CS Lee Kinyanjui, interacts with MSME exhibitors and listens to their presentations during the opening of the Investment Summit at Kiprugut Chumo Stadium in Kericho Town. He was accompanied by the Kericho Governor Dr. Eric Mutai, Senator Aaron Cheruiyot and other leaders.

another Special Economic Zone in Londiani targeting the floriculture industry.

At the same time, Kinyanjui announced that Sotik Tea, one of the leading producers in the South Rift has already been gazetted as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

"The Ministry is in talks with Kenya Tea Packers Limited (KETEPA) to set up a common user facility within the SEZ for tea blending, packaging, and value addition," he added

The CS noted that the

tea sector had demonstrated resilience amid declining performance in other export commodities, saying that according to the Economic Survey of 2025, Kenya exported 626,000 metric tonnes of tea in 2024, an 11 percent increase from 564,000 tonnes in 2023.

He further pointed out that export earnings from tea rose marginally from Sh188 billion in 2023 to Sh189 billion in 2024, cementing tea's position as Kenya's second-largest foreign exchange earner.



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HORN OF AFRICA - GROUND WATER FOR RESILIENCE PROJECT (HOAGW4RP)

CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION OF GROUNDWATER - BASED RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES - BATCH 1 SCHEMES IN MANDERA COUNTY

PROJECT ID NO.:	P174867
CREDIT NO.:	IDA-7082-KE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

1. The **Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK)** has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of The **Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project, Kenya. (HoAGW4RP)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for **KE-MANDERA-502096-CW-RFB-LOT 1** and **KE-MANDERA-502101-CW-RFB-LOT 2**.

2. The **County Government of Mandera - Mandera Water and Sewerage Company Limited (MANDWASCO)** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following projects:

- i. **Lot 1:** Construction, Rehabilitation and Expansion of Groundwater - Based Rural Water Supply Schemes - Batch 1 Schemes (Corner S, Damog, Harsanga, Orgay and Wargadud) in Mandera County
- ii. **Lot 2:** Construction, Rehabilitation and Expansion of Groundwater - Based Rural Water Supply Schemes - Batch 1 Schemes (Daidai, Degmorer, Rhamu Dimtu, Rhamu Giriza and Shirshir) in Mandera County

3. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated **July 2016, revised in September 2023, 5th Edition ("Procurement Regulations")**, and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from County Government of Mandera - Mandera Water and Sewerage Company Limited (MANDWASCO), Kassim Haji Abdinoor, info@manderawater.co.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours local time from Monday to Friday, except public holidays. at the address given below. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded free of charge from the following website: <https://manderawater.co.ke>

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **19th September 2025 at 11.00 am**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **19th September 2025 at 11.10 am**.

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **KES 5,000,000.00 for Lot 1 and KES 6,000,000.00 for Lot 2** in the form of a bank guarantee or in a Bankers Check and shall be valid for **152 days**.

7. The address referred to above is:

For the attention: Kassim Haji Abdinoor
Title/position: The Chief Executive Officer
Employer: County Government of Mandera - Mandera Water and Sewerage Company (MANDWASCO).
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Floor/ Room number: MANDWASCO Office.
City: Mandera.
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HORN OF AFRICA - GROUND WATER FOR RESILIENCE PROJECT (HOAGW4RP)

CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION OF GROUNDWATER - BASED RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES - BATCH 1 SCHEMES IN WAJIR COUNTY

PROJECT ID NO.:	P174867
CREDIT NO.:	IDA-7082-KE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

1. The **Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK)** has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of The **Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project, Kenya. (HoAGW4RP)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for **KE-WAJIR-503204-CW-RFB-LOT 1, KE-WAJIR-503205-CW-RFB-LOT 2 and KE-WAJIR-503206-CW-RFB-LOT 3**.

