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Ministry directs schools to adopt online procurement

Basic Education PS Prof Julius Bitok says, public institutions, schools should adopt the same procurement systems used by other government departments to improve transparency and accountability

BY MOSES WEKESA, KNA

Public schools have been directed to shift procurement processes to the Government's E-procurement (EGP) portal whenever they source goods and services.

Speaking at Esumeyia

Secondary School Kakamega, the Principal Secretary (PS) for Basic Education, Prof Julius Bitok, emphasized that schools, as public institutions, must align with other government entities in adopting the digital

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Principal Secretary for Basic Education Prof Julius Bitok speaking at Esumeyia Secondary School in Kakamega.

Call for youth to use digital skills to create jobs

BY AMINA BAKARI AND WENDY SHEILLA, KNA

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano has urged Kenyan youth to embrace artificial intelligence (AI), digital innovation, and technical skills to create jobs and drive national development. Speaking at the 2025 World Youth Skills Day celebrations, Miano launched the 2025 Tourism AI Solutions Hackathon, encouraging young people to leverage their digital talents to transform the tourism sector.

"Kenya's future lies in the hands of our tech-savvy youth-digital natives fluent in AI and innovation," Miano stated.

She reminded the youth that 'the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams', urging them to reimagine tourism through innovation, artificial intelligence, and machine learning.

Further, the CS praised the collaborative efforts behind the hackathon, organized by the Ministries of ICT, Labour, and Tourism in partnership with Nation Media Group,

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Government now shifts school tenders online

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tal procurement system.

Prof. Bitok emphasized that as public institutions, schools should adopt the same procurement systems used by other government departments to improve transparency and accountability.

"Schools are public entities, and as such, they will move with other arms of government to the E-procurement portal," Mr. Bitok reiterated, adding that it will enhance accountability.

The PS addressed discipline issues in public schools stating that many of the reported cases contravene school regulations.

He condemned unacceptable practices such as corporal punishment and sexual harassment in schools, emphasizing that such conduct will not be tolerated.

"I have sent officers to Marsabit to investigate an alleged case of corporal punishment meted on learners in one of the schools in that County, once it is established, the law will take

its course," Prof. Bitok added.

His remarks on outdated corporal punishment in schools met resounding reception from learners, who also opposed a return of caning.

On sexual molestation reported in schools, the PS said speedy investigations will be done to allow the relevant agencies to take action.

Kenya's Public Procurement Portal went digital two weeks ago.

The aim of this measure, according to government officials, is to provide an open and transparent public procurement platform which gives open real time and end to end public visibility at all levels of the procurement process, for the benefit of all Kenyans.

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Youth urged to use AI and digital skills for job creation



The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Tourism and Wildlife Rebecca Miano speaking during the 2025 World Youth Skills Day celebrations at KICC, Nairobi.

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the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and other stakeholders.

She emphasized that digital transformation must be viewed as a national priority under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"With over 80 per cent of the hospitality workforce being youth, it is time they lead the digital transformation," Miano said, describing the hackathon as a rallying cry for digital brilliance. Making his remarks, Labour and Skills Development

Education and Training (TVET) Principal Secretary (PS), Esther Thaara, called for accelerated action to close the country's persistent skills gap, insisting that investing in youth education and training is key to economic transformation.

Drawing lessons from the rapid development of the Asian Tigers; Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, Thaara noted that their success stemmed from deliberate national focus on youth skilling and disciplined workforce development.

"If we get our act right by giving young people the right skills, we will transform this country," assured the PS.

Further, Thaara highlighted Kenya's progress under the Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) framework, including modular training every three months, enhanced industry linkages, and digital curriculum delivery via mobile platforms where she reported that over 150 TVET institutions host digital labs.

The PS raised concerns over inadequate training infrastructure and the urgent need to scale up resources to support the goal of enrolling over two million youth into TVET by the end of the year.

Resetting the culture of delivery in Kenya's Public Service

BY BY ELIUD OWALO

The relationship between culture and delivery of government services is much closer than many of us wish to admit. It is often quipped that culture eats delivery for breakfast, implying that it is very challenging for governments to deliver quality services and achieve meaningful results without the right culture within their ranks. Culture refers to the ideas, customs and social behavior of a group of people or society. It embodies the collective norms of a group and is clearly manifested in their behavior. A group's or institution's culture is so powerful and often so pervasive that it ultimately affects the behavior of individuals within.

Delivery of services to the public is the primary mandate of any government. It is the reason governments seek this mandate in the first place and forms the benchmark upon which their performance is evaluated continuously or at the end of its term. Governments divide this mandate across ministries, departments and agencies, each charged with executing specific functions that

contribute to the overall vision of the country.

To effectively undertake their functions, each of these units of government prepare plans that guide implementation of projects and programmes under their jurisdiction. These are usually in the form of Strategic Plans covering a number of years or Work Plans which typically cover a financial or fiscal year. These plans provide details of the activities to be undertaken, targets to be achieved, timelines within which results are to be expected, the resources required and the responsibility centres for accountability.

The government, through the legislature, develops policies and enacts legislation to support implementation of its projects and programmes. Policies in particular are the government's statements of intent. They are what provides direction to the activities and programmes it implements.

Laws and regulations are essentially the rules on which implementation of these projects and programmes is anchored. The government would find it practically impossible to achieve any significant and sustainable results without



sound policy and legislative frameworks.

One would then proceed to ask, how does all this planning, and policy and legislative reforms relate to culture? Well, it turns out that the answer is right within the implementing units of government. The people. The biggest determinant of the success of government projects and programmes is the people implementing them - their numbers, skills sets, distribution and the culture they exhibit.

While it is easier to recruit the right sets of people for the various government units, train them well and deploy them to the right jobs, fixing the culture within which they operate presents a different kind of challenge. Building a supportive and performance-based culture requires a proper diagnosis of the existing culture,

determining a solid vision of the desired culture and putting in place mechanisms for sustainable culture change management.

Kenya's public sector culture can best be described as a mosaic of different levels of sub-cultures. This situation has largely been influenced by the country's history and the effects of the various reform initiatives undertaken over the years. The highly centralized and bureaucratic government system established by the colonial government influenced operations of public institutions in the post-colonial era and was only significantly affected by the introduction of the devolved system of government under the current constitution. However, Kenya's public sector is still highly centralized and very bureaucratic.

Numerous reforms implemented over the years have sought to improve efficiency in government services mainly by breaking down bureaucratic barriers, delegating more decision-making to lower levels and automating processes. Reforms, such as those which were implemented under the Economic Recovery Strategy for Wealth and

Employment Creation of 2003–2007 focused on transforming public institutions as fit-for-purpose vehicles for development. A common aspect of these reforms was the infusion of a strong culture of efficient and people-focused service delivery.

This is indeed the period which ushered in a culture of strategic and work planning, programme-based budgeting, performance contracting, monitoring and evaluation and many other initiatives. Tools such as Rapid Results Initiatives (RRI) and automation of systems were used to demonstrate quick-wins, provide evidence of the practicality of these reforms and improve the integrity of key processes, especially those involving financial transaction, by making them to be human-neutral.

While significant results were achieved through these initiatives, these were not uniform across the government. Some public institutions achieved some fundamental culture change while others achieved less than impressive results. One key lesson learnt from these institutional reforms was that they often depended on individuals. Key reform initia-

tives were rolled back as soon as the leadership of some institutions changed thus creating confusion and demoralizing staff. Another key lesson is the need to continuously invest in these reforms in order to create a critical mass of well trained and empowered public servants for sustainability.

So, what needs to be done? First, we must hit the performance culture reset button by retracing our steps to the path of system-wide reforms. Next, we must align the reforms to the prevailing environment. This calls for funding of key reform programmes, including training of staff, and developing programmes suitable for the increasing numbers of younger workers joining the public sector. Lastly, we must empower key reform champions and allow them to nurture future generations of reform-minded public servants.

These three key steps are critical towards reviving the public sector reform programme and guaranteeing its sustainability.

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

Maasai Mara earns global record for wildlife migration

BY LAMECH WILLY (KNA)

The iconic Maasai Mara National Reserve has officially been recognized by the World Book of Records for hosting the world's greatest annual terrestrial wildlife migration. This monumental achievement further elevates Kenya's internationally renowned reserve in the fields of conservation and tourism. Narok Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu announced the milestone, calling it a proud moment for Kenya and a strong endorsement of the ongoing conservation efforts in the Mara.

"This recognition is a proud moment for Kenya, for Narok County, for our conservation partners, and for all who cherish the Maasai Mara," Governor Ntutu said. "We celebrate it with joy and extend a warm invitation to the world. Come and witness this marvel of nature with us," he added. The World Book of Records' honour specifically acknowledges the dramatic annual migration of over 1.5 million wildebeests, zebras, and antelopes across the expansive Serengeti-Mara ecosystem - a breathtaking specta-

cle unmatched anywhere on the planet.

Governor Ntutu noted that the award comes just two and a half years after the County Government of Narok launched a sweeping restructuring and revitalization programme aimed at preserving and enhancing the reserve's ecological integrity.

"Upon assuming office, my administration launched an ambitious campaign to restructure and revitalize the Maasai Mara National Reserve. We enacted new management plans, upgraded ranger operations, improved infrastructure like internal roads, and adopted technology-driven conservation tools," he stated.

