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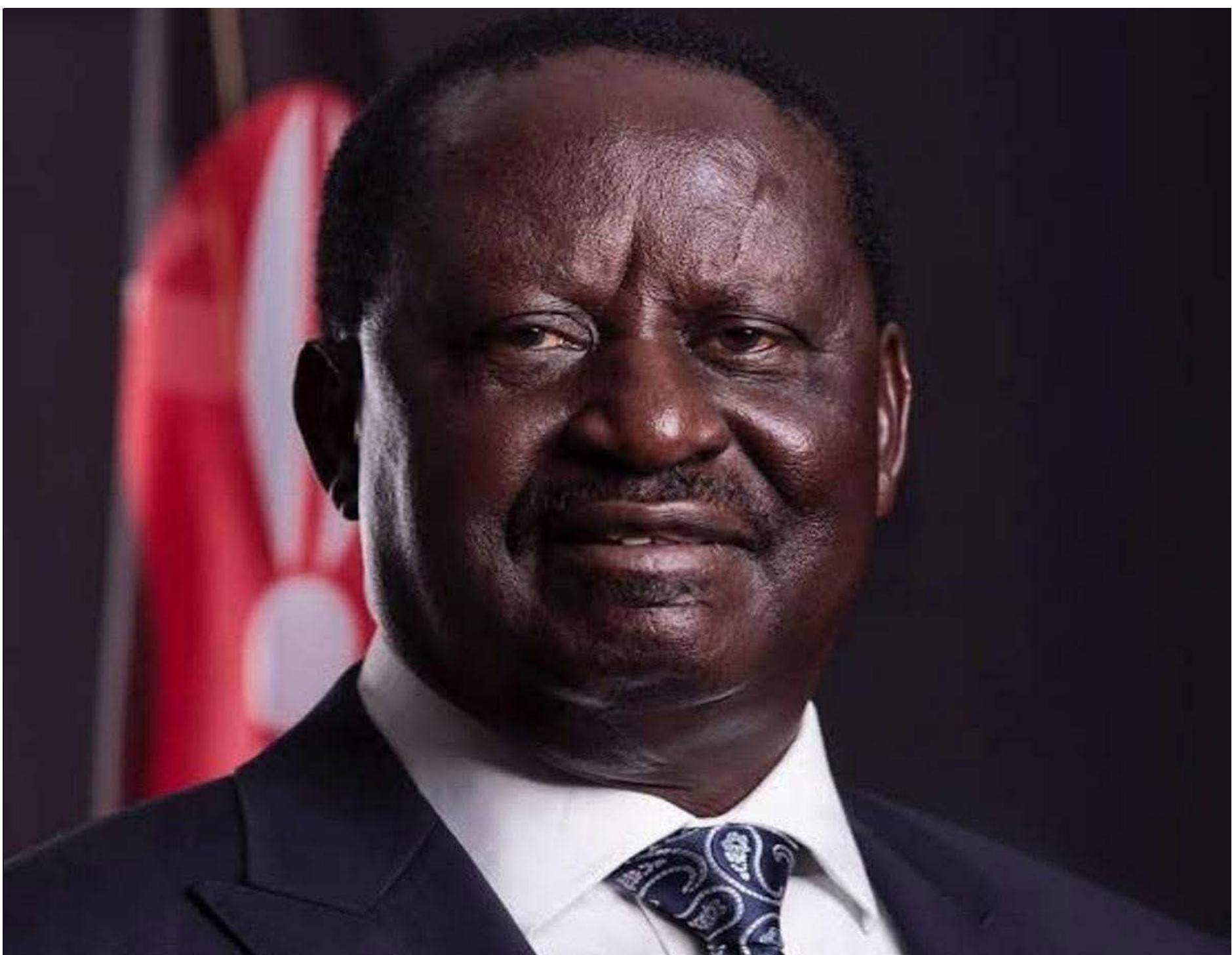
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Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, C.G.H
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BY NAIF RASHID (KNA)

The Government has taken a major step in its digital transformation journey, following the official commissioning of Konza Technopolis, a Vision 2030 flagship project that positions the country as Africa's emerging hub for technology, innovation and sustainable urban development.

Presiding at the event, President Dr. William Ruto, described the milestone as a symbol of Kenya's readiness to lead in digital transformation and knowledge-driven growth.

President Ruto said the government's investment in Konza reflects the nation's determination to build a modern economy anchored on science, technology and innovation.

"This is no longer a dream to postpone, but a destiny to continue. The time has come for Kenya to rise in confidence, act with courage and take its rightful place among the great nations shaping the future," he said.

President Ruto recalled his first visit to the site in 2014, then as Deputy President, to commission the first phase of horizontal infrastructure, noting that what was once a bushland, has now transformed into a modern technology city.

"Many doubted that anything would come out of this project. Today, we can see what focus, consistency, and national commitment can deliver for our country," he said.

Konza Technopolis commissioned to accelerate the smart city development



President Dr. William Ruto shakes hands with Konza Technopolis CEO, John Paul Okwiri, on arrival for the commissioning of the Konza Technopolis, flanked by the ICT PS, Eng. John Tanui, Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS, William Kabogo, and the Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS, Stephen Isaboke. PHOTO COURTESY

The President said the completion of Phase One of the project, marks the beginning of Kenya's journey towards building Africa's smartest city, fully equipped with over 40 kilometres of modern

road networks, 170 kilometres of integrated water and drainage systems and a six-kilometre underground utility tunnel carrying optic fibre, power and water lines.

He added that the 120-megawatt smart power substation, waste water recycling system and landscaped green corridors make Konza a model for sustainable urban living.

Ruto said the city's Intelligent Operations Centre, powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI), is integrated with the national data centre to power more than 23,000 government services on the e-Citizen platform.

"Konza is now the heartbeat of Kenya's digital government infrastructure. It is where innovation meets efficiency and where our future digital economy will be anchored," he said.

The President further emphasized that Konza represents a new chapter in Kenya's education and innovation ecosystem.

He said the Open University of Kenya, based at Konza, has enrolled 15,000 students from 70 countries and is projected to reach 100,000 learners by 2026.

"The Open University will become the largest institution of learning in our country, offering affordable online education to empower our youth and professionals," said the President.

He revealed that he had personally enrolled in an Artificial Intelligence course at the university, saying leaders must understand emerging technologies.

"AI will change the way we govern, do business and educate our people. Kenya must not be

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Public Notice

Fringe Benefit Tax and Deemed Interest Rate

FRINGE BENEFIT TAX

For the purposes of Section 12B of the Income Tax Act, the **Market Interest Rate is 8 %**. This rate shall be applicable for the three months of **October, November and December 2025**.

DEEMED INTEREST RATE

For purposes of Section 16(2)(ja) of the Income Tax Act, the **prescribed rate of interest is 8%**. This rate is applicable for the months of **October, November and December 2025**.

Withholding tax rate of 15% on the deemed interest shall be deducted and paid to the Commissioner within 5 working days.

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NOTICE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

OF FOUR VETERINARY SURGEONS AND THREE VETERINARY

PARAPROFESSIONALS TO KENYA VETERINARY BOARD

In accordance with the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSP) Act No. 29 of 2011, Section 4 (f), & (g) and VSP Regulations (**Legal Notice No. 48 of 14th March, 2013**), Part II, notice is given that nomination of candidates for the election of four veterinary surgeons and three veterinary paraprofessionals to the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) will be on **Tuesday 4th November, 2025**.

Nomination forms (Form 1 and 2), in First Schedule of VSP Regulations 2013 can be obtained from the Kenya Veterinary Board offices located at the Kenya Veterinary Board Headquarters and Resource Center, Kabeto Vetlabs Nairobi during normal working hours between 8:00am -5:00pm or can be downloaded from the KVB website.

NOTE:

- Only persons who are registered by the Board and duly retained in the registers for the year 2025 (**Pursuant to Section 20 and 21 of the VSP Act No. 29 of 2011**) and whose names appear in the voters register as approved by the 378th Full Board sitting held on **14th October 2025** shall be eligible to be nominated or to nominate candidates.
- Each eligible person is entitled to nominate only four candidates for veterinary surgeons and three candidates for veterinary paraprofessionals as per Section 4(f) and (g) of the VSP Act, 2011.
- All candidates to comply with **Chapter 6 of the Constitution** and to present the following documents on the nomination day:
 - Tax Compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
 - Certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI)
 - Clearance certificate from the Ethics & Anti-corruption Commission (EACC)
 - Clearance certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
 - Clearance from Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- A separate form shall be used for the nomination of each candidate and shall be signed by a nominee, proposer and a seconder who should be eligible to nominate as in **No.1 above**.
- Completed nomination forms for candidates, a copy of valid KVB Identification Card, National Identification Card and other listed documents in **No. 3 above** shall be lodged with the Registrar, Kenya Veterinary Board at Board offices in Kenya Veterinary Board Headquarters and Resource Center before twelve noon (12 pm) on **Tuesday 4th November, 2025**.
- The voters register is available on the KVB website or at KVB office for perusal from the date of this advertisement.

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left behind in this revolution," he said.

Ruto said the government will continue to promote public-private partnerships to accelerate the construction of the Konza Convention Centre and supporting infrastructure.

"It is not the business of government to run hotels or convention facilities. We will engage the private sector to deliver these projects sustainably," he said.

Ruto commended the partnership between the national and county governments, saying Kenya's development agenda depends on unity of purpose.

"What we have achieved here at Konza is the result of teamwork. Kenya's transformation will be built through collaboration and a shared national vision," he said.

The President affirmed that Konza Technopolis will continue to serve as the benchmark for future urban and technological development across the country.

"Together, we are building a Kenya that is innovative, inclusive and globally competitive," he said.

On his part, Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS William Kabogo hailed the president Ruto's leadership, saying the success of Konza demonstrates Kenya's ability to build a globally competitive digital economy.

"Your dream is coming true. By 2032, Konza will stand among

the best technology cities, not only in Africa but globally," said Kabogo, who proposed that the Cabinet holds one of its future meetings at Konza to give all ministries a firsthand look at the city's potential.

At the same time, ICT and the Digital Economy PS Eng. John Tanui described the launch as a major success born of strong partnerships with international collaborators from the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, China, and South Korea.

"It is a rare honour to help build a city of the future. Konza is the heart of Kenya's digital transformation and a symbol of what innovation can achieve," he said. Housing, Lands and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome announced that the government had laid the foundation stone for 1,042 affordable housing units at Konza, with an additional 2,000 units set for construction under Phase Two.

Wahome said the development will create up to 1,000 jobs at full capacity and support the government's target of 10,000 homes within the city.

"This project aligns with our vision of providing affordable, smart, and sustainable housing for Kenya's growing urban population," she said.

Makueni County Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. hailed the government for making the Konza vision a reality, saying the project was now a symbol of Kenya's transformation.

Galana delivers 9,000 bags of maize in food security boost

BY EMMANUEL MASHA (KNA)

Kenya has marked a significant milestone with the launch of its first seed maize harvest from the flagship Galana-Kulalu Food Security Project, implemented through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement.

The Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Eng. Eric Mugaa, who presided over the launch, hailed the successful yield of about 860,000 kilogrammes of seed maize from 330 of the 1,500 acres cultivated by private investor Selu Limited.

The government and Selu Limited anticipate an average yield of 30 bags of maize per acre, each weighing 90 kilogrammes, from the 330 acres. The remaining 1,170 acres are currently under seed maize cultivation at various stages of growth.

Eng. Mugaa noted that the government, through the National Irrigation Authority (NIA), has invested Sh519 million in supporting infrastructure, including a 20,000-cubic-metre intake well, a two-kilometre lined canal, a 550,000-cubic-metre water reservoir, and a 20,000-cubic-metre offtake



Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eric Mugaa leading senior ministry and National Irrigation Board officials in an inspection tour of the Galana/Kulalu Food Security Project.

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Selu Limited has deployed nine centre pivots and plans to expand to 3,200 acres by the end of the year, with a target of 5,400 acres by June 2026. The long-term objective is to open up 20,000 acres of the approximately 200,000 acres earmarked by the government for agricultural production.

"This project is living proof that with proper support from the government, the National Assembly, and the private sector working together, it is possible to address the challenge of food insecurity in the country," said Eng. Mugaa.

He noted that the initiative aligns with the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and is expected to save the country between Sh400 billion and Sh600 billion worth of food imports annually.

Irrigation Principal Secretary Ephantus Kimotho revealed that the ministry is in discussions with other private entities currently conducting trials to explore possibilities of opening the remaining 180,000 acres. To facilitate this, the government is planning to build a mega dam, he said.

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Multimedia University of Kenya (MMU) wishes to inform all candidates who qualified for the conferment of degrees and award of diplomas and certificates during the 2024/2025 Academic Year, that the 12th Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, 31st October 2025, commencing at 9.00 a.m. at MMU Main Campus, Graduation Square, along Magadi Road. All Graduands are required to be seated by 8.30 a.m.

All prospective Graduands should note the following:

a. Clearance of Fees

All qualified candidates are expected to clear with the relevant sections of the University including Students Finance latest by Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025. Those who will have not cleared by the given deadline will be excluded from the graduation list.

b. Intent to Graduate

All Graduands must apply for graduation using the Intent to Graduate Form (IGF), obtainable from the Students' Portal. Graduands are expected to complete the IGF and submit it online to the Examination Office, by Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025

c. Graduation Fees

A mandatory non-refundable fee comprising of **Alumni, Convocation and Academic dress (Gown)** is payable for the various categories of Graduands as follows:

- i. **Certificate: Kshs. 3,000/-**
- ii. **Diploma: Kshs. 5,000/-**
- iii. **Bachelor's Degree: Kshs. 6,500/-**
- iv. **Master's Degree: Kshs. 8,000/-**

The payment for graduation should be made latest Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025. Please note that graduation fees shall be paid strictly through E-citizen by login to the student portal, accessible at <https://studentportal.mmu.ac.ke>. Please contact the Finance Office at studentfinance@mmu.ac.ke OR Tel. No. 020 725 2536/7 for further details.

d. Verification of Names

Graduands are further advised to ensure that their names are correctly spelt, in the order in which they appear in the KCSE Certificate or equivalent. Verification shall be done through the **IGF Form** available in the students' portal on the University Website.

For further information please contact the Registrar Academic Affairs, Multimedia University of Kenya, at registrar@mmu.ac.ke, Phone: 020 2071391/93/42/92 Extension. 2053 or 020 7252053, Or Safaricom: 0724257083, or Airtel: 0735900008 or visit the university website: www.mmu.ac.ke



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No.	Job Title	No. of Positions	Job Reference
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How to Apply

Interested and qualified candidates can access detailed information and requirements about the vacant position from the scheme's website at <https://kengensrbs.co.ke/careers/>. Applications should be submitted through the Eagle HR Consultants website: www.eaglehr.co.ke.

Application Deadline: **5pm on Thursday, 6th November 2025**.

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**Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
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AfDB top official praises quality of works at iconic Thwake Dam site



Concrete face slabbing underway at the Thwake Multi-purpose Dam. Phase is scheduled to be complete in the next eight months with the construction of a bridge to connect Kitui and Makueni besides installation of hydro-mechanical equipment and gates.

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI
(KNA)

The African Development Bank (AfDB) Director General for the East Africa Region, Dr. Alex Mutebi Mubiru, has applauded the progress made in the construction of the Thwake Multipurpose Dam, which is being built at the confluence of the Athi and Thwake rivers on the border of Makueni and Kitui counties.

Dr. Mubiru made the remarks during a tour of the dam, where he commended the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation for its diligent oversight and the quality of construction works being undertaken by the China Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC).

He also expressed optimism that the additional financing of KSh 10.54 billion required to complete Phase I could be secured during the upcoming AfDB Board meeting.

"The progress here is notable, and we eagerly anticipate the day when water will flow to the people of Kitui and Makueni, connected by a new road linking these counties," said Dr. Mubiru while addressing the media at the site.

The Director General,

who was accompanied by other bank officials, highlighted the AfDB's long-standing partnership with Kenya and reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to delivering high-quality projects on time and within budget despite challenges.

He emphasized AfDB's resolve to see the project complete, noting Kenya's status as a key shareholder of the bank.

"Offering hope to millions, particularly women and children, who have endured decades of water scarcity," he added.

The move by the Bank is set to accelerate the dam's completion and unlock its vast potential.

Speaking at the same forum, the Water Secretary Eng. Samuel Alima revealed that construction has advanced significantly, with concrete face slabbing underway since mid-September.

"We have requested for additional resources from

the AfDB ahead of the November board meeting, with this funding, we shall complete critical components, including the concrete face, the Kitui-Makueni link road and bridge, and the installation of hydro-mechanical equipment and gates, within eight months' time," said Alima.

He added that water impoundment is expected to begin during the October-November 2026 rains, paving the way for discussions on funding the remaining phases, which include power generation, water supply and irrigation.

Thwake Dam – funded by AfDB – is set to be Kenya's second-largest water reservoir and spans 9,217 acres with a catchment area of 10,276 km² and a storage capacity of 688 million cubic meters. Its first phase, now nearing completion, involves constructing an 80.5-meter-high embankment dam.

Subsequent phases will deliver treated water to 1.3 million residents in Kitui and Makueni Counties and Konza Techno City, generate 20 MW of hydro-power, and irrigate 40,000 hectares of land, revolutionizing agriculture in a region long plagued by drought and famine.

The dam's completion promises to reshape the socio-economic landscape of the Lower Eastern Region



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

[CONSULTING SERVICES- FIRM TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR CLEANING COUNTY TAX REGISTERS AND CADASTERS -CS-CQs] (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

Country :	Kenya
Name of Project :	Second Kenya Devolution Support Program KDSP-II
Credit No :	IDA-7447-KE
Project ID No :	P180935
Assignment Title :	Consulting Services- Firm to Develop a Framework for Cleaning County Tax Registers and Cadasters -CS-CQs
Reference No :	KE-SDD-438464-CS-CQs

1. The Government of Kenya (GoK) has received funding from the World Bank towards the cost of Second Kenya Devolution Support Program KDSP-II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for consulting services. The Program has three key result areas;
 - (i) **Sustainable Financing and Expenditure Management.** This KRA supports efforts towards enhancing financing to, and expenditure management by counties.
 - (ii) **Intergovernmental Coordination, Institutional Performance, and Human Resource Management.** This KRA supports national and county government initiatives towards strengthening intergovernmental coordination, institutional performance, and Human Resource Management (HRM), and
 - (iii) **Oversight, Participation, and Accountability.** KRA 3 will support improvements in oversight, participation, and accountability. The IPF component will support the development of guidelines on project stocktaking, community-led project management committees, and climate change risk screening and preparedness (including assessment of the climate resilience of existing infrastructure assets). Specific Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) have been developed to monitor results for each of the three result areas.
2. The primary objective of this consultancy is to develop a framework for cleaning and updating tax registers and cadasters for county governments. Details of the assignment are available in the Terms of Reference (ToR).
3. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Procurement Regulations revised November 2020, 4th edition, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
4. The State Department for Devolution now invites eligible consultants (**FIRMs**) to submit Expressions of interest for consideration. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to provide the services. The short listing criteria will be as indicated in the TORs.
5. A firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers.
6. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400 hours EAT) and public holidays.
7. The terms of reference are available on The Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke> the State Department For Devolution Website <https://www.devolution.go.ke> and on the Commission on Revenue Allocation Website <https://cra.go.ke/tenders/>
8. Interested Consultants should submit their Expression of Interest, which must be delivered in a written form and must be accompanied with copies of academic and professional qualifications and registration/licensing certificates in plain sealed envelope clearly marked: **Consulting Services- Firm to Develop a Framework for Cleaning County Tax Registers and Cadasters -CS-CQs** Reference No. KE-SDD-438464-CS-CQs and addressed (in person, or by e-mail) to;

The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Devolution
P.O. Box 30004 - 00100 Nairobi.
Attention: Program Coordinator KDSP-II
E-mail: secondkdsp@gmail.com

9. The expression of interest shall be delivered using one of the following modalities;
 1. Deposit in the Tender Box located on 5th Floor Teleposta Towers - Kenyatta Avenue Nairobi, Kenya.
 2. Send via email to: secondkdsp@gmail.com
10. Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is **Wednesday 5th November at 1100 hours East African time.**

Note: Late submissions will not be accepted.