2. The **County Government of Wajir - Wajir Water and Sewerage Company Limited (WAJWASCO)** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following projects:

- i. **Lot 1:** Construction, Rehabilitation and Expansion of Groundwater - Based Rural Water Supply Schemes - Batch 1 Schemes (Abdigamey, Adamasejida, Athibohol, Barmish, Garse Qoftu, Hadado, and Noorgows) in Wajir County
- ii. **Lot 2:** Construction, Rehabilitation and Expansion of Groundwater - Based Rural Water Supply Schemes - Batch 1 Schemes (Adan Awale, Arbajahan, Griftu, Nyata-Korondille and Kubeytsur) in Wajir County
- iii. **Lot 3:** Construction, Rehabilitation and expansion of Groundwater - Based Rural Water Supply Schemes - Batch I Schemes (Dadaja Bulla, Riba, Tesorai, Haragal and Masalale) in Wajir County

3. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated **July 2016, revised in September 2023, 5th Edition ("Procurement Regulations")**, and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from County Government of Wajir - Wajir Water and Sewerage Company Limited (WAJWASCO), Roble Ahmed Subow, info@wajirwater.co.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours local time from Monday to Friday, except public holidays. at the address given below. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded free of charge from the following website: <https://www.wajirwater.co.ke/media-centre/tenders/>

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7. The address referred to above is:

For the attention: Roble Ahmed Subow
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INVITATION TO REGISTER ON THE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (e-GP) SYSTEM

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

As a leading Government Agency with the above mandate, KeNHA wishes to inform the public that procurement of all Goods, Works and Services for the Financial Year 2025/2026 shall be done end to end using the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System.

All interested Suppliers, Contractors, Consultants and Service providers are required to register on the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System vide <https://egpkenya.go.ke> and bid for tenders 'as and when' uploaded.

In particular, the tender documents for the following two roads will be uploaded in the e-GP platform as from 11th August 2025.

1. Realignment of Nithi Bridge Along the Makutano – Embu - Meru (A9) Road
2. Rehabilitation and Improvement of Thika – Magumu (B20) Road

Further, interested bidders are encouraged to keep visiting the platform from time to time to appraise themselves on any advertised procurement opportunities so as to participate.

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**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT III

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROJECT SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT

Sector: Energy

Financing Agreement Reference: Loan No. 2000200006253

Project ID No: P-KE-FA0-021

1. The Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank to finance the Last Mile Connectivity Project III and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for consultancy services for supervision and management of the Project.

2. The project comprises the following components:

- a) **Component 1** - System reinforcements: Construction of 13 substations (entailing 3X33/11 kV new substations, 3X33/11 kV substation upgrade/refurbishments, 7X33 kV new switching stations), 211 km of 33 kV lines, and 14 km of 11 kV lines.
- b) **Component 2** - Grid extensions and Last-Mile connections entailing the construction of a total of 650 km of 33 kV lines and low voltage reticulations of 6,798 km, comprising grid densifications and intensifications.
- c) **Component 3** - Project Administration and Management: This will involve:
 - i. Consultancy services, i.e., supervision consultant, to undertake the technical designs, preparation of draft standard bidding documents for works, procurement support to the Implementing Agency, and supervision of the construction works,
 - ii. Consultancy services to undertake annual environmental and social performance audits, and
 - iii. Non-Consulting services involving annual financial, operational and compliance audits
- d) **Component 4** - Institutional support and capacity building.
- e) **Component 5** - Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) implementation.

3. The services of the Consultant shall include but not limited to the following:

- Undertake preliminary technical designs and preparation of draft standard bidding documents for works
- Procurement support to the Implementing Agency
- Taking part in contract clarification with the contractors and contract preparations
- Approving contractors' designs
- Supervision of construction works
- Assisting in interpretation of contractual items, establishment of contract management tools, progress measurement thresholds, and the processing of payments
- Supervision of the implementation of Environmental and Social Management plans for the Project
- Preparation of Monthly and Quarterly Progress Reports
- Preparation of the Project closure report

4. Kenya Power, being the Implementing Agency on behalf of the Executing Agency (the Government of the Republic of Kenya's Ministry of Energy) now invites eligible Consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the above service.

5. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The duration of provision of consultancy services will be 36 Months.

