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4,000

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12

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2019

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548,000

Number of people Nyamira county has so far registered to receive mosquito nets

3.9B

Amount of money earmarked for the construction of classrooms for Junior Secondary School this financial year.

TBK boss Jacob Kamau expressed concern that this malpractice has become rampant, resulting in a loss of Sh50 billion in revenue for smallholder tea farmers in the growing regions

BY WANGARI MWANGI AND SAMUEL MAINA (KNA)

The Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) has raised the alarm about the increasing incidents of green leaf hawking in the sixteen tea-growing counties in the country.

TBK chairman Jacob Kamau expressed concern that this malpractice has become rampant, resulting in a loss of Sh50 billion in revenue for

smallholder tea farmers in the growing regions.

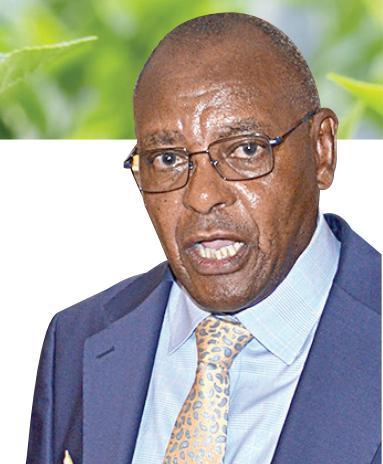
Furthermore, Kamau warned that if left unchecked, this practice, which emphasizes volume, could negatively impact the quality of tea, leading to poor absorption rates at auctions.

Consequently, the Tea Board is cautioning factories and farmers about the dire legal consequences, including the revocation of factory

licenses and a Sh100,000 fine for farmers found engaging in this malpractice.

"One of the things that hawking has created is that the quality of our tea has come down. Kenya tea sells because of the quality, yet hawking is keen on encouraging the focus to be kilos this ultimately compromises the quality," said Kamau.

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Jacob Kamau, TBK Chairman

Gov't to build 15,000 classrooms for Grade 9 learners



Education Cabinet Secretary (CS) Ezekiel Machogu. PHOTO: FILE

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A(KNA)

The Government has taken proactive steps to ensure that Junior Secondary Schools have the necessary infrastructure by 2025, when the inaugural Grade 9 class will be in Junior Secondary School.

Education Cabinet Secretary, Ezekiel Machogu stated that in this Financial Year, Sh3.9 billion has been earmarked for the construction of classrooms for Junior Secondary School.

"Additionally, the World Bank will provide a further Sh9 billion to support the construction of 9,000 classrooms. This, combined with the support from the National Government Constituency Development Fund, will guarantee that we will have the required 15,021 classrooms for Grade 9 learners by 2025," Machogu explained.

Speaking at Lenana School during the announcement of Form One Placement results, Machogu urged all Principals and Boards of Management

(BoM) to prudently use all the funds allocated to schools for their intended purposes.

"This strategic utilization will not only propel us towards achieving a 100 per cent transition but also contribute to the enhancement of the learning environment, ensuring the realization of the fundamental right to education," Machogu said.

The CS explained that the Ministry

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Tea Board of Kenya warns factories over leaf hawking

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"There are factories which have lost between three to five million kilos but in total, when you look at the loss particularly for the small-scale farmers, we are talking about Sh53.5 billion in value being lost by the farmers," he added.

Green leaf hawking is illegal according to Section 6(4) of the Tea Act of 2020. Provisions of the Act prohibit a farmer from selling green leaf to any person other than the tea factory where they are registered. Similarly, a tea factory can only buy green leaves from its registered tea growers.

Under the regulations, if a farmer sells tea to another factory where they are not registered the penalty is Sh100,000 or six months in prison. And if a factory buys tea from a farmer who is not registered under the factory, the fine is Sh5 million or three years in jail.

The vehicle which has been transporting the tea can also be forfeited to the state according to the regulations.



Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) chairman, Jacob Kamau (centre) during a press briefing on the sidelines farmers' engagement forum at the FK resort in Nyeri county. Left is TBK Chief Executive Officer, Willy Mutai and Nyeri County Commissioner Pius Murugu (right).

"We are trying to enlighten the farmers and those factories that are taking this tea so that they understand that what is happening is an offence," the chairman said.

"The government is giving farmer subsidies for fertilizers and so it will be unfair for the farmer to receive fertilizer from the government and the factory and then deliver their

produce to somebody else. And these are some of the areas we are talking to the farmers about so that we can get a way forward," Kamau stated.

A survey conducted by the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) across its seven regions showed that a total of 200 million kilograms of green leaf were hawked in 2021.

Gov't to build 15,000 classrooms for Grade 9 learners by next year

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of Education is undergoing a paradigm shift in its education system that has seen the gradual phasing-out of the 8-4-4 system and bringing in the 2-6-3-3-3 system popularly known as CBC.

"The shift from the 8-4-4 system to the CBC system marks a significant step forward in our educational landscape. It reflects our commitment to fostering a well-rounded education that goes beyond examinations, placing greater emphasis on competencies, skills, and holistic development of learners.

The new system, whose implementation started in 2017 will see its first cohort join Grade 8 in Junior School in January 2024 and Grade 9 in 2025," Machogu explained.

He said that in line with the recommendations of the Presidential Working Party on Education Reform, Grade 8 and Grade 9 of Junior School will be hosted in existing primary

schools.

"It is to be noted that 93 per cent of the submissions received by the Working Party from various stakeholders recommended that Junior Schools be hosted in existing primary schools. Only five per cent

plained.

The CS said the selection for Senior School will be based on three pathways that will take into consideration learners' abilities, interests, and career choices.

"The three pathways in Senior School will be Social Sciences, Arts and Sports, and Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)," he said.

The CS explained that each pathway will offer a unique set of subjects and learning experiences that align with specific career paths.

"In this regard, the Senior School guidelines for placement will be ready by April 2024 and BOMs are expected to prepare for implementation of the CBC curriculum," he said.

The shift from the 8-4-4 to the CBC system marks a significant step forward in our educational landscape - CS

He continued, "As we move forward, we continue to work on the implementation of the various recommendations that the Working Party made, for the effective implementation of CBC.



LAKE BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited from eligible suppliers/firms for the supply & delivery of goods, works & services to the Authority for 2024 & 2025 for the categories of goods & services as listed in our website www.lbda.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke

CATEGORY A:	REGISTRATION FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS
CATEGORY B:	REGISTRATION FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES
CATEGORY C:	REGISTRATION FOR DELIVERY OF WORKS

1. Tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions shall be downloaded from the Lake Basin Development Authority website www.lbda.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.
2. Completed tender documents should be marked "**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOODS, SERVICES & WORKS FOR 2024-2025**" and appropriate tender number addressed to;

**The Managing Director
Lake Basin Development Authority
P.O. Box 1516 -40100
Tel: 020- 2023414, E-mail: info@lbda.go.ke
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or be deposited in the Tender Box situated in the Authority's Boardroom Kisumu on or before **31st January 2024 at 10.00 AM**

3. Registration documents shall be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the prospective bidder(s)/representative(s) who choose to attend at LBDA Headquarters.
4. All candidates whose applications will be received shall be advised in due course, of the results of their applications
5. Special Groups include the Youth, Women and Persons with Disability who have been duly registered with the National Treasury and they **MUST** show proof of registration by providing the requisite certificate of registration.



REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE (CARBON MARKETS) REGULATIONS, 2023

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry notifies the General Public that a Regulatory Impact Statement on the Draft Climate Change (Carbon Markets) Regulations, 2023 has been prepared to assess the impact of the Regulations on the public.

The Draft Regulations are made by the Cabinet Secretary pursuant to Sections 23A (2), 23E (9) and 23I of the Climate Change Act, 2016 and they operationalize salient provisions of the said Act. The objectives of the Draft Regulations are to:

- (a) provide a framework for implementation of carbon market projects;
- (b) create incentives and implement initiatives to support Greenhouse Gas emissions reduction and removal targets in line with Nationally Determined Contributions; and
- (c) provide guidance on the annual social contribution for carbon market projects.

This is therefore to request the public and all persons likely to be affected by the Draft Regulations to submit written memorandum on the Draft Regulations to reach the undersigned within Twenty Eight (28) days from the date of publication of the Gazette notice.

The hardcopies of the written memoranda may be submitted to the Office of the Principal Secretary, State Department for Environment and Climate Change, NHIF Building, Ragati Road, P.O. Box 30126-00100, Nairobi. Soft copies of the written memoranda may also be submitted to psoffice@environment.go.ke with a copy to carbonmarketsregulations2023@environment.go.ke.

The Regulatory Impact Statement, the Draft Regulations and template for submitting comments are available on the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry's website: www.environment.go.ke.

Further, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry invites members of the public to a virtual public meeting on 2nd February, 2024 from 8am to 5pm. A link will be shared on the Ministry's website and social media platforms ahead of the meeting.

**Hon. Soipan Tuya, E.G.H
CABINET SECRETARY**

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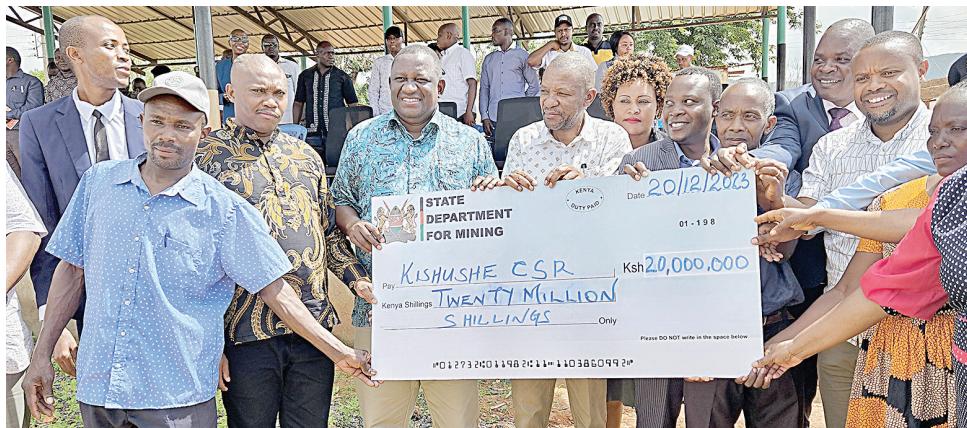
BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA (KNA)

Counties rich in minerals are poised to receive a windfall following the government decision to allocate Sh2.9 billion for disbursement as mining royalties to the devolved units.

Salim Mvurya, the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, announced that these funds have been earmarked for the 2023/24 financial year. They will be distributed to the counties to supplement their revenue from the exchequer as an equitable share.

The Cabinet Secretary made this announcement while addressing the community in Kishushe village, Wundanyi, Taita-Taveta County. He presided over the issuance of a Sh20 million Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) cheque to support development projects in the area.

This amount is part of a Sh30-million fund that a local iron ore investor is obligated to provide to the



Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, Salim Mvurya (third left) flanked by PS State Department for Mining, Elijah Mwangi (second left) hands over a Sh20 million dummy cheque to Taita Taveta County Governor Andrew Mwadime (fourth left) and other county and national assembly leaders as part of CSR efforts by an ore-mining company at Kishushe.

community as part of their CSR initiative. The aim is to foster development and back other progressive projects initiated by the community. Mvurya said an audit was conducted in 2016 for all mining companies that have been remitting their royalties to the government.

After calculations from revenue received from the mining firms in 32 counties, the government settled on Sh2.9 billion that would

be plowed back into those counties.

"We have set aside Sh2.9 billion where royalties from the mining activities have been collected," said Mvurya.

Taita-Taveta County will receive Sh55 million from this amount, with a handsome portion of the share expected to go to development activities in communities in and around mining zones. The CS further dis-

closed that the Ministry had developed regulations and a revenue-sharing framework that will guide and inform modalities of sharing royalty monies with local communities. Mvurya was accompanied by Principal Secretary - the State Department for Mining Elijah Mwangi, Taita Taveta Governor Andrew Mwadime, Deputy Governor Christine Kilalo, and Wundanyi MP Danson Mwashako.

ture, technology, and infrastructure development.

Through this initiative, KenInvest aims to create an enabling environment for businesses to thrive and contribute to Kenya's sustainable development goals.

This ambitious plan will be accomplished through a strategic focus on six Key Result Areas (KRAs): Investment Promotion and Attraction, Integrated Investment Facilitation and Aftercare Services, Research and Policy Advocacy, Transformation of the Investment Promotion Agency, Strengthening the Legal and Regulatory Framework for Investment Promotion.

The launch of the Strategic Plan follows the publication of a draft investment promotion and facilitation bill by KenInvest, which is now open for public participation.

This move demonstrates the government's commitment to creating an enabling environment for investment in the country.

The ambitious plan aims to improve Kenya's investment climate and attract both domestic and foreign investments, further driving economic growth and job creation in the country.