PROJECT COORDINATOR (KDSP II)
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/ STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVOLUTION

Kenya's telecom boom fuels bottom-up economic transformation

BY EMMANUEL MASHA
(KNA)

Kenya's telecommunications industry is experiencing record growth, driven by government reforms, digital innovation, and expanded network investment progress that officials say is accelerating the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Speaking at the Sustainability Brand Awards 2025 in Nairobi, Secretary for Public Communication Patricia Ondeng, representing Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Steve Isaboke, said the sector's strong performance reflects how technology is shaping inclusive growth across the country.

Latest data from the Ministry shows that mobile subscriptions have risen from 65.7 million in 2022 to 76.7 million in 2025, while active mobile money users grew by 31 percent to 47.7 million. The expansion of mobile network infrastructure also surged by 76 percent, increasing from 45



Secretary for Public Communication Patricia Ondeng

installations in 2022 to 79 this year.

The sector's turnover climbed to KSh 8.7 trillion in 2025, up from KSh 7.9 trillion three years ago, while smartphone penetration grew by 13 percent to reach 42.3 million devices.

"Digital connectivity is at the heart of Kenya's economic transformation

driving trade, job creation and financial inclusion in line with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda," Ms. Ondeng said, reading the PS's remarks.

The creative economy is also thriving, with digital content production rising by 364 percent to 834 outputs this year. In support of professional growth, the Kenya Institute of Mass

Communication (KIMC) trained 1,696 media practitioners, while the Media Council of Kenya (MCK) retooled 8,554 journalists to enhance digital and economic reporting.

In the e-commerce sector, the Postal Corporation of Kenya handled 262,395 deliveries worth KSh 26 million this year compared to none in 2022 creating 50,000 new jobs, up from

16,000 three years ago.

To sustain digital growth under BETA, the government is implementing several key policies, including the National Communication Policy, the Access to Information Policy, a review of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (2009), and the National Addressing System Policy.

Ms. Ondeng also lauded the launch of the Marketers Accelerating Trade in Africa (MATA) initiative, noting that it aligns with Kenya's vision to expand intra-African trade through sustainable digital platforms.

"The government remains committed to working with the private sector, the media, and innovators to build Africa's digital and green trade future," she added.

Now in its fifth year, the Sustainability Brand Awards celebrate African organizations and leaders advancing sustainable business, environmental stewardship, and responsible innovation.

The annual event provides a platform for recognizing corporate and government efforts that promote digital inclusion and regional trade.



TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Power Pension Fund invites firms for the following:

NO.	TENDER NAME	TENDER NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	PROVISION OF SATISFACTION SURVEY SERVICES	KPPF/PROC/2-A/04/2025	OPEN	Thursday 6 th November 2025 at 11.30AM

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tender may be downloaded from Kenya Power Pension Fund website www.kppf.co.ke from **Tuesday 21st October 2025 at no fee**. Bidders are required to register by sending an email to tenders@kppf.co.ke in order to receive clarifications and/or communication, where necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

CEO & TRUST SECRETARY.



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The Financial Reporting Centre (the Centre) is established under Section 21 of the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2009 (POCMLA). The Centre's principal objective is to assist in the identification of proceeds of crime and the combating of money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing.

Real estate agencies are designated as reporting institutions under the POCMLA. Accordingly, they are required to register with the Centre pursuant to Section 47A of the POCMLA.

The Centre hereby directs all unregistered real estate agencies in Kenya to register with the Centre in compliance with Section 47A of the POCMLA by or before **Friday 14th November 2025**. Registration is on the goAML platform using <https://goAML.frc.go.ke> link. The registration application and requisite documents must be submitted to the Centre through the goAML platform.

Guidelines on registration and further information can be accessed on the Centre website www.frc.go.ke and on the landing page of the goAML platform. In case of any challenges or queries on registration, contact the Centre through 0709 858 000 or compliance@frc.go.ke.

TAKE NOTE that failure to register with the Centre constitutes an offence pursuant to Section 47A (5) of POCMLA and the Centre will proceed to take necessary action.

Dated this **21st day of October 2025**

DIRECTOR GENERAL
FINANCIAL REPORTING CENTRE



ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AWWDA)

1. Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) invites sealed tenders for the Procurement of the following services as published in the e-GP Kenya system:

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description
1.	AWWDA/HQ/M. INS/01/2025	Provision of Medical Insurance Cover for AWWDA Staff and Board of Directors
2.	AWWDA/HQ/G.INS/02/2025	Provision of General Insurance Cover (Group Life Insurance) for AWWDA.
3.	AWWDA/HQ/CS/03/2025	Provision of General Cleaning and Ground Maintenance Services for Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA). (Reserved for Youth, Women and PWD)

1. Tendering will be conducted under an open competitive tendering method using a standardized tender document and is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
2. Tender documents may be viewed and/or downloaded from the website <https://egpkenya.go.ke/> free of charge.
3. Completed tenders must be submitted electronically through the e-GP Kenya system on or before **5th November 2025 at 12.00 noon (East African Time)**. Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
4. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened electronically in the presence of all bidders' designated representatives who choose to attend at Athi Water Works Development Agency, Muthaiga North Road off Kiambu Road Boardroom at Ground floor;
5. Late tenders will be rejected.

Chief Executive Officer,
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Email: info@awwda.go.ke or procurement@awwda.go.ke,



State targets 15 counties in new mobile ID registration campaign



BY JACKSON MSANZU
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(KNA)

The Government has intensified the national identity card (ID) registration exercise by engaging National Government Administrative Officers (NGAOs) across the country to mobilize and support citizens in acquiring this crucial document.

Speaking during a sensitization forum for local administrators in Kilifi County, Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services, Dr. Belio Kipsang, underscored the critical role the officials play in ensuring the success of government programmes.

Dr. Kipsang said that ahead of the nationwide rollout, the government is conducting mobile registration in 15 disadvantaged counties whose ID registration rates remain below the national

1. **Immigration and Citizen Services PS, Dr. Belio Kipsang, during a media briefing after the sensitization forum for government administrators at Pwani University, Kilifi County.**
2. **Immigration and Citizen Services PS, Dr. Belio Kipsang and other leaders during a photo session with the NGAOs at Pwani University, Kilifi County.**

PHOTO BY STEPHEN MRIRA

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He noted that the first phase had already been launched in Turkana, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, and Baringo counties.

“Today we are here to sensitize local chiefs in preparation for the mobile registration exercise, which will be conducted in 15 counties that lack adequate access to es-

sential government services,” he said.

The PS disclosed that the government has introduced a new Live Capture Mobile ID Registration System to enhance efficiency and accessibility, especially for citizens in remote and underserved areas.

“We are using modern equipment called Live Capture Units that record photos, fingerprints and applicants information, which is then transmitted directly to the headquarters for verification and printing. This has made it possible to issue IDs within seven days,” he said.

Kilifi North Deputy

We are using modern equipment called Live Capture Units that record photos, fingerprint

County Commissioner, Samuel Mutisya, revealed that the region had 14,000 uncollected IDs. He said NGAOs in the county had already been directed to ensure the documents are distributed to the respective areas to facilitate collection.

“In Kilifi, currently we have approximately 14,000 uncollected IDs, but we have put appropriate measures in place to ensure they are delivered to the rightful owners,” said Mutisya.

The exercise will also see County Commissioners, Deputy County Commissioners, Assistant County Commissioners, Chiefs and their Assistants, trace and deliver the uncollected identification cards directly to the owners in national drive.

KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY
Connecting Devolved Kenya

SENSITIZATION AND TRAINING OF YOUTH, WOMEN & PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITY (PWDs) ON 30% AGPO-ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is a State Corporation within the State Department of Infrastructure under the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, and established through the Kenya Roads Act, 2007.

Pursuant to our approved performance contract for the F/Y 2025-2026, KeRRA intends to hold sensitization workshops and training of Youth, Women & Persons Living with Disability (PWDs) On 30% AGPO-Access to Government Procurement Opportunities. This exercise is scheduled to be held in Six (6) venues across Kenya starting from 6th November, 2025, 8AM-12.00 Noon at the venues and dates indicated below:

No	VENUE	REGIONS	Training for the Special Group-Contractors	
			DATE	TIME
1	Nairobi (Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development-Muranga Rd, Nairobi)	1) Nairobi 2) Kiambu 3) Muranga 4) Makueni 5) Kajiado	6) Nyeri 7) Wajir 8) Mandera 9) Machakos	6 th November, 2025 8AM-12.00 NOON
2	Embu (Kenya School of Government Embu)	1) Embu 2) Meru 3) Isiolo 4) Laikipia	5) Tharaka-Nithi 6) Marsabit 7) Kirinyaga	13 th November, 2025 8AM-12.00 NOON
3	Nakuru (Egerton University)	1) Nyandarua 2) Nakuru 3) Narok	4) Samburu 5) Kericho 6) Bomet	20 th November, 2025 8AM-12.00 NOON
4	Eldoret (Rift Valley Technical Training Institute)	1) Trans-Nzoia 2) Uasin-Gishu 3) Baringo 4) Elgeyo-Marakwet	5) Nandi 6) Turkana 7) Bungoma 8) West-Pokot	27 th November, 2025 8AM-12.00 NOON
5	Kisumu (Tom Mboya Labour College)	1) Kisumu 2) Kisii 3) Siaya 4) Homabay 5) Nyamira	6) Migori 7) Busia 8) Kakamega 9) Vihiga	13 th November, 2025 8AM-12.00 NOON
6	Mombasa (Mombasa Beach Hotel)	1) Kilifi 2) Mombasa 3) Kwale 4) Lamu	5) Garissa 6) Tana-River 7) Kitui 8) Taita-Taveta.	27 th November, 2025 8AM-12.00 NOON

This exercise aims to enhance awareness, build capacity, increase transparency and promote access to procurement opportunities for the Special Groups of Youth, Women and Persons living with Disability.

This invitation is extended to all Interested and eligible Suppliers, Contractors, Consultants and Service providers under the ‘Special Groups’ category of Youth, Women and Persons living with Disability.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Connecting Devolved Kenya

AFA scoops digital transformation initiative award

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL
(MYGOV)

The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) has put Kenya on the global map, after emerging the best in Digital Transformation Initiatives in the just concluded 6th Africa Public Sector Conference and Awards in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Authority showcased its unique Integrated Management Information System

(IMIS) to explain how innovation within Africa's public sector can drive meaningful transformation during the.

The Conference which brought together C-level executives, stakeholders, senior leaders, and policymakers in the public and private sectors to spearhead transformative discussions and innovations in the public sector.

The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) is a state corporation in Kenya

domiciled in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development which was established under the CROPS ACT 2013.

The Authority is a regulator with the mission to develop, promote and regulate scheduled crops value chains for sustainable economic growth and transformation.

The vision of AFA is to be a world class crop regulator for improved livelihoods. The regulator has five Directorates; Food,

Horticultural Crops, Nuts and Oil Crop, Coffee, Miraa, Pyrethrum, Fibre and Other Industrial Crops Directorates.

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Spatial planning to curb conflicts among ocean resource users

BY JACKSON MSANZU
(KNA)

The Government's initiative to develop a National Marine Spatial Plan (MSP)—a national framework to identify and designate marine spaces for different uses—is regarded as a crucial step toward resolving frequent conflicts arising from competing interests in Kenya's ocean space and its vast resources.

For years, fishermen, tourism operators, conservation groups, and investors have often found themselves at odds over access to and control of marine resources.

The absence of a structured plan, along with harmonized laws and regulations, has led to overlapping claims, resource degradation, and strained relations among coastal communities.

To address these challenges, the Government, through the Kenya Marine Fisheries and Socio-Economic Development (KEMF-SED) project under the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, has embarked on a participatory process to develop the spatial plan.

The plan will map out Kenya's marine zones and designate specific areas for fishing, tourism, transport, conservation, and other economic activities.

Stakeholders involved in developing the MSP—including the National Land Commission, the Department of Land and Physical Planning, Beach Management



Stakeholders discussing the Marine Spatial Plan during a public participation forum in Kilifi.

PHOTOS BY JACKSON MSANZU

Units (BMUs), and conservation groups—acknowledge that conflicts have been common, particularly between fishers and tourism enterprises operating in nearshore waters.

"This is a process of understanding uses and allocating them in the ocean space, so that should somebody come with a conflicting use, we understand that it does not fit in that space, and an alternative space can be sought," said Dr Jackline Uku, the National Coordinator for the Marine Spatial Plan.

Speaking during a stakeholder engagement forum in Kilifi County, the stakeholders noted that the MSP is designed to promote harmony among marine users and ensure the sustainable utilization of the country's blue economy resources.

"Public participation is a very critical part of our planning process so we can articulate views, identify our resources and offer guidance to exploit them for the benefit of this country in a more organized way so that we don't have any chaos," explained John Ntabo, Deputy Director

of the State Department for Lands and Physical Planning.

The planning process involves using stakeholder's views, scientific and studies such as cost-benefit analysis to determine the best options for using the marine resources to achieve economic, social and environmental objectives.

Environmental conservationists applauded the process, describing it as a major step forward addressing recurring conflicts among marine resource users.

Dabaso Creek Conservation Group member Dickson Mzinga of Dabaso Creek Conservation Group, expressed hope that their conservation activities will be recognized in the plan to continue safeguarding the marine ecosystem.

"I'm happy because at first, I didn't realize that our tourism sites were also included in this spatial planning. It's a good move since it will help reduce conflicts. There have been many disputes in those areas that, without this plan, would remain unresolved," he said.



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The Commission invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the following positions:

S/ No	Position	E A C C Grade	Vacancy Ref. No.	Number of Posts
1	Assistant Director – Unexplained Wealth	5	EACC/LSAR/ADUW/1	1
2	Senior Investigation Officer – Electrical Engineer	6	EACC/LSAR/SIOEE/2	1
3	Senior Investigation Officer – Quantity Surveyor	6	EACC/LSAR/SIOQS/3	1
4	Legal Officer II	8	EACC/LSAR/LO/4	30
5	Investigation Officer II – Accountant/ Auditor/Banker/Economist	8	EACC/INV/IOA/5	11
6	Investigation Officer II – Police Officer	8	EACC/INV/IPO/6	12
7	Investigation Officer II – Procurement Specialist	8	EACC/INV/IOPS/7	5
8	Investigation Officer II – ICT Specialist	8	EACC/INV/IOICT/8	4
9	Investigation Officer II – Reports Analyst	8	EACC/INV/IORA/9	4
10	Investigation Officer II – Digital Forensic Analyst	8	EACC/INV/IODFA/10	2
11	ICT Officer II – Cybersecurity Engineer	8	EACC/CSS/ICTO/13	3
12	Intelligence Assistant II	10	EACC/INV/INTA/11	10
13	Investigations Assistant II	10	EACC/INV/INVA/12	5
14	ICT Assistant II	10	EACC/CSS/ICTA/14	2
15	Records Management Assistant II	10	EACC/CSS/RMA/15	2
Total				93

Interested candidates should complete EACC Form 1 online from <https://jobs.integrity.go.ke> and attach copies of ID, CV, academic/ professional certificates and testimonials. The details of the job descriptions and requirements are provided on our website www.eacc.go.ke.

All applications must be made online and will be acknowledged via an email. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.

The applications should be received **not later than Tuesday, 4th November, 2025 at 5.00 pm.**

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THE SECRETARY/CEO,
ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION.



Government deploys 80 AI-driven X-Ray machines to step up tuberculosis screening



BY FANNE NYAMWAMU
AND DAISY GITARI (KNA)

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale has flagged off 80 ultra-portable, AI-powered digital X-ray machines and launched Kenya's Integrated Lung Health Guidelines.

The digital X-ray systems are equipped with Computer-Aided Detection (CAD) software—a major stride in Kenya's fight against tuberculosis (TB) and other lung diseases.

This marks a significant milestone in bringing diagnosis, screening, and early treatment of TB and other chronic respiratory illnesses closer to Kenyans.

During the flagging-off ceremony at the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) grounds in Embakasi, Nairobi, the CS said the government is committed to building a health system that is proactive, people-centered, and future-ready.

He noted that diseases such as asthma, other related conditions, and post-TB complications continue to silently devastate lives within communities—robbing the country not only of health, but also of dignity, productivity, and hope.

The ultra-portable X-ray units, powered by CAD software, use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to speed up interpretation of chest images, enabling early detection of TB and other lung conditions, and will reduce missed cases and delayed detection, while boosting access to quality care to underserved communities and primary healthcare levels,



1. Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale flagging off 80 ultra-portable AI-powered digital X-rays at KEMSA Embakasi.

2. Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale launching the Kenya's Integrated Lung Health Guidelines at KEMSA Embakasi.

3. Health CS Aden Duale speaking at KEMSA Embakasi during launching of AI-Powered X-Ray Units and integrated lung health guidelines.

in the health security of the country."

Furthermore, the CS called on county leadership and governors to prioritize TB and lung health investment, saying that the national government will continue to lead, but true health security begins in primary health care facilities funded through county budgets and felt in homes and communities.

Khatra Ali, the Director of Health at the Council of Governors in KEMSA, lauded Kenya's leadership in adopting digital innovations

to strengthen health systems and improve equity in access to diagnostic services.