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

7. Expression of interest must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the assignment title and Tender Number and deposited in the box at (Kenya Power).

8. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, between 0900 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 hours (East African Time).

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES)**

LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT PHASE III

Sector: Energy

Financing Agreement Reference: Loan No. 2000200006253

Project ID No: P-KE-FA0-021

The Republic of Kenya has received a loan from the African Development Bank to finance the implementation cost of Phase III of the Last Mile Connectivity Project. Part of these funds will be utilised to pay for consultancy services in the implementation of this project.

The project scope includes connection of households within a transformer distance of 600 meters across 45 counties within a period of 24 months, as well as implement system reinforcement projects in select counties.

The Kenya Power & Lighting Company Plc, the implementing agency for the project, seeks to recruit a consultant to support its supervision and management.

In this regard, the Company invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the above services. Consultants may constitute joint ventures.

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

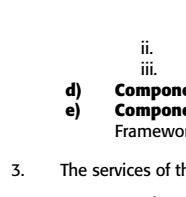
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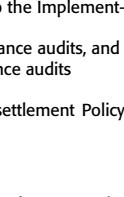
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CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROJECT SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT

Sector: Energy

Financing Agreement Reference: Loan No. 2000200006253

Project ID No: P-KE-FA0-021

1. The Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank to finance the Last Mile Connectivity Project III and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for consultancy services for supervision and management of the Project.

2. The project comprises the following components:

- a) **Component 1** - System reinforcements: Construction of 13 substations (entailing 3X33/11 kV new substations, 3X33/11 kV substation upgrade/refurbishments, 7X33 kV new switching stations), 211 km of 33 kV lines, and 14 km of 11 kV lines.
- b) **Component 2** - Grid extensions and Last-Mile connections entailing the construction of a total of 650 km of 33 kV lines and low voltage reticulations of 6,798 km, comprising grid densifications and intensifications.
- c) **Component 3** - Project Administration and Management: This will involve:
 - i. Consultancy services, i.e., supervision consultant, to undertake the technical designs, preparation of draft standard bidding documents for works, procurement support to the Implementing Agency, and supervision of the construction works,
 - ii. Consultancy services to undertake annual environmental and social performance audits, and
 - iii. Non-Consulting services involving annual financial, operational and compliance audits
- d) **Component 4** - Institutional support and capacity building.
- e) **Component 5** - Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) implementation.

3. The services of the Consultant shall include but not limited to the following:

- Undertake preliminary technical designs and preparation of draft standard bidding documents for works
- Procurement support to the Implementing Agency
- Taking part in contract clarification with the contractors and contract preparations
- Approving contractors' designs
- Supervision of construction works
- Assisting in interpretation of contractual items, establishment of contract management tools, progress measurement thresholds, and the processing of payments
- Supervision of the implementation of Environmental and Social Management plans for the Project
- Preparation of Monthly and Quarterly Progress Reports
- Preparation of the Project closure report

4. Kenya Power, being the Implementing Agency on behalf of the Executing Agency (the Government of the Republic of Kenya's Ministry of Energy) now invites eligible Consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the above service.

5. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The duration of provision of consultancy services will be 36 Months.

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

7. Expression of interest must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the assignment title and Tender Number and deposited in the box at (Kenya Power).

8. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, between 0900 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 hours (East African Time).

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Ministry announces revival of National Youth Council elections

BY AMINA BAKARI AND WENDY SHEILLA (KNA)

The Government has formally announced the commencement of preparations for the long-overdue National Youth Council (NYC) elections, marking the first time the polls will be held since 2012.

The announcement signals a renewed effort by the government to entrench democratic participation among the youth and uphold inclusive representation through transparent governance.

Speaking during a press briefing at the State Department for Youth Affairs and Communities in Nairobi, Principal Secretary Fikirini Jacobs confirmed that the Ministry had received official communication from the Cabinet Secretary authorizing the electoral process.