The governor emphasized that beyond the famed migration, the Maasai Mara holds immense ecological value, hosting more than 25 per cent of Kenya's biodiversity and playing a crucial role in sustaining the cross-border wildlife corridors.

Furthermore, he credited the success to collaboration between the county government, local communities, conservation partners, and tourism stakeholders, all united in safeguarding the reserve's future.



Scenic views and exotic wildlife in Maasai Mara.



The National Housing Corporation (NHC) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament Cap. 117 with the principal role of implementing the Government of Kenya Housing Policies and Programmes. The Corporation hereby invites sealed bid documents from interested Medical Insurance providers for the following procurement process.

Tender Number	Tender Description	Closing Date & Time
NHC/MIC/001/2025-26	Provision of Medical Insurance Cover.	30 th July 2025 at 11.00am

Tender documents can be downloaded **free of charge** from N.H.C website www.nhckenya.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke. Enquiries can be made via email address: info@nhckenya.go.ke.

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

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO
P. O. BOX 30257 – 00100,
NAIROBI.

And be deposited in the Tender Box located on Ground Floor of N.H.C house, so as to be received on or before **30th July 2025, at 11.00am** and shall be valid for a period of **150 days** after bid submission. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives who choose to attend in the Conference Room located on 11th Floor of N.H.C House. **Late bids will be rejected.**

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KENYA ROADS BOARD

RMLF RELEASES TO THE 47 COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

In the FY 2024/2025, the Board released Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) amounting to Kshs 3,682,774,150.00 for maintenance of county roads as shown below;

County Code	County Name	Allocation (Kshs)	County Code	County Name	Allocation (Kshs)
1	Mombasa	45,601,067.00	25	Samburu	60,855,995.00
2	Kwale	71,758,747.00	26	Trans-Nzoia	52,848,312.00
3	Kilifi	85,820,621.00	27	Uasin Gishu	86,288,947.00
4	Tana River	69,459,630.00	28	Elgeyo Marakwet	52,755,391.00
5	Lamu	47,403,262.00	29	Nandi	65,154,809.00
6	Taita Taveta	78,389,752.00	30	Baringo	71,309,826.00
7	Garissa	63,863,645.00	31	Laikipia	80,806,317.00
8	Wajir	90,533,914.00	32	Nakuru	183,432,688.00
9	Mandera	66,010,855.00	33	Narok	97,352,834.00
10	Marsabit	83,508,017.00	34	Kajiado	106,350,427.00
11	Isiolo	64,255,720.00	35	Kericho	59,568,948.00
12	Meru	102,835,642.00	36	Bomet	57,185,813.00
13	Tharaka Nithi	55,944,250.00	37	Kakamega	81,318,878.00
14	Embu	73,706,112.00	38	Vihiga	37,535,760.00
15	Kitui	152,421,270.00	39	Bungoma	63,910,688.00
16	Machakos	111,125,100.00	40	Busia	45,520,243.00
17	Makueni	146,891,738.00	41	Siaya	57,316,842.00
18	Nyandarua	78,019,732.00	42	Kisumu	68,301,577.00
19	Nyeri	100,348,699.00	43	Homabay	61,056,106.00
20	Kirinyaga	67,262,744.00	44	Migori	56,919,675.00
21	Murang'a	94,718,150.00	45	Kisii	60,713,540.00
22	Kiambu	118,951,472.00	46	Nyamira	41,412,736.00
23	Turkana	88,140,833.00	47	Nairobi	120,057,803.00
24	West Pokot	57,829,022.00	TOTAL		3,682,774,150.00

County Governments are required to submit detailed work plans for the amount released to respective KRB Regional Offices in Kisumu, Nyeri, Garissa, Eldoret, Isiolo, Nakuru, Kakamega & Machakos and

Email to drcr@krb.go.ke by Tuesday 12th August 2025



Eldoret informal settlements set for major transformation



Uasin Gishu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Community Development, Edward Sawe, addressing county officials alongside representatives from the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP) and Pamoja Trust at the county headquarters in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County. PHOTO: FREDRICK MARITIM

BY FREDRICK MARITIM,
KNA

The Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP), in collaboration with Pamoja Trust, has reaffirmed its commitment to youth empowerment and job creation through the development and review of Community Development Plans (CDPs) for the Mwanza and Kipkaren informal settlements in Eldoret City, Uasin Gishu County.

Hosted by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing, and Community Development, Edward Sawe, the session brought together stakeholders to assess the 10-year, community-driven CDPs that aim to transform informal set-

tments into hubs of opportunity and inclusive growth.

At the heart of the reviewed plans is a strong focus on youth employment. KISIP, through its Component 2 led by Zenah Kirui integrated a robust skills development strategy that will see youth trained in trades such as masonry, plumbing, electrical work and carpentry.

These vocational programs are designed to culminate in NITA (National Industrial Training Authority) certification, offering youth not just skills but recognized qualifications that improve employability and economic mobility.

"As we move into the implementation phase, youth empowerment is central. Through skills training and certification,

we are not only building infrastructure, we are building livelihoods and community resilience," Ms Kirui said, underscoring KISIP's dual goal of infrastructure and human capital development.

Pamoja Trust presented the CDP frameworks, outlining the critical roles local communities will play in project implementation, timelines and long-term sustainability.

Sawe applauded the alignment of the plans with Uasin Gishu County's strategic vision.

"Some of these proposals mirror the vision of Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii. It is vital that all county departments fully engage to ensure collective ownership and successful delivery of these transformative projects," he noted.



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1.	Architecture	300	23.	Building Inspector	60
2.	Civil Engineering	200	24.	Inspector Civil Engineering	60
3.	Construction Management	250	25.	Inspector Electricals	60
4.	Electrical Engineering	200	26.	Legal	60
5.	Mechanical Engineering	200	27.	Quantity Surveying Assistant	60
6.	Quantity Surveying	200	28.	Structural Assistant	60
7.	Structural Engineering	200	29.	Supply Chain Management	50
8.	Communication and Branding	150	30.	Data Analysts	40
9.	Environment Practitioners	150	31.	Data Science and/or Artificial Intelligence	40
10.	Geoinformation	50	32.	Information Communication Technology	40
11.	Health and Safety	180	33.	Inspector of gas/refrigeration	30
12.	Interior Design	50	34.	Inspector Plumbing and Drainage	30
13.	Land Surveying/Geo Spatial	100	35.	Economics	60
14.	Landscape Architecture	100	36.	Actuarial	5
15.	Realtors	200	37.	Human Resource	20
16.	Social Development	165	38.	Gender and Development Studies	30
17.	Urban and Regional Planning	150	39.	Valuers	100
18.	Digital Marketing	50	40.	Property Managers	50
19.	Accountants	60	41.	Property Marketers	50
20.	Architectural Assistant	60			
21.	Data entry clerks	50			
22.	Financial Analysts	30			

Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to an internship position, a candidate must:

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Duties include, but not limited to;

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Duration of Internship

Twelve (12) months- Non renewable

Stipend

The interns will be paid a stipend by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, at a rate as determined by the Government.

Certificate

On successful completion of the Internship Programme, the interns will be awarded a certificate by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development.

Interested and qualified applicants are requested to make their applications **ONLINE** through the Public Service Commission's job portal accessible through www.publicservice.go.ke or www.psckjobs.go.ke by **6th September, 2025**.

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Government to restructure Huduma Centres for improved service delivery

BY ROSE WASIKE, KNA

The government will undertake a comprehensive restructuring of Huduma Centres across the country. The move aims to expand accessibility, improve service delivery, and align the centres with the national development agenda. Speaking during a visit to the Mbale Huduma Centre in Vihiga County, the Principal Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development, and Special Programmes, Dr. Jane Imbunya, underscored the significance

of the ongoing reforms. "This initiative aligns with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and Kenya's Vision 2030, and seeks to ensure equitable access to government services at the grassroots," she said.

The restructuring focuses on expanding Huduma Centres by enhancing infrastructure and leveraging technology to deliver efficient and citizen-friendly services.

Key reforms include improving internet connectivity, as well as deploying modern ICT systems to bridge the digital divide



and enhance public service delivery.

"The government is committed to bringing services closer to the people through technology and infrastructure investment," she said.

The Huduma Centers serve as vital access points for various essential government services.

Public Service PS
Dr. Jane Imbunya during a visit to the Huduma center at Mbale, Vihiga County. PHOTO BY ROSE WASIKE



Kenya, Tanzania launch terrestrial fiber link



Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary (CS) William Kabogo (centre) launches Terrestrial Fiber Link connecting Kenya and Tanzania at Lunga lunga/Horohoro border. On his right is Tanzanian Minister for Communication and Information Technology Jerry Silaa.

BY MOHAMED HASSAN,
KNA

Kenya and Tanzania have launched a cross border internet connectivity project integrating the National ICT broadband backbone (NICTBB) and submarine cable infrastructure.

The project that aims to enhance regional digital integration, improve internet reliability and facilitate cross border trade and data flow was presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William Kabogo and his Tanzanian counterpart Jerry Silaa at the Lunga lunga/Horohoro border.

The initiative implemented through the partnership between Kenya's ICT Authority (ICTA) and

Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation (TTLC) is expected to boost economic integration, e governance and access to digital services across the East African Community.