"We can ensure that every county benefits from the innovation and that no Kenyan in need is left behind for accessing timely TB and lung health services," she said. The World Health Organization (WHO) and AMREF, through

their representatives, offered to guide healthcare providers on the management of a broad range of respiratory diseases, aligning with Kenya's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) goals. TB remains one of Kenya's deadliest public health threats. In 2024, the country recorded 96,865 drug-sensitive TB cases, representing

77 per cent of the national burden, alongside 750 drug-resistant cases. At the same time, the CS expressed concern over the ongoing industrial action by members of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union (KMPDU) in Kiambu County, citing a significant spike in maternal mortality rates in the area.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT
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KENYA FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCE PROJECT (KFSRP)

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Purchaser	State Department for Agriculture
Project	Food Systems Resilience Project
Contract title	Development, Customization and Implementation of a Monitoring & Evaluation Management Information System for FSRP
Country	Kenya
Loan No. /Credit No.:	7328-KE, 7327-KE
RFB No	KE-MOALF-486761-NC-RFB
Issued on	21st October 2025

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Food Systems Resilience Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Development, Customization and Implementation of a Monitoring & Evaluation Management Information System for FSRP**. "For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment Disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit."
2. The State Department for Agriculture now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Development, Customization and Implementation of a Monitoring & Evaluation Management Information System for FSRP**.
3. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" World bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016, Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Food Systems Resilience Project, Procurement Office, info @fsrp.go.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below.
5. The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Kilimo Website; www.kilimo.go.ke. Bidders who download the bidding documents are invited to notify the procuring entity by email with full contact details if they intend to participate, as this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the procuring entity, to all bidders where necessary.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **11.00am on 2nd December 2025**. 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 at **11.00am on 2nd December 2025**.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a **"Bid Security" of Kes 600,000 (Kenya Shillings Six Hundred Thousand)**.
8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document."
9. The address (es) referred to above is:

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.
Attention: Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture
P.O Box 30028- 00100 Nairobi
Street Address: Cathedral road
Floor/ Room number: Kilimo House, Main reception, ground floor
City: Nairobi, Kenya
Website: www.kilimo.go.ke






CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PROPOSED INSURANCE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES AND NOTICE OF REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 3A and 180 of the Insurance Act, Cap 487 of the Laws of Kenya, the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and the Insurance Regulatory Authority (hereby referred to as 'the Authority') propose 13 statutory instruments as follows –

1. Insurance (Market Conduct) Guidelines, 2025;
2. Insurance (Risk Management and Control Functions) Guidelines, 2025;
3. Insurance (Corporate Governance) Guidelines, 2025;
4. Insurance (Claims Management) Guidelines, 2025;
5. Insurance (Reinsurance Arrangements) Guidelines, 2025;
6. Insurance (Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025;
7. Insurance (Index Insurance) Regulations, 2025;
8. Insurance (Operations of Takaful) Regulations, 2025;
9. Insurance (Products) Regulations, 2025;
10. Insurance (External Auditors and Appointed Actuaries) Regulations, 2025;
11. Insurance (Service Providers) Regulations, 2025;
12. Insurance (Bancassurance) (Amendment) Regulations 2025; and
13. Insurance (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

The proposed statutory instruments aim to enhance insurance supervision and regulation and promote sustainable insurance practice. The purpose, objectives and justifications of the statutory instruments are set out in the following additional documents:

1. Explanatory Memorandum outlining the purpose and objectives of the respective proposed statutory instruments; and
2. Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) summarizing the impact and policy justification for the Insurance Regulations.

The Proposed Statutory Instruments, Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Statement have been uploaded and are accessible on the Authority's website (www.ira.go.ke) for stakeholders' consideration.

Pursuant to Articles 10 and 47 of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act, stakeholders are hereby requested to submit written comments on the Proposed Statutory Instruments, Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Statement in physical or hard copy in the format provided below, to reach the Authority on or before **21st November 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

S/No.	Clause of the Regulation/ Guideline	Provision of the Regulation/ Guideline	Comments/ amendment	Proposed	Rationale
1.					
2.					

In addition, the Authority will be conducting public consultative forums across the country from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** on the dates indicated in the schedule below and invites stakeholders and members of the public to attend and participate. The meeting venues will be communicated in a separate notice.

Region	Date	Venue
Nairobi Metropolitan Area – Nairobi, Kiambu, Kajiado	24th November 2025	Nairobi
Nyanza Region – Homa Bay, Kisumu, Migori, Siaya	24th November 2025	Kisumu
Western Region 2 – Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Turkana, Baringo	24th November 2025	Kitale
Coast Region 1 – Lamu	24th November 2025	Lamu
North-Eastern Region – Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Tana River	25th November 2025	Garissa
Lower Eastern Region – Machakos, Makueni, Kitui	25th November 2025	Machakos
Western Region 1 – Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega, Vihiga	25th November 2025	Kakamega
North Rift Region 1 – Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet	25th November 2025	Eldoret
Coast Region 2 – Kwale, Kilifi, Mombasa, Taita Taveta	25th November 2025	Mombasa
South Rift Region 1 – Nakuru, Narok, Bomet, Kericho	26th November 2025	Nakuru
South Rift Region 2 – Kisii, Nyamira	26th November 2025	Kisii
Mt. Kenya Region – Nyeri, Murang'a, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga	26th November 2025	Nyeri
Upper Eastern Region – Embu, Meru, Laikipia, Tharaka-Nithi, Iсио, Samburu, Marsabit	27th November 2025	Meru
Virtual Session	28th November 2025	[link to be shared on www.ira.go.ke and social media: Facebook (@IRAKenyaPage) and X (@ira_kenya)]

Any communication may be addressed to the Authority through:

Commissioner of Insurance
Insurance regulatory Authority
2nd Floor, Zepre Place, Longonot Road-Upperville,
P.O. Box 43505-00100
Nairobi, Kenya.
Email: BudgetTeam@ira.go.ke
Toll Free Telephone: 0800 724499
Telephone: 0719 047000 / 020 4996000



LAKE VICTORIA SOUTH WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

In Partnership with

KFW KfW Development Bank

TENDER No.: LVSWWDA/PQ/KFW/WWM/W-2/2025 - R



NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION (IFP)

Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency, is one of the nine Water Works Development Agencies, established in the Water Act 2016. The Agency is currently under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation. It covers 8 Counties of Bomet, Homa Bay, Kericho, Kisii, Kisumu, Migori, Nyamira and Siaya.

The Government of Kenya (GoK) through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) has received a loan from the Government of Germany, through KfW Development Bank (KfW) to undertake the "Waste Water Management at Lake Victoria South" programme for Kericho, Litein and Kisii Towns.

The Project aims to provide sustainable and equitable drinking water and basic sanitation facilities for the population and contribute towards the protection of water resources. The Project objective is to contribute to the protection of Lake Victoria from pollution by improving the quality of wastewater discharged into the lake and catchment area.

The Agency now invites applications for Prequalification from all eligible bidders for **Lot 2 - Construction Works for Rehabilitation and Expansion of Water Supply and Sanitation Systems for Kericho and Litein, Kenya.**

Publication Date:	21/10/2025
Country:	Republic of Kenya
Project Title:	Lot 2 - Construction Works for Rehabilitation and Expansion of Water Supply and Sanitation Systems for Kericho and Litein.
Program Name :	Waste Water Management at Lake Victoria South funded by the Federal Republic of Germany and Government of Kenya
Employer:	Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency (LVSWWDA)
Loan:	German Financial Cooperation. BMZ 2013 65 352
KfW Procurement No.:	513284
Deadline for Submission of Application:	24th November 2025, 12:00 p.m. Kenyan Local Time

1. This Invitation for Prequalification follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared on the website of Germany Trade and Invest GmbH (GTAI) on 21st October 2025. This Contract will be jointly financed by the Government of Kenya and Federal Republic of Germany through KfW. The prequalification and the bidding processes are for international competitive bidding (ICB), and will be governed by Kenyan national laws and regulations and the eligibility rules and procurement guidelines of KfW, as defined in the KfW Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Plant, Goods and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partners, <https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/PDF/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/FZ-Vergabерichtlinien-V-2021-EN.pdf>. Properly executed Declarations of Undertaking shall be duly signed and submitted by all partners of the Applicant together with their Application.

2. The Republic of Kenya, represented by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning has received financing loan from KfW towards part of the cost of the Project. The Project Executing Agency is Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency (LVSWWDA).

3. LVSWWDA (the "Employer") intends to prequalify firms and joint ventures for bidding for the contract under this Project.

The anticipated contract scope of works includes the following:

- a) **Kericho Water Supply:**
 - Replacement (66km) and Expansion (28km) of water supply network in Kericho, Belgut, Ainamoi and Kapsoit, diameter varying from OD15 to OD250;
 - Replacement of the about 7,930 pcs. defective consumer and bulk water meters and installation of about 2,000 pcs. additional new meters, diameter varying from OD15 to OD250;
- b) **Kericho Sanitation:**
 - Replacement of about 7 km of old, dilapidated and undersized sewers and Expansion of existing sewer network by about 35 km, diameters from OD200 to OD450; within: central CBD, CBD North, CBD South, Majengo, Baraka and Nyagacho Areas;
 - Construction of about 1,800 pcs. of plot connections;
 - Rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing WWTP from 660 m³/d to 3,500 m³/d;
 - Repair of 4 No. exhauster trucks, capacities varying from 6m³ to 9m³.
- c) **Litein Water Supply:**
 - Rehabilitation of existing raw water intake works, conveyance system, Itare WTP and storage tanks;
- d) **Litein Sanitation:**
 - Construction of a faecal sludge treatment facility with treatment capacity of 20m³/d; including discharge bay equalization tank (32 m³), 2 no. anaerobic baffled reactors, 1 no. facultative pond, 2 no. constructed wetlands, 6 no. sludge drying beds, site and ancillary works;

4. This procurement application is for one works contract.

5. The duration of the Works is anticipated to be 24 months (+12 months DNP). The Works are anticipated to commence in **May 2026**.

6. It is expected that the Invitation for Bids will be made in **January 2026**.

7. Bidding Documents will be prepared in accordance with KfW Standard Bidding Documents for Works, with General Conditions governed by "Multilateral Development Bank Harmonised Edition (2010)" Conditions of Contract for Construction (Pink Book), under the license agreement between KfW and FIDIC.

8. For purposes of communication during the preparation of Prequalification Application, a Firm / Joint Venture / Association intending to submit Application shall be required to pre-register its intent by an email communication to the Employer through the address indicated: procurement@lvswwda.go.ke and cc mmayi@lvswwda.go.ke. The Prequalification Documents can be accessed free of charge from the LVSWWDA website www.lvswwda.go.ke or the Government Tender Portal www.tenders.go.ke. Only 'Pre-registered' applicants shall qualify for communication of any subsequent clarification and/or additional information pertaining to the PQ Document.

9. Addenda/ clarifications will also be posted on the LVSWWDA website and the Government Tender Portal immediately they become available.

10. Applications for Prequalification shall be in an envelope clearly marked with the following:

Tender No: **LVSWWDA/PQ/KFW/WWM/W-2/2025 - R**

Prequalification Application for: Waste Water Management at Lake Victoria South

"Lot 2 - Construction Works for Rehabilitation and Expansion of Water Supply and Sanitation for Kericho and Litein"

containing **one (1) original** and **one (1) copy plus one (1) soft copy**, in English language, and delivered physically to the address below. Electronic submission is not an option.

Tender Box
Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency
Lavictors House, Off Ring Road, Milimani
P.O. Box 3325 – 40100 Kisumu, Kenya

For bulky documents, delivery should be made to the Supply Chain Division and a register duly completed to record the delivery.

The prequalification applications will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of interested applicants who may wish to attend.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

KENYA VISION 2030

Kenyans urged to embrace NYOTA Programme

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA/WINNIE KIRWA (KNA)

The Principal Secretary State Department for Mining Harry Kimtai has urged Kenyans to embrace and support National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) initiative, saying it has the impetus to mitigate challenges facing youth.

Addressing leaders and National Government Administration Officers

(NGAO) at Kitale National Polytechnic during the sensitization and roll out of the initiative, Kimtai expressed concern over the slow uptake of the programme in some counties as he called on stakeholders in the affected regions to intensify sensitization efforts.

"We must ensure that every eligible young person, whether in the rural villages, marginalized areas or informal settlements, benefits from this

initiative. No youth should be left behind," he emphasized.

Trans Nzoia County has been allocated 1450 slots to be shared across the 25 wards where each is to get 58. So far, a total of 2700 applicants have placed their requests for consideration.

Hailing the project as a game-changer in addressing challenges facing youth in the country, Mutai revealed that the NYOTA initiative is part

of the government's broader plan to create employment, promote inclusivity, and ensure transparency in empowering vulnerable youth at the bottom of the economic pyramid.

Detailing the project's overall objective to provide employment opportunities to unemployed youth, helping them earn income, inculcate a culture of saving, and ultimately strengthen youth employment systems

and project management across the country, Kimtai stressed that if absorbed the five-year initiative would be the best thing to have happened to the Kenyan youth.

"This project is not just about giving money; it is about giving hope. The initiative has been deliberately designed to help young Kenyans earn, save, and build sustainable livelihoods through meaningful work and financial empowerment.

Many young people have brilliant ideas but lack the capital and mentorship to start off. NYOTA Initiative will give them that opportunity," the PS said.

He cautioned against multiple applications, noting that those who have already applied should not reapply to avoid disqualification.

Local leaders present thanked the government for rolling out the initiative, saying it will help ease unemployment.



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE
Ministry Of Agriculture & Livestock Development



PREQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project-NAVCDP
Credit No.:	70640
Project ID:	P176758
Assignment Title:	Prequalification of Individual Consultants

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for prequalification of individual consultants.
2. The pre-qualification exercise includes shortlisting of individual consultants for different thematic areas.
3. The State Department for Agriculture ("the Client") now invites eligible consultants ("Consultants") to express/indicate their interest in the prequalification exercise of individual Consultants. Interested Consultants shall provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services in any one of the listed thematic areas.

Category	Description	S/No.	Description
1	Credit Access and Financial Inclusion.	8	Agriculture Extension and Research
2	Social and Environmental Safeguards.	9	Urban food systems.
3	Agricultural Marketing and Agripreneurship	10	Digital Agriculture Development
4	Private Sector partnership in agriculture	11	Agriculture Policy Development and Regulations
5	Agriculture Value Chain Accelerators	12	Community Institution Development. (Credit & commodity cooperation)
6	Monitoring, Evaluation, reporting and Communication	13	Agriculture Infrastructure Development and Processing.
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

Assignment Title: Prequalification of Individual Consultants

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4	Farmer Led Irrigation Development	10	Agriculture Policy Development and Regulations
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OPINION

Why national values hold the key to Kenya's development vision

BY JOSIAH MUSILI

Kenya's journey toward becoming a prosperous, middle-income nation hinges on the full realization of Article 10 of the Constitution, which enshrines the national values and principles of governance. These values are not mere ideals—they shape our identity, guide our development, and determine how we respond to global challenges. Sessional Paper No. 8 of 2013 on National Values and Principles of Governance, approved by the National Assembly in 2015, recognizes that a nation's culture and values evolve over time to reflect political, economic, social, technological, and historical factors. The policy identifies a range of challenges that have negatively affected the national values and principles of governance. Chief among these challenges are negative ethnicity and impunity. These challenges can broadly be addressed by, among other things, deliberate efforts to create a strong national identity through innovative strategies for the inculcation of the values of patriotism, national unity and the rule of law. Inequitable distribution of resources and opportunities undermines the citizen's sense of belonging, leading to alienation, marginalization, injustices and ultimately undermining of national cohesion and unity. To address this challenge, efforts must focus on entrenching the values of respect for human

rights and human dignity, equity, social justice, equality and equal opportunities, inclusiveness, non-discrimination and protection of the marginalized. Some of the measures taken in this regard include targeted poverty alleviation and empowerment programmes, equitable distribution of resources and opportunities, and the initiation and implementation of affirmative action programmes targeting marginalized groups.

Further, Kenya has continued to experience governance challenges which are characterized by weak institutions, unresponsive public institutions, waning public confidence in the credibility and integrity of state institutions, corruption and insecurity amongst others. This is being remedied by promoting and inculcating the values of good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability in public service. Some of the measures taken to alleviate these challenges include effective determination of corruption cases; promotion of open, accountable and participatory management of public resources; strengthening institutional framework and legislative action in line with national values and principles of governance and promoting affordable and equal access to dispute resolution mechanisms, arbitration and justice.

Kenya faces challenges in attaining sustainable development characterized by instances of land grabbing, environmental degradation, food insecurity, and poor state of health care. To address these challenges, measures have been put in place to enhance

the protection of ecologically sensitive areas and zones; curb irregular allocation of public land and recovery of such land; address injustices visited on communities and individuals regarding access and utilization of land and natural resources; facilitate equitable access to health care; and promote sustainable management of other natural resources. The successful implementation of the National Values Policy requires that all citizens are aware, are involved, are committed, and take ownership of the shared national values and principles of governance. Leadership is required to play a critical role in ensuring there is sustained commitment to practicing national values. This is because the implementation and enforcement of national values is essentially a political question that requires leadership and direction at the highest level.

The Government takes cognizance of the fact that the successful promotion and inculcation of national values and principles of governance require co-ordination and concerted interventions and adopting various strategies. The National Values and Principles of Governance policy identifies the Associative approach as the most effective way to achieve a long-lasting impact. This process is largely managed by citizens in voluntary and democratically self-governing associations. This can be facilitated by citizens in neighborhood groups, self-help groups, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, religious and faith-based organizations, societies, sports

associations, professional associations, trade unions, labor unions, co-operative societies, business associations and political parties. The second strategy is the recruitment and mobilization of change agents whose objective is to recruit as many value carriers as possible in all spheres of society – arts and entertainment, communities, educational institutions, families, government, political organizations, private sector, religious and faith-based organizations, and sports.

The third strategy outlined in the Policy is the mainstreaming of values for behavior change and its main objective is to make values a fulcrum around which national activities and programs are anchored. In this process, values become a central rallying ingredient and theme in the planning and execution of national programs. This strategy has been the focus of Government and led to the inclusion of an indicator on National Values and Principles of Governance in performance contracting and management in public sector institutions. The private sector should consider adopting a similar approach to mainstream national values in their activities. The final strategy seeks to profile and give visibility to Kenyan heroes and heroines who represent a commitment to national values.

— The writer is the Secretary, Directorate of National Cohesion and Values

KALRO to build Sh200m research centre in Nyeri

BY WANGARI MWANGI (KNA)

Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) is set to construct a Sh200 million research centre in Kieni, Nyeri County.

According to KALRO Board Chairman, Dr. Thuo Mathenge, the centre will enhance access for both crop and livestock farmers to new farming technologies and innovations.

He noted that the facility will serve as the 65th research hub in the country and will also cater to neighbouring counties that currently lack such a centre.

"The centre will bring our services closer to the people of Nyeri. This is a coffee- and tea-growing area, and one of the reasons for establishing this centre is to ensure that our farmers access better, high-yielding

varieties that will not only improve their income but also help us maintain our track record of high-quality yields," he said.

Dr. Mathenge spoke in Nyeri when he led KALRO Director General Eliud Kireger and other officials on a courtesy call to Nyeri Governor Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, ahead of an MoU signing between the county government and KALRO on October 22. The county government has already leased 20 acres to KALRO at the Agriculture Mechanization Services in Naru Moru for the construction of the centre.

Governor Kahiga pledged his support for the project, saying the centre will promote climate-smart agriculture, which is vital for improving the county's food security.

Kahiga said that in addition to the research centre, KALRO will also set up a shop making it easy



Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization Director General, Eliud Kireger (first row, right) together with KALRO Board Chairman, Dr. Thuo Mathenge (2nd right) and Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga (centre) pose for a photograph outside the governor's office. PHOTO BY WANGARI MWANGI

for farmers to access products at a subsidized cost. "We want to encourage them to move as fast as possible, so that we are able to establish this centre which will serve the county and parts of our neighbouring communities

that do not have their KALRO centres. There is a need to continue researching on the correct seedlings, the correct types of livestock feeds and medicine and this should be done here," he said.

Kisumu adopts drone technology to boost disaster preparedness

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

A United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-backed project is equipping the flood-prone lakeside county of Kisumu with cutting-edge tools to predict disasters, protect lives, and promote sustainable growth.

Through the partnership, the county is implementing a multi-million-shilling initiative that uses drones and digital mapping to monitor risk zones and predict disasters before they occur.

Dubbed "Strengthening Urban Resilience to Emerging Disaster and Climate Risks," the project seeks to build Kisumu's capacity to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to disasters—particularly floods, which remain the city's most persistent threat.

The programme, funded by the governments of Denmark and South Korea, runs until March 2026 and targets urban centres vulnerable to climate impacts such as flooding, heatwaves, and environmental degradation.

