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State rallies agencies to create own revenue amid budget cuts

BY NELLY KOSGEY (PCO)

The Government has initiated robust strategies in ongoing reforms aimed at enabling state agencies and corporations to generate their own revenue and support expansion programs.

Co-operatives and MSMEs Development Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya said the reduction in funding and

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Amount of money the state has extended to farmers from the Cherry Advance Revolving Fund

budget cuts experienced in the 2024/2025 financial year is a wake-up call for all government institutions to develop self-sustaining strategies that leverage internal assets to generate more revenue.

Speaking during a familiarization tour at the New Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (New KPCU) offices and the Dandora Milling Plant, Oparanya noted that the agency, which manages the country's premier coffee production, has strategic assets valued at billions of shillings and is capable of sustaining its

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Co-operative and MSMEs CS Wycliffe Oparanya

State launches Presidential Directive Management Information System

BY SHARON ATIENO(KNA)

The Government is leveraging technology to improve efficiency, transparency, trust, accountability, and openness in the public sector.

To achieve this, it has launched the Presidential Directives Management Information System (PDMIS) and the Foreign Travel Management Information System (FoT-MIS) to track and report on presidential directives, ensuring their proactive implementation.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (Pictured) described technology as a strategic driver in implementing government austerity measures and enhancing service delivery through the digitalization and automation of all critical government processes, making services available online.

Speaking at the launch



Sh16.3b

Amount of money the national government has allocated in the Financial Year 2024/2025 as investment in the digital super highway

30,000

Title deeds issued to residents of Igembe North by the Ministry of Lands Cabinet Secretary Ms Alice Wahome.

250,000

Affordable housing units the government is targeting to construct annually to address urban and rural housing shortages.

197,000

Number of persons in the Lower Kuja Irrigation Scheme in Migori county who will benefit indirectly after the completion of Phase I and II of an irrigation project.

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in Nairobi, Gachagua noted that the BETA plan was inspired by the Kenyan Vision 2030 economic blueprint, which highlights the role of ICT in enhancing knowledge for wealth creation, social welfare, and international competitiveness.

"The administration has set an ambitious objective to catalyze transformation and inclusive growth through the digital superhighway, which plays a critical role in achieving significant progress in areas such as Health, Agriculture, MSMEs, and Financing," stated Gachagua.

He also disclosed that the national government allocated Sh16.3 billion for the Financial Year 2024/2025 as an investment in the digital superhighway to help achieve the identified objectives in the sector.

"The foreign travel, being the biggest item that consumes a significant amount of financial resources, will still remain important for building networks, learning, and building partnerships

that allow citizens to shift their mind-sets of thinking globally, which must be done sustainably to avoid abuse," he said.

Additionally, the DP observed that the commissioning of FoTMIS is necessary, since it makes the trouble of manually clearing processes by enhancing the ease and efficient obligation processes and approval.

"The System will support the implementation of the government austerity measures, increase efficiency and transparency of all the processes, which all goes to restore trust and accountability that the Kenyan people demand," Gachagua highlighted.

The DP encouraged the expedition and conclusion of the processes, to secure a holistic structure that will not only secure adherence with prevailed travel guidelines, but also facilitate the government's ability to review the overall foreign travel budgets and expenditures, analyse the global travel threats and priorities and reorganize the Foreign Service foot-

bridge accordingly.

Gachagua noted that the world is inevitably changing, therefore, digital transformation puts technology at a core of strategy which translates to better processes, increased efficiencies and digital fluent work force, elements that are key to future survival and growth.

"PDMIS will record, track and report on the implementation of the presidential directives replacing manual dispatch methods and providing robust feedback," announced the DP, reiterating that the implementation of the presidential directives is done through people and employees are the greater sunset of any organisation.

The DP was accompanied by Cabinet Secretaries Dr Margaret Ndung'u (MICDE), Justin Muturi (Public Service), Beatrice Askul (EAC Affairs & Regional Development), Wycliffe Oparanya (Cooperatives and MSMEs), Attorney General Dorcas Oduor, Principal Secretaries, among other dignitaries.

State rallies its agencies to generate own revenue

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in place.

"We want to be realistic in how we operate and manage government resources. We need a clear roadmap that will outline how we phase out from relying on the exchequer's budget over the next three years.

"This will allow us to implement sustainable projects and achieve economic growth that will create employment opportunities in the coffee sub-sector," the CS told the Board.

Oparanya further stated that the ongoing reforms in the coffee sector have significantly contributed to coffee milling and sales in the global market, ensuring that farmers receive fair value for their high-quality crop.

"New regions across the country are becoming interested in coffee, and we will ensure that the existing milling plants are operational and modernized to increase pulping capacity while maintaining global quality standards," he said.



Coffee farmer in Kenya.

He also emphasized that coffee reforms must prioritize research, calling on NKPCU to recruit specialists to provide extension services to farmers, improve quality, and boost production.

Currently, NKPCU is collaborating with Dedan Kimathi University of Technology in Nyeri County on coffee research, capacity-building for coffee farmers, student training, and industrial attachment programs.

The CS urged the agency to scale up collaborations with other universities

in the 26 coffee-growing counties to accelerate and sustain coffee reforms.

Similarly, Principal Secretary for Co-operatives Patrick Kilemi reiterated that NKPCU's strategic assets across coffee-growing regions are an added advantage that will drive increased production once renovations are completed.

He said Kenya will continue to invest in marketing its own coffee globally, in collaboration with the Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency and private coffee entities.



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The Chairman,
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Applications **SHOULD BE** delivered to the office of the Chairman, no later than **30th September, 2024, by 5 pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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TENDER NOTICE

The Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under the Ministry of Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage. WEF was established via Government Financial Management Act in 2007, through Legal Notice no.147.

To deliver its mandate effectively and efficiently, the Fund invites eligible and competent service providers for the following tenders:

TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
1. WEF/ONT/01/09/2024-2025	PROVISION OF STAFF MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER – SECRETARIAT STAFF	UNDERWRITERS ONLY	17 TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 11:30AM
2. WEF/ONT/02/09/2024-2025	PROVISION OF AIR TICKETING SERVICES - (FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT)	AGPO	17 TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 11:30AM

Interested bidders should download the tender documents from the website www.wef.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke. and forward their particulars to info@wef.co.ke for record and any clarifications.

Detailed information on the tender documents is available on the Funds' website at www.wef.go.ke and public procurement information portal www.tenders.go.ke. All tender documents to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and tender name and addressed to:

The Ag. Chief Executive Officer
Women Enterprise Fund
P. O. Box 17126-00100
NAIROBI



KTDA to set minimum quality standards for its tea to boost global competitiveness

BY SADIK HASSAN
(KNA)

Smallholder tea farmers have been urged to pick only the best tea leaves as the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) considers establishing minimum quality standards that all KTDA teas must meet.

KTDA National Chairman, Enos Njeru, stated that this move would enhance the agency's competitiveness in the global market and ensure that Kenyan tea remains a product of choice.

"To reduce the volume of bulk tea stored in our warehouses, KTDA will focus on diversifying its product range," he said.

"This will not only prevent overstocking of black CTC tea but also provide the market with a variety of products to cater to different tastes and preferences," Njeru added during the opening ceremony of a four-day induction for over 300 newly elected KTDA

directors from 24 counties in Mombasa.

Farmers were encouraged to pluck only high-quality tea, as the high volume of unsold tea has been attributed to poor quality, tea hawking, the use of machinery, improper handling post-harvest, and the abolition of Direct Overseas Sales (DOS), all of which have negatively impacted tea stocks.

KTDA has increased monthly payments to motivate farmers and has initiated a program to educate farmers on best practices for handling tea between the farm and the factory.

"Farmers who focus on quality over quantity are reaping the rewards of their product sales," Njeru said.

He dissuaded farmers from disunity saying farmers from the East and West of Rift Valley are all equal and should work in a team.

"We want to speak in one voice, set a minimum

standard quality that will be acceptable to KTDA so that we treat all farmers equally and fairly, and sell our tea that will generate better revenue to our farmers. The difference in margins between the best and lowest farmers will not go beyond Sh10," Njeru stated.

The Chairman further noted that favourable weather and the availability of rain have led to high production of tea.

He said plans are underway to establish a common user facility in the Industrial Area, Nairobi. The facility will help ease value addition and reduce transportation costs.

On his part, Tea Board of Kenya Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Willy Mutai said 71 small-scale tea factories contribute 56 per cent of the national crop production.

Last year, he noted that the sector produced 266 million kilogrammes of tea while this year's target is 319 million kilo-



The Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) Chairperson Enos Njeru briefs the media on the sidelines of the induction of over 300 KTDA factory directors from 24 counties in Mombasa.

grammes. He assured farmers that the unsold tea will be sold.

"As a government reg-

‘ Farmers who focus on quality over quantity are reaping the rewards of their product sales,’ –Njeru

ulator we would want to urge all people who are supplying tea that they should meet the leaf quality standard that is two leaves and a bud or a leaf which can attract a price," Mutai said.

He revealed that they have opened up Direct Overseas Sales (DSO) and will work with KTDA to remove the DSO from the Tea Act to be in the regulation for farmers to be able to do direct sales at their respective factories.

The CEO said the gov-

ernment will continue to put in place interventions to help the tea industry achieve its objective in line with the Bottom up-Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"This year the government has provided Sh1 billion to support your tea packing hub at KETEPA in modernising its equipment.

It has also set aside Sh10 billion to support all farmers including tea farmers with subsidy fertilizers," the CEO said.



VACANT POSITIONS (REPLACEMENTS)

The Privatisation Authority is a state corporation established under Section 8 of the Privatisation Act, 2023 to among others, implement the Privatisation Programme and advise the Government on all aspects of privatisation of public entities.

The Authority is seeking to recruit qualified and self-motivated individuals to fill the following vacant positions:-

No.	Designation	Grade	No. of Positions
1.	Manager, ICT	PA 3	1
2.	Principal ICT Officer	PA 4	1
3.	Senior ICT Officer	PA 5	1
4.	Senior Records Management Officer	PA 5	1

Interested candidates may access detailed job specifications, duties and responsibilities for the positions and the experience required from our website www.privatisation.go.ke.

Applications clearly citing the position should be sent to:

**The Managing Director/CEO
Privatisation Authority
P.O. Box 34542 - 00100
Social Security House - Annex 10th Floor
NAIROBI, KENYA**

Applications should be received not later than **5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24th September, 2024**.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Office of the Controller of Budget is an independent office established under Article 228 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Pursuant to Article 252 (1) (c) of the Constitution, the office seeks to recruit qualified and competent staff to fill the following vacant position.

1	Director, Legal Services	1 Position
2	Senior Internal Auditor	2 Positions
3.	Senior Research and Planning Officer	1 Position
4	Fiscal Analyst	2 Positions
5	Legal Officer	1 Position
6	Senior Support Staff	1 Position

Please visit the career page on our website www.cob.go.ke for detailed job profile and instructions on how to apply. Applications should be sent by post or hand delivered to our office addressed to:

**The Controller of Budget
Bima House 12th Floor, Harambee Avenue.
P.O. Box 35616-00100
Nairobi**

so as to reach the Office of the Controller of Budget **NOT LATER THAN 24th September, 2024 AT 5.00PM.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Historic day for Igembe North as 30,000 title deeds are distributed

BY CATHERINE MUINDI (PCO)

It was a historic moment as residents of Igembe North received more than 30,000 title deeds, which they have been waiting for since the 1970s, from the Ministry of Lands. The ceremony was presided over by Cabinet Secretary Ms. Alice Wahome.

The residents of Amwathi Mutuati I 'A', Antuambui II, Naathu B, Amungeti B, Amwathi Mutuati II 'C', and Lower Athiru Gaiti gathered at KK Baithai Primary School to receive their title deeds. The event was attended by CS Alice Wahome and

Principal Secretary Nixon Korir.

Ms. Wahome issued 32,000 title deeds during the event in Igembe North before proceeding to Igembe South to issue another 5,000 titles at Tumutumu Center.

"I promised the President that I will be on the ground to serve the people," said the CS, who assured the people of Igembe North that the Ministry will soon set up a new Lands Registry in the area.

She also promised that her office would collaborate with elected leaders to organize land clinics to address title deed issues.

Ms. Wahome further re-

vealed that she will issue another 7,000 titles in the neighboring Tharaka Nithi County this week.

"We have 100,000 titles ready for the whole country, and another 100,000 are in the pipeline," said the CS.

Mr. Korir said the Ministry of Lands will work hard to surpass its targets in the issuing of titles as per the directions of President William Ruto.

"As a government we promise to deliver on all those that we promised. Some will be delivered today, others tomorrow but others might take a little longer," said PS Korir.

The CS and PS also



CS Lands Alice Wahome (3rd right) and PS Lands Nixon Korir (2nd left) issue title deeds to residents of Igembe North.

promised the residents of Igembe that the State Department for Lands and Physical Planning will embark on a process to rectify thousands of titles that were issued in previous years.

PS Korir expressed his satisfaction in seeing the people of Meru finally

receive their title deeds, enabling them to conduct land transactions with ease saying, "we will address the complaints we've received about the Maua Registry and rectify the situation," he said.

He also commended his Lands officers for their diligent work and encour-

aged them to continue serving Kenyans faithfully.

Among the leaders who accompanied the CS and the PS were Igembe North MP Julius Taitumu, Igembe South MP John Paul, Buuri MP Mugambi Rindikiri, Meru Women Rep Kailemia Karambu.

Health authorities ramp up efforts after fifth Mpox case confirmed in Kenya

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Ministry of Health is urging increased vigilance against Mpox following the confirmation of the country's fifth case. This comes after testing 124 samples, of which 110 tested negative, while nine are still under analysis.

Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Mulongo Barasa reported that 687,233 travelers have also been screened at 26 points of entry across the country.

Dr. Barasa confirmed that the fifth Mpox case was identified last Wednesday and involves a 29-year-old woman from Mombasa, residing in the VOK area near Tumaini Academy.

The CS stated that the patient, who is the spouse of the fourth confirmed case and is currently admitted in Nakuru, was first seen at the Coast General Hospital on August 28, 2024. She is now in isolation at Utange Hospital's Mpox Isolation Centre.

"The patient has no recent travel history to a country reporting Mpox cases, but her spouse had recently traveled to Rwanda and returned to Kenya on the 24th of last month," Dr. Barasa said.

She revealed that active surveillance for suspected cases is ongoing to control the spread of the disease



Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Mulongo Barasa

and currently, three contacts remain under close observation adding that out of the five confirmed cases two have fully recovered while three remain in isolation and are responding positively to treatment, demonstrating the effectiveness of Kenya's response and management of the disease.

"We reassure the public that our healthcare facilities are fully prepared to diagnose and treat Mpox. There is no need to panic if you believe you may have symptoms. Mpox is transmitted through direct contact with an infected person, contact with contaminated body fluids, clothing, utensils, or even contact with infected wild animals", the CS noted.

She said signs and

symptoms to look out for include, high fever, body rash, enlarged lymph nodes, headache, back pain, fatigue, muscle and body aches and to prevent the further spread of Mpox, the Ministry urges the public to avoid unnecessary travel to countries reporting Mpox outbreaks, avoid direct contact with suspected or confirmed cases and if caring for such

patients, caregivers should adhere to preventive measures as advised by the Health Care Provider.

The CS also urged Kenyans to report to the near-



NATIONAL COHESION AND INTEGRATION COMMISSION

INVITATION TO TENDER (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

PROVISION OF STAFF HOUSING MORTGAGE SCHEME ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

TENDER NUMBER: NCIC/OT/HR/002/2024

1. The National cohesion & Integration Commission (NCIC) invites sealed tenders for the Provision of Staff Housing Mortgage Scheme Administration Services for a period of Five (5) year renewable for a further Five(5) years subject to satisfactory performance

TENDER NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
NCIC/OT/HR/002/2024	PROVISION OF STAFF HOUSING MORTGAGE SCHEME ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	OPEN	Wednesday September 25 th , 2024 at 12:00Noon

2. Tendering will be conducted under National Open competitive method as prescribed under section 96 of Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 and Regulations 85 of Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations 2020.

3. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours from 8:00AM to 5:00Pm at the address given below.

4. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded FREE of charge from the website www.cohesion.or.ke or www.tenders.go.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@cohesion.go.ke or 17TH FLOOR, BRITAM TOWERS, HOSPITAL ROAD, UPPERHILL P.O BOX 7055-00100 NAIROBI, KENYA to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

5. Duly Completed Tender documents shall be enclosed in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender number as stated in the tender documents and be deposited in the Tender box provided at the office HQs , Britam Towers, 17th Floor, Hospital Road, Upper hill, Nairobi or addressed to:

The Ag. Commission Secretary/CEO,
National Cohesion & Integration Commission
17TH FLOOR, BRITAM TOWERS, HOSPITAL ROAD, UPPERHILL
P.O BOX 7055-00100 NAIROBI, KENYA
0702777 000 / 020 258 5701/2
Email: tenders@cohesion.go.ke

so as to be received on or before Wednesday September 25TH, 2024 at 12:00Noon

6. The applications will be opened immediately thereafter, at the NCIC's Boardroom on 17th Floor Britam Towers, Upper hill, Nairobi in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any tender application in whole or part.

7. Late tenders will be rejected.

Commission Secretary/CEO

National Water sign Sh13.7m water infrastructure deal with Bomet County

BY LAMECH WILLY(KNA)

The National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority (NWHSA) and the Bomet County Assembly have signed a contract valued at Sh13.7 million to develop water infrastructure in the area.

The agreement, which was signed between the Authority and the County Assembly, involves the supply, delivery, and installation of an 80,000-liter elevated pressed steel water storage tank on a 15-meter-high steel tower at the Bomet County Assembly. Speaking during the signing of the agreement, Mr. John Muhia, the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority, stressed the Authority's commitment to supporting county governments in developing essential water infrastructure.

"We are leveraging our expertise and experience to bolster local



Mr. John Muhia, Acting CEO of NWHSA, and Isaac Kitur, Clerk of the Assembly, exchange the signed contract valued at Sh 13,769,200.

water projects," Muhia stated during the contract signing. The CEO also highlighted NWHSA's past achievements in Bomet County, including the drilling of 14 boreholes, with plans for more in the future. Muhia assured that the new project would be completed with the same high standards and efficiency that have marked previous successful partnerships with county govern-

ments through out the country. Addressing concerns about the long-delayed Bosto Dam project, which has been stalled for nearly five years, Muhia provided a hopeful update by saying, "all preparations for the implementation of Bosto Dam are complete, and we are now in the final stages of rolling out construction work and the dam will be launched soon," he said.



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TOURISM

RECRUITMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

A. Introduction

Pursuant to Section 73(5) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, Public Finance Management (National Government) Regulations, 2015 Section 174(1) and the guidelines for the establishment of Audit Committees in public entities vide Kenya Gazette Notice Vol.CXVIII No. 40 of 15th April, 2016, the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife invites applications from qualified and interested persons to fill the following positions of the Audit Committee.

1. Chairperson

2. Two (2) members.

B. Requirements for Appointment

1. Chairperson

- i. To be appointed as the chairperson of the Audit Committee, one must have the following:
- ii. A degree from a recognized university;
- iii. Knowledge and experience of not less than 7 years in audit and/or Financial Management/Accounting;
- iv. Be a member of ICPAK or IIA and in good standing;
- v. Knowledge and experience in Risk Management; and
- vi. Be a person of integrity and in compliance with requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

2. Member

- i. To be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee, one must have the following:
- ii. A degree from a recognized university;
- iii. Work experience of not less than 5 years;
- iv. Be a member of a professional body and in good standing;
- v. Knowledge in public service/government operations and experience in Risk Management; and
- vi. Be a person of integrity and in compliance with requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

All interested applicants who meet the above requirements should submit their applications together with detailed curriculum vitae, copies of academic and professional certificates, copy of Identity Card and testimonials in a sealed envelope clearly marked for Chairperson or Member of Audit Committee addressed to:

**The Cabinet Secretary
The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife
P.O BOX 30027-00100 NAIROBI**

or

Hand delivered to **NSSF Building Block A, Eastern wing, 15th Floor by 2nd October 2024.**

Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Cards, Academic and Professional Certificates and transcripts, clearance from the National Police Service, HELB, KRA, EACC and clearance from any accredited Credit Reference Bureau during the interview.

Please note that:

- i. Candidates should not attach original documents to the application;
- ii. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted; and
- iii. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
- iv. The appointment to the committee shall be for period of not more than three years.

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TOURISM**



INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Industrial Estates (KIE) is a State Corporation established with a major role of promoting indigenous entrepreneurship by Financing and Developing Small Scale and Micro Enterprises. The Institutions is seeking qualified bidders to provide the following services:-

NO	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	TENDER NO	CLOSURE DATE
1.	Provision for Security and Guard Services	KIE/TNO/01/2024-2025	Monday, 23.09.2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain the detailed tender advert and respective tender document by visiting our website: www.kie.go.ke or PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Duly completed bid documents shall be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the "Tender Number" and "Tender Description" and addressed to:

**MANAGING DIRECTOR
KENYA INDUSTRIAL ESTATES
P.O.BOX 78029-00507, NAIROBI**

And be deposited in the Tender Box Located on Ground Floor, so as to be received on or before the above indicated dates. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives who choose to attend in the conference Room Located on 2nd Floor of KIE Headquarter Building. Late bids will be rejected.

MANAGING DIRECTOR



TOURISM FUND



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Propelling Kenyan tourism

CANCELLATION OF JOB VACANCIES

Tourism Fund (TF) is a State Corporation established under the Tourism Act, 2011, mandated to mobilize resources to finance the development of a sustainable tourism industry in Kenya.

The Fund is seeking to recruit qualified Kenyan Citizens to fill the following positions:-

NO	Position	Job Summary	JOB GRADE
1.	Manager Legal Services	This position reports to Corporation Secretary and Director, Legal Services.	TF 3
2.	Manager, Finance & Accounts	This position reports to Director, Corporate Services	TF 3
3.	Manager, Human Resource & Administration	This position reports to Director, Corporate Services	TF 3
4.	Manager, Information Communication and Technology	This position reports to Director, Corporate Services	TF 3
5.	Manager, Resource Mobilization	This position reports to Director, Strategy & Resource Mobilization	TF 3

VISIT TF WEBSITE: www.tourismfund.co.ke for full details of the position.

Application Process

Interested and qualified persons are requested to submit their applications indicating their current salary together with a detailed curriculum vitae, professional certificates and testimonials.

The successful candidate will be required to avail the following documents at the point of receiving the job offer;

- Valid certificate of good conduct
- EACC clearance
- HELB clearance certificate
- Valid KRA compliance certificate.
- Clearance from a reputable credit reference bureau

Officers in Grade TF 03 shall be appointed on a contract of five (5) years renewable subject to performance

Method of Application

Applications clearly marked "APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF " to be addressed to:

The Chairman, Tourism Fund P.O. Box 46987 – 00100 Nairobi

Soft copy applications should be addressed to chairman@tourismfund.co.ke so as to reach on or before 16th May, 2024.

No hard copies will be accepted.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

"TOURISM FUND IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND ENCOURAGES ALL QUALIFIED PERSONS INCLUDING THE YOUTH, WOMEN, PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND PERSONS FROM MINORITY GROUPS TO APPLY"

Migori's Lower Kuja irrigation scheme to benefit 197,000, create 250,000 jobs

BY GEORGE AGIMBA
(KNA)

At least 197,000 people in the Lower Kuja Irrigation Scheme in Migori County will benefit indirectly from the completion of Phase I and II of the irrigation project. The project, which was recently inspected by President William Ruto, will also create employment for over 250,000 Kenyans and generate about Sh6 billion once completed.

Currently, the scheme hosts 5,000 farmers who have been connected with the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) for subsidized fertilizer.

A government-sponsored project, it is located in Nyatike Sub-County, 45 kilometers from Migori town, and covers six locations and 13 sub-locations in Nyatike and Karungu Divisions.

The Lower Kuja Irrigation Scheme has a history dating back to the 1980s when various studies organized by the Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA) identified the potential for irrigation in the Nyatike area using water from the Kuja and Migori rivers.

According to the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) Chairperson, Eng. Gilbert Maluki, the project will enhance rice production in the country, create a sustainable supply of raw materials such as straw, oil, and hulls for



President William Ruto during an inspection tour at the Lower Kuja Irrigation Scheme in Nyatike Sub County-Migori County. The total project cost of the Scheme for phases I and II is 2.6 Billion where 7,000 acres of rice will be cultivated in phase one.

agro-based industries, and contribute to foreign exchange earnings.

The total project cost of the Lower Kuja Irrigation Scheme for Phases I and II is Sh2.6 billion where

7,000 acres of rice will be cultivated in Phase I and an additional 12,000 acres in Phase II.

In addition, the project will have 47 kilometers of a drainage system, 212 kilometers of on-farm drainage and an extension of the 2.06-kilometre canal network.

The project has also seen the establishment of a private miller around

the irrigation scheme that will not only increase rice production but also create wealth and job opportunities in the county.

Other milling companies that were recently commissioned by President William Ruto on his visit to Nyanza are the Lake Basin Development Authority

Rice Mill Project in Kibos and Kisumu County and the Usongo Siriwo Rice Mill in Siaya County which will also boost and facilitate increased rice production and support farmers through value addition.

The rice scheme is in

line with Vision 2030 and the Big Four agenda of food and nutritional security which seeks to ensure food security at the local level that will contribute towards the same at the national level.

Speaking in August this year in a forum on the Korea-Africa Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (KAFACI) in Nairobi, the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr. Andrew Karanja said that the country was planning to reduce rice imports by 50 per cent in the next five years.

Karanja said instead, the country will be focusing on embracing high-yielding varieties and modern farming technologies to accelerate food production in the country.

Second devolution support programme launched to boost counties delivery



Director for Capacity Building and Technical Assistance, (Devolution) Kennedy Nyambati (Left) and the Kajiado Governor, Joseph Lenku.

BY ROP JANET (KNA)

The Second Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP II) has been launched in Kajiado County. The programme, implemented by the Ministry of Devolution and Planning with funding from the World Bank, aims to enhance the capacity of county governments in delivering their mandates.

Kennedy Nyambati, Director for Capacity Building and Technical Assistance at the State Department for Devolution, noted that the first phase of KDSP was successful, with counties showing improvements in the management of their resources and development projects.

Nyambati, who represented Principal Secretary for Devolution Ms. Teresia Mbaika, added that Phase I of KDSP en-

hanced the capacity of county governments in key areas such as public financial management, planning, human resource management, and civic education.

"We have seen improvements in the way counties manage their resources, plan for their development and engage with citizens and this has translated into better service delivery and increased trust between the people and their county governments," he said.

He emphasised that the KDSP II will build on the gains made in the first phase and address emerging challenges to strengthen county governments.

It will also focus on deepening the institutionalisation of devolved functions, enhancing the quality of service delivery.

KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY
Transforming Urban Mobility

TENDER NOTICE

This is to bring to the attention of the general public that an invitation for the following tenders has been uploaded on the [PUBLIC PROCUREMENT INFORMATION PORTAL](#) and [KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE](#).

No.	Tender Name	Tender Number
1	Improvement of NCPB-Stadium main gate 1 access road	KURA/RMLF/HQ/377/2024-2025
2	Improvement of Kanarini Primary School Loop Road	KURA/RMLF/HQ/378/2024-2025
3	Improvement of KWS Field- Stadium access road	KURA/RMLF/HQ/379/2024-2025
4	Improvement of Stadium loop Roads	KURA/RMLF/HQ/380/2024-2025
5	Improvement of Access to County Commissioner's Residence	KURA/RMLF/HQ/381/2024-2025
6	Improvement of Methodist CDF- Culture – Stadium Gate 5	KURA/RMLF/HQ/382/2024-2025
7	Improvement of NCPB - KWS Airstrip Gate	KURA/RMLF/HQ/383/2024-2025

Bidders are requested to visit KURA's Website at [www.kura.go.ke](#) and [www.tenders.go.ke](#) for more information.

**Deputy Director – (SCM)
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Kenya Urban Roads Authority

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KENYA FISHERIES SERVICE
P.O BOX 48511-00100
NAIROBI

TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Fisheries Service invites eligible and interested bidders for the following tender;

NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND
1.	Framework Contract for Provision of Laboratory Testing Services including, Microbiological, Physico-chemical, Chemical, Contaminants (Heavy Metals) and Pesticides Testing in Water, Sediments and Fish/Fishery Products and Fish Feeds	KEFS/OT/001/2024-2027	OPEN	NONE

Mandatory requirements, tender conditions and further instruction are contained in the tender documents that can be downloaded free of charge at [www.tender.go.ke](#) and [www.kefs.go.ke](#). Complete tender documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope by 11.00am (Kenyan Time) on or before **3rd October, 2024** in the Tender Box Situated on **13th Floor NHIF Building- Kenya Fisheries Service**.

All bid documents must be submitted as per the tender documents clearly marked with the bid title. Late Bids will be rejected.

**Director General
KENYA FISHERIES SERVICE**



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PROPERTIES FOR SALE & TO LET



The units are located off Nairobi-Mombasa highway; 1 km from Kenya Meat Commission in Athi River and 20 KM from JKIA.



2 and 3 Bedroom Apartments for sale on Outright Purchase Terms located in Kisumu, off Kakamega Road.



2 and 3 Bedroom Apartments for rent located in Nyeri Town next to AP Lines.



The apartments are located off within NHC Langata court, off the Southern Bypass and 10 minutes from Nairobi CBD.

Affordable Housing Programme



Studio, 1 & 2 Bedroom apartments for sale on Outright Purchase Terms. Located along the Kisumu - Homa Bay highway, next to Homa Bay Youth Polytechnic; with a panoramic view of Lake Victoria.



Studio, 1 & 2 Bedroom apartments and Shops for sale on Outright Purchase Terms. Located off Embu - Sialkago Road along Embu Prison Road.



Studio, 1 & 2 Bedroom apartments and Shops for sale on Outright Purchase Terms. Located 50m off Kerugoya - Karatina Road, opposite Kaltheri Coffee Factory along Effort Junior Academy Street.



Studio, 1 & 2 Bedroom apartments and Shops for sale on Outright Purchase Terms. Located in Ol Kalou Town, next to the County Headquarters.

Commercial Spaces For Sale



Commercial spaces for sale to the highest bidder. This property is Located in Ngara, Parkroad.

Unit Type	Shop No.	Area in M ²	Reserve sale price per unit in Kshs.
Shop	1	26	1,667,284 on sale 'as-is-where is'
Shop	3	26	1,815,000 on sale 'as-is-where is'
Shop	28	25	1,667,284 on sale 'as-is-where is'

Repossessed Properties For Sale



2 Bedroom apartments located off Kisumu-Kakamega Highway, 3.5 Km off Kisumu Central Business District and 500m from Kisumu Lake Basin Shopping Mall. Sale on Tenant Purchase Terms.

Unit Type	House No.	Area in M ²	Sale price per unit in Kshs.
2 Bedroom	(7B-64B) (5B-49B) (8B-74B)	70	5.2M on sale 'as-is-where is'



2 Bedroom apartments situated in Kisii (Nyandera area). Sale on Tenant Purchase Terms.

Unit Type	House No.	Area in M ²	Sale price per unit in Kshs.
2 Bedroom	(E2-24) (E2-25) (E2-40)	68	4M on sale 'as-is-where is'

Upcoming Projects

- Meru
- Kericho
- Nakuru
- Changamwe
- Trans Nzoia
- Kakamega
- Stoni Athi Maisonettes Phase III
- Maralal Estate Samburu
- Siaya Housing Scheme

Application Process:

- Download application form from www.nhckenya.go.ke.
- Fill in the application form and attach (copy of KRA PIN, ID and pay slip or bank statement).
- Submit form for opening of account. Payment of deposit (ECitizen *222#, select housing option then NHC).

*Buyers interested in bidding for commercial spaces in Ngara Parkroad can access and download qualifying document at www.nhckenya.go.ke

Kisumu port defies tough economic times to post 51.5pc growth

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA
(KNA)

Kisumu port has come out of the doldrums to register a 51.5 per cent growth defying a regional economic crunch which has taken a hit on businesses.

According to the 2024 half year performance report released by Kenya

Ports Authority (KPA), the port recorded 125, 503 metric tons as compared to 60, 910 tons during the same period last year representing a growth of 64,592 tons.

The commodity realized during the period comprised automotive gas oil destined for Uganda (26,186.9 tons), ceramic tiles (3, 603.8 tons), steel



MV Uhuru II vessel docked at the Kisumu Port.

billets (3, 217.5 tons) and bagged fertilizer (1,367.0 tons).

Gate activity according to the report has also increased with the port realizing a total of 1,126 trucks during the period under review.

Vessel calls to the port have also increased with the facility projected to break performance record

by surpassing 200,000 metric tons in total cargo throughput.

The port posted 116 calls in July this year representing an increase of 63 calls as compared to the same period last year.