"We have now received formal communication from the Cabinet Secretary, granting authority to conduct the NYC elections. This gives us the go-ahead to begin structured, inclusive, and transparent preparations," said Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs emphasized that the NYC elections are not merely a formality, but

a vital step toward empowering Kenya's young population to engage actively in governance and policy-making.

He stated that the elections reaffirm the government's commitment to ensuring that the voices of the youth are not only heard but also reflected in national decision-making platforms. "These elections are not only about leadership; they affirm our collective belief that young people must have a seat at the table in shaping Kenya's governance and development," he said. Established under the National Youth Council Act, Cap. 132 of the Laws of Kenya, the NYC serves as the legally recognized umbrella body representing the interests of Kenyan youth.

The Council is composed of eight youth elected through a national process and up to eight others nominated by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for youth affairs. The first NYC election took place in 2012, and while the term of that council was extended once, it eventually lapsed in 2019.

Efforts to hold fresh elections were derailed in 2022 due to the General Election, while a 2023



Principal Secretary, State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy, Fikirini Jacobs (centre), Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Council, Ms Gloria Wawira (right) and National Steering Committee for the National Youth Council Elections, George Marcel Osaso, during the press briefing on upcoming National Youth Elections at Talanta Plaza, Nairobi.

amendment bill that proposed a transition from elections to a competitive selection model through County Youth Directors was rejected.

Following the Cabinet's approval in July 2025, the Ministry now has the mandate and resources required to deliver a credible election.

total to 8,700 delegates.

These delegates will then proceed to the constituency level, where two youth (one male and one female) from each of the 290 constituencies will be elected, bringing the number of constituency delegates to 580.

The final stage of the election will take place at the National Youth Congress, where the 580 constituency delegates will elect eight youth to serve as NYC Council members.

The Cabinet Secretary will nominate an additional eight members per the NYC Act, and Congress will also nominate 31 substitute members to support leadership transitions and ensure operational continuity within the Council.

To qualify for election, a youth must be under 35 years of age as of December 31 of the election year, possess a minimum of a secondary school certificate, and provide a police clearance certificate or a letter of recommendation from the local Chief and also Candidates are required to meet the integrity standards outlined under Chapter Six of the Constitution and uphold inclusivity for persons with disabilities.

Lady builds thriving dairy business from six cows



BY MICHELLE NJERI (KNA)

In the rolling hills of Kasphat, Kiambaa Sub-County, Susan Nduta has built a successful dairy farming enterprise that produces 180 litres of fresh milk daily—demonstrating how modern farming techniques can transform rural livelihoods.

Nduta's farm is home to six Friesian Holstein cows and three calves, with each mature cow producing an impressive 30 litres of milk per day.

This high-yielding breed has become the backbone of her thriving dairy business, which serves both local communities and commercial suppliers.

The dairy operation has grown to support two full-time employees, creating employment opportunities in the rural area while meeting the increasing demand for fresh milk in the region. The business model combines direct sales to local residents with bulk supply contracts to commercial milk

1. **Friesian Holstein cows in their clean well-structured sheds.**

2. **Hays stored to feed the cows.**

3. **One of the calves in the dairy farm.**

buyers, ensuring steady income streams.

Nduta explained the key to her success during a recent visit to the farm:

"When I started this dairy business, I focused on getting the right breed and providing proper nutrition for my cows. The Friesian Holstein breed has proven to be excellent for our climate," she said.

The farm emphasizes proper animal husbandry practices including regular veterinary care, balanced feeding, and maintaining clean milking conditions to ensure high milk quality and quantity.

The operation maintains well-stocked stores of hay and other organic cow feed products to ensure livestock receive consistent, quality nutrition throughout the year.

Douglas Wanjala, one of the farm workers, highlighted the importance of proper care in maintaining high milk production. "The cows are well-fed and healthy, which is why we get consistent milk production every day. Good feeding and clean conditions make all the difference," he said.

The operation serves dual markets, supplying fresh milk directly to local households while also meeting the demands of commercial milk suppliers who distribute to urban markets. This diversified approach has helped stabilize income and reduce dependence on a single market channel.

Nduta's efforts demonstrate how agricultural entrepreneurship can drive economic development in rural areas.