In his remarks, Kabogo says the new project seeks to enhance transparency, stimulate economic advancement and boost citizens' engagement.

The CS said the project is part of broader efforts to accelerate regional integration and connectivity between Kenya and Tanzania.

He said the initiative supported by the two governments aims to address connectivity gaps and promote digital development across the East African Region.

"Kenya and Tanzania will be actively involved

in identifying bottlenecks and supporting initiatives to improve cross border internet access" said Kabogo.

He said Kenya is playing a key role in promoting internet infrastructure and contributing to EAC regional digital transformation.

He said the initiative is part of Kenya's broader efforts to develop its digital economy including expanding the national fiber optic network.

"This internet project represents a significant milestone in Kenya's digital infrastructure journey," added Kabogo.

The CS said the initiative aligns with the national government's ongoing agenda to improve internet access, affordability and quality of experience for Kenyans.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT PHASE III

Sector: Energy

Financing Agreement Reference: Loan No. 2000200006253

Project ID No: P-KE-FAO-021

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

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

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

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

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

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address below during office hours, between 0900 to 1230 and 1400 to 1630 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **11th August 2025 at 10.00 am.**

Attention:

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Ministry races against time to upgrade Kipchoge Stadium



BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER, KNA

The Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Sports, Elijah Mwangi, has affirmed the government's commitment to upgrading Kipchoge Stadium to the highest possible standards. He stated that the initiative aims to ensure that athletes in the region enjoy training conditions similar to those they experience when competing in stadiums abroad.

The PS made the remarks during an inspection tour to assess the progress of the ongoing upgrade works at the stadium in Eldoret. He was accompanied by the Principal Secretary for Defence, Dr. Patrick Mariru. The PS noted that the Ministry is working in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence to ensure the upgrade is completed within the stipulated 15-month contract period. He expressed concern over

the current progress, noting that more could have been achieved by now. However, he acknowledged some of the challenges encountered during the process, including the demolition of the northern and southern terraces, which were deemed substandard. "There are some parameters and non-destructive tests that have been done to establish the durability of the western terrace. The results will be out next week and the work will



The Defence PS, Dr. Patrick Mariru (c), meets the contractors during the inspection visit to Kipchoge Keino Stadium, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.



The Defence PS, Dr. Patrick Mariru (r) and his Sports counterpart, Elijah Mwangi (l), in a press briefing during the inspection visit to confirm the level of progress of construction works at the Kipchoge Keino Stadium, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu.

An excavator conducted a demolition exercise of the southern terrace, to pave room for new construction to upgrade the largest sports facility in the region, Kipchoge Keino Stadium, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu.

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continue. The works are good, and we expect more than this," the Sports PS noted.

He emphasized the need to speed up the completion of crucial infrastructure necessary for the athletes to triumph in various competitions.

"We are lagging behind in provision of infrastructure that will be needed and we want to catch-up. They need this stadium to train both for local and international events. We don't have the luxury of time consid-

ering that we have talents who are meant to use these stadiums to boost their talents," he added.



Announcement of 2025/26 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey (KIHBS)

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) will on 16th July 2025 commence data collection for the 2025/26 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey (KIHBS). This national exercise covering the 47 counties will be undertaken for a period of twelve months; **July 2025 - 22nd July 2026**.

Purpose of the Survey

This nationwide survey aims to collect comprehensive data to support national planning and policy development, monitoring of living standards, income distribution, and poverty levels. The survey will provide the following indicators:

- Demographics
- Education and health
- Fertility and mortality rates
- Employment and labour conditions
- Child health and nutrition
- Housing, water, sanitation, and energy use
- Households' expenditure on consumption

Methodology

Trained enumerators will conduct face-to-face interviews in selected households across the 47 counties. The enumerators will wear identification badges bearing QR Codes for authentication and introduction letters from KNBS. Data will be collected using Tablet Computer.

Target Population

The survey will target scientifically sampled households across all counties and refugee camps. A total of **24,480 households** and **960 from refugee camps** will participate.

Your Role Matters

We encourage you to support this exercise by providing the data sought. Our commitment is to hold the data collected in strict confidentiality and use it for statistical purposes only.

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Kenya National Bureau of Statistics invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals with excellent credentials to fill the following positions:-

POSITION	KNBS	REFERENCE	NO. OF POSI-TIONS	TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT
Director, Macroeconomics Statistics	KNBS Level 2	KNBS/DMES/16/2025	1	Five (5) Years Contract Renewable once
Director, Population and Social Statistics	KNBS Level 2	KNBS/DPSS/17/2025	1	Five (5) Years Contract Renewable once
Senior Manager, Nutrition & Environment Statistics	KNBS Level 3	KNBS/SMNES/18/2025	1	Permanent and Pensionable

More details on the positions will be found on the KNBS website www.knbs.or.ke.

Applicants should fill and submit an online copy of the employment application form Ref. KNBS/F/93/29, which is available on the KNBS website www.knbs.or.ke

Applications must be received not later than **5th August 2025** and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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County rolls out beekeeping project in climate action push



Kipsomba MCA Mary Gorreti, distributing beehives to farmers during a Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) event in Kipsomba ward, Uasin Gishu county.

BY JEVVAH KIPLIMO, KNA

The County Government of Uasin Gishu has distributed beehives and honey harvesting kits to residents of Kipsomba Ward. This initiative aims to empower local communities through sustainable economic activities while promoting climate-resilient practices. Implemented under the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Program, the county government handed over 220 modern beehives and 22 complete harvesting kits to local cooperative societies.

The move is intended to boost climate-resilient livelihoods and enhance honey production in the region.

Mary Gorreti, the area Member of County Assembly, commended the beekeeping initiative as a practical tool for economic empowerment, highlighting its potential to uplift local communities.

"I urge all beneficiaries to take this opportunity seriously and maximize the benefits of bee keeping as a livelihood venture. Honey production is not only profitable but also environmentally friendly," she said.

The MCA distributed motorcycles, tents, chairs, incubators, and other tools targeting youth groups and members of boda boda Saccos.

Eng. Christopher Mbewi, the Climate Change Unit Officer in charge of Soy Sub-County, emphasized the critical role played by bees in supporting climate action.

"Bees are not just honey producers. They are vital pollinators that contribute significantly to biodiversity, food security, and climate resilience. Supporting beekeeping is an investment in both livelihoods and environmental health," he said.



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE

EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD ON THE DRAFT KENYA E-COMMERCE POLICY

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

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

In line with constitutional requirements and the need to build consensus nationally, the State Department for Trade hereby seeks to subject the draft policy to public participation so as to elicit the views of industry players, citizens, as well as other interested parties for consideration and incorporation into the final policy document. The State Department for Trade wishes to notify the public that the final date for Submission of views and comments on the draft Kenya E-Commerce Policy has been extended from the earlier advertised date of **21st July, 2025** to **4th August, 2025** and the hybrid public participation meeting to collate further views on the policy that had been earlier scheduled for **23rd July, 2025** will now take place on **6th August, 2025** in Nairobi at a venue to be confirmed.

Submission of views and comments on the draft Kenya E-Commerce Policy can be done through the email info@trade.go.ke.

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



THE NATIONAL TREASURY

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING

INTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES VACANCY NO.1/2025

SENIOR ECONOMIST/STATISTICIAN, CSG 8/ JOB GROUP 'N' (244 POSTS)

The State Department for Economic Planning invites applications from qualified persons for the position of Senior Economist/Statistician, CSG 8.

Basic Salary Scale:	Kshs. 52,330 - Kshs. 96,130 p.m.
House Allowance:	Kshs. 35,000 p.m
Commuter Allowance:	Kshs. 8,000 per month
Leave Allowance:	Kshs. 6,000 per year
Terms of Service:	Permanent and Pensionable

Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have: -

- (i) Served in the grade of Economist I/Statistician I for a minimum period of three (3) years;
- (ii) Bachelor's degree in any of the following disciplines: Economics, Statistics, Economics and Mathematics, Economics and Finance or Economics and Statistics, or any equivalent qualification from a recognized institution;
- (iii) Membership to a relevant professional body;
- (iv) Certificate in computer application skills from a recognized institution; and (v) Shown merit and ability as reflected in work performance results.

Duties and Responsibilities

Specific duties and responsibilities will entail:

- i. Preparing Sectoral policy briefs, reviews and reports;
- ii. Initiating the preparation of annual, mid-term and end-term Medium Term progress reports;
- iii. Implementing decisions and resolutions on regional economic integration agenda;
- iv. Identifying and dealing with emerging Sectoral and cross-cutting socioeconomic issues;
- v. Undertaking economic modelling and forecasting;
- vi. Conducting Programmes Performance Reviews (PPRs) and sub-sector reports for MTEF;
- vii. Monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the implementation of national and sector-specific Programmes, projects and activities;
- viii. Tracking milestones in Vision 2030 flagship projects;
- ix. Updating and maintaining a database to generate key information such as national census, key surveys and production of the national annual progress reports;
- x. Coordinating capacity-building support to Government agents, Civil Society Organizations and the Private sector on planning and development matters; and
- xii. Disseminating national policies and strategies to community members through appropriate forums and institutions.

Interested and qualified persons are requested to make their applications by filling **Employment Form PSC 2 (Revised 2016)**. The form can be downloaded from the Public Service Commission of Kenya website (www.publicservice.go.ke).