The vessels registered during the period under review include MV Uhuru, MT Kabaka Mutebi II, MV Munanka, MV Orion

II, MV Mango Tree. and Orion III which have made three, nine, one, six, one and two calls respectively.

MV Uhuru which was revived in 2019 after being grounded for over a decade has a capacity of loading 22 wagons and currently ferries steel billets weighing 804.5 tonnes destined for Jinja, Uganda.



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IMPLEMENTATION OF FEES FOR SERVICES OFFERED BY THE NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

The National Biosafety Authority is a State Corporation established under the Biosafety Act, 2009 to exercise general supervision and control over the transfer, handling and use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) to ensure safety of human and animal health; and provision of an adequate level of protection of the environment.

Under Section 51 of the Act, the Cabinet Secretary is vested with powers to make Regulations for better carrying into effect the provisions of the Act in consultation with the Authority. Pursuant to this Section, the Cabinet Secretary developed the Biosafety (Contained Use) Regulations, 2011; Biosafety (Environmental Release) Regulations, 2011; Biosafety (Import, Export and Transit) Regulations, 2011; and Biosafety (Labelling) Regulations, 2012.

Pursuant to these Regulations and following public participation that was carried out from 17th January 2024 to 7th February 2024, the Authority hereby notifies the public and stakeholders that with effect from 1st October 2024, the following fees are applicable:

NAME OF SERVICE	DESCRIPTION / SPECIFICATION OF THE SERVICE	FEES (KSH)
Genetically modified organisms (GMO) Applications	Consideration of Application for approval of additional Contained use facility including a Confined Field Trial (CFT) ie more than one facility for one approved Project.	60,000 per each additional Facility
	NB: The Application fee of Ksh. 170,000 will cover the costs related to inspection and approval of one Facility/site	
	Consideration of Application for Renewal of contained use and/or CFT Projects (After expiry of 5 years)	170,000
	Public notification for Environmental release and Placing into the Market of GMOs	Actual cost of publication
	Consideration of Application for renewal of Environmental release and Placing into the Market of GMOs (After expiry of 10 years)	850,000
	Application for Transit of GMOs and/or derived products through Kenya	40,000/ consignment*
	Change or modification of research protocol where there is need for additional risk assessment	170,000
	Change or modification of research protocol where there is no need for additional risk assessment	30,000
Genome editing Applications	Early Consultation for Genome Editing Applications (Research)	170,000
	Early Consultation for Genome Editing Applications (Commercial purposes)	850,000
Application for clearance of Low-Level Presence situations in consignments (LLP)	Consideration of Application for Low Level Presence (LLP) situations - for declared GM Events (Analysis report from an accredited laboratory provided by client (GM content within set thresholds of LLP).	20,000/ consignment*
	Consideration of Application for Low Level Presence (LLP) situations - for un-declared GM Events at low level or where the test results are not from an accredited laboratory	50,000/ consignment*
	Notification for approval of stacked GM Events through conventional breeding where the single events have already undergone regulatory approvals in Kenya	250,000
	Notification request for lower level stacks (in situations where all the single gene events and highest order stack have previously been approved for environmental release and/placing into the market in Kenya)	
Molecular Laboratory	Sampling services (on request)	25,000 per sample
	GMO Detection/ screening	25,000 per sample
	GMO Event Identification	30,000 per GM Event
	GMO Event Quantification	30,000
	GMO Detection – Oversees (outsourced)	100,000
	Bench fee for utilization of NBA's Molecular Laboratory for own research and testing	2,000 per day, plus cost of consumables

NAME OF SERVICE	DESCRIPTION / SPECIFICATION OF THE SERVICE	FEES (KSH)
Annual and Licensing of handlers and operators dealing with GM food, feed, processed products	Registration and licensing of storage/ packaging/ manufacturing/ warehousing, dealing with GM derived products (for commercial purposes)	30,000
Cargo inspection & Clearance at Point of Entry (POE)	Clearance of cargo at entry and exit points	5,500 per consignment*
	GMO Rapid Testing using Lateral strips (on request and on need basis)	2,000 per sample.
Movement of non-commercialized GM Material	Supervision of movement of GM materials that are still not commercialized from one facility to another	10,000 plus transport at AA Rates per KM
GMO Labels for approved GMOs	Annual fees for product traceability; Large sized firms (Firms with annual Turnover of over Ksh 10 Million)	30,000 per firm or entity
NBA to avail the Label description and the unique identification number(s).	Annual fees for product traceability; Medium sized firms (Firms with annual Turnover of over Ksh. 1 Million to Ksh 10 Million)	20,000 per firm or entity
Operator to meet cost of labelling	Annual fees for product traceability; Small sized firms (Firms with annual Turnover of less than Ksh 1 Million)	10,000 per firm or entity
GMO- Free Stickers	Annual fees for product traceability; Large sized firms (Firms with annual Turnover of over Ksh 10 Million)	30,000 per firm or entity
Sticker specification to be designed by the company and approved by NBA.	Annual fees for product traceability; Medium sized firms (Firms with annual Turnover of over Ksh. 1 Million to Ksh 10 Million)	20,000 per firm or entity
Applicant to proof non-GMO Status of product	Annual fees for product traceability; Small sized firms (Firms with annual Turnover of less than Ksh 1 Million)	10,000 per firm or entity
Issuance of GMO-Free Certificates	Processing fee	5,500 per consignment*
Issuance of 'No Objection Letters'	Processing fee	5,500 per consignment*
Registration and Training of Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBC)	Registration fee for new Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBC)	20,000
	Annual Renewal fees after Registration	10,000
	Biosafety Training of Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBC) Members	100,000
Inspection and certification of new GMO containment/CFT facilities	Inspection fees	50,000 plus transport at AA Rates per KM
Annual Inspection fee of GMO containment facilities	Inspection fees	10,000 plus transport at AA Rates per KM
Inspection of Records, GMO Register and Applications	Facilitation costs	10,000
Obtaining copies of Records	Copies of records (non-confidential)	100/page
Annual Permit to deal with products of GMOs (wholesale, retail)	Annual fees	1,000
Consideration of Application for treating certain information in Applications as Confidential	Review of Application to determine if information/data is confidential or not	20,000

Explanatory Notes to the Fees Schedule

Consignment*: Means cargo weighing up to 40 metric tonnes (one lot). Cargo weighing more than 40 metric tonnes will be charged based on number of lots, at a flat rate per lot.

For further information, contact the Authority at info@biosafetykenya.go.ke or Tel: 0713 854 132/ 020 267 8667 or postal address;

Chief Executive Officer
National Biosafety Authority
P.O. Box 28251-00100
Nairobi

Thika accelerates road development in pursuit of city status



Governor Wamatangi flanked by Engineer Obuolloh (immediate right) and Kiambu County Planning and Municipal Administration Executive Salome Wainaina(left) plus other county and KeNHA officials.

BY HELLEN LUNALO (KNA)

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) has pledged to build 61 kilometers of roads in the busy industrial town of Thika as part of an initiative to transform it into a city. The roads, which have already been identified, will be constructed both within the town and on its outskirts, with an allocation of approximately Sh5 billion. The initiative aims to improve traffic flow for motorists entering and leaving the industrial area.

The County has announced plans to allocate Sh256 million for the Kenya Urban Support Programme and an additional Sh500 million to enhance informal settlements in Thika, alongside improvements to roads, hospitals, and markets.

Mr. Ephraim Obuolloh, a senior engineer overseeing design at KeNHA, stated that a feasibility study, as well as an environmental and social impact assessment report, has been finalized. Currently, the design phase is in progress, and subsequent public consultations will be held.

Mr. Obuolloh led a delegation from KeNHA for a meeting with Governor Kimani Wamatangi at his office in Kiambu town, where they discussed various projects and potential areas of collaboration during the implementation phase.

Speaking during the meeting, the Governor revealed that enhancing the town's infrastructure would bring about a substantial transformation for the community.

"We have made significant progress in our efforts to transform Thika into a smart city, and have successfully completed public participation. Currently, a report is being drafted for submission to the County Assembly for approval and subsequent forwarding to the Senate," he said.

"The roads are essential and time-sen-

sitive, and I am pleased that the President has approved my requests for this project. As the county government, we are dedicated to fulfilling all responsibilities allocated to us during the implementation process, ensuring that the projects can move forward without any delay," he stated.

The roads designated for dualing include the Gatitu-Kilimambogo stretch, spanning 20 kilometres and part of the Thika-Garissa Road for a distance of 22 kilometres. Additionally, the Thika-Keenor Highway will receive extra lanes on each side for a distance of 14 kilometres. There will also be a new interchange at Blue Post for the 16-kilometer road connecting Blue Post to Gatanga.

In Thika Town, the 4.4-kilometer stretch from Haile Selassie to the Upper Highway, Upper Road Roundabout, and General Kago Road will be upgraded to a dual carriageway.

Besides, the Magoko-Kenyatta Avenue Road and Kenyatta Highway, which runs past East Africa Paper Mills, will also be dualled.

The road leading from Zero Gravity Distilleries will also be expanded to a dual carriageway, extending from the Thika Bypass junction to the intersection near Makongeni Police Station.

Improvements have as well been planned for the Garissa Road-Thika Bypass junction near BAT Thika, the segment of the highway adjacent to Thika Sports Club, and the Del Monte Junction.

Governor Wamatangi urged KeNHA to look into the upgrading of the roads along the Kilimambogo-Juja Farm-Witethie route and the Gatuanyaga-Juja circuit, emphasizing that the improvement would enhance access to the eastern side of the town and provide an alternative route for vehicles traveling to Nairobi from Garissa, Machakos, and Kitui.

Gatuanyaga Ward Representative Jackson "Jack Ma" Kungu detailed that Thika was divided into two geographic sections: Thika West, which includes Thika Town, and Thika East, which encompasses the less developed Ngoliba and Gatuanyaga Wards.

Subsequently, with the planned development of the city that is largely dependent on the ceded Delmonte land in Gatuanyaga and Ngoliba, Kungu stated that he was optimistic of significant growth and transformation taking place in the two wards in the foreseeable future.

We have made significant progress in our efforts to transform Thika into a smart city, and have successfully completed public participation." - Wamatangi




KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (KEMSA)

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) NOTICE

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) on behalf of the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Health herewith invites sealed tender (s) as follows:

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date
GLOBAL FUND- KEN-H-TNT			
1	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT01/2024-2025	Supply of ARVS Pediatrics Medicines I	1 st October, 2024 at 10:00am
2	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT02/2024-2025	Supply of ARVS Pediatrics Medicines II	3 rd October, 2024 at 10:00am
3	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT03/2024-2025	Supply of ARVs Adult Medicines I	1 st October, 2024 at 10:00am
4	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT04/2024-2025	Supply of ARVs Adult Medicines II	3 rd October, 2024 at 10:00am
5	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT05/2024-2025	Supply of Medicines for Opportunistic Infections (OIs)	1 st October, 2024 at 10:00am
6	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT06/2024-2025	Supply of STI Medicines	3 rd October, 2024 at 10:00am
7	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT07/2024-2025	Supply of Opioids Substitution Therapy	1 st October, 2024 at 10:00am
8	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT08 /2024-2025	Supply of Male Condoms	1 st October, 2024 at 10:00am
9	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT09/2024-2025	Supply of Condom Lubricants	3 rd October, 2024 at 10:00am
10	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT10 /2024-2025	Supply of Hepatitis B and C Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs)	8 th October, 2024 at 10:00am
11	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT11/2024-2025	Supply of Shang Ring Devices	8 th October, 2024 at 10:00am
12	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT012/2024-2025	Supply of Methadone Dispensing Cups	8 th October, 2024 at 10:00am
13	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT013/2024-2025	Supply of Crag and HIV Rapid Test Kit	8 th October, 2024 at 10:00am
GLOBAL FUND- KEN-M-TNT			
14	GF ATM MAL GC7/OIT01/2024-2025	Supply of Anti Malaria Medicines	3 rd October, 2024 at 10:00am
15	GF ATM MAL GC7/OIT02/2024-2025	Supply of Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test Kit	3 rd October, 2024 at 10:00am

1. Qualified and Interested tenderers may obtain further information during office hours on Monday to Friday 08.00hrs and 17.00hrs except on Public Holidays from Procurement Directors office situated at: **KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, P.O Box 47715-00100, Nairobi Tel No: +254111035800 Email: procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke**

2. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the website: <http://www.kemsa.go.ke/tenders> and PPIP Portal: tenders.go.ke. Tender Documents obtained electronically will be **free of charge**.

3. Tenderers must register their bid documents at the Procurement Office or via email at procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke (**Refer to registration form in the tender document**) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

4. The tenderers shall chronologically serialize and paginate all pages of the tender document submitted.

5. The bid documents must be deposited in the **Tender Box No.2 marked Global Fund** at the reception on the Ground floor KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi on or before the **dates indicated in the table above**.

6. Bulky tenders can be handed over to KEMSA Procurement Director's office for registration and safekeeping till the tender opening date.

7. Tender documents will be opened immediately after closure of the tender at the KEMSA Tender Opening Hall located at Ground floor KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who may choose to attend.

8. Late bids shall be rejected and returned unopened.

9. There will be a Pre bid conference at **KEMSA's Tender Opening Hall, Ground Floor KEMSA National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Office Block Nairobi, Kenya on 17th September, 2024 at 10:00am**

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Kakamega poised for growth with WB-funded road upgrades



Kakamega County Governor Fernandes Barasa (2nd left) leads in inspection of the ongoing upgrade works in Mjini - Masanga Road to bitumen standards.

BY MOSES WEKESA (KNA)

Kakamega County is on the verge of becoming a socio-economic hub, as a World Bank project begins upgrading roads in its informal settlements.

According to county leadership, the Second Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project (KISIP2) is on track with its plan to upgrade the Mjini, Shible, and Lukoye informal settlements at a cost of Sh152 million. This initiative is expected to boost livelihoods in the western devolved unit.

Governor Fernandes Barasa recently led an inspection tour of the ongoing upgrade works on Mjini-Masanga Road, which is being upgraded to bitumen standards.

Governor Barasa assured residents that Kakamega County will undergo significant transformation over the next ten years, thanks to this initiative. He also expressed his gratitude to KISIP2 and other development partners.

KISIP2 is a state project implemented by the Government of Kenya (GOK) with funding from the World Bank, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and the European Union (EU).

The program aims to improve access to basic services for the community by upgrading the Mjini, Shible, and Lukoye informal settlements through infrastructure development.

This includes roads and drainage works, water supply projects, and the installation of solar street lights within the settlements.

Attendees at the event included the County Executive, Area MCAs, the KISIP County Project Coordinator, and other county staff.

The objective of KISIP2 is to enhance access to basic services and land tenure security for residents in participating urban informal settlements and to



strengthen institutional capacity for slum upgrading in Kenya. KISIP2 project is expected to be implemented in 33 counties including Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Tana River, Lamu, Taita Taveta, Wajir, Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Machakos, Makueni, Nyandarua. Other benefitting counties are Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Kiambu, Turkana, West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Baringo, Nakuru, Kajiado, Kakamega, Bungoma, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Migori, Nyamira, Nairobi, Embu, Marsabit and Laikipia.

Out of these counties, 23 are beneficiaries of conditional grant for infrastructure upgrading and implementation of infrastructure upgrading works is ongoing in five counties, namely Kakamega, Nakuru, Kilifi, Kisumu and Nairobi.

It is a key Vision 2030 enabler project anchored in the Government's agenda of enabling residents in participating urban informal settlements within selected counties benefit by having access to basic infrastructure services and land tenure security.

The project is currently domiciled at the State Department for Housing and Urban Development in the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development.

In undertaking these interventions, KISIP2 is divided into four components including integrated settlement upgrading which has two sub-components, namely land tenure regularization and infrastructure upgrading, a component on socio-economic inclusion planning, another on institutional capacity development for slum upgrading and program management and coordination.

Governor Barasa assured residents that Kakamega County will undergo significant transformation over the next ten years, thanks to this initiative.



MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NAME OF PROJECT: OPERATIONALIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COLD STORAGE FACILITIES

Introduction

The Government is promoting the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). It recognises the role played by MSME sectors in income generation, wealth and job creation, increased foreign exchange earnings, and poverty reduction. The Micro and Small Enterprise Authority (MSEA) Mandate aims to address the challenges by raising farmers' productivity and addressing cost and quality by reducing post-harvest losses for their products.

The Authority's mandate is conceptualized to support the MSE sector through promotion, development, regulation, and institutional capacity building. The Authority has aligned its strategy to, the bottom-up transformation Agenda (BETA) and the emerging issues in the sector. Through this, the Authority aims to create a conducive operating environment for the MSMEs and increase market access locally, regionally, and internationally, by operationalizing the existing Cold storage (s) Centres through established partnerships.