It places a strong focus on key sectors such as manufacturing, agricul-



INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Power invites tenders from interested bidders for provision of the following:-

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	MANDATORY SITE VISIT	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP6/5C/OT/03/23-24	Proposed Construction and Civil Works at Taveta Depot – Coast Region	Tuesday 09.01.2024	Thursday 18.01.2024 From 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. (Taveta Depot)	Thursday 01.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/023/ICT/23-24	Supply, Installation and Configuration of Large Format Screen, Industrial PC and Working Tool	Wednesday 10.01.2024	N/A	Wednesday 24.01.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.3/OT/27/23-24	Supply of Insulators and Low Voltage, Medium Voltage & High Voltage Line Accessories	Thursday 11.01.2024	N/A	Tuesday 30.01.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
4.	KP1/9A.2/OT/045/SS/23-24	Re- Advertisement Proposed Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Electronic Security Systems in Selected Substations, Commercial Offices & Depots Companywide	Wednesday 10.01.2024	Pre-Bid Meeting Not applicable Mandatory Site Visit for Bidder Who Did not Visit the Site for the Previous Tender Tuesday 16.01.2024 – Friday 19.01.2024 From 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (Nairobi, Coast, Mt. Kenya, North Eastern, Western, Central Rift, North Rift, and South Nyanza Regions)	Wednesday 31.01.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be obtained from the Kenya Power website (www.kplc.co.ke) from the dates shown above.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

KWS is inviting interested and eligible national candidates to tender for the following:

NO.	TENDER REFERENCE NO.	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY	BID SECURITY	CLOSING DATE
1.	KWS/ONT/SEC/78/2023-2024	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPO RATION ITEMS (RE-TENDERING)	RESERVED TO YOUTH, WOMEN & PWD	N/A	WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2024 AT 11:30AM E.A.T
2.	KWS/ONT/ADM/79/2023-2024	PROVISION OF CLEANING AND SANITATION SERVICES	RESERVED TO YOUTH, WOMEN & PWD	N/A	MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024 AT 11:30AM E.A.T
3.	KWS/ONT/ADM/80/2023-2024	PROVISION OF GROUND MAINTAINANCE SERVICES	RESERVED TO YOUTH, WOMEN & PWD	N/A	MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024 AT 11:30AM E.A.T

Tender documents containing detailed specifications and requirements can be downloaded for free at the KWS website; www.kws.go.ke and Public Procurement Information Portal; <https://www.tenders.go.ke/website>; Interested candidates may seek further information from the Procurement office at KWS Headquarters between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during weekdays, Tel. 020-2379407-15 Cell: 0726610508/9, or email: hps@kws.go.ke.

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

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for Tender Numbers KWS/ONT/ADM/79/2023-2024 and KWS/ONT/ADM/80/2023-2024 to be held on 17th January 2024 at 1000Hrs at KWS Vet Board Room.

The completed bids in plain sealed envelope marked with tender reference number and tender name, shall be deposited into the Tender Box located at the entrance of Main Reception, KWS Headquarters, Langata Road P.O. Box 40241, Nairobi as dates indicated above. The tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders' representatives who wish to attend at KWS Vet Board Room.

Further information is available at www.kws.go.ke and PPIP portal; <https://www.tenders.go.ke/website>

Director General



CS calls for urgent NHIF accreditation for more primary health facilities

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The National Health Facility Census (2023) has revealed that 40 per cent of all facilities in the country are accredited by the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) with government Level Two facilities being the highest topping at 57 per cent.

Health Cabinet Secretary Ms Susan Nakhumicha said, NHIF accreditation varied across the counties with only 10 counties having more than half of their facilities accredited, while 12 counties had less than 25 per cent of their health facilities accredited.

"There is an urgent need to accredit all health facilities with NHIF, especially

primary health facilities," Nakhumicha said.

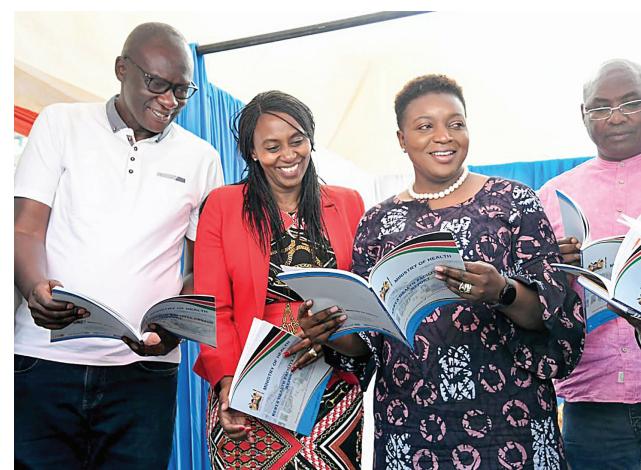
Speaking at Afya House when she officially launched the Kenya Health Facility Census Report, 2023, the CS said the census targeted 14,366 health facilities and 14,883 facilities across all counties were fully assessed translating to 104 per cent coverage.

Public, private, faith-based, or non-governmental organizations health facilities accounted for 47 per cent, 46 per cent and eight per cent of the assessed health facilities respectively. All Level Six facilities were government-owned while most of Level 4 (49 per cent) and Level 5 (44 per cent) were privately

owned," the CS said.

Nakhumicha disclosed that the census was undertaken in the month of August 2023. The Facility Census, 2023 aimed at providing baseline information on service availability, readiness of health facilities to deliver services, availability of human resources and health infrastructure across all health facilities and in turn provide a framework to inform investments to address critical gaps in health service availability and readiness.

"The Kenya government has committed to the implementation of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through Primary Health Care as one of the prior-



(L-R) Acting Director General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, Public Health and Professional Standards PS Ms Mary Muthoni Muriuki, Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha and Medical Services PS Harry Kimtai at Afya House during the official launch of the Kenya Health Facility Census report 2023. PHOTO: JOSEPH NG'ANG'A.

ity agenda. Determining the level of availability and readiness of health facilities to offer services, as well as the quality of care across the sector is paramount in planning for UHC implementation," the CS said.

"Our attention as a Min-

istry is drawn to the recent remarks by the Rural Private Health Facilities Association (RUPHA) concerning the delayed payments of claims," she further said.

She explained that NHIF has contracted 8,000 hospitals and 80 per cent of

these are comprehensive. On average NHIF processes over 4,000 transactions per month and pays out an average of Sh3 billion per month.

"We appreciate the understanding and patience of all parties involved during this challenging period. Rest assured, we are actively addressing the concerns raised and remain committed to ensure services remain uninterrupted. Sh3 billion will be paid before the end of the year," the CS said.

As we head into the festive season, the CS called on all Kenyans to prioritize their health and safety by driving safely on the roads and celebrating healthily with their loved ones.

"Let us make healthy choices in our celebrations, choosing nutritious meals and engaging in physical activities. I encourage all of us to maintain proper hygiene, sanitation," said the CS.

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TENDER NOTICE

Welthungerhilfe is implementing Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) funded project, which is co-financed by Tana River County Government in Tana River and Tana Delta Sub-counties of Tana River County dubbed "Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Program", supported by the Royal Embassy of Denmark through DANIDA. The Programme is aimed at Increasing community resilience and adaptation to climate change through sustainable, peaceful use of natural resources including improved access to water and sanitation services in the target ASAL Counties.

Welthungerhilfe in Kenya hereby invites interested, experienced, reputable, and licensed contractors to submit sealed bids for the following tenders with closing dates of **24th January 2024 at 11.00 am**. Late offers will not be accepted.

No	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY SITE VISIT DATE
1.	WHH/OT/KEN 1231/SPR15510/001/2023-2024	Proposed Drilling and Development of 1no. Borehole at Golbanti	17 th January,2024 TIME 10.00AM
2.	WHH/OT/KEN 1231/SPR15510/002/2023-2024	Proposed Drilling and Development of 1no. Borehole at Tarasaa.	LOCATION: CHIEF'S OFFICE TARASAA
3.	WHH/OT/KEN 1231/SPR15510/003/2023-2024	Proposed Construction of Hurara Water Pan (30,000m ³) at Gubani.	
4.	WHH/OT/KEN 1231/SPR15511/001/2023-2024	Proposed drilling and development of 1no. borehole at Vukoni.	18 th January,2024 TIME 10.00AM
5.	WHH/OT/KEN 1231/SPR15511/002/2023-2024	Proposed Construction of Wenje Water Pan (30,000m ³) at Bula Wenje.	LOCATION: CHIEF'S OFFICE WENJE

Tender Documents are available Free of Charge to all qualified bidders and can be requested from Welthungerhilfe and Tana River County through www.tanarivercounty.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke respectively. Bidders who may want to obtain further information or seek clarification can do so by sending an email to the address sarah.maiyo@welthungerhilfe.de.

SUBMISSION AND CLOSURE PERIOD

Completed Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be submitted in two 1-Original and 1-copy clearly marked "**DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 24th JANUARY 2024**" showing the Tender Ref. No. delivered to the **tender box at Welthungerhilfe offices located at Hola NIA Irrigation Scheme Complex, Next to Judiciary Law Courts**.

All documents should be addressed to:

**THE AREA MANAGER
WELTHUNGERHILFE
P.O. Box 149-70101
HOLA**

KENYA VISION 2030

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

1. CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION;

Tender No	Tender Description	Tender Security (Ksh)	Tender Opening/ Closing
10000001019	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Electronic Documents, Record Management Systems and Bulk Fillers	Kshs. 1,050,000.00	31/1/2024 at 10.00 am

2. Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers registered as repairers and garages specializing in engine, body and electrical works in motor vehicles. Tenderers will be allowed to tender for many regions.

3. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday in Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation Offices situated in Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor.

4. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>.

5. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

6. Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid as stipulated in Tender Document.

7. All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security of **Ksh 1,050,000.00** in form of bank guarantee.

8. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.

9. Completed tenders must be delivered to Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation electronically through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> on or before **31st January,2023**.

10. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.

11. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below and the results relayed electronically.

12. Late tenders will be rejected.

13. The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents
For hand Courier, Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke

Address for Submission of Tenders: Online Through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>
Address for Opening of Tenders. Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, online system

Name: Dr. Rose N. Mkalama
Designation: Chief Executive Officer
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION & RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

KENYA VISION 2030

PS encourages Maa community to enroll more youth in TVETs for brighter future

BY DIANA MENETO(KNA)

Internal Security and National Administration Principal Secretary, Raymond Omollo, has urged the Maasai community to enroll their children in Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) courses available in the country.

Dr. Omollo mentioned that the government has implemented several measures, including the construction of TVETs, to ensure that all students acquire skills that will help them support themselves in the future.

"It is not mandatory for everyone to have a degree. There are numerous courses that one can pursue in technical colleges, enabling them to be self-sufficient."

The government has constructed TVETs all over the



The Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration Dr Raymond Omollo addressing parents and students in Meto, Kajiado Central during a youth mentorship meeting organized by the area MP Memusi Kanchori. PHOTO COURTESY

country so that those who have not secured university grades can pursue technical courses and gain skills such as masonry and oth-

ers," said Dr. Omollo. He emphasized the role of education in shaping the destinies of the youth and their communities. "A student

who has scored D in this area, is equal to the one who has scored a C in another area since they undergo a lot of challenges, and the government takes note of that. If you have scored a D in KCSE, please enroll for a certificate course, then proceed for a diploma and degree course but do not stop learning," he said.

Dr Omollo urged parents to take care of their children to avoid teen pregnancies which later lead to early marriages.

The PS emphasised that children under 18 years of age should be in school rather than being married off. Dr Omollo addressed the parents and students in Meto, Kajiado Central during a youth mentorship meeting organised by the area MP Memusi Kanchori.

Egerton University and Maa community restore vital river source

BY ANN SALATON(KNA)

Egerton University is set to hand over the rehabilitation site at Entiyian catchment area, one of the sources of the Njoro River, to the Narok County Government after conserving it for eleven years.

The University Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Research, and Extension, Prof. Bernard Aduda, said the institution has been spearheading the rehabilitation efforts since 2012, addressing the negative effects of the degradation of the river that had adversely affected communities in Narok and Nakuru counties," he said.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor who doubles as the Chair of the Mau-Egerton University Cross Country was accompanied by Prof. Charles M'Erimba and Institution's communication manager Agnes Murugi.

North Sub County, and reclaimed a section of the river at a dumpsite in Njoro Sub County.

The university, he said, will be handing over the two sites to the respective county governments for future management and conservation.

"The rehabilitation was necessitated by the need to address the negative effects of the degradation of the river that had adversely affected communities in Narok and Nakuru counties," he said.

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TOURISM

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

TENDER INVITATION NOTICE

Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, State Department for Tourism invites qualified tenderers who will supply the following goods: -

S/No.	Tender No.	Description	Eligibility	Closing Date
1.	SDT/04/2023-2024	Design, Printing, Supply and Delivery of wall and Desk Calendars	Open Tender	Wednesday 24 th January 2024, at 11.00 a.m.

The State Department invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for the above tender.