Duly completed application forms should be sent to: -

**The Principal Secretary
State Department for Economic Planning
P.O Box 30005-00100
NAIROBI.**

OR

Hand delivered to the **State Department for Economic Planning, Treasury Building 3rd Floor, Room 324 between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. (East African Time) Monday to Friday on or before 30th July, 2025, 5.00 p.m. (East African Time)**.

OR

Send to email address. recruitment@planning.go.ke on or before **30th July, 2025, 5.00 p.m. (East African Time)**.

Please Note:

- i. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
- ii. Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic certificate and other testimonials during interviews.
- iii. It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- iv. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
- v. The State Department for Economic Planning is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution - Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities.

State pledges to fast-track mining licenses to unlock mining potential in Nyanza

BY ADDAH AWUOR AND MAKOKHA KHAOYA, KNA

The government has pledged to enhance the country's mining sector by supporting small-scale and artisanal miners to generate greater economic benefits from the industry. This announcement was made during the Nyanza Gold Summit held in Migori Town, where policymakers, government officials, miners, and investors gathered to discuss ways to better manage and grow the gold mining sector.

Speaking at the event, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Mining, Harry Kimtai, noted that the Nyanza region holds significant mineral potential and requires structured support to fully benefit from its resources.

He emphasized that gold is a national treasure that should benefit local communities and generate revenue for both levels of government, thereby contributing to the nation's economic growth.

The summit also addressed issues such as mineral exploration, practical solutions for the mining sector, and the backlog of permits and licenses awaiting approval. Other topics included resolving court cases that hinder the Department of Mining from issuing approvals, and the need to decriminalize small-scale and artisanal mining.

The PS disclosed that the government, through the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, has engaged with the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) to buy gold from Kenyans, adding that the ministry



Principal Secretary, State Department for Mining, Harry Kimtai speaking during the Nyanza Gold Summit in Migori. He said that the Nyanza region holds significant mineral potential and needs structured support to benefit fully from its resources. PHOTO BY ADDAH AWUOR

is working with Kakamega Gold Refinery to achieve the goal.

According to the official, the Mining department is working on reforms to create joint project implementation committees that will meet every month to listen and address challenges within the counties.

The Nyanza Gold Summit also championed the coexistence

between the small-scale, artisan and land scale miners to promote economic benefits to the local communities.

Kimtai disclosed that there is space for everyone in the mining sector, adding that the government will allocate more space to artisanal miners to empower them economically.

The majority of the 32 mining

cooperatives in Migori have either been issued permits and licenses or are awaiting approval from the Mining Department.

The PS explained that the department will recognize the miners if they do not get approval in time to ensure they continue to operate.

The officials acknowledged that the Department of Min-

ing is working closely with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to ensure the mining cooperatives meet the required environmental standards before being issued permits and licenses.

"Cooperative societies provide an organised structure for mining activities, and with the support from NEMA, we are ensuring that these groups comply with the National Environmental Management Act before they receive their licenses," Kimtai said. The PS, however, raised concerns over illegal mining activities in forests and the pollution of rivers caused by unregulated operations and illegal mines.

He called upon the local community to work closely with the multi-agency security team to seek proper approval and guidance before operating on any government land.

The small-scale and artisanal miners, especially from Nyatike Sub-County operating in forest areas, were urged to obtain consent from the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), while those operating on private land and community lands to seek permission from landowners and approvals from the county government.

Kimtai called upon the community to promote community policing to address illegal mining that may put their lives in danger through the use of harmful chemicals that find their way to the water sources.

He noted that illegal miners have also denied sources of livelihood to individuals who deal with items necessary in the gold extraction process.

"A lot of illegal miners have been importing explosives across the border, denying the local explosive manufacturers and dealers businesses as well as the country revenue," PS Kimtai said.



INVITATION TO TENDER

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) invites eligible and consultants to participate in the tenders described below:

No.	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CLOSING/OPENING DATES
1.	NMK/T/01/NPI/EMS/2025-2026	Framework Agreement for provision of Event Management Services	5/8/2025 At 12.00pm
2.	NMK/T/02/NPI/RMS/2025-2026	Request for proposals for Resource Mobilization Services for The First International Investment Conference & Trade Fair on Kenya's Indigenous Knowledge Intellectual Assets, 2025 (Re-advertisement)	5/8/2025 At 12.00pm

Interested bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents with detailed specifications and conditions from www.museums.or.ke free of charge or at procurement office upon a non-refundable fee of **Kshs.1000** paid at the NMK cash office-Heritage Centre building.

Completed Tender documents to be deposited in the Tender Box located at the reception area of the Earth science building in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the tender name and Tender Number should be addressed to:

**The Director General
National Museums of Kenya
P.O Box 40658-00100,
Nairobi**

Submitted Tenders to be opened immediately after the closing date and time in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who choose attend at the old board room.

DIRECTOR GENERAL



VACANCY

The Sports Kenya is a State Corporation established by the Sports Act, 2013 with the mandate to establish, manage, develop and maintain sports facilities, promote, coordinate and implement grassroots, national and international sports programs in Kenya among other functions.

The organization is seeking to recruit a highly competent, proactive and self-driven person to fill the position of **Deputy Director, Internal Audit and Risk Assurance (SK 3)** as detailed below;

POSITION	JOB GRADE	REFERENCE NUMBER
Deputy Director, Internal Audit and Risk Assurance,	SK Grade 3 (Permanent & Pensionable)	HRM/DDIA&RA/01/25

Interested candidates should send their application letters enclosing a detailed CV, copies of academic, professional certificates and details of three referees. The candidates should also indicate their current and expected remunerations on their application letters with job reference quoted on the envelope to reach the undersigned on/before **8th August, 2025 by 5.00pm**.

Visit our website: www.sportskenya.org for more information.

Note: Persons with disabilities and female candidates who meet the job specifications are encouraged to apply.

Canvassing both directly or indirectly will lead to automatic disqualification.

**The Director General
Sports Kenya
Private Bag
Kasarani, NAIROBI.**



Kenya launches TechPlomacy connective to champion inclusive digital future

BY KAMAU DANIEL, KNA

Kenya has officially launched the TechPlomacy Connective, a multi-stakeholder diplomatic and innovation platform to integrate diplomacy and technology.

This is in abid to address global challenges in the digital era.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi noted the strategic role of technology diplomacy in Kenya's foreign policy and development agenda, terming it a catalyst for regional growth and sustainable digital transformation.

"Kenya's Sessional Pa-

per No. 1 of 2025 places technology diplomacy at the core of our international engagement, therefore, we aim to transform Nairobi into a global multilateral and financial hub," Mudavadi said.

He highlighted Kenya's pioneering contributions in global digital policy, including its role

as the only African country in the International Network of AI-Safety Institutes, and its leadership in championing the first-ever United Nations resolution on Artificial Intelligence.

The CS said TechPlomacy Connective will serve as a collaborative framework for policymakers, tech leaders, and civil society to co-create inclusive and ethical digital policies.

The initiative is also expected to foster regional innovation through public-private partnerships and knowledge-sharing

platforms.

Mudavadi said the government is establishing a sustainable AI coalition with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). It will also launch Africa's first AI factory in collaboration with Cassava Technologies adding that Kenya was recently appointed as a co-facilitator of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Plasticity Process alongside Albania.

Calling for a global re-imagination of mul-

tilateralism, the Prime Cabinet Secretary emphasised that Kenya is well-positioned to be a hub for cross-sector digital cooperation.

"With over 300 start-ups, global tech giants, and world-class incubators, Nairobi is powering Africa's Silicon Savannah with renewable energy and innovative solutions," he noted.

Making his remarks, Ambassador Philip Thigo, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, echoed the urgency of moving beyond talk to tangible action.



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY
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PUBLIC

Exciting Career Opportunities for Commissioner

Kenya Revenue Authority wishes to notify the general public that the job vacancy advertisement published on 17th June, 2025 on MyGov, inviting applicants for the **Commissioner position**, has been cancelled.

We appreciate the interest expressed by all applicants and regret the inconvenience caused.

Kenya Revenue Authority will re-advertise the position in due course.

CANCELLED

Commissioner			
No.	Vacancy	Positions	Reference
1.	Commissioner, Micro and Small Taxpayers	1	RA/PKF004/2025

Detailed Job descriptions are posted on the PKF website below:

Interested candidates are requested to visit PKF website at <https://www.pkfea.com/careers> for full job descriptions and specifications and submit online applications by 7th July, 2025, 23:59hrs.

Please Note:

- 1. It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents and to include incorrect information in the application.
- 2. Canvassing, falsifying or misrepresentation of qualifications will lead to automatic disqualification.
- 3. Only shortlisted and successful applicants will be contacted.
- 4. Our client is an equal opportunity employer.
- 5. PKF does not charge any application, processing, interviewing, or any other fee at any stage of the recruitment process.
- 6. Hard copy applications will not be accepted.

Additional Requirements

Successful candidates will be expected to present the following in line with Chapter Six of the Constitution:

1. Valid certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.
2. Valid clearance certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
3. Valid tax compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
4. Current clearance certificate from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).
5. Current report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

In case of any challenge or issues, please send your email query to executiverecruitment@ke.pkfea.com

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KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY
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Exciting Career Opportunities for Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners

Kenya Revenue Authority wishes to notify the general public that the job vacancy advertisement published on 17th June, 2025 on MyGov, inviting applicants for the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner positions, has been Re-Advertised.