These facilities will accommodate storage for agricultural produce, contributing to growth and resolving post-harvest challenges experienced by farmers. This will also help promote price stabilization for agricultural produce.

The Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) is intended to identify reputable and qualified firms/partners in the agricultural value chain who will work with the Authority and primary producers to operationalize and manage each Cold storage facility.

The Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) invites sealed bids from eligible firms/partners for the following assignment;

Tender No.	Description of the Request for Expression of Interest	Opening Date	Bid Drop - off
MSEA/REOI/01/2024-2025	Expression of Interest for Operationalization and Management of Cold Storage and Processing Facility in Ngusishi, Meru County.	24 th September 2024	MSEA tender box (located at Utalii House, Mezzanine one Floor).
MSEA/REOI/02/2024-2025	Expression of Interest for Operationalization and Management of Cold Storage and Processing Facility in Olkalau, Nyandarua County.	24 th September 2024	MSEA tender box (located at Utalii House, Mezzanine one Floor).
MSEA/REOI/03/2024-2025	Expression of Interest for Operationalization and Management of Cold Storage and Processing Facility in Kiamokoma, Kisii County.	24 th September 2024	MSEA tender box (located at Utalii House, Mezzanine one Floor).

SCHEDULE OF SITE VISITS

S/N	SITE NAME	DATE	TIME
1	Ngusishi cold storage facility in Timau Meru County (Potatoes and other agricultural produce)	16th September 2024	11.00am
2	Olkalau Cold storage facility in Nyandarua County (Potatoes and other agricultural produce)	18th September 2024	11.00am
3	Kiamokoma Cold Storage Facility in Kisii County (Bananas and other agricultural produce)	20th September 2024	11.00am

Shortlisting criteria

Interested and eligible firms/Partners must provide information on the overall firm's experience, all relevant statutory documents, capability to run the facilities, and demonstrate their suitability for the assignment putting into consideration the following aspects;

- a.) Business type and evidence of the firm, having been in the agricultural produce business.
- b.) Firms/partners are requested to propose an operationalization model that includes the procurement and pricing models that create fairness, transparency, and sustainability for agricultural produce.
- c.) Illustrate financial capability in purchasing agricultural produce, aggregation, logistics, and strategies on competitiveness, and linkages to the value chain ecosystem.
- d.) Propose initiatives that demonstrate farmers empowerment and value addition
- e.) Illustrate sustainable governance structure to operationalize the facilities indicating a clear relationship to the Authority, farmer, and Cooperative Societies.
- f.) Demonstrate key expertise in running and managing the cold storage facilities.
- g.) Marketing initiatives ideal for the value chain agricultural produce.

Note that the above criteria are not limited and firms / Partnerships are encouraged to provide any additional/relevant information regarding operationalization and management of the cold storage facilities.

This Expression of Interest for the above assignment may also be obtained from the MSEA Website: www.msea.go.ke/www.tenders.go.ke at no fee.

Further clarifications may be inquired through Procurement@msea.go.ke not later than seven (7) days from the date of closing/opening of the EOIs.

Written Expression of Interest must be deposited in the Tender box situated at MSEA Utalii House, Mezzanine Floor in plain sealed envelopes and marked with the Tender reference number, name and addressed to:

**The Director General/CEO,
Micro and Small Enterprises Authority
P.O. Box 48823 00100 Nairobi**

Not later than **11.00 am on 24th September 2024**.

**HENRY RITHAA
DIRECTOR GENERAL/CEO**



Investors introduce eco-friendly cookers to mitigate climate change effects

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU(KNA)

Climate change has become a concern for every government and stakeholder, especially due to the environmental devastation witnessed across the globe. However, efforts are in full swing to reverse the devastating effects of this phenomenon, which have repeatedly caused the deaths of hundreds of Kenyans and deprived thousands of others of their livelihoods.

Earlier this year, Kenya faced the wrath of Mother Nature when severe floods swept through various parts of the country, killing numerous people, destroying homes, crops, and livestock, and leaving thousands of people homeless and without income. This disaster occurred while the country was already reeling from the effects of a severe drought that had devastated livestock, particularly in arid and semi-arid counties.

Such events are not unprecedented, and as a result, the government continues to implement various initiatives to both mitigate and reverse the effects of climate change. In 2022, the government launched an ambitious plan to plant 15 billion trees over ten years, aiming to achieve a forest cover of about 30 percent. This campaign is designed to halt and reverse deforestation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Through the Vision 2030 initiative, which targets a forest cover of at least 10 percent by 2030, the government has committed to planting five million trees each year. Additionally, it has designated an area of 5.1 million hectares with potential for reforestation.

And to support these efforts to fight climate change, two organizations are seeking to help institutions and individual homes to embrace eco-friendly cookers which will help stem cutting down trees for firewood.

The first organization, Faith Engineering Works Company is partnering with these institutions to install the steam cookers which utilize steam to make food for hundreds of people.

The Sales Executive Jec-

“The cookers are faster, safer, and cook virtually every type of food including deep frying. They use only one unit of electricity to cook for one hour because they do not use electricity continuously because of the thermostat therein, thus saving 79 per cent of the cost of energy. It costs between three to seven shillings,” - Oyolla

nia Oyolla showcasing this technology during a Technical, Vocational Education Institutions (TVETs) International Conference in Naivasha said the cooker has a boiler which releases steam which cooks the food and uses only a quarter of the amount of fuel required to cook the same amount of food.

The cookers also come with a safety-valve, temperature and pressure regulators, all in a bid to ensure safety in the kitchen where mass production of food is done.

“In effect, the workers will be working in a clean environment with no

Charles Mwangi; Sales Executive at Nyalore Impact Company based in Homa-Bay showcasing an electric pressure cooker during a (TVETs) International Conference in Naivasha

smoke or soot, which improves their health and will have more time on their hands to do other engagements and the food will be clean and can never burn,” Oyolla said.

He noted that it costs on the upward of Sh7 million to install in an institution, depending on its capacity, but saves 60 to 70 per cent of the cost of fuel. This means that the institution can recoup the installation cost in three to four years, he added.

Oyolla said they have already



tutions. He urged more institutions to take up this innovation because of its cost-effectiveness in the long-run as institutions contribute to deforestation due to massive amounts of firewood they use.

Another company, Nyalore Impact Company based in Homa-Bay is also promoting the use of electric pressure cookers at home which also help save the environment. Charles Mwangi, a sales executive at the company showcasing the invention at the same event said the cookers are timesaving and cook virtually.

He said the electric cookers use very limited energy, making them cost-effective and are faster, clean and not noisy at all.

“The cookers are faster, safer, and cook virtually every type of food including deep frying. They use only one unit of electricity to cook for one hour because they do not use electricity continuously because of the thermostat therein, thus saving 79 per cent of the cost of energy. It costs between three to seven shillings,” he said.

Mwangi said the cookers which cost between Sh10,000 to Sh12,600 and are also ideal for big institutions and that the investment is worthwhile.

But these investors are apprehensive about the imminent introduction of eco-levy which they say might erode the perceived gains the government would have made from such ventures in saving the environment.

This tax was in the budget proposal that was rejected by Kenyans recently but may be re-introduced in the Supplementary Budget.

As of 2021, the National Forest Resources Assessment (NFRA) Report, 2021 indicates that Kenya's forest cover stood at 8.8 per cent falling short of the minimum target of 10 per cent set by Kenya's 2010 Constitution and the United Nations (UN).

In total, Kenya has roughly over seven million hectares of forests, commercial or exotic. This means indigenous forests, which take more time to mature, are disappearing at an alarming rate. The NFRA report further indicates that up to 37 counties out of the 47 counties have a tree cover percentage greater than 10 per cent.

It shows that forest cover is unevenly distributed across the country with the central region, parts of western and the coast region being the most forested.

Another IFRA report shows that Kenya's tree cover now stands at about 12 per cent, which means that Kenya has attained and exceeded the constitutional threshold of having 10 per cent tree cover as obligated in Article 69, Section 1(a) of the Constitution.

State urges parents to register disabled children for support

BY BENARD MUNYAO

The Government has called on parents of children with disabilities to register them with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) to assist in budget planning and to ensure accurate data on all children with disabilities. This will help link them to various forms of government financial and material support.

Speaking during a mapping exercise at Don Orione Special School in Murang'a, Winfred Wairimu, Head of the Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities (ARDD), emphasized that registration will enable the government to streamline services for individuals with disabilities and better support those in need.

"Parents should stop

hiding children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and register them because the government needs to know the total number of children with disabilities for better service delivery," Wairimu said. At Don Orione Special School, a total of 70 individuals with disabilities, including children and persons with albinism, benefited from

diapers, sanitary towels, nutritional supplements, therapy, sunscreen lotions, and spectacles provided by NCPWD.

Parents of children with disabilities also received training on conducting therapy at home and guidance on properly feeding their affected children.

Wairimu noted that many parents hide their children due to fear of

stigmatization, which can worsen conditions, and urged parents to seek help early. "Most parents ignore early signs that could show a child is suffering from intellectual disability. It is advisable for the parents to seek help when they notice children are not meeting developmental milestones," She added. Esther Makena, Murang'a County direc-

tor for disability services, said they have established a programme aimed at creating awareness in the community and that has reduced stigma on people living with disabilities.

Makena advised parents of children with cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autism to visit the nearest NCPWD offices so that they can get financial, bursary and scholarships.



www.wasreb.go.ke

WATER ACT 2016 Section 70 ,85, 87 & 139

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS ON LICENCING OF WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has received licence applications from three (3) water service providers to provide water services within their counties. The licence applications have been made pursuant to the Water Act 2016 (Section 85(1)- "A person shall not provide water services except under a licence issued by the Regulatory Board, upon submission of an application and such supporting documents as the Board may require".

Therefore, in compliance to WASREB principal object under the Water Act 2016 Section 70(1)-"protection of the interests and rights of consumers in the provision of water services", Section 87(1)- "An application for a licence shall be subject to public participation" read together with the provision of Section 139, we wish to advise that public consultation meetings shall be held at the venues stated below to get stakeholders concerns on services provided, licensing conditions and proposals for services improvement going forward. Please note that all Water Service Provider(s) shall hold hybrid public consultation meetings (physical and virtual) as outlined below;

Water Service Provider	County	Venue		Day Date and Time
Tetu Aberdare Water and Sanitation Company	Nyeri	Physical meeting	Wamagana Catholic Hall, Nyeri County	Wednesday 2 nd October 2024 10.00 am
		Virtual Meeting	WSP to provide links	
Ngandori Water and Sanitation Company	Embu	Physical meeting	Marvel Hotel, Embu town	Thursday, 3 rd October 2024 10.00 am
		Virtual Meeting	WSP to provide links	
Homabay Water and Sanitation Company	Homabay	Physical meeting	Golden Rays Hotel, along Homa Bay - Kendu Bay Road	Tuesday, 8 th October 2024 10.00 am
		Virtual Meeting	WSP to provide links	

Please note that the Homabay public consultation covers both license and tariff applications

Participants should be seated by 10.00am. Personal identification of participants will be required. Members of the public in respective areas are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask any questions that may relate to the provision of water services in their areas.

Details on Homabay water tariff rate can be accessed at www.wasreb.go.ke and www.homawasco.co.ke.

Comments on the application shall be emailed to info@wasreb.go.ke or send in hard copy to:

The Chief Executive Officer,
Water Services Regulatory Board,
5th Floor NHIF Building,
Ngong Road,
P.O Box 41621 -00100,
NAIROBI.

The closing date for receipt of comments is 30 days after the publication of this notice.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
WATER SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD



Water Services for All


REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

State Department for Housing and Urban Development

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES-FIRM SELECTION)

Name of Project:	Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2)
Credit No:	6759-KE
Project ID No:	P167814
Assignment Title:	Consultancy Services for Preparation of Infrastructure Upgrading Plans, Detailed Engineering Designs and Procurement Documents and Construction Supervision of Infrastructure Improvement Works in Selected Informal Settlements in the Counties of Nakuru, Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo Marakwet.
Reference No:	KE-MOTI-438181-CS-QCBS

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank and French Development Agency (AFD) towards the cost of the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

2. The Consulting services (the Services) include:

- Preparation of Infrastructure Upgrading Plans, Engineering Designs and Procurement Documents and Construction Supervision of Infrastructure Improvement Works

The assignment is expected to take Thirty-Four (34) calendar months from the contract commencement date.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.housingandurban.go.ke/tenders or can be obtained at the address given below.

4. The State Department for Housing and Urban Development (the Client) in the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development through its Project Implementation Team, now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- i. **Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in engineering or related field for a period of at least ten (10) years.
- ii. **Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two assignments of similar nature and scope in similar operating environments in the last ten (10) years. Details of similar assignments-Name and address of the client, scope, value, and period should be provided and submitted with an Expression of Interest (EoI).
- iii. **Technical and managerial capability of the firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity including relevant equipment, tools, software etc. and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" first published July 2016 and revised September 2023, fifth edition ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. **0900 to 1700 Hours East African Time, (EAT)**.

9. **Expression of Interest** must be delivered in a written form to the address below either in person, by mail or by e-mail by **24th September 2024** at 1100 Hours EAT.

Address:
State Department for Housing and Urban Development,
Attn: Principal Secretary
6th Floor, Ardh House, 1st Ngong Avenue
Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone: +254-02-2729200
E-mail: kisip2.procurement@housingandurban.go.ke
HEAD OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT



Training program launched to combat rising Esophageal Cancer cases

BY SILVIA WANJOHI
(KNA)

The Kiambu County Department of Health Services in collaboration with Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral & Research Hospital (KUTRRH) have launched a five-day training program aimed at improving the early detection and treatment of oesophageal cancer in the devolved unit.

Oesophageal cancer af-

fests the tube that runs from the throat to the stomach, whose significant risk factors include dietary habits, alcohol consumption and smoking which have been identified as significant contributor to the disease.

The symptoms include trouble swallowing, unintentional weight loss, chest pain, worsening indigestion or heartburn and coughing or hoarseness.

The initiative targets Community Health Management

Team (CHMT) members, Sub-County Community Health Focal Persons, and Community Health Assistants in the county.

The training is part of a broader effort to enhance public awareness, build diagnostic capacity and improve access to timely care for oesophageal cancer patients.

This approach is expected to significantly increase survival rates and the likelihood of successful treatment for those affected by the disease.

KUTRRH Board Chair, Professor Olive Mugenda highlighted the collaborative nature of the project which also involves the University of Manchester in the UK.

"The group is ready to start the work in an effort to discover the causes, the prevalence, and the nature of this disease, which is affecting more and more people," Mugenda said.

Ms Teresia Njoroge, the Director of Public Health and Sanitation for Kiambu County, emphasized the im-

portance of community engagement in the fight against oesophageal cancer.

She highlighted the need to establish effective referral mechanisms and ensure access to care to improve patient outcomes.

"Community engagement is crucial in the fight against oesophageal cancer. We need to establish effective referral mechanisms and ensure access to care to improve patient outcomes," Njoroge said.

The training program will

also be implemented in Kisii, Nakuru, Meru, and Nyeri Counties, with the goal of equipping local health workers with the necessary skills and knowledge to tackle the growing threat of oesophageal cancer in Kenya.

The research project commenced its activities in August 2022 following the receipt of Sh446 million from National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Esophageal Cancer Research Grant and is set to run for three years.



INVITATION TO TENDER

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

1. CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION:

Rfx No.	Contract name and Description	Bid Security	Opening & Closing date
1000001178	Provision of Cleaning Services for the Financial year 24/25-25/26 (Re-Tender)	Kshs; 250,000.00	26th September, 2024 @ 10.00am

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 RERE 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/\(bD1lbizjPTUwMCZKPW1pbg--\)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP](https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal/(bD1lbizjPTUwMCZKPW1pbg--)/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 147 days 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

Tender Termination

Rfx No.	Contract name and Description
1000001078	Provision of Cleaning Services for the Financial year 24/25-25/26

Name: Dr. Rose N. Mkalama;
Designation: Chief Executive Officer



TENDER NOTICE

National Housing Corporation (N.H.C) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tender.

Tender Number	Tender Description	Closing Date & Time
NHC/EST/002/2024-25	Tender for Sale of Commercial Spaces at Park Road Affordable Housing Project	24th September 2024 at 11.00am

Tender document can be downloaded **free of charge** from N.H.C website www.nhckenya.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke.

Enquiries can be made via email address: info@nhckenya.go.ke.

Any addenda/additional information on the tender will be posted on the N.H.C website.