Interested eligible bidders may download a complete set of tender documents from State Department for Tourism website: www.tourism.go.ke or public procurement information portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Tenderers who download the document should register with the Department through Email: Procurement@tourism.go.ke to access any clarifications or addendum issued.

Completed tender documents for Design, Printing, Supply and Delivery of Wall and Desk Calendars should be submitted accompanied by an original copy of a Tender Security/Bid Bond issued by a reputable Commercial Bank or an approved Insurance Company by Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the amount of **KES 200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Shillings only)**.

The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.

Completed Tender Documents, both Original and a copy in plain sealed envelopes, marked Tender Number SDT/04/2023-2024 Design, Printing, Supply and Delivery of Wall and Desk Calendars, bearing no indication of the tenderer should be addressed to: -

**THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TOURISM
P.O. BOX 30027-00100
NAIROBI**

and be deposited in the Tender Box on 8th Floor at the Tourism Fund Building, Nairobi, so as to be received on or before **Wednesday, 24th January, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.** Submitted bids will be opened publicly in the 9th Floor Boardroom, Tourism Fund Building, soon after the above stated closing date and time in the presence of the tenderers or their respective representatives who chose to attend.

Late tenders will be rejected.

Prices quoted must be net inclusive of VAT and all Government Taxes, in Kenya shillings and must remain valid for one hundred and forty (140) days from the opening date of the tender.

Address for obtaining further information on the tender is Procurement@tourism.go.ke and Tourism Fund Building, Nairobi, 8th Floor, Room 820.

**THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TOURISM**



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY

Tender Notice

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

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/NCB-029/2023-2024: Supply, Delivery, Implementation, Commissioning Maintenance and Support of Application Programming Interface (API) Management Platform for a period of Three (3) Years (Readvertisement)	OPEN	18 th January, 2024 11.00 AM VIRTUAL	31 st January, 2024 TIMES TOWER
KRA/HQS/NCB-030/2023-2024: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Batteries for Data Centre UPSs for a period of One (1) year.	OPEN	16 th January, 2024 11.00 AM VIRTUAL	25 th January, 2024 TIMES TOWER
KRA/HQS/NCB-031/2023-2024: Provision of Maintenance Services for a Baggage Scanner at JKIA T1E for a period of Three (3) Years.	OPEN	16 th January, 2024 11.00 AM VIRTUAL	24 th January, 2024 TIMES TOWER

Kenya Revenue Authority Pension Scheme

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/NCB-028/2023-2024: Provision of Pension Scheme Administration Services to Kenya Revenue Authority Staff Pension Scheme.	OPEN	17 th January, 2024 11.00 AM VIRTUAL	30 th January, 2024 TIMES TOWER

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

Deputy Commissioner - Supply Chain Management

Times Tower Building, 21st Floor,

P.O Box 48240- 00100 GPO,

Tel. +254709 012353

Nairobi, Kenya.

website: www.kra.go.ke

Email: eprocurement@kra.go.ke

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Last cruise ship of season docks in Mombasa with 859 visitors

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

The tourism sector in the Coast region received a major boost during the Christmas and New Year festivities as the cruise ship "Mv Bollete," carrying 859 tourists, docked at the port of Mombasa. The Mv Bollete is the sixth and last cruise ship to dock at the port of Mombasa this season. A section of the tourists embarked on various travel expeditions, with some heading to Shimba Hills, Tsavo, and Diani, while others chose to explore Mombasa city.

Addressing the media after receiving the tourists at the Kenya Ports Authority Cruise terminal in Mombasa, the Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) Acting Chief Executive Officer, John Chirchir, said that the visit presents an opportunity for the six coastal counties to work together to capitalize on the cruise ship tourism sector.

"We are seeing an opportunity for the Jumuia ya Kaunti za Pwani (JKP) to work together to tap into the business of cruise tourism," said Chirchir.



Tourists who arrived aboard MV Bolette being entertained by traditional dancers in Mombasa.

Chirchir said that KTB is working round the clock to revive cruise tourism in Kenya hinting that campaigns were going on to attract more vessels to Kenya.

"There is a lot of marketing going on and we expect to receive about 13 ships by April next year," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the KPA Managing Director Captain William Ruto, the KPA General Manager Cargo Operations Dr. Sudi Mwasinago said that the port plays a pivotal role in reviving

the cruise ship business in Kenya.

Mwasinago said that KPA is at the center of the business and the port plays an interface role between land and sea for the vessels.

"Our role is to support and facilitate this type of business because it is good for the port because we are gaining through the charges. The county, the country is gaining and the economy is getting boosted," said Mwasinago.

He said that what cruises

are doing to the port is invaluable adding that for the last year, the port received six cruise ships and they expect more next year.

Mombasa County Trade, Tourism, and Culture Executive Mohammed Osman hailed the coming of the vessel as a mark of confidence that Mombasa remains the preferred tourist

destination for both local and international tourists.

The city is flocking with tourists during this festive season with thousands thronging beaches and other tourist sites within the city.

The refurbished Mama Ngina Waterfront Park is currently playing host to the Mombasa International Fes-

tival which began on Christmas Day and will go all the way to December 31.

"The Mombasa County Government will continue working closely with KPA and other stakeholders in the tourism industry to ensure that we revamp our city as the number one leading tourist destination in Kenya," said Osman.



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EXAMINATIONS NOTICE - APRIL 2024 EXAMINATIONS

Students of Kasneb, parents, sponsors, guardians, training institutions and other stakeholders are hereby notified that the April 2024 examinations will be administered over a period of **five (5) days, from Monday, 22 April 2024 to Friday, 26 April 2024**. The specific dates and other additional information are availed below:

1. EXAMINATION DATES

The examination dates for the April 2024 examinations are as follows:

(a) **Monday, 22 April 2024 and Tuesday, 23 April 2024**

- (i) Diploma in Data Management and Analytics (DDMA)
- (ii) Diploma in Computer Networks and Systems Administration (DCNSA)

(b) **Monday, 22 April 2024 to Thursday, 25 April 2024**

- (i) Certificate in Accounting and Management Skills (CAMS)
- (ii) Accounting Technicians Diploma (ATD)
- (iii) Certified Public Accountants (CPA)
- (iv) Certified Secretaries (CS)
- (v) Certified Investment and Financial Analysts (CIFA)
- (vi) Certified Credit Professionals (CCP)
- (vii) Certified Information Systems Solutions Expert (CISSE)
- (viii) Certified Forensic Fraud Examiner (CFFE)
- (ix) Vocational Certificate Courses: (VCEI), (VCGD), (VCICS) and VCBCT
- (x) Certified Procurement and Supply Professional of Kenya (CPSP-K)
- (xi) Associate in Procurement and Supply of Kenya (APS-K)
- (xii) Certified Quality Professional (CQP)

(c) **Tuesday, 23 April 2024 and Thursday, 25 April 2024**

Foreign Accountancy Qualifications (FAQ)

(d) **Friday, 26 April 2024**

Business Data Analytics Practical Paper (CPA) and Financial Modelling and Data Analytics Practical Paper (CIFA)

Note: Candidates are advised to make early arrangements, including seeking permission from employers where applicable, to ensure that they sit for the examinations.

2. CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION ENTRY

The closing date for registration and examination entry for the April 2024 examinations will be **Friday, 22 March 2024**.

3. QUALIFICATIONS BROCHURE

The qualifications brochure can be downloaded from the Kasneb website www.kasneb.or.ke or obtained from the following sources free of charge:

- (a) The offices of Kasneb.
- (b) Kasneb counters at Huduma Centres in Nairobi GPO, Kisumu, Kisii, Eldoret, Nyeri, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kitale, Kakamega, Meru and Thika.
- (c) Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) branches countrywide.
- (d) Training institutions offering Kasneb courses.

4. METHODS OF PAYMENT OF FEES

(a) Payment through student portal

Students are advised to use student portal link <https://online.kasneb.or.ke> A detailed guide regarding this mode of payment is available within the student portal.

(b) Payment by students based outside Kenya

Foreign based students should pay through KCB Dollar Account No.1123096465.

Note: Students are advised to utilise the above payment channels. Please note that NO payment shall be made through any member of staff or agent of Kasneb. Cash payments will NOT be accepted at Kasneb offices. Students based outside Kenya/ Foreign students are advised to pay the applicable fees in US dollars.

5. All continuing students of Kasneb are required to renew their annual registration by 1 July of each year. New students are advised to note that the annual registration renewal fee is due on the 1 July following the first eligible examination sitting and annually thereafter.

SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Tuesday, 9 January 2024

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NATIONAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TENDER NOTICE

The National Drought Management Authority invites applications for tenders from interested and eligible contractors for the below tenders:

Tender Number	Tender Description	Category
NDMA/10/2023-2024	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Camels in Masai Ward – West Pokot County	Open
NDMA/11/2023-2024	Tender for the Proposed Construction of Uyi Earth Dam in Masongaleni Ward – Makueni County	Youth
NDMA/12/2023-2024	Tender for the Proposed Rehabilitation of Birkan Borehole Water Project in Mandera County	PWDs
NDMA/13/2023-2024	Tender for the Proposed Equipping and Water Reticulation of Sarman Borehole in Wajir County	Women

Interested eligible firms may inspect, view and download the tender document free of charge from the National Drought Management Authority Website www.ndma.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked "TENDER NUMBER and TENDER NAME" should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
National Drought Management Authority
Lonrho House, Standard Street, 8th Floor
P.O. Box 53547 – 00200, NAIROBI

and deposited in the tender box situated at the NDMA Reception, Lonrho House, Standard Street 8th Floor so as to be received on or before **Wednesday 24th January, 2024 at 10:30am**.

Tender Documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the Boardroom on 17th Floor, Lonrho House, Standard Street, Nairobi in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

Chief Executive Officer



Owalo launches visionary E-commerce strategy for Kenya

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

The Government has described the unveiling of the National E-commerce Strategy as the culmination of multi-sectoral efforts poised to collectively position Kenya for exponential growth in E-commerce.

The launch of the National E-commerce Strategy will also greatly accelerate economic and social development through job creation and trade.

Speaking during the launch of the Kenya National E-commerce Strategy in Nairobi, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, Mr. Eliud Owalo, noted that the E-commerce Strategy will provide a strategic vision to enable Kenya to identify economic opportunities that will be

supportive of its strategic development goals.

Owalo highlighted that these goals include those outlined in Vision 2030, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), Digital Transformation Agenda, Digital Economy Blueprint, National ICT Policy, and other key policy documents.

"If well-harnessed, E-commerce will greatly accelerate development through economic diversification, job creation, and increased trade," said the CS.

He said that his ministry has made considerable strides in facilitating the growth of E-commerce in the country in line with its Mandate.

This includes fostering the confidence of consumers in digital platforms as avenues for doing business.

CS Owalo said that his ministry is in the process of fast-tracking and mainstreaming the National Fibre Optic cable and alternative solutions to expand even more in rural and peri-urban areas.

The Ministry, the CS reiterated, is coordinating with relevant institutions to develop an online dispute resolution framework and increase surveillance of the E-commerce environment.

The Cabinet Secre-

If well-harnessed, E-commerce will greatly accelerate development through economic diversification - CS



Information, Communication and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Mr. Eliud Owalo (right) with Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, Ms Rebecca Miano (left) during the launch of the E-commerce Strategy in Nairobi. PHOTO: HENRY KWENYA.

tary for Investments, Trade and Industry Ms Rebecca Miano noted that the Kenya National E-commerce Strategy is a visionary response

to the opportunities and challenges presented by the digital age. Present were the Germany Deputy Ambassador to Kenya Mr. Alexander

Kierly, State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy, Eng. John Tanui and the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Trade, Mr. Alfred K' Omundo.



THE NURSING COUNCIL OF KENYA

REGISTRAR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) is a body corporate established under the Nurses and Midwives Act CAP 257 of the Laws of Kenya, whose mandate is to regulate nursing and midwifery education and practice.

We are seeking to recruit a highly competent, passionate, dedicated and result-oriented professional to fill the following exciting and challenging vacant position:

1. REGISTRAR/CEO - NCK/CS/HR/044/REG/CEO/20/12/2023 - [1 Position]

Detailed job description and application procedure can be accessed at the Council website www.nckenya.com and Ministry of Health website: www.health.go.ke.

Interested and qualified persons are required to make an application online through the Council email: chairperson@nckenya.go.ke by close of business (5:00PM) on Friday 12th January, 2024.

NCK is an Equal Opportunity Employer and seeks to have diversity in workforce (Women, Marginalized Communities and Persons Living with disability) in line with constitution. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON
NURSING COUNCIL OF KENYA
20th December 2023

Innovative city lab launched in Mombasa to curb perennial flooding in coastal town

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

The County Government of Mombasa, in collaboration with the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA), has established a city lab to address the perennial flooding problem.

A study conducted last year by Coastal and Marine Resources Development (COMRED) identified urban water management as a high-priority concern for Mombasa.

The Support to CoM SSA project is co-funded by the European Union and Germany and is co-implemented by GIZ in Kenya.

