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BY PURITY MUGO (KNA)

Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa has urged all Kenyans to register for the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), which will replace the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) starting October 1, 2024.

Speaking at a media

engagement forum, the CS highlighted that only around 1.2 million Kenyans have registered for SHIF so far.

Dr. Barasa emphasized that the enhanced benefits under SHIF, such as ambulance services and emergency care, will significantly aid Kenyans in emergencies, including car-



Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa

diac and pulmonary arrests, major traumas, loss of consciousness, seizures, chest pains, strokes, snake bites, and more.

"In the past, Kenyans have faced distress during emergencies, with many facilities refusing to admit patients without substan-

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Key milestones in Kenya's economic accomplishments outlined by Mwaura

BY ROSE CHEPKOECH
(PCO)



Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura

As the Kenya Kwanza Government marks exactly two years in office, the spotlight is on the substantive progress achieved across the BETA pillars. Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura has outlined the key accomplishments that have shaped the nation's economic and social landscape, offering a comprehensive scorecard of the administration's achievements.

"Agriculture is the backbone of Kenya's economy and a core pillar of our BETA plan. The sector contributes 25 per-

MV UHURU II, KENYA'S NEWEST WAGON FERRY



The Sh 2.4 billion MV Uhuru II was assembled locally by Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL). The 100m vessel has a capacity of 2 million litres of crude oil per trip and 1,800 tons.

4,000

Farmers who have received certified sunflower seeds from the Nakuru County Government

Sh6.1b

The amount of money the government has allocated for the Social Health Authority (SHA) poised to be launched on October 1st, 2024.

57,000

Farmers in Murang'a County who have started to receive certified maize and fertilizer from the county administration

Sh440b

Billions of shillings the state intends to invest over 10 years to make the livestock feed sector secure.

Sh218m

Amount of money the Government will spend to construct 218 Grade 9 classrooms in Nyeri County.

8.5m

Number of LPG cylinders National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOCK) will distribute to low-income households

The Week In numbers

Health CS urges Kenyans to register for SHIF as October deadline beckons

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upfront payments," she said.

She further noted that Universal Health Coverage (UHC), a fundamental human right, addresses issues of affordability, accessibility, and equity.

"The concept has been tried and tested in Kenya since 2003. Now is the time to implement it—step by step," she said, adding that the implementation will be gradual.

Dr. Barasa also noted that Kenya will make a significant stride toward achieving UHC with the official launch of the Social Health Authority (SHA), which will replace the NHIF and aims to provide affordable, accessible, and quality healthcare services to all Kenyans.

Acknowledging the funding challenges, Dr. Barasa reaffirmed the government's commitment to reducing out-of-pocket expenses and improving



healthcare services, noting that the government has allocated Sh6.1 billion to SHA, though this is only a fraction of the Sh168 billion required for full implementation.

She assured Kenyans that SHA will continue to improve as the system evolves and additional funding is secured.

"We will start with what we have, and the benefit package will improve as we progress," she added. In addition to launching the SHA, the government is partnering with Safaricom to digitalize health-

care services, which will enhance efficiency and data management.

Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki, chair of the Health Committee in the Council of Governors (CoG), stressed the need for a multi-sectoral approach and resources for sensitization and registration to get more Kenyans on board.

Key health officials, including Principal Secretaries Harry Kimtai (Medical Services), Ms. Mary Mutonji (Public Health and Professional Standards) attended.

Mwaura outlines key milestones in Kenya's economic growth

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With food accounting for 54 percent of household expenditures in Kenya, the government has prioritized agricultural production in a move aimed at reducing the cost of living. These reforms, he said, emphasize shifting from consumption to production subsidies, coupled with enhanced value addition to absorb surplus and increase farmers' incomes.

"Our goals are to lower farm input costs, increase farmers' incomes, and boost productivity through value addition," Mwaura explained, highlighting key achievements brought about by the Fertilizer Subsidy Program, among other initiatives to strengthen agricultural value chains.

"Our digital platform has registered 6.15 million farmers, enabling the distribution of low-cost fertilizer," Mwaura said, adding that fertilizer distribution in-



Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura

creased from 1.4 million bags in 2022 to 8.6 million in 2024, with costs per bag dropping from Sh6,000 to Sh2,500.

Other sectoral successes, the Spokesperson noted, include a 15.8 percent increase in smallholder tea farmer earnings due to VAT removal and MSME support, an 8.3 percent rise in sunflower acreage through seed distribution, and a 30 percent boost in leather industry processing capacity.

The dairy sector saw a 35 percent increase in milk prices and a 13 percent rise in production. Additionally, paddy rice and

milled rice production grew by 19 percent and 14 percent, respectively, while cotton cultivation expanded by 332 percent through seed and pesticide distribution.

These efforts have significantly improved productivity, reduced costs, and enhanced farmer incomes, contributing to broader socio-economic transformation, the Spokesperson said. He emphasized that the impact of these agricultural policies is further underscored by Kenya's recent achievement of becoming the second-largest global exporter of tea.



KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE

INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Wildlife Service has received funds from the Tourism Promotion Fund (TPF) and wishes to invite interested and eligible building contractors to tender for the following:

NO.	TENDER REFERENCE NO.	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY	BID SECURITY (KES)	CLOSING DATE
1.	KWS/ONT/B&F/33/2024-2025	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF RESTROOMS(ABLUTION BLOCKS) AT NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK	OPEN TO ALL	2% of the bid sum	FRIDAY 18 TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 11:30AM E.A.T

Tender documents containing detailed specifications and requirements can be downloaded free of charge from our website: www.kws.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP), www.tenders.go.ke.

Interested bidders may seek further information from the Supply Chain Management office, Kenya Wild-life Service, Headquarters between 8.00am and 5.00pm during weekdays, Tel: 020-2379407-15 Cell: 0726610508/9, or email: hps@kws.go.ke.

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

There shall be a **MANDATORY** Pre tender site visit for the projects on **Friday 11th October, 2024 at 10:00 A.M** in **Nairobi National Park headquarter- Langata Road**

The completed bids in plain sealed envelope marked with tender reference number and tender name, shall be deposited in the Tender Box located at the entrance of the **Main Reception, KWS Headquarters, Langata Road P.O. Box 40241 - 00100, Nairobi** on or before **18th October, 2024 at 11:30 A.M**

Tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders' representatives who wish to attend at the KWS Vet Board Room.

Further information is available at www.kws.go.ke.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

KENYA VISION 2030



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Public Notice

Stakeholder Validation Workshop on the Draft KRA Diversity & Inclusion Policy

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) invites the general public and any other interested parties to participate in a Stakeholder Validation Workshop for the draft Diversity & Inclusion Policy following the recently concluded public participation and submission of proposals on the Policy.

The workshop will be held as follows:

Date: 25th September, 2024

Venue: Virtual

Platform: Webex

Link: <https://www.kra.go.ke/engagements>

Morning Session:
Time: 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Afternoon Session:
Time: 2:00PM – 4:00PM

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Government allocates Sh6.1b for new Social Health Authority

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A(KNA)

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Speaking in Nairobi during a media breakfast meeting, Dr. Barasa mentioned that the comprehensive benefits package for the SHA has been finalized, although current government funding covers only four percent of the required amount.

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**Health Cabinet Secretary
Dr. Deborah Barasa**

a major advancement in achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with the official launch of SHA. I want to give the assurance that the new health authority will continue to improve as the system evolves and additional funding is secured," the CS said.

She said in addition to launching the SHA, the government is partnering with Safaricom to digitize healthcare services which will enhance efficiency and data management.

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edged the funding challenges but reaffirmed the government's commitment to reducing out-of-pocket expenses and improving healthcare services.

The CS highlighted that Kenya has in recent years registered positive progress in the health sector with increased life expectancy and other health indicators as testament.

Health Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth said SHA encompasses many benefits in that it offers access by all Kenyans to primary health and emergency services, and it emphasizes on preventive and promotive care services.

Dr. Amoth said that SHA offers a broader range of outpatient services including essential lab investigations for diabetes, hypertension, sickle-cell and asthma among others as it focuses on comprehensive care including preventive and chronic conditions.

BY MUOKI CHARLES(KNA)

The new Health Insurance Scheme will fully cover cancer treatment costs, providing hope to over one million Kenyans suffering from cancer.

Health Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth stated that the structure of the new medical coverage has been optimized to ensure that all prescriptions from doctors align with the guidelines provided by the National Cancer Control Program. Patients will receive comprehensive treatment without incurring any additional out-of-pocket expenses for their families.

Speaking during the launch of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month at Kenyatta University Teaching, Research and Referral Hospital (KUTRRH), where he also commissioned a pediatric oncology ward, Dr. Amoth

encouraged Kenyans to register with the new Social Health Authority (SHA) to access the new medical insurance coverage ahead of the official rollout on October 1, 2024.

"As a country, every year, one million Kenyans are at risk of being impoverished by catastrophic health treatment expenses, one of which is cancer treatment. This new scheme will alleviate this financial burden," Amoth said.

The DG said at least 3,000 new childhood cancer cases are reported every year with the survival rate being 20 per cent compared to 80 per cent in developed countries, a situation which, he said, needs to be addressed.

On the strides made by KUTRRH in managing cancer care services in both children and adults, the health DG said the hospital has performed exemplary through its

state-of-the-art equipment and competent staff.

The Hospital Board Chairperson Prof Olive Mugenda called on the Director General to fast-track the completion of a children's wing at the hospital.

She said the 300-bed facility, which has been under construction over the last six years, was initially allocated Sh500 million and more funds are required to complete it. Prof Mugenda also divulged that the hospital in collaboration with the University of Manchester has initiated research on oesophageal cancer, a project she said is currently underway.

"We are now offering PET-Scan, a service that was not available in the country until recently. We are doing between 40 and 50 scans a day, you can imagine the impact the hospital is having on Kenyans in battling cancer," Mugenda said.

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Kenya National Highways Authority

Quality Highways, Better Connections

TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR INSTALLATION, MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADSIDE AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES AT SELECTED LOCATIONS ALONG NAIROBI - THIKA SUPERHIGHWAY (A2S).

TENDER No. KeNHA/2811/2024

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

The Authority hereby invites sealed Request for Proposal (RFP) for renting to install toilet where applicable, operate, manage and maintain roadside amenities and open spaces at selected locations along Nairobi-Thika Superhighway (A2S).

There shall be a mandatory pre-bid site visit and meeting as specified in the Detailed Tender Notice uploaded onto the KeNHA website or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) website www.tenders.go.ke.

A complete set of tender document may be obtained by interested tenderers 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 Management Department during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Kshs.1,000.00** (One thousand shillings only) in form of a banker's cheque payable to Kenya National Highways Authority.

Bidders are encouraged to download the tender document from the above websites to minimize physical visits to the KeNHA Office.

The Tender Closing and Opening date will be on **17th October, 2024 at 11.00 am** at KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor Boardroom.

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

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

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

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TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority invites sealed bids from interested and eligible firms for the following National Open Tenders.

NO	TENDER NUMBER	TITLE OF TENDER	ELIGIBILITY	PRE-BID MEETING
1.	KCAA/003/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning and Environmental Management Services for Two (2) years at East African School of Aviation (EASA)	Women firms registered under AGPO	30/9/2024 at 10:00am at EASA
2.	KCAA/007/2024-2025	Proposed construction of external perimeter Fence at ANS Headquarters in Mlolongo	Youth firms registered under AGPO	1/10/2024 at 10:00am at ANS Headquarters in Mlolongo

For more information on the tender, bidders may view and download the bidding document from KCAA website: www.kcaa.or.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal, www.tenders.go.ke and immediately forward their particulars for records and for the purposes of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums to procurement@kcaa.or.ke

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Aviation House, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, or be addressed to:

**The Director General,
Kenya Civil Aviation Authority,
P.O Box 30163-00100, Nairobi**

So as to be received on or before **Tuesday, 8th October, 2024 at 11:00 am** on the date indicated for the tender.

The tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at KCAA Auditorium.

**Manager Procurement
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

KENYA VISION 2030

NACADA receives top honors for efforts in youth empowerment at Agricultural Show



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Governor Mutahi Kahiga at the Nacada ASK Show Stand in Nyeri. CEO Dr Antony Omerikwe looks on.

The National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) emerged victorious at this year's Nyeri Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Show, with its stand recognized as the best in the Youth Empowerment and Advocacy category. The show, held at the Kabiru-ini Showground, attracted thousands of attendees, including high-level dignitaries.

NACADA's impressive stand showcased its ongoing efforts to educate the public, particularly the youth, about the dangers of drug and substance abuse while providing information on available resources for rehabilitation and recovery. The Authority's interactive exhibits, informative sessions, and youth-centered programs captured the attention of both the show's visitors and judges.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

visited NACADA's stand, accompanied by Nyeri County Governor Mutahi Kahiga. The Deputy President commended NACADA for its critical role in addressing alcohol and drug abuse among young Kenyans, emphasizing the need for continued youth empowerment and advocacy. In recognition of its outstanding efforts, NACADA was awarded a trophy for exceptional work in promoting youth empowerment. The trophy was presented by the Deputy President, highlighting the Authority's impactful presence at the event. NACADA CEO Dr. Anthony Omerikwe expressed gratitude for the recognition, reaffirming the Authority's commitment to the fight against alcohol and drug abuse and its dedication to empowering the nation's youth.

By MyGov Reporter

BY ZIPPORAH MUTHEU
(KNA)

The National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOCK) will distribute 8.5 million Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders to low-income households across the country.

Chief Executive Officer Gideon Leparan Ole Morintat stated that NOCK is collaborating with the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC), the Department of Petroleum, and Saudi Aramco to establish an import infrastructure under the Oil Sustainability Programme. This will support the production and packaging of LPG within Kenya.

"We will ensure 8.5 million cylinders are distributed to low-income households in the country. We are running a programme to provide subsidized LPG cylinders to Kenyans at a price of Sh



NOCK Chief Executive Officer Gideon Leparan Ole Morintat.

2,000," said Morintat during the launch of the Makueni Energy Plan 2023-2032 at the Makueni Integrated Vocational Empowerment Centre in Wote town.

"I will work with officers from the Energy Department at the ward level, along with energy champions, to identify beneficiaries

in the county," added Morintat, who is also the Managing Director of NOCK.

During the event, he revealed that NOCK is partnering with the National Construction Authority (NCA) to streamline LPG reticulation, ensuring the safe, efficient, and rapid installation of LPG appliances in homes.

"The new construction code of conduct was launched last month. It will assist municipalities and counties in approving building plans to ensure that LPG reticulation is safe, efficient, and facilitates faster installation of LPG appliances in homes," he said.



MASENO UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR, (ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT)

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

In pursuit of its mission and mandate, the University wishes to invite applications from suitable qualified candidates to fill the positions indicated below:

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE - DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY			
POSITION	GRADE	REFRENCE NO.	NO.OF POSITIONS
Lecturer - (General Pathology/Clinical Pathology / Anatomic Pathology)	Twelve (12)	MSU/ACA/SM/DOP/01/24	One (1)
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ANATOMY			
Tutorial Fellow - (Human Anatomy)	Eleven (11)	MSU/ACA/SM/DOHA/01/24	Two (2)
SCHOOL OF NURSING - DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING			
Lecturer-(Entomology) (Critical Care Nursing)	Twelve (12)	MSU/ACA/MSN/CCN/01/24	One (1)
SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES - DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY			
Lecturer-(Entomology)	Twelve (12)	MSU/ACA/DOZE/01/24	One (1)
KISUMU HOTEL			
Food & Beverage Manager	KH Ten (KH 10)	MSU/ADM/ KH/01/24	One (1)
Front Office Manager	KH NINE(KH 9)	MSU/ADM/ KH/02/24	One (1)

MODE OF APPLICATION

Applicants should submit **ten (10) copies** of their applications on or before **9th October, 2024 at 5.00 p.m** addressed to:

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Administration, Finance and Development
Maseno University
P. O. Box 333 - 40105, MASENO

Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Maseno University is an equal opportunity employer and therefore applicants of all gender, marginalized group and persons living with disability are encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants should visit Maseno University Website www.maseno.ac.ke to view specific vacant positions and detailed requirements.

Any canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

TENDER NOTICE

Laikipia University invites interested eligible suppliers to apply for the following tenders:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER/BID SECURITY	PRE-TENDER
LU/TEN/01/2024/25	Proposed drilling and installation of Solar-Powered Borehole Water Pump	OPEN	KES. 20,000	1 st October
LU/TEN/02/2024/25	Supply of Fuel and Lubricants for Laikipia University Motor Vehicles (Using Fuel Card System)	OPEN	KES. 50,000	N/A
LU/TEN/03/2024/25	Landscaping Main Gate Frontage.	OPEN	KES. 20,000	3 rd October

Interested candidates may obtain further information about the advertisement, and Tender documents from the University website www.laikipia.ac.ke

Duly filled Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with a tender number, and tender description and bearing no indication of the applicant (**Original and One copy**) should be deposited in the Tender Box provided at **The Security Office at the Main Entrance, Laikipia University-Main Campus** and be addressed to:

The Vice-Chancellor
Laikipia University
P.O. Box 1100 – 20300
NYAHURURU

To reach the University **NOT LATER THAN, 8th October 2024 at 12:00 Noon**

Bid documents shall be opened immediately thereafter at the University Boardroom in the presence of applicants or their representatives who choose to attend.

Youth, Women, and Persons with Disability are encouraged to apply.

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KISIP2 launches research initiative to combat slum growth in Eldoret

BY MATHEW CHEPKEWEL (MYGOV)

The Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP2) has unveiled research on slum prevention and upgrading in Uasin Gishu County to mitigate the proliferation of informal settlements in the newly designated city of Eldoret.

To implement the research program, KISIP2 has engaged several youths from the six sub-counties: Kapseret-Langas, Kesses-Chabaiywo, Turbo-Turbo Township, Moiben-Ngomongo, Soy-Mosbridge, and Ainabkoi-Burnt Forest. These youths are currently undergoing training for research on slum prevention and upgrading in Uasin Gishu County.

The Director of Housing in the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Ms. Beatrice Menjo, stated that following Eldoret's elevation



The Director of Housing, Ms. Beatrice Menjo

to city status, there is an urgent need to prevent the emergence of new slums and improve existing ones.

Under KISIP2, Ms. Menjo noted that some consultants are advancing the research with the goal of developing effective strategies for slum prevention and

upgrading, focusing on enhancing living conditions through improved water and sanitation services.

KISIP2 is a Sh24.1 billion program funded by the World Bank, the French Development Agency (Sh7.6 billion), and the Kenyan government to address infrastructure, water, lighting, and social inclusion in thirty-three counties across Kenya.

Through KISIP2, over 200 informal settlements in the country will benefit from Sh31.7 billion in multilateral donor funding to provide low-cost housing and improve general infrastructure, among other essential amenities.

The upgrade in informal settlements designed by the World Bank under KISIP2 seeks to enhance land tenure security and improve infrastructure and services such as roads, drainage, pedestrian walkways and water connection.