Duly completed bid documents shall be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the "Tender Number" and "Tender Description" and addressed to:-

**MANAGING DIRECTOR,
P. O. BOX 30257 – 00100,
NAIROBI.**

And be deposited in the Tender Box located on Ground Floor of N.H.C house, so as to be received on or before **24th September 2024 at 11.00am** and shall be valid for a period of **150 days** after bid submission. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives who choose to attend in the Conference Room located on 10th Floor of N.H.C House.

Late bids will be rejected.

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO



MERU WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES COMPANY LTD (MEWASSCO)

Tel: 064-3132591 0717527707
E-mail: meruwater@gmail.com

P. O. Box 859-60200 MERU
Website: www.mewass.or.ke

TENDER NOTICE

Meru Water and Sewerage Services Company LTD invites eligible and competent bidders to apply for the following Tender

TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION
MWS/MED/24-25	Tender for provision of Medical Insurance Cover for Board Members and Staff

A complete set of tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions of tendering can be obtained by interested bidders by downloading from MEWASSCO website www.mewass.or.ke or at public information portal www.tenders.go.ke for free.

Application clearly marked the Tender No. and Tender name on a sealed envelope should be addressed to:

**The Managing Director,
Meru Water and Sewerage Services Company LTD
P. O Box 859 – 60200 Tel: 064-3132591
MERU**

Should be deposited in the tender box at the office reception so as to be received on /before **Tuesday, 17th September 2024 at 11.00 A.M.** The bid documents will be opened thereafter. Tenderers or their representatives are free to attend.



REMINDER NOTICE TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEMES

FILING OF SCHEME ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENT OF THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS LEVY

The Retirement Benefits Authority would like to bring to the attention of **Trustees, scheme administrators and other service providers** of retirement benefits schemes whose financial year ended on 30th June 2024, the following provisions of the Retirement Benefits Act, 1997 and the Regulations therein:

- Section 34(4)** of the Act requires every scheme to submit to the Authority **audited financial statements** within **three (3) months** after the end of the financial year. Penalties apply for failure to submit audited accounts within the prescribed timelines as provided under **Section 34 (4) (4c)**
- Section 16** of the Act; **Regulation 39** of the Retirement Benefits (Occupational Retirement Benefits Scheme) Regulations 2000; **Regulation 32** of the Retirement Benefits (Individual Retirement Benefits Scheme) Regulations 2000 and **Regulation 46** of the Retirement Benefits (Umbrella Retirement Benefits Scheme) Regulations 2017 require each scheme to submit to the Authority the **Retirement Benefits Levy** within four (4) months after the end of financial year. Any default in the payment of the levy attracts a penalty of 5% per month on any amount outstanding.

In this regard, schemes whose financial year ended on 30th June 2024 should submit their financial statements by **30th September 2024** and **pay** the requisite levy by **31st October 2024**.

Payments should be made online through the RBA Returns Portal via the eCitizen collection account. For all payments, please provide the scheme details including the scheme registration number, scheme name and amount of levy paid to the Authority through the email address levy@rba.go.ke

For queries regarding the Retirement Benefits Industry or your pension scheme please call RBA on toll free number: 0800720300

RETIREMENT BENEFITS AUTHORITY

Rahimtulla Tower, 13th Floor, Upper Hill Road, P.O. Box 57733-00200 Nairobi
Tel: 2809000 Mobile: 0726 600001-5 or 0735 339132 Fax: 2710330

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Kenya National Highways Authority
Quality Highways Better Connections

TENDER NOTICE

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

KeNHA invites sealed bids from eligible Service Providers for the following tenders.

S/No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing/Opening Date/Time/Venue
1.	KeNHA/2800/2024	Provision of Motor Vehicles Insurance Brokerage Services	25th September, 2024 at 11.00am. KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao Road, Block C - 2nd Floor Board Room.
2.	KeNHA/2801/2024	Provision of General Insurance Brokerage Services for Authority Assets	25th September, 2024 at 11.00am. KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao Road, Block C - 2nd Floor Board Room.

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested Bidders free of charge by downloading from KeNHA website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP): www.tenders.go.ke or from KeNHA Office JKIA BaraBara Plaza Block C, 2nd Floor Supply Chain Office during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of Ksh, 1,000.00 (One thousands shillings only) in form of a banker cheque payable to Kenya National Highways Authority.

Bidders are encouraged to download the Tender documents from the above websites to minimize physical visits to the KeNHA Office.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke and Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) for any other tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL**



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION (MWSI)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – COMMUNICATION EXPERT)

Country :	Kenya
Project :	KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM (KTSWSSP)
Assignment Title:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROJECT COMMUNICATION & DOCUMENTARY.
REOI No.	AWWDA/KTWSSP/CS/12/2024

- The Government of Kenya (GoK) on behalf of Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) towards the cost of the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP) and intends to apply part of the amount for this loan to payments under the **Consultancy Services for Project Communication & Documentary**.
- The objective of the assignment is to engage a communication expert to provide institutional communication support and undertake strategic communication, stakeholder engagement, media management and creative production for the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP) Athi Cluster.
- The scope of individual consultancy services will include but not limited to the following:

Construction Phase:

- Public Awareness and Outreach - Develop clear and concise messaging about the project's purpose, benefits, and timelines. Utilize various communication channels (e.g., town hall meetings, website updates, social media) to reach diverse audiences.
- Stakeholder Engagement - Identify key stakeholders, including residents, businesses, environmental groups, and government officials. Establish regular communication channels with stakeholders through meetings, newsletters, and community forums.
- Media Relations - Develop media kits with project information and key contact details. Proactively engage with media outlets to share project updates and address any concerns raised in the media.
- Construction Updates - Regularly share updates on construction progress, milestones achieved, and anticipated timelines. Communicate any potential delays or disruptions in a timely and transparent manner.

Post-Construction Phase:

- The consultancy services will be carried out over a period of 12 Months
- The Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) now invites individual consultants to submit their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information on their capacity and experience in relation to the assignment, (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).
- The minimum requirements are:
 - A minimum of bachelor's degree in public relations and communication including journalism, political science or related field, with sufficient practical experience in public communication
 - At least twelve years of work experience working in public communications
 - A combination of skills and knowledge in both print and visual communications including knowledge in and handling of communication equipment is an added advantage
 - A demonstrated strong knowledge of and interest in Vision 2030 and Big 4 Agenda of the Government of Kenya (GOK)
 - Proven excellence, enthusiasm, and creative/journalistic writing skills, and approach to communications that spur active public debates. Demonstrated ability to conceptualize and develop visual media content is an advantage
 - Proven ability and knowledge of social media platforms, mainly Facebook, Twitter, Newsletters, and website management among others.
 - A good social media following, traffic, and engagement, especially with young people will be an added advantage.
 - Excellent written and verbal communications in English
- Interested individual consultants must provide information with evidence that they are qualified and experienced to perform this assignment. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted. In addition, they should include a proposal for undertaking the assignment along with a financial proposal.
- The Consultants' proposals shall be evaluated on the following criteria as expressed in their updated resume/proposal.

• Similar/Relevant Assignments undertaken	30%
• General Qualifications & Adequacy	30%
• Educational level compared to the field of assignment	20%
• At least 12 years of relevant experience	10%
• Language proficiency in English	5%
• Knowledge of Athi Water Works Development Agency's Mandate	5%
- Consultants shall be selected through comparison of qualifications of the candidates (not to exceed six) among those who have expressed interest in the assignment or have been approached directly by the Borrower. Individuals considered for comparison of qualifications shall meet the minimum relevant qualifications and those selected to be employed by the Borrower shall be the best qualified and shall be fully capable of carrying out the assignment. Capability is judged on the basis of academic background, experience, and, as appropriate, knowledge of the local conditions, such as local language, culture, administrative system, and government organization"
- Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with Guidelines for recruitment of Individual Consultants under the "Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations" dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
- Interested Individual consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 0800 to 1700 Hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400Hrs) and public holidays.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **24th September, 2024 at 12.00 noon East African time** and mention Consultancy Services for Project Communication and Documentary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CIVIL AVIATION BILL 2024

Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) is a State Corporation established under the Civil Aviation Act, 2013 and mandated, among other functions, to regulate the aviation industry in Kenya. As obliged under the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, and in order to make the Act more robust to cover emerging issues in the Kenyan aviation industry and international best practice, KCAA reviewed the current Civil Aviation Act, 2013 provisions and has developed a draft Civil Aviation Bill 2024 for consideration by stakeholders.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya and all other relevant legal requirements, KCAA invites members of the public to submit written comments and/or memoranda on the draft Civil Aviation Bill 2024 via <https://forms.gle/w1f9MPsmu2FzqYMW6> or fill the stakeholder comments form and send via email to civilaviationbill@caa.or.ke on or before **30th September 2024 at 17:00hrs.**

The draft Civil Aviation Bill, 2024 and the stakeholder comments form can be obtained from the KCAA website: www.kcaa.or.ke.

Further, members of the public are invited to attend in-person public consultations on the Bill at the venue indicated below:

REGION	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Nairobi	The Panari Hotel	3rd October, 2024	09:00hrs – 16:00hrs

EMILE N. ARAO
DIRECTOR GENERAL




NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

NATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE

The National Construction Authority (NCA) is a State Corporation established under the National Construction Authority Act 2011, with the responsibility to oversee the construction industry and coordinate its development. The Authority invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders;

No.	Tender No.	Description of Tender	Eligibility	Closing/Opening Date
1	NCA/T/01/2024-2025	Provision of Private Security Services at NCA Headquarters, Regional and Liaison offices	AGPO	18th Sept, 2024
2	NCA/T/02/2024-2025	Purchase of Cisco Call Management	OPEN	18th Sept, 2024
3	NCA/T/03/2024-2025	Provision of Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Insurance Services	OPEN	18th Sept, 2024

Tender documents with detailed information and instruction may be viewed and downloaded from the Authority's website; www.nca.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information portal, www.tenders.go.ke at no cost.

Manager, Supply Chain
FOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Scientists in Mombasa explore role of satellite technology in supporting Blue Economy

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

Scientists and researchers converged in Mombasa for a three-day workshop to learn about and raise awareness of the role of Earth observation satellites in supporting the Blue Economy.

Under the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security and Africa (GMES and Africa) support program, the forum aimed to discuss the sustainability of the various services implemented under the GMES and Africa Project, according to Rashid Imam, Director of the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) in Mombasa.

Imam added that the forum also sought to raise awareness about the use and impact of GMES services at both the national and regional levels.

It aimed to promote cross-fertilization to encourage consortia to establish cooperation frameworks among themselves, share experiences, knowledge, and best prac-



A section of the delegates follows proceedings during a Southern Africa Regional Stakeholder Workshop on Earth Observation Technologies in Mombasa.

tices on successful services, and strengthen the use of GMES and Africa services.

Giving his remarks during a presentation, Imam said the use of earth observation (EO) and remote sensing technologies to obtain data on the state of the earth which include the physio-chemical and biological systems is critical for planning to ensure there is a better understanding of the issues faced.

He said once processed, the data and information help in many policy areas.

Imam added that the use of EO data is key in developing best science-based policies and strategies for the sustainable use of our

natural endowed coastal and marine resources that many countries have.

He noted that nations are also able to ensure that they develop strategies that protect the rich endowment being the biological resources.

Imam said the Blue Economy sector is facing multifaceted challenges which include environmental and socio-economic challenges which become complex with time and interconnected.

“Although African countries have committed to address these challenges through nationally determined contributions, threats such as climate change experience in our country inform of floods,

drought, pollution among others, can be potential divers of poverty and food insecurity as well as malnutrition among vulnerable communities,” he said.

He further noted that countries need up-to-date integrated information on the state of the earth.

He reiterated that the government established a specific department to look into emerging and challenges in the blue economy sector.

“The Department of Blue Economy works very closely with the Kenya Space Agency for the betterment of our societies here in Kenya and also for the rest of the continent,” he added.

Imam said the country

has adopted and developed dedicated policies for space science and technology.

He pointed that through these policy instruments, the government seeks to secure collaborations and partnerships and build human and institutional capacity in the areas of blue economy and remote sensing.

He said Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) has the prerequisite analytical capacity to deal with big data sets which is critical in ensuring that they can translate large data sets into information and knowledge aimed at addressing the challenges in various areas of the economy.

“Through KMFRI, we have technical experts with specialized training and capacity of generating real time data on temperature, current, primary productivity, wave height among other key oceanographic parameters,” he said.

He said KMFRI has set up a ground receiving

satellite data station with the capacity of generating fishing advisories in the form of Potential Fishing Zones (PFZ) for local fishers.

Imam also stated that the country regards collaborations and partnerships in the areas of Ocean Science Technology and innovation including Space Science and Technology as a vehicle for facilitating knowledge sharing, developing pre-requisite skills and allowing for the diffusion of inventions and innovations in the country.

“Kenya aims to explore investment opportunities in these areas for the socio-economic development of our people,” Imam added.

The theme for the workshop was, “Enabling sustainable development and inclusive growth using earth observation technologies towards Agenda 2063”.

GMES and Africa is a joint programme co-financed by the European Commission and the African Union Commission.

Devolution Department to enhance capacity building for counties

BY MARTIN MUNYI AND
IRENE GALGALO (KNA)

The state department of devolution has embarked on capacity building devolved units with the aim of strengthening governance systems and improve service delivery at the county level.

The state department for devolution principal secretary ms teresiah mbaika has said that her department will provide counties with resources to enhance institutional capacity in the running of their daily affairs.

speaking in nanyuki town during the launch of the laikipia county second phase of the kenya devolution support programme (kdsp ii), ms mbaika noted that the country's devolution journey stands as a beacon of hope for socio-economic transformation.

"over the past decade, we have witnessed remarkable progress in establishing and operationalising county governments, ushering in a new era of governance and service delivery. the milestones achieved reflect our unwavering commitment to decentralisation and citizen empowerment,"



PS for Devolution Ms. Teresia Mbaika addresses participants during the launch of County Government of Laikipia second KDSP II.

she said.

Ms Mbaika further noted that KDSP II seeks to leverage partnerships through a combination of performance-based grants and targeted investments to incentivize critical reforms and foster a culture of accountability and transparency.

"By leveraging partnerships and harnessing the expertise of diverse stakeholders, we can overcome institutional and infrastructural development challenges and unlock the full potential of Laikipia County," the PS said.

She further noted that

through the first phase of KDSP, Laikipia County was supported in infrastructural projects such as improvement of roads, health, water, sanitation and market rehabilitation at a cost of over Sh440 million. Moreover, the county received over Sh113 million for capacity building and technical assistance.

The County also received more than Sh103 million for the construction of maize storage facilities and installation of driers and capacity building of producers.

Governor Joshua Irungu, who attended the launch said his administration had outlined various flagship projects in the areas of Health, Agriculture, Water and Sanitation, Trade and Infrastructure that would be prioritized under the second phase of KDSP.

Irungu pointed out that since KDSP was a result-based programme, his administration had prioritized three key areas to commit that are: improvements in service delivery, staff performance, and enhancing own source revenue to surpass the Sh1.1 billion realised in the 2023-2024 financial year.

"This (KDSP) is a result-based programme

where if we score well, we will be able to receive more grants and rise to higher levels of funding. The funding model is based on performance indexes of each county," Irungu said.

Ms Jane Kiringai, a senior advisor on internal development in the Office of the Deputy President, who also attended the launch chal-

lenged county governments to seek partnerships with development partners' in order to harness more funding for development.

"Counties are always complaining that the equitable share is not enough for development projects, but they can leverage partnerships that will see most of programs supported by

other development partners," Ms Kiringai said.

KDSP is funded by the World Bank through a loan to the national government but extended to devolved units as conditional grants to support infrastructure programmes, strengthen institutions in a bid to maximise the impact of devolution at the grassroots levels.



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EXAMINATIONS NOTICE – DECEMBER 2024

Students of Kasneb, parents, sponsors, guardians, training institutions and other stakeholders are hereby notified that the December 2024 examinations will be administered over a period of five (5) days, from Monday, 2 December 2024 to Friday, 6 December 2024. The specific dates and other additional information are availed below:

1. EXAMINATION DATES

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

(a) Monday, 2 December 2024 and Tuesday, 3 December 2024

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

(b) Monday, 2 December 2024 to Thursday, 5 December 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, 3 December 2024 and Thursday, 5 December 2024

Foreign Accountancy Qualifications (FAQ)

(d) Friday, 6 December 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 December 2024 examinations will be **Friday, 1 November 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 nationwide.
- (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, 10 September 2024.