City labs are structured processes that bring together different stakeholders, such as government, civil society, and academia, to co-produce and utilize knowledge in addressing complex urban issues.

Through the project, concrete solutions for the coastal city's complex urban flooding and climate adaptation challenges will be developed through a structured and participatory process involving the



Mombasa Deputy Governor Francis Thoya speaks during the launching of the city lab at the Elimu and Mazingira building in Mombasa.

county, academia, civil society, private sector, and local stakeholders.

The expected outcomes of the lab are to identify the key causes of flooding, understand barriers to action, strengthen capacities and collaboration in the local ecosystem, and prepare a portfolio of solutions and projects that can be co-implemented.

The lab concept believes in developing local solutions for local problems, in a participatory and innovative approach. The lab promotes

the optimal use of local resources for sustainability while harnessing global and local knowledge.

Mombasa Deputy Governor Francis Thoya says there is a need for comprehensive and collaborative solutions to tackle the flooding challenge.

"The recent rains and subsequent flooding have reminded us of the urgency of the challenges we face, especially in the context of climate change," said Thoya, adding that the city lab will come up with long-

term solutions.

The deputy governors noted that the county is grappling with encroachment into natural wetlands, a potential root cause of flooding. Developers building on river sources and wetlands were put on notice.

"In our pursuit of sustainable development, we are redefining building codes to ensure that our cityscape respects the delicate balance of our natural environment," the DG said.

To address the haphazard disposal of garbage that contributes to drain blockages, the devolved government is enforcing the Mombasa Waste Management Act.

The legislation, DG Thoya stated, holds each citizen accountable for their waste, in line with the county's vision of a clean and sustainable city.

On her part, CECM for Water, Natural Resource and Climate Change Resilience Emily Achieng said the lab is one of the interventions for flooding identified in the recently launched County Climate Action Plan.

National survey reveals sharp decline in teenage pregnancies

BY MARTIN MUNYI(KNA)

A survey conducted by the National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) reveals that cases of teenage pregnancies in the country have been declining exponentially since 2022.

The Director-General (DG) of NCPD, Dr. Mohamed Sheikh, noted that in the year 2022, the national teenage pregnancy rate stood at 15 percent, down from 18 percent the previous year.

During a workshop in Laikipia County, the teenage pregnancy rate stood at nine per cent, having remained high for a long period with about a quarter of all pregnancies in the county from 2016 to 2022, occurring among adolescents of the ages 10-19 years.

"In 2022 alone, 260 adolescents from Laikipia aged 10-14 years presented with a pregnancy at first AnteNatal Clinic (ANC)," he added.

at the 2019 ICPD conference in Nairobi, was the ending of the triple threat of HIV and Aids among the youth, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), and teenage pregnancies.

"There are wide county variations, with Samburu reporting more than half 50.1 per cent of adolescents having given birth or pregnant with the first child as compared to Nyeri which reported a rate of 4.5 per cent," said the DG.

Dr. Sheikh observed that in Nanyuki town to review the commitments the country made at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Dr. Sheikh's speech, delivered on his behalf by Margaret Muthoni, NCPD Director of Corporate Services, highlighted that the rate of teenage pregnancies varied from one county to another. Among the commitments the Kenya made

DRC DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL WaterFund Financing the Water Sector GARISSE COUNTY KENYA MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK Danida

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is implementing a Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) project which is co-financed by Garissa County Government in Fafi and Dadaab Sub-County, Garissa County dubbed "Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme" supported by the Royal Embassy of Denmark through DANIDA. The Programme is aimed at Increasing community resilience and adaptation to climate change through sustainable, peaceful use of natural resources including improved access to water and sanitation services in the target ASAL Counties.

DRC hereby invites interested, experienced, reputable and licensed contractors to submit sealed bids for the following tender with closing/opening dates of **24th January, 2024 at 11am**. Late offers will not be considered.

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
DRC/SWASAP/00272891/23	Drilling and Development of 1 No. Borehole including Test Pumping in Ifo 2 Refugee Camp, Dadaab Sub-County, Garissa County.	Open to all qualified and interested bidders.

Tender Documents are available Free of Charge to all qualified bidders and can be downloaded from Danish Refugee Council website www.drc.ngo. Bidders who may want to obtain further information or seek clarification can do so by sending an email to procurement.ken@drc.ngo

Completed Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be submitted in two copies- Original and copy clearly marked "**DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 24th JANUARY, 2024**" showing the Tender Ref No delivered to the DRC Tender Box at DRC Head Office in Lower Kabete Road (Ngecha road Junction) addressed to;

**The Procurement Office- Kenya
DRC East Africa & Great Lakes Region
Lower Kabete Road (Ngecha road Junction)
P.O. Box 14762-00800 Westlands
Nairobi, Kenya**

Bidders will also be required to register their details as they drop their bids. Tenders will be opened in the presence of bidders or representatives who wish to witness the opening process.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION
WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND
WaterFund Financing the Water Sector
TURKANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK Danida

Practical ACTION

TENDER FOR EXCAVATION OF WATER PAN AND BOREHOLE DRILLING AT KALOKOL WARD, TURKANA COUNTY

Practical Action is implementing a Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) funded project which is co-financed by Turkana County Government in Turkana Central Sub-County dubbed "Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme" supported by the Royal Embassy of Denmark through DANIDA. The Programme is aimed at Increasing community resilience and adaptation to climate change through sustainable, peaceful use of natural resources including improved access to water and sanitation services in the target ASAL Counties.

Practical Action hereby invites interested Contractors to apply for Construction of 30,000m³ Water pan in Namadak and drilling of 1. No. borehole at Kadokonyang village in Kalokol Ward, Turkana County.

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	SITE VISIT	DEADLINE
SWASAP/2021-23/04	Construction of 30,000m ³ Water Pan in Namadak and Drilling of 1 No. Borehole in Kadokonyang in Kalokol Ward, Turkana Central Sub-County, Turkana County	Practical Action, Lodwar Office On 17 th January, 2024 starting 10am	Date 24 th January 2024 at 4PM

Interested bidders can download relevant Tender documents with detailed information from <http://www.practicalaction.org>

Tender Documents are available Free of Charge to all qualified bidders and can be requested from Practical Action and County through <https://turkana.go.ke> and www.tenders.go.ke respectively.

Bidders who may want to obtain further information or seek clarification can do so by sending an email to the address kenya.tender@practicalaction.or.ke

Completed Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be submitted in two 1-Original and 1-copy clearly marked "**DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 24th JAN 2024 4PM**" showing the Tender Ref. No. delivered to the **tender box at our Lodwar offices located at Bishop Mohan Building** along Lodwar-Kitale Road Opposite Stegra Hotel.

All documents should be addressed to

**Practical Action
P.O Box 39493 - 006234
Nairobi, Kenya.**

To be received on or before **24th January 2024 at 4.00 pm**.





KENYA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION CO. LTD.

"Building a World Class National Grid"

Form of Invitation for Bids

Date:	9th January 2024
IFB No.:	KETRACO/PT/045/2023
Employer:	Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO)
Country:	Republic of Kenya
JICA Loan No:	JICA KE-P35, 27th February 2020
Project Name:	Mombasa Special Economic Zone Development Project, Electricity Sub-project
Contract Name:	Mariakani – Dongo Kundu 220kV Transmission Line and Associated Substations
Reference Identification No:	TNT/RMD/79/78/02

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of Mombasa Special Economic Zone Development Project, Electricity of Subproject and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for Mariakani – Dongo Kundu 220kV Transmission Line and Associated Substations.
- The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the design, construction and completion of;
 - Construction of new 220/33kV Substation at Dongo Kundu, which consists of:
 - 220kV air insulated switchgear with two (2) "breaker-and-a-third" diameters, 2,000A, 40kA at 1 sec
 - 36kV SF6 gas insulated switchgear, with single busbar, bus section, 3,000A, 31.5kA at 1 sec.
 - 220/33kV transformer, 75MVA (2 units)
 - 36kV Breaker Switch Capacitor (9MVar x 4 banks)
 - Control, Protection & Metering, Substation Automation System (1 lot)
 - LVAC, DC power supply, Inverter
 - Telecommunication system (1 lot)
 - SCADA, EMS database modification at Rabai RCC
 - Civil & building works, CCTV, Transformer Firefighting, manually operated Gate, Outdoor Lighting (1 lot)
 - Extension at 400/220kV Mariakani Substation, which consists of;
 - 4th "breaker-and-a-third" diameter
 - Modification of SAS, Busbar protection
 - Modification of Telecommunication, SCADA, EMS data base at Rabai RCC
 - Construction of 220kV, double circuit, LL-ACSR 620mm² (equiv. Canary) single conductor per phase, Three Phase Transmission Line between Mariakani and Dongo Kundu, 51km with OPGW, 48 fiber cores, earth conductor (ACS) 58.6mm² bird diverter
 - 33kV underground cable line, XLPE, 3c x 300mm² Aluminium, with underground fibre optic cable and RMU (4 units), Remote Control Centre, total route length 15.5km

(*"the Facilities"*). International competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with *"Single-Stage Two-Envelope"* Bidding Procedure.

- Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans (Special Terms for Economic Partnership – STEP apply), and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Bidding Document.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Document during office hours at:

Date Attention:	Senior Manager, Supply Chains Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited
Address:	KAWI Complex, Block B Popo Lane. Off Red Cross Road. South C. Supply Chains Offices, 2nd Floor P. O. Box 34942-00100, Nairobi Kenya Tel: +254-020-4956000 +254 719018000, +254 732128000 Email: mombasasez@ketraco.co.ke Office Hours: 0800hrs to 1500hrs E.A.T

- The Bidding Document may be obtained by interested Bidders free of charge on submission of a written application to the address above.
- Bids must be delivered to the below mentioned office on or before 10:00 hrs. on 9th April 2024 and must be accompanied by a Bid security of Kenya Shilling Seventy Million (70 Million).
- Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the offices as specified in the Bidding Document.

Date Attention:	Senior Manager, Supply Chains Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited
Address:	KAWI Complex, Block B Popo Lane. Off Red Cross Road. South C. Supply Chains Offices, 2nd Floor P. O. Box 34942-00100, Nairobi Kenya Tel: +254-020-4956000 +254 719018000 +254 732128000 Email: mombasasez@ketraco.co.ke Office Hours: 0800hrs to 1500hrs E.A.T



KENYA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION CO. LTD.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

INTRODUCTION

The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) is a 100% state-owned corporation incorporated on 2nd December, 2008 under the Company's Act, Cap 486 as a State Corporation pursuant to the Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2004 on Energy. The Mandate of the Company is to plan, design, construct, own, operate and maintain high voltage electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors.

KETRACO's Vision is to be a world-class electricity transmission company and the leading interconnector in Africa. The Mission of the Company is to provide reliable, efficient and effective electricity transmission and promote power trade for sustainable socio-economic development.

The Company invites applications from suitable individuals to fill the following positions:-

No	Vacancy	Reference No.	Terms of Services	No. of Post
1.	Company Secretary & General Manager Legal Services - (KET 2)	KET/5/1C/40/130-B (12/2023)	Five (5) year contract renewable once	1 Post
2.	Chief Pilot - (KET 3)	KET/5/1C/40/95-B (12/2023)	Five (5) year contract a renewable	1 Post
3.	Manager, Information Technology & Innovation – System Technology (KET 4)	KET/5/1C/40/202-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	1 Post
4.	Manager, Human Resource Services (KET 4)	KET/5/1C/40/203-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	1 Post
5.	Senior Research Officer - (KET 5)	KET/5/1C/40/111-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	1 Post
6.	Senior IT & Innovation Officer Business Analyst - FICO- (KET 5)	KET/5/1C/40/68-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	1 Post
7.	Engineer Power Dispatch - (KET 6)	KET/5/1C/40/191-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	1 Post
8.	Engineer, SCADA Telecommunications (KET 6)	KET/5/1C/40/180-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	1 Post
9.	Engineer, Transmission System Planning Civil- (KET 6)	KET/5/1C/40/201-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	1 Post
10.	Substation Operator (Craftsman)- (KET 8)	KET/5/1C/40/199-B (12/2023)	Permanent and Pensionable	9 Post

Detailed Job descriptions, specifications, application instructions and other requirements are posted on our website www.ketraco.co.ke.

TERMS OF SERVICE AND REMUNERATION

- The appointment to positions will be as follows:-
 - No. 1 will be on a contractual period of five (5 years) renewable once.
 - No. 2 will be on a five (5years) renewable subject to performance.
 - No. 3 - 10 will be on permanent and pensionable terms subject to satisfactory performance, delivery of set performance targets and outcomes.
- The successful candidates for the positions will be offered competitive remuneration package in accordance with the Company guidelines.
- Only Successful candidates will be expected to present the Chapter Six Clearance Certificate.

KETRACO is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution – Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED, THE MINORITIES AND FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.** Applications without the relevant qualifications, copies of documents/details as sought for will not be considered. Any form of canvassing and giving false information shall lead to automatic disqualification. Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted.