TANZA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TARDA)

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

We are inviting the following tender;

NO	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
1.	TARDA/OT/013/2024-2025	Provision of Staff Medical Insurance Cover for the Financial Year 2024-2025	Open National (All)	9th October 2024 at 10:00 am

Interested candidates are required to view/download more details of the tender free of charge from our website www.tarda.go.ke or at the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) <http://www.tenders.go.ke>

Closing date of this tender will be as aforementioned above, at which it will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to attend at the TARDA boardroom situated along Dundori Road, Industrial Area.

Late bids will not be accepted

MANAGING DIRECTOR



INVITATION TO OPEN NATIONAL TENDER

The Public Service Superannuation Fund is established under the Public Service Superannuation Scheme Act, No. 8 of 2012 to provide retirement benefits to Civil Servants, Teachers employed by the Teachers Service Commission and Disciplined Services Personnel (Kenya Police Service, Kenya Prisons Service and National Youth Service).

PSSF invites interested and eligible firms/tenderers to bid for the following tenders for the public service superannuation fund.

S/ NO	TENDER NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1)	PSSF/T/01/2024-2025	PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES AT CBK PENSION TOWERS ON 1 ST AND 2 ND FLOOR	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER (RESERVED FOR AGPO GROUPS-YOUTH, WOMEN AND PWD)	WEDNESDAY 9 th October AT 10.00AM).
2)	PSSF/T/02/2024-2025	FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF CONFERENCE & ACCOMODATION FACILITIES	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	WEDNESDAY 9 th October AT 10.00AM)
3)	PSSF/RFP/001/2024-2025	TENDER FOR PROVISION OF INVESTMENT ADVISOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	WEDNESDAY 9 th October AT 10.00AM
4)	PSSF/PRE-Q/001/LEGAL/2024-2026	PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF LEGAL & LITIGATION SERVICES	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	WEDNESDAY 9 th October AT 10.00AM

- All Interested and Eligible bidders may download **free of charge** the Tender documents from the PSSF Website: www.Pssf.go.ke, <https://www.procurement@pssf.go.ke> OR www.tenders.go.ke and forward their particulars for records to: procurement@pssf.go.ke The Particulars should include Name and address of the Firm, Tender Name and Number.
- Completed bid documents should be submitted through the online submission link: <https://www.procurement@pssf.go.ke> clearly marked with **Tender Name** and **Tender Number** and should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
THE PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND
CBK PENSION TOWERS, 1ST Floor, Harambee Avenue
P. O. Box 3561-200, NAIROBI.

so as to be received on or before **WEDNESDAY 9th October AT 10.00AM (EAST AFRICA TIME)**

- The Tender will be opened virtually on the same day and time in the presence of **ONLY ONE (1)** bidder representative from each firm. The link will be shared to all bidders who have submitted their bid successfully through the e-procurement portal. Each Bidder who successfully submits a bid shall be required to send their Particulars which should include Name and address of the Firm, Tender Name and Number to procurement@pssf.go.ke

Tender Opening Minutes may be circulated to tenderers upon request in writing.



kenya national library service

TENDER INVITATION

Kenya National Library Service (knls) is a State Corporation whose mandate is to promote, establish, equip, manage, maintain and develop libraries in Kenya.

Knls invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the below tender.

Reference Number	Tender Name	Tender Security Amount	Closing Date	Eligibility
KNL/HQ/T001/2024/2025	Registration of Suppliers FY 2024/2025-2025/2026	N/A	1 st October, 2024 at 11.00 am	Open
KNL/HQ/T002/2024/2025	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Structured Cabling and ICT Equipment for Mandera Community Library- Mandera County	Ksh. 250,000.00	2 nd October, 2024 at 9.00 am	Reserved
KNL/HQ/T003/2024/2025	Supply, Delivery, Assembling and Installation of Library and Office Furniture for Mandera Community Library-Mandera County	Ksh. 200,000.00	2 nd October, 2024 at 11.30 am	Reserved
KNL/HQ/T004/2024/2025	Supply and Delivery of Information Material for Mandera Community Library-Mandera County	Ksh.150,000.00	2 nd October, 2024 at 2.00 pm	Open
KNL/HQ/EOI 001/2024/2025	Expression of Interest for Supply and Delivery of E-content information Materials for Kenya National Library Service-Virtual Library	N/A	8 th October, 2024 at 9.00 am	Open

Interested eligible candidates may obtain tender documents at the procurement offices located at Maktaba Kuu Building, 6th floor, Community, Ngong Road-Nairobi during normal working hours upon payment of a non-refundable tender fee of Ksh.1000.00 per set or download free of charge from knls website, www.knls.ac.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke. Completed tender documents shall be deposited in the same location. Late bids shall be rejected.

All bidders who download the tender document **MUST** register with procurement office by sending an email to tender@knls.ac.ke/hodsupplychain@knls.ac.ke

Enquiries can be made via email: tender@knls.ac.ke/hodsupplychain@knls.ac.ke or telephone number **0728 607 627**

Bidders are advised to regularly visit knls website to obtain any additional information (Addendum on tender) All addenda/additional information on the tender shall be posted on knls website and Public Procurement Information Portal as they become available.

Director General
Kenya National Library Service
Maktaba Kuu Building, Community, Ngong Road
P.O. Box 30573 -00100 NAIROBI, KENYA.

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

Kenya to invest Sh440b in livestock feed sector to make it more resilient

BY MABEL KEYA-SHIKUKU
(KNA)

The Government intends to invest Sh440 billion over 10 years, from 2022 to 2032, with support from donors, to make the livestock feed sector secure and resilient during times of calamity.

Dr. Stanley Mutua, the Head of Animal Feeds and Nutrition Services at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, stated that the Ministry conducted research in arid areas from 2018 to 2019 and in non-arid areas from 2019 to 2022. The report revealed that the country is facing a 60 percent feed shortage, and of what is being produced, 46 percent goes to waste.

"Kenya requires 55 million metric tonnes of dry matter animal feed annually but only produces 40 percent, leaving a substantial supply gap of 33 million metric tonnes. Unfortunately, this gap must be filled through imports, leaving this critical sector in a very precarious posi-



tion," Dr. Mutua said.

He noted that the Ministry has developed a National Feed Policy in response to findings that Kenya's livestock sector is experiencing a 26 percent rate of malnutrition, which has resulted in stunting and negatively affected productivity.

Dr. Mutua was speaking in Naivasha during a five-day workshop attended by representatives from six African countries piloting the Resilient African Feed and Fodder Systems (RAFFS)

program. The workshop, hosted by the African Union-InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), aimed to address the issues facing the feed inventory and balance in Africa, establish the current status of the feed sector, and agree on a common approach for the continent.

Dr. Mutua said from the report of the research which was done in two phases, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has come up with various in-

terventions which include promotion and prioritizing 10 feed value-chain to produce required feed in the country.

He noted that the government's national feed strategy will help to address animal feeds and water shortages for livestock and feed quality by looking at energy sources such as maize and sorghum and protein-rich sources such as soya, sunflower and cotton seed and black soldier fly for animal protein.

KEPROBA, AFA sign agreement to promote Kenyan coffee globally

The Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) and the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) - Coffee Directorate have signed a collaboration agreement to coordinate Kenya's marketing efforts in both emerging and established coffee markets globally. This strategic alliance aims to address challenges within the sector, including reduced productivity due to unpredictable weather conditions and high production costs.

According to AFA, Kenyan coffee exports have fluctuated since 2016 due to decreasing coffee-growing regions and an over-reliance on traditional markets. The agreement also aims to organize joint marketing initiatives, including expos, trade fairs, and buyer-seller meetings.

Currently, 97 percent of Kenya's coffee is exported as raw green beans, which limits the country's ability to maximize revenue generated from coffee production.

To tackle these challenges and revitalize the sector, the government has begun implementing coffee reforms, a step that has already shown positive signs of growth, with coffee production increasing from 34,511 metric tons in 2020/21 to 51,853 metric

tons in 2021/22. The country has also made progress in diversifying its export destinations, including new markets in South Korea and Japan.

KEPROBA Chief Executive Officer Floice Mukabana

stated that the partnership will address the numerous challenges nearly crippling the sector and further enhance Kenya's export range and access to global markets.

AFA Director General Dr. Bruno Linyiru underscored the importance of promoting Kenyan coffee internationally while also boosting local consumption.

The agreement also aims to organize joint marketing initiatives, including expos, trade fairs, and buyer-seller meetings.

Key areas of collaboration will focus on market research and intelligence, with both parties sharing data to help producers develop effective export strategies.

Additionally, they will engage in capacity building to empower coffee producers to meet international market standards and successfully integrate into the export trade.

By ELVIS LEMISO (MyGov)



NATIONAL SYNDEMIC DISEASES
CONTROL COUNCIL

VACANCIES ADVERTISEMENT

The National Syndemic Diseases Control Council (NSDCC) is a state corporation whose mission is to provide policy and strategic framework for mobilizing and coordinating resources for the prevention and control of syndemic diseases in Kenya. More details of our mandate and contacts can be found on the website www.nsdcc.or.ke.

In efforts to fulfill this mandate, the NSDCC seeks to recruit suitable candidates for the following positions:

S. No.	Title	NSDCC GRADE
1.	Director, Management Information System and Communications	NSDCC Grade 2
2.	Coordinator, Regional Offices	NSDCC Grade 2
3.	Deputy Director, Communication	NSDCC Grade 3
4.	Technical Advisor	NSDCC Grade 3
5.	Deputy Director, Administration	NSDCC Grade 3
6.	Regional Offices Coordinator (3 Posts)	NSDCC Grade 3
7.	Senior Principal Corporate Communication Officer	NSDCC Grade 4
8.	Senior Programme Officer (3 Posts)	NSDCC Grade 4
9.	Senior Internal Auditor	NSDCC Grade 4
10.	Office Administrator	NSDCC Grade 7
11.	Security Officer	NSDCC Grade 7

The terms for the position are outlined on the NSDCC website <https://nsdcc.go.ke/careers/>

The individual to be considered shall be of high integrity and able to work within a team. If you fulfill the above requirements, you are invited to submit an application letter together with an up-to-date CV, copies of certificates, testimonials, names, and contacts of three professional referees in a sealed envelope on or before **Tuesday, October 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** to the address provided below.

The Chief Executive Officer
National Syndemic Diseases Control Council
Landmark Plaza 9th Floor
P.O. Box 61307 – 00200 Nairobi, KENYA

NSDCC is an equal opportunity employer and does NOT discriminate against any applicant based on their HIV status, ethnic background, sex, religion, disability, or marital status yet is attentive to gender, regional and ethnic balance. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.



**SOUTH EASTERN KENYA
UNIVERSITY**

ARID TO GREEN

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

South Eastern Kenya University invites applications from suitable, qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

SNO	VACANCIES	SCHOOL	DEPARTMENT	POSITIONS
1.	Lecturer Grade 6A (Formerly Grade 12A)	School of Law	Public Law Specialization	2 Positions
2.	Lecturer Grade 6A (Formerly Grade 12A)	School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Social Work Specialization	1 Position
3.	Lecturer Grade 6A (Formerly Grade 12A)	School of Health Sciences	Public Health Specialization	1 Position
4.	Lecturer Grade 6a (Formerly Grade 12a)	School Of Health Sciences	Histology And Cytology Specialization	1 Position
5.	Lecturer Grade 6A (Formerly Grade 12A)	School of Engineering and Technology	Electrical Engineering Specialization	1 Position
6.	Lecturer Grade 6A (Formerly Grade 12A)	School of Engineering and Technology	Electrical Engineering Specialization	1 Position
7.	Senior Assistant University Librarian Grade 5 (Formerly Grade 13)			1 Position
8.	Senior Sports Officer Grade 7 (Formerly Grade 11)			1 Position
9.	Senior Legal Officer Grade 7(Formerly Grade 11)			1 Position

NB: Please visit our website www.seku.ac.ke for more details on the above vacancies and the application procedure. The deadline for submitting application is **Thursday, 10th October, 2024**. Applications received after this date **will not** be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

SEKU is an equal opportunity employer and female candidates and persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Cc: NCPWD

ARID TO GREEN



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TRANSFORMING LIVES

Murang'a County farmers receive certified maize seeds and fertilizer

BY BERNARD MUNYAO
(KNA)

More than 57,000 farmers in Murang'a County have started to receive certified maize seeds and fertilizer from the local county administration.

In a program funded at a cost of Sh88 million, each farmer is slated to receive one two-kilo packet of seeds and a total of 16 kilos of fertilizer.

Governor Irungu Kang'ata noted that only registered and verified farmers will benefit from the seeds and fertilizer, which will be distributed in various parts of the county until October



Murang'a County Governor Irungu Kang'ata.

10th, ahead of the short rains.

Kang'ata emphasized that the county has the potential to produce maize for commercial purposes, citing the lack of quality seeds and poor farming methods as barriers to higher production. He mentioned that the county has

dispatched trained officers to assist farmers in adopting best practices for planting and nurturing their crops.

"The county government has committed Sh33 million to produce certified maize seeds and another Sh50 million for fertilizer. Each farmer is expected to receive eight

kilos of planting fertilizer and the same quantity for top dressing."

"We have partnered with the KARLO and Simlaw seed companies which are government institutions to supply us with the certified seeds. The fertilizer is sourced from National Cereal and Produce Board (NCPB)," he added.

The seed distribution exercise, the governor noted, will be spearheaded by sub-county maize farmers' representatives drawn from all the 35 wards.

"The representatives have been taken through procedures on how to ensure all the registered farmers get the seeds and fertilizer," he stated.



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI ENTERPRISES & SERVICES (UNES) LIMITED

VACANT POSITION

University of Nairobi Enterprises & Services Ltd (UNES) is a Commercial Enterprise Arm of the University of Nairobi. It was established in 1996 and engages in entrepreneurial activities for the benefit of the University. The mandate includes: Consultancy & Training Services and other Commercial Activities such as Bookshop & Bindery Services, Hospitality, Dental Services, Eye Care, Radiology and Funeral Services. UNES seeks to recruit result-oriented, self-driven persons with high integrity to fill in the following vacant positions:

NO.	POSITION
1.	Assistant Internal Auditor
2.	Part time -Pediatric Dentist - UoN Dental Clinic
3.	Part time Pediatric Ophthalmologist – UoN Eye Clinic
4.	Optometrist - UoN Eye Clinic
5.	Manager, Hospitality Services

Detailed advert and how to apply can be accessed from the UNES Website: <https://unes.co.ke/category/careers/>

Application Deadline: October 4, 2024

PORTFOLIO: CONSULTANCY & TRAINING SERVICES | HOSPITALITY | BOOKSHOP & BINDERY | DENTAL CARE | EYE CARE | RADIOLOGY | FUNERAL SERVICES ISO 9001:2015
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TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

The Kenya Airports Authority invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders: -

Reference Number	Tender Description	Pre-Bid Meeting / Site Visit	Closing/Opening Date
KAA/OT/JKIA/0014/2024-2025	Provision of Garbage Collection Services at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport <i>(Eligibility: Duly Registered Youth Group, Women and People living with Disability Owned Enterprises)</i>	There shall be a site visit on 9/10/2024 at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport at 10:00 am	17/10/2024
KAA/OT/OPS/0015/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning Services at: LOT1: Eldoret International Airport LOT 2: Lodwar Airstrip LOT 3: Eldoret Boma Airstrip LOT 4: Kitale Airstrip LOT 5: Lokichoggio Airport <i>(Eligibility: Duly Registered Youth Group, Women and People living with Disability Owned Enterprises)</i>	There shall be a site visit on 9/10/2024 at Eldoret International Airport at 10:00 am There shall be a site visit on 7/10/2024 at Lodwar Airstrip at 10:00 am There shall be a site visit on 9/10/2024 Eldoret Boma Airstrip at 10:00 am There shall be a site visit on 9/10/2024 at Kitale Airstrip at 10:00 am There shall be a site visit on 8/10/2024 at Lokichoggio Airport at 10:00 am	17/10/2024
KAA/OT/HRD/0016/2024-2025	Framework Agreement for The Provision of Staff Uniform for Kenya Airports Authority	There shall be a pre-bid on 9/10/2024 at KAA Head Quarters at 10:00 am	17/10/2024

Information on these tender notices and documents detailing the requirements, tendering procedures and guidelines should be downloaded from our website at <https://www.kaa.go.ke/corporate/procurement/> or <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal> or Public Procurement Information Portal at www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Bidders are advised to note that bidding process for the tenders is through our online tender portal at <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal>. For any information or clarifications, please contact us through our email, tenders@kaa.go.ke

Canvassing for the tender by the tenderer or by proxy shall lead to automatic disqualification of their tender.

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Government of the Republic of Kenya ("Government") has signed a Grant Agreement ("Agreement") for funding with the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") called the Threshold Program ("Program") for an amount not to exceed Sixty Million United States Dollars (USD \$60,000,000) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of that funding to payments for contracts for goods, works and services. The Government has formed the Kenya Millennium Development Fund (KMDF) for implementing the Program.

The Program consists of the three following projects:

- The **Integrated Transport Planning project** strengthens the Nairobi Metropolitan Area Transport Authority ("NAMATA") and builds its capacity to coordinate, manage and lead long-term efforts to rationalize the planning and prioritization of transportation investments among a range of public agencies and authorities.
- The **First and Last Mile Connections project** supports improvements in both the planning and implementation of small-scale infrastructure that connects residents of economically disadvantaged neighborhoods east of Nairobi's central business district to stations on one of the busiest lines on the existing commuter rail service and two lines on the planned bus rapid transit ("BRT") system.
- The **Detailed Land Use Planning project** updates the policy and regulatory framework for land use decisions throughout the county, supports integrated processes for the development of a comprehensive land use plan for neighborhoods located east of Nairobi's central business district, and introduces new approaches to transit-oriented development that build stronger connections between residential, commercial, and industrial areas and the emerging commuter rail service and BRT system.

To implement these projects, during the next twelve months starting from September 2024, the Government, supported by MCC, plans to begin procedures to procure the following services:

Procurements for the period September 2024 – September 2025 Estimated Value – USD 12,264,000

Procurement of Goods/Services (to include Consultant Services)

- Motor Vehicle and IT Equipment
- GIS Hardware and training and capacity building
- Consultancy on policy and institutional support
- Consultancy of Transport planning support
- Institutional support consultancy services
- Health, safety and environmental services, ESIA and Resettlement Action Plan consultancy services

Program Administration:

- Interim Procurement Agent
- Interim Fiscal Agent
- External Technical Evaluation Panel Members (Individual Consultants)
- Recruitment Agency

All Contracts for Goods, Works, and Services will be implemented according to the principles, rules, and procedures set out in the MCC Accountable Entity Procurement Policy & Guidelines (PPG) which can be found on the MCC's website.

Procurements are open to all bidders from all eligible countries as defined in the PPG. Specific procurement notices for contracts to be tendered will be announced, as they become available, on United Nations Development Business (<http://www.devbusiness.com/>), dgMarket: <http://www.dgmarket.com/>, and other media outlets.