As part of the initiative, Kisumu's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is being equipped with a flood-mapping drone and 3D modelling software capable of providing real-time data and imagery of flood-prone areas.

The technology will enable officials to assess the extent of flooding, map critical infrastructure, and plan emergency responses more quickly and accurately.

According to County Executive Committee Member for Public Service, Administration and Participatory Development, Mr. Salmon Orimba—who also oversees disaster management—the new system is a game-changer for Kisumu and other urban centres that have long relied on manual monitoring and delayed warnings.

"For the first time, we'll have real-time visibility of risk-prone areas. This means faster, evidence-based responses that can save lives and protect livelihoods. The integration of drone technology into our disaster management framework marks a turning point for Kisumu," said Orimba.

Beyond immediate response, the drone data, he added, will feed into Kisumu's long-term planning, informing safer housing schemes, drainage upgrades and protection of wetlands that act as natural flood buffers.

Kirinyaga establishes lactation centres in schools to support working mothers

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH (KNA)

Teachers with young children in five schools across Kirinyaga County will benefit from fully equipped breastfeeding centres designed to support and empower them as they continue with their teaching responsibilities.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Women Teachers Association (KEWOTA), Mrs. Benta Opande, and the Chairperson of Kenya Seed Company, Mrs. Wangui Ngirici—whose foundation funded the project—officially handed over the newly constructed centres to Mburi Comprehensive, St. Paul's Kutus, Kathaka, Kiburu, and Upper Baricho primary schools.

Speaking during the hand-over ceremony, Mrs. Opande emphasized the critical need for such facilities, noting that many teachers had previously been forced to abscond duty to



CEO of KEWOTA Mrs. Benta Opande (L), and Wangui Ngirici (R) hold babies when arriving at St. Paul's Kutus, Kirinyaga County.

breastfeed their babies, which affected productivity.

"This initiative will save them time and resources, ultimately enhancing both teacher well-being and student perfor-

mance," she said.

Since its registration in 2007, KEWOTA has continued to work with stakeholders and well-wishers to implement projects that uplift women teachers.

Mrs. Opande expressed gratitude to Mrs. Ngirici for her generous contribution, which made the establishment of the breastfeeding centres possible.

Recognizing the growing number of KEWOTA members in Kirinyaga County, Mrs. Opande also announced plans to open a branch office in Kutus Town, aimed at improving service accessibility for teachers in the region.

"Because we have so many members here in Kirinyaga, we are going to open an office in Kutus so that any welfare issues affecting you can be addressed quickly," she assured.

On her part, Ngirici highlighted the importance of breastfeeding, stressing that both mothers and children deserved comfortable and dignified spaces to breastfeed.

"Breastfeeding is not only the right of the mother, but also the right of the child."

Kenya's labour mobility mission charts new ground across Canada



BY CATHERINE KAMAU (PCO)

Kenya is ready to partner with Canada to create structured, safe, and dignified pathways for youth employment abroad while helping Canadian industries meet their growing labour demands, State Department for Labour Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime has said.

Mwadime said that Kenya's high-level labour mobility delegation has completed a strategic tour across Canada, forging partnerships to create structured, transparent pathways for Kenyan youth to access skilled employment abroad.

The PS said that the delegation's mission was to weave together policy, training, and recruitment into a practical framework that benefits families, communities and economies on both sides of the Atlantic.

From Ottawa's policy corridors to Halifax's construction sites and Fredericton's health-care hubs, "We are building a transparent and practical pathway that helps Kenyan youth access skilled jobs in Canada while meeting the needs of Canadian employers," affirmed PS Mwadime.

In Canada's capital, the delegation met federal and provincial officials to lay the groundwork for formal labour mobility channels.

Mwadime pointed out that discussions focused on credential recognition, pre-departure preparation, and post-arrival support ensuring Kenyan workers are not only welcomed but empowered to thrive.

He said that the tone was collaborative and forward-looking, with shared commitment to transparency, fairness, and long-term partnership.

At Humber Polytechnic, a leading technical institution, the spotlight turned to harmonizing training standards.

"The goal is ensuring Kenyan vocational education aligns with Canadian expectations so workers arrive job-ready."

Operationalising Government efficiency to do better, do more and reduce wastage

Worldwide, governments, by their very nature, are huge and tend to be largely inefficient in delivering services and goods to the public. This however, does not imply that nothing can be done to make them efficient and fit-for-purpose in addressing the needs of the citizenry. Indeed, in an era of tight fiscal space within which many governments operate, where every coin counts so to say, efficient utilization of public resources is a cardinal call on all public servants.

In the latest Executive Order issued by His Excellency the President, a new office, the Government Efficiency Office, was established within the Executive Office of the President. This new office will be charged with overseeing the efficient and effective implementation of the Administration's revitalized priorities as espoused in the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). Its establishment is not only timely but also critical in view of the current public discourse regarding how the government goes about realizing its ambitious commitments.

Government efficiency refers to the production of more public goods and services (health, education, safety, infrastructure, etc.) for each unit of currency of



public funds spent. It does not necessarily imply governments spending less in general or in total. It rather means that more goods and services are availed to the public for every unit of currency the government spends. This clarification is more so critical in the Kenyan context where additional funding to public institutions is constrained.

The idea behind an institutional framework for promoting efficiency in government has regained a lot of momentum in many jurisdictions across the globe. It is worth noting that this is not the first time Kenya has established a body charged with promoting government efficiency.

In 1991, the Efficiency Monitoring Unit (EMU) was established to oversee prudence in the use and management of Government resources including those of development partners. It was an oversight agency that worked closely with the then Criminal Investigations Department (CID) and other relevant agencies primarily to fight corruption in Government

institutions.

Despite some high profile achievements which highlighted the effects of gross misuse of public funds and saved the government money, the Efficiency Monitoring Unit faced numerous challenges which limited its impact. Key amongst these were risks associated with investigative assignments, inability to enforce compliance, inadequate operational staff and inadequate funding. The 2010 Constitution further created new institutions which took on a lot of the mandates and functions of the Unit thus effectively rendering it moribund.

On the world scene, perhaps the most recognizable government efficiency initiative in a major jurisdiction has to be the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) in the United States. Established by President Trump through Executive Order 14158 and issued on 20th January of this year, DOGE is charged with modernizing Federal technology and software to maximize governmental efficiency and productivity. Since its establishment the department has realized cost savings (roughly \$180 billion and projections of \$2 trillion cuts in federal spending), achieved control of grants issued by the US government and initiated regulatory reforms in critical areas such alcohol,

tobacco and firearms use.

The United Kingdom Office for Value for Money (OfVM) was established following the Autumn Budget 2024, as a central government initiative to embed efficiency, fiscal discipline, and better outcomes across UK public services. It operates on the core principles of economy, efficiency, effectiveness and equity. The OfVM builds upon the legacy of earlier reform units, most notably the Efficiency and Reform Group (ERG) but with a more defined emphasis on technical efficiencies, delivery assurance, and structured departmental engagement.

Several results-producing practices and operational modalities can be learned from these institutional mechanisms. The use of a high-profile champion, as exemplified by Elon Musk in the case of DOGE, coupled with an aggressive media strategy for the efficiency agenda can go a long way in raising awareness and informing the public.

Awareness on government efficiency programmes amongst public servants is especially critical considering the central role they play. However, this strategy has to be tampered with a more collaborative and consultative approach to prevent the sort of fallout witnessed between DOGE on one hand, and key Federal agencies and a significant segment of the

US population who often perceived his approach as overbearing and too disruptive.

The use of dashboards providing accurate and reliable data and information on achievements made in terms of government efficiency is another key learning point from both DOGE and the OfVM. Such dashboards allow the public and other key stakeholders to interrogate government efficiency programmes and provide valuable feedback on their implementation. Other key learning points are the setting of efficiency targets for public institutions, continuous capacity building of public servants, review and re-engineering of government institutions for efficiency and effectiveness, and continual monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

With this in mind, together with the lessons learned especially from challenges faced by the EMU, Kenya is at a vantage position to put in place a robust Government Efficiency Office capable of optimal utilization of public resources, realizing better outputs and outcomes.

We will deliver on this fundamental responsibility which has been assigned to my office.

The writer is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Delivery and Government Efficiency in the Executive Office of the President

State Department for Petroleum champions Energy week in Kitui

BY FATMA SAID AND JOYCE LUTOMIA (PCO)

The State Department for Petroleum (SDP) took center stage at the 2025 Mashujaa Day Energy Week in Kitui County, boldly showcasing cutting-edge sustainable energy solutions and immersive model exhibitions that brought Kenya's petroleum infrastructure and clean energy transition to life for the public.

Led by Principal Secretary Mohamed Liban, the Department's participation underscored its critical role in expanding petroleum access, promoting energy security, and supporting the government's clean energy transition agenda under the theme "Transforming Lives through Sustainable Energy Solutions."

The week kicked off with a tree-planting and environmental conservation exercise at Ithookwe Primary School, where Liban led staff from the State Department, local administration representatives, and other senior government officials.

The exercise, which extended to Iloo and Yumbisye Primary Schools, emphasized the integration of environmental sustaina-

bility into petroleum sector development projects. 2500 trees were planted across the County.

During the official opening ceremony at Kitui Teachers Training College, Liban commissioned the Borehole Project, one of the main flagship initiatives of this year's Energy Week. The project, fully funded by the Kenya Pipeline Company Foundation, involved drilling, equipping, and solarizing a borehole to ensure sustainable access to clean water for both the college and the surrounding community.

The PS also outlined ongoing sector reforms aimed at modernizing petroleum logistics, reducing distribution costs, and ensuring nationwide fuel availability. He spotlighted other flagship programs such as the 'Gas Yetu' Initiative and the expansion of LPG distribution networks, emphasizing their role in promoting clean cooking and improving household energy access.

He also commissioned an LPG facility at the Kitui Teachers Training College to benefit students who have been relying on firewood and charcoal for cooking. He said that, continued use of firewood not only con-

tributes to deforestation but also exposes users to harmful smoke emissions, accelerates land degradation, and undermines environmental sustainability.

"At the same time, we are rolling out the distribution of LPG cylinders about 24,000 cylinders of 36 kg each, targeting low-income households. Already, 3,000 cylinders have been distributed across eight constituencies," the PS said.

On the STEM and youth empowerment day, Mr. Francis Thiong'o, State Department for Petroleum's Geophysicist participated in a panel discussion on careers in the energy sector. He highlighted mentorship programs for interns and TVET students, positioning petroleum engineering and geoscience as viable career paths. The Department reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing local talent and strengthening technical capacity in line with Kenya Vision 2030.

Throughout the week, the Department engaged in policy discussions, public awareness drives, and community empowerment activities that highlighted petroleum's role in fuelling Kenya's socio-economic transformation.



The Principal Secretary for Petroleum, Mohamed Liban, CBS, commissioning the borehole project at Kitui Teachers Training College during the official opening ceremony of the Energy Week held in Kitui County. Photo by Fatma Said



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WATER AND SANITATION

HORN OF AFRICA GROUND WATER FOR RESILIENCE PROGRAM (HOAGW4RP)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION (ICS) FOR

VIDEOGRAPHER SPECIALIST

CONTRACT NO.: KE-MOWI-494692-CS-INDV

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE VIDEOGRAPHER SERVICES FOR THE HoAGW4R PROJECT** contract No.: KE-MOWI-494692-CS-INDV
- The Objective of this consultancy is to engage the services of a Videographer Specialist to work closely with the Communication Specialist and Social Media Manager to produce high-quality, engaging video content that documents the implementation progress and impact of the Groundwater for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP). The content produced will support project visibility, donor reporting, community engagement, and public communication.
- The assignment shall be for an initial period of one (1) year, renewable annually based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds, for a maximum duration of three (3) years.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at Ministry's website, www.water.go.ke and PPIP portal <https://tenders.go.ke> free of charge.
- The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, State Department for Water and Sanitation now invites eligible Individual Consultants ("Consultants") to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short-listing criteria is:
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 - Professional certificate from a film school is an added advantage
 - At least 5 years' experience in producing video products for social media, particularly YouTube
 - Minimum 5 years of working experience in video production and or other professional editing software;
 - Experience in the usage of graphic design software packages for social media
 - Experience of producing video interviews
 - Familiarity with video and social media communications of other development organizations
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Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry

PUBLIC NOTICE ON RESCHEDULING OF THE STANDARDS BILL, 2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORA

The Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI) has been holding public participation fora as per the public notice that was posted in MyGov on 30th September, 2025. However as we join the Country in mourning the late Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, we have rescheduled the pending public participation fora to the dates listed in the table below.

MITI invites members of the public to submit their views using the prescribed template, through the email address: standardsbill@kebs.org. The deadline for submission of comments has also been extended to **14th November, 2025**. The draft Standards Bill, 2025 and the feedback form, can be accessed on the KEBS website: www.kebs.org.

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REGION	TARGETED COUNTIES	MEETING VENUE	PREVIOUS DATE	NEW DATE
Nairobi	Nairobi, Machakos, Kajiado, Kiambu, Kitui, Makueni	Eka Hotel - Nairobi	27th October 2025	Remains 27th October 2025
Nyanza	Homabay, Kisumu, Siaya, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Kisii, Migori, Nyamira, Busia	Ciala Resort - Kisumu	17th October 2025	30th October 2025
North Rift	Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Turkana, West Pokot, Trans Nzoia	Sirikwa Hotel - Eldoret	21st October 2025	3rd November 2025
South Rift	Nakuru, Kericho, Baringo, Narok, Samburu, Nyandarua, Laikipia, Bomet	Merica Hotel - Nakuru	23rd October 2025	5th November 2025

CABINET SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Digital tax reforms to boost MSME growth, says Oparanya

BY LUCY MWENDE (KNA)

Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to transforming tax administration through digitalization, inclusivity, and customer-centered reforms that empower Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), as the country moves to strengthen domestic revenue and spur economic growth.

Speaking during the opening of the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Annual Tax Summit 2025, themed "Beyond the Frontiers: Advancing Digitalized, Inclusive, and Customer-Centered Revenue Administration," leaders emphasized the need for technology-driven reforms that make taxation simpler, fairer, and more accessible to all Kenyans.

Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Cooperative and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development, Wycliffe Oparanya, said the summit comes at a crucial time when Kenya is implementing wide-ranging reforms to enhance efficiency and inclusivity in revenue collection.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Principal Secretary, State Department for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development, Susan Auma Mang'eni, Oparanya said Kenya has embarked on an ambitious journey to align its tax and revenue systems, making them more



Principal Secretary State Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Susan Auma Mang'eni addressing delegates during the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Annual Tax Summit 2025 held in Nairobi.

efficient, transparent, inclusive, and empowering for every Kenyan.

Oparanya emphasized that digital transformation in revenue systems is essential for

building an economy that works for everyone.

"We are not just talking about transformation, but about building a tax ecosystem that fuels enterprise, supports inno-

vation, and secures our country's economic future," he said.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening the MSME sector, which contributes over 40 percent of Kenya's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and provides most of the country's employment opportunities.

He highlighted initiatives such as the Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation (KJET) Project, the MSME Connect platform, and Public-Private Sector Dialogue Forums, which have deepened collaboration between government, entrepreneurs, regulators, and financiers.

"Through the Hustler Fund, millions of micro-entrepreneurs have accessed affordable credit to expand their businesses," he noted. On her part PS Mang'eni: "We are revitalizing constituency industrial development centers and establishing county aggregation and industrial parks to provide shared facilities, modern equipment, and value chain support."

She called for inclusive economic participation, challenging financial institutions to rethink their approach to youth, women, and persons with disabilities.

"We must change perceptions that young people are high-risk or that women cannot access credit because they lack prop-

Through the Hustler Fund, millions of small traders have accessed credit to expand their businesses

erty," she said. Mang'eni highlighted the Hustler Fund as a tool that promotes financial inclusion and builds credit history among small borrowers.

"If you can be trusted with Sh.500, you can be trusted with Sh.10 million. Credit is about trust," she said.

She explained that the NYOTA Project is a scaled-up version of the Kenya Youth Employment Opportunities Project, targeting over 110,000 youth across all 47 counties.

The project focuses on certifying informal skills and expanding employability through on-the-job training and entrepreneurship.

"NYOTA aims to create 100,000 entrepreneurs and prove that entrepreneurs are not only born they can be made," she said.

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga said the summit serves as a vital platform for collaboration among revenue administrators across Africa.

"This gathering brings together some of the brightest minds and boldest reformers in our economic landscape," he said.

"It reflects our shared commitment to reimagine tax administration in ways that embrace technology, expand inclusivity, and put taxpayers at the center of service." Wattanga noted.

He highlighted that KRA is exploring advanced tools such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and mobile money integration to improve compliance and enhance transparency.

tion, and service excellence.

He said that Kenya's journey toward a digital, transparent, and citizen-centered public sector continues, inspiring confidence that technology and teamwork can truly transform governance and lives.

"Through platforms like APSCA, Kenya is demonstrating that innovation in governance is not just possible it is essential for building a sustainable and integrated Africa," said the PS.

He said that Kenya's outstanding performance in Cape Town extended across multiple sectors, reflecting a unified government vision for reform and innovation.

Similarly, the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) clinched the Best Technologically Transformed Government Institution Award, marking recognition for its successful migration of core services such as driver licensing, vehicle registration, and testing to digital platforms.

NTSA Director General, Mr. George Njao, received dual honours as Public Sector Personality of the Year and Transformation CEO of the Year for his leadership in steering NTSA's ambitious modernization drive, which has improved service delivery and reduced corruption risks through automation.

Kenya shines at Africa Public Sector Awards 2025 with double win

BY FRANCIS NGUMA (PCO)

Kenya has emerged as a continental trailblazer at the 6th Africa Public Sector Conference and Awards (APSCA 2025), held in Cape Town.

Under the theme "Innovation of Africa's Public Sector: Building a Digitally Driven, Sustainable and Integrated Continent," the event convened policymakers, technocrats, and change-makers from across Africa to celebrate transformative governance.

The State Department for Cabinet Affairs, led by Principal Secretary Dr. Idris Dokota, received two prestigious accolades: Visionary Leadership in Public Sector Transformation and Digital Transformation of the Year. These awards spotlight Kenya's commitment to modernizing governance through technology, transparency, and institutional reform.

Central to this recognition is the Cabinet Memorandum Development System (Cab Memo System) ground-breaking digital platform that streamlines how Cabinet decisions are for-

mulated, reviewed, and executed.

Spearheaded by Dr. Dokota, the system enhances inter-ministerial coordination, promotes evidence-based policymaking, and ensures timely, accountable government action. "This recognition is humbling and energizing. It reflects the tireless work of our team and the broader Kenyan public service, united in the pursuit of innovation and excellence," said Dr. Dokota.

He added that the Cab Memo System has strengthened coordination across ministries, improved evidence-based decision-making, and enhanced transparency in governance.

The PS said that by standardizing and digitizing Cabinet processes, Kenya is setting an example for other African nations seeking efficient and citizen-focused public service delivery.

Dr Dokota pointed out that the APSCA platform provides a unique opportunity for governments across Africa to share best practices and celebrate transformative leadership.



1. Dr. Idris Dokota, CBS, receives the Visionary Leadership in Public Sector Transformation Award at APSCA 2025 in Cape Town, South Africa.

2. Delegates from the State Department for Cabinet Affairs celebrate Kenya's recognition for Digital Transformation of the Year.