Interested candidates fulfilling the required qualifications should submit their application clearly indicating the position applied for and vacancy Reference No. as the subject heading via the JobLink posted on KETRACO website. Applications will **ONLY** be via JobLink, hard copies shall not be considered. Indicate the position reference number as the subject heading NOTE: These positions are open to **KENYAN CITIZENS ONLY**.

The successful candidates for the positions will be offered competitive remuneration package in accordance with the Company guidelines. Candidates who meet the above requirements should submit their applications by **16th January 2024 at 5.00pm** so as to reach:-

**The Managing Director,
Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited,
KAWI COMPLEX, 4th Floor,
Popo Road, South C, along Red Cross Road,
P.O. Box 34942 - 00100,
NAIROBI.**

State calls for robust investments in Kenya's vibrant mining sector

BY FATMA SAID (KNA)

The Government is encouraging both local and foreign investors to consider substantial investments to tap into the country's vast potential in the mining sector.

Recognizing the diverse range of minerals available across the country, Salim Mvurya, the CS for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, underscored

the strategic importance of the mining industry while emphasizing the government's commitment to facilitating partnerships for sustainable development.

Mvurya acknowledged that there are more than one million small-scale miners whom the government recognizes as crucial, thus playing a very important role in the sector.

Speaking at the Kenya

School of Government in Mombasa, the CS emphasized that the small-scale miners should be organized into cooperative societies because many of the challenges they face, such as a lack of equipment and educational opportunities, are attributed to the absence of institutions that bring them together. "When you are part of cooperative societies, that is the beginning of your

success in connecting with institutions that can provide financial support and for this matter, we shall work closely with the Ministry of Cooperatives to continue supporting you.

"The government initiated an exercise to assess minerals in all 47 counties, we have completed the exercise and identified the minerals available in each county," he said.



Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs CS Salim Mvurya (C), Acting Campus Director, Kenya School of Government, Mombasa, Rukia Atikiya (L) and Mombasa County Commissioner, Abdirisack Jaldesa (R), in a group photo with the participants of the Cooperative Training for Miners held at the Kenya School of Government, Mombasa. PHOTO: CYZICK SIDAYI



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



INVITATION TO TENDER

The Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWWDA) invites sealed tenders for the following projects:

Tender No	Project Name	Project Scope	Constituency	Eligibility	Bid Security amount (Kes)	Date of Closing and opening
CRVWWDA/NAR/MAS/WP/GOK/36/2023-2024	Masaantare Water Pan	Construction of Water Pan	Narok South	Open	250,000	1 st February. 2024
CRVWWDA/NAR/NKIS/WP/GOK/37/2023-2024	Nkisiwani Water Pan	Construction of Water Pan	Narok South	Open	250,000	1 st February. 2024
CRVWWDA/NAR/OLEM/WP/GOK/38/2023-2024	Olemegili Small Dam	Construction of small Dam	Narok South	Open	300,000	1 st February. 2024
CRVWWDA/NAR/ARARET/WP/39/2023-2024	Araret Dam	Construction of Dam	Emurua Dikirr	Open	400,000	1 st February. 2024
CRVWWDA/BAR/NAKUR/ WP/GOK/40/2023-2024	Nakurtakwei Small Dam	Construction of Water Pan	Eldama Ravine	Open	200,000	1 st February. 2024
CRVWWDA/BAR/CHEP/WP/GOK/41/2023-2024	Cheploch Water Pan	Construction of Water Pan	Baringo South	Special (Youth, Women & PWDs)	N/A	1 st February. 2024
CRVWWDA/BAR/TANG/WP/GOK/42/2023-2024	Tangulbei Water Pan	Construction of Water Pan	Tiaty	Special (Youth, Women & PWDs)	N/A	1 st February. 2024

Pre-Bid site visit

A pre-bid site visits shall be held on the following dates:

Project	Date	Assembling point	Time
Olemegili Small Dam	15/1/2024	Naroosura Chief's Office	11.00am
Masaantare Water Pan	16/1/2024	Narok Water & Sanitation Company Office Ololulung'a	10.00am
Nkisiwani Water Pan	16/1/2024	Narok Water & Sanitation Company Office Ololulung'a	12.00pm
Araret Dam	17/1/2024	Emurua Dikir Town DC office	11.00am
Nakurtakwei Small Dam	17/1/2024	Esageri Chief's Office	10.00am
Cheploch Water Pan	18/1/2024	Baringo South Sub-County Water Office (Marigat DC's Office)	10.00am
Tangulbei Water Pan	19/1/2024	Tangulbei Chiefs office	10.00am

Obtaining bidding documents

Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the www.crvwwda.go.ke or at PPIP portal www.tenders.go.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to procurement@crvwwda.go.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

Submission

Complete tender document marked the tender No. must be delivered to the tender box situated at the address below by the dates indicated above at **12:00 Noon**. Tenders must be accompanied by a tender security as stated above in form of a bank guarantee. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted. **Late tenders will be rejected.**

The bids will be opened at **12:05 hours** local time on stated dates in the presence of the bidders who choose to attend, bidders' representatives who chose to attend must submit written authorization from the firms they are representing.

The address referred to above is:

Ag. Chief Executive Officer
Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency
Maji Plaza, Prisons Road
P.O. Box 2451-20100 Nakuru, Kenya
Mobile No. 0725-999000
E-mail: info@crvwwda.go.ke



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

1. CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION:

Contract number	Contract name and Description	Bid Security	Mandatory Site visit	Opening & Closing date
RFX No. 1000001020	Tender for Supply and Delivery Kitchen Consumable Through a Framework Agreement for a Period of 3years.	Kes;50,000.00	N/A	30.01.2024 @10:00 am
RFX No. 1000001021	Tender for Supply, Installation and maintenance of CCTV Cameras at REREC Kawi House	Kes;175,000.00	16.01.2024	23.01.2024 @10:00 am

2. Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.

3. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours **8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm** Monday to Friday in Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation Offices situated in Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor.

4. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers **free of charge electronically** from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>

Tenderers who are not yet registered with REREC **must** register their companies in order to participate in the tender using link below that can be found from the website www.rerec.co.ke **Procurement-Supplier registration:**[https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal\(bD1lbzjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==\)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP](https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal(bD1lbzjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP)

5. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke

6. Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for 147days from the date of opening of tenders.

7. All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security in form of a bank guarantee. Original Bid security shall be delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road,) on/before the tender closing date and time indicated above

8. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.

9. Completed tenders **must** be delivered to Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation electronically through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> on or before the tender closing date and time indicated above

10. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.

11. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and times specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

12. Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.

13. Late tenders will be rejected.

14. The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road.). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke

Address for Submission of Tenders: Online Through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>

Address for Opening of Tenders. Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, online opening system

Name: Dr. Rose N. Mkalama;

Designation: Chief Executive Officer

Signature.....

Date: 28.12.2023





PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT WAREHOUSE RECEIPT SYSTEM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

The State Department for Trade and the Warehouse Receipt System Council are in the process of undertaking legal reforms on the Warehouse Receipt System Act No. 8 of 2019. A Draft Warehouse Receipt System (Amendment) Bill, 2024 has been developed to enhance the enabling environment for increased private sector participation and investment in the warehouse receipt system in line with the Kenya Vision 2030, Bottom-Up Economic Transformative Agenda (BETA) and Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 2 on no poverty and zero hunger.

The reforms will enable alignment with the Executive Order No. 1 of 2023 that transferred the Council from the State Department for Agriculture to the State Department for Trade, open up access to markets for agricultural commodities from the East African region and the African continent in line with Kenya's EAC and AfCFTA commitments while also enhancing ease of doing business by moving the licensing function to the Council.

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires the public to participate in the decision-making process through the submission of comments to the Council. In view of this, the State Department for Trade requests the public to participate by submitting their written comments/memoranda through the provided address.

The Draft Warehouse Receipt System (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the stakeholder feedback forms can be obtained from the State Department for Trade website: www.trade.go.ke and the Warehouse Receipt System Council website: (www.wrsc.go.ke)

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

**The Ag. Chief Executive Officer/Registrar
Warehouse Receipt System Council,
Tea House, Ground Floor, Naivasha Road, off Ngong Road
P. O. Box 22757 – 00505, NAIROBI**

Or by email: info@wrsc.go.ke

The representations or comments on the proposed amendments should reach the Council not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice.

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE
MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY**



Kenya National Highways Authority

Quality Highways, Better Connections

TENDER NOTICE

KeNHA/2738/2024 LOT 1:	MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VIRTUAL WEIGHBRIDGE STATIONS AT TWELVE (12) SELECTED LOCATIONS ON THE NATIONAL TRUNK ROAD NETWORK IN KENYA - WESTERN
KeNHA/2739/2024 LOT 2:	MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VIRTUAL WEIGHBRIDGE STATIONS AT FOURTEEN (14) SELECTED LOCATIONS ON THE NATIONAL TRUNK ROAD NETWORK IN KENYA - EASTERN
KeNHA/2740/2024 LOT 3	MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE AXLE LOAD CONTROL DATA CENTRE LOCATED AT BARABARA PLAZA (KENHA HEADQUARTERS)

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

The Authority hereby invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the contract for Management, Operation and Maintenance of Virtual Weighbridge Stations at Twenty-Six (26) Selected Locations on the National Trunk Road Network in Kenya in **Three (3) Lots** to be funded through the **Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF)**.

Attendance to Pre-Tender Site Visit to ALL sites and Pre-proposal Conference is Mandatory but Limited to only One representative per bidder. The attendance dates are as indicated in the detailed tender notice available in the KeNHA website and Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP).

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested tenderers from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or PPIP portal: www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Bidders are encouraged to download tender documents to minimize physical visits to KeNHA Headquarter Office.

The tender closing/opening date will be on **Wednesday, 19th February, 2024 at 11:00am** at Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, Supply Chain Management Office, Barabara Plaza, Block C - 2nd Floor Board Room.

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

**Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL**



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BASIC EDUCATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY:	Ministry of Education (State Department for Basic Education)
CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION:	School Infrastructure Improvement (Construction and Rehabilitation of Facilities in Targeted Schools in Nyamira County Lot 1 to Lot 21.

The Ministry of Education has received financing from Kuwait Fund for Arabic Economic Development (KFAED) toward new facilities and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure of the Schools in Nyamira County. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhanced access and equity in Education and improved quality of teaching and learning in schools.

The State Department for Basic Education invites sealed tenders for construction and Rehabilitation of the following facilities in Targeted Schools in Nyamira County.

Lot No	Tender number	Bid Security	Category
Lot 1	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/001	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot2	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/002	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 3	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/003	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 4	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/004	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 5	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/005	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot6	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/006	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 7	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/007	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 8	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/008	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 9	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/009	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot10	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0010	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 11	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0011	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot12	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0012	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 13	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0013	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 14	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0014	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot15	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0015	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 16	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0016	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 17	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0017	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 18	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0018	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 19	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0019	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 20	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0020	1.5M	Open NCA 4
Lot 21	MOEDSINCP/NCB/01/2023-2024/0021	1.5M	Open NCA 4

1. Tendering will be conducted under Open National Competitive method using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.

Tenderers will be allowed to tender for one or more lots but will only be awarded one lot.

2. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours [0800 to 1700 hours] at the address given below.

3. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website (www.education.go.ke and PPPIP portal - tenders.go.ke). Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to (ppo@education.go.ke) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum if any.

4. Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Bids shall remain valid for (120) days from the date of opening of tenders.

5. All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security of **Kshs.1,500,000.00 (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Shillings Only).**

6. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.

7. Tenderers should indicate the lot number on the envelop.

8. Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **7th February, 2024 at 11.00 AM. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.**

9. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time that may be specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' or designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

10. Late tenders will be rejected.

11. A compulsory Pre-Tender site visit will be held at the site located at the respective schools in the Nyamira County for the period between **15th January, 2024 to 17th January, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 PM.** A site visit certificate will be issued.

12. A compulsory Pre-Tender conference will be held online on **Friday the 19th January, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. (link will be shared)**

13. Requests for clarifications are to be received on or before **23rd January, 2024** and responses will be shared with the bidders latest Wednesday **24th February, 2024.**

14. The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information and Submission of Tenders

Bid Submission: The Principal Secretary

Attn: Head of Supply Chain Management Services

State Department for Basic Education

Jogoo House 'B' Ground Floor Room 14, Harambee Avenue

Postal Address: P.O. Box 30040, Nairobi, Kenya Code: 00100, City: Nairobi

Tel: (0)20 318581 Ext.30413

Email: ppo@education.go.ke

Bid Opening:

Street Address: Jogoo House 'B' Harambee Avenue,

Floor, room number: 10th Floor, Big Boardroom

City: Nairobi



State trains 12 foster care families to integrate children in Nyeri

BY SAMMEL MAINA AND MOLLY KENDI (KNA)

A total of twelve foster care families have undergone training under the Government's Care Reform Strategy for Kenya 2022-2032 children reintegration program.