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(Office of the Ombudsman)**

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TENDER FOR PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE CLEANING, FUMIGATION AND SANITARY SERVICES (RESERVED TO AGPO GROUP)

The Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman) is a Constitutional Commission established under Article 59 (4), Chapter Fifteen of the Constitution and the Commission on Administrative Justice Act, 2011 with the mandate of addressing all forms of maladministration in the public sector in Kenya. The Commission is also charged with overseeing and enforcing the implementation of the Access to Information Act, 2016. The Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) invites sealed tenders from eligible service providers for:

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SUBMISSION DATE	ELIGIBILITY
TENDER NO. CAJ/CS/01/ 2024-2025	PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE CLEANING, FUMIGATION AND SANITARY SERVICES	18 TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 12 NOON	AGPO GROUP

Interested eligible bidders may download the tender documents from CAJ website; www.ombudsman.go.ke or Procurement Information Portal (www.tenders.go.ke) at no cost.

Bidders who download the tender document from the websites will be required to register the Tender at the Commission's Head office before the submission date, to facilitate communication in case of a clarification.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes, and levies, must be in Kenya Shillings and shall remain valid for 150 days from the closing date of the tender.

Completed Tender documents in a plain sealed outer envelope enclosing separately sealed envelopes (in "Original" and "Copy") all clearly marked **Tender No. CAJ/CS/01/ 2024/2025** as per instructions in the tender documents should be deposited in the tender box at the Commission on Administrative Justice Offices, West End Towers on Waiyaki way 1st Floor, Nairobi so as to be received on or before **18th September, 2024 at 12.00 (noon)**.

Bids received after 12.00 noon shall be rejected. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the CAJ Office as provided above on the specified date and time.

For more details on the tender, please visit our website at: www.ombudsman.go.ke / or www.tenders.go.ke

The Address for the procuring entity is as follows

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Government on course to deliver on improved housing, healthcare to Kenyans

BY MICHAEL OMONDI
(KNA)

The Government is on track to implement the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), particularly in housing and settlement, as well as Universal Health Coverage, where significant milestones have been achieved.

Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura noted that the government aims to construct 250,000 affordable housing units annually to address housing shortages in both urban and rural areas.

Mwaura emphasized that this goal aligns with the constitutional provision that recognizes housing as a basic social and economic right. This includes ensuring accessible and adequate housing and reasonable sanitation standards in accordance with the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and Social Housing Program (SHP).

Mwaura pointed out that more than 60 percent of urban Kenyans live in slums and other sub-standard housing without adequate sanitation, which undermines their dignity and exposes them to health hazards.

"This situation is due to the country's rapid urbanization rate, which averages 4.4 percent, resulting in approximately 500,000 new city dwellers each year. This makes housing supply a challenging and ever-moving target for the government," he explained.

Despite this, Mwaura stated that the government is committed to transforming the housing challenge into an economic opportunity. By viewing housing production as a sector that will

create quality jobs directly in construction for the approximately 100,000 young people graduating from TVETs each year, and indirectly through the production of building materials, the government aims to address the issue effectively.

The Government spokesperson said the target is to create over one million jobs through the Affordable Housing Program for plumbers, electricians, masons, and stone cutters at the quarry, and across the building and construction industry as the government continues to roll out this initiative.

This commitment, he added, seeks to increase the supply of new housing to 250,000 per annum and change the percentage of affordable housing supply from the prevailing two per cent to 50 per cent by structuring affordable long-term housing finance schemes, including a National Housing Fund

and Cooperative So-

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Government spokesperson Dr. Isaac Mwaura addressing the press on the matters of national importance including Housing and Settlement, and Universal Health Coverage at KICC, Nairobi.

cial Housing Schemes to guarantee the offtake of houses from developers.

It further aims at strengthening the Jua Kali industry's capacity to produce high-quality construction materials, while giving developers incentives to build more affordable housing units.

At the same time, the government has successfully piloted the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program for 213 artisans at Kibra and Ruiru Affordable Housing Projects, amid plans to roll it out to other over 1,000 artisans nationwide.

The Spokesperson also announced that two programs cutting across several counties, remain part of the timely interventions by the government to eradicate slums, while

simultaneously providing a decent and dignified home for Kenyans of all walks of life.

"Cumulatively, there are about 100,000 housing units at various stages of construction across the country.

An additional 700,000 housing units are in the pipeline, including 40,299 social housing units advertised on June 25, 2024, which will also benefit residents who were relocated from flood-prone areas along the Nairobi River," he highlighted.

So far out of the 24 ongoing AHP projects, Dr. Mwaura revealed that 539,623 registered members of the public have saved a total of Sh2,274,456,214 and that a total of 6,411 houses have been booked to date.

In line with the key objective of Universal Health Coverage, Dr. Mwaura said the government is committed to the employment and initiation of payment for community health workers, who will form part of the Primary Health Care System and also prioritize reducing the cost of treatment through the new and improved Social Health Authority (SHA).

"The shift from NHIF to SHIF introduces enhanced benefits such as full digitization, biometric verification, independent accreditation, an expanded benefit package, reduced monthly premiums from Sh500 to Sh300, fair contributions for all sectors, universal coverage, emergency care, and government support for the very poor and severely

disabled as outlined in the Persons with Disabilities Act of 2003," he said, adding that the SHIF card can grant patients access to all health facilities including public, private, and faith-based organizations.

He pointed out that contributions SHIF will be at a rate of 2.75 per cent of an individual's income, whereas the national and county governments will pay the insurance premiums for the poor, those in custody and vulnerable populations through social protection, as determined by means testing.

As of September 3rd, 2024, the government spokesperson disclosed that 861,101 Kenyans had registered with SHA, and 9,792 health facilities, including 2,008 publics and 7,784 private and faith-based facilities, were licensed by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC).

He added that draft contracts with healthcare providers have been finalized, and that the government is now focused on public awareness and education regarding the transition from NHIF to SHA, with healthcare provider engagement to begin once tariffs are gazetted.

"All civil servants are expected to be registered by October 1, 2024, with the Ministries of Energy and Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy required to support power and internet connections to health facilities across the country," stated Dr. Mwaura, adding that the Ministry of Education will support student registration, while the Ministry of the Interior will facilitate the rollout through its National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO) network.

KNH launches the Kenya-Japan Endoscopy Onsite Training Programme

BY MWENDWA MWENDWA
(KNA)

The Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan has launched an on-site training programme focused on human resource development for gastrointestinal diseases in Kenya particularly in the endoscopy field.

The launch marks the

beginning of a three-day hands-on training programme in various endoscopy specialties which aim to enhance skills and knowledge in gastrointestinal care.

During a sidebar interview at KNH in Nairobi, the Head of Endoscopy Unit at KNH Dr Linda Gathara revealed that the programme will run for three years where ex-

perts from Japan will come and train with them at the hospital.

"It is a three-year programme but for on-site training in Kenya. The training and lectures will take three days where we will engage with specialists from Japan and come November, a team from KNH will travel to Japan for training for a period of one month," Dr

"This year we have 13 trainees where we have six from KNH and seven from counties all over the country," she disclosed.

Dr Gathara said the programme is very beneficial since it equips doctors both from Kenyatta and around the counties with skills to enable them to treat their patients better, words echoed by the Director of TEM-DEC at Kyushu University Dr Tomohiko Moriyama who reiterated that the programme aims to tackle health coverage all over Kenya.

Dr Gathara elaborated that endoscopy is a procedure where doctors evaluate the gastrointestinal (GI) system involving the upper GI, that is the stomach, oesophagus

and the first part of the small intestines and the lower GI which involves the large intestines.

"We have advanced procedures that we do in endoscopy which include the Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), procedures for diagnosis and treatment," she highlighted.

Dr Gathara thanked the Embassy of Japan for sponsoring the programme and the KNH staff for participating in the programme, saying she looks forward to more partnerships in the future.

15 alcohol outlets shut down by NACADA in Mombasa

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) intensified its compliance and enforcement efforts in Mombasa County with a series of crackdowns on alcohol-dispensing outlets in the coastal city.

NACADA stated that these crackdowns are part of ongoing efforts by the regulator to ensure adherence to the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act (ADCA) of 2010.

Leading a multi-agency team, NACADA explained that the operations follow sustained government initiatives aimed at addressing alcohol and drug abuse challenges in the country.

During the crackdowns, NACADA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Anthony Omerikwa emphasized the importance of strict enforcement of the ADCA 2010.

He urged proprietors of alcohol-dispensing outlets to take proactive

measures to ensure their businesses operate within the law.

"Our goal is to protect the public, especially vulnerable groups like the youth, from the dangers of unregulated alcohol outlets."

This crackdown will help ensure compliance with the law, curb illicit trade, and reduce the harmful effects of alcohol abuse.

By enforcing the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act (ADCA) 2010, authorities

can curb illegal sales, reduce the availability of harmful alcoholic products, and ensure that outlets comply with legal standards, ultimately protecting consumers from unsafe practices," Dr. Omerikwa said.

He said crackdowns on alcohol dispensing outlets are an effective strategy in the campaign against alcohol and drug abuse in Kenya because they directly target the root of the problem, unregulated and non-compliant es-

tablishments.

Many of these outlets, the NACADA CEO noted, sell alcohol to minors, operate without licenses, or stock illicit brews, all of which contribute to rampant alcohol abuse and its associated social and health problems.

"In total, we visited fourteen establishments within Bamburi, Kisauni, and the Central Business District areas of Mombasa county and cumulatively fifteen suspects were placed in custody for

flouting various requirements of the regulations and laws related to alcohol dispensing outlets. All of them are undergoing due court process," added the CEO.

These crackdowns, the CEO said, demonstrate the government's commitment to public health and safety, while promoting responsible consumption which is crucial in NACADA's broader mission to reduce alcohol and drug abuse across Kenya.

Government releases Sh. 3.4b for August payment to Inua Jamii beneficiaries



Principal Secretary for Social Protection and Senior Citizens Joseph Motari (Right) confers with a beneficiary.

BY SALLY MUHONJA (PCO)

The Government has released Sh3.4 billion for disbursement to Inua Jamii beneficiaries across the country.

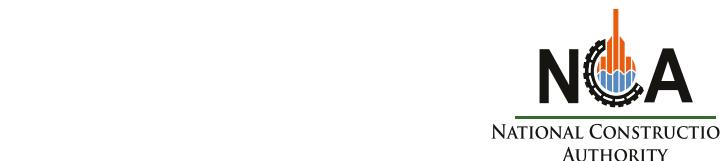
Through the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the Treasury disbursed Sh3,419,699,500 for August payment to beneficiaries enrolled in the Inua Jamii Programme and the beneficiaries began receiving their monthly stipends on 6th September, 2024.

The Principal Secretary for Social Protection and Senior Citizens Joseph Motari said the Inua Jamii Programme offers financial assistance through monthly stipends to the most vulnerable members of the society including the elderly, orphans and vulnerable children, and persons with severe disabilities with the aim of improving their lives.

Motari revealed that as of August 2024, the programme benefitted a total of 1,215,343 elderly, 428,421 orphans and vulnerable children and 59,637 persons with severe disabilities.

This, the PS noted, brings the total number of beneficiaries to 1,703,401, an increase of 21,778 from July's beneficiaries who stood at 1,681,623.

Motari attributed the increase to on-going efforts to enrol more eligible Kenyans into the programme following President William Ruto's directive to expand it to 2.5 million beneficiaries in phases.



TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR TRAINERS ON THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2024 STAKEHOLDERS TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR FY. 2024/2025

TENDER NO. NCA/T/04/2024-2025

National Construction Authority (NCA), under Section 5 of the National Construction Authority Act, 2011 (Cap 449A Laws of Kenya), holds the mandate to oversee the construction industry and coordinate its development. In aligning with its mandate, the Authority has developed the National Building Code 2024, which was published as Legal Notice No. 47 on 1st March, 2024 and officially launched on 17th July 2024.

The National Building Code, 2024, is a comprehensive framework designed to standardize construction practices, ensure quality and safety, and promote sustainable building methods. The Building Code is under a transition period that runs for one year and thus, the Authority plans to conduct sensitization & technical trainings for all stakeholders across the country. The Authority invites proposals from qualified training consultants to conduct the nationwide stakeholders' technical trainings on the National Building Code, 2024.

Scope of Work/ ToRs

- To conduct a nationwide stakeholder mapping and develop a detailed stakeholder map & matrix.
- To develop the training methodology framework for the execution of the technical training programs for each category of stakeholders.
- To develop customized execution plans for the rollout of the technical training programs nationwide.
- To develop the technical training content and manuals for each category of stakeholders.
- To conduct the technical trainings across all the 47 counties.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the training programs and develop an action plans that will guide the Authority in the implementation and enforcement of the National Building Code, 2024.

Eligibility Requirements

Are clearly indicated in the evaluation criteria in the tender document.

Submission Guidelines

Interested firms or individual consultants are invited to download the tender document via www.nca.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information portal, www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Deadline for Submission

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box at 9th floor, KCB Towers or be addressed to:

Executive Director

**National Construction Authority
KCB Towers, Kenya Road, Upper Hill,
P O Box 21046 – 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA
Tel: 0709126102/172/173**

So as to be received on or before **Tuesday 1st October, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**, Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at NCA Boardroom on 9th Floor, KCB Towers, Nairobi.

For more information or inquiries, please contact us through info@nca.go.ke

The Authority is committed to promoting professional excellence and adherence to the highest standards in the construction industry.

Geothermal exploration risk underwriting facility unveiled to Bring greater investments in the Kenya

BY CECIL ODUOR(KNA)

The Insurance Regulatory Authority of Kenya (IRA) in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, State Department of Industrialization and East African Insurance Sector have unveiled a geothermal risk underwriting facility which is a pioneer initiative in Africa.

The product is expected to fast-track and attract greater investments in green energy projects in Kenya and the region by lessening the financial risk associated with geothermal projects.

The facility will underwrite up to 2 million dollars in the early exploration stages and its development has been supported by the Financial Sector Deepening (FSD Africa) in collaboration with Parhelion Underwriting and Kenbright who are huge partners in the joint initiative.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Energy Mr. Alex Wachira noted that insurance cover for the risky geothermal exploration work is a great enabler for the country to exploit the ge-

othermal power potential estimated at 10,000 MW.

According to Wachira, the huge potential of geothermal energy makes it not only an energy source but also a driver of economic growth and sustainable development.

He added that Kenya is endowed with vast geothermal resources and great progress has been made in tapping into this clean power.

"However, for us to fill the energy gaps, we need collaboration and investment between the public and private sectors," the PS reiterated in a speech read on his behalf by a representative from the department.

Wachira emphasized that collaborations are a key step to harnessing and exploiting geothermal power to its maximum potential.

Speaking on the announcement, IRA Commissioner of Insurance Godfrey Kiptum lauded the facility as one that will deepen Kenya's green energy credentials by spurring investments in the geothermal subsector, a form of energy in which the region holds great po-



Joined by Insurance and Energy stakeholders, FSD Africa Risk & Resilience Director Kelvin Massingham (Extreme Right) looks on during the launch of the geothermal risk underwriting facility in Nairobi.

tential.

"The insurance sector plays a critical role in the social-economic development of any nation. I am proud that the insurance sector has kept innovation alive with products such as the geothermal risk underwriting facility," he expressed.

Kiptum further explained that the insurance

sector's innovation enables greater private sector investment in geothermal energy.

"It is also gratifying to note that this product will enhance green energy and sustainability of our economy," Kiptum added.

FSD Africa Risk & Resilience Director Kelvin Massingham applauded the insurance sector for in-

novation and leading the way in supporting green energy transition in Africa expounding that 'FSD Africa is committed to make finance work for Africa and have finance flow into green investments for a sustainable future.'

"We are proud to have worked with the State Department of Energy and In-

dustrialization as well as the insurance regulator and the private sector in developing this facility that will de-risk upstream geothermal resource prospecting, enabling greater investments in green energy," Massingham stated.

The de-risking facility announced will cover early-stage development drilling risks for investors in geothermal projects. This facility represents a critical step in creating a more favorable investment environment by mitigating the financial risks associated with these high-potential but high-risk projects.

This underwriting facility not only marks a significant milestone in Africa's journey towards sustainable energy but also sets a precedent for future initiatives aimed at de-risking and supporting other high-impact sectors across the continent.

Kenya is already a leader in geothermal electricity, with a total installed capacity of 988.7 MW contributing 47 per cent of the power on the grid. This places the country at rank sixth globally and first in Africa in terms of geothermal power development.

Video surgery opens next frontier in e-health in Nakuru county

BY ESTHER MWANGI (KNA)

Surgeons in Nakuru will be able to hone their skills in surgery through a live video conference surgery (VCS) demonstration courtesy of experts abroad and the county government which has adopted a digital platform (Proximie) that connects surgeons in different operating theatres around the world through high-capacity internet.