"Kenya's success demonstrates how digital tools, combined with visionary leadership, can redefine public service for the 21st century, making it more responsive, accountable,

Kenya rolls out draft policy, bill to steer safe, peaceful use of nuclear technology

BY DARLENE KURIA (KNA)

The Government has unveiled a draft Nuclear Science and Technology Policy alongside the Kenya Atomic Energy Agency Bill, both aimed at guiding the safe and peaceful use of nuclear technology across various sectors of national development.

The two instruments, currently undergoing public participation, seek to establish an integrated framework for coordinating nuclear science, research, and technology applications in energy generation, health, agriculture, industry, and environmental management. This marks a significant milestone in Kenya's efforts to adopt clean, reliable, and sustainable sources of energy while strengthening its capacity in science and innovation.

Speaking during a stakeholder validation forum in Nairobi, Principal Secretary for Science, Research, and Innovation, Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, said the policy and Bill respond to Kenya's growing energy needs and the necessity of a coherent national approach to nuclear applications.

"We must establish a robust legal and institutional framework that promotes research, innovation, and the industrial application of nuclear science in a safe, secure, and peaceful manner," said Prof. Shaukat.

He noted that the proposed Kenya Atomic Energy Agency (KAEA) will serve as the central coordinating body for all nuclear-related activities, bringing together existing institutions such as the Nuclear Power and



Principal Secretary for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Abdulrazak, speaking during the opening of the stakeholder validation exercise for the Nuclear Science and Technology Policy and the proposed Kenya Atomic Energy Bill at an event in Nairobi.

PHOTO BY DARLENE KURIA.

Energy Agency (NUPEA) and the Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority (KNRA).

The agency, he added, will ensure the harmonization of mandates, effective oversight, and alignment with international standards.

Kenya has been a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) since 1965, and according to Prof Shaukat, the establishment of the KAEA is a natural progression towards achieving the nation's ambition of becoming a regional leader in nuclear research and innovation. He added that countries

such as South Africa, Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria, and Morocco already operate atomic energy authorities or commissions that coordinate peaceful nuclear programmes, offering Kenya a tested model to emulate.

The draft policy defines four broad objectives: the establishment of a sustainable nuclear power programme, strengthening safety and regulatory infrastructure, promotion of non-power nuclear applications, and development of skilled human resources through a robust local industrial base. Prof Shaukat underscored

that the framework will not only strengthen regulatory and safety systems but also promote greater public understanding of nuclear science, which remains widely misunderstood.

"We must demystify nuclear science and technology. The public needs to know that nuclear applications go beyond electricity generation, they contribute to food security, cancer diagnosis and treatment, clean water management, and industrial growth," he explained.

He cited examples of how nuclear techniques have already been used in Kenya to develop drought-resistant crops through mutation breeding, monitor soil and water use efficiency, and extend the shelf life of agricultural produce through irradiation and other preservation methods.

In health, nuclear technology has been instrumental in expanding access to cancer treatment and diagnostics at major facilities such as Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital, and new centres in Mombasa, Nakuru, and Garissa.

The draft Bill provides for the establishment of a governance structure for the KAEA, including a Board of Directors, the appointment of a Director-General, and recruitment of technical and professional staff.

It also proposes that all nuclear-related projects in the country be registered with the agency to enable coordinated monitoring of safety, security, and safeguards in line with Kenya's international obligations.

Mangrove revival in Majoreni breathes life into local livelihoods

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

The Majoreni Mangrove restoration initiative in Kwale County is transforming both the local ecosystem and community livelihoods, with women taking the lead in reviving degraded coastal forests.

Led by the Pongwe Kidimu Community Forest Association (CFA), the project is rehabilitating vast stretches of mangroves that had been destroyed by unsustainable harvesting and climate-related impacts.

According to CFA Chairman Mshemanga Hamis Riziki, popularly known as Matata, the group composed mainly of women has been replanting mangroves with support from the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA).

"The restoration of mangroves not only protects our coastline from strong winds and erosion but also provides breeding

grounds for fish, which boosts our local fishing economy," said Riziki.

The Majoreni project stands as a model of community-driven ecosystem restoration where environmental recovery, women's empowerment, and climate resilience converge to sustain both people and the planet.

Through a powerful collaboration between KPA and the Pongwe Kidimu CFA, the coastal landscape through community-led mangrove restoration has been restored while improving local livelihoods.

Riziki said the community has already planted thousands of mangrove seedlings on previously degraded sections of the coastline with funding and technical support from KPA.

"KPA bought 10,000 mangrove seedlings from us, and the money we received helped families buy food and pay school fees," he said, adding that the



Pongwe Kidimu Community Forest Association members assess a mangrove rehabilitated section in Majoreni, Kwale.

PHOTO BY CHARI SUCHE

initiative has proven that environmental conservation can sustain livelihoods.

The partnership has also introduced improved planting methods. Previously, the community relied on traditional techniques, but with KPA's support, they have adopted nursery-based seedling propagation, which ensures higher seedling survival rates.

Despite the progress, the CFA acknowledges that the scale of degradation in Majoreni remains vast. Riziki said that while KPA's contribution has had a major impact, the area is large and

requires stronger support from more stakeholders.

He appealed to other conservation groups, corporate entities, and government agencies to join hands with the community, noting that restoring the coastline demands collective effort.

"Today, the once-degraded mangrove ecosystem in Majoreni is showing visible signs of recovery serving as a wind-breaker, a nursery for fish, and a source of pride for a community that has learned that restoring nature also restores dignity," he said.

Ministry takes Kenya's foreign policy to the grassroots

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs has rolled out a countywide initiative to deepen citizens' understanding of Kenya's foreign policy and diplomatic agenda.

Dubbed Kenya Foreign Policy Mashinani, the first of its kind, seeks to bridge the gap between diplomacy and devolution by linking foreign policy with county economic priorities, including trade, blue economy ventures, and diaspora investment.

Director General for Political and Diplomatic Affairs in the State Department for Foreign Affairs Ambassador Josphat Maikara said the initiative aims to break down the policy to members of the public and particularly the county governments by helping local leaders and residents understand how Kenya's international engagements can attract investors, create jobs, and boost county economies.

"Foreign Policy Mashinani is a deliberate effort to take diplomacy to the people. We want Kenyans to see the direct connection between the President's engagements abroad and development at the local level," he said.

Speaking in Kisumu on Monday during a courtesy call on Nyanza Regional Commissioner Flora Mworoa, Amb. Maikara said the Ministry targets to use the forum slated for Tuesday and Wednesday at Mama Grace Onyango Social Centre to help county governments and the private sector in the regions to translate diplomacy into development.

Amb. Maikara who is leading the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs delegation at the forum on behalf of Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Abraham Korir said Kisumu was selected for the inaugural forum because of its strategic position as a regional trade hub and gateway to the East African Community through Lake Victoria. He said Kenya's embassies abroad are being encouraged to actively market counties as investment destinations by profiling their comparative advantages from agribusiness and tourism to renewable energy and manufacturing.

"We are integrating county priorities into Kenya's foreign policy agenda. "That means when our missions abroad speak to investors, they will be guided by the unique opportunities in our devolved units," he said.

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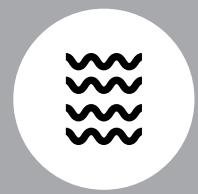
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Kitui County hosts Mashujaa Day celebrations with a focus on deepening the use of clean energy at the grassroots

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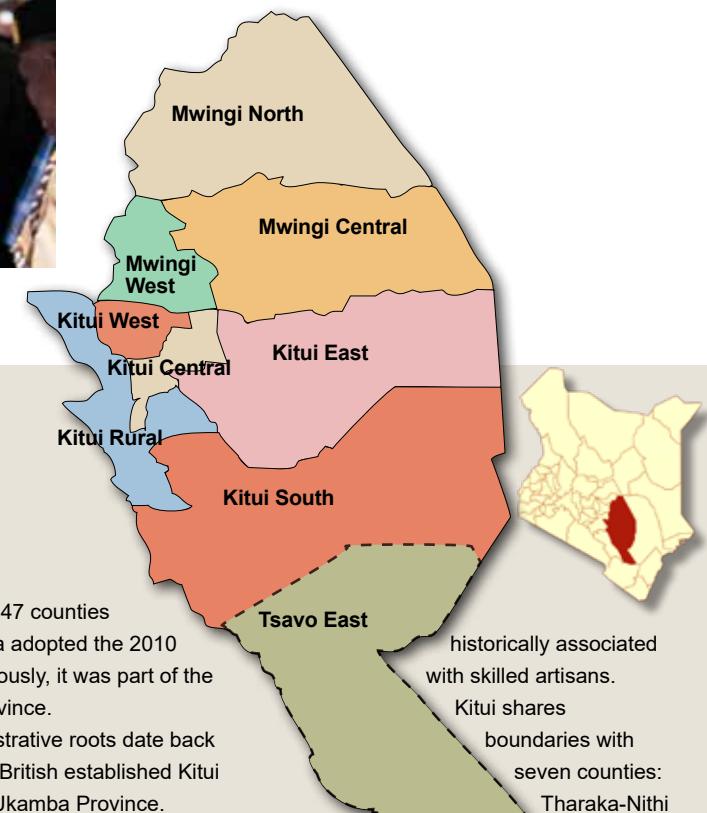
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Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen (right) and Internal Security PS Dr Raymond Omollo. The Ministry is responsible for the planning and hosting of Mashujaa Day celebrations.



WELCOME TO KITUI

Kitui builds a strong foundation of progress

Kitui County has the distinguished honour to host this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations.

This is the first time the county is hosting the event, therefore, it is a historic moment for us.

We have worked tirelessly to prepare for this day and ensure everything goes on smoothly.

The Government has improved the infrastructure of the town and across the region to ensure easy movement of people within and outside the county.

Major roads that are in top conditions include the ones linking Kitui to Machakos, Kitui to Kanyonyo and Kitui to Kibwezi.

I can confidently say that we are one of the lucky counties whose key roads are pothole free due to good maintenance.

Within Kitui Town, roads leading to major infrastructures like Ithookwe Stadium, Kwa Ngendu Affordable Housing Project and Ithookwe Airstrip have been expanded to accommodate more traffic.

The Government has refurbished Ithookwe Airstrip, constructing a new taxiway and main terminal to ensure that it accommodates larger passenger aircraft with a potential for cargo.

This strategic upgrade is expected to boost regional connectivity and unlock economic opportunities for Kitui County and its neighbouring regions.

A new State Lodge has been constructed in Kitui, marking a significant milestone in the county's growing prominence on the national stage.

Ithookwe Stadium, where the celebrations are being held, was rehabilitated and its capacity enhanced to accommodate over 10,000 people.

This is one of the most beautiful infrastructures that will transform Kitui County in the future.

Other Government projects in the region are construction of Enziu Bridge, which is ongoing, markets at Kamungo and Kagongo and affordable housing in Mutomo.

As National Government Administration



Officers (NGAO), we have deployed additional personnel to key venues, enhanced surveillance measures and established rapid response teams to address any emerging concerns.

Our goal is to create a secure and welcoming environment where everyone can fully participate in the Mashujaa Day celebrations without fear or disruption.

The county is immensely endowed with various resources. In tourism, we urge our guests to visit places such as Nzambani Rock, Eco Park, Iko Valley, Ikutha AIC where the first Church in Kenya is located and Mutomo Hill Plant Sanctuary and Reptile Park, among others. Economically, we practice livestock keeping, apiculture, we grow green grams, engage in wood carving, basketry and mining.

Socially, Kitui County boasts a rich heritage that is deeply rooted in the traditions of the Akamba people.

The region is known for its vibrant music, dance and storytelling, all which are being showcased. These cultural expressions are more than just entertainment, they are a living testimony of Kitui's identity, values and resilience. I invite you to sample and enjoy them.

Enjoy your stay in Kitui. It gives us a sense of fulfillment to host the 62nd national Mashujaa Day celebrations.

Mr Kipchumba Ruto, County Commissioner, Kitui

INFOBOX

Know the County in a minute

Kitui is among the 47 counties formed after Kenya adopted the 2010 Constitution. Previously, it was part of the larger Eastern Province.

The area's administrative roots date back to 1895, when the British established Kitui District under the Ukamba Province.

Long before colonial times, the Kamba people who lived in the region were known for their exceptional craftsmanship especially in ironwork, producing items such as hoes, knives, arrowheads and bangles.

The name Kitui originates from the Kamba word *Kutw'a*, which means "to make" or "to mould." The term *Kitui* or *Kitui*, therefore, refers to a place where moulding takes place, a fitting name for a region

historically associated with skilled artisans. Kitui shares boundaries with seven counties: Tharaka-Nithi and Meru to the north, Embu to the northwest, Machakos and Makueni to the west, Tana River to the southeast and Taita-Taveta to the south. It covers an area of approximately 30,430km² and has an estimated population of 1.25 million people. The county boasts striking landscapes, rolling hills, scenic rock formations and valleys that offer great potential for hiking, exploration and tourism development.

National Leaders



National Security Advisor to President William Ruto: Monica Juma



PS Livestock Development: Jonathan Mueke

County Leaders



Senator: Enoch Kiio Wambua



Governor: Julius Malombe



Deputy Governor: Kanani Augustine Wambua



Women Rep: Irene Muthoni Kasalu

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Hon. Edith Nyenze, Kitui West



Hon. Gideon Mulyungi, Mwingi Central



Hon. Paul Nzengu, Mwingi North



Hon. Charles Ngusya Nguna, Mwingi West



Clean energy is a catalyst for our development

As we gather here at Ithook-we Stadium to celebrate Mashujaa Day today, I am proud to be a son of this county.

This is a moment of immense honour, not just for me as the Governor, but also for every resident of Kitui County.

For the first time, Kitui is the stage upon which we pay tribute to our heroes, and I am deeply humbled that our people, our culture and our achievements are being recognised at the national level. Hosting these celebrations, therefore, as a county is a powerful affirmation of our growing role in shaping Kenya's future. The theme

of the event, which focuses on energy as a driver of economic and social development, could not be more fitting.

In Kitui, energy is not just a utility; it is the heartbeat of our development agenda. We have embraced energy innovation as a tool for empowerment, inclusion and progress.

From solarising boreholes and health facilities to lighting our towns and trading centres with solar-powered security lights, we are demonstrating how energy transforms lives.

Our County Energy Plan (CEP) was among the first of its kind in

the country. It maps out our energy needs and identifies viable solutions such as e-cooking, briquettes and biogas. This plan has guided our investments and attracted partners who share our vision for clean, affordable and reliable energy.

To date, we have solarised over 30 boreholes across Kitui, providing clean water to more than 3,000 households. We have equipped 11 health facilities with solar power, ensuring uninterrupted service delivery in rural areas. Through partnerships with the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC), Kenya Electricity Transmission Company

(KETRACO) and Kenya Power under the Last Mile Project, 8,000 households have been connected to the national grid, with 11 more projects underway in areas like Kiasa, Ngomano, Kalimenza, Tiva and Kwa Vonza. Kitui's potential as a renewable energy hub is unmatched. With year-round sunshine and vast coal deposits in the Mui Basin, we are positioning ourselves to power not only our county but contribute meaningfully to Kenya's energy needs.

To achieve this, we are pursuing strategic partnerships to establish a coal-fired power plant, large-scale solar farms, and clean cooking

initiatives. Plans are also underway for a 4MW hydropower plant in Athi and a 40MW solar plant in Kanyonyoo.

These investments are creating jobs, driving industrial growth and building a future where every Kitui resident can thrive.

As we honour our heroes today, let us remember that heroism is not confined to the past. It lives in our present efforts to transform lives, uplift communities and build a self-reliant future.

Happy Mashujaa Day to you all.

Mr Julius Malombe,
Kitui Governor

Heroes Day: Their legacies live on

Day to honour the men and women whose deeds, sacrifices, resilience and vision have shaped the country's journey

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Every year on October 20, the country gathers to celebrate Mashujaa Day; a national holiday dedicated to honouring heroes and heroines whose sacrifices and contributions have shaped the nation.

From freedom fighters to innovators, artists to athletes, educators to civil servants, Mashujaa Day is a moment to reflect on the courage, resilience and vision of individuals who have shaped Kenya's journey through sacrifice and service.

Originally known as Kenyatta Day, the holiday was first declared in 1963 following independence. Prime Minister Jomo Kenyatta, thereafter, gazetted it in 1964 through Legal Notice 135 under the Public Holidays Act. The inaugural celebrations marked the 12th anniversary of the arrest of Mzee Kenyatta and five other freedom fighters namely Bildad Kaggia, Fred Kubai, Paul Ngei, Kungu Karumba and Achieng Oneko, whose defiance against colonial rule laid the foundation

for the country's liberation.

This year, the country marks Mashujaa Day with a profound sense of loss. Kenya, and the international community, bid farewell to one of its most influential and enduring political figures, Raila Amolo Odinga, who died on October 15, while undergoing treatment.

Indeed, Raila remains a hero whose name is etched into the soul of the nation. His courage in the face of adversity, his tireless fight for equity and his unwavering belief in the power of the people have over the years shaped the country's democratic journey.

Born in 1945, Raila was the son of the first Vice President, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga. From an early age, he was immersed in the struggle for a more equitable and democratic Kenya. His political journey spanned over 40 years, during which he endured detention without trial, political persecution and electoral setbacks, all while remaining steadfast in his commitment to democratic ideals.

Raila's role in the push for multiparty democracy in the 1990s was unmatched. He stood at the forefront of the movement that dismantled the one-party system

and ushered in a new era of political pluralism.

His ability to galvanise mass movements, articulate the frustrations of the marginalised and navigate complex political landscapes earned him admiration and mystique in equal measure, earning him the moniker - the enigma of Kenya's politics.

Whether leading opposition protests, negotiating power-sharing deals or championing constitutional reforms, Raila's presence was both unpredictable and indispensable.

In 2007, following a disputed presidential election, Raila led mass protests and called for electoral justice, culminating in a historic power-sharing agreement that saw him appointed the Prime Minister in President Mwai Kibaki's Grand Coalition Government. During his tenure, he played a key role in steering constitutional reforms that led to the 2010 Constitution, one of the most progressive charters in Africa.

The new Constitution ushered in a devolved system of government; a transformative vision for which he is widely regarded as its founding architect.

Beyond politics, Raila was a symbol of resilience, embodying the spirit of peaceful resistance and always advocating for dialogue over division, with his skills making him a towering figure on Kenya's political stage.

As we mark Mashujaa Day, Raila remains one of our foremost national heroes whose lives were dedicated to the service of the people.

His legacy is etched not only in the annals of history, but also in the hearts of Kenyans who believe in an inclusive society.

On this day, alongside Raila, we remember all other heroes whose sacrifices laid the foundation for the freedoms we enjoy today. These include heroes from Ukambani like constitutional lawyer Nzamba Kitonga, former Chief Justices Willy

Mutunga and Kitili Mwendwa and Nyiva Mwendwa, the first female Cabinet Minister, among others.

Their contributions, though varied in form, share a common thread; a deep commitment to justice, equality and national progress. Kitonga played a pivotal role in shaping Kenya's constitutional framework, while Justices Mutunga and Mwendwa upheld the rule of law and judicial independence during critical moments in our history.

Nyiva broke barriers for women in leadership, paving the way for greater gender representation in governance.

Today, as Mashujaa Day celebrations extend to every corner of the nation through county-based commemorations, they embody a deeper commitment to inclusivity, regional development and shared national pride. It is this spirit that ensures memories of heroes like Raila Odinga will remain engraved in our hearts.