Please Note: Those who had earlier applied need not reapply.

Commissioner			
No.	Vacancy	Positions	Reference
1.	Commissioner, Micro and Small Taxpayers	1	RA/PKF004/2025

Deputy Commissioners			
No.	Vacancy	Positions	Reference
1.	Deputy Commissioner, Trade Facilitation	1	KRA/PKF005/2025
2.	Deputy Commissioner, Micro and Small Taxpayers	1	KRA/PKF006/2025
3.	Deputy Commissioner, Tax Dispute Resolution	1	KRA/PKF007/2025
4.	Deputy Commissioner, Revenue Monitoring	1	KRA/PKF008/2025
5.	Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement and Prosecution	1	KRA/PKF009/2025
6.	Deputy Commissioner, Business Transformation and Digital Engineering	1	KRA/PKF010/2025
7.	Deputy Commissioner, Risk Management	1	KRA/PKF011/2025
8.	Deputy Commissioner, Supply Chain Management	1	KRA/PKF012/2025
9.	Deputy Commissioner, Audit and Risk	1	KRA/PKF013/2025
10.	Deputy Commissioner, Information Security and Data Governance	1	KRA/PKF014/2025
11.	Deputy Commissioner, Infrastructure Management	1	KRA/PKF015/2025
12.	Deputy Commissioner, International Tax	1	KRA/PKF016/2025

Detailed Job descriptions are posted on the PKF website below:

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Kisumu County secures Sh97.5m grant for Lakefront development

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

The County Government of Kisumu has secured a grant to fund the redevelopment of the Lakefront Project.

The county has received a Sh97.5 million (\$750,000) grant from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to support the project's implementation.

The funding, channelled through AfDB's Urban and Municipal Development Fund (UMDF) programme, will finance a comprehensive feasibility study aimed at transforming the city's lakefront into a climate-resilient and inclusive urban space.

Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, who hosted an AfDB delegation in Kisumu,

described the funding as a significant milestone in the city's efforts to reorient itself towards Lake Victoria.

"We have made remarkable strides in our mission to transform Kisumu and bring our vision of a lake-facing city to life," he said.

The feasibility study empowered us to undertake comprehensive technical, financial, and environmental evaluations of key projects laying the groundwork for a robust pipeline of bankable initiatives that align seamlessly with our development priorities and climate resilience goals," he said.

Kisumu County had completed the city profiling and prioritization stages and entered the feasibility phase, a critical



African Development Bank (AfDB) Senior Urban Development Officer Babati Mokgethi during a courtesy call on Kisumu Governor Prof Anyang Nyong'o. PHOTOS BY CHRIS MAHANDARA

step toward attracting long-term infrastructure investments for its lakefront transformation.

He added that the upcoming study will anchor proposed lakefront projects within Kisumu's Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan, County Integrated Development Plan, and the broader national Public Financial Management (PFM) systems.

Once complete, he said, the feasibility report is expected to



unlock further funding opportunities from multilateral lenders and development partners, positioning Kisumu as a model for climate-smart urban renewal in the region.

The African Development Bank delegation was led by Senior Urban Development Officer, Babati Mokgethi, who reaffirmed the institution's commitment to supporting secondary cities like Kisumu with practical, sustainable urban planning tools.

"We were pleased to support Kisumu in identifying viable projects that strengthen urban resilience, improve service delivery, and attract further public and private investment," Mokgethi said. He emphasized that the feasibility study has been critical in ensuring the proposed initiatives are technically sound, environmentally sustainable, and financially viable.

The Kisumu Lakefront Development Corporation (KLDC), a county government agency tasked with spearheading lakefront development, championed a series of transformative projects to revitalize the city's waterfront.

Government fast-tracks high-impact, multi-billion projects in Western Kenya

BY MYGOV REPORTER

In its commitment to accelerate development countrywide, the Government has pledged, committed and spent billions of shillings undertaking critical projects in Western counties of Kakamega and Busia.

The ongoing infrastructure, housing, water, education, and industrial projects, are at various stages of implementation, and are tangible signs of the Government's determination to spread development evenly across Kenyan counties.

The Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of Delivery and Government Efficiency, Mr Eliud Owalo, led a high-level delegation of County and National Government officials in assessing the progress of the projects.

In Busia County, the team inspected a Kshs 1.1 billion housing project by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, comprising modern student hostels and supporting infrastructure at Alupe University.

The university is also benefiting from a KES 405 million tuition block under the State Department for Higher Education, designed to expand learning space and accommodate a growing student population.

Other projects visited



Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of Delivery and Government Efficiency, Mr Eliud Owalo (fourth right) leads a high level team of Government officials on a tour of Affordable housing project in Busia. Below, one of the bridges under construction in the County.



included the Kshs 470 Alupe Dam water and sanitation project, which includes a dam, intake and pumping station, treatment facility, and distribution infrastructure, and is expected to dramatically improve access to clean water and sanitation services for surrounding communities.

The Busia County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) - a joint Kshs 448 million initiative be-

tween the national and county governments, and the construction of industrial sheds and civil works at the Export Processing Zone, at a cost of Kshs 475 million were also assessed by the team.

The other projects inspected by the team included the Kshs 231 million Bumala Strategic Market project that is now 47 per cent complete, the Kshs 2.6 billion Funyula Affordable Housing Programme that is standing at 40 per cent and the Kshs 2.9 billion Lower Nzoia Irrigation Project, among others.

According to Mr Owalo, the Government will continue to monitor the progress of the projects to ensure timely completion



and maximum impact for Kenyans.

"These transformative projects reflect the government's firm commitment to fast-tracking development, enhancing public service delivery, and improving the quality of life for all Kenyans," he emphasized.

In Kakamega County, the government's delivery team assessed multiple infrastructure projects already impacting lives.

They included the Affordable Housing Project in Milimani, Kakamega Town, where the State Department for Housing and Urban Development is overseeing the construction of 220 units at a cost of Kshs 472 million, and is 78 per cent complete, the 10.4 km Malava-Kimang'eti-Ikoli Road which is 88% complete, with a new contractor set to complete the remaining 2.6 km under a KES 542 million budget.

The Mumias-Musanda Road, a 16 km Kshs 628.3 million investment, is now 98% complete, nearing handover, while the Kshs 117 million Lunza

ESP Market is under construction, envisioned as a central hub for commerce and agricultural trade.

In the water sector, two flagship projects; the Malava Water Supply & Sanitation Project costing Kshs 886 million and featuring a 45.2 km transmission network and treatment plant and the Kshs 844 million Namagara Water Supply Project were also visited by the team.

A major highlight was the inspection of the Kakamega Gold Refinery Project at Iguhu, an ambitious Kshs 5.8 billion investment by the State Department for Mining. Once operational, the facility will add value to the region's mineral resources and create new economic opportunities.

From expanding affordable housing and improving learning environments, to enhancing roads, water access, and industrial capacity, the projects in Busia and Kakamega counties are a testament to the government's resolve to ensure no region is left behind, said Owalo.

Government courts Chinese investors to boost food security, agri-tech



Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Kipronoh Ronoh (Right) and Qi Jun of China, during the high-level bilateral engagement in Kilimo House, Nairobi, where he hosted the Chinese Delegation.

BY ANITA OMWENGA, KNA

The Government is strengthening agricultural ties with China through a strategic investment partnership.

Principal Secretary (PS) of the State Department for Agriculture, Dr. Kiprono Rono, said the partnership not only promises to boost Kenya's food production and export potential but also offers Chinese investors access to a vibrant and growing agricultural market in East Africa.

"This investment opportunity with Chinese partners emphasizes Kenya's strategic position as a gateway to the East African Community (EAC) and the continent's growing demand for food security and agricultural modernization," the PS said. He proposed the establishment of an agricultural machinery assembly plant in Kenya to leverage the country's location as a logistical hub for the region.

Dr. Rono noted that the engagement reflects Kenya's vision to modernize agriculture and enhance food security through technology and innovation, as both countries work towards deepening bilateral ties in the agriculture and livestock sectors.

The PS encouraged Chinese investors to explore opportunities in areas such as the production of bio-organic fertilizers, value addition factories, and technology partnerships to digitize agriculture.

"We extend an invitation to Chinese companies to explore joint ventures in sectors such as tea and coffee and to invest in packaging materials," Dr. Rono added.

He further stated that the government is promoting direct Chinese investment in pig production—an area where China possesses vast expertise. He noted that Kenya currently imports pig meat from Brazil to meet domestic demand.

He urged the investment team to take advantage of existing tax incentives under the EAC Common External Tariff, as well as the African Continental Free Trade Area, to maximize returns in the agriculture sector.

The PS also invited Chinese stakeholders to a major agricultural investment conference scheduled for October 2025. He described the event as a landmark platform for strengthening partnerships and driving agritech transformation, encouraging Chinese participation given the country's technological advancements.

Deputy Director at the State Department for Livestock Development, Dr. Dennis Onkundi, emphasized Kenya's openness to Chinese investment in both the dairy and beef value chains.