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You must deliver services efficiently to citizens, Koskei tells public officers

The Head of Public Service demands for tangible results from public sector workers as citizens expectations from Government rise



The public access Government services at a Huduma Centre outlet in Nyamira County.

The Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to transform the Public Service into a more accountable and results-driven institution.

Mr Koskei said there is no option; public officers must work for the people and be held accountable for their actions.

The official, who spoke during a consultative meeting on July 30, 2025, with all Principal Secretaries, various Heads in Ministries, Departments and Agencies, noted that citizens expectations and demands for tangible outcomes from the Government should be met.

"As I have often said – and I truly believe this – the Public Service is one of the strongest vehicles to help deliver real, meaningful change to our citizens," he said.

To streamline the sector, Mr Koskei said the Government is introducing the "Matrix of Legal Consequences" for violations in Public Service

The framework intends to guide how the Government responds to persistent violations from some public officers.

"We have observed over time, certain issues – ranging from delayed resolution of audit queries to non-compliance with policy directives – continue to recur despite repeated sensitisation and engagement," he said.

These left unaddressed, he said, not only slow down service delivery but also risk undermining public confidence in institutions and the broader reform agenda of the Government.

The Matrix, therefore, is being introduced to cure such violations. "The Matrix is about restoring clarity and timeliness in how we respond to institutional challenges. One concern we have consistently noted is that, in some cases, corrective action is taken long after the act – when the damage is already done. We must shift to a posture of prompt, proportionate and lawful response," he said.

The framework, according to him, is anchored on principles of fairness, consistency and due process, and it aligns with the values set out in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution, particularly on integrity, accountability and high standards of professional ethics in Public Service.

The Matrix targets to cure cases of impunity, absenteeism, negligence or chronic under-performance.

Mr Koskei noted that the Matrix applies to all Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and senior leadership across the board.

He said the Government made various promises to citizens on efficiency, reforms and better outcomes.

And as President William Ruto's reign reaches its mid-point in the first term, Mr Koskei said that it is critical the promises made must start to translate into tangible impact.

"That is what the President expects. That is what the public deserves. And that is what we must hold ourselves accountable for," he said.

He noted that stories of achievement, of accountability and of prudence in the use of public resources must become the foundation upon which the Government implements its full programme.

"What we need now is a leadership culture that is proactive, firm but fair, and focused on outcomes. One that takes action early, consistently and in line with our values. And that begins with us. Not just as supervisors, but as stewards of public trust. If we act, our teams will follow suit. If we stay silent, we risk normalising indiscipline and inefficiency," he said.

He added, "It should be too dangerous to play with public resources, because every shilling misused is a promise to Kenyans broken."

Mr Koskei reminded all National Government institutions of the need to respect and comply with County Government laws when undertaking development projects within county jurisdictions.

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Four Action Points

In line with resolutions of the engagement and directives outlined in the Circular that the Head of Public Service dispatched after the meeting, the following actions were agreed to be undertaken across all Public Service institutions:

* **Mandatory Dissemination and Officer Acknowledgement of the Matrix and related guidelines through structured meetings across all institutions. Every officer must sign and acknowledge receipt and understanding.**

* **Structured Reporting and Filing of Compliance Returns: Documented proof of dissemination, including signed staff registers, must be submitted to the respective Principal Secretaries. PSs will consolidate these returns and forward them to my Office through the Department of Audit, Legal and Regulatory Compliance. These records will support ongoing tracking and enforcement of directives.**

* **Strict Timelines for Execution: All the directives must be concluded in 21 days from the day of the meeting without exception. Delays or non-compliance will themselves constitute infractions subject to disciplinary action.**

He noted with concern that there are some National Government institutions that are still bypassing key requirements, particularly in physical planning and development control.

"You are all aware that County Governments were assigned clear mandates regarding planning, development control, and public works. These include approval of development plans, issuance of building permits, and enforcement of zoning regulations," he said.

Therefore, he directed that all State Corporations and Agencies must engage County Governments while undertaking development projects within county jurisdictions at every stage of project planning and execution.