Interested eligible contractors and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive a copy of advertisements, or those requiring additional information, should contact:

Douglas Mutua
Interim Procurement Director (IPD),
dougmutua@yahoo.com



Residents urged to take ownership in Kisii's tree-planting campaign



Senior Deputy Secretary-Administration at the State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Mr. Hezron Nyamberi, planting a tree during the exercise held at Nyanturago Swamp in Kisii County

BY MISHEBA ALFRED
(KNA)

The government is urging Kisii residents to nurture and protect tree seedlings following reports of uprooting and theft of planted seedlings. Mr. Hezron Nyamberi, a Senior Deputy Secretary (SDS) for Administration at the State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, led a tree-planting exercise at Nyanturago Swamp.

He stated that the success of the tree-planting program depends on community involvement and commitment to nurturing the seedlings once they are planted.

During the exercise, where 1,500 trees were planted, the Ministry of

Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy reaffirmed its commitment to plant 10 million trees this year, with a target of five million trees in Kisii County and an additional five million in Nandi County.

The Ministry's efforts in Kisii are part of a broader environmental conservation agenda aimed at addressing land degradation and restoring critical ecological zones.

Nyanturago Swamp, a government reserve previously used by local communities for cattle grazing, has been identified as a key focus area due to its strategic importance in the region's environmental balance.

Nyamberi expressed the government's deep

concern over the theft that has plagued previous tree-planting efforts in Nyanturago.

He noted that during the four prior planting sessions conducted by the ministry and its partners, many seedlings had been uprooted by locals, severely hindering the progress that could have been achieved.

He emphasized that this was the fifth such event in the area and urged the community to take ownership of the trees and ensure their survival.

Kisii County Forest Conservator Safari Opiyo also addressed the gathering, reiterating the importance of the tree-planting exercise and calling on residents to embrace environmental stewardship.

A new era for cargo transport as Kenya's MV Uhuru II sets sail

BY ROBERT OJWANG (KNA)

The newly built MV Uhuru II, valued at Sh2.4 billion, has embarked on its maiden cargo journey from Kisumu Port to Uganda's Port Bell, marking its official entry into service on Lake Victoria.

This milestone follows the vessel's construction by Kenya Shipyards Ltd and its official handover to Kenya Railways, which will manage its operations on the freshwater body. The ship was commissioned by President Dr. William Ruto in October 2023.

The operationalization of MV Uhuru II demonstrates compliance with inter-

national shipping safety and efficiency standards, ensuring its readiness for maritime transport duties on the lake, according to Kenya Railways Managing Director Philip Mainga.

The new vessel is poised to complement the operations of MV Uhuru I, which was rehabilitated and launched in 2019, significantly boosting capacity for transporting goods such as petroleum products, steel, fertilizer, and other finished products across Lake Victoria.

During the handover ceremony, Kenya Shipyards Ltd Managing Director Major-General Said Farah officially transferred the instruments of own-

ership of MV Uhuru II to Kenya Railways Managing Director Philip Mainga.

Speaking during the event, Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir highlighted Kenya's commitment to enhancing regional trade and transport efficiency on the lake.

"MV Uhuru II's official entry into the service and our first operational journey on Lake Victoria today is indeed a monumental step in advancing Kenya's maritime infrastructure and the blue economy," Chirchir said.

Chirchir said the 100-metre vessel, is expected to revolutionize maritime logistics in East Africa.



THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMPETITION AUTHORITY OF KENYA

The National Treasury & Economic Planning is in the process of recruiting members of the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) for the vacant positions that have arisen under section 10(1)(f) of the Competition Act, 2010 (Revised in 2019). Pursuant thereto, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury & Economic Planning hereby invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the vacant positions of members of the CAK.

THE COMPETITION AUTHORITY OF KENYA

The CAK is established under section 7 of the Competition Act, 2010. Its functions, as stipulated under section 9 of the Act, are to -

- Promote and enforce compliance with the Act;
- Receive and investigate complaints from legal or natural persons and consumer bodies;
- Promote public knowledge, awareness and understanding of the obligations, rights and remedies under the Act and the duties, functions and activities of the Authority;
- Promote the creation of consumer bodies and the establishment of good and proper standards and rules to be followed by such bodies in protecting competition and consumer welfare;
- Recognize consumer bodies duly registered under the appropriate national laws as the proper bodies, in their areas of operation, to represent consumers before the Authority;
- Make available to consumers information and guidelines relating to the obligations of persons under the Act and the rights and remedies available to consumers under the Act;
- Carry out inquiries, studies and research into matters relating to competition and the protection of the interests of consumers;
- Study government policies, procedures and programmes, legislation and proposals for legislation to assess their effects on competition and consumer welfare and publicize the results of such studies;
- Investigate impediments to competition, including entry into and exit from markets, in the economy as a whole or in particular sectors and publicize the results of such investigations;
- Investigate policies, procedures and programmes of regulatory authorities to assess their effects on competition and consumer welfare and publicize the results of such studies;
- Participate in deliberations and proceedings of government, government commissions, regulatory authorities and other bodies in relation to competition and consumer welfare;
- Make representations to government, government commissions, regulatory authorities and other bodies on matters relating to competition and consumer welfare;
- Liaise with regulatory bodies and other public bodies in all matters relating to competition and consumer welfare; and
- Advise the government on matters relating to competition and consumer welfare.

Position of Member of the Board of Competition Authority of Kenya

Section 10(1) of the Act provides that the Authority shall comprise, in addition to the chairman and ex-officio members, five (5) other members appointed by the Cabinet Secretary. A member appointed under this section shall hold office for a period of three years, on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the instrument of appointment, and is eligible for re-appointment, subject to a maximum of two terms of office.

In line with section 10(2), the persons proposed to be members of the Authority under section (10)(1)(f) shall, before their appointment to the Authority, be vetted and approved by Parliament through the relevant Committee of Parliament.

Qualifications for Appointment as Member

Interested candidates for the position of member of the Competition Authority of Kenya must be persons of high integrity and must hold a minimum of a university degree from a recognized university. The candidates must have extensive experience at management level, in the public or private sector, in competition and consumer welfare matters. Further, the candidates should satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya.

Applicants must attach the following documents:

- Detailed curriculum vitae, with at least three (3) referees and their contacts, including telephone contacts;
- A copy of the National Identity Card;
- Clearance from Kenya Revenue Authority (Tax Compliance Certificate);
- Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Authority;
- Clearance from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (Current Certificate of Good Conduct);
- Clearance from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB); and
- Clearance from a registered Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

Applicants should NOT be serving public officers.

Applications in plain sealed envelopes, stating the referenced position on top, should be mailed to:

**Principal Secretary
The National Treasury
Treasury Building, Harambee Avenue
P.O. Box 30007 - 00100
NAIROBI**

OR delivered to 2nd floor, Room No. 218, Treasury Building, Harambee Avenue.

A soft copy of the application should be emailed to pipm@treasury.go.ke

Applications should be received not later than 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th October, 2024.

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

State to build 218 classrooms for transitioning Grade 9 learners

BY WANGARI MWANGI
(KNA)

The Government will spend Sh218 million to construct a total of 218 Grade 9 classrooms in Nyeri County. These classrooms are part of the 18,000 units the government is building to accommodate the pioneer cohort of Grade 9 learners under the Competency-Based Curriculum.

The 1.3 million learners currently in Grade 8 are expected to occupy the classrooms starting January 2025, when they transition to Grade 9.

According to Ms. Jane Njogu, the Nyeri County Director of Education, construction is being carried out in two phases. In the first phase, a total of 66 classrooms are being built. During the second phase, the Ministry of Education will construct the remaining 152 classrooms across 128 primary schools in the county. In Nyeri, the first phase of the project, which is being undertaken in 37 schools, is at 52 per cent with the CDE expressing optimism that construction will be



Nyeri County Director of Education, Jane Njogu during a previous interview with KNA at her office in Nyeri town.

FILE PHOTO

complete before the end of the year.

"In Phase One, we are doing very well; we are at 52 per cent. For instance, a school like Chaka Primary School the class is already roofed. All the others apart from four classrooms are at the walling stage. The four are at the slab level. Actually, I can almost confidently say this is a project we will even deliver before time," Ms Njogu said.

On the criteria used to select the benefiting schools, the CDE said that school enrolment is the

factor for consideration. The ministry had set the minimum number of students to 45 for a school to be registered as a Junior School. Ms. Njogu said whereas schools with a single stream of Junior School will benefit from a single classroom, schools with multiple streams will be allocated classrooms based on the student population.

In all, the government will construct 18,000 additional classrooms in selected primary schools to accommodate the Grade 9 learners.



CALL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

NAMES OF PERSONS PROPOSED TO BE DECLARED AS NATIONAL HEROES

The National Heroes Council was established by The Kenya Heroes Act. No. 5 of 2014. The mandate of the Council is to identify, select and provide for the recognition of National heroes and heroines.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 23 of the Act, the Council wishes to notify the public that the names and details of all the persons nominated to be declared as heroes under the Act can be accessed from the Council's Website www.heroes.go.ke

Submission of objections and representations

Members of the public who are of the opinion that the proposed honour to a nominee is not deserved are hereby invited to avail any objections and representations.

Objections and representations (*through swon affidavits*) should be submitted within **14 days** of publication of this Notice through the following means:

- i. Email: ceo@heroes.go.ke, nominations@heroes.go.ke
- ii. Hand delivered to office of the Chief Executive Officer, National Heroes Council, Mezzanine Floor, Embankment Plaza, UpperHill.
- iii. Or send via post to

**The Chief Executive Officer,
National Heroes Council
P.O Box 30001-00100 Nairobi**

The objections and representations will be considered in line with the provisions of the Kenya Heroes Act No. 5 of 2014.

**HON. JIMMY NURU ONDIEKI ANGWENYI, M.G.H
CHAIRMAN**

National Heroes Council | P.O. Box 30001 – 00100 | Embankment Plaza | Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya. | Tel: 0719088881 | www.heroes.go.ke Email: info@heroes.go.ke

INVITATION
TO TENDER



TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OLKARIA VII GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT

TENDER NO.: KGN-BDD-016-2024

Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen) is a state corporation in the Republic of Kenya whose mandate is to generate electricity for the country.

KenGen has adequate steam capacity in the Olkaria East field for implementation of Olkaria VII Geothermal Power Project and intends to construct and commission at least 1x80MW Geothermal Steam Turbine Unit.

The project will be packaged into this Services/Consultancy Contract and three (3) works Contracts; (i) Steamfield Development, (ii) Power Plant construction (iii) Substation and Transmission Line construction.

KenGen is in the process of receiving financing from European Investment Bank (EIB) and intends to use part of the funds thereof for payments towards Consultancy Services for Supervision and Management of the Olkaria VII Geothermal Power Project.

KenGen now invites interested applicants to submit their proposals for Consultancy Services for the Olkaria VII Geothermal Power Project.

The duration of the assignment to provide Consultancy services is expected to be atleast 60 calendar months.

The services of the consultant shall include but not limited to:

- a. Review of the Project Documentation,
- b. Assistance in initial Selection (Pre-qualification) of Contractors,
- c. Preparation of Tender specifications and documentation,
- d. Assistance through the process of Bidding, Evaluation, Pre-Contract discussion up to award for EPC Contractors,
- e. Carry out Concept and Detailed Design, Design Review and approval of EPC Contractor's Design documentation and construction drawings.
- f. Supervision of Construction and Commissioning up to Warranty Period
- g. Contracts management and site administration,
- h. Assistance in management, resolution and closure of Contractors' claims and disputes,
- i. Participation in Factory Acceptance Tests (FAT) for Equipment,
- j. Transfer of knowledge for Employer's personnel,
- k. Carry out project closure activities

Eligibility

These services will be procured under the Financier's Guidelines "Guide to Procurement for projects financed by the EIB" available online on EIB's website <https://www.eib.org/en/publications/guide-to-procurement.htm>

The Eligibility criteria for EIB financing are specified in the Financier's guideline. Firms originating from all countries of the world are eligible to tender for works and services contracts. Pursuant to its Sanctions Policy, the Bank shall not provide finance, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of an individual or entity that is subject to financial sanctions imposed by the EU, either autonomously or pursuant to the financial sanctions decided by the United Nations Security Council on the basis of article 41 of the UN Charter. Sanctioned Applicants will not be Eligible.

Applicants who meet the following minimum requirements will be prequalified for Technical Evaluation. Only completed projects will be considered for evaluation.

I.	A track record of relevant experience in consulting services for more than 15 years of practice, involving but not limited to the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geothermal Reservoir modelling • Geothermal scientific studies (both geochemistry and geophysics) • Full Feasibility studies for Geothermal Power plants, including associated above ground Steam systems and Electrical works.
II.	Demonstrated experience in the design and engineering of Geothermal Power Plants of similar nature, either as a subcontractor or a joint venture member for Power Plant Design within an EPC Contractor's scope in the last 20 years. At least two (2) Separate completed Projects for Geothermal Power Plants of capacity 80MW or more.
III.	Demonstrated experience in the design and engineering of a Geothermal Steam gathering System of a similar nature and complexity, either as a design subcontractor/Sub-Consultant or Owner's Engineer in the last 20 years. At least two (2) separate completed Projects for a steam gathering System, each supplying steam to a Geothermal Power Plant of capacity 80MW or more.
IV.	Demonstrated experience in the design and engineering of Electrical substation and Transmission lines of similar nature in the last 20 years. At least 2 separate completed Projects each with a substation and Transmission line of similar nature or more.
V.	Contract management, site administration, Design Review, Supervision of construction, commissioning and management of warranty period for at least two separate completed Projects involving a Geothermal steam gathering system, Geothermal Power plant and substation/Transmission works, each of a capacity 80MW or more in the last 20 years.

Only Applicants who meet these minimum requirements shall be pre-qualified and their Technical Proposals subjected to Evaluation.

The interested Applicants can view and download the full documents from the KenGen website www.kengen.co.ke. The uploaded documents are:

1. Preamble to tender
2. Part 1 (Prequalification)
3. Part 2 (Request For Proposal)

Applicants including their Affiliates and, in case of Joint Ventures (JV), any of their members, may participate in only one Application. It is encouraged for foreign/international applicants to partner or sub-consult with local engineering/consulting firms who must be registered with the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) for local participation.

Applications shall be submitted to the address below no later than **27th November 2024 at 1000 Hours EAT**. The application must be clearly labelled and the **Tender No. KGN-BDD-016-2024** indicated on the surface.

**The General Manager, Supply Chain
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC,
Stima Plaza Phase III, Kolobet Road, Parklands
P O Box 47936, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya
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Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours:
tenders@kengen.co.ke, imaina@kengen.co.ke, tkwoba@kengen.co.ke, rmuhi@kengen.co.ke, rklangat@kengen.co.ke

Any clarification and/or Addendum will be published on the KenGen website.

PSASB now trains county auditors on new global standards for transparency

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) has launched a program to monitor how county governments in Kenya are implementing Internal Audit Standards. The initiative, currently being rolled out across various regions, aims to ensure that the devolved units adhere to global best practices in internal auditing, risk management, and governance to enhance transparency and accountability in the public sector. Speaking at a workshop for internal auditors in Mombasa last week, PSASB Director of Internal Audit Standards, Mr. Edwin Tito, emphasized the importance of the program in ensuring that county government auditors follow the appropriate standards. The event was attended by internal audit professionals from Mombasa, Tana River, Kilifi, Kwale, and Taita Taveta counties. "We are closely monitoring how county governments are applying internal audit standards. Moreover, we are preparing them to adopt the new Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS), which were released earlier this year and will take effect on January 9, 2025," Mr. Tito stated.



PSASB Director of Audit Edwin Tito confers with county government audit staff during their training in Mombasa

The workshop also provided training on various aspects of auditing, including the transition to the 2024 GIAS. Internal auditors from the coastal region received guidance on key topics, including the Purpose of Internal Auditing, which highlighted the critical role of providing independent, objective assurance and consulting services to add value and improve county government operations. Additionally, discussions focused on ethics and professionalism, Public Sector Risk Management Guidelines, and risk management processes, underscoring the need for auditors to uphold high standards of integrity. Internal auditors expressed some of the key challenges they face in county governments, including a lack of adequate budget, minimal staffing, and the absence of

technological systems to support their work. These challenges make it difficult to conduct thorough reviews or keep pace with evolving auditing standards and methodologies. Furthermore, the lack of essential resources such as vehicles and fuel severely hampers their efficiency and effectiveness, impacting their ability to conduct verifications and reviews—critical components of their work. Internal auditors are sometimes tasked with detecting fraud, but many lack the necessary tools, skills, and support from management to fulfill these duties. Despite these challenges, internal auditors in Kenya continue to play a vital role in promoting transparency, accountability, and efficient resource utilization in county governments.



Defence CS Soipan Tuya (right) and his Transport counterpart Davis Chirchir flag off MV Uhuru II ferry in Kisumu.



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EXTENSION OF TENDER CLOSING DATE

Kenya Power wishes to notify interested bidders that the tender closing date for the tender below has been extended as follows:-

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER CLOSING DATE	NEW TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9B.2/OT/DSP/001/24-25	Disposal of Furniture	Tuesday 01.10.2024	Tuesday 08.10.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Addendum No.1 to that effect detailing more clarifications can be obtained from KPLC E-Procurement Portal available on KPLC website www.kplc.co.ke.

All other terms and conditions of the tender remain the same.

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TENDER NOTICE

The NG-CDF Kajiado Central Constituency invites sealed bids from firms interested to submit tenders as follows:

Ref. Number	Description	Tender Security (Ksh.)	Closing dates	Eligibility
KC-NG-CDF-184-DCC-HQ-23/24	Proposed Construction to Completion of Ground Floor of Deputy County Commissioner's Headquarters Office Block at Oloitilai Subcounty, Ngatataek. Mandatory Pre-Tender Site Visit: Friday 4 th October, 2024 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM	1,000,000	Wednesday 9 th October, 2024 at Deputy County Commissioner's Office, Oloitilai Sub-County, Ngatataek Trading Centre, Along Nairobi-Namanga Road.	Open

Interested eligible candidates may obtain the detailed Tender Documents from NG CDF website www.ngcdf.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal at www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Completed Tender Documents shall be sealed in a plain envelope, clearly marked as stated above showing the reference and title of the tender and addressed to:

**Project Management Committee
Ngatataek DCC Office
P.O. BOX 550 - 01100 Kajiado**

Completed documents shall be deposited in the Tender Box located at the Deputy County Commissioner's Office, Oloitilai Sub County at Ng'atataek Trading Centre Along Nairobi – Namanga Road; so as to be received on or before **10:00AM on Wednesday 9th October, 2024**. The documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to attend.

**CHAIRMAN
PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NGATATAEK DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER OFFICE**

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Kenya Maritime Authority unveils transformative Lifejacket project



Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) staff during the launch of a four-year project supporting the manufacture of local quality and standard life jackets.

BY MICHELLE WANGA
(PCO)

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) has launched a four-year project to support the manufacture of local and standard life jackets.

The project will be undertaken by youth and women through cottage industries named 'Project Elea'.