**Specific Procurement Notice
CONSTRUCTION
Road Infrastructure Development**

Closing Date:	Friday, 22nd August 2025; 1100Hrs East African Time
Country:	Kenya
PREQUALIFICATION	
Subject:	International Open Tender for Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road Project and Adjacent Road Network.
Tender No:	KeNHA/2889/2025
Project Executing Agency:	Kenya National Highways Authority – KeNHA

Project Measures:

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received commitment from the People's Republic of China through the China Export Import (EXIM) Bank to finance the cost of the Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road. The financing agreements shall be signed upon finalization of the commercial contract.
2. Kenya National Highways Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport in the State Department for Roads, established under the Kenya Roads Act 2007, now seeks to invite Eligible Chinese Contractors or Consortia led by Chinese Enterprises in accordance with the financing arrangements set by the People's Republic of China through the China Exim Bank for the proposed Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) road project and Adjacent Road Network to submit their prequalification applications in order to be considered for the execution of these Works.
3. The Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road and adjacent road network will improve traffic flow along the Eastern part of the Nairobi Metropolis as it links to the longest traffic along the both Kiambu Road and Nairobi Northern Bypass. The project will also improve the level of service and reduce travel times, improve road safety and increase accessibility thereby spurring economic growth of both Nairobi and Kiambu County with ripple effect to the overall Kenyan Economy.
4. The Project will be implemented through FIDIC Silver Book – Engineering Procurement and Construction Contract Arrangements and will involve the following:
Detailed Engineering Design and Upgrading of the entire Project Road from a two lane single carriageway to a four lane dual carriageway urban thoroughfare including 2 lane service roads on both sides and pedestrian walkways on both sides along the entire project road as follows:
 - i. Upgrading of the entire project road from a two-lane single carriageway to a four-lane dual carriageway including 2 lane service lanes on either sides and pedestrian walkways along the entire project road section.
 - ii. Construction of new bridges across Muthaiga Golf Club Spur, Mua Road Overpass, DCI Overpass, Coffee Garden U-turn, Tala Road Overpass Bridge, Ridgeways U – Turn Underpass Bridge, Runda U Turn and Kirigiti Junction Bridge.
 - iii. Construction of interchanges at Kamiti Road/Kiambu Road Interchange, Banana Road/Kiambu Road Interchange and Northern Bypass/Kiambu Road Interchange.
 - iv. Provision of Six (6) number Footbridges at various locations along the road
 - v. Enhancement of key roads in the network abutting the project road as follows:
1. **Main Project Road**
 - A. **Main Trunk Road**
 - Muthaiga - Kirigiti Junction
 - Kirigiti JN - Kiambu Town Governor's Office
 - Governor's Office - Ndumberi - Sasini
 - B. **Bypasses**
 - Githunguri Road - Sasini - Boma Road
 - Riabai - Kiriguini B Road
 - C. **Spur Roads**
 - Ridgeways Road from Kiambu Road to Thika Road (Roasters)
 - Evergreen – UN Avenue through Runda
 - Wambui Road
 - Muthaiga North
 - Mua Park Road/Serengeti Avenue
 - KIST JN – Kamiti Road
 - JN Boma Road - Kirigiti
 - Access to other public institution and key settlements
2. **Maintenance of the existing road during construction period**

CANCELLED

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

**Kenya National Highways Authority
Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor, South Wing,
Supply Chain Management Department,
JKIA, Off Mazao Road (Opposite KCAA),
P. O. Box 49712 – 00100, Nairobi, Kenya
Email: procurement@kenha.co.ke and procurement@kenha.co.ke**

**Prequalification Application shall be clearly marked with the following:
Application for:
Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road and adjacent Road Network**

Tender No KeNHA/2889/2025 and must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday, 22nd August 2025 at 1100Hrs East African Time.

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Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor, South Wing,
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P. O. Box 49712 – 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA**

The Tender closing date will be Friday, 22nd August 2025 at 1100Hrs East African Time. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of Applicants/Representatives who wish to attend at the KeNHA Block C 2nd Floor Boardroom.

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

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Kisumu launches new fiberglass boats to enhance safety and boost Blue Economy

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o has announced the successful completion of five artisanal fibre fishing boats and one patrol boat to improve safety, efficiency, and dignity among fisherfolk across the region.

The boats, constructed by the Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL), will benefit fishermen across the major landing sites in the county.

Speaking during a courtesy call by Edward Omol of Kenya

Shipyards Limited (KSL) and Lakefront Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Paul Njenja at his Town Hall office, Nyong'o lauded the development as a crucial step toward ending the needless loss of life caused by unsafe softwood boats.

"Far too many lives are lost annually due to the use of unsafe softwood boats. This initiative is a crucial step towards eliminating these tragedies and ensuring our community members can earn a livelihood without risking their lives," the Governor



Artisanal fishing Fibre Boats constructed at the Kenya Shipyards Limited Kisumu. The County government plans to deploy them at major beaches in the area to enhance safety and boost blue economy.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS MAHANDARA.

said. Using wood to make boats, he said, was unsustainable, adding that fibre is the way to go to enhance safety in the lake.

The five artisanal boats will be distributed to fisherfolk in Kisumu Central, Seme, Kisumu West, Nyakach, and Kadibo Sub-Counties.

The strategic landing sites for the new boats include Kichinjio Beach (Kisumu Central), Nanga Beach (Seme), Rota Beach (Kisumu West), Kogura Beach (Nyakach), and Nyamware Beach (Kadibo).

The sixth vessel, a patrol boat, will be assigned to the Directorate of Fisheries for monitoring and surveillance activities on Lake Victoria.

Each of the boats, he said, is powered by 25 to 40 horsepower engines and is fully fitted with safety equipment including life jackets, flares, and other safety gear.

He added that the boats also come equipped with cooler boxes capable of storing up to 500 kilograms of fish, ensuring freshness and reducing post-harvest losses.

Governor Nyong'o praised the workmanship and timely delivery by Kenya Shipyards Limited, saying Kisumu is now "charting a new course towards safer waters, stronger communities, and a thriving blue economy that benefits everyone."

Kisumu to host 'Jumuiya' Market in push for stronger EAC trade

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

Plans are underway to establish a 'Jumuiya' market in Kisumu County to boost trade within the East African Community (EAC). Principal Secretary for East African Community Affairs, Dr. Carolyn Karugu, said the initiative targets the region's 130 million consumers, positioning Kisumu as a gateway to the region's growing trade opportunities.

Dr. Karugu noted that the EAC currently accounts for 29 percent of Kenya's total trade, making it the country's largest trading bloc.

"Our mandate is to broaden this trade space so that we are not limited to markets in China and Europe, while we have a readily accessible market here

in East Africa," she added.

The project's first phase, which is already underway, she said, entails a feasibility and market assessment study to identify viable products, trade volumes, and preferred markets across the region.

"We are initiating a feasibility study and market assessment today. Within about a month, we should be ready with the findings," she said.

The PS described Kisumu as a strategic choice for the pilot phase of the initiative, citing its connectivity by road, lake and air, and its historical role in regional commerce.

"Kisumu is accessible by road, air and water. It is linked to Uganda and Tanzania through Lake Victoria and is poised to become the Dubai of East Africa," Dr. Karugu added.

Jumuiya Market, as has been christened, she stated, will be integrated with Kisumu's Aggregation and Industrial Parks to create a seamless supply chain for locally processed products reaching regional markets.

Dr. Karugu mentioned that the initiative aims to build trader capacity through training on cross-border trade protocols, including the EAC Treaty, rules of origin, and market requirements.

The identified traders will be trained and facilitated to travel to key cities across the region including Dar es Salaam, Kigali and Kinshasa for exposure and networking with their counterparts.

"This will open them to new trading opportunities and enable them to venture into value addition and development of



Principal Secretary (PS) for East African Community Affairs Dr. Carolyn Karugu.

market-specific products," she said.

The PS clarified that the project does not necessarily involve building new markets, adding that the feasibility study will assess whether existing markets such as Kibuye, Uhuru or Jubilee can host the Jumuiya Market operations.

Treasury CS Mbadi unveils reforms to stabilize and grow economy

BY GEORGE GERISH AND VICTOR KIPLAGAT, KNA

The Government is fully supporting the petroleum sector through comprehensive fiscal and structural reforms.

Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning, John Mbadi, said the reforms aim to stabilize and grow the economy. Addressing key stakeholders in the petroleum industry during the second quarter 2025 briefing organized

by the Petroleum Institute of East Africa (PIEA), the CS applauded petroleum stakeholders for their role in job creation and Kenya's economic growth.

He noted that PIEA's contributions have significantly shaped Kenya's employment landscape, tax base, and regional capacity in oil and gas.

Mbadi stated that Kenya's economy has demonstrated resilience, recording an average growth rate of 5.2 percent between 2023 and 2024—

outpacing both the global average of 3.3 percent and Sub-Saharan Africa's 3.8 percent.

He attributed this performance to deliberate policy choices and a diversified economic base. However, he cautioned that external shocks, fiscal constraints, and structural weaknesses in the real economy continue to pose risks to economic stability. Further, the CS cited global conflicts and pandemics as triggers for rising inflation and sup-



Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning John Mbadi speaking during the second quarter 2025 of the Oil and Gas industry briefing organized by the Petroleum Institute of East Africa in Nairobi

ply shortages, which have driven up the cost of essential commodities such as fuel, edible oils, and fertilisers.