He added that all development proposals must be professionally prepared, lawfully approved and subjected to Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs).

He ordered that projects already underway without approvals must be regularised by December 31, 2025, with compliance audits submitted by June 30, 2026. ■

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Kenya Yearbook celebrates CHAN with special offer on local football book

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of Kenya's football as it takes him from the Eastlands neighborhoods of Nairobi to the stadiums.

The Sh99 digital offer aims to make football storytelling accessible



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ble to everyone – from lifelong fans to curious newcomers.

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Rift Valley residents now to access registration services closer home

HUDUMA CORNER

Rift Valley residents are set to benefit from faster access to essential documents following the rollout of Portable Live Capture Units (LCUs) – mobile devices that enable the real-time issuance of birth and death certificates, as well as National IDs.

The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen led the launch under the Jukwaa la Usalama, a national initiative aimed at enhancing citizen en-

gagement, safety and inclusive public service delivery.

"These mobile units mark a turning point for citizen registration in Kenya," Mr Murkomen said while addressing residents in Uasin Gishu. "We're bringing Government services closer to the people – even in the remotest corners."

The initiative aligns with the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, which seeks to deepen access to Government services for every Kenyan – no matter their location.

In Nandi, residents received newly issued documents on the spot. Uasin Gishu hosted a demonstration of how the units work, while Samburu marked the launch of the New Persons Registration services, extending access to underserved areas. ■

Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen (left) during the launch of mobile units for enhanced service delivery.



FOOTBALL BONANZA

East Africa displays good preps, football prowess as CHAN starts

Host nations showcase not only football mastery but also exceptional preparations as tournament starts

East African teams registered a good start in the African Nations Championships (CHAN) 2024, with Kenya beating DR Congo 1-0 and Tanzania routing Burkina Faso 2-0.

With the region being the host of the tournament, there is a lot of expectations from fans in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

Regional pride has soared as fans from Nairobi, Dar es Salaam and Kampala rally behind their teams with renewed optimism.

Stadiums in the three countries were packed to the brim in the opening matches, with fans singing, dancing and cheering the teams from the start of the games to the end.

And the teams did not disappoint; Harambee Stars goal was scored by Austin Odhiambo in the final minutes of the first half, throwing the stadium into frenzy.

Harambee Stars held onto the crucial goal in the second half, defying spirited efforts by DR Congo to equalise.

For the win, each Harambee Stars player pockets Sh1 million as promised by President William Ruto.

The match was a perfect start for Kenya as Harambee Stars started their Group A campaign against the two-time CHAN champions.

In Tanzania, Taifa Stars goal scorers were Abdul Sopu through a penalty in the first half and defender Mohamed Hussein in the second half.

The strong opening performances have not only sparked dreams of reaching the knock-out stages for the teams but also stoked hopes that East Africa could finally carve out its right legacy in continental football.

The smooth start of the tournament shows how the preparations made by the three East African countries have paid off.

For Kenya, the Government improved the infrastructure of both Nyayo and Kasarani Stadiums, the venues of the games.

This included the refurbishment of seats, upgrading of floodlights and introduction of cutting-edge pitch technology to meet CAF standards.

VAR was used in the Kenyan game with DR Congo, with the referee reviewing a goal by the latter in the fifth minute and disallowing it due to offside.

The Government further revamped training



Harambee Stars player Austin Odhiambo (centre) marked by DR Congo opponents. Odhiambo scored the only goal in the game in the final minutes of the first half.



INFOBOX

KASARANI STADIUM

- * It is located in Kasarani, about 15km from Nairobi's City Centre.
- * Built in 1987 to host the All-Africa Games.
- * Seating capacity: 55,000
- * Home to Harambee Stars (Kenya's national football team).
- * Got upgrade of a new roof, 3,000 Lux floodlights and VAR cameras installed for CHAN and AFCON.