Project Elea is aimed at boosting the manufacturing and availability of affordable and high quality locally made lifejackets to enhance maritime safety compliance in the country by providing vocational skills training and gainful employment to 500 youth and women in selected pilot counties.

These will be supported to manufacture and sell 500,000 lifejackets locally to save the forex expatriated to import lifejackets.

The KMA pilot project commenced with a selection of youth and women from counties of Kilifi, Kwale, Lamu, Mombasa and Turkana.

The second phase of the project will constitute an industrial attachment of the beneficiaries of the project which will be coordinated by NITA, followed by the third phase - the local manufacture of lifejackets.

"During phase three of Project Elea, KMA will require the trainee beneficiaries from each county to form SACCOs through which KMA will assist in setting up capacity to manufacture quality standard lifejackets and oversee the manufacturing standards," Eng. Dzombo said.

Through the programme, the Authority expects to implement the government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation agenda, the policy on recognition of prior learning as well as promote the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 1,4,5,8,10,13,16 and 17.

"The country is exporting much required forex to import lifejackets and other life-saving appliances, yet tailoring is the basic skill required to manufacture lifejackets," Eng. Martin Dzombo Munga, KMA's Director General said.

The Authority's Project Elea is being implemented under four

phases with phase one focusing on vocational skills training and prototype production through an already established collaboration framework with the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA).

In the framework, KMA is sponsoring 500 youth and women to undertake vocational skills training and NITA is certifying in tailoring, embroidery and garment design.

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The fourth and final phase of the project will involve the marketing and supply of lifejackets where the maritime agency will assist beneficiary SACCOs to publicize and supply lifejackets within the country and the East Africa region.

Beneficiaries for the project have a minimum of KCSE mean grade of 'D', prior learning and experience in tailoring and between the ages of 18-25 years.

OPEN INTERNATIONAL TENDER

ESTABLISHMENT OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINE 5 PROJECT

PROJECT No.: KEN-5

TENDER No.: KURA/DEV/HQ/384/2024-2025

1. The Government of Kenya has received a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of USD 59,000,000 (Fifty Nine Million United States Dollars) toward the cost of Establishment of Bus Rapid Transit Line 5 Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Establishment of Bus Rapid Transit Line 5 Project.

2. The terms and conditions of the Contract and payment by the Bank, therefore, shall be subject in all aspects to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the Guidelines for the procurement under the EDCF Loan (the guidelines). Except as the Bank may specifically otherwise agree, no party other than the Borrower shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claims on the Loan Proceeds.

3. The Project Executing Agency, Kenya Urban Roads Authority ("KURA" or the "Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the implementation of the project as described in the below:

- A. All Works along the BRT Line 5.
 - a. All road works involved in the construction of a 2 Lane BRT Line, along the entire length of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Nairobi County of estimated length of 10.5km.
 - b. Construction of the 3 No. River Bridges and 2 No. Overpass Bridges of approximately 1024m and 323m respectively.
 - c. Construction of 13 No. BRT stations
 - d. Construction of new footbridges and modification of existing footbridges
 - e. Installation of electro-mechanical works
 - f. Construction of drainage system along (ORR)
 - g. Street lighting along ORR
 - h. Landscaping Works
 - i. Improvements of ORR as instructed by the Engineer.
- B. All works on the BRT Depot
 - a. Building works of approximately 1365m² floor area
 - b. Civil works within the BRT Depot; Parking Spaces and access Roads, Fence, Drains, Septic Tank etc.
 - c. Installation of all electro-mechanical works.
 - D. Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Works supporting ITS Components Installation:
 - D. All other ancillary works as specified in the contract and as instructed by the Engineer.

4. Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

No.	Qualification Criteria	Minimum Requirement
a	Eligibility of Bidders	Restricted to firms from the Republic of Korea only and will be conducted in accordance with the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) Guidelines.
b	Professional Experience	Demonstrate that, in capacity of prime contractor, they should have successfully completed at least two (2) projects of similar nature of within the last ten (10) years. Bidders are required to submit certified copies of Completion Certificates or equivalent documents duly certified together with telephone number and email address of the previous Employer/Awarding Agency.
c	Financial capability	Required to provide full and detailed particulars of their financial capability to perform such works and to demonstrate that they have experienced key personnel with appropriate qualifications. Net worth for the last three years [2021,2022,2023] shall be positive respectively
d	Mobilization	Works must be completed within Twenty-Four (24) Months inclusive of three (3) months of mobilization period and that they are required to provide detailed particulars of all the items of equipment and plant that they deem necessary to deploy for the timely completion of the works. Bidders who are proven non-performers need not apply as they will be disqualified.
e	Litigation History	All pending litigation shall be treated as resolved against the Bidder and so shall in total not represent more than fifty percent [50%] of the bidder's net worth.
f	Average Annual Turnover	Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover for the last three [3] years from 2021 to 2023 shall be more than USD 30,000,000 [Thirty Million US Dollars] [In case of JVA, one partner shall meet 40% of the requirement.]
g	Cash Flow	Demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet the cash-flow requirement of USD 5,000,000 [Five Million US Dollars] [In case of JVA, one partner shall meet 40% of the requirement.]
h	Specific Experience	Participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least two (2) Construction Contracts within the last ten [10] years each with a completion value of at least USD 20,000,000 [Twenty Million US Dollars]

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 09:00 to 16:00 hours.

Director General
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,
P. O. Box 41727 - 00100,
4th Floor, North Wing, Block D, Barabara Plaza,
Mazao Road, Off Airport South Road, Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone: +254 20 8013844

On the same date, the employer will conduct an organized **Mandatoty site visit** at the proposed BRT corridor and depot construction site.

Bidder's representatives are required to come with an original introduction letter from the Bidder with Bidder's letter head clearly indicating their names and identification document number, and an original and copy of their identification document.

8. Bidders shall submit one (1) original, five (5) copies and one (1) soft copy in CD/Flash drive of all tender documents in plain sealed envelope(s), with the Tender Name and Tender Number clearly marked on the right-hand side corner and bearing no indication of bidder's name on the envelope (s), delivered by hand or by registered mail to the address below on or before **19th November, 2024 at 11:00 AM Nairobi Time**. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of USD 840,000. Late bids shall be rejected.

Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management Office),
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,
P.O. Box 41727 - 00100,
Ground Floor, North Wing, Block D, Barabara Plaza,
Mazao Road, Off Airport South Road, Nairobi, Kenya
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9. Submitted Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below on 19th November 2024 at 11:00 AM:

Board Room,
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,
4th Floor, North Wing, Block D, Barabara Plaza,
Mazao Road, Off Airport South Road,
Nairobi, Kenya

10. The Kenya Urban Roads Authority will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

Any Form of Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

Reprise for West Pokot residents as KVDA commissions boreholes

BY ANTONY MELLY AND RICHARD MUHAMBE (KNA)

At least 6,000 residents of West Pokot County will benefit from two boreholes courtesy of the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA).

According to Managing Director Mr. Sammy Naporos, one of the mandates of KVDA is to promote water access among the arid and semi-arid communities due to recurrent drought experienced in the county where many people are facing a lot of severe and acute water shortage.

He said the project will help to increase the number of livestock in the border of Uganda and Kenya, urging the pastoralists to take advantage of the Natira and Loktadel boreholes.

Speaking during the handing over of the projects to the Department of Water and Natural Resources in Kapenguria, Naporos said the boreholes will not only benefit households but also 30,000 livestock along the border of Uganda and Kenya.

He stated that the project will promote co-existence and peace among locals saying that they sometimes face a lot of cattle rustling and movement.

"I think the water projects programmes to a

The community is so happy, and we believe that children around this area will have good health due to this wonderful water project," - David Alukulem

larger extent will promote co-existence and peace building in this particular area," the MD said.

Additionally, he said, the programme has contributed to innovation among the communities where several households are practicing subsistence farming.

KVDA Chairperson Mark Chesergon said the government will implement drought mitigation programmes through water provision in arid and semi-arid areas.

He said KVDA commissioned two boreholes in Kapenguria Constituency stating that it is among the 71 boreholes that are yet to be completed.

The Director said the constituency will now generate water for domestic and livestock use in the region, expounding that the area is known as 'water scarcity zone'.

KVDA board member Simon Kalekem noted that the area is still in

need of more boreholes to boost food security among the arid and semi-arid communities across the county.

He said when they partner with the county government together with other well-wishers like NGOs, KVDA will be able to transform many lives in the region.

He urged the community to take good care of the water projects and make sure they use the water for their own well-being, noting that they should count themselves among the luckiest communities.

Riwo Ward Member of County Assembly David Alukulem said the water project is going to help the schools around the area since the area needs water and the people around travel for long distances in search of the vital resource.

"The community is so happy, and we believe that children around this area will have good health due to this wonderful water project," the MCA said.

He said the project will support the planting of trees since the main problem has been scarcity of water. Natirira Primary School Head Teacher Joseph Kemoi urged KVDA to continue working in the area, saying the demand is still high as many schools still had a challenge of getting water.



KVDA Managing Director Sammy Naporos (in white shirt) together with Sigor MP Peter Lochakapong (in black cap) among other officials during inspection of a water project at Lomut in Pokot Central Sub County. Photo By Anthony Melly

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

State Department for Agriculture ENABLE Youth Kenya Program



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Background:

The Empowering Novel Agribusiness-Led Employment (ENABLE) Youth Kenya Program aims at contributing to job creation, food security and nutrition, income generation and improved livelihoods for youths in both urban and rural areas. ENABLE Youth Kenya Program is currently seeking suitable Agripreneurs as incubees to be trained and empowered within the supported value chains via a countrywide recruitment exercise. The agribusiness ideas have to be innovative and novel.

The Program focuses on the entire Agriculture Value Chain from production, processing, value addition: input supplies and marketing in the following specific values chains targeted; Poultry, Vegetables, Dairy, Beef, Pasture, Mushroom, Pig, and Fish.

This recruitment will target the following two categories: Standards & Accelerators.

Standard Incubatee

A youth Agripreneurs to be recruited as an incubatee into the ENABLE Youth Kenya Program should be one whose business has an annual turn over of less than Kes 500,000

The incubatee must be willing and available to be capacity built and/or funded to attain economic viability.

The standard Incubatees should be having a running Agribusiness.

This category will undergo incubation and training for a period not exceeding 3 months.

Must be a holder of a certificate/Diploma/Degree from a Recognized Institution.

Accelerated Incubatee

A youth Agripreneurs who has been actively running an agribusiness venture with an Annual Turn Over of above Kes. 500,000.

The incubatee must be willing and available to be capacity built and/or funded to upscale their business.

The Accelerator Incubatees business should have been in operation for a period exceeding twelve months

This category will undergo incubation and training for a period not exceeding 3 months.

Must be a holder of a Certificate/Diploma/Degree from a Recognized Institution.

Eligibility Criteria

- They must be Kenyan Citizen with a National ID, Aged between 18-35 Years
- ALL candidates shall be required to meet all integrity requirements.
- The Program is committed to implementing Affirmative Action. In this regard, Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWDs) and those from marginalized groups with requisite qualification are encouraged to apply.
- Projects in Value Addition, Aggregation, Marketing, Agricultural Services and Distribution will be highly considered.

Application Process:

The interested candidates shall be required to submit their application by filling the online provided form and submitting it. The form is available through the link: <https://forms.gle/1S5dQUHeEAuoNLN58>

The details for application can be accessed through ENABLE youth website; <https://enableyouth.kilimo.go.ke> (PIU) and Ministry of Agriculture website https://kilimo.go.ke/VACANCIES_OR_MEDIA_CENTRE_-_ADVERTISEMENTS

All Applications should be received not later than **31st October 2024**.

CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY HIGHLIGHTING WHETHER THEY ARE STANDARDS OR ACCELERATORS BASED ON THE CRITERIA PROVIDED

Fill and submit an online application form at: <https://forms.gle/1S5dQUHeEAuoNLN58>



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- To create awareness of the procurement digitization
- Discuss capacity challenges within HPTs procurement and share insights for strategic improvements

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VENUE: MOVENPICK HOTEL, WESTLANDS

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

CHIEF GUEST: CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, Dr DEBRA MLONGO BARASA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Water Act (2016) the Water Resources Authority (WRA) has received the following applications for water permit. WRA invites the public to submit written comments and/or objections to any WRA office, with copies to the local Water Resource Users Association (WRUA) within 30 days of the date of this notice. Any submission must state: The reference number of the application to which the comments apply, Contact of the person making the comments and Grounds for objections, if any. Detailed designs for works can be viewed at the respective WRA Sub Regional office between 8 am and 5pm, Monday to Friday

NO.	FILE NO	APPLICANT	WATER BODY	SUB-REGION	L/R NO.	PERMIT CLASS	INTENDED WATER USE	TOTAL AMOUNT APPLIED FOR (M ³ /DAY)	NEAREST MARKET CENTRE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	DISTRICT	SW, GW, ED
1	WRA/11/ELD/1BA/11639/S	Makongi Agri Limited	Moiben River	Eldoret	Makongi Farm LR 922/3	C	Irrigation	470	Segero Center	Makongi	Segero	Segero	SW
2	WRA/11/ELD/1CB/11648/G	Almasi Bottlers Limited	Uasin Gishu Phonolites	Eldoret	Eldoret Municipality/ Block 10/1948	C	Domestic Use And Industrial Activities	80.000	KamuKunji Kibulgeny	Kibulgeny	Kibulgeny	Soy	GW
3	WRA/12/KSI/1KB/10471/S	Nyakwana Power Company	Gucha River	Kisii	285	D	Hydro Power	345600	Matura	Matura	Mokwerero	Kisii	SW
4	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/11377/G	Menengai Oils Refineries LTD	Rongai Aquifer	Kabarnet	Nakuru/Scheme/ Rongai/67	D	Commercial Irrigation	1,000	Gicheha	Gicheha	Rongai	Rongai	GW
5	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/11378/G	Menengai Oils Refineries LTD	Rongai Aquifer	Kabarnet	12345	D	Commercial Irrigation	1,000	Gicheha	Gicheha	Rongai	Rongai	GW
6	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/11380/G	Menengai Oils Refineries LTD	Rongai Aquifer	Kabarnet	3980	D	Commercial Irrigation	1,000	Gicheha	Gicheha	Rongai	Rongai	GW
7	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/11381/G	Menengai Oils Refineries LTD	Rongai Aquifer	Kabarnet	12345	D	Commercial Irrigation	1,000	Gicheha	Gicheha	Rongai	Rongai	GW
8	WRA/20/KAB/2ED/33/G	Timsales Limited	Molo Aquifer	Kabarnet	7	D	Industry	1,500	Elburgon	Elburgon	Elburgon	Molo	GW
9	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/2/G	Agriflora Kenya Ltd	Njoro	Kabarnet	23365	D	Commercial Irrigation	1000	NJORO	Ngata	Ngata	Molo	GW
10	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/5/G	Agriflora Kenya Ltd	Njoro	Kabarnet	4806/4	D	Commercial Irrigation	1000	NJORO	Ngata	Ngata	Molo	GW
11	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/6/G	Agriflora Kenya Ltd	Njoro	Kabarnet	4806/9	D	Commercial Irrigation	1000	NJORO	Ngata	Ngata	Molo	GW
12	WRA/20/NSA/2GA/13484/S	Subati Flowers Ltd	Karati River	Naivasha	Naivasha/Maraigushu 7/1173	C	Storage	200	Karate	Kinamba	Karati	Naivasha	SW
13	WRA/20/NSA/2GA/13484/S	Subati Flowers Ltd	Karati River	Naivasha	Naivasha/Maraigushu 7/1156	C	Storage	100	Karate	Kinamba	Karati	Naivasha	SW
14	WRA/20/NSA/2GA/13485/S	Subati Flowers Ltd	Karati River	Naivasha	Naivasha/Maraigushu Block 7/1173	C	Storage	100	Karate	Kinamba	Karati	Naivasha	SW
15	WRA/20/NSA/2GA/13483/S	Subati Flowers Ltd	Karati River	Naivasha	Naivasha/Maraigushu 7/1174	C	Storage	100	Karate	Kinamba	Karati	Naivasha	SW
16	WRA/20/NSA/2FC/13346/G	Fontana Ltd	Njoro Aquifer	Naivasha	9534/3	C	Commercial Irrigation	39	Likia	Likia	Mau Narok	Njoro	GW
17	WRA/20/NSA/2FC/13345/G	Fontana Ltd	Njoro Aquifer	Naivasha	9534/3	D	Commercial Irrigation	210	Likia	Likia	Mau Narok	Njoro	GW
18	WRA/20/NSA/2FC/13344/G	Fontana Ltd	Njoro Aquifer	Naivasha	9534/3	D	Commercial Irrigation	300	Likia	Likia	Mau Narok	Njoro	GW
19	WRA/20/NSA/2FC/13342/G	Fontana Ltd	Njoro Aquifer	Naivasha	9534/3	D	Commercial Irrigation	210	Likia	Likia	Mau Narok	Njoro	GW
20	WRA/20/NSA/2FC/13343/G	Fontana Ltd	Njoro Aquifer	Naivasha	9534/3	D	Commercial Irrigation	150	Likia	Likia	Mau Narok	Njoro	GW
21	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13323/S	Bilashaka Flowers Limited	L. Naivasha	Naivasha	2/189	D	Commercial Irrigation	3000	Kasarani	Tarabeta	kasarani	Naivasha	SW
22	WRA/20/NSA/2GB/13316/G	Golden Tulips Farms Ltd	Kinangop Aquifer	Naivasha	Nyandarua/Ol Kalou Salient/599	D	Commercial Irrigation	180.0	Kaimbaga	Gichungo	Kaimbaga	Nyandarua	GW
23	WRA/30/NRB/3AB/26134/G	Evergreen Herbs Ltd	Nairobi Suite Aquifer	Nairobi	Kjd/Kisaju/1615	D	Commercial Irrigation	2300	Isinya	Eesaruloto	Kisaju	Isinya	GW
24	WRA/30/LTK/3J/11356/S	Paul Gathii Ngotto	River	Loitokitok	Taita Taveta/Lake Jipe Scheme/976, Taita Taveta/Lake Jipe Scheme/977, Taita Taveta/Lake Jipe Scheme/978	C	Commercial Irrigation	200	Taita/Taveta	Mata	Kimala	Taita/Taveta	SW
25	WRA/30/MSA/3MA/14831/G	Give Power	Coral Limestone & Sands	Mombasa	R749	C	Commercial	157	Chaani	Chaani	Chaani	Changamwe	GW
26	WRA/30/MSA/3MA/14832/G	Give Power	Coral Limestone & Sands	Mombasa	MN/III/13149	C	Commercial	157	Mtwapa	Mtwapa	Mtwapa	Kikambala	GW
27	WRA/40/MRG/4AC/12396/S	Tetu Aberdare Water And Sanitation Company	Gura River	Muranga	Aberdare Forest	C	Public Use	5372	Kigumo	Thegenge	Thegenge	Nyeri	SW
28	WRA/40/MRG/4CA/XXXX/S	Kimakia/Karangi/Mbugiti Irrigation Water Project	Kimakia River	Muranga	Aberdare Forest	C	Domestic & Subsistence Irrigation	7933.600	Karangi	Mbugiti	Mbugiti	Gatanga	SW
29	WRA/40/MRG/4BF/XXXX/S	Kakuzi Plc	Ngenya Dam	Upper Tana	117	D	Storage For Commercial Irrigation	6,200,000M ³ (1 Impoundment)	Makuyu	Makuyu	Kimorori	Muranga	SW
30	WRA/40/KRG/4BC/11688/S	Hydrobox Kenya Ltd	Rwamuthambi River	Kerugoya	Mwerua/Kagioini/4723	D	Electricity Generation	86,400.000	Baricho	Kianjang'a	Mwerua	Kirinyaga West	SW
31	WRA/40/KRG/4DC/138/S	Embu Water And Sanitation Company Limited	Rupingazi	Kerugoya	-	D	Public	30,000	Manyatta	Manyatta	Mbuvori	Embu North	SW
32	WRA/40/KRG/4DC/11595/S	Fides Kenya Limited	Northern Water Pan	Kerugoya	Mbeti/Gachuriri/ 359,360,606,775	C	Commercial Irrigation	444.44	Rupingazi	Rupingazi	M b e t i South	Mbeere South	SW
33	WRA/40/GSA/4GG/10596/S	Giritu Sugar Limited	River Tana	Garissa	13598	D	Commercial Irrigation	59,304	Shirikisho	Shirikisho	Salama	Tana River	SW
34	WRA/50/NUK/5BE/11864/S	Northern Water Services Board (Nanyuki Water And Sanitation C	Nanyuki River	Nanyuki	Forest	D	Public Use	6,000	Kanyoni	Kanyoni	Gakawa	Kieni East	SW

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Government intensifies efforts to combat workplace violence and harassment

BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

The government will intensify inspections in workplaces to address all forms of violence and harassment and to ensure non-discrimination and equality in the workplace nationwide.