The legacy of ODM leader and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga is unmatched.



RENEWABLE ENERGY



The Government has intensified generation of electricity from renewable energy resources, including geothermal, wind, hydro and solar.

Clean energy drive a heroic leap to sustainable future

Government accelerates increased power generation from sources like geothermal and launches cooking gas initiative targeting rural households

As we celebrate Mashujaa Day today, whose theme is “Transforming lives through sustainable energy solutions”, Kenya stands proud not only of its heroes, but also of its bold vision for a sustainable future.

The celebrations resonate deeply with the strides Kenya is making in clean energy access, especially for underserved communities.

From the rollout of the Gas Yetu initiative in Kitui County last week to the promotion of the use of cooking gas in schools, the country is demonstrating that sustainability is not just a policy goal, but also a lived reality for thousands of families.

These initiatives align with Kenya's ambitious target of transitioning to 100 per cent use of clean energy use by 2030. The goal is anchored in the country's rich endowment of renewable energy resources, including geothermal, wind, hydro and solar, as well as the growing adoption of clean cooking fuels through initiatives like Gas Yetu, which aims to reduce reliance on charcoal and firewood.

Geothermal accounts for 73 per

cent of Kenya's installed power generation capacity, with over 90 per cent of electricity in use coming from green sources.

The country generates over 800 (megawatts) MW of geothermal energy, but the plan is to increase this to 5,000MW by 2030.

Hydropower, with a capacity of over 820MW, was initially the cornerstone of Kenya's renewable energy sector.

Production of the power, though affected by climate change effects like drought, continues to play a vital role in Kenya's renewable energy landscape, offering reliable baseload power and complementing geothermal.

The Seven Forks Dam, along River Tana, and others like Turkwell Gorge and Sondu-Miriu remain the backbone of Kenya's hydropower.

Beyond electricity generation, hydropower infrastructure supports irrigation, flood control and rural development, making it a multifaceted asset in Kenya's sustainability journey.

The wind and solar energy sectors are also experiencing unprecedented

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The Strategy

Expanding rural electrification through initiatives like the Last Mile Connectivity Programme. Promoting clean cooking solutions such as cooking gas to reduce indoor air pollution and deforestation. Investing in green hydrogen and energy innovation, positioning Kenya as a leader in Africa's energy transition. Strengthening public-private partnerships to attract investment in large-scale renewable energy infrastructure.

growth, driven by Government's strategic investments and favourable climatic conditions.

The Lake Turkana Wind Power Project, Africa's largest wind farm, with a capacity of 310MW and produces about 17 per cent of the total installed capacity, has become a key part of the national grid.

Other wind farms in Kenya are the Ngong Hills Wind Power Station,

which has a capacity of 25.5MW, and the Kipeto Wind Power Project, which is under construction and is expected to have a capacity of 100MW.

Meanwhile, solar power is gaining momentum through both utility-scale projects and decentralised systems.

With solar energy, the country has a lot of sunshine throughout the year, making it an ideal location for solar power generation.

Solar power plants include the one in Garissa, which is the largest grid-connected solar plant in East and Central Africa, with a capacity of 55MW. There is also the Malindi plant, situated in Kilifi County, which has a capacity of producing 52MW.

Solar home systems and mini-grids are also being deployed in off-grid areas, empowering families with reliable lighting, phone charging and even refrigeration.

Power generation has increased by over 240MW, rising from 3,076MW in 2022 to 3,243MW in 2024, representing 5.4 per cent increase.

The increased production has helped to raise power connection to homes by 774,000 consumers from some 8.9 million homes in 2022 to over 9.6 homes in 2024, according to the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum ministry.

As the Government increases generation of clean energy, at the household level, efforts are underway to ensure that this transition is felt in everyday life.

Initiatives such as the Last Mile Connectivity Project by the Government have expanded access to electricity for millions of Kenyans.

The surge in connectivity has sparked growth in small businesses, improved learning environments for students and enhanced public health services.

As more families gain access to clean and reliable energy, the ripple effects are transforming lives and laying the groundwork for a more equitable and prosperous future.

Programmes like the recently launched Gas Yetu are expected to promote the use of clean cooking fuels to replace charcoal and firewood.

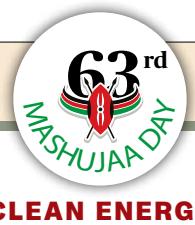
NOC Managing Director Gideon Morintat said the stockists and distributors for the Gas Yetu cylinders have been identified through a rigorous vetting process to ensure they meet set criteria, guaranteeing wide and efficient coverage.

The transformative power of Gas Yetu lies in its affordability. While a standard 6kg LPG kit (cylinder, grill, and burner) typically costs Sh5,100, the Government's intervention has slashed the price for beneficiaries to Sh1,500.

The project is being implemented across the country in all 290 constituencies.

“In a few months, the gas cylinder distribution will be rolled out nationally and this will encompass LPG for schools and houses,” Energy Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi said in Kitui.

This massive expansion is projected to be a significant boost for job creation, therefore, creating new heroes and heroines at the grassroots, who will drive the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformative Agenda.



Gas Yetu initiative targets six million households

The project is part of the broader clean energy agenda, designed to reduce reliance on traditional biomass fuels, improve public health, and promote environmental sustainability



National Oil Corporation of Kenya staff distribute Gas Yetu cooking gas kits in Kitui County after training beneficiaries.



At least six million low and middle-income households are expected to transition from the use of kerosene, charcoal and firewood to cooking gas following the launch of the Gas Yetu initiative.

The project that is being implemented by the National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOC), in collaboration with the State Department for Petroleum under the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, is designed to make clean cooking energy more accessible and affordable to households across the country.

The initiative was launched in line with the theme of this year's Mashujaa Day, which is "Transforming lives through sustainable energy solutions".

Across the country, millions of low and middle-income households rely on firewood, charcoal and kerosene as their primary cooking fuels.

These fuels not only contribute to deforestation and environmental degradation, but also serious health risks due to indoor air pollution.

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) notes that the heavy reliance on solid fuels exposes



Mr Mohamed Liban, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Petroleum



Mr Alex Kamau, Principal Secretary, State Department for Energy



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needs of low-income households by providing affordable access to clean cooking fuel, thereby improving public health, reducing environmental degradation and

plans to increase per capita LPG consumption from 6.5kg to 15kg, signalling a nationwide commitment to cleaner, safer and more efficient cooking solutions.

Beyond improving public health and environmental outcomes, the initiative is expected to stimulate economic growth by creating jobs and empowering Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) throughout the LPG distribution chain, starting from manufacturing and logistics to retail and maintenance.

Distribution of the gas is managed through youth and women's groups, who serve as retailers and distributors within their communities.

The groups are supported by NOC, which provides logistical assistance and handles repairs for faulty cylinders.

To ensure safety and consistency, the Gas Yetu cylinders are refilled at designated points and exchanges with other brands are not permitted.

The introduction of Gas Yetu is part of the bottom-up transformation as Kenya works to 100 per cent transition to use of clean energy by 2030.

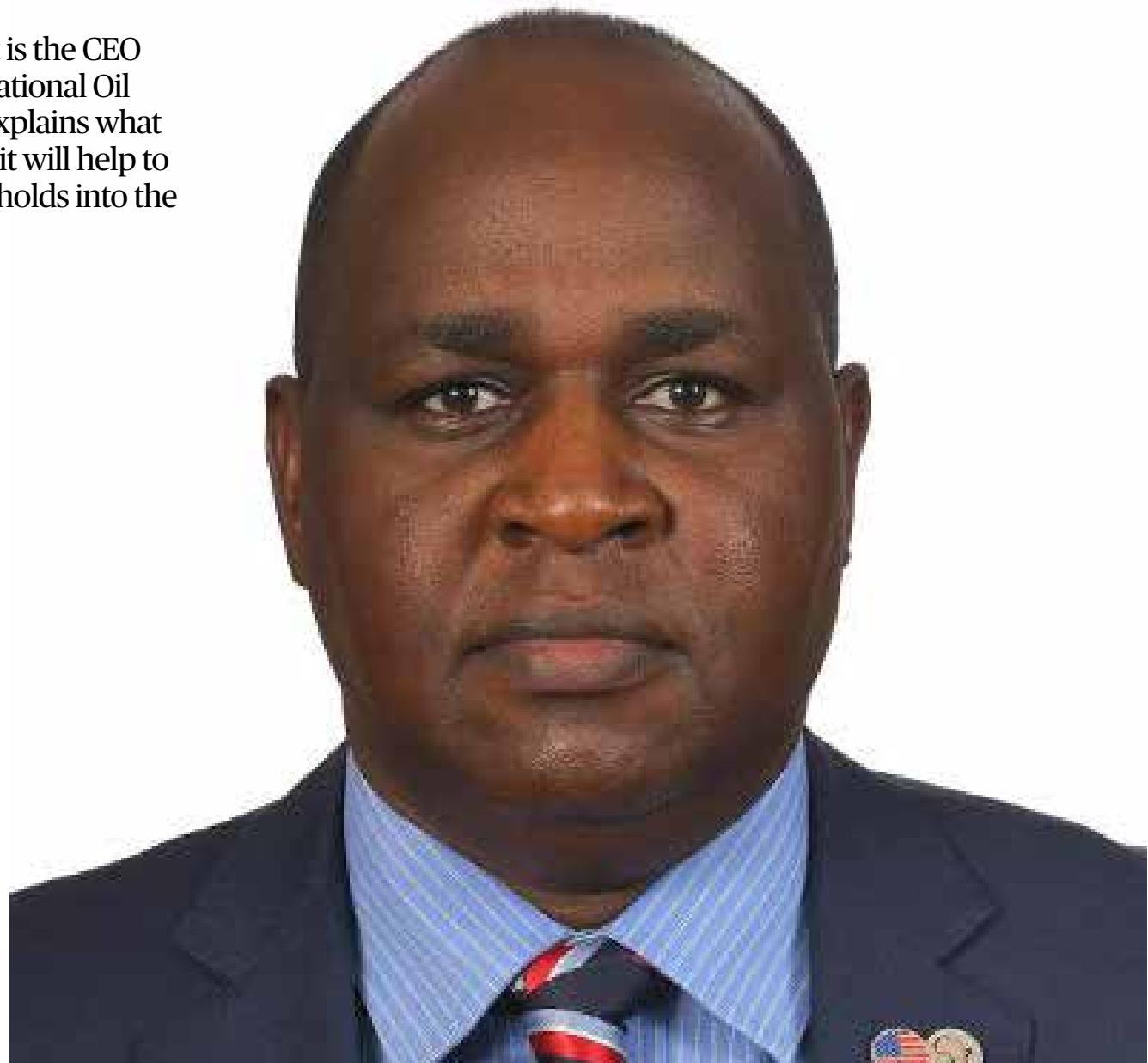
The aim of the project is to raise LPG penetration from the current 10 per cent to 70 per cent by 2028. Further, the Government



INTERVIEW

Gas Yetu powering use of clean cooking energy, one cylinder at a time

Mr Leparan Gideon ole Morintat is the CEO and Managing Director of the National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOC). He explains what Gas Yetu initiative entails and how it will help to push millions of low-income households into the use of clean energy



Tell us about Gas Yetu and the role NOC plays in the initiative

This is a National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOC) initiative to enhance LPG penetration in the country and ensure universal access to the gas by low-income households.

The project is based on discounted LPG cylinder filled with gas, burner and grill. The Gas Yetu programme aims to make clean, safe and affordable cooking gas accessible to 70 per cent of households in Kenya. This will reduce reliance on charcoal, kerosene and firewood, fuels that are costly in the long run, harmful to health and destructive to the environment.

NOC has initiated the distribution of 24,000 cylinders in all the eight constituencies in Kitui, because the county is among those with high use of charcoal.

How can a household enroll in the initiative?

NOC is carrying out identification, registration and vetting of Gas Yetu programme beneficiaries in all constituencies. Beneficiaries are enrolled through a thoroughly established process by NOC clerks and appointed distributors in all eight constituencies.

One accesses the starter kits (6kg cylinder, burner and grill) at a subsidised price of Sh1,500. Are there plans to bring the cost down as well as that for refilling to make the gas more accessible?

Yes. There are plans to ensure the price of refilling the cylinder is very competitive as per the prevailing market dynamics.

How does the initiative fit into Kenya's overall clean energy goals?

Gas Yetu project aims to expand access to clean energy in underserved regions, therefore, promoting the use of clean energy solutions that significantly ease the burden of cooking for families and individuals who have historically been priced out of LPG usage.

The programme aims to transition six million low and middle-income households from kerosene, charcoal and firewood to cleaner, safer Gas Yetu by 2028.

This aligns seamlessly with the national aspirations, as outlined in Vision 2030, and advances the journey towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 on Affordable and Clean Energy.

The initiative targets to boost entrepreneurship at the grassroots, especially among young people. Tell us about this and how can one enroll

This programme emphasizes inclusivity, focusing on empowering women, youth and marginalised groups, thus fostering economic resilience at all levels of society. NOC will establish a distribution network in every constituency. The programme will have an LPG distributor in every constituency who will work with

at least 100 resellers. LPG distributors and resellers are from women and youth groups.

What measures has National Oil put in place to ensure the safety and quality of LPG cylinders distributed under the Gas Yetu programme?

Safety is at the centre of all NOC's operations including the Gas Yetu programme. Every kit is KEBS-certified and complies with LPG and petroleum safety standards. Also, NOC ensures that all beneficiaries are trained in safe usage, storage and handling. NOC is acutely aware that clean cooking must also be safe cooking.

What is the projected impact of Gas Yetu on reducing reliance on woodfuel among low-income households?

Gas Yetu aims to make clean, safe and affordable cooking gas accessible to 70 per cent of households in Kenya. This will reduce reliance on charcoal, kerosene and firewood, fuels that are costly in the long run, harmful to health and destructive to the environment. At the same time, Gas Yetu is available to all Kenyans seeking a cleaner, safer and more reliable energy source for cooking.

The project is introducing affordable 6kg cylinders and working with local distributors and resellers to cut down transport and middleman costs. By lowering the

entry cost, families can easily begin using LPG without a heavy financial burden.

What role does Gas Yetu play in advancing the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)?

The Gas Yetu initiative is well aligned with the Government's bottom-up agenda (BETA). The socio-economic impact of the Gas Yetu initiative will have far-reaching effects: reduced household costs, improved health outcomes, the creation of thousands of jobs across the LPG value chain, and a marked decrease in deforestation and greenhouse gas emissions.

Importantly, this programme emphasizes inclusivity, focusing on empowering women, youth and marginalised groups, thus fostering economic resilience at all levels of society.

What are the plans for scaling up Gas Yetu beyond Kitui county, and is NOC prepared to handle the surge in demand?

After the official launch and distribution of 24,000 filled 6kg LPG kits to registered households in Kitui County, Gas Yetu initiative will progressively be expanded across the entire nation. NOC will put adequate measures in place to handle the expected surge in product demand during and after the nationwide rollout.



Most households in the rural areas rely on firewood and charcoal for cooking. However, Gas Yetu drive is set to change this.

CLEAN ENERGY

Better times as cooking gas replaces charcoal, firewood

The shift is reducing indoor air pollution, easing the burden on forests and improving the health and safety of users

In the villages of Kitui County, a quiet transformation is unfolding, where biomass sources of fuel are being replaced by cooking gas following the launch of Gas Yetu initiative.

Households that once relied on smoky firewood and costly charcoal are now enjoying cleaner, safer and affordable cooking gas, with the Government through the National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOC) having supplied them with 6kg cooking gas.

For many residents, this shift isn't just about convenience but dignity, better health and economic relief. Patricia Mbundo, 50, is among the 24,000 beneficiaries of Gas Yetu initiative, which is being implemented in all the eight constituencies in Kitui County.

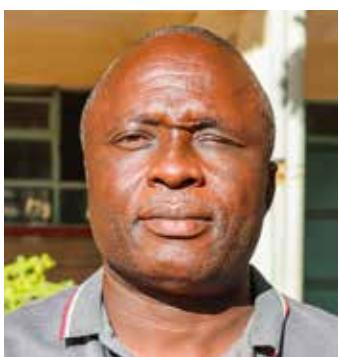
Each beneficiary gets a complete gas cylinder with grill and burner at a cost of Sh1,500.

Mbundo said she was trained on how to safely handle gas at home. "I am grateful to the Government and the National Oil Corporation for subsidising the cost of gas and making it readily accessible and affordable," she said.

She noted that using cooking gas saves time, as she no longer has to search for firewood.

Joshua Mutua, 24, a community nursing student at Thika Medical College, said the cooking gas could not have come at a better time.

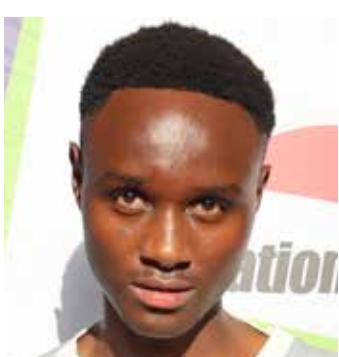
"I stay alone in Kitui Town and



Martin Mutua



Patricia Mbundo



Joshua Mutua, student.



Margaret Mutia

cook my own meals. I have been using charcoal but with the cooking gas, my life has improved," said Mutua, who comes from Kitui Rural Constituency.

Mutua explained that he now cooks his meals faster and uses the time he saves for his studies.

"I am happy that I have ditched fossil fuels and I am doing my part to reduce the effects of climate change by embracing cooking gas," he said, adding that as compared to charcoal, which goes for Sh100

a 2kg tin, gas is cheaper.

To benefit from the project, he said he started by registering, paid Sh1,500 for the cylinder, burner and grill and was trained on usage before he received his kit.

For Martin Mutua, 50, a Nyuma Kumi elder, the initiative is a great relief. "I heard about Gas Yetu initiative from my MP. His office called me and asked that I register as a beneficiary," said Mutua.

Mutua, who lives with disability, said he was excited to learn that

he had been shortlisted among the first 3,000 beneficiaries from Kitui Central Constituency.

Like many people in his community, he has been using firewood all his life due to lack of enough resources to purchase cooking gas, especially the hardware - cylinder, grill and burner.

He pleads with the Government to roll out the initiative all over the country to reach those that cannot afford to buy gas.

In Kyalilini village, the cooking gas is changing the life of Margaret Mutia. The 53-year-old peasant farmer is among the first beneficiaries of the gas, an initiative she believes will redefine the well-being of her family and her community.

"The use of firewood causes tearing and I have learnt that it has other long-term health complications," she shared.

Beyond the physical discomfort, she was troubled by her role in the environmental degradation through the continuous use of firewood. Her journey to a cleaner kitchen began at a chief's baraza, where she learned about the initiative and was registered.

"With the gas selling at Sh1,500, I can afford to be a proud owner of a complete 6kg gas cylinder," she added. Having started using cooking gas, she looks forward to healthier days, envisioning the ease of warming breakfast for her children without smoke.

Framework

Policy outlines NOC's role in Kenya's clean energy drive

National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOC) is a central player in the Government's push to expand access to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) across the country, as outlined in the National Petroleum Policy 2025.

The policy, developed by the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, positions NOC as a crucial institution in the downstream petroleum sub-sector, with a mandate to enhance LPG infrastructure, promote clean cooking solutions and support national energy security.

NOC is tasked with spearheading initiatives such as the Clean Cooking Gas (CCG) programme, which aims to install LPG infrastructure in public learning institutions.