"Domestically, the country is grappling with a shrinking fiscal space as the public debt ratio reaches 69.7 per cent of GDP (Gross Domestic Product)," Mbadi observed. Additionally, he highlighted that interest payments had overtaken all other recurrent expenditures, including the national wage bill.



KWS LAUNCHES 20 NATIONWIDE FORUMS ON PROPOSED PARK FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Stakeholders Invited to Shape New Conservation Funding Model for Protected Areas

Nairobi – 17th July 2025: The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), under the guidance of the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, has announced a comprehensive public participation exercise on proposed adjustments to park entry and conservation fees.

The exercise will feature 20 in-person forums across the country, running from July 29 to August 8, 2025, in a major step toward strengthening Kenya's conservation financing framework.

The consultations are anchored in the draft Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025, and an accompanying Regulatory Impact Statement. These instruments propose a review of conservation fees for entry into national parks, reserves, marine parks, and sanctuaries, marking the first major fee overhaul since 2007.

"These consultations represent our commitment to inclusive decision-making," said Prof. Erustus Kanga, Director General of KWS. "We particularly want to hear from communities living near wildlife areas, tour operators, conservationists, and the Kenyan public. Every voice matters in shaping the future of our parks."

Why the Fee Review Matters

Kenya's current conservation financing model is heavily reliant on tourism revenue, which makes up nearly 90% of KWS's internal income. However, challenges such as inflation, climate change, human-wildlife conflict, and revenue volatility have exposed major sustainability gaps.

Key facts driving the review:

- 72% of KWS's annual budget is spent on personnel costs, leaving little room for infrastructure development, wildlife security, and habitat restoration.
- The last review of conservation fees was in 2007, despite a decade of rising operational costs.
- Development spending, including ranger housing, vehicle acquisition, fencing, and surveillance infrastructure, accounts for only 10% of the total budget.
- Top five parks (Amboseli, Lake Nakuru, Nairobi, Tsavo East, and Tsavo West) contribute 73% of all park revenue, subsidizing over 150 field stations and conflict response units.

"We're not just adjusting numbers—we are recalibrating a system to ensure Kenya's wildlife heritage thrives for generations," Prof. Kanga emphasized.

Public Participation Schedule

KWS will host simultaneous public forums across key counties as follows:

July 29, 2025

- Tom Mboya University Hall – Homa Bay
- Hola Primary School – Hola
- Marsabit National Park Museum Hall – Marsabit

July 30, 2025

- Tom Mboya Hall – Kisumu
- Imenti North CDF Hall – Meru
- Mwanarafa Hall – Lamu

July 31, 2025

- Kitale Polytechnic Hall – Kitale
- Chogoria Social Hall – Chogoria
- Turtle Bay Beach Club Hotel – Watamu, Kilifi

August 1, 2025

- Uasin Gishu County Hall – Eldoret
- Nanyuki CDF Hall – Nanyuki
- Mombasa Beach Hotel – Mombasa

August 4, 2025

- Nakuru County Hall – Nakuru
- Kenya School of Government – Embu
- County Social Hall, Bongwe – Ukunda

August 5, 2025

- Machakos University Hall – Machakos
- Nyeri Cultural Centre – Nyeri
- Dan Mwazo Hall – Voi

August 6, 2025

- Wote Green Park Social Hall – Wote

August 8, 2025

- Kenyatta International Convention Centre (Amphitheater) – Nairobi

Ways to Participate

In addition to physical forums, stakeholders can engage through the following channels:

1. Document Access

- Online:
 - www.kws.go.ke
 - www.tourism.go.ke
- Physical copies:
 - Available **free of charge** at all KWS-managed parks, stations, and sanctuaries countrywide

2. Written Submissions

- Email: rates@kws.go.ke
- Postal Address:

The Director General
Kenya Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 40241 – 00100
Nairobi, Kenya

Deadline for submissions: August 5, 2025

Anticipated Outcomes

The proposed changes will:

- Ensure financial sustainability of Kenya's conservation efforts
- Support improved infrastructure in parks and protected areas
- Enhance visitor experiences and safety
- Strengthen human-wildlife conflict response mechanisms
- Expand community benefit-sharing programs, especially in regions adjacent to protected areas

Next Steps After Consultation

Following the conclusion of the public participation process:

- All feedback will be analyzed and consolidated into a final report.
- The draft Regulations will be revised accordingly.
- A final version will be submitted to Parliament for review and approval.

#YourParkYourVoice #ConservationForPosterity #KWSFeesReview2025

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Head of Public Service urges civil servants to serve citizens diligently

BY JOYCE LUTOMIA (PCO)

A good civil service stands as the backbone of a just and prosperous society and places public interest at its core.

Head of Public Service Felix Koskei reiterated that good civil servants listen to the people they serve, seeking feedback and involving citizens in decision-making to ensure services meet real needs, saying good civil service is fair and inclusive.

"Services must be accessible and tailored to meet the needs of all, regardless of background, and that responsiveness is equally vital, problems must be addressed swiftly, efficiently, and thoughtfully," he said.

He was speaking during the Advanced Project Monitoring and Evaluation (APME) Workshop for Executives in the Oil and Gas Industry facilitated by the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI).

Koskei said monitoring and evaluation are not just technical processes; they are governance functions. They are the lenses through which the Civil Service validates performance, tests assumptions, refining policy, and responds to emerging challenges.

"As the Head of Public Service, I view monitoring and evaluation not as administrative formalities, but as strategic imperatives that inform public value and policy relevance. Across the government, we must elevate M and E from a compliance exercise to a central pillar of how we design, implement, and assess our programmes. In the petro-

leum industry, this shift is particularly urgent," he said.

The Head of Public Service added that the discovery and exploitation of petroleum resources must go hand-in-hand with mechanisms that guarantee accountability, foster inclusiveness, and safeguard the environment.

He said the State Department for Petroleum is at the heart of Kenya's economic modernization strategy as it oversees the South Lokichar oil field development and supporting the expansion of national LPG usage and ensuring stable fuel supply and attracting upstream investment.

"These programmes must be executed with integrity, efficiency, and measurable impact. That can only be achieved through the kind of advanced monitoring and evaluation competencies you are here to develop," Koskei said.

State Department for Petroleum Principal Secretary Mohamed Liban on his part urged government officials to continue enhancing their skills through training programmes to boost efficient service delivery to citizens.

The State Department has implemented policy measures and legal frameworks to ensure sustainable growth of the oil and gas sector and encourage investors. Our commitment to transparency, efficiency, and fostering public and investor confidence remains unwavering, underscoring our dedication to continuous human resource development," PS Liban said.

Kenya's petroleum industry, both the upstream and downstream sectors, are

recording significant developments. In the upstream sector, the government has ranked 50 exploration blocks based on their potential, aligning with global best practices to attract new investments.

Kenya has made oil discoveries in the South Lokichar basin (2012) and natural gas discoveries in Block 9 (Anza basin) and offshore Lamu.

PS Liban said the government is actively bringing in investment partners to fast-track these discoveries, particularly getting South Lokichar to the production phase.

He said having secured a strategic partner for the South Lokichar discoveries, the government is finalizing ambitious upstream regulatory frameworks to attract and maintain investment confidence, aiming for a robust regulatory regime for the sector.

In the downstream sector, the government has tapped the Government-to-Government (G-to-G) initiative for bulk petroleum product importation to allow Kenya's oil marketers to trade in Kenya shillings.

This will significantly contribute to the stability of the Kenyan shilling against the US dollar by freeing up dollars for other sectors and curbing market speculation.

The PS said the government has removed VAT on imported Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to promote its adoption.

"To achieve 100 per cent access to clean cooking by 2028, we are investing in large-scale LPG adoption through multi-faceted strategies addressing the entire value chain," he said.



Head of Public Service Felix Koskei speaking during the Advanced Project Monitoring and Evaluation (APME) Workshop for Executives in the Oil and Gas Industry.

President launches Sh1b leather park in Narok to spur manufacturing



Mr Kiraye Michael, an Institutional capacity Development Expert at the African Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) trains traders and entrepreneurs on Leather Cluster development.

BY GLORIA GICHERU,KNA

Kenya's leather value chain remains largely unexploited despite the growing demand for high-quality leather in the fashion, furniture, and footwear industries.

This demand—spanning the supply of hides and tanned leather—is undermined by the prevalence of low-quality hides, despite the country's competitive advantage of a large livestock population.

To build the capacity of entrepreneurs and traders in the leather and leather products sector, the government plans to organize players into groups in key counties such as Wajir, Narok, and Isiolo to enhance value addition.

"Individual entrepreneurs in the leather industry continuously face numerous challenges, including limited access to finance, a weak entrepreneurial culture, business regulatory constraints, and limited market access.

"Being in a leather cooperative will give entrepreneurs an opportunity to benefit from policy advocacy, national representation, capacity building, and coordination with ministries and financial partners," noted Kiraye Michael, an institutional capacity development and consultancy expert at the Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI).

Kiraye emphasized the importance of cooperatives, saying: "Groups promote a structured way of engaging with the government and development partners while respecting the autonomy of cooperatives.

"They also enhance access to finance and markets through aggregated service delivery, and help build a resilient and integrated leather value chain," he added.

The expert, who spoke during a one-week workshop at a Nairobi hotel, noted that the training was aimed at equipping leather entrepreneurs on formation and management of business cooperatives.