Through the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the government has already initiated public participation in eight mapped regions to raise awareness and sensitize the public on the ratification of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 190 on violence and harassment, along with its accompanying Recommendation No. 206.

According to the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, the targeted regions are Coast, Nairobi, Rift Valley,

Nyanza, Western, North Eastern, Eastern, and Central.

"In recent times, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has focused on addressing the vulnerabilities of all workers, including migrant workers—especially women—who are prone to exploitation, abuse, and discrimination, both domestically and internationally," pointed out the PS.

Mwadime made these remarks while closing the second Employment and Labour Relations Annual Symposium and Exhibition (Elrase II), which was held at the University of Nairobi.

The symposium brought together stakeholders of the Employment and Labour Relations Court under the theme "The Role of the Employment and Labour Relations Court in

Fostering the Right to a World of Work Free from Violence and Harassment, Including Gender-Based Violence and Harassment," with the sub-theme of "Mainstreaming ILO Convention No. 190 and Recommendation 206."

The PS informed the gathering that the

Indeed, the symposium will assist the Ministry in making significant strides toward creating a more equitable, inclusive, and prosperous society for all its citizens." - Mwadime



Principal Secretary for the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime.

Ministry has developed an ambitious, time-bound plan, through consultative engagement with stakeholders, to guide the ratification process of Convention 190 on violence and harassment.

He expressed appreciation for the meeting, stating that it aligns well with the government's aspirations regarding the ratification process of the convention.

"Indeed, the symposium will assist the Ministry in making significant strides toward creating a more equitable, inclusive,

and prosperous society for all its citizens." According to a communiqué issued at the end of the two day meeting, stakeholders agreed among others, on the need to ratify Convention 190 in order to realise a world free from violence and harassment and also the need for "an inclusive and gender-responsive approach to prevent and eliminate harassment and violence".

The Symposium urged the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, representatives of COTU, FKE, LSK, Judiciary and Court users in their diversity from across the republic.

ment Act, 2007 to require the creation of sexual harassment policy for a workplace of less than 20. In addition, they called for the inclusion of a penalty clause of the Employment Act against employers who fail to comply.

Among those who addressed the Symposium were Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, representatives of COTU, FKE, LSK, Judiciary and Court users in their diversity from across the republic.

Sony sugar embarks on a Sh400m maintenance to restore full production capacity

BY GEOFFREY MAKOKHA
AND GEORGE AGIMBA
(KNA)

The South Nyanza (Sony) Sugar Company is set for a major maintenance operation to restore the plant's ability to mill at full capacity.

The maintenance, scheduled to start in mid-October to late November this year, will require at least Sh400 million to boost the factory's ability to mill cane beyond 1,500 tonnes per day.

According to the managing director Martin Dima, the company has already started to acquire the necessary tools and spares both locally and abroad.

The plant has a capacity to crush up to 3,000 tonnes if the fatigued machine is properly maintained or replaced.

The 1979 installed machine has been working for over 45 years and it is worn and torn.

Since Dima was appointed three months ago, there has been an

improvement in the operation of the machine allowing it to crush between 1,700 to 2,200 tonnes of cane per day as compared to the previous 800 tonnes.

The Sh865-million worth semi-autonomous company has not had a substantive managing director for close to eight years, and the appointment of Dima three months ago has breathed life into the factory putting it on the right path of restoring its lost glory.

The frequent breakdown of the plant has however reduced its effectiveness in maximizing its full potential of crushing at least 3,000 tonnes of cane per day.

The old machines have also reduced the sugar production, which under normal circumstances is one tonne of sugar per 10 tonnes of cane. These frequent breakdowns have however led to the plant crushing only 12 tonnes of cane to produce one tonne of sugar.

Dima has overseen the transformation of the

mill's ability to produce 1,500 tonnes of sugar weekly from the previous 700 tonnes of bagged sugar, doubling the company's final output.

Despite these challenges, he acknowledged that the company has restored farmers' confidence by boosting operational frameworks through the efforts that have been effectively put in place.

The resolved payment delays to farmers and prompt payment to 1,500 direct employees and other 3,000 indirectly employed staff has greatly elevated the morale of farmers and the workforce, he said.

The MD disclosed that the company has been able to reduce the five-month delay period of paying farmers to within a month which has seen an increase in cane deliveries to the factory.

"When I was appointed a substantive managing director, I found a lapse of five months of non-payment to farmers. Currently, we are paying



Sony Sugar Company's Managing Director (MD), Martine Dima speaking to journalists at the Company's grounds. Photos by Geoffrey Makokha

farmers that delivered their canes this August," Dima said.

Dima explained that going forward Sony Sugar wants to reduce the payment window to within a week to further improve the economic status of cane farmers who play a crucial role in ensuring the factory operates optimally.

The revival of the com-

pany will also require increased acreage of cane to fully utilise the company's capacity to crush 3,000 tonnes of cane per day.

The factory has 2,400 hectares of nuclear under cane with an additional 6,000 hectares from contracted farmers.

Currently, Sony Sugar has more than 25,000 contracted farmers from the counties of Narok,

Homabay, Kisii and Migori.

Dima emphasized the need to increase cane acreage to continuously provide raw materials to the company.

In the recent past, many cane farmers in South Nyanza diversified their cane farming to other crops after years of disappointments over delayed payments.

Makueni's plan to provide cheap and reliable energy to residents

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI
(KNA)

The County Government of Makueni intends to provide clean, reliable and affordable energy to its residents in order to promote food production and create job opportunities especially for the youth.

Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr said clean, sustainable, reliable and affordable energy access to households, health facilities, schools and value addition to agricultural production will reshape the energy landscape in the county.

Mutula said Makueni leads in the production of fruits like mangoes and pixies and value addition to such produce will prevent post-harvest loss and ensure higher prices would need reliable energy.

"As the county strives to promote food production and reduce overreliance on rain-fed agriculture, we require reliable energy to power water for irrigation. Interventions in these areas will contribute



Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo (centre) British Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Ed Barnett (left) during the launch of Makueni Energy Plan 2023-2032 in Wote.

significantly to food security and job creation for our people," Mutula said.

"The plan we have launched today holds potential in reshaping our future energy landscape. It not only ensures energy access to households in the county, but also electrification of schools and health facilities, value addition for agricultural produce."

"Powering water for domestic and agricultural use and cold chain infra-

structure will increase the shelf-life of our produce," he added, during the launch of Makueni County Energy Plan 2023-2032 at the Makueni Integrated Vocational Empowerment Centre in Wote town.

Mutula said that the plan that has an investment prospectus will drive the county towards the future of sustainable energy access that will lead to economic growth hence improve the livelihoods of the people.

Nakuru set to launch air quality monitoring devices

BY ESTHER MWANGI(KNA)

The County Government of Nakuru will install air quality monitoring devices to provide timely data for addressing rising air pollution and help the city adapt to the impacts of climate change.

City Manager Gitau Thabanja stated that the devices will be installed at various locations in the city. They will use high-resolution artificial intelligence and make data accessible to the public via a smartphone app and digital dashboard. Thabanja added that, as part of the initiative, the county is collaborating with a team from Respira to conduct research assessing air quality across the city. This includes mapping

out hotspot zones that significantly contribute to pollution, such as heavy traffic routes, densely populated neighborhoods, the Giotto waste dumping site, and industrial areas. According to Mr. Thabanja, the initiative, funded by the Flemish International Climate Action Program (FICAP),

will incorporate an AI tool to improve the accuracy of air quality forecasting. It will also establish a central data center for continuous air quality monitoring, in line with the city's commitment to environmental sustainability and public health protection.

He explained that Respira is an intelligent heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) management system that

uses artificial intelligence to improve energy efficiency, thermal comfort and air quality in buildings and infrastructures.

Speaking during a consultative meeting with the team from Respira, the city manager noted that lack of actionable data and insights had made it difficult to track pollution trends, saying by providing accurate, real-time data on air quality, the monitoring sites will serve as the foundation upon which the city can build more effective policies and interventions. "With reliable data, we will be better positioned to identify pollution hot-spots, track pollution trends, and take swift action to reduce harmful emissions," Thabanja added.



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Kenya Post Office Savings Bank (Postbank) invites bids from interested firms as follows:

NO	Tender Number	Tender Name	Eligibility	Closing date
1	KPOSB/010/2024	Tender for Provision of Security Guarding Services Category B	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
2	KPOSB/011/2024	Supply, Printing & Personalization of EMV VISA Debit Dual Interface Cards with Magstripe	Open International	15th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
3	KPOSB/012/2024	Tender for Provision of Cash in Transit Services	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
4	KPOSB/013/2024	Tender for Provision of Maintenance of Safes and Strong rooms	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
5	KPOSB/014/2024	Tender for Preventive Maintenance of CCTVs, Access Controls and Mantraps	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
6	KPOSB/015/2024	Tender for Provision of Maintenance and Repair of GSM Alarms.	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
7	KPOSB/016/2024	Tender for Provision of Preventive and Corrective Maintenance of Note Counting Machines	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
8	KPOSB/017/2024	Tender for the provision of online Taxi Services	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
9	KPOSB/018/2024	Tender for Corrective and Preventive Maintenance of the Air Conditioners & Mechanical ventilators for the bank	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
10	KPOSB/019/2024	Tender for Provision of Tea and Catering Services.	Open National (Reserved-Women)	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am
11	KPOSB/020/2024	Tender for Provision of Garbage Collection	Open National	8th October, 2024 at 10:00 am

Bid documents with detailed information may be obtained from **Postbank House, Procurement Office 4th Floor, South Wing on Monday to Friday** during normal working hours upon payment of **Ksh 1,000** at the Head Office or download from the Postbank website www.postbank.co.ke free of charge. Upon payment /download, bidders must register their tenders and details at procurement office 4th Floor or fill in the online bidders form and submit as instructed (**for those who will download the bid document**).

Completed bid documents should be submitted in a plain sealed envelope and clearly marked with the appropriate tender Number and Name with No other writings and be addressed to the :

**Managing Director
Kenya post office Savings Bank
P.O Box 30311-00100 GPO, Nairobi.**

And be deposited in the tender box located on ground floor, Postbank House, Banda street Nairobi Kenya to be received on or before the closing dates at 10:00 am.

Opening of the tenders will take place immediately thereafter in the conference Room located on **5th Floor, South Wing, Postbank House** in the presence of the bidders and/or their representatives who may choose to attend.



**MINISTRY OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC),
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Office of the Principal Secretary

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE FOR DISPOSAL OF BOARDED GENERAL STORES AND MOTOR VEHICLES.

The Kenya Government through the Ministry of East African Community and Regional Development, State Department of ASALS and Regional Development Invites the interested bidder to purchase boarded stores and motor vehicles through public auction which is scheduled to appear in star newspaper MyGov on **Tuesday, 24th September, 2024** as follows.

S/ No	Item Description	Viewing Centre	Auction Centre, Date and time
1.	Motor Vehicles	Ministry of Public works-mechanical department (industrial area)	Ministry of Public-Works Mechanical department. Auction date will be on Wednesday, 16 th October 2024.
2.	General Stores	Hazina trade Centre Building along Moktar daddah Street, 3 rd floor south wing.	Ministry of Public-Works Mechanical department. Auction date will be on Wednesday, 16 th October, 2024.

- i. **Appointed Auctioneer: M/s Trenad Auctioneers**
- ii. Viewing Dates: **Wednesday, 25th September 2024** to **Tuesday, 08th October 2024** (only on working days from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.)
- iii. The sale is subject to reserved prices for both motor vehicles and general stores and are sold as-is where-is basis.
- iv. Other condition of sale are contained in the catalogue which may accessed from the state department website www.asalrd.go.ke free of charges. Or public procurement information portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke

**Kello Harsama
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**



Bomet, Posta Partner to enhance revenue collection as county targets Sh550m

BY LAMECH WILLY (KNA)

In a bid to achieve a target of Sh550 million in revenue collection for the current financial year, the Bomet County Government has partnered with the Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) to implement cashless revenue collection. This partnership was formalized with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Bomet Governor Hillary Barchok and the Postmaster General and CEO of PCK, John Tonui, at the county headquarters. In addition to revenue collection, the partnership aims to improve efficiency, accountability,

and streamline operations across various county government departments. Governor Barchok noted that Posta would help address the gaps that have hindered the county from reaching its revenue targets. "We will fully support the Corporation so it can fulfill its mandate," said Barchok. He emphasized that the goal is to eliminate cash handling in county services and adopt cashless systems to prevent revenue losses caused by corruption. "This is the solution to our challenges, especially the loss of funds when revenue is handled in cash. The revenue col-



Bomet Governor Hillary Barchok (RIGHT) and Postal Corporation of Kenya Post Master General and Chief Executive Officer John Tonui after signing a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the county headquarters

lected will now be transferred directly to our account," he explained.

Barchok expressed confidence that the county would meet its revenue target, given the automation of its revenue collection systems. Currently, the county collects Sh300 million annually. The governor added that PostaPay, a service provided by PCK, would facilitate payments to casual workers and simplify other financial transactions. "By paying a fee, Posta will assist us in monitoring revenue collection, thereby closing the loopholes that have led to revenue loss," Barchok said.

On his part, Tonui said that the Corporation is

capable of helping the county meet its revenue targets and make payments on its behalf without difficulty. He assured Bomet County residents of reliable last-mile service delivery, supported by a strengthened workforce. "Following this deal, we will increase our workforce to meet the demands, creating new job

opportunities for young people," Tonui stated. He added that the partnership aligns with the transformative agenda of Kenya Kwanza's Bottom-Up approach. The CEO also noted that since assuming leadership of the Corporation, he has introduced initiatives aimed at making it self-sustaining

and ensuring its growth. The Postmaster General reaffirmed the Corporation's commitment to fulfilling its responsibilities and assured customers, as well as the general public, of Posta's capacity to provide last-mile delivery solutions to individuals, corporations, and government agencies.



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Welthungerhilfe invites tenders from eligible bidders as described in the table below.

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY SITE VISIT
WHH/KEN1231/SPR 20134 /001/2024	Tender for Equipping of 1No. Borehole at Vukoni with construction of storage tanks, Pipeline extension and other Civil works	30 TH SEPT,2024, 0900HRS at Chief's Office – WENJE

Tender Documents are available **Free of Charge** to all qualified contractors and can be downloaded from this website www.tenders.go.ke Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) and www.tanarivercounty.go.ke. Bidders who may want to obtain further information or seek clarification can do so by sending an email to: sarah.maiyo@whh.de or Procurement.Ken.Tan@welthungerhilfe.de

Completed Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be submitted in two copies- Original and copy clearly marked "Do not open on or before **4TH OCT 2024 at 11.00 a.m.**" showing the Tender No and Description addressed to:

The Secretary
Procurement Committee, Welthungerhilfe
Next to Hola Law Courts
P.O Box 149-70101, Hola

and delivered to the SWASAP Project Tender Box at the reception of Welthungerhilfe offices in Hola, Tana River, Next to Hola Law Courts to be received on or before **4TH OCT 2024 at 11AM**. Bidders will also be required to register their details as they drop their bids. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or representatives who wish to witness the opening.

Late tenders will be rejected.



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TENDER NOTICE

Bomet University College wishes to invite interested and eligible national candidates for the following Provision of Services for the **Financial Year 2024-2025**.

S/N	Tender No.	Item Description	Category	Eligibility	Closing Date
1.	BUC/OT/ADM/03/ 2024-2025	Proposed construction of library Block, Dining hall and Kitchen,2 No.Hostel Blocks and lecture Halls and associated works at Bomet university college in Bomet County.	General	Open to All	4 th Oct, 2024 at 10:00 am
2.	BUC/OT/FMW/GOS/ADM/04/ 2024-2025 & 2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of General office stationary.	Reserved for PWD	Reserved	
3.	BUC/OT/FMW/PS/AC/05/2024 -2025 & 2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of Printing Services.	Reserved for PWD	Reserved	
4.	BUC/OT/FMW/CF/ADM/06/ 2024-2025 & 2025-2026.	Provision of Conference Facilities and Accommodation.	General	Open to All	
5.	BUC/OT/AC/FURN/07/ 2024-2025.	Supply and Delivery of Lecture Chairs with Writing Arm.	General	Open to All	

Interested eligible bidders who wish to apply may obtain Tender Documents with detailed requirements and conditions, from the office of the Senior Procurement Officer at a **non-refundable fee of Ksh. 1,000 per set, between 8.00 am to 5.00 pm** on working days, or download from the University website: <https://www.buc.ac.ke>. Bidders are required to complete and submit the Tender Document in a plain sealed envelope, clearly marked **"Tender No"** addressed to: **The Acting Principal, Bomet University College, P.O Box 701-20400, Bomet**, and deposit in the Tender Box at the Reception in the Green Tuition Block at Bomet University College, on or before: **4th October, 2024, at 10:00 am**. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or their representative who choose to attend.

Bidders are advised to regularly visit Bomet University College website to obtain any additional information from time to time/Addendum on the Tenders which will form part of the Tender Document.

Any canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. **Late tenders will not be accepted.**

**THE ACTING PRINCIPAL,
BOMET UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.
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GREEN ECONOMY FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Maasai Mau water tower fenced off to reduce human-wildlife conflicts



Maasai Mau Water Tower

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Kenya Towers Agency has completed the construction of the Maasai Mau Electric Fence to reduce human-wildlife conflicts in Narok County.