The decade-long process aims, among other things, to relieve the burden of taking care of vulnerable children from Charitable Children Institutions (CCIs) and reintegrate them back into families and the community.

The program, anchored under the Children Act of 2022, also hopes to transform the former CCIs into community facilities where formerly rescued children can visit to receive guidance and counseling services before returning home.

Nyeri County Director of Children Services, Mr. Mwaniki Kung'u, says his office has engaged all relevant stakeholders in the program, including managers of all 28 CCIs in the county, to ensure a seamless transition in undertaking the process.

"We have 28 Children Homes in Nyeri and all are engaged in this process. So far, we have trained 12 foster care families which are ready to take the children. We are doing the sensitization for all the stakeholders including the police, the Judiciary, parents and churches so that this project succeeds because without the par-

ticipation of all stakeholders this can be sabotaged. It can fail," he told KNA.

The officer has also debunked the myth that children in CCIs are better looked after compared to those in natural settings and vouched for the family as the ideal place to bring up children into responsible adults.

Mr. Kung'u said that while Children Homes play a crucial role in the rescue and care of children salvaged from violent and abusive homes, the latter still remains the only haven that can guarantee such victims a sense of belonging and identity.

He said that what the Government intends to do is promote the family whether biological or otherwise as the ideal remedy in addressing the challenges facing the country in terms of abused children residing away from their families.

"What we are talking about is called the Care Reform Strategy for Kenya 2022-2032. It is government funded and it is taking ten years from 2022 to 2032. It is also captured in the transitional clauses of the Children Act 2022. Basically, this is what we are calling de-institutionalization or removing children from institutions because research has shown that children growing in such environments don't develop as normally as other children who are brought up in family set-ups," he explained.

But even as the Government implements the program, some stakeholders operating CCIs want the process taken with caution to avoid running into headwinds.

They also want the State to reconsider the decision to abolish all privately run children's homes and instead come up with measures that can enhance the safety and welfare of those living in unfriendly habitats.

Ms Ann Wambui who runs the Neema Children Rescue Center in Nyeri says while the government proposal might rid the country of bogus and illegal facilities masquerading as children havens, it may also end up leaving hundreds of rescued children with nowhere to call home.

Wambui also notes that while the government's aim is to have rescued children integrated back into their families some of them might troop back into the streets where they came from or end up into the arms of the same people who used to molest them.

"It is good (to abolish children's homes) because the children will be heading back to their relatives. But can you look on the other side? We rescue these children because they are abused by their relatives. Now you have taken them back to the strangers where they were being abused. What will be the consequences," she poses



Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

STAKEHOLDER VALIDATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL FINANCE CORPORATION'S DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 -2027

The Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) is a Government owned Development Finance Institution (DFI) established under an Act of Parliament the AFC Act Cap 323 of the Laws of Kenya with a mandate to develop the agricultural sector through provision of affordable credit and technical support to players in the agricultural sector.

In 2004, the Government introduced Results Based Management as a tool to improve Performance, Service Delivery and Governance in the Public Sector. To measure these, government agencies are required to formulate 5-year Strategic Plans (SPs). In line with this requirement, the Corporation has developed its draft 2023 - 2027 Strategic Plan.

As required by Article 10(2)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Corporation through this notice hereby invites stakeholders in the agriculture sector and members of the general public to provide feedback on the Corporation's draft 2023 - 2027 Strategic Plan.

The draft AFC 2023 - 2027 Strategic Plan is available on the Corporation's website, www.agrifinance.org for reference. Feedback and further inquiries can be channeled to the Corporation through the online form on the website or via info@agrifinance.org by 16th January, 2024.

Managing Director



KENYA BIOVAX INSTITUTE LIMITED

INVITATION TO TENDER

NO.	TENDER REF NO.	TENDER NAME:
1.	BIOVAX/IFT/03/2023-24	PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF KENYA BIOVAX INSTITUTE OFFICES AT KENYA WOMEN FINANCE TRUST CENTRE UPPER HILL

- 1.1 The Kenya Biovax Institute Limited invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for proposed refurbishment of its offices at Kenya Women Finance Trust Centre Upper Hill.
- 1.2 Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at www.biovax.go.ke website and Public Procurement information portal.
- 1.3 A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates by downloading it from the BIOVAX website: www.biovax.go.ke free of charge. Those who download the tender document and intend to submit a bid are encouraged to furnish BIOVAX at info@biovax.go.ke with their particulars for the purpose of receiving any further tender clarification and/or addendum.
- 1.4 Completed tender document shall be deposited in the tender box on ground floor Biovax offices at Embakasi to be received on or before 19th January, 2024.
- 1.5 Late bids shall be returned unopened

DIRECTOR-GENERAL/CEO:
KENYA BIOVAX INSTITUTE LIMITED



MINISTRY LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

DECLARATION OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A. BACKGROUND

The government of Kenya is collaborating with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in enhancing safe, regular and productive labour migration between the two countries. Through this initiative, thousands of Kenyans have been facilitated to get employment opportunities in KSA both in the Public and Private sectors. In line with this partnership, a number of private sector players have expressed interest in recruiting additional health care workers from Kenya beginning January 2024.

In view of the above, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection invites applications from qualified Kenyans for employment in the KSA as General Nurses and Personal Assistant/Health Care Assistant professionals.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1) Be a Kenyan Citizen
- 2) Gender: Female
- 3) Hold a Bachelor of Science Degree /Diploma/Certificate in Nursing
- 4) Be a registered and licensed member of the Nursing Council of Kenya, and in good standing
- 5) Be in possession of a valid Police Clearance Certificate.
- 6) Work Experience:
 - a) Nurse with Degree qualification: - Minimum of 2 years' nursing continuous work
 - b) Nurse with Diploma qualification: - No experience (Fresh graduates required),
 - c) Nurse with Certificate qualification: Minimum One (1) Year Continuous work Experience
- 7) Language – English proficiency in writing and speaking
- 8) Medically fit,
- 9) Hold a valid Kenyan passport
- 10) Age: 22 - 35 Years,
- 11) Prometric Test: Must have a valid Prometric Results; If not, the same can be taken either in Kenya OR KSA (Prometric test cost to be deducted from the employee's salary in 3 instalments)
- 12) Data Flow Verification: Dataflow verification report of educational and professional certificates and Nursing Council License and employment history.

C. Basic Terms

- a) Period of Contract – Two (2) years renewable,
- b) Salary:
 - 1) Minimum of 3,500.00 SAR/month for Degree Holder,
 - 2) Minimum of 3,000.00 SAR/month for Diploma Holder,
 - 3) Minimum of 2,200.00 SAR/month for Certificate Holder,
- c) Work hours – 8 hours/day
- d) Air ticket – Round trip air ticket
- e) Overtime – In accordance with the Saudi Arabia Labour Laws

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates are advised to signup/register and apply for consideration through the National Employment Authority (NEA) Job Portal: <https://www.neaims.go.ke/AdvertiserG2G.aspx> OR <https://www.neaims.go.ke/Login.aspx>

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LABOUR & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



PS-Labour export to help grow economy through remittances

BY JULIUS NDEGWA(PCO)

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Labour and Skills Development Mr. Shadrack Mwadime has allayed fears that exporting labour outside the country will rob the country of knowledge and skills required in the local labour market.

According to Mwadime, labour migration greatly contributes to the growth and development of the

country's economy serving as a source of employment and livelihood for many Kenyans.

"Foreign employment is beneficial to both the labour sending and receiving countries. It provides benefits to the sending country in the form of remittances, investments, skills transfer and source of livelihoods to thousands of migrant workers, while it adds to human capital stock, addresses labour and skills gaps in the receiving country,"

Mwadime said.

Mr. Mwadime made the remarks as the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection declared openings for thousands of employment opportunities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for General Nurses and Health Care Assistants professionals.

"This is as a result of initiatives between the government of Kenya in collaboration with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to enhance safe, regular and

productive labour migration between the two countries", said the PS.

He urged interested candidates and other job seekers to regularly check the Ministry's website and social media pages as well as the National Employment Authority (NEA) job portal for this and many other job opportunities.

The PS noted that trends in the last decade has shown tremendous growth in the remittances inflow into the country which increased

fourfold from Sh104.3 billion in 2012 to Sh499.86 billion (USD 4.03 billion) in 2022, indicating a 8.3 per cent increase from the previous year.

Mr. Mwadime predicted that 2024 will be a breakthrough year when thousands of jobs opportunities will be available for skilled and semi-skilled Kenyans to work abroad following interest shown from foreign countries requesting labour from Kenya.

"We will knock on doors in

as many prospective job market destinations as possible to ensure we place our youth in productive engagements throughout the diaspora," the PS noted.

The Ministry, he revealed has developed a National Policy on Labour Migration as well as a Labour Migration Management Bill 2023, which will provide a framework for promotion of inclusive and sustainable development of the country, "through safe, orderly regular and productive labour migration.

Bright, needy students from Busia get Elimu Scholarship

BY ABSALOM NAMWALO(KNA)

The government has tripled the number of Elimu Scholarship beneficiaries from 3,000 last year to 9,000 this year in pursuit of its objective of ensuring 100 per cent transition to secondary education and enhance access to post-secondary school education for all Kenyans.

Established four years ago under the Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, Elimu Scholarship since its inception has been able to benefit vulnerable students with full sponsorship from school fees, shopping, transport and pocket money.

About 196 needy-bright students in Busia County will benefit from this year's Elimu scholarship sponsored by Jomo Kenyatta foundation in support of 100 per cent transition by the government.

Speaking at Amagoro village during home visits to selected students, the County Co-ordinator Dr. Baraza Mayende noted that the scholarship acts as an equalizer giving hope to students from vulnerable homes.

"The main object of this scholarship is to give equal opportunity to students from humble backgrounds who might be deprived of such opportunities due to their family backgrounds," said Dr. Baraza.

"This year, the government has increased the number of beneficiaries from 3,000 in 2023 to 9,000 in 2024 where 7,000 will be shared among 47 counties while 2,000 goes to refugee camps," he added.

The Coordinator's sentiment were echoed by Teso North DCC Stephen Omondi Wambura who urged both state and non-state actors to join hands with the government in ensuring more dreams become a reality for those from humble backgrounds.

"The access to education needs a multiagency intervention to be able to reach out to more vulnerable cases in the society," said Mr. Wambura.

Wambura, who is the chair of the selection committee in the three sub counties; -Teso North, Teso South and Teso Central, assured the public that they will deploy necessary mechanisms to ensure the deserving cases are not left out.

"We have set eyes on the ground to ensure only deserving cases secure the few slots," he said. This comes after two civil servants, a teacher from Nambale and Chief from Matayos who tried to bribe officials to secure the scholarship opportunities at the expense of more deserving cases.

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President unveils major plan to empower minorities in Kenya

BY MUNYASWA MUSYA (PCO)

President William Ruto has outlined a raft of measures that the government will take to address the plight of minority and marginalized communities in Kenya.

The measures include the formation of a task force to address the plight of minorities, celebrations of International Minority Rights Day each year, and the creation of a unit in the Executive Office of the President to coordinate the affairs of minorities and the marginalized, among other initiatives.

In a speech read on his behalf by Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi during the inaugural International Minority Rights Day celebrations at Bomas of Kenya, President Ruto directed that a task force be formed to review government policies, programs, actions, and historical injustices affecting minority and marginalized communities in Kenya.

The taskforce will also ad-

vise on the effects of government policies, programmes, actions and historical injustices against minority and marginalized communities. It will also recommend appropriate steps for prospering, promoting and protecting those communities.

The President also directed the Ministry of Lands to work closely with the National Land Commission to comprehensively address the land question among minorities in line with the provisions of Articles 60, 63 and 67 of the Constitution.

"It is difficult to discuss Minority and Marginalized rights without broaching the subject that is 'Land and Land Rights'. Over the years, Minority and Marginalized Communities have clamoured for land and land rights. They are some of the most affected by what our Constitution terms as present and historical land injustices. Many cases have ended up in both local and international courts," said the President.

Articles 60, 63 and 67 of

the Constitution deal with the equitable ownership, use and management of land, management and ownership of community trust lands and the oversight role of the National Land Commission.

The President noted that through Executive Order Number 2 of 2023, he created Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit to spearhead his office's agenda of recognizing, promoting and protecting the rights of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities.

The President announced that the International Minority Rights Day shall henceforth be an annual event.

"It will be an occasion to critically think about our successes, shortcomings, to cherish our diversity and how different backgrounds contribute to our national unity, because out of many we are one", he said.

The President assured members of minority and marginalized communities that he was fully committed to their quest for justice. He said he has championed



Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary and CS for Foreign Affairs.

the welfare of minority and marginalized communities ever since he was Deputy President.

"During my tenure as Deputy President, I not only set up a technical department for Minority and Marginalized Communities' Affairs, but I also championed the appointment several of your members in my office. I also championed Affirmative Action measures in the public service and elsewhere that saw numerous of your members secure employment," he said.