This also includes the provision of "seed gas", consisting of 6kg cylinder, burner and grill for households.

NOC is also providing cooking gas tanks to kick start usage of the fuel in schools, therefore, reducing the reliance on biomass fuels.

The policy also emphasizes NOC's role in development of LPG infrastructure. Under this, NOC is expected to invest in common user LPG facilities, including bulk storage and distribution terminals, to improve supply reliability and reduce costs.

NOC's other role is the stabilisation of the market to help cushion consumers from price volatility by participating in the Open Tender System (OTS) and maintaining strategic reserves.

NOC is further expected to play a key role in public awareness and education campaigns aimed at increasing LPG use and adoption.

These campaigns will target households, institutions like schools and hospitals and small businesses, highlighting the health and environmental benefits of transitioning from traditional biomass fuels to cleaner alternatives.

The drive will demystify LPG usage and address safety concerns, fostering a culture of clean energy consumption that aligns with the country's climate commitments and public health goals.

The policy further envisions NOC as a catalyst for innovation in the LPG value chain by supporting local manufacturing of LPG accessories, encouraging entrepreneurship in distribution and retail and leveraging digital platforms for efficient delivery and monitoring. Through strategic partnerships with County Governments, private sector players and development agencies, NOC is positioned to unlock new opportunities for job creation and inclusive growth, aligning with the broader goal of economic development.


JOB CREATION


A dealer distributes cooking gas cylinders in Kitui County.

Business opportunities through Gas Yetu dealership

Model invites local businesses to become key players in the distribution of the LPG solutions, with each dealer employing four people

Gas Yetu initiative is opening up new business opportunities in the rural areas as the National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOC) works with various dealers to ensure the fuel reaches everyone.

Through a structured dealership model, NOC, for instance in Kitui County, is working with stockists and distributors to deliver the subsidised LPG kits to households.

This growing energy network is not only widening access to affordable clean fuel, but also driving job creation and stimulating local entrepreneurship.

Following a vetting process, NOC nominated one primary dealer in each of the eight constituencies in Kitui County.

The financial proposition for the dealers is that each has invested in an initial stock of 3,000 complete 6kg gas cylinder sets. A set includes the cylinder, gas, a burner and a grill.

The dealer buys from NOC at Sh1,300 per set and resells to consumers at Sh1,500, providing a profit margin of Sh200 per unit sold. After the initial stock is distributed, NOC will supply an additional 500 cylinders to meet refill demand, with the refill

pricing being determined by the prevailing market rate.

The official launch for the Kitui County pilot took place last Friday at the Kitui Teachers Training College and was presided over by President William Ruto.

The event triggered the distribution of the first 24,000 cylinders (3,000 per dealer) to beneficiaries across the county.

The success of the initiative in Kitui is critical as it serves as a pilot for a much larger national programme. NOC currently holds over 300,000 Gas Yetu cylinders in depots across the country, ready for a nationwide rollout once the model works.

The economic impact of this initiative extends beyond the dealers themselves. Each dealer is expected to generate local employment by hiring workers who include a clerk, a truck driver, a loader and a rider, creating at least three to four jobs per outlet.

To ensure the gas is accessible even in remote areas, NOC has also certified a network of over 50 resellers in each constituency. This multi-tiered distribution model reduces transport costs for end-users, creates more micro-enterprises and deeply

embeds the initiative within the local economy.

Sophia Mulyungi, the owner of Sosabe Enterprises located in Kitui Town, is one of the dealers working with NOC.

"NOC provided comprehensive training on safety measures, proper cylinder handling and inventory management to ensure we never run out of stock," Sophia explained.

She noted that the initiative is a dual opportunity for her; first to grow her business and two, support her community's transition to cleaner energy.

"People here have relied heavily on firewood and charcoal, which we now know is harmful to our health and the environment. We are excited to be at the forefront of this positive change, promoting a healthier lifestyle for our families," she noted, adding that her Gas Yetu depot is located within the County Commissioners' offices for security of the cylinders.

Through Gas Yetu, the Government is not just distributing cylinders, but also igniting a wave of local entrepreneurship, creating jobs, and paving the way for a cleaner, healthier Kenya.

Powering schools and colleges with clean energy

The Government is actively transitioning schools and public institutions from traditional biomass fuels to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

The national initiative seeks to address the heavy reliance on firewood and charcoal, which has had severe consequences for both Kenya's forests and the health of students and staff in the learning institutions.

The Ministry of Education reveals that over 90 per cent of schools still rely on biomass fuels for cooking, a dependency that consumes over 10 million trees annually, contributing to declined forest cover.

President William Ruto in December 2024 officially launched the LPG for

school initiative at Jamhuri High School in Nairobi, marking a concrete step towards a cleaner future. The pilot project successfully installed LPG infrastructure in 20 schools, including at the Kitui Teachers Training College.

Schools are being equipped with LPG "bullets" (storage tanks), installed in pairs to ensure a consistent supply. At Kitui teachers college in Kitui Central Constituency, the Government has installed storage tanks with a capacity of two tonnes at a cost of Sh6 million.

The ultra-modern LPG system has come with immediate advantages such as improved kitchen infrastructure, a significant reduction in harmful pollution and a decrease in smoke-related (lung) infections.

The elimination of smoke in kitchens protects staff from respiratory illnesses and creates a cleaner, safer environment for students.

The LPG transition for schools directly supports Kenya's key global and national commitments, including Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) on Affordable and Clean Energy, which focuses on ensuring access to affordable, reliable and sustainable and modern energy for all and

Sustainable Development Goal 13 (SDG 13) on Climate Action, which addresses the urgent need to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions, promoting renewable energy and enhancing resilience to climate-related disasters.



National Oil LPG cooking gas storage tank at the Kitui Teachers Training College.



HOUSING AGENDA

Hope, jobs as Kwa Ngendu housing project takes shape

The initiative is not only addressing the urgent need for decent shelter but also creating jobs and stimulating the local economy



The Affordable Housing Project in Kitui Town, which is under construction with expected completion in February 2026.

The hum of construction and the promise of renewal are transforming the arid terrain of Kitui County as the Government rolls out its affordable housing programme at Kwa Ngendu, bringing hope, jobs and modern living.

What was once a quiet stretch of land is now alive with activity, with workers and machinery shaping a new chapter for Kitui Town.

Foundations are being laid not just for the two blocks of buildings at the site, but the opportunities created, with each brick symbolising progress towards dignified living.

Kwa Ngendu Affordable Housing Project, which broke ground in August 2024, has 166 housing units located in two blocks - A and B, and is earmarked for completion by February 2026.

Site Manager David Mwalai said the most immediate impact of the Sh400 million initiative has been on local employment.

"Since the project started, we have worked with at least 70 to 200 skilled and unskilled workers at the site," he said.

The skilled workers include masons, plumbers, carpenters and electricians, all sourced from Kitui.



Stephen Mutuku, mason



Nancy Mwanzia, helper

"Food and water vendors have also benefited from the project, creating a ripple effect in the local economy," he added.

The project's commitment to local sourcing extends beyond labour. Mwalai said construction materials like cement and iron bars are procured locally, ensuring the project's financial investment circulates within the community. The site is also self-sufficient, featuring a borehole that feeds a massive 460,000-litre underground tank, a powerhouse, a gatehouse and a parking area.

Future tenants can look forward to amenities like a play area and shops in Block A.

While the construction site

remains male-dominated, with a men-to-women ratio of 90:10, the project is breaking barriers by actively employing Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), including two deaf labourers.

Stephen Mutuku, 38, a resident of Kitui East, is one of the workers at the site. Mutuku said he has worked at the site since construction started in 2024 and this has helped him cater for his needs as well as improve his skills.

"I can now feed my family and pay school fees for my children without having to worry where the money will come from," he said.

"Many people were jobless and would indulge in petty theft and

Decent homes

The houses, numbers and costs

The 166 units are designed to cater to a range of income levels, making homeownership a reality for many. The units are as follows:

- a) Social Units
 - i. One room, nine units going at Sh640,000
 - ii. Two rooms, 16 units going at Sh960,000
 - iii. Three rooms, nine units going at Sh1.28 million.
- b) Affordable Housing

- i. Studio units, 18 units going at Sh1 million.
- ii. Two-bedroom units, 42 units going at Sh2 million.
- iii. Three-bedroom units, 18 units going at Sh3 million.
- c) Market Units
 - i. Two bedrooms, 27 houses going at Sh3.6 million.
 - ii. Three bedroom, 27 houses going for Sh4.8 million.

drugs such as alcohol and cigarettes due to idleness. But now they are able to work and earn a decent living here," he added.

Having started as a casual labourer, Mutuku has since trained to become a mason. Empowered by his new skills, he has brought about 20 other young people from his village to join the project.

For Nancy Mwanzia, 24, from Migwani in Kitui County, the construction site is not just a workplace; it's a stepping stone back to her education. A secretarial student who dropped out of college due to lack of fees, she has been working as a casual labourer at the site since 2024.

"I am saving what I earn so that I can go back to college to finish my studies," she shared. "I am now able

able to assist my parents and siblings to cater for their needs."

As one of the few women at the site, her experience has been positive. "My male colleagues have been very supportive of me and the other women," she said.

Asked about the challenges, she doesn't shy away. "Construction work is hard," Mwanzia admitted. "But because I have a goal of going back to school, I keep pushing myself."

Her message to other jobless youth is powerful: "Youths wajitume na wasichague kazi".

As the structures of Kwa Ngendu project rise towards the sky, so do the hopes and ambitions of the young people it employs.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Piped LPG gas a boost to affordable housing initiative

The affordable cooking gas project follows a successful pilot project undertaken by NOC in South B estate where 72 units were connected to piped gas. The initiative is complementing the Government's broader agenda to uplift living standards through its low-cost housing programme.

The synergy between housing and energy reforms reflects a holistic approach to development; one that prioritises health, sustainability and affordability.

Across the Government-built affordable housing estates, besides the standard connections for water and electricity, the developers are integrating a new utility known as gas reticulation.

This network of underground pipes delivers clean cooking gas directly to households, turning a national strategy into a tangible benefit for families.

The integration of gas reticulation into the houses is not only modernising domestic infrastructure but also redefining everyday convenience for residents.

Families moving into the homes will, therefore, experience a seamless transition to clean energy, with cooking gas available at the turn of a knob, eliminating the need for bulky cylinders or reliance on polluting fuels.

The innovation is impactful for urban dwellers and low-income households, who would enjoy safer kitchens, reduced fuel costs and improved health outcomes. This initiative is a direct implementation of the Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy (KNCTS) 2024-2028, which targets universal access to clean cooking.

For residents, the impact is immediate. The system eliminates the need for LPG cylinders, significantly cutting household energy costs.

The convenience is also a game-changer. Instead of worrying about the "last-mile distribution" of the essential commodity, families now have a constant, reliable gas supply.

David Mwalai, the site manager at the Kwa Ngendu Affordable Housing Project in Kitui Town, which will provide 166 homes, said the building design includes specific provisions for LPG gas ducts.

To enhance safety, each house is fitted with an automatic leakage detector, a key improvement over the risks associated with counterfeit cylinders. This provides a safer, cleaner energy option for daily use, aligning with the Affordable Housing Programme's goal of providing dignified living spaces. The environmental and health gains are profound. The KNCTS notes that transitioning to clean cooking could avert health complications and premature loss of life.

As the Government pushes on with the model, the country is setting a precedent for inclusive urban planning that places people and the planet at the centre of development.

Looking ahead, the success of gas reticulation in affordable housing estates could serve as a blueprint for future infrastructure projects across Kenya.



The 10,000-seater capacity Ithookwe stadium stands as a testament to the Government's commitment to investing in sports.

From the echoes of freedom fighters to the aspirations of today's changemakers, Ithookwe now serves as a national stage where Kenya honors its past and inspires its future.

This year's Mashujaa Day celebrations mark a historic double milestone for Kitui County, as the national fete is not only being held in the devolved unit for the first time, but it also coincides with the unveiling of the ultra-modern Ithookwe Stadium.

The 10,000-seater capacity stadium stands as a testament to the Government's commitment to investing in sports infrastructure, and, more importantly, in the counties as part of the Bottom-up Economic Transformative Agenda (BETA).

The construction of Ithookwe Stadium, which commenced in June 2025, has been a story of steady and determined progress.

The completed terraces, the elegant VIP lounge and the intricate network of access roads and pedestrian walkways stand as a testament of the Government's commitment to development.

The grass, meticulously weeded, graded and levelled, awaits the thunder of sporting activities, while the roofing over the terraces promises shade for thousands of cheering fans.

During a recent inspection visit, the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports, Salim Mvurya, affirmed the stadium's readiness to host national events and its role in nurturing local talent.

"This much-awaited facility was built to international standards, cementing its role not just as a county asset, but as a key player in Kenya's sporting future," he said.

The project comes hot on the heels of Kenya's successful co-hosting of the CHAN 2024 finals and is a critical pillar in the preparations for the upcoming AFCON



Mr Nzamba Kitonga, Constitutional lawyer who helped draft 2010 Constitution.

2027, which the country will co-host with neighbours Uganda and Tanzania.

Dr Raymond Opollo, the Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration, said during an inspection of the facility that the project "reaffirms the Government's continued investment in sports infrastructure."

During its construction, the stadium provided valuable jobs for local engineers, artisans like masons and plumbers and their helpers.

The facility now opens vast new opportunities in sports tourism, hospitality and trade. Hotels, restaurants and local businesses are poised to thrive as the stadium hosts various events, boosting the regional economy and creating sustainable revenue streams for the people of Kitui long after the national celebrations have concluded.

To guarantee access and proper utilisation of the facility, the Kenya Urban and Roads Authority (KURA) has



Ms Nyiva Mwendwa, who was the first female Cabinet Minister.

constructed and upgraded several roads leading to the stadium, easing.

The local community has embraced the stadium. Taking up the challenge from Mr Mvurya to utilise the facility, the Kitui-based football club, FC Dynamo, will play against AFC Leopards in what is expected to be a thrilling match, right after the national celebrations led by President William Ruto.

The match symbolises the stadium's primary purpose, which is to nurture local talent and provide a platform for athletes to shine in both local and national competitions.

As we honour our heroes, Ithookwe Stadium stands as a tribute to them. It is a monument to the modern day shujaa, the engineers who designed it, the workers who built it, the leaders who envisioned it and the community that supported it.

Its journey from a blueprint to a national stage mirrors the very essence of Mashujaa, the spirit of collective achievement and patriotic dedication.



DIGITAL SUPERHIGHWAY

Kitui savours faster internet as Government expands broadband connectivity

Leap in digital infrastructure a major stride towards bridging the connectivity gap and empowering residents to thrive in new world



Nicholas Babu, the Kitui ICT officer for the ICT Authority inside the County Data Centre.

The Government has made significant progress in the expansion of the digital superhighway in Kitui County, ushering in a new era of faster internet in the region.

The expansion is part of the national agenda to enhance broadband connectivity across the country, boosting access to education, healthcare and e-commerce services as well as employment opportunities for the youth.

Nicholas Babu, the Kitui ICT officer for the ICT Authority, said at least 280km of fibre optic cable has been laid out, linking the county with the rest of the country. "We have Kitui-Kibwezi fibre optic line, covering a distance of about 140km with termination points at Ikutha and Mutumo serving Government offices and residents," he said.

The Thika East-Mwingi fibre optic line, similarly, stretches for about 140km, and serves over 47 public facilities, including schools, hospitals and Government offices.

Babu observed that besides the fibre optic cables, the Government is further delivering internet in Kitui Town using Kenya Power infrastructure.



Information, Communications & the Digital Economy CS William Kabogo.

"We are laying out the cables in cooperation with Kenya Power to deliver internet to 50 institutions including technical training colleges, schools and Government offices," he said.

To complement the internet connections, the Government has built a state-of-the-art data centre in Kitui Town, designed to enhance digital infrastructure and support the growing demand for connectivity and data services. The facility serves as a backbone for secure data storage

and connectivity, ensuring that institutions across the region access critical digital resources.

Babu noted that free public Wi-Fi has also been installed in markets in Mutomo, Kitui Town and Mwingi. In Kitui Town, he explained that the Wi-Fi at the bus park serves over 2,000 people daily. When it comes to digital skills training, the county has a number of Jitume and Ajira facilities. Tseikuru National Polytechnic is among facilities



ICT and the Digital Economy PS Eng. John Tanui.

hosting Jitume centres, each with about 50 computers.

Similarly, there are four Ajira Digital Centres located in Mutomo, Migwani and Kanyonyo, while digital hubs have been established in four constituencies namely Kitui West, Kitui Central, Matinyani and Kabati.

A Studio Mashinani facility established in the town provides a creative space for youth to produce music, podcasts and other multimedia content.

Equipped with modern recording equipment and supported by the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, the studio empowers aspiring artists and content creators to harness their talents.

Telling the story of our heroes and progress made

Today we celebrate our heroes and heroines whose sacrifices have led to greater development of the country.

From freedom fighters who resisted the colonial rule to the unsung heroes who continue to serve in silence, Mashujaa Day is a celebration of their courage, resilience and patriotism.

Indeed, the pages of our history are filled with the names of those who envisioned a better Kenya and transformed their dreams into enduring legacies. We remember them not only with gratitude, but also with a renewed commitment to carry forward their legacy.

Further, we recognise the modern-day heroes who are driving transformation in key sectors of our economy, especially energy and broadcasting.

The energy sector is a cornerstone of our national development. It fuels our industries, powers our homes and enables innovation across every field. Kenya has made remarkable strides in expanding access to electricity, investing in renewable energy, enhancing uptake of clean cooking energy and building resilient infrastructure.

These achievements are the result of the tireless work by our engineers, technicians, policymakers, ordinary citizens and community leaders. These are our energy Mashujaa, who are lighting up the country, one connection at a time.

This transformation has brought dignity to families, opportunity to entrepreneurs and hope to students who used to study under difficult circumstances due to lack of electricity.

As we embrace clean energy and climate-smart solutions, the Government will continue to support the heroes with resources, training and recognition.

Equally important is the broadcasting and telecommunications sector, which play a vital role in shaping our national identity and driving inclusive growth. The sector is a mirror of our society; a platform for dialogue and a tool for education.

Through radio, television and digital platforms, institutions like Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board and Kenya Broadcasting Corporation keep the nation at large informed.

In times of celebrations like this, they capture the spirit of the nation, weaving together voices, memories and milestones into a shared narrative of pride and unity. With vivid imagery, powerful commentary and inclusive coverage, they spotlight the unsung heroes, amplify diverse perspectives and ensure that every Kenyan feels part of the celebrations.