According to the Kenya Water Towers Agency, the fence will be maintained to ensure that the Maasai Mau Water Tower is protected from encroachment, illegal logging, and charcoal production.

The Board Chair of the Agency, Mr. Rashid Echesa, stated that the solar-powered fence also aims to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts and allow for the natural regeneration of the water tower.

Echesa, who launched the project, mentioned that engineers from the State Department of Public Works had assessed the project and issued certificates of no defects to the contractor, Top Choice Surveillance Limited, which had been on site for the past three years.

Echesa added that the Kenya Water Towers Agency has employed 30 scouts from the local community to monitor and maintain the fence for an unspecified period.

According to Echesa, these scouts are complementing the efforts of the Joint Enforcement Unit, which includes officers from the Kenya Forest

455,000
Hectares of
land that covers
ecosystem and the
most critical water
tower in Kenya.

Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, Rapid Deployment Unit, and Narok County Government.

"We have established a good working relationship with the community and employed at least thirty youths as scouts for the project," Echesa said.

He also noted that the community cooperated well with the Agency and the contractor during the construction period.

"The community will continue to access grass for their animals in the fenced section until the trees are fully grown. The grass will be cut and carried by the community, and no livestock will be allowed inside the water tower," said the CEO, Prof. Julius Tamui.

In 2020, Kenya received news from the United Kingdom Government that the Mau Forest Complex Water Tower had been admitted to the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC).

The admission meant that the largest water tower in East Africa would be part of highly conserved forests like the Great Bear Forest in Canada, Arboretum of Ruhande in Rwanda, Kavari Forest Reserve in Nigeria, Liwonde National Park in Malawi, Mt Elgon in Uganda among others.

across the 53 Commonwealth countries.

By supporting the Mau Complex Water Tower under the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy, Kenya hopes to accelerate the revival of the most extensive ecosystem and the most critical water tower covering approximately 455,000 hectares of land.

In 2018 and 2019, Kenya made great strides in reclaiming 3,500 hectares and 17,101 hectares respectively in Maasai Mau Water Tower that cumulatively covers an area of about 46,000 hectares. Mau Forest Complex Water Tower is the most important Water Tower in Kenya and supports millions of livelihoods nationally, regionally as well as internationally.

It comprises 22 forest blocks stretching across six counties namely: Baringo, Bomet, Kericho, Nakuru, Narok and Uasin Gishu. The Water Tower is a major catchment for 13 major rivers namely Amalo, Ewaso-Ng'iro, Makalia, Mara, Molo, Mumberes, Naishi, Nderit, Njoro, Nzoia, Nyando, Sondu and Yala. The rivers feed into five major lakes in Kenya and across the borders. These are: Lake Baringo, Lake Nakuru, Lake Natron, Lake Turkana and Lake Victoria. The water tower is also the source of the River Nile that drains into the Mediterranean Sea through Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan and Egypt, making it a lifeline to millions of people in the region.

Census conducted for animals in Homa Bay's Ruma National park

BY DAVIS LANGAT
(KNA)

The Government has carried out a comprehensive census of animals in Ruma National Park, Homa Bay County to enhance conservation efforts and sustainable tourism in the Park.

A Natural Resource Management Scientist in the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife Joseph Gathua said that the that

Ruma National Park is the only park in Kenya with the rare roan antelope species.

Gathua said besides the roan antelopes, there are other diverse species of animals in the park, but their exact populations had not been verified thus causing inefficiencies in management and conservation efforts.

The Wildlife Research and Training Institute

(WRTI) is conducting the census in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS).

Mr Gathua teamed up with WRTI's Research Scientist Vasco Nyaga and the KWS Senior Assistant Director in charge of Western Conservancy Mungumi Chongwa presiding over the two-day census exercise.

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Specific Procurement Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Country	Kenya
Project	Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project (KSEIP)
Loan No. / Credit No	IDA-63480
Assignment Title	Purchase of various motor vehicles
Reference No	KE-NSPS-423049-GO-RFB

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project-KSEIP and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Purchase of various motor vehicles. Bidding process will be governed by the World Bank's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers fifth edition September 2023. "For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit."
2. The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection through State Department for Social Protection & Senior Citizens Affairs now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for supply of Double Cab Pick UP, 4x4, L.W.B, 2700-3000cc, Diesel (7No), Microbus, Diesel 14 Seater, 4x2 (2No), Utility Passenger Vehicle, 4x4, L.W.B, 2600-3000cc (1No) and Utility Passenger Vehicle, 4x4, L.W.B, 2700-3000cc (1No) to be delivered at the State Department headquarters within a period of 2 months.
3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" fifth edition September 2023. ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the procurement office located at 14th floor, NSSF building, Block A, Eastern wing and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours.
5. The bidding document in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Kes.1, 000 or in a convertible currency. The method of payment will be in cash at the cash office located at the 2nd floor of NSSF building, Block A, Eastern wing. The document will be sent by mail, courier or hand deliver.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **8th October, 2024 at 1100 hrs** and dropped in the tender box Labeled "State department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen's Affairs" located at the 14th floor, NSSF building, Block A, Eastern wing. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the Boardroom located at the Ministry Headquarters, NSSF building, Block A, Eastern wing, 7th floor on **8th October, 2024 at 1100hrs**.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "**Bid Security**" of Kenya shillings 1,200,000 in form of a Bank Guarantee from a reputable commercial Bank supervised by the Central Bank of Kenya or inform of an insurance guarantee from insurance firms approved by PPRA.
8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
9. The address (es) referred to above is

**The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Social Protection & Senior Citizen's Affairs**
P.O. Box 40326 - 00100
NAIROBI, KENYA
NSSF building, Block A, Eastern wing, 6th floor.
Tel: Nairobi 020 2728333
E-mail: ps@socialprotection.go.ke
Website: www.socialprotection.go.ke

Government to implement ICT Sector Working Group recommendations for digital transformation

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

The Ministry of ICT and the Digital Economy will adopt a multi-stakeholder project coordination and delivery unit and high-level project governance framework to guide the implementation of recommendations by the ICT Sector Working Group (SWG).

The ICT SWG was tasked with reviewing the current ICT policies, legislative frameworks, and institutional capacities, and propose actionable reforms that will propel Kenya into a vibrant digital economy over the next 15 to 20 years.

The SWG was to assess and advise the MICDE on the necessary reforms to enable it to fulfill its mandate and meet expectations in a fast-changing operational environment and draft relevant bills, policies and strategy documents.

The MICDE Cabinet Secretary, Dr Margaret Ndung'u (pictured), accompanied by ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui and the Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Prof Edward Kisiang'ani received the SWG Final Report which has impactful recommendations across ten ICT thematic areas.

In his presentation, the SWG Chairperson Prof Timothy Waema said the SWG Final Report has



given several recommendations which include developing a National AI and Emerging Technology Policy, revising the National ICT Policy, 2019 to align to industry trends, formulating the National Data Policy and enacting Kenya's Data Act and developing a National Cybersecurity Policy, amongst others.

In her address, the CS noted that to keep track of the implementation progress of the SWG Report recommendations, the Government will establish a multi-stakeholder project coordination and delivery unit that will be based within the Ministry.

The delivery unit, along with a project delivery committee composed of industry experts, development partners, academia, media and civil society will bring together experts to guide the implementation process.

In addition, the ministry will adopt a high-level project governance framework that will include a change & transformation management office (CTMO) chaired by the CS, with PSs and CEOs of the critical SAGAs as members and members from the private sector and the civil society.

The CS, who appreciated the SWG for formulating the well detailed report, reiterated that successful implementation of the recommendations will unlock new levels of innovation, increase access to digital services, and position Kenya as a leader in the global digital economy.

"We have the opportunity to foster a generation of digital entrepreneurs, to strengthen our infrastructure, and ensure that every Kenyan benefits from this digital transformation," the CS said.

The CS said the SWG's recommendations align well with the ministry's priority areas which include accelerating broadband access and connectivity, fast-tracking digital skilling and job creation, promoting the development, adoption and usage of emerging technologies for social economic and gender de-

velopment, promoting multi-stakeholder and inclusive approach to digital projects planning and implementation amongst others.

To ensure the successful execution of the recommendations outlined in the Report, the SWG has also provided detailed strategies for enhancing successful implementation.

CS Ndung'u stated that MICDE will collaborate with other key agencies to develop a National Portfolio Programme and Project Management Policy to ease the management of ICT projects and ensure that all ICT initiatives at both national and county levels are not duplicated and are aligned with the national goals.



COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

TENDER NOTICE

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, cyber security, e-commerce, broadcasting and postal/courier services. CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of users of ICT services.

CA invites tenders from interested and competent firms to tender for the following;

No.	Tender Reference	Description of tender	Closing date and time	Eligibility
1.	CA/SCM/PQ/01/2024-2025	Open National Pre-qualification for provision of Cyber Threat Resilience Rating System (CTRRS)	9th October 2024 at 1030hrs East African Time	Open to all
2.	CA/SCM/PQ/02/2024-2025	Open National Pre-qualification for provision of Cyber Threat Analysis and Response Services (CTARS)	9th October 2024 at 1030hrs East African Time	Open to all
3.	CA/SCM/PQ/03/2024-2025	Open National Pre-qualification for provision of Cyber Threat Honeynet Automated System (CTHAS)	9th October 2024 at 1030hrs East African Time	Open to all
4.	CA/SCM/OT/02/2024-2025	Open National Tender for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of High-Speed Data Dump System	16th October 2024 at 1030hrs East African Time	Open to all
5	CA/SCM/PQ/04/2024-2025	Open National Prequalification for provision of Identity Access and Digital Certificate Management System	9th October 2024 at 1030hrs East African Time	Open to all

The tender documents can be accessed and downloaded from the Public Procurement Information Portal <http://www.tenders.go.ke> and the Authority's website: <https://ca.go.ke/open-tenders> free of charge.

Further, firms who download the tender documents must arrange to forward their particulars/contacts to the Head of Procurement, Communications Authority of Kenya, through the email address tenders@ca.go.ke before the closing date for records and for purposes of receiving clarifications and or addendums, if any. Any addendum, which will be issued, will be uploaded in the CA Website

Eligible bidders may also inspect and obtain detailed hard copy of the tender documents from the Supply Chain Management Department 2nd floor Wing A at CA Centre along Waiyaki Way, Nairobi, between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays at a non-refundable fee of **Kshs 1,000.00**

Prices quoted should be inclusive of all taxes and **MUST** be expressed in Kenya shillings.

Duly completed tender documents should be enclosed in a plain, sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender name and reference number should be deposited in the tender box on the ground floor of the CA Centre, so as to reach on or before the indicated tender closing dates East African Time.

**Director General/CEO
Communications Authority of Kenya (CA)
P.O. Box 14448, Nairobi 00800
Tel: +254 (020) 4242000**

Website: www.ca.go.ke

Bids shall be opened immediately thereafter at CA Centre ground floor, Atrium in the presence of the bidders' representative(s) who choose to attend.

Head Office CA Centre P.O. Box 14448 Nairobi 00800 Mobile: 0703042000 Email: info@ca.go.ke	Western Regional Office 1st Floor KVDA Plaza P.O. Box 2346 Eldoret 30100 Mobile: 0703042105 Email: wro@ca.go.ke	Coast Regional Office 3rd Floor, NSSF Building P.O.Box 8041 Mombasa 80100 Mobile: 0703042152 Email: cro@ca.go.ke	Central Regional Office Ground Floor, Advocates Plaza P.O Box 134 Nyeri 10100 Mobile : 0703042181 Email : cero@ca.go.ke	Nyanza Regional Office 2nd Floor Lake Basin Mall, P.O Box 2016 Kisumu 40100 Mobile: 0703042130 Email nro@ca.go.ke
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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION BILL, 2024

The Ministry of Interior and National Administration has developed the Draft Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill, 2024 to provide for the establishment of the National Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee, to strengthen source Ministries on matters relating to protection of critical infrastructure and for connected purpose.

The object of the Bill is to establish an institutional framework for designation and protection of critical infrastructure, a national database for critical infrastructure assets and to coordinate activities of all stakeholders in the planning, designation and protection of critical infrastructure.

In line with Article 10(2)(a) of the Constitution that requires public participation, members of the public and stakeholders are hereby invited to submit their hand-delivered memoranda on the Bill to the **Principal Secretary, State Department for Internal Security and National Administration, Harambee House, Nairobi** or email the same to ps@interior.go.ke to be received on or before **22nd October 2024**.

The Draft Bill may be accessed on the Get Involved page of the Ministry of Interior and National Administration website: <https://interior.go.ke/call-for-public-participation>

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

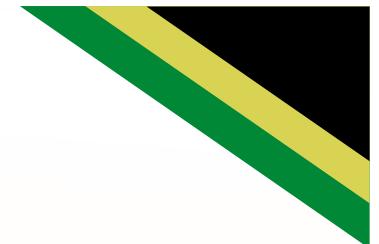
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Dr. Raymond Omollo, PhD, CBS
Principal Secretary
Internal Security & National Administration





REPUBLIC OF KENYA



NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

INVITATION TO TENDER

The **NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE** invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for supply and delivery of various GOODS and SERVICES for a period of two years (**framework contracts**) on and as when required basis for the financial years 2025-2027.

HEADQUARTER BASED FRAMEWORK TENDERS			
Tender Number	Description	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND (KSH)
NYS/PROC/003/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of dry food stuffs	OPEN	1M
NYS/PROC/004/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/005/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of dry ration	OPEN	1M
NYS/PROC/006/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of wood fuel	OPEN	1M
NYS/PROC/007/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of cleaning materials	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/008/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of general office stationery	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/009/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of toners	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/010/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of motor vehicles and plant spare parts	OPEN	1M
NYS/PROC/011/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of tyres, tubes and motor vehicle batteries	OPEN	1M
NYS/PROC/012/2025-2027	Provision of sanitary bin collection and disposal services	OPEN	1M
NYS/PROC/013/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of marque tents, bush tents and Canadian tents	OPEN	1M
NYS/PROC/014/2025-2027	Provision and supply of parts, maintenance, repair and servicing of tailoring machines	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/015/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of timber and paints	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/016/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of natural building and hardware materials and water tanks	AGPO	N/A

Tenders must be accompanied by original bid bond for each category applied of the amount indicated from a Bank in form of a bank guarantee or approved Insurance Company valid for 120 days. **AGPO Tenders must fill in Tender securing declaration form.**

Complete set of tender documents may be purchased or obtained by interested tenderers upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000** made through MPESA [**Paybill No. 222222, Account Number NYSHQ2-Bidder's Name**] to cash office and collected from the Supply Chain Management Office at the NYS Headquarters in Nairobi, during official working hours between **9:00am - 5:00pm from Monday to Friday**.

Tender documents may also be viewed and obtained electronically **free of charge** from the websites, www.nys.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke. Tenders shall however not be submitted electronically but physically delivered to the address provided below.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes, must be in Kenya Shillings and shall remain valid for a period of **(120) days** from the closing date of the tender.

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelope marked with the tender number and be deposited in the tender box at the **NYS Headquarters 1st floor** so as to be received on or before **9th October, 2024 at 11.00a.m.** addressed to:

**COMMANDANT GENERAL
NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE
P.O. BOX 30397-00100 NAIROBI**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at 11.00 a.m. in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at NYS Headquarters Boardroom situated on 2nd floor.

NOTE:

- AGPO refers to Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (**Youth, Women & Persons with Disabilities registered firms**).
- AGPO firms are exempted from submitting bid bonds but instead must sign a mandatory Tender Securing declaration form in the bid document.

Tenders **MUST** be deposited at the respective tender boxes. Any tender wrongly deposited shall be **REJECTED**.

FIELD UNITS FRAMEWORK TENDERS			
Tender Number	Description	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND (KSH)
NYS/PROC/003/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of dry food stuffs	OPEN	200,000
NYS/PROC/004/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/006/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of wood fuel	OPEN	200,000

FIELD UNITS FRAMEWORK TENDERS			
Tender Number	Description	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND (KSH)
NYS/PROC/008/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of general office stationery	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/009/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of toners	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/012/2025-2027	Provision of sanitary bin collection and disposal services	OPEN	200,000
NYS/PROC/015/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of timber and paints	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/016/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of natural building and hardware materials and water tanks	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/017/2025-2027	Supply and delivery hand tools	AGPO	N/A
NYS/PROC/018/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of meat on bone	OPEN	200,000
NYS/PROC/019/2025-2027	Supply and delivery of farm inputs, animal feeds and veterinary drugs	OPEN	200,000

SUBMISSION POINTS FOR FIELD UNITS TENDERS		
Region Name	Place of Submission	
EASTERN REGION	NYS Yatta Field Unit – Kithimani, Tender Box Yatta field Unit, Mavoloni Field Unit and Athi River	Interested bidders for regions will access a complete set of tender documents from the NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE website: www.nys.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke free of charge or Kshs.1,000 will be charged for obtaining tender document from NYS Headquarters and the relevant Units payable to the NYS Accounts Office in cash or bankers cheque.
NORTH EASTERN REGION	(a) Tana Basin, Bura Hola (b) Garissa Mbambala	Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelope marked with the tender number and be deposited in tender box at the respective NYS Field Units so as to be received on or before 9th October, 2024 at 11.00a.m. addressed to:
NYANZA REGION	(a) Lambwe (b) Kisumu	COMMANDANT GENERAL NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE P.O. BOX 30397-00100 NAIROBI
COAST REGION	(a) Mombasa (b) Mwatate (c) Hindi and Witu	Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at 11:00a.m. in the respective submission Units in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.
RIFT VALLEY REGION	(a) NYS College – Gilgil (b) Naivasha (c) Tumaini (d) Kirimun	DIRECTOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR: COMMANDANT GENERAL NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE
WESTERN REGION	(a) Turbo (b) Kerio Valley	

INVITATION TO LISTING OF SUPPLIERS

The National Youth Service equally invites eligible citizen suppliers, contractors and Service providers to submit relevant documents for continuous listing under relevant categories beginning financial year 2024-2025/2025-2026 submission of documents by registering through www.supplier.nys.go.ke.

DOCUMENTS FOR LISTING OF SUPPLIERS:

Please attach the following requisite documents:

- I. Registration Certificate
- II. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate
- III. Valid AGPO Certificate
- IV. Valid Single Business Permit
- V. KRA Pin
- VI. Identity Card (ID)
- VII. Other supporting certificate (where applicable)

DIRECTOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**FOR: COMMANDANT GENERAL
NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE**



How innovative stoves are transforming lives in campaign against cooking-related pollution in lake region

BY ROBERT OJWANG
(KNA)

The widespread use of wood-based charcoal and firewood for cooking among rural communities around the Lake Victoria region poses serious consequences for both the environment and public health. As floods and droughts have become more frequent and intense, affecting livelihoods, local communities are being encouraged to transition to clean energy sources as a proactive measure to combat climate change, air pollution, and health risks.