Nakuru county is the fourth in Kenya to embrace Proximie, a global health technology platform that digitizes operating rooms (ORs) and diagnostic rooms with a mission to deliver a connected surgical platform to help provide quality surgical care.

Nakuru County Deputy Governor Mr. David Kones explained that Proximie uses machine learning and artificial intelligence to create a virtual and borderless operating room, enabling a surgeon in Nakuru to virtually scrub-in and assist in an operation taking place in either Maukueni, Nigeria, London or any other location connected to the theatre through high speed internet connectivity.

Given the great leap in fibre optic technology and a prerequisite in live surgery due to the delicate nature of operations, Kones said doctors could now tap the innovation to improve the quality of surgeries and treatment they give to their patients.

"The benefits of being part of a real time medical procedure are that you can get a second opinion in the event of complicated procedures as well as improve your skill in doing the procedure," Mr Kones added.

The Deputy Governor said the platform offers a unique opportunity for medical students and professionals to observe live surgeries, participate in simulations, and learn from leading experts across the globe.

Briefing the press in his office at the county headquarters, Kones said by integrating Proximie's platform in their health care, the county government is creating an ecosystem that will enable greater support and innovation, elevating the standards of health care.

According to Kones the technology presents a unique chance to surgeons



Nakuru County Deputy Governor David Kones (Center) flanked by Makueni County Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr, briefing the press in his office.

to share knowledge and experiences and grow each other's individual and collective capacity in their service to humanity.

The deputy governor expressed his hope that modern technology would be adopted nationwide, championed by all the 47 governors.

County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health Ms Roselyn Mungai said Proximie technology will enhance surgical procedures through the use of real-time video feeds.

This innovation, she added, will not only improve surgical outcomes,

but will also facilitate the learning and mentorship of clinicians and medical interns within the county.

The CECM said the technology will also be deployed to improve surgical skills of medical students, enhance patient care and connect them with experts worldwide.

Noting that her department will be seeking to allocate more funds to expand the use of the technology for the benefit of residents, Ms Mungai added that a team-based approach, focused on evidence-based best practices, patient safety, and communication, has been

crucial in strengthening surgical outcomes in Nakuru.

Although video conferencing has been in the country for almost two decades, its application in the medical field was largely limited to remote consultations between doctors since previously, Kenya lacked the necessary internet capacities.

The effectiveness of this technology has now been recognized by Kenyatta National Hospital and the University of Nairobi and has also been embraced in Maukueni, Murang'a and Mombasa counties.

According to Proximie platform founder Dr Nadine Hachach-Haram, every procedure can be recorded, analyzed, and leveraged for future use to help inform best surgery practices.

By connecting operating rooms globally, Proximie is said to be facilitating a rich and insightful data set which the founder said feeds best practices into the entire global healthcare ecosystem.

According to Dr. Nadine, Proximie has been deployed in over 800 hospitals across 50 countries in five continents, and has contracts with over 40 major medical device companies, with access to 90 per cent of operating rooms and diagnostic suites in the United States of America (USA) United Kingdom (UK) and the European Union (EU).

Head of Proximie Global Health, Shannon Shibata Germanos, emphasized that the platform accelerates surgical training by allowing clinicians to observe procedures, learn new techniques, and exchange feedback from anywhere in the world and on any device.

Weatherman advises Machakos farmers to gear up for short rains

BY ANNE KANGER (KNA)

Machakos County Director of Meteorological services Mr. Dominic Kyalo, has advised farmers in the area to start preparing their farms in readiness for the October short rains.

Kyalo disclosed that the county will enjoy between 35-45 days of rainfall whose intensity will vary from between 150mm to 40mm.

According to the director, Machakos will receive consistent rainfall from October 28th to November 8th with the showers expected to start receding from December 2-13.

Following the weather advisory, Kyalo said that the county had started advising farmers on the cor-

rect type of crops to plant to ensure they maximize on the October rains and to avert the possibility of crop failure resulting from lack of proper guidance.

"Together with other stakeholders we tried to dissect the weather forecast so as to get an advisory to issue to farmers to prepare their seeds and activities to do on their farms depending on the amount of rainfall forecasted for October, November and December," said Kyalo.

Kyalo said that a majority of the farmers had been advised to plant green grams which is fast maturing crop.

However, for sub counties which are expected to receive below normal rainfall of about 150mm-

250 mm, farmers had been advised to plant resilient crops such as sorghum and chickenpeas which tend to do well because of its high water holding capacity.

Kyalo spoke during a three-day Participatory Scenario Planning training which was organised in partnership with IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC).

The training brought together agriculture stakeholders from the County and National government such as crop and livestock experts, officers from Fisheries, Water and Environmental Department and farmers from different sub-counties in Machakos.

The county Chief Executive Committee Member

(CECM) for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Ms Catherine Mutanu, said that they will work together with the ward Climate Change Committees to advise farmers of the importance timely planting.

Mutanu who is also acting as the CECM for Water and Environment, noted that in the last two years the county had constructed more than 80 dams and sunk multiple boreholes as way of ensuring that farmers have access to water for irrigation.

Ms Mutanu also said that the county had also doubled its efforts in ensuring food security by distributing seeds in preparation for the coming rain season.



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portance of public-private partnerships adding that the project is committed to impactful community development.

Mr Kibati noted that the LTWP project stands as a testament to what strategic partnership could achieve in terms of development, adding that the development interventions done have made local communities resilient.

"Our cooperation with the national government and other key stakeholders has been crucial in advancing Kenya's renewable energy goals. We remain committed to continuing our work in transforming lives in Marsabit County and beyond," he said, adding that the firm is proud to be part of Kenya's endeavour for a sustainable and prosperous country.

According to the report, significant savings in both financial and carbon costs were delivered to Kenyans through the development of the LTWP power plant, the largest privately owned investment in the country.

The board chairman noted that the LTWP project is a major foreign direct investment (FDI) which has greatly boosted the country's economy besides enhancing Kenya's global standing as a preferred investment destination in Africa and beyond.

The presentation also provided an avenue for the company to restate its commitment to continued environmental protection, corporate social responsibility, and economic development within its area of operation.



Africa's largest wind farm offset over 600,000 tons of Co2 in 2023

BY SEBASTIAN MIRITI (KNA)

The Lake Turkana Wind Power (LTWP) farm, located in Laisamis Constituency, Marsabit County, generated 1,481 GWh of clean energy for the national grid in 2023. As Africa's largest wind power project, LTWP offset 605,428 tons of carbon dioxide emissions during the same period, significantly

contributing to climate change mitigation efforts.

This information was revealed during the company's launch of its sustainability report for the year at the firm's site in Loiyangalani. The report indicated that renewable energy from LTWP accounted for 11.04 percent of the country's electricity generation.

During the launch,

LTWP Chief Executive Officer Mr. Max Schiff stated that through the firm's Winds of Change Foundation, several socio-economic projects have been implemented. These projects include water initiatives, school infrastructure improvements, and enhanced health facilities, benefiting approximately 70,000 residents across the constituency.

Notably, Schiff said the company provided emergency food relief to 17,700 students in 67 schools within its catchment area which ensured that there was retention of the learners in school for one term as the area was ravaged by drought.

"We also delivered healthcare to 226 people in partnership with Mission to Heal," he pointed out,

saying the efforts underscored LTWP's commitment to the development of the local communities by ensuring that they have access to quality health, water and education services.

The CEO said the project is not only focused on providing clean and renewable energy but to positively impact the local community by continuously improving the access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities that include employment.

In his remarks, LTWP Board Chairman Mr Mugo Kibati emphasized the im-

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Government to construct 15 rural roads after inking Sh34 billion deal with China

The building of the roads will enhance rural connectivity, unlock opportunities for trade, improve market access and boost the quality of life for millions of people



The Government's development agenda in the transport sector received a boost during President William Ruto's recent trip to China, where Kenya signed an agreement expected to accelerate the expansion of the rural road network across the country.

The Sh34 billion funding agreement signed between Kenya and China Development Bank in Beijing will facilitate the construction of 15 rural roads as part of the Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"These roads will boost economic activities, create jobs and improve access to essential services in the rural areas," The National Treasury and Economic Planning said in a brief. The Cabinet Secretary for Treasury and National Planning John Mbadi said the project is aimed at enhancing rural connectivity, unlocking opportunities for trade, improving market access and therefore boosting the quality

of life for millions in underserved areas.

The roads sector, just like Energy, is an enabler of economic development through the facilitation of movement of people, goods and services across the country and beyond.

This supports key industries like agriculture, trade, manufacturing and tourism.

A good road network further helps to attract local and foreign investors as it makes it easier for businesses to operate.

Kenya's transport sector, which includes road, railway, port and air services, accounts for about 11 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product. The sector grew by 13.3 per cent in 2023, with the Ministry of Roads and Transport attributing the growth to increased

investments in infrastructure by the Government. The Government is committed to the construction and improvement of roads and regional transport corridors under its bottom-up agenda, according to the Ministry of Roads and Transport.

The rural road network serves 70 per cent of Kenya's population, thus construction of the 15 roads will open up opportunities for millions of people, boosting the overall economy, which expanded by 5.4 per cent

INFOBOX

ROAD AND RAILWAY TRANSPORT

The four main roads in Kenya forming the East African Community (EAC) Regional Trunk Road Network (RTRN) are:

(i) **The Northern Corridor from Mombasa Port through Nairobi to Malaba, with a branch line to Kisumu.**
 (ii) **The Great North Road Corridor from Namanga (Tanzania) through Nairobi to Thika, Isiolo and Moyale (Ethiopia).**

(iii) **The Northern Tanzania – Southern Sudan Corridor from Isebania through Kisumu to Kakamega, Kitale, Lodwar and Nandpal/Nakodok (South Sudan).**
 (iv) **Lunga Lunga (Tanzania) to Garissa through Mombasa, Malindi and Lamu.**

Other important national roads are:

(i) **Isiolo to Mandera through Wajir.**
 (ii) **Mai Mahiu to Isebania through Narok and Kisii.**
 (iii) **Voi – Taveta.**

The total railway network currently consists of 592km of Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and 2,778km of Metre Gauge Railway (MGR) line, comprising 1,083km of mainline, 346km of principal lines, 490km of minor and branch lines and 859km of private lines and sidings.

Top: President William Ruto (R) launches the building of a 19.3km road in Homa Bay County. **Inset:** President Ruto (R) looks on as Prime CS Musalia Mudavadi and a Chinese official exchange partnership documents. On the left is Treasury CS John Mbadi.

in 2023, from 4.8 per cent in 2022.

In the 2023/24 financial year, the Government maintained 69,000km of rural roads, according to the Economic Survey 2024.

The Government's expenditure on roads during the period increased to Sh179.5 billion from Sh178.2 billion in 2022/23, according to the Survey. This represents a significant portion of the Government's total financial investment in fixed assets in the country.

President Ruto during the high-level trip

also discussed with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping the construction of the Rironi-Mau Summit-Eldoret-Malaba dual carriageway, a project expected to ease the movement of goods from Kenya to the neighbouring countries, said State House spokesperson Hussein Mohamed.

He further noted that the two Heads of States engaged on the extension of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Naivasha to Malaba and into Uganda.

The SGR rail network is envisaged to be extended by 369km from Naivasha through Kisumu to Malaba (Kenya/Uganda border) to stimulate regional trade, tourism and transport between Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo via the Northern Corridor, according to the Transport Ministry. China would facilitate the building of the infrastructure under its Belt and Road Initiative.

"Kenya remains committed to actualising the promise of the Belt and Road Initiative in enhancing national, regional and continental connectivity," President Ruto said.

The project, once implemented, would boost trade between Kenya and her neighbours in particular Uganda, Rwanda and DR Congo through the easing of the movement of goods and reduction of transport costs. The extended railway would also cement Kenya's role as a central trade hub in Eastern Africa.

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) passenger traffic increased 17.9 per cent in 2023 to stand at a record high of 2.73 million.

Similarly, the train hauled 6.53 million tonnes of cargo in 2023, an increase from 6.01 million tonnes in 2022.

The rise in cargo volume and passenger traffic point to an increase in movement of people and goods, boosting activities like tourism, trade, agriculture and job creation.

The Ministry of Roads and Transport notes that an efficient transport system facilitates national, regional and international integration, promotes trade and economic development, supports other sectors of the economy and contributes to poverty reduction and wealth creation.

According to the Integrated National Transport Policy 2024, under the economic pillar, the Government's goal is to ensure the sector contributes to the improvement of prosperity of all Kenyans and the GDP growth, through support to tourism, agriculture and livestock, wholesale and retail trade, manufacturing, Business Process Outsourcing and financial services.

On the other hand, under the social and political pillars, the Government seeks to ensure the sector contributes to Kenyans having social equity, a cohesive society and a clean environment.

Kenya-China also discussed the construction of the Integrated Transport System in Nairobi, as well as the equipping of Technical and Vocational Education and Trainings (TVETs) colleges, the construction of Bosto Dam, and the dualing of the Northern Bypass in Nairobi. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook inducts new Board Directors to strengthen oversight

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) Directors were last week inducted on their roles and functions as the institution strengthens its governance and streamlines operations.

Officials from the State Corporations Advisory Committee (SCAC) and the National Assembly conducted the trainings.

SCAC officials took the Board Directors through the Legal and Institutional Framework for State Corporations, the Role of the Board in Driving Organisational

Strategy, Ethical Leadership and Board Evaluations.

"As a Board, you must ensure the organisation succeeds through the strategies you set," Mr Eliud Kamau from SCAC said.

On the National Assembly, Board Directors were inducted on linkages between the Board and Departmental Committee for Information, Communications and Innovation, the Role of Parliament in Budget Making and Oversight and Legislative Process to Establish KYEB Under an Act of Parliament. ■

KYEB Chairperson Wangui Ng'ang'a thanked SCAC and the National Assembly for the trainings, adding that the Board was now more enlightened and empowered to perform its functions better.

KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto said the induction aimed to familiarise new Board Directors on key governance principles to establish a strong foundation for the institution as it amplifies Government projects and initiatives, especially on the Bottom up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). ■



Cecilia Wakahiu (left) the Director Human Resource Administration at the State Corporations Advisory Committee (SCAC) trains the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board Directors and Management led by Chairperson Wangui Ng'ang'a (sixth left) and CEO Lilian Kimeto (fifth left).

Extended operating hours boost service delivery at Huduma Centres



On December 5, 2022, Huduma Centres across the country extended their operating hours from 7am to 7pm to offer the public longer service hours.

The initiative has since been implemented in 18 select Centres to provide greater accessibility to essential Government services for those unable to visit during 8am to 5pm hours.

The Centres offering the extended service period are Nairobi GPO, City Square, Makadara, Kibra, Eastleigh, Kiambu, Nakuru, Eldoret, Nyeri, Embu, Meru, Laikipia, Kisii, Kitale, Kericho, Kakamega, Kisumu and Mombasa.

Additionally, the Huduma Contact and Tele-counselling Centre (HCTC) operates from Monday to Friday, 7am to 9pm,

and on weekends and Public Holidays from 8am to 6pm.

The HCTC has been instrumental in assisting Kenyans with booking appointments through the Service by Appointment (SBA) system, allowing customers to access services at their convenience.

This strategic move was driven by the need to cater to citizens with hectic schedules, ensuring that they access vital services without compromising their work or personal commitments.

About two years into this initiative, thousands of Kenyans have benefited from the extended hours, accessing services such as issuing Birth Certificates, Certificates of Good Conduct, Duplicate IDs and support for over 16,000 Government online services.

The response from the public has

been overwhelmingly positive. Many citizens have expressed gratitude for the convenience and flexibility the extended hours offer.

This initiative has not only improved service delivery but also enhanced the overall efficiency and satisfaction of Government service provision.

Huduma Kenya encourages all citizens to take advantage of these extended hours.