The President added that he had also appointed more people from minority communities to high-ranking positions in his Government as away of fulfilling his commitment to minorities in

Kenya.

"I am a firm believer in the promise of our Constitution. In me, you the leadership and members of the ethnic minorities and marginalized communities, have a friend and a partner in your quest for space and recognition", he added.

The President said that going forward, his administration will involve representatives from minority and marginalized communities in the decision-making processes.

He said minorities often bear the brunt of the adverse effects of the climate change leading to disasters like hunger, disease and the unending cycle of poverty.

"It is about time that we turn the tide and I am happy

to report that Kenya is taking the lead, especially in Africa in confronting this climate change menace," he said.

He said the rampant insecurity characterized by incessant cattle rustling and runaway banditry affecting minority communities had subsided and urged security agencies not to relent in the pursuit of peace and tranquility in all parts of our country. President Ruto urged County Governments to adhere to the principles of inclusion and integration of minorities and marginalized groups set out in Section 97 of the County Governments Act.

The Chairman of the National Caucus of Professionals from Minority Communities Mr Charles Nandain thanked the President for his commitment to addressing the plight of minorities and the marginalized in Kenya.

The event was also addressed by the Head of Public Service Felix Koskei, Cabinet Secretaries Aisha Jumwa (Gender), Mithika Linturi (Agriculture) and Ezekiel Machogu (Education). It was also attended by several Principal Secretaries, MPs, ambassadors and other dignitaries.

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4,000 refugees to benefit from Govt Elimu Scholarship

BY JOSEPH KAMOLO
(PCO)

Refugees residing in several refugee camps in Kenya have hailed the Government for sponsoring their education through the Elimu Scholarships.

According to Mr. Edison Nyachwae, an Assistant County Commissioner for Kakuma in Turkana West said Kenyan laws, policies and programs do not discriminate against education as long as one is within the country's borders and added education is a fundamental human right.

According to the Assistant County Commissioner, the refugees confessed the kind of support they get locally has never been seen anywhere else, adding that refugees in other countries want to come for the benefits and incentives enjoyed by their counterparts in Kenya especially in the education sector.

Nyachwae noted that refugees enjoy the benefit of a lower cut-off points in consideration for the Elimu Scholarships at 250 marks for boys, 240 marks for girls while those living with disabilities and special needs the marks will even go lower.

The ACC revealed that seven thousand (7,000) applicants for the Elimu Scholarship from Kakuma and four thousand (4,000) from Kalobeyei in Turkana County will be considered but some applicants will be fairly eliminated considering their age and marks.

"Refugees need education scholarships but face challenges in getting information about the scholarships and misinterpretations," Nyachwae said.

He appealed to the Ministry of Education and the Department of Refugees Services to expand the scholarships programme and increase the slots allocated to them.

The Community Selection and Advisory Committee will conduct home visits to assess the economic status at their homes and what the candidates said during interviews.

"Block leaders at the refugee camps will assist the committee during home visits to match candidates with their rightful homes and avert instances of posing at deplorable homes that depict destitution to merit the scholarship award criteria", said Nyachwae.

He said preference will be extended to the girl child in the refugee camps since most

of the population come from backgrounds with history of retrogressive cultural practices.

Most of the refugees hail from backgrounds where they never enjoyed fundamental human rights so when they arrive here, they tend to perpetuate, for instance most of them don't believe in girls' education and want to marry them off.

The Kakuma CSAC chair said they give preference to the girl child because her challenges are bigger than the boy child.

The committee is working towards attaining gender equality in allocating the 4000 slots meaning 2000 scholarships for girls and same number for boys.

"We will apply affirmative action for the girls to match that of the boys."

He revealed that the Jomo Kenyatta Foundation (JKF) allocated a figure of 886 for the girls 725 for boys while Equity Group has their figures too.

It was observed that interest in education in the refugee camps is lower compared to that of normal Kenyans making a case of two different scenarios and competitiveness. Were normal Kenyans would invite themselves for the interviews, the refugees are reluctant and need mobilization even for people who had applied to show up.

He called on refugees to take their children to schools and the government will find a way of helping them.

CSAC is multi-agency involving the National Government and partners. The turnout at Turkana University was better than expected with student numbers anticipated 7,000 turning up for the exercise of the interviews on day two.

Kakuma and Kalobeyei refugee camps have people from 24 nationalities with South Sudanese, Somalis, Burundians, Congolese and Ethiopians in big numbers.

Language barrier was a challenge during the interviews since most parents speak in their native tongues making it difficult to understand the parents story but the children intervened in translation to break communication barrier.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TWO RIVERS DAM PROJECT LOCATED IN ELDORET TOWN UASIN GISHU COUNTY

Pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Environmental Management and Coordination (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent **Central Rift Valley & Lake Victoria North Works Development Agencies** intends to construct a dam which will involve gravity flow distribution of treated water. The design capacity of the proposed dam is 74167M³/day. The proposed dam will submerge the existing two rivers dam and therefore the current production (12000M³/day) of the existing two rivers dam will be lost. The selected dam type is Roller Compacted Concrete Dam(RCC) of structural height 39.3m high with an Overflow Ogee Spillway(126m) stepped spillway chute and a stilling basin. Other key features of the proposed dam include: Riverbed Elevation(2150masl), Storage Level(2173.55masl), Full Supply Level(NWL):2180.3Masl), maximum water level at floods (2182.80masl), Dam Crest Level (2184.3masl), Dead Storage 6.62Mm³, Live Storage 9.06Mm³, Total Dam Volume 15.686Mm³, Area Inundated at Full Supply Level 1.74Km². The raw water from the two rivers dam will be transmitted to the Sosiani Water Treatment Works for treatment before distribution to consumers. The project will be located in Eldoret town Uasin Gishu County

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Mitigation measures
Loss Of Biodiversity (Flora)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible, clearing of vegetation more so the indigenous trees need to be avoided during construction as much as possible Where clearing of trees is inevitable, the land should be landscaped and planted with as much indigenous vegetation as possible so as to restore the lost biodiversity. The extent of clearing within the work stations should be clearly marked. Instruct all construction workers to restrict clearing to the marked areas and not to work outside defined areas. Avoid introduction of invasive alien species in the landscaping activities.
Increased soil erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pile the top soil where it can be reused Soil erosion control measures should be undertaken to avoid erosion in sensitive areas and those prone to erosion Rehabilitation of degraded environment should be undertaken to stabilize the soil and therefore reduce rate of soil erosion and siltation. Soil conservation measures should be observed especially at stockpiled areas. Bare areas should be landscaped after completion. Operations will be timed to take place during the dry season when soils are dry to reduce soil compaction. Re-vegetation should be enhanced to reduce run off.
Disruption of movement during Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where such excavations are wide, foot bridges should be erected at the livestock corridors to facilitate their movement. Since this is a short-lived occurrence, the contractor should engage local people to make them understand the importance of the exercise and encourage them to use other alternative routes.
Removal and disposal of asbestos pipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asbestos containing pipes be replaced with other pipe types. Before disposal commences, an environmental audit should be conducted. The disposal of asbestos should be guided by the "Asbestos management plan (AMP)". The asbestos material should be conveyed, handled and distributed in a safe manner so as not to cause any ill effects to any person or the immediate environment. The onsite and offsite disposal sites shall be marked clearly as asbestos hazard area in accordance with the National Guidelines on Safe Management and Disposal of Asbestos Removal including Onsite/offsite disposal of asbestos shall be subjected to environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003
Air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of water sprays when dusts are being generated or at times of strong wind All materials stored or stockpiled on site should be adequately covered Maintain machineries at manufacturer's specifications of minimizing emissions. Where unavoidable, construction workers working in dusty areas should be provided and fitted with respirators or personal protective equipment Conduct air quality analysis regularly Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand and other loose materials to avoid spillage and dust emissions that may interfere with smooth motoring Site roads should be dampened every 4-6 hours or within reasonable interval to prevent dust nuisance and on hotter days, this frequency should be increased Cover or wet construction materials such as sand and unpaved areas with gunny bags to prevent dust nuisance.
Excess noise and vibrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of equipment that is fitted with noise reduction devices such as mufflers. Construction workers operating equipment that generates noise should be equipped with noise protection equipment Machines should be maintained at manufacturers' specification
Solid and liquid waste generation and management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A waste management plan should be adopted as part of the construction works. Hazardous substances should be handled safely and at designated and safe area. Identify areas where re-fueling and vehicle maintenance activities and storage of hazardous materials will be permitted. Skips and bins should be strategically placed within the campsite and construction site. Skips and bins should be adequately designed and covered to prevent access by vermin and minimize odour. They should also be emptied regularly Careful pumping of sewage from upstream manholes to downstream manholes Block off the main trunk line to minimize chances of exposing staff to raw sewage during work. Measures to ensure that waste materials from the Project are disposed at suitable sites should be taken. These will include engaging only reputable truckers and conducting appropriate spot checks to verify that disposal are done in accordance with the requirements of NEMA
Changes in hydrology/ impended drainage/deep excavations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release of adequate water for the downstream communities and aquatic organisms The amplitude of this impact will be sized during the continuation of the hydro sedimentology studies that will detect the need or not to take direct control actions, as the dredging of the sandy sediment. The bottom discharger may collaborate in reducing the sediment build-up in the reservoir area.

Impacts	Mitigation measures
Changes in hydrology/ impended drainage/deep excavations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of rainfall and meteorological stations in the monitoring water supply for continuous follow-up of the climatic conditions. Earthworks should be restricted to construction sites Install warning signs and lightings at both deep and shallow trenches Backfilling trenches as soon as works are completed Provide temporary bridges and protection rails at deep trenches to facilitate people movement.
Traffic obstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all construction vehicles to and from the construction site use the designated Entry/Exit to the project site. Construct traffic diversions. Sensitize truck drivers to avoid unnecessary road obstruction. Contractor should stick to the provided timeline for completion of works of the Project
Occupational safety and health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There should be adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to all workers and they should be worn all the time. There should be adequate provision of the requisite sanitation facilities for human waste disposal. Workers should receive requisite training especially on the operation of the There should be adequate warning and directional signs. Provide clean drinking water for the employees. Develop a site safety action plan detailing safety equipment to be used, emergency procedures, restriction on site, frequency and personnel responsible for safety inspections and controls. A sign board warning on HIV/AIDS, drugs and alcohol abuse be displayed at the construction camp sites The campsites and their facilities need to be constructed at sites carefully selected away from the sensitive areas. Rehabilitate excavated sites soon as construction is complete. Train workers on the use of firefighting equipment. Provide First Aid kit within the construction site. Recording of all injuries that occur on site in the incident register, corrective actions for their prevention are instigated as appropriate. Provide prevention tools such as condoms at the health Centre and construction site to all. Contractor to ensure compliance with the Workmen's Compensation Act, ordinance regulations and union agreements. Guide all workers in Safety Health and Environment (SHE).
Fire risks and emergency preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put "No Smoking Signs" in areas where inflammables are stored. Guide all workers in Safety Health and Environment (SHE). Provide adequate firefighting equipment capable of fighting all classes of fire. Provide first Aid kit within the construction site. Label all inflammable materials and store them appropriately There should be adequate PPE to all workers and should be worn all the time. Conduct regular fire-fighting drills. Develop a fire fighting emergency plan. Train one member of staff on fire preparedness
Displacement of the affected people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitization of stakeholders and land owners in decision making at all levels. Compensate all the PAPs affected by the land take. Provide alternative land of similar value to the PAPs. Avoid areas with heavy residential buildings as much as possible. Issue advance notices to all affected individuals before commencement of property demolition exercise. A Resettlement Action Plan Report (RAP) and valuation of assets has been undertaken. It is advisable that compensation be done before project commencement
Increased insecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide day and night security guards. Provide adequate lighting within and around the construction site
Gender Based Violence / Child protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitization on Gender based violence through posters, tool talks for workers Develop a GBV mechanism to deal with grievances Develop a policy against GBV All workers and employees to sign a Code of Conduct that clearly explains the related policy All employed will be expected to submit their ID to establish their age
Influx of immigrants in search of employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority (70%) should be given to employing staff from the local community Review the construction activities to integrate with the HIV/AIDS campaigns; Develop appropriate training and awareness materials for Information, Education and communication (IEC) on HIV/AIDS; Identify other players (local CBOs, NGOs, and government organizations) to assist in the dissemination of the awareness of HIV/AIDS for enhanced collaboration; Develop an intervention strategy compatible with the construction programme to address success of the HIV/AIDS prevention and provide peer educators for sustainability in collaboration with other stakeholders; and Integrate monitoring of HIV/AIDS preventive activities as part of the construction supervision. Basic knowledge, attitude and practices are among the parameters to be monitored, and particularly on provision of condoms, status testing and use of ARVs.

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

- Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, NHIF Building, 12th Floor, Ragati Road, Upper Hill, P. O. Box 30126 – 00100, NAIROBI.**
- Director General NEMA, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, P. O. Box 67839-00200, NAIROBI.**
- County Director of Environment, UASIN GISHU COUNTY.**

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NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote ref. No. **NEMA/EIA/5/2/2124**.