Traditional cooking methods using inefficient stoves emit soot (black carbon) and other harmful pollutants into the atmosphere, contributing significantly to environmental deterioration. According to the Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA), approximately one billion metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent are produced annually from burning wood fuels, accounting for about two percent of global CO₂ emissions.

Globally, nearly 2.3 billion people still rely on kerosene, firewood, and charcoal for cooking, contributing significantly to environmental pollution. Household cooking, heating, and lighting are responsible for up to 25

percent of black carbon emissions, and in countries like Kenya, cooking alone contributes 60 to 80 percent of these emissions. The health implications of using traditional cooking methods are severe, particularly for women and children. The CCA estimates that nearly half a million premature deaths occur annually in Africa due to household air pollution.

Transitioning to cleaner stoves and fuels could reduce energy consumption by 30 to 60 percent, thereby lowering climate-harming emissions, according to the CCA. To address this, Nyalore Impact Enterprise, based in Homa Bay County, is

My kitchen walls were covered in soot, and the smoke from burning firewood caused constant coughing and chest pain for my family,” – Akinyi

providing clean energy solutions like the electric pressure cooker (Quooker Digi) and modern biomass stoves. These innovations are helping to reduce deforestation and carbon emissions in the Lake Victoria region.

Since its establishment in 2016, Nyalore Impact has been at the forefront of advocating for clean cooking solutions for rural populations, aligning with Kenya's ambitious targets of generating 100 percent of its electricity from clean energy sources by 2030 and achieving 100 percent clean cooking by 2028.

Benter Akinyi, a 37-year-old resident of Abouro village in Ndhiwa, Homa Bay County, has experienced significant improvements in her life since adopting the Quooker Digi appliance in 2021. Previously, Akinyi relied on charcoal and firewood, which not only endangered her family's health but also contributed to environmental degradation.

“My kitchen walls were covered in soot, and the smoke from burning firewood caused constant coughing and chest pain for my family,” Akinyi recalled. Since switching to the cleaner cooking option, Akinyi's family well-being has improved while also significantly reducing household energy costs. Initially, she spent about Sh7,400



Dorothy Otieno, founder and CEO of Nyalore Impact demonstrating how to operate a clean cooking stove to Benter Akinyi in Homa Bay County. Photo/Courtesy

weekly on charcoal. Now, with the energy-efficient cooker, she saves up to 70 percent of that amount, freeing up funds for other family needs.

Similarly, Mary Ouma, a 43-year-old mother of five from Thuon Gweno Village in Ndhiwa, Homa Bay County, discarded the traditional three-stone fireplace in 2018 for a biomass cook stove that uses charcoal briquettes and pellets. The high cost of traditional fuels and

health concerns drove her family to seek alternatives, with charcoal briquettes proving to be a cost-effective and clean energy source.

“We buy the briquettes from Nyalore Impact distributors, and they're very affordable,” Ouma explained. A traditional meal of maize and beans for a household of five now costs about Sh13 using briquettes, which is nine times cheaper than cooking the same meal using wood charcoal or kerosene, which cost Sh85 and Sh125, respectively.

Dorothy Otieno, founder and CEO of Nyalore Impact, shared that they have sold over 500 units of electric pressure cookers and 5,000 units of biomass cookstoves to underprivileged communities, reducing carbon emissions by over 1,000 tons annually. Currently, the cookstoves are available for retail at a cost ranging from Sh2,500 to Sh11,000. However, to make the appliances affordable, Nyalore Impact is offering installment payment options to enable low-income households and small businesses to overcome the upfront cost barrier.

Clean cooking solutions are a key part of Kenya's Energy Transi-

tion and Investment Plan (2023–2050), which aims to phase out traditional cooking methods and promote efficient stoves and appliances to all rural inhabitants by 2030. Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), underscored the urgency of these efforts at the IEA's 9th Annual Global Conference on Energy Efficiency in Nairobi.

Dr. Birol urged world policymakers and governments to hasten the adoption of energy-efficient policies as enshrined in the new IEA 2024 Energy Efficiency Policy Toolkit. This policy seeks to double global energy efficiency progress by 2030. “Despite the ambition demonstrated at COP28, and good progress in many countries and regions, we are not yet seeing the necessary progress on energy efficiency globally. Governments must speed up action, and the private sector must also play its part. We have seen strong progress, including from countries like Kenya,” Dr. Birol said.

To augment these efforts, the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) committed to channel over Sh258 billion (USD 2 billion) for advancing clean cooking solutions on the continent over the next decade.



Nyalore Impact official demonstrating how the Quooker Digi works during an outreach program. INSET: The charcoal briquettes produced by the Nyalore Impact in Homa Bay County. Photo/Courtesy



A view of the Base Titanium factory in Kwale County. The mining firm is scheduled to complete its operations in December 2024.

Base Titanium offers insightful tour of Kwale mine as closure approaches

BY FATMA SAID (KNA)

Base Titanium recently hosted media representatives at their Kwale Mine site for an extensive tour, providing detailed insights into their operations to enhance understanding of the company's processes, challenges, and achievements as the mine faces closure due to the depletion of mineral resources.

The visit aimed to create an opportunity for transparency and reflection on the project's impact as it approaches its final phase.

The tour showcased several key aspects of Base Titanium's operations, starting with their indigenous tree nursery, which highlights their commitment to reforestation and environmental sustainability. Base Titanium's Kwale Mine commenced operations in 2011, with mining starting on the Central Dune in October 2013. It is Kenya's first large-scale mining project and accounts for 65 percent of the country's mineral sector.

Media representatives were given an in-depth look at the company's mining activities and the rehabilitated areas, demonstrating the extensive post-mining efforts undertaken to restore the land to its natural state.

Speaking to the media representatives, Base Titanium's External Affairs

General Manager, Simon Wall, emphasized that although mining operations are set to conclude in December, the company's presence will not end there. He pointed out that processing and transporting minerals will continue, along with significant environmental rehabilitation efforts that still need to be addressed.

These post-mining activities, he emphasized, ensure that the company remains engaged in the area, focusing on fulfilling its environmental and operational commitments. Wall said that they are working with NITA as part of the plan to transition

their staff away from employment with Base Titanium on the recognition of the prior learning program. He noted that this is an opportunity where most of their employees worked at the mine site and never had any formal training and certification.

Simon Wall also highlighted Base Titanium's obligation to pay royalties directly to the National Government through the Ministry of Mining which they did on a monthly basis. Of the total royalties, 70 percent is retained by the National Government, 20 percent is allocated to the County Government, and 10 percent is directed

to the local community.

He said that they are still having conversations with the Government regarding compensation on the permanent infrastructure like power lines, dam and the sub stations. Building the mine cost 26 billion in investment, 9 of which was spent on local content, 3.7 invested in social infrastructure, livelihood enhancement, health and education.

"As much as Mining ends in December, we still need a year or two to complete our rehabilitation process," Wall said.

Regarding staff redundancy, he noted that while not many employ-

ees have been affected at this stage, the process will begin in earnest at the end of December. The redundancy will occur in 2-3 phases, with the first major phase taking place in late December, followed by another in March, and the final phase in June.

Base Titanium has created over 1600 direct jobs, 1430 indirect jobs in the supply chain and 1380 induced jobs through consumer spending.

Base Titanium's Environment Manager, Nick Okello, stated that they are actively working on rehabilitation efforts while closely monitoring key environmental fac-

tors. These include air and water quality, radiation levels, and waste management, ensuring that all aspects meet the necessary standards. He said that they have rehabilitated more than 500 hectares in the southern dune, 250 in the central dune and 250 in the Northern Dune.

Okello highlighted that the company employs two methods of rehabilitation. First they carry out land shaping to ensure proper drainage that aligns with the natural water flow leading to the surrounding community.

"After shaping, we apply top soil and assess which nutrients are lacking in the soil to determine the appropriate supplementation. The rehabilitation process begins by planting grass as a pioneer species, followed by shrubs and trees," Okello said.

He assured that over the 5 to 10 years, these efforts are expected to restore the land to a state comparable to the nearby biodiversity as they did on the central dune.

The tour also included visits to several community projects that Base Titanium has implemented in partnership with the CDAC Committees. Among these were the Chigombero Early Childhood Development (ECDE) center and the newly constructed dormitories at Msambweni Boys Secondary School.

These initiatives demonstrate the company's ongoing commitment to supporting local communities through education and infrastructure development, fostering long-term social impact beyond their mining operations.



The Muk dam, one of the rehabilitated sections in the Southern Dune within the precincts of Mining Firm Base Titanium.

Nakuru County unveils affordable electric bikes for Boda Boda operators

BY ANNE MWALE (KNA)

The County Government of Nakuru has launched electric motorbikes as part of its transition to electric mobility, aimed at reducing carbon footprints. The devolved unit's administration has indicated its commitment to supporting the national government's plan to phase out over two million fuel-powered motorcycles as Kenya ushers in the era of e-mobility.

County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Roads, Transport, and Public Works Engineer Michael Kamau disclosed that with eight charging stations operational and two others under construction, Nakuru is firmly on the path to embracing eco-friendly mobility. "For Kenya to achieve low carbon emissions, we need efficient technologies in the transport industry. The electric motorcycles will help curb indiscipline and improve safety in the transport system as they have speed limits," Engineer Kamau stated. He added, "This e-boda boda cannot exceed 90 kilometers per hour. This is to tame reckless drivers and save lives."

Engineer Kamau also mentioned that the county has partnered with various stakeholders to shape policies around e-mobility, further solidify-

ing Nakuru's dedication to sustainable transport solutions. The CECM, accompanied by City Manager Gitau Thabanja, Chief Officers Samwel Ndegwa (Infrastructure), Benard Sang (Trade), and Nakuru Boda Boda Association spokesman Stephen Mwanda, stated that the motorcycles cannot be stolen because they can be monitored from a remote location and can be switched off remotely if stolen. "The e-mobility sector we are introducing in Nakuru will have traceability. If someone tries to steal this motorbike, it can be switched off," he said.

Engineer Kamau noted that the e-mobility bikes will be affordable for boda boda operators, with each bike costing around Sh160,000. He explained that boda boda operators have faced exorbitant charges in the past, with some paying as much as Sh300,000 for fuel-powered motorcycles. The CECM further emphasized that operators will save on fuel costs, as the charging expenses will not be as high as those for fuel.

He pointed out that, despite being a major last-mile transportation option for cargo and people, the sector is riddled with over 3,000 deaths annually. The e-mobility motorbikes will be equipped with speed governors and dash cameras to monitor

and regulate speeding. "The boda boda sector has a high accident rate, recording 3,000 deaths annually. We shall regulate the speed to ensure the safety of riders and their passengers," he added.

The motorcycles have been manufactured by ARC Ride, an electric motorcycle manufacturer with a presence in Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, and now Kenya. According to ARC Ride, the e-boda bodas require only one charge at night. The bikes can reach a top speed of 90 kilometers per hour, carry loads of up to 250 kilograms, and cover a range of 90 kilometers. Riders will also be allowed to swap their depleted batteries for fully charged ones at ARC Ride's electric bike battery swapping centers.

According to City Manager Thabanja, the initiative aims to accelerate e-mobility adoption, empower youth, and lower operational costs in the boda boda industry. Boda boda operators have been complaining about the ever-increasing cost of fuel. Thabanja stated that these new motorcycles will cushion the boda boda industry from high fuel prices, underscoring the significant contribution of e-mobility to environmental conservation. He added that electric motorbikes would significantly



Nakuru launches electric motorbikes to reduce carbon emissions – Kenya News Agency

reduce noise pollution while enhancing Nakuru's commitment to eco-friendly practices.

A recent e-mobility study by Strathmore University shows that a single petrol bike emits 4.2 tonnes of carbon gas every year, meaning that the two million boda boda industry, which contributes Sh1 billion to Kenya's economy, erodes these returns by generating at least 8.4 million tonnes of carbon. Overall, the transport sector contributes a significant

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20 percent of total greenhouse emissions in the country.

Thabanja indicated that the number of electric vehicles and motorcycles registered in Kenya increased by more than five times last year as more corporations and individuals migrated to clean mobility. Data from the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) shows that the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) registered a record 2,694 electric vehicles (EVs) in 2023, marking a significant increase from 475 units the previous year. This figure exceeds the cumulative number of EVs that had been previously registered in Kenya, bringing the total number of EVs registered by 2023 to 3,753.

The Chief Executive Officer of ARC Ride, Joseph Hurst-Croft, stated that Kenya is one of the countries in Africa with the

largest potential market for electric motorbikes, a situation that is attracting international firms to set up local assembly plants, thereby creating employment opportunities and improving the country's Gross Domestic Product. "Kenya's energy mix is very favorable to support e-mobility, with nearly 90 percent of the country's energy coming from renewables," Mr. Hurst-Croft said.

The climate-smart investor appreciated the opportunity for Kenya and other developing countries in the continent to transition towards cutting-edge electric motor technologies, aligning with the progressive advancements seen in host nations. He expressed concern about why Kenya and other developing countries continue to import old fuel-combustion motor technology that is no longer used in host nations.

New sewerage system, water treatment plant set to significantly transform Kapsowar town

BY RENNISH OKONG’O (KNA)

Plans are underway to construct a sewerage system and a new water treatment plant in Kapsowar town to improve water access and sanitation in the region.

The project is a collaboration between the Lake Victoria North Water Works Development Agency (LVNWDA), the North Rift Water Works Development Agency [NRWWDA], and the Cherangany Marakwet Water and Sanitation Company (CHEMAWASCO).

According to David Kimutai, CHEMAWASCO Director, the current water treatment plant has been inadequate in serving the town's growing population.

"The current plant is unable to meet the needs of many residents due to water rationing. Once the new plant is con-

structed, the amount of water available per cubic meter will increase, ensuring that residents have access to water 24 hours a day," Kimutai said.

Environmental concerns have also been raised as part of the project planning. Cloud Lumumba, an environmentalist at LVNWDA explained the town's need for an additional 2,500 cubic meters of water daily. "For this to be possible, we must build a reliable sewerage system to handle the outflow. About 80 per cent of the water intake is returned to the environment, so proper waste management is essential," Lumumba said during a public participation forum at Kapsowar town.

"When the proposal for a larger treatment plant was put forward, the question arose

about managing the waste. A sewerage system became a necessary part of the plan, and we have identified Ng'orng'oro in Kapsowar as the main waste treatment site," he added.

Vincent Otieno, an engineer at LVNWDA, shed light on the technical aspects of the sewerage system, explaining that sanitation involves two key steps: onsite and offsite treatment.

He said, "We carefully considered the terrain and slope of the area, as the town slopes towards two prominent areas. Three locations were considered for the sewer system, Kapsowar, Kipsayia, and Kapsumai. The main sewer line will run along the valley, with Ng'orng'oro as the central treatment point."

Otieno highlighted that Kapsowar has been prone to wa-

terborne diseases due to lack of a sewerage system. "Without proper sanitation, waterborne diseases have become a concern. The sewer system will be crucial in addressing this issue".

He also mentioned that while Arror was considered as a potential site for waste management, it was deemed unviable due to security concerns and its steep terrain.

"Arnor's steepness is ideal for water supply but not for sewage management," Otieno noted, adding that plans to improve Arnor's water supply would still go ahead, including the installation of a large septic tank later after they have improved its water supply.

In rural areas where the sewerage system may not reach such as Lawich and Sisiya, ablution blocks with toilets and bath-

rooms will be built. "These ablution blocks will serve regions that are not covered by the main sewer lines," Otieno explained.

Marakwet West Sub-County Ward Administrator, Patrick Maiyo, urged the residents to fully support the project, emphasizing the benefits it will bring to the town.

"If we embrace the sewerage system and water treatment plant, Kapsowar will be upgraded. With the town's upgrade, many good things will follow," he said.

Maiyo also addressed any potential conflicts, reassuring the public that any issues would be resolved amicably to avoid disruptions to the project. "If there are any squabbles, we will sit down and sort them out so that donors do not withdraw funding," he added.

Kenyan scientists rally for stricter regulation of mining waste disposal

BY PHILIP ONYANGO
(KNA)

Kenya could be losing millions of shillings due to unregulated mining activities, as miners extract precious ore and carelessly dispose of soil containing secondary but valuable minerals.

According to Kenyan scientists, the lack of strict regulation on mining waste disposal is taking a toll on the public, exposing them to diseases through both direct and indirect consumption of harmful chemicals.

Speaking at the 11th International Conference of the Kenya Chemical Society (KCS) held at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology in Bondo, Siaya County, the scientists emphasized that it is high time the government took decisive action to bring order to the sector.

KCS members, including Maseno University professor Chrispine Kowenje, expressed the society's readiness to support the government in promoting best practices in artisanal mining. Kowenje stressed that the sector should be regulated to ensure proper waste disposal.

Professor Kowenje also noted the need to re-evaluate both extraction and mining waste disposal methods to better protect the environment.

"For example, gold does not exist alone. It exists with copper, zinc, silver lead and iron," said Prof. Kowenje, adding that there is need for the government to partner with scientists



Prof. Chrispine Kowenje of Maseno university speaking to the media on the side-lines of the 11th International scientific conference of the Kenya Chemical Society



Dr. Anjeline Orwa, from JOOUST, addressing journalists

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to make full benefit of this and not leave everything at the hands of artisanal miners who lack the knowledge of safe disposal of the waste.

He said that lack of knowledge amongst majority of the small-scale miners has seen most go for just one element after evacuating the minerals from the mines.

"It is similar to killing a whole cow only to go for one organ and leave the rest of the carcass to rot," Prof. Kowenje said, adding, "Once we do the extraction, we must look for all the valuable minerals".

This, he said, will not only see the miners and the country maximise their earnings, but will also help in proper waste management.

His sentiments were shared by Dr. Anjeline Ochung' Orwa also of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and

Technology. She said lack of technical knowledge amongst most miners has exposed them to harmful chemicals such as mercury and cyanide.

"In the process, apart from environmental pollution, they also inhale fumes from these chemicals," Dr. Orwa said.

She said a recent study she undertook within the mining areas revealed that many people there were complaining of headaches,

especially in the evenings, and chest pains.

"There was this group of women who talked about frequent miscarriages amongst other effects," Dr. Orwa said.

She said improper waste disposal results into the chemicals being washed through surface run off to the water bodies.

"I am sure these chemicals are assimilated even in plants which animals later feed on and in the long term, human beings feed on both the plants and animals," she said.

Apart from the mining waste disposal challenges, the scientists further called for urgent attention to the plastic waste management.

According to Makerere University's Dr. Christine Betty Nagawa, variations in temperature lead to breakdown of plastics to microplastics that impact on human and animal health.

"We are living in the plastic era where almost everything we are using is made of plastic," Dr. Nagawa said, adding, "Plastic particles of less than five millimetres have impacts on human, animal health as well as the environment."

As an example of the harm to the environment, Dr. Nagawa said recent studies have shown that fish in the region are no longer reproducing at the expected rate because microplastics are accumulating in their gut and reproductive organs.

She called on the public to support government efforts to manage plastic waste. "You could be feeding on microplastics through fish without knowing," she said.