Whether you need to apply for a birth certificate, renew your ID or access any other Government service, the extended hours provide a convenient time to fit one's busy schedule as they build the nation. ■



BETTER SERVICE

How Performance Contracting enhances better service delivery

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board among the various Departments and Agencies that are negotiating for their key deliverables in this financial year

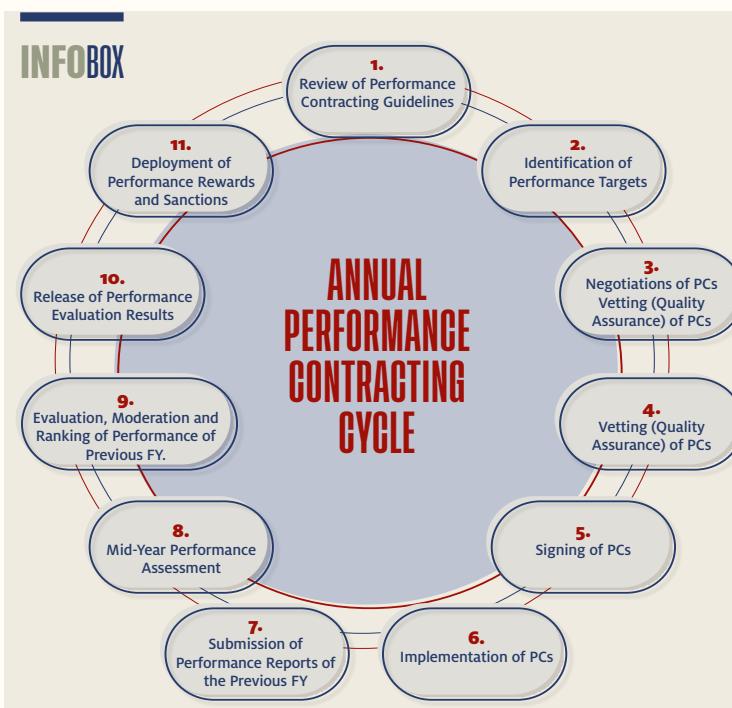
The Government is currently undertaking Performance Contracting (PC) negotiations with various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in an annual exercise that seeks to strengthen service delivery to the public.

The exercise involves identification of performance targets by MDAs and committing on how they will be achieved during the financial year.

Key players in the Performance Contracting negotiations are the Cabinet Secretaries, the Principal Secretaries, Chairpersons of Constitutional Commissions, Independent Offices, State Corporations and Tertiary Institutions as well as Chief Executive Officers.

The Government introduced PC in 2003 by setting up a Performance Contract Steering Committee in August, and by issuing Legal Notice No. 93, the State Corporations (Performance Contracting) Regulations (2004).

The exercise, which is in its 21st cycle, entails review of PC guidelines, identification of performance targets, pre-negotiations, consultations, hearings, negotiations of performance targets, vetting of Performance Contracts, signing of Performance Contracts, implementation and execution of the contracts



and monitoring and reporting mid-year at the end of the financial year, according to the Ministry of Public Service, Performance and Delivery Management.

PC helps to improve public service delivery in the Public Service by ensuring that top-level managers are accountable for their performance and those below them perform.

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) is among institutions under the State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications which committed to new PC targets last week.

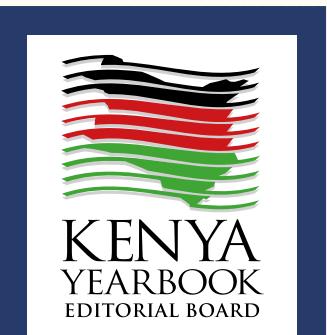
KYEB Chairperson Wangui Ng'ang'a, who led the Board Directors and Management during the negotiations with the Ministry, said that they would help KYEB achieve its mandate.

"I thank the Ministry for convening this session to enable KYEB negotiate on its PC targets. This meeting is a learning session for KYEB," she said during the negotiations in Machakos. KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto committed KYEB to the process, noting that it speaks to accountability, efficiency and delivery of services to the public.

"We are here to learn from the experts in planning. If KYEB performs well, so is the Ministry and the Government," she said.

Other institutions that negotiated during the exercise were Communication Authority, Media Council of Kenya, Kenya Institute of Mass Communication and Postal Corporation of Kenya. During the process, agencies were required to verify that performance indicators and targets are aligned to the priorities set by the Government, in this particular case the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). Vision 2030 recognises PC as a core strategy in achieving national development goals. Citizens benefit from PC by accessing quality and timely services and products as there are clear and measurable goals to achieve. The exercise further ensures that there is efficiency in utilisation of public resources, which are directed at intended projects. ■

HUDUMA CORNER

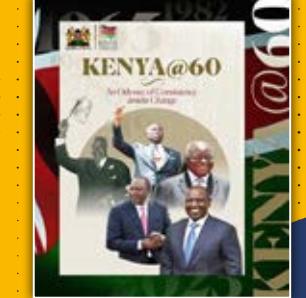
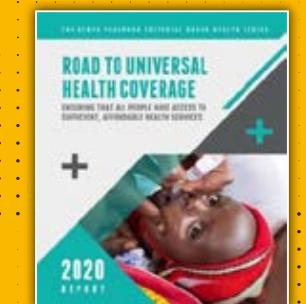
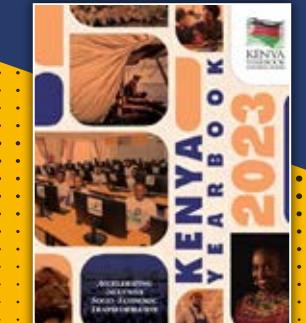


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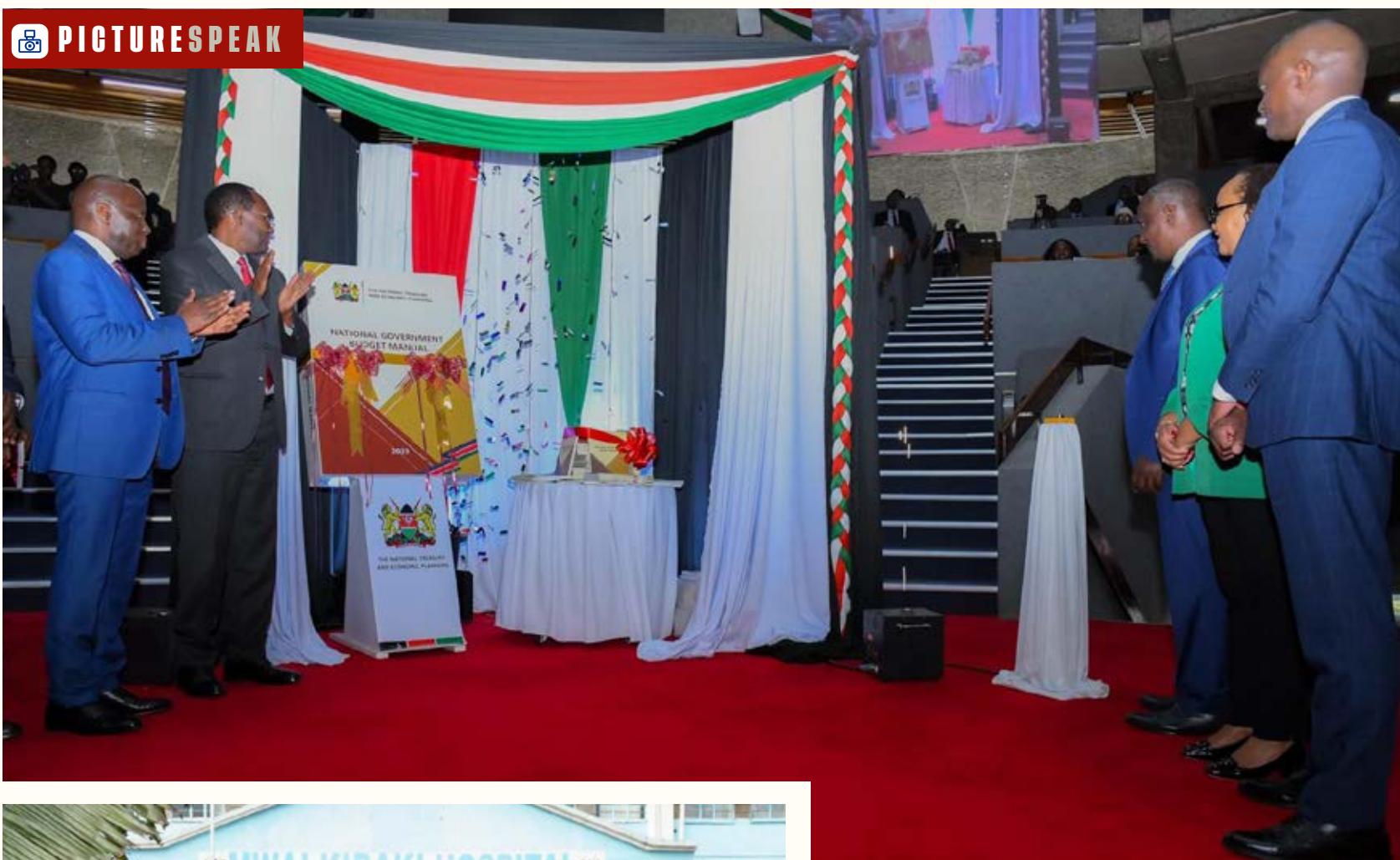
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Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi (third right), Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru (second right), the Chairman of Budget and Appropriations Committee in the National Assembly Ndindi Nyoro (right), Treasury PS Chris Kiptoo (second left) and Planning PS James Muhati during the launch of Budget Guidelines, National Government and County Government Budget Manuals.



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos (centre) and Basic Education Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang (left) among other officials when they condoled with the families and loved ones of the children who lost their lives in the fire tragedy at the Hillside Endarasha Academy in Nyeri County.



Sports Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen awards Nairobi City Marathon winners. Winners Eliud Magut and Cynthia Limo Jerotich each took home Sh3.5 million.



Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya (centre) when she visited the Kenya Navy Headquarters in Mtongwe, Mombasa. The facility hosts the Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL), which designs, constructs, mid-refits, repairs, overhauls and maintains water vessels for the Kenya Navy and other MDAs.



Interior Principal Secretary Dr Raymond Omollo when he launched the first model tree nursery under the Tsavo Heritage Foundation in Taita Taveta County.

State to prioritize agricultural reforms and debt payments in revised budget

BY JOSEPH WANGUI
 (DPCS)

The government is committed to fast-tracking ongoing reforms in the agriculture sector, including state funding for these changes, to sustain the country's economic transformation and ensure higher earnings for farmers.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua stated that, given agriculture's role as the backbone of Kenya's economy and its significant contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the government cannot neglect farmers and agricultural enterprises despite the fiscal challenges of the current budget cycle (2024/25).

"In the coffee, tea, and dairy sub-sectors, we are making good progress with the reforms and are seeing positive results. Our only issue now is governance in cooperative societies," he said while in Kiambu County.

"I want to appeal to the National Assembly to fast-track the passage of the Cooperative Bill to enable us to appoint people of integrity to lead our societies. MPs and senators should



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and his wife Pastor Dorcas Gachagua engage farmers in Ihwagi Village of Mathira Constituency.

take a keen interest in the selection of leaders for cooperatives. We should also consider young leaders," he added.

The Deputy President also mentioned that despite the revision of the 2024/25 fiscal year budget, the payment of historical debts owed by coffee farmers nationwide, amounting to Sh6.8 billion, will be carried out, and the Cherry Fund will be increased.

He further urged Members of the National Assembly to prioritize the enactment of the Co-operative Societies Bill. Mr Gachagua explained that the objective of the legal reforms is to entrench fiscal discipline in Saccos.

The Bill seeks to provide a

legal framework that promotes a sustainable and competitive cooperative sector, he said.

On the implementation of the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), Mr Gachagua assured stakeholders in coffee, tea and dairy sub-sectors that President William Ruto's administration is on course with its plan, including payment of coffee farmers' historical debts and increment of the Coffee Cherry Fund.

"Despite the tight fiscal space that has led to slashing of funds in the Budget, as the budget cycle continues more funds will be allocated to the Cherry Fund and the Sh6.8 billion historical debts of coffee

growers will be paid," said Mr Gachagua.

"We are putting financial budgets for the sub sectors in phases. We have made plans with the President and there is no problem on payment of the debts and increment of the Cherry Fund. We are in a tight fiscal space but everything will be put in place soon. We have set aside Sh2 billion for the Cherry Fund currently and we will inject an additional Sh5 billion," he stated.

He urged coffee growers to be borrowing money from the Cherry Fund instead of commercial banks.

On tea sector, the Deputy President said that the Government is searching for new expanded markets for tea export to boost earnings for farmers.

Statistics from Tea Board of Kenya indicate that tea production for half-year period of 2024 was higher by 47.44 million kilograms (17 per cent increase) from 273.64 million kilograms recorded during the same period of last year to 321.09 million kilograms.

The production was boosted by effects of fertilizer application which was supplied to the farmers.

BRIEFS

Kiambu's solar-powered street lights to boost security

Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi has launched a state-of-the-art integrated solar street light program along Fort Jesus-Gitambaya-Kwa Kibugi-Walakishi Road to enhance security in the area. This initiative is part of the 'Angaza Kiambu' Program, which was introduced earlier this year with the goal of transforming the county's energy infrastructure by transitioning all street-lights to solar power.

The project is expected to significantly reduce maintenance costs and eliminate monthly power bills, ultimately saving the county millions of shillings annually.

"While we are not completely disconnecting from the Kenya Power grid, we aim to progressively transition to solar energy," Wamatangi stated during the program's launch.

Powered by solar energy, these street lights provide consistent illumination, making the streets safer and more accessible at night. This improvement enhances the quality

of life and security for residents by offering reliable and sustainable lighting solutions. During the launch, the governor appealed to all stakeholders to support the shift to solar energy and noted that government agencies such as the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA), Kenya Power, and the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (RE-REC) have been installing street lights across the county, leaving the burden of utility bills to the county government.

According to Chief Officer for Public Works and Utilities Virginia Kahonge, solar street lights have a life span of 20 years as compared to grid connected lights, which last a maximum of five years, they are less prone to vandalism and insect swarming, are reliable, efficient and have minimal maintenance cost.

By John Kariba (KNA)

New Sh 54 million market to boost Muranga's Gikoe town

Hundreds of traders operating in Gikoe Town, Mathioya Sub-County, Murang'a, are in high spirits as the national government embarks on the construction of a modern market in the area. The Sh. 54 million market is set to accommodate 204 traders, a social hall, an ICT hub, and other amenities.

Chairman of Gikoe market Naftali Kimani Toro lauded the government for sponsoring construction of the modern market. For many years, Kimani revealed local traders have been subjected to myriads of challenges ranging from bad weather conditions to dirty working environments.

"Traders have been working along roads exposing them to risk of being hit by motor vehicles. During rains, they are forced to use makeshift structures which could not adequately protect them from downpour," Explained Kimani.

He noted that once completed, the facility will boost economic activities of the trading centre located along busy Murang'a - Kiriaini road.

"With the new market, we expect the economy of this town to grow," he remarked.

and an eatery. He said on a daily basis, the project has employed about 25 workers both skilled and unskilled saying the workers have been sourced locally.

Clerk of Works, Johanna Mwita, stated that the construction of the one-story modern market is expected to be completed by mid-November this year.

"Construction of this market began in May and is anticipated to be finished by November. Currently, the building is 43 percent complete," said Mwita.

He added, "The ground floor will host 124 traders and will include dry rooms for those dealing with cereals and cold rooms for vegetables. Additionally, there will be a playground for children and a lactation room for mothers."

Mwita also noted that the first floor will accommodate 80 traders and will feature an ICT hub with a capacity for 20 people, a social hall for 60 people,

ICT Authority, KeNIC sign MoU to promote .go.ke email adoption to grow digital economy

BY MICHAEL OMONDI(KNA)

The ICT Authority has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Kenya Network Information Center (KeNIC) to enhance the adoption of ICT standards, facilitate knowledge and skills transfer, and promote the use of .ke domains as the country's digital economy continues to grow.

This three-year collaboration comes as the two organizations develop strategies to foster public trust in government digital initiatives while leveraging their combined expertise and resources to achieve the goal of a digitally transformed country.

One obligation of the MoU requires KeNIC to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of using

.go.ke email addresses and domains. Meanwhile, the ICT Authority will promote the adoption of .go.ke email use within Government Ministries and State Corporations to increase uptake and compliance.

Speaking during the event in Nairobi, ICT Authority Chief Executive Officer Stanley Kamanguya emphasized the importance of building a safe online environment as digital development continues to rise.

The CEO maintained that the MoU will help the ICT Authority address some of the strategic issues it faces walking into this era of digital transformation.

Kamanguya identified two key things that Authority will be looking to carry out under this MoU including skilling and reskilling of its



ICT Authority Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Stanley Kamanguya (right) and Andrew Lewela, the CEO of KeNIC pose with the signed MoU.

staff.

"We shall also be looking at how we address the issue of digital governance. We believe we can then work together with KeNIC to realize this," said Kamanguya.

"We have carefully looked at the security issue and we shall work together to en-

sure these domains are secure so that businesses can also register this. We believe that this collaboration will go a long way not only to support government institutions but also the private sector for them to be able to register on the .ke domain," he added.