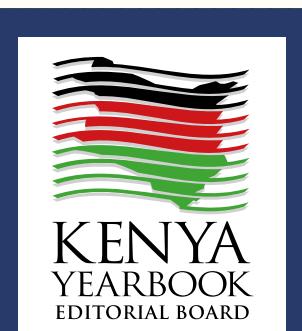
grounds to accommodate visiting teams, ensuring top-tier facilities for every player, from warm-up sessions to tactical drills.

Security has also been improved, guaranteeing fans and players their safety.

Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania are using the tournament as a dry run to test their preparations for the 2027 African Cup of Nations, which they will host. ■

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto during an interview with KBC TV on ongoing CHAN, and KYEB's role in documenting the country's football.

Top left: Taifa Stars players celebrate after scoring against Burkina Faso. The Tanzanian team beat their opponents 2-0 in their opening match in Dar es Salaam.

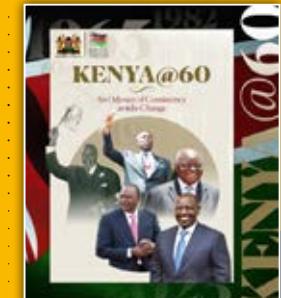
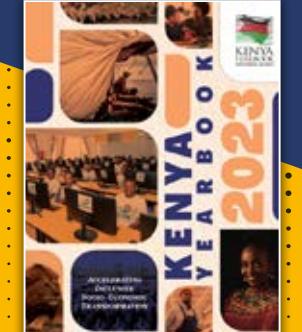


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President William Ruto (right) and Uganda's Yoweri Museveni at State House, Nairobi. The two leaders held bilateral talks that led to the signing of eight new Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), including a critical Agriculture and Livestock agreement that reaffirms Kenya and Uganda's shared commitment to food security, trade, and sustainable farming.



Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William Kabogo (centre) with PSs Stephen Isaboke (Broadcasting, left) and Eng. John Tanui (ICT and Digital Economy) before the Senate Standing Committee on ICT to highlight the status of digitalisation of Government services for enhanced efficiency.



Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya when he hosted Kenya's football legends ahead of CHAN kick off. The legends are helping in mobilising national support, mentoring Harambee Stars and engaging communities across the country.



Principal Secretary Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga (centre), when he unveiled Kenya's H. Pylori Guidelines at the Gastroenterology Society of Kenya's biennial conference in Nairobi. He outlined key reforms including the Social Health Authority (SHA) for resource pooling, the Benefits and Tariffs Authority for aligning health financing, digitisation of healthcare systems and strengthening of KEMSA for commodity security.

Kenya races to meet EU deforestation rules ahead of December 2025 deadline

BY EMMACULATE CHEBET
(MYGOV)

Kenya is expected to fully comply with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) by 30th December 2025, in its bid to continue exporting products to the European Union (EU) market.

Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) Director General, Dr. Bruno Linyiru, said the EUDR requires all companies exporting agricultural products to the EU to prove that their goods were not produced as a result of deforestation.

"These products must be traceable to land that has not been deforested since 31st December 2020," he added.

Dr. Linyiru noted that the regulation applies to commodities linked to deforestation, such as coffee, cocoa, soy, beef, palm oil, rubber, and wood.

To implement the regulation, Dr. Linyiru said the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has initiated a process to map all parcels of land under coffee farming.

"Approximately 30 per cent of the national coffee area in 16 counties out of 33, has been Geo-Mapped using satellite imagery.

This represents 32,688 Ha of the total 109,384 Ha coffee area countrywide," he



Coffee berries

added.

According to him, the remaining areas will be mapped by several teams under the EUDR Data Committee: State Department of Agriculture (SDA), State Department for Cooperatives, Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Kenya Space Agency (KSA), Directorate of Remote Survey and Remote Sensing (DRSRS) and Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), under AFA supervision.

Dr. Linyiru added that the exercise is part of AFA's mandate as the regulator of

scheduled crops under the Crops Act, 2013.

"The regulation was initially set to take effect by 30th December 2024, but the EU extended the deadline to 2025," he said

He explained that the EUDR aims to ensure that products traded and consumed in the EU and globally do not contribute to

The regulation was initially set to take effect by December 2024 but was extended

forest degradation.