Women processing raw ore at a gold mining site in Siaya. KCS calls for strict regulation of mining waste disposal

Trans Nzoia County to continue digitization of health services



Trans Nzoia Governor George Natembaya (center) poses for a photo with USAID Ampath Uzima Kenya regional representatives at the County Headquarters.

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA(KNA)

Trans Nzoia Government plans to digitize services across all health facilities in the region. Speaking after holding a consultative meeting with USAID Ampath Uzima representatives at the county headquarters, Governor George Natembaya said digitization of health services across all health facilities is a priority area for his government.

He explained that once implemented, service delivery will be enhanced at facility level besides strengthening community healthcare systems.

"We are soon launching a pilot programme of this initiative in Endebe Sub-County with full optimism that once implemented will propel our county's capacity towards self-reliance in the healthcare on the right path," he said.

Hailing USAID Ampath Uzima for the enormous contribution the organization has advanced to the health sector, Governor Natembaya said close working relationship with development partners is an essential component towards realization of the county's development dreams more so in the health sector.

In Ampath's last financial year, Governor Natembaya revealed that the county received close to Sh213 million from the entity to improve healthcare activities.

Reproductive health, maternal and child healthcare got the biggest allocation of Sh137 million, HIV Program was allocated Sh64 million while Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) received Sh12 million.

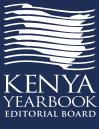
In a discussion which prioritized aligning Ampath's upcoming activities in the new financial year to the county government's priority areas in the health sector, Governor Natembaya said the presence of Ampath in the region has been unmatched in the health sector.

"The efforts and commitment Ampath has put in to improve health services in our county are unmatched. Moving forward, we promise to continue nurturing such relations which are of great benefit to our people," he said, adding that the resources the organization has set aside for continued support will help advance essential health services.

He however encouraged the organization to consider increasing the funding for county-led activities which he said will ensure that health programs effectively meet the needs.

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It adds that having a national policy for the electronics chipset and semiconductor-manufacturing industry is critical for driving economic growth, technological advancement and national security.

To enhance the development of internet infrastructure across the country, the report calls for the amendment of the Roads, Energy and Water Acts as well as the Building Code to recognise digital infrastructure and ensure it is factored in the development and maintenance of other infrastructures.

The report notes that the country lacks a comprehensive framework that coordinates the planning, financing, implementation and maintenance of ICT infrastructure projects across sectors.

"Digital infrastructure is often planned and implemented separately from other infrastructures. Therefore, when a road contractor is building a road, for example, they have no idea



where digital infrastructure is located. When they destroy the infrastructure in the course of their work, they take no responsibility over its restoration. The owner of the infrastructure, bears the cost of restoring services to their customers," the SWG report notes, adding that the Kenya Information and Communication Act (KICA) should be amended to introduce and recognise the digital infrastructure as a legal right.

To rejuvenate the Broadcasting sub sector, the report calls for the streamlining of the management and utilisation of spectrum to ensure transparency in allocation.

And this should align with international

standards and agreements to facilitate cross-border roaming, interoperability, and global roaming services.

SWG also recommends that the Communications Authority should fully implement the recommendations of the study on Mobile Termination Rates to enable Kenyans enjoy lower call rates.

Under the Software and Software Services sub sector, the report proposes the creation of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) within educational institutions to foster talent in software development and the establishment of a Software Professional Practitioners Association (SPPA) that would unite developers across government and the people.

the country, setting the stage for collective growth and recognition.

Further, it calls for the establishment of a Secretariat Position for Software and Software Services within the ICT Ministry to enhance the current State Department's capabilities to oversee platforms, applications, software and software services within the Government.

Under the Data Governance sub sector, the report calls for the formulation of the National Data Policy and enactment of the National Data Act to promote transparency, accountability and innovation by making Government data openly available to the public.

SWG notes that the Kenya's Data Protection Act only primarily addresses the privacy aspects of personal data. Therefore, there is need for legislation that extends beyond privacy, to facilitate the use and sharing of data.

Further, the report calls for the establishment of a Data Governance Coordination Committee with representation from key data actors in selected ministries, counties, private sector and civil society representatives, a Data Governance Office in the Ministry and Data Officers in MCDAs.

"This Committee will provide an oversight over data programmes in Public Service and will be modelled in the style of NC4 in Cybersecurity. It shall set the strategic direction for what the data governance programme needs to accomplish and when it needs to accomplish it," says the report.

As Kenya's digital landscape continues to change thanks to emerging technologies like AI, Block Chain and the IoT, there are unprecedented opportunities and challenges, according to the report.

It calls for the development of a National AI and Emerging Technology Policy and implementation of a Soft Regulatory Framework for Artificial Intelligence; and as AI matures in Kenya, develop an AI and Emerging Technology Act and regulations.

To boost cybersecurity, the SWG calls for the development of a National Cybersecurity Policy anchored at the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy under the State Department of ICT and Digital Economy to address the evolving cyber threat landscape, protect critical infrastructure, safeguard data privacy rights, and promote economic growth and digital inclusivity.

For the Media Sector, the Group advocates for the creation of a Media Sustainability and Diversity Fund. This Fund would act as a lifeline for struggling media houses, ensuring they survive the transition to digital while also nurturing new voices in the media space.

Eng John Tanui, ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary, said the report offers a roadmap, not just for a connected, digitally inclusive Kenya, but for a future where innovation drives economic prosperity, media strengthens democracy, and public communication becomes a bridge between government and the people.

"With key recommendations across key thematic areas, this roadmap will drive innovation, skills development, cybersecurity, and digital infrastructure," the PS said. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Report calls for strengthening of Kenya Yearbook for better service delivery

The Sector Working Group (SWG) on the Information, Communications and the Digital Economy has called for a review of the legal status of the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) to anchor its mandate in law as it acknowledged the relevance of the institution as a Government publisher.

KYEB is mandated to enhance Government communication through publications and document Government's achievements, initiatives and programmes.

By producing comprehensive

publications that highlight national milestones, KYEB plays a key role in promoting transparency and fostering public understanding of Government initiatives.

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operations to allow it to maintain relevance in the digital publishing age.

To become the number one trusted Government communication agency, the report notes that it is important that KYEB has improved access to Government archives and data from key institutions including KBC, KNA and National Archives.

This would enhance the quality and depth of its publications, ensuring that there is accurate documentation of Kenya's historical and up-to-date progress on Government agenda, according to SWG. ■



The Working Group ties KYEB's function to broader public communication reforms as strengthening the institution supports the Government's overarching goal of delivering consistent, transparent and accurate information to the public. ■

Dr Margaret Ndung'u, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy (left) receives Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) publications from Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto.

Huduma Kenya, KSG train Principal Secretaries



The first Customer Service Excellence (CSE) Masterclass for Principal Secretaries was held on 20th September, 2024, at the Kenya School of Government. The Masterclass seeks to revolutionise Public Service delivery. The PS' are envisaged to be the torch bearers of the Customer Service Excellence initiative set to

be cascaded to all cadres of staff of the public service.

Organised by Huduma Kenya in partnership with KSG, the programme is part of broader efforts to instil accountability and service excellence in the Public Sector.

This initiative is aligned to the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformative Agenda

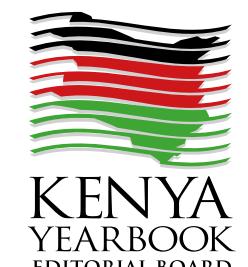
(BETA), which emphasises the need for a more people-centred public service.

The Head of Public Service and Chief of Staff, Mr Felix Koskei, described the training as a firm commitment to enhancing service delivery. Principal Secretaries, seen as key drivers of this transformation, are expected to champion the implementation and shift towards more agile and integrated service models.

CS for Public Service and Human Capital Development Justin Muturi said that the training is designed to equip Public Servants, from senior leaders to frontline officers, with the skills to meet the demands of a digitally connected citizenry.

He highlighted the growing role of social media in holding Public Servants accountable. ■

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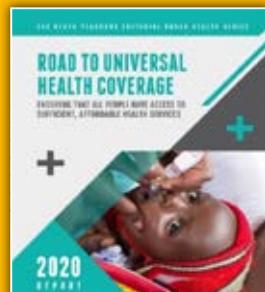
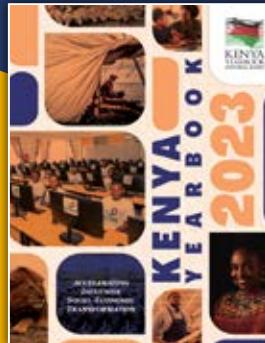


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HEALTHCARE

Universal Health Coverage takes shape as State rolls out SHIF

The Social Health Insurance Fund will be central in providing healthcare financing for all Kenyans

The Government is committed to expanding citizens' access to health services as it fast-tracks the country's transition to the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF).

The Ministry of Health last week released guidelines on the transition from the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to the SHIF from October 1, 2024.

For over 50 years, NHIF has provided health insurance coverage to millions of Kenyans, with the current transition expected to help the country to attain Universal Health Coverage (UHC), where every citizen would have a health cover.

The transition is not just a name change, but a structural overhaul aimed at creating a more efficient and inclusive health insurance system, according to the Ministry of Health.

SHIF, which is managed by the Social Health Authority (SHA), will be central in providing healthcare financing for all Kenyans.

To facilitate the transition, the Ministry asked employers to register their staff on the SHA Employer Portal ahead of the set deadline.

The portal allows employers to manage SHIF contributions for their employees, ensuring that they remain covered as the country moves into the new health-financing model.

The Ministry emphasised the importance of adhering to the deadlines, as any delays could disrupt healthcare coverage for employees once the NHIF system officially ends.

As per the notice, employers are responsible for ensuring their workers are registered before the deadline, and contributions to SHIF are via the SHA Employer Portal. The portal is expected to streamline processes, allowing for easy registration of employees and their dependents, timely remittance of contributions, and easy access to reports and updates on contributions.

The portal is part of the Government's efforts to leverage digital solutions for improved healthcare services. It is clear that the new system is designed to provide a seamless transition for employers and employees alike.

Health Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa said during the launch of nationwide training programmes for healthcare workers that over 1.2 million Kenyans have already voluntarily registered for SHIF.

She stressed the importance of completing registration before October 1. "Ensure you register before visiting healthcare facilities. SHIF will transfer existing NHIF members to



Health workers offer service to a patient at KUTRRH.

Below: Health CS Deborah Barasa.

the new system, so it's important to complete your registration," she noted.

The training programme launched by the Ministry is aimed at preparing healthcare workers for the upcoming transition. These Training of Trainers (ToT) sessions will help healthcare providers familiarise themselves with the SHA digital health portal, which promises to improve operational efficiency in hospitals and clinics.

The new system is also expected to reduce bottlenecks in patient registration, allowing for faster, more efficient services. Dr Barasa expressed confidence that the changes would lead to better patient outcomes and an overall improvement in the country's healthcare financing systems. To register for SHIF, Kenyans need to dial the USSD code *147# or visit the SHA website. They can also seek assistance from Community



Health Promoters or the NHIF offices. The Ministry has ensured that multiple avenues are available to make the transition as smooth as possible. ■

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Employers have also been directed to ensure their staff are registered on time. The SHA Employer Portal serves as the primary tool for managing contributions, generating reports and keeping employee information updated. For many businesses, this marks a shift toward greater accountability and ease of administration, as they navigate the new healthcare landscape.

Despite some legal hurdles, the overall mood surrounding SHIF is one of optimism for better and affordable healthcare services. The transition from NHIF to SHIF represents a bold step toward achieving Universal Health Coverage - a goal that has been on Kenya's agenda for years.

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Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) is collaborating with various Government agencies to reach out to vulnerable members of the community to promote inclusion, especially of children with disabilities. On September 20, 2024, KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto and Board Director Dinah Samikwoh joined Tourism Fund Board of Trustees member Zippie Metto and Tourism Fund staff at Mindililwo Special School in Elgeyo Marakwet County for a Corporate Social Responsibility initiative. During the event, KYEB donated various publications from the institution's Children's Series to the school. CSR activities position an organisation as a responsible corporate entity that acts in the broader interest of the society in which it operates, demonstrating mindfulness of citizens' well-being and fostering a supportive environment for all.



4,000 farmers benefit from certified sunflower seed distribution in Nakuru

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND MEGGY NJOKI (KNA)

At least 4,000 farmers received certified sunflower seeds from the Nakuru County Government in a move aimed at enhancing sunflower production in the area to reduce import bills for edible oils and lower cooking oil prices in the country.

County Crops Officer Ms. Lilian Samoei stated that 15,000 kilograms of certified seeds were distributed to registered farmers to be planted on 5,000 acres of land across the county.

She noted that the county aims to increase the acreage dedicated to sunflower cultivation to more than 15,000 acres within the next three years across the eleven sub-counties.

Highlighting that Kenya spends at least Sh160 billion annually to import edible oils, primarily from South-east Asian countries, the crop officer mentioned that Governor Kihika's administration has initiated a sunflower promotion project to boost local production of oil crops and help address the rising costs of edible oils in the country.

The crops officer ex-

plained that the sunflower program was coordinating the distribution of certified planting material to farmers, subsidized fertilizer, providing market linkages and enhancing value addition to boost farmers' earnings.

The officer further added that the county government was determined to have farmers access quality sunflower seeds and enhanced agriculture extension services for farmers towards increasing edible oil products.

"We are promoting sunflower production to put money in the hands of our people," Ms Samoei added.

The crop officer said two main categories of sunflower namely hybrid variety and open pollinated variety (OPV) are currently being grown in most parts of the county in addition to others including sunbeam, mammoth, autumn beauty, teddy bear and Kenya Fedha. The crop matures in three to four months.

Speaking during a sunflower promotion sensitization baraza at Nyota Ward within Kuresoi North Sub-County the County Crops Officer said through pub-



A Sunflower Farm in Nakuru

lic-private partnerships Governor Kihika's administration was enabling the farmers access services such as tilling land, supervision and extension services during propagation.

The official said the county was committed to supporting farmers to ensure they grow sunflowers satisfactorily, adding that in future the county is keen to support them with machines to enable them to produce their cooking oil for sale in the local markets.

She was optimistic that production of edible oil will help to eradicate poverty in the area and told the farmers to take the initiative seriously to ensure they har-

vest the targeted quantity of sunflowers by exercising the best agricultural practices.

Ms Samoei said the county government is promoting oil crop farming to reduce the import bill for edible oils and lower the prices of cooking oil in Kenya.

She said that although sunflower is drought resistant and adaptable to many ecological zones, Kenya currently produces less than 50 per cent of her needs, adding that the huge unmet demand guarantees a ready local and international market for the crop.

Kenyan manufacturers have been grappling with huge deficits in production of sunflower.

BRIEFS

Government commences construction of Sh3.6 billion Ngong Road flyover

The construction of the Sh3.58 billion Ngong Road-Naivasha Road flyover in Nairobi has commenced, according to Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) Chief Corporate Communications Officer John Cheboi.

Cheboi stated that the project, located at the Junction Mall, aims to enhance the efficiency of Ngong Road through grade separation to address persistent traffic congestion.

"The project is fully funded by a concessional loan of Sh3.58 billion (EUR 25.3 million) from the Government of Spain's Corporate International Fund (FIEI) and is expected to be completed by July 2027," he said.

Cheboi also disclosed that the project aligns with the government's broader strategy to strengthen infrastructure, aiming to foster long-term economic growth and enhance urban transportation systems.

"This initiative is designed to support the country's

development and ease the movement of people and goods across Nairobi," he said. Cheboi disclosed that the new Ngong Road-Naivasha Road Flyover will bring a range of benefits to Nairobi residents, starting with a significant reduction in traffic congestion.

"By eliminating bottlenecks at key junctions, the flyover will greatly cut down travel time for motorists, public transport users, and pedestrians alike.

"Safety will also be enhanced through the inclusion of non-motorized transport (NMT) facilities, ensuring secure travel for pedestrians and cyclists, while the installation of modern street lighting will improve visibility," he said.

Additionally, Cheboi pointed out that upgraded drainage systems will help mitigate frequent flooding risks during the rainy season, and the landscaping around the project will improve the overall urban environment.

By MyGov Reporter

Kenyan cadets to benefit from sea-time training

The Kenyan Maritime Authority, in collaboration with the Kenya Bandari Maritime Academy, will train ten cadets through a new program offered by shipping conglomerate Maersk Ltd, with the aim of strengthening maritime education.

The Principal Secretary for Shipping and Maritime Affairs, Geoffrey Kaituko, secured this training opportunity during his recent visit to Copenhagen, Denmark. The training, which will take place annually, will be conducted aboard Maersk vessels for a period of twelve months. Kaituko noted that this bilateral relationship with Denmark has been strengthened, marking one of the positive outcomes from the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

He added that the MoU, awaiting implementation, focuses on strengthening maritime education and training through the agreement with Bandari Maritime Academy. He emphasized that Kenya's maritime cadets will benefit from the Sea-Time Training, which

aims to equip them with essential skills prior to their employment with one of the world's leading shipping companies. "Sea-time is one of the mandatory requirements for cadets before they can gain employment on a vessel. This has been a challenge for cadets in Kenya, as the country lacks a national fleet of merchant vessels," said Kaituko.

The PS made these remarks during a press briefing on the Sea-Time Training acquired for Kenyan cadets by Maersk Ltd in Nairobi. He highlighted the opportunity for Kenyans to train at sea and potentially secure employment with Maersk and other companies. The program, which will run annually, is expected to open up more opportunities in the maritime sector. Kaituko also pointed out that the Blue Economy is one of the key emerging sectors poised to drive Kenya's economic growth. He said he participated in a high-level Green Shipping and Decarbonization conference.

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Government races to comply with EU coffee regulations ahead of deadline

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The Government has stepped up measures to comply with the European Union's Zero-Deforestation Regulations (EUDR) in the coffee trade.

The regulations require companies trading in coffee to conduct extensive due diligence on the value chain to ensure that the production of the crop does not originate from deforested lands. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua stated that the government has mobilized resources to ensure compliance with the regulations before the December 30, 2024, deadline, preventing Kenyan coffee from being locked out of the European Union market.

"This will enable us to retain the profitable European Union market, which ac-

counts for over 55 percent of our coffee," Mr. Gachagua said.

He spoke at the opening of the 2024 Central Kenya National Agricultural Show at the Kabiru-ini grounds in Nyeri County.

The European Union, a global major economic bloc, introduced the regulations

to limit the impact of its market on forest degradation and biodiversity loss and promote deforestation-free products.

Mr Gachagua, who was tasked by President William Ruto to lead reforms in the Coffee Sub-sector, said measures are being taken to ensure the coffee sector is

aligned with the European anti-deforestation regulations.

At the same time, the Deputy President asked Coffee cooperative societies to publish and make known details of their financial costs and deductions to their members.

This comes amid heightened efforts to entrench efficient financial management practices in the cooperative movement through legal, regulatory and policy reforms alongside the coffee subsector.

Mr Gachagua asked the Sacco management officials to make full disclosure of the financial costs.

He explained that this will enable farmers to question any costs they find suspicious, thus contributing to better governance and accountability of the societies.



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