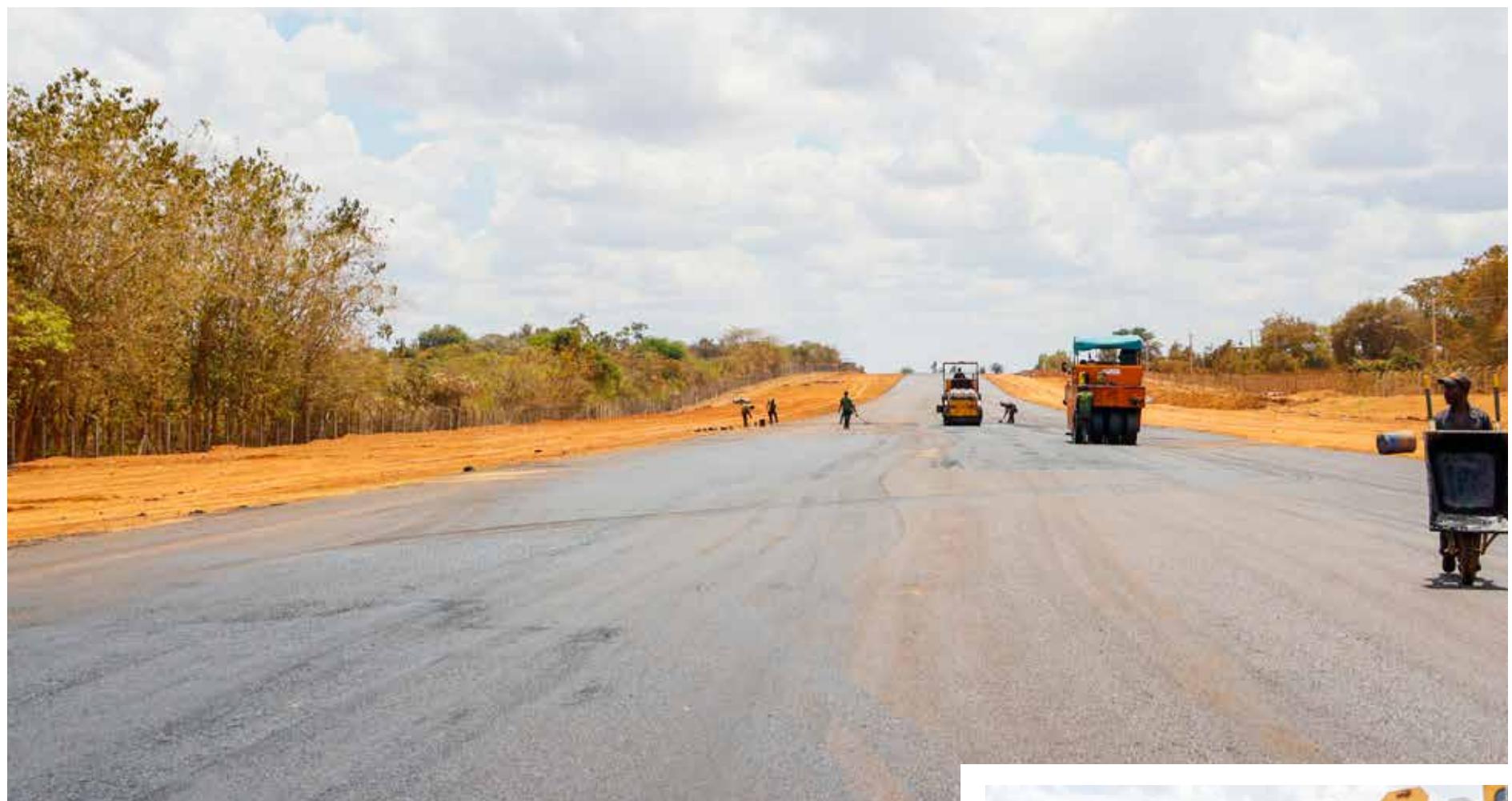
Similarly, the Government has endeavoured to enhance internet connectivity across the country through multi-agency partnerships between Kenya Power, ICT Authority and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Mr Stephen Isaboke, Principal Secretary Broadcasting and Telecommunications.





TRANSPORT



The new Ithookwe Airstrip runway that stretches 950 metres in length and 18 metres in width, a significant expansion from its previous state.

Ithookwe Airstrip gets major upgrade

The revitalisation of the strategic facility enhances air travel capacity, boosts local tourism, and strengthens emergency response capabilities

Ithookwe Airstrip in Kitui County has undergone a major upgrade, marking a significant milestone in the region's infrastructure development.

The revamped facility now boasts an extended runway, improved lighting systems, enhanced security features and a terminal, positioning it to handle increased air traffic and support both civilian and emergency operations.

The project, managed by the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA), was fast-tracked to enable it handle visitors during today's celebrations, but its benefits are designed to last long after Mashujaa Day.

The new runway stretches 950 metres in length and 18 metres in width, a significant expansion from its previous state that will allow the airstrip to handle larger aircraft than the charter flights it previously

accommodated.

Fredrick Mulaku, a Quantity Surveyor with KAA, said the project is a key part of the Government's development agenda for Kitui County.

"The upgrade of the runway and apron is crucial for hosting the guests coming for Mashujaa Day, but its purpose extends beyond that single event," Mulaku stated, adding that approximately 200 guests are expected to use the airstrip during the celebrations.

To ensure the project is completed on time, innovative construction methods are being employed.

"This is the first time we have used Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), which is being provided by the National Housing Corporation, for the construction of the new terminal. This material saves time," Mulaku explained, adding that other building materials are procured locally.

Furthermore, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), KAA has provided the local community with water tanks to address water scarcity issues.

The upgrade has created numerous employment opportunities for local residents who are providing labour at the construction site.

While the current focus is on passenger travel, with the improved runway capable of handling flights carrying up to 34 passengers, future expansions could see the facility handling cargo, further unlocking the county's economic potential.

"The new airstrip is a vital gateway. It will dramatically improve connectivity, linking Kitui County more efficiently with the rest of Kenya and the world. This enhanced access is poised to open up the county for tourism, trade and investment," stated Mulaku.



Fredrick Mulaku, the Quantity Surveyor with the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) at Ithookwe Stadium. Below, a worker in action.



The upgrade of the runway and apron is crucial for hosting the guests coming for Mashujaa Day and beyond," Fredrick Mulaku, KAA.



PICTURE SPEAK



The interchange that links Kitui Town to other regions, including Kibwezi and Thika-Garissa Road.

A worker connects internet cables at Government offices in Kitui Town.



Kitui County Commissioner Kipchumba Rono with Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board's marketing officer Hillary Mwenda who presented to him "Kenya Yearbook 2024".



A beautiful valley in Kitui County.



The Kitui County Referral Hospital.

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The number of constituencies in Kitui County.



The hidden gems of



The Nzambani Rock in Kitui County, one of the major tourist attractions. Tourists normally scale the rock to enjoy panoramic views of the town. Below: The untapped Kisou caves.

From the rugged beauty of Nzambani Rock to the magnificent landscapes of Mutomo Hills, the tranquility of the Yatta Plateau and the wildlife-rich Mwingi Game Reserve, Kitui County is a captivating destination for tourists.

Long known for its rich heritage and resilient communities, the region draws attention for its diverse array of natural attractions that offer both adventure and serenity.

What sets Kitui apart is its seamless blend of nature and culture, where breathtaking scenery meets the rich traditions of the Akamba people, with visitors enjoying music, dance and storytelling. Here is a sample of the tourism gems in the county:

Nzambani Rock

Towering 183 metres high, the iconic landmark is steeped in local folklore. Legend has it that circling its base seven times can transform one's gender. Beyond the myth, a climb to the summit rewards visitors with breathtaking panoramic views of the county.

Kabwere Musyoka, a guide at the site, said locals believe in the myth because of information that has been passed across generations.

Musyoka explained that according to the Kamba legend, at the site where the rock stands was a forest



where women went to collect firewood. One day three of them went to pick the wood and one picked a stone and carried it. The stone entered her body and she cried for help.

"Her two friends tried to save her in vain and ran back home to call for help. By the time they were returning, the woman had changed into the stone," he explained, noting that villagers make sacrifices at the foot of the rock regularly.

Ya Nzuu Rock

Neighbouring Nzambani, the sprawling Ya Nzuu rock gets its

name, "the rock of cowpeas", from its traditional use. Its broad, terraced surface was historically used for drying and threshing cowpeas, a practice that shaped its identity.

Ya Kavia Rock Art and Shrine

This site offers a sacred glimpse into the past. Adorned with ancient rock art, it was once a focal point for community rituals, where harvests were celebrated with drumming and spiritual ceremonies.

Mwingi Game Reserve

The reserve in Tseikuru is part of the 4,000km² Eastern Conservation





Kitui County



The Ikutha African Inland Church founded in the 1880s by German missionaries.

Area. It offers a pristine wilderness experience with highlights including the historic Adamson Falls Bridge and diverse wildlife such as buffalo, zebra, gazelles, giraffes and abundant birdlife.

South Kitui Game Reserve

Gazetted in 1979 and covering 1,833km², the reserve forms a critical buffer to Tsavo East National Park, the largest in Kenya. It supports conservation efforts and offers opportunities for eco-tourism and wildlife safaris.

Tsavo East National Park

Extending into Kitui, the world-famous park enhances the county's status as a gateway to one of Kenya's premier wildlife destinations. The park's rich biodiversity that include elephants, lions and rare bird species offer immense potential for community-based tourism, conservation education and sustainable livelihoods.

Mutomo Hill Plant Sanctuary and Reptile Park

This unique conservation site protects indigenous flora and provides a home for reptiles and primates. It also holds a darker

history, having once served as a colonial justice site.

Kalundu Dam Eco-Park

Located just a kilometre from Kitui Town, the serene park is the perfect escape for a picnic or nature walk, offering lush riverine vegetation and excellent birdwatching along the dam.

Ikutha African Inland Church

Founded in the 1880s, it is one of Kenya's very first churches. German missionaries of the African Inland Mission (AIM) under Johannes Hoffman established the church, which still stands to date.



It preserved original structure and accompanying cemetery mark a pivotal point in Kenya's religious history.

Ikoo Valley

Best viewed from the Kaluu viewpoint, the stunning valley in Migwani is a hub for eco-adventure, with its sandy riverbeds and sweeping vistas providing a perfect backdrop for hiking, photography, and cultural festivals.

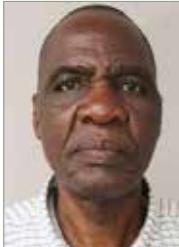
Kisou Caves

Deep within Ikutha Town in

Kitui South Constituency lies one of the county's greatest mysteries - the Kisou Caves. The caverns, approximately 80 feet deep, have been a local enigma for generations. Their true history is unverified, though the locals speculate that missionaries used them during the slave trade era. With proper development and maintenance, the mysterious caves hold immense potential to become a significant tourist attraction, offering both intrigue and a boost to the local economy.


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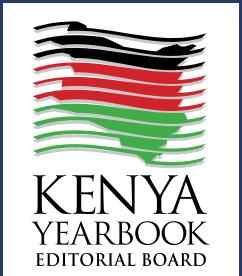
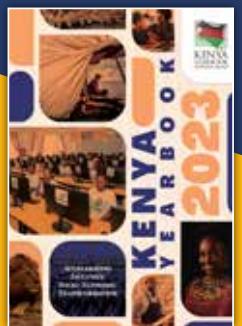
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We come together today, united as one people and one nation to commemorate Mashujaa Day; a day when we celebrate our heroes, whose courage and foresight have put the country on a path to prosperity.

Their sacrifices and determination have been the driving force behind our transformation into a vibrant and resilient nation.

From the fight for independence to the tireless efforts in nation-building, every milestone we celebrate today is a reflection of their energy, both literal and symbolic, which continues to fuel our development.

Mashujaa Day is not only a tribute to those who shaped our history, but also a celebration of the everyday heroes who energise our country's growth in governance, entrepreneurship, education, health, sports, security, tourism, religion and community service. Their contributions illuminate the country's path towards a brighter, more sustainable future.

At the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB), our mandate is to document our country's development journey and preserve the stories of our national heroes and institutions.

Through our publications that include the "Kenya Yearbook", "AgendaKenya" and the Cabinet Series, we spotlight the strides made across all sectors, reinforcing our shared aspirations and national pride.

President William Ruto's Administration, through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), has intensified investments in Agriculture, Health, MSMEs, ICT, Housing, Environment and Education, key sectors that are central in transforming the country's economy and empowering people, especially at the grassroots.

In agriculture, initiatives such as the provision of affordable fertiliser are enhancing food security as farmers adopt better farming practices, improve soil health and diversify their crops, all of which contribute to a more resilient and sustainable food system.

In education, increased enrollment in technical institutions and the rollout of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) are equipping young people with practical skills to power the future.

Healthcare has been revitalised through the Social Health Authority (SHIF), Community Health Workers, digital health and modernised hospitals, ensuring access to quality care for all.

SHIF has introduced a more inclusive and efficient model that ensures every Kenyan, regardless of income level, accesses essential medical services.

In the energy sector, the launch of the Gas Yetu initiative marks a transformative step towards cleaner, safer and more affordable cooking solutions for households. Through the initiative, the Government will reduce the reliance on traditional biomass fuels such as firewood and charcoal, which have long posed health risks and contributed to environmental degradation.

These efforts are part of Kenya's broader commitment to clean energy and environmental sustainability as the Government steps up production of electricity from cleaner energy sources such as geothermal, solar and wind.

At the same time, the digital transformation agenda is boosting innovation through public Wi-Fi,

expanded fibre networks and digital labs and youth skilling programmes.

Here in Kitui, the transformation of the county spearheaded by the Government is apparent. Newly built roads, the upgraded airstrip, the construction of a modern stadium and most notably, the launch of affordable cooking gas in line with the theme of today's celebrations, stand as a testament to the Government's commitment to inclusive development and improved quality of life.

These milestones reflect a deliberate effort to boost local economies, enhance connectivity and uplift communities, ensuring that the benefits of national progress reach every corner of the country.

As KYEB, we remain committed to documenting this progress, celebrating our heroes and inspiring future generations.

We believe that by showcasing the development of our nation, our people and our institutions, we can build a Kenya that not only honours the dreams of our forebears, but also embraces the limitless possibilities ahead.

Let us continue to work together and build our nation, Happy Mashujaa Day!

Government begins review of public service pay, allowances

BY MOHAMMED DAHIR
(KNA)

The Government has formed a task force to review and initiate the harmonization process of public servants' salaries, remuneration, allowances, and benefits, with a view to addressing existing inequalities and ensuring fairness and equity across Ministries, Departments, and State Agencies.

The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Public Service, Human Capital Development, and Special Programmes, Geoffrey Ruku, revealed that the task force will comprise representatives from the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC), the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, and the Public Service Commission.

"There is no reason why civil servants with the same qualifications, for example, in Ministries and State Agencies, should be earning different salaries. There must be equity and fairness as provided for in the Constitution. The principle of equity must be upheld," Ruku emphasized.

The CS also assured that the Government is addressing several issues affecting civil servants, including health insurance packages, workmen's compensation for occupational injuries,



National delegates drawn from all over the country led by National Chairman Alisokor Mohamed, the Secretary General Tom Odege and the National Treasurer Abdi Malik Abdalla among other officials.

and the implementation of the Public Servants' Collective Bargaining Agreement.

He noted that the Government has paid Sh4.1 billion towards the civil servants' health insurance scheme and assured that government workers will continue to enjoy sustainable health coverage. Ruku was speaking during the National Delegates Conference for Kenya Civil Servants held at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) in Nairobi. Delegates from all 47 counties converged to de-

liberate on civil service reforms, welfare, motivation, and justice as provided under Article 41 of the Constitution, and to chart the way forward on issues affecting government workers.

The CS said that establishing the task force was his moral and constitutional duty, describing pay disparities as detrimental to the morale, motivation, and overall productivity of civil servants. The CS, however, expressed concern over the issue of ghost workers, particularly at

the county governments as well as employees claiming benefits such as tax exemptions, masquerading as people with disabilities (PWDs) without following due process. Ruku warned that those culpable with such illegal claims, when caught would face dire consequences including arrest, prosecution and dismissal.

The CS assured that civil servants working in difficult areas will continue receiving their hardship allowances as well as guaranteed career progression.

Solar technology delivers vaccination refrigeration to remote areas in Nakuru

BY JANE NGUGI (KNA)

Nakuru County Government is adopting use of solar powered vaccine storage refrigerators to strengthen vaccine storage and delivery particularly in remote areas with limited or no electricity in a bid to reduce vaccine wastage.

The initiative, according to County Biomedical Engineering Officer Mr Kibet Keitany, will significantly expand storage capacity at public health facilities in hard to reach and off grid areas. Already, a Solar Drive Vaccine Fridge has been installed at Ng'ondi Dispensary in Rongai Sub-County



Biomedical Engineers from the County Government of Nakuru pose with a solar powered vaccine storage refrigerator they installed at Ng'ondi Dispensary in Rongai Sub-County.

by the devolved unit's Biomedical engineers in an exercise coordinated by Mr Keitany with support from the Ministry of Health and United Nations Children's

Fund (UNICEF).

While describing installation of the new cold chain equipment as a milestone that will significantly improve access to life-saving

immunisation services for residents of Ng'ondi and surrounding communities, Mr Keitany said the innovation ensures vaccines are safely stored at optimal temperatures without relying on electricity or fuel-powered generators.

"This equipment will provide continuous cold storage powered by solar energy, which we have in abundance. It will ensure vaccine quality as the solar-powered unit guarantees uninterrupted vaccine preservation, even in remote or off-grid areas, ensuring no child misses a vital immunization due to power outages," he stated.

BRIEFS

Ministry unveils plan to protect heritage sites from encroachment

BY SITATI REAGAN
(KNA)

The Government has announced plans to safeguard heritage sites across the country from land encroachment and grabbing through a comprehensive land titling programme.

Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Gender, Culture, Arts and Heritage, Hannah Cheptumo, said the initiative will involve collaboration between the national and county governments to preserve cultural and historical sites for future generations.

Speaking during a visit to Fort Jesus in Mombasa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 16th century, Cheptumo

said the government is committed to protecting such landmarks as part of Kenya's historical and cultural identity.

"What we see here at Fort Jesus is a result of years of preservation. The site has become both an educational and business hub where young people showcase traditional crafts and sell artefacts to tourists," she said.

The CS commended the

French government for supporting the digitalisation of the site and called for continued community involvement in conservation efforts, including tree planting to support the national goal of growing 15 billion trees by 2032. She also encouraged the promotion of Swahili food and traditions as part of cultural preservation.

"This is an important site that must be protected. We urge the county government to work with us to safeguard it. We have a duty to preserve what we found and pass it on to the next generation," she said.

On his part, National Museums of Kenya (NMK) Board Chairperson, Mr Edwin Abonyo, said the institution has embarked on titling all its heritage sites to prevent encroachment, especially in Kilifi County, where cases have been rampant.

"These are national monuments that must be protected. While we support devolution, we must be clear that national monuments such as Fort Jesus are not devolved entities," Abonyo stated.

Ministry unveils protection centre for vulnerable children in Kwale

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAH (KNA)

Principal Secretary (PS) for Children Services Carron Achieng Ageng'o, has commissioned a one-stop child protection centre in Kinango Sub-County of Kwale to provide shelter and psychological support for children facing abandonment, abuse and neglect.

PS Ageng'o said the opening of the new shelter at the Kinango police station headquarters marks a major milestone in the national government's efforts to strengthen child protection mechanisms and combat gender-based violence in communities.

She said the new state-of-the-art centre will be providing rescued children with food, health care, psychosocial and emotional support.

Ageng'o said the facility, constructed through a partnership between World

Vision Kenya, the National Government, and the Kwale County Government and the local community, will serve as a safe haven for children in need of care and protection, as well as those in conflict with the law.

She reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring that every police station in the country provides a safe and child-friendly environment.

The PS stressed on the urgent need for robust systems to be in place to protect children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, child marriage, trafficking and unsafe care arrangements. She said the new facility aims to provide a safe, child-friendly space for rescue, counseling and temporary shelter for children in need of protection.

"The new centre will enhance coordinated efforts between law enforcement and social workers" she said.