Kenya exports 95 per cent of its coffee, with approximately 55 per cent targeting the EU, mainly Belgium, Germany, Sweden, and Finland.

Over the past five years, Kenya exported 122,699 Metric Tonnes (MT) of clean coffee to the EU, valued at USD 695.7 million, equivalent to about Sh90billion.

Smallholder farmers contribute approximately 60 per cent of Kenya's total coffee production, forming the backbone of the rural economy in 33 coffee-growing counties.

Uasin Gishu exports first batch of Ayrshire heifers to Nigeria

BY KIPTANUI CHERONO (KNA)

Uasin Gishu County's livestock industry has received a major boost following the airlifting of 50 in-calf Ayrshire heifers to Nigeria, marking a significant step in the county's mission to economically empower local farmers and position itself as a leader in quality livestock breeding.

This achievement represents a key milestone in Governor Jonathan Bii's Nguzo Kumi agenda, which he unveiled during his campaigns to transform agriculture and enhance farmers' economic well-being.

"Continued investment in livestock development by the county government aligns with the Governor's goal to make Uasin Gishu a regional hub for livestock



Uasin Gishu county exports 50 in-calf Ayrshire heifers to Nigeria

breeding and international trade through a modern, farmer-focused approach to agriculture," said the County Chief Officer for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Eng. Abraham Kiptalam.

"This is the result of the county government's commitment to modernis-

ing livestock development and encouraging farmers to manage agriculture as a business," he added.

He further noted that the county has subsidised artificial insemination (AI) services and revamped cattle dips to enhance disease control and extension support.

BRIEFS

Salient School to make way for new university

BY ANTONY MWANGI
(KNA)

students in September this year.

"This is a major milestone for the people of Nyandarua. We saw it fit to conduct a public participation exercise, and the residents unanimously agreed to close the school to make way for a university—something we have long desired," said Governor Badilisha.

This follows a public participation forum led by Nyandarua Governor Kiarie Badilisha, which proposed relocating the university from its initially proposed site at the Ol Joro Orok Agricultural Training Centre to Salient High School. The move aims to meet the requirements of the Commission for University Education.

The institution will be the first university in the region, as Nyandarua is the only county in the Mount Kenya Region without a university.

According to Governor Badilisha, over 300 students currently enrolled at Salient High School will be transferred to neighboring schools starting next year. The university is expected to admit its first cohort of

Kenya-Pakistan forum targets boost in trade

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Kenya and Pakistan have renewed their commitment to deepening bilateral trade and investment ties. This agreement was reached during a high-level Pakistan-Kenya Business Council (PKBC) Importers Networking Forum held in Nairobi, which aimed to reinforce bilateral relations through expanded economic cooperation, diversified exports, and strengthened private sector linkages.

Speaking at the forum, themed "Unlocking Trade, Investment, and Cultural Opportunities between Kenya and Pakistan," Principal Secretary for Trade Regina Ombam described the gathering as a timely opportunity to enhance cooperation between the two nations.

She noted that the presence of government officials, importers, exporters, insurers, financiers, and logistics experts underscored the strategic intent to pursue a future of shared prosperity.

"Kenya and Pakistan have enjoyed warm and enduring relations since

1963," stated Ombam, citing educational cooperation under the Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme and signed Memoranda of Understanding in tourism, agriculture, ICT, and vocational training.

Additionally, she said, "Our economies are complementary, and this relationship presents untapped potential." In 2024, bilateral trade stood at approximately USD 910 million, up from USD 752.6 million the previous year. Kenya's tea accounts for over 80 percent of exports to Pakistan, while Pakistan remains a key supplier to Kenya of cereals, pharmaceuticals and surgical equipment.

However, the PS underscored the need to diversify Kenya's export base to include horticulture, nuts, textiles, and processed foods, and stressed the urgency of moving beyond raw trade to value-added manufacturing.

She also encouraged joint investments in sectors like agro-processing, ICT, renewable energy, and logistics by exploiting Kenya's strategic position in AfCFTA.