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Nakuru County warn farmers to be wary of fake seeds

BY JANE NGUGI(KNA)

The Nakuru County government is urging farmers to remain vigilant and not fall victim to unscrupulous traders who have formed cartels dealing in fake seeds and substandard farm inputs.

Leonard Bor, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, emphasized that the use of certified seeds and fertilizers is crucial for ensuring food security, particularly during periods of sufficient rainfall.

Mr. Bor advised farmers to steer clear of purchasing seeds packed in unlabeled open containers, noting that such traders lacked the necessary licenses from the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) to stock certified seeds.

"The distribution of counterfeit seeds and substandard farm inputs poses a significant threat to food security. Fake seeds are the primary contributors to poor harvests and low crop production, ultimately leading to an increased cost of living through the necessity of importing food from other countries," stated the CECM.

During a meeting with officials from the Kenya Seed Company, Nakuru branch, to discuss ways of improving farmers' access to quality and certified seeds, Mr. Bor urged farmers to be discerning about their purchases and report individuals involved in trading uncertified seeds.

"Most farmers use counterfeit seeds due to a lack of access to quality certified

seeds and information. As such, Nakuru County Government has resolved to partner with the Kenya Seed Company to conduct training and organize farmers' field days as a measure to tackle the counterfeit seed and poor-quality farm inputs menace," he disclosed.

The CECM indicated that traceability of certified seeds is easy. He advised farmers to keep the packet and receipt as these may be required as evidence in case of suspected fake seeds.

"To succeed in fighting bad seeds, the farmer should check a packet and they will see a KEPHIS logo. Once they scratch it, they will find a serial number which can be sent to a code that will enable them to tell the exact variety, its producer, the batch, and its lifespan. That's the only way to secure our agriculture. You can't talk about food security unless you have good quality seeds," he said.

He added, "It is unfortunate that some seed producing companies are notorious for taking advantage of the planting season to sell uncertified seeds to farmers. Farmers should be careful. They should not purchase seeds not certified by KEPHIS. Most of them don't germinate while others give poor yields."

Mr Bor said all certified seeds bear a KEPHIS label and further have a seal indicating the date of production as well as the lifespan.

Planting seasons in Kenya are characterized by high demand for certified seeds against low supply. As a result, shady seed merchants have been taking farmers for

a ride by selling them counterfeit seeds. These seeds are packaged in similar packets as those of certified ones.

Although some farmers have good judgement, when it comes to detecting fake seeds, it is never foolproof.

The CECM expressed concern that if the business of fake seeds is allowed to flourish, it will be a threat to the seed industry which loses millions of shillings in potential sales each year.

He told farmers to buy recommended seed varieties for their areas as each region has seeds specifically manufactured to suit its climatic conditions.

Mr Bor also advised farmers to allow regular testing of soils to determine the type and quantity of fertilizer to use.

The CECM observed that the Kenya Seed Company offers an extensive portfolio of over 60 certified seed varieties, tailored to diverse agro-ecological zones within the region. The company he added, controls over 80 per cent of the seed maize market in Kenya.

KEPHIS Managing Director Prof Theophilus Mutui previously warned agrovets dealers saying those found selling fake seeds face a fine of up to Sh1 million and a jail term of up to two years in a new move by the government to get rid of unscrupulous traders in the market.

Prof Mutui said the organization has received complaints from farmers over the sale of fake seeds by dealers.

"We have had instances of fake seeds sold in some counties, especially in grain basket regions by unscrupu-

pulous traders, thus affecting food production. In the recent past we managed to arrest the situation in one of the counties in the Rift region," he stated.

Mutui added that the inspectorate will be working with the police and other

state agencies to flush out unscrupulous individuals trading counterfeit seeds to unsuspecting farmers.

Farmers in some regions have been complaining of the sale of substandard seeds, claiming the same is contributing to low food

production.

He said Seed and Plant Varieties Act Cap 326 of 2012 stipulates stiff penalties for those arrested dealing in fake seeds which includes a fine of up to Sh1 million and a jail term of up to two years if found guilty.

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Nandi lauds state's game-changing investment in development projects

BY GEOFFREY SATIA(KNA)

The Nandi County Government has commended the contribution of the national government to various development projects in the area as a game-changer that will improve livelihoods in the county.

Governor Stephen Sang cited the proposed state-of-the-art stadium to be built in Kapsabet town at a cost of close to Sh1.8 billion as one of the projects funded and implemented by the national government in the county. He said it would spur the growth of the sporting sector in the county, which is famous for producing world-class athletes. Sang



Nandi Governor Stephen Sang

mentioned that the stadium, currently at the tendering stage, would bring about a complete turnaround of economic transformation within Kapsabet town and its environs. "Part of our development agenda will

be delivered by the national government. For example, we have a tendering process that is ongoing to put up a huge stadium here at the showground at a cost of between Sh1.5-Sh1.8 billion," Sang said during the commissioning of 2023-2027 County Integrated Development Plan at Eliud Kipchoge Stadium in Kapsabet town.

The Governor added that there were many roads being done by the national government in Nandi County including the proposed multi-million municipal market. "We have roads being done by the Nandi County Government and others by the national government making huge

investments that must be captured in CIDP," he said.

The Governor insisted that the commissioned CIDP will not only capture the development done by the County Government but also the development done by the national government and praised the team from the national government at county level and National Treasury for their critical role towards the making of the Nandi CIDP.

"My agenda as the team leader will be to ensure that all the development partners from national, religious organizations, and NGO have their agenda successfully achieved in Nandi," Sang went on.

Nyamira registers 548,000 residents in Malaria prevention drive

BY DEBORAH BOCHERE
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The digital registration of households in Nyamira County is underway to prepare for the mass distribution of Insecticide-Treated Nets (ITNs) in the malaria-endemic area.

The Ag County Executive for Health, Bernard Maina who is also in charge of Trade in the county, confirmed that they have officially launched digital registration in households for them to benefit from the mass ITN distribution program.

Maina said the county is targeting to register 548,000 people and ap-

pealed to all residents to accept being digitally registered, requiring only identification cards and mobile phone numbers for nets.

Maina confirmed that Community Health Promoters (CHPs) have been thoroughly trained on how to handle the digital registration gadgets, sensitization to residents has been adequately done, and the exercise is scheduled to end on the 24th of December. CHPs will be accompanied by the village elders and people familiar to residents so that they (residents) to give their details for registration.

New KPCU refutes allegations of involvement in coffee theft scandal

BY DICKSON MWITI (KNA)

The New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (KPCU) has denied claims that it was behind the stealing of coffee beans from factories in Meru County.

This comes after an incident a fortnight ago where coffee worth millions of shillings was stolen from Kaguru Farmers' Cooperative Society in Imenti South.

Following the incident, Meru County Millers Chairman Zablon Mbabu claimed that one of the New KPCU directors in Meru County was behind the theft since one of the sacks that was left at the scene bore his name.

But speaking to the press, the New KPCU Chairman, Daniel Chemnoo, said the miller is a state corporation whose sole purpose is to mill and market farmers' coffee all over the country.

"New KPCU was registered in 2019 for milling, marketing and delivering cherry funds to improve coffee production in Kenya which currently stands at 51,000 metric tons from a high of 132,000 metric tons about 32 years ago," he said.



New KPCU Chairman Mr Daniel Chemnoo (in red tie) during a tour of Meru New KPCU stores.

As a corporation, therefore, we dissociate entirely from remarks made by Mr Mbabu that associated theft of coffee to the coming of New KPCU," said Mr Chemnoo.

He added that last year, the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Professor Kituthure Kindiki asked all coffee factories and estate farms to seek security from

police whenever they have coffee in their stores and that all cooperatives need to have adopted this long ago to thwart any theft attempts.

"All farmers' cooperative societies need to have their premises secured and therefore as a new KPCU we have no hand in what happened in Kaguru Farmers' Cooperative Society," said Mr Chemnoo.

He posed, "How come they

were storing coffee, and they had no proper security of the factory?"

Mr Chemnoo termed Mr Mbabu's claims as baseless information that was out to ruin their reputation.

He added, "We want to tell people that as an entity we market coffee from all over the country and we are not ready to be tagged with activities that don't augur well with us. Anyone with negative information must substantiate it or apologise lest we sue him."

But in a quick rejoinder, Mr Mbabu maintained that the person whose name appeared on the sack dropped at the crime scene was the principal suspect and that he was ready to say this even in a court of law.

On the issue of hiring armed policemen, Mr Mbabu said most of the cooperative societies are struggling to produce viable coffee to even pay their members well and therefore hiring security officers is not applicable.

He said the government should take up the issue since it is also benefiting from the dollars earned from coffee farming.

BRIEFS

Committee launches campaign to raise epilepsy awareness, reduce stigma

The National Epilepsy Co-ordination Committee (NECC) is advocating for epilepsy to receive prioritization similar to other non-communicable diseases, and for its medication to become more affordable. Speaking during the launch of an epilepsy sensitization campaign titled "Angaza Kifafa" at Murang'a Level V Hospital, Mr. Fredrick Beuchi, the committee secretary, pointed out that epilepsy receives less attention compared to other non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and its medication remains unaffordable for many patients. He emphasized that NECC is currently concentrating on public education and sensitization to diminish the stigma associated with epilepsy. However, the campaign also aims to promote treatment, highlighting the necessity to train more medical professionals specializing in epilepsy treatment. "We need to equip healthcare providers with the latest care practices and knowledge in

State-donated ice flakes machine improves fortunes for Nakuru County fish traders

BY ANNE SABUNI (KNA)

A section of Nakuru County fish traders is smiling all the way to the bank, thanks to an ice flakes-making machine donated to them by the government.

The Reech Self Help Group has witnessed a drastic drop in post-harvest losses in their fish trade, as they now produce flakes for use among themselves and for sale to other traders at the market.

The off-grid ice flakes-making machine, installed at Top Market in partnership with the national government's Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme II (ASDSP), has seen them increase their stocks to 1,200 kilograms a day, up from less than 1,000 that they used to stock previously.

"We have struggled with this business as we used to



A trader at the Nakuru Top Market scoops ice flakes out of an ice flake-making machine installed at the market under the second phase of the Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP II). Courtesy GPS

lose about 50 kilogrammes of fish everyday occasioning us Sh15,000 deficit in daily sales. Each time we failed to clear our stocks, we would rush to get the ice flakes only to find a long queue or no flakes at all, due to the high demand," noted Ms Beatrice

Ngolobe, the Chair of the group.

Ms Ngolobe noted that since the delivery of the machine in October this year, the group has started realizing profits, leaving them with savings that they intend to spend on freezers and

other cold storage facilities in future.

"The demand for ice flakes was so high especially during the dry season as we competed with ice-cream and soda vendors who depend on one producer, here in town. We now have a bank account where we save our profits that now stand at Sh360,000, up from Sh200,000," Pauline Anyango, a member of the group added.

ASDSP, through the County Government of Nakuru, offers extension services to farmers and traders in the pyrethrum, dairy and fish value chains. Through capacity building and extension of grants to groups, the Swedish Government-funded programme seeks to unblock barriers that hinder commercialization of agricultural activities while affording farmers and traders profitable ventures.

Narok County reports remarkable drop in Trachoma rates

A survey conducted by Narok County in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) has revealed a significant decline in trachoma prevalence, dropping from 30 percent in 2011 to 10 percent in 2023.

Speaking at a health stakeholders' meeting held in Narok, the County Director of Public Health, Edward Ole Tankoi, stated that Narok is one of the twelve identified endemic counties with a high trachoma prevalence in Kenya.

Tankoi added that despite the county's reduction in trachoma prevalence, it remains among the counties considered to be at a higher risk.

He said the decrease has been attributed to the successful public sensitization about the disease and the many medical camps held to treat the disease.

"The most affected sub counties in 2011 were Trans Mara West, Trans Mara East and Narok East Sub counties, however, the disease has dropped after interventions in these areas," he said.

Nevertheless, Tankoi said that despite the general drop, Narok West Subcounty recorded a prevalence of 11.5 percent in 2023 which is above

the county average of 10 percent.

"We will be carrying out a mass drug administration (MDA) in Narok West Sub County in order to counter the disease," he added.

The Director observed that high prevalence of Trachoma in Narok West Sub County was as a result of low toilet coverage adding that many families in the Sub County do not have a pit latrine.

County Eye Care Coordinator Mr. Rostan Lekuye said they will concentrate in Naikarra and Siana wards that are heavily affected by trachoma.

"The main cause of Trachoma is open defecation. The flies that carry the bacteria from the human waste get into contact with human eyes and cause the disease," he explained.

Lekuye added that the objective of this year's MDA is to reduce the prevalence of trachoma to below 5 percent which has been achieved in all other sub counties except Narok West and Narok South sub-counties.

He added, "Narok West sub-county requires more intervention this year. Our ultimate goal is to eradicate trachoma to below 1 percent prevalence.

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