The training, which is a collaborative effort between the State Departments for Industry, Cooperatives and Trade, is being undertaken by the ALLPI.

"The government is committed to building a vibrant and sustainable leather industry that supports livelihoods, drives exports, and positions Kenya on the global leather map," said Peter Wanjohi, Deputy Commissioner for Cooperatives Development.

The traders and entrepreneurs appreciated the government's efforts to mainstream the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and support their growth through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"We are struggling with unethical traders who make corrupt deals especially with the raw material producers, thus affecting market prices and leaving us with zero profits," said John Ngonjo, an entrepreneur from Dagoretti, Nairobi County.

"Being in a co-operative will provide a platform and capacity to access legal assistance to deal with such traders because they are member-centric in nature," he added.

Jackline Mutune, founder and CEO of Thonge Leather, said the biggest challenge the traders face is fluctuation of prices owing to lack of formal structures that mitigate unfairness in raw materials.

"Lack of skilled personnel also limits the quality of output in the sector," she added.

President William Ruto while commissioning the Ewaso Ng'iro Tannery and Leather factory Narok noted that development of leather development parks was meant to boost Kenya's leather industry through local processing and value addition, further reducing reliance on imported leather goods.

The government has injected Sh1 billion for the expansion of the Ewaso Ng'iro tannery and leather factory in Narok County. President Ruto said players will be capacity build and equipped with the right tools to ensure that the quality of the leather produced from the abattoirs meet the international standards.

The tannery has a processing capacity of 2.4 million tons annually and the boost to the tannery would go a long way in reducing Kenya's reliance on imported leather goods and spur economy growth through job opportunities in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS) regions.



Water Resources Authority (WRA)



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 Basin offices between 8 am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

NO.	FILE NO	APPLICANT	WATER BODY	SUB-BASIN	L/R NO.	PERMIT CLASS	INTENDED WATER USE	TOTAL AMOUNT APPLIED FOR [M3/DAY]	NEAREST MARKET CENTRE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	DISTRICT	SW, GW, ED
1.	WRA/30/LTK/3G/11436/S	OLMUMUNYI IRRIGATION SCHEME	NGARELEN RIVER	LOITOKITOK	B/406	C	COMMERCIAL	310.8000	ROMBO	ROMBO	ROMBO	LOITOKITOK	SW
2.	WRA/20/NAR/2H/11311/S	EWASO WATER PROJECT	KITILIKINI STREAM TRIBUTARY OF EWASO KEDONG	NAROK	Public Land	D	DOMESTIC	120	EWASO	EWASO	KEEKONYOKIE NORTH	KAJIADO WEST	SW
3.	WRA/30/MSA/3LA/15007 /S	Devki Steel Mills Limited	Basement Athi	MOMBASA	Taita Taveta/Mbulia Group Ranch/11	C	INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL	500	MAUNGU	MANGA	MARUNGU	VOI	SW
4.	WRA/30/MSA/3HC/14999/S	NYUMBA FOUNDATION	GALANA RIVER	MOMBASA	Galan Ranch Block 1/1	D	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	100.197	GALANA RANCH	MATOLANI CHAKAMA	CHAKA MA	LANGO-BAYA	SW
5.	WRA/30/MSA/3HC/15031/S	GIRAFFE BIOENERGY LIMITED	GALANA RIVER	MOMBASA		C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	900	DODOSA	BARICHO BUNGAL	MAGARINI	KILIFI	SW
6.	WRA/11/ELD/ICB/11683/S	OMEGA BLOOMS LIMITED	ELGERIN RIVER	ELDORET	10103/3	D	SUBSISTENCE IRRIGATION	4000	KONGASIS	KONGASIS	KAPTAGAT	AINABKOI	SW
7.	WRA/30/NRB/3BA/27175/G	AGAKHAN University Hospital	NAIROBI SUITE	NAIROBI	209/19726	C	DOMESTIC	200	HIGHRIDGE	HIGHRIDGE	HIGHRIDGE	WEST-LANDS	GW
8.	WRA/50/ISL/5DA/11316/S	JANGWANI ROSE PLC COMPANY	ISIOLI RIVER	ISIOLI	8092	C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	170	MAILI SABA	MAILI SABA	KITHIMA	MERU	SW
9.	WRA/50/ISL/5DA/11378/S	TIMAFLO FLOWER FARM (TIMA SEVEN)	NGARE NYTHING RIVER	ISIOLI	42125/12	C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	170	KISIMA	KISIMA	KISIMA	MERU	SW
10.	WRA/50/ISL/5DA/11585/G	NAWIRI CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INSTITUTION	BASEMENT	ISIOLI	Arches Post Plot No 4.1	C	DOMESTIC	20	ARCHERS POST TRADING CENTRE	ARCHERS POST TRADING CENTRE	WASOE-AST	SAMBURU	GW
11.	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13750/S	FLORAPURA PLC	LAKE NAIVASHA	NAIVASHA	28068/616/617/621	C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	450	KASARANI	MAELA	NDABIBI	NAIVASHA	SW
12.	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13707/G	QUADCO EIGHTY FIVE LIMITED	LAKE NAIVASHA	NAIVASHA	429	D	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	2,0000	MANERA	MANERA	MALEWA	NAIVASHA	GW
13.	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13704/G	MARULA ESTATES LTD	LAKE NAIVASHA	NAIVASHA	11367	D	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	3600	MUNADA	MANERA	MALEWA	NAIVASHA	GW
14.	WRA/30/NRB/3AA/27327/G	MARGARET NJERI KAIRO	NAIROBI SUITES	NAIROBI	Kjd/Oloosirikon/Kitengela/101	C	PUBLIC	200	TUALA	OLOO-SIRKON	ISINYA	ISINYA	GW
15.	WRA/30/NRB/3BA/27326/G	MARGARET NJERI KAIRO	NAIROBI SUITES	NAIROBI	57884	C	PUBLIC	147	KASARANI	KASARANI	KASARANI	KASARANI	GW
16.	WRA/11/KTL/1DD/11574/S	ANZANA ELECTRIC (KENYA) LIMITED	SOSSIO RIVER	KITALE	Elgon/Chemoge/196/183/840	D	HYDRO POWER	146880	KAPTAMA	CHEMOGE	CHEMOGE	MOUNT ELGON	SW
17.	WRA/11/KTL/1DD/11575/S	MIDDLE NZOIA HYDRO POWER LIMITED	NZOIA RIVER	KITALE	Bungoma/Kabisi/64, 97 & 203	D	HYDRO POWER	2306880	KIBISI	KIBISI	MBAKALO	BUNGOMA NORTH	SW

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MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION



AMMENDED DISCLOSURE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE THUCI DAM PROJECT PPP PROJECT IN EMBU COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF KENYA

A. BACKGROUND:

The State Department for irrigation established vide Executive Order No.2 of 2023 with the mandate of National Irrigation Policy and Management; Water Harvesting and Storage for Irrigation; Management of Irrigation Schemes; Water Storage and Flood Control Management; Mapping, Designation and Developing Areas Ideal for Irrigation Schemes; Development of Irrigation Infrastructure and Land Reclamation for food security in Kenya. As part of its mandate, the State Department is desirous to implement the Thuci dam project in Embu and Tharaka Nithi Counties.

The objective of the dam project is to provide reliable irrigation water supply by conserving water during the rainy seasons and release it for irrigation purposes. It shall support the existing farmers 16,500 acres (6,600ha) of irrigation land in Runyenjes Constituency and 11,000 acres (4400ha) in Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency adoption efficient irrigation systems. Other goals are to supply domestic water (treated water) to the nearby residents of both Tharaka –Nithi and Embu counties as well as to generate hydropower. All the technical designs, socio-cultural and Economic studies together with the Environmental-Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in fulfilment of the requirements of the Environmental Management & Coordination Act of 1999 (EMCA), 1999 and Environmental management and coordination (EIA and EA) Regulations, 2003 have been carried out.

The project had been proposed for implementation under the Engineering, Procurement, Construction plus Finance (EPC-F) model however it could not progress due to change in policy and limited fiscal space for capital investments.

Following the Presidential directive on implementation of 100 dams under the PPP framework, there is an opportunity to implement the project.

The PPP Act 2021 allows the private sector to participate in the design, financing, construction, equipping, operations and maintenance and transfer of infrastructure. Section 25 (1) enables a national government contracting authority to prepare a list of projects that it intends to undertake on a priority basis under the Act and submitted to the Directorate for approval.

1.1 Statement of the Problem:

The proposed Thuci dam on River Thuci is expected to conserve water during the rains and release it for irrigation purposes during the dry months of the year. It shall support 6,600ha of irrigation land in Kaagari-Gaturi Irrigation project area and beyond in and a further 4,400 ha on contract farming to be established in Mugomoni and Igamba Ngombe in Tharaka Nithi County. Currently, with the water stress exhibited in the irrigation scheme catchment, the run of the river flow can only support 900ha of subsistence irrigation farming. The farming system practiced in the project area is household production system whereby individual farmers manage their farms with major crops within the project area categorized as; food crops, industrial crops and horticultural crops. To tap the full potential, as provided in statutes, there is need to provide a water storage facility, promote enhanced agricultural production and value addition to the harvest as poor prices and waste is witnessed during high yields as there is no ready market for all the produce. In this regard, the project will have a second component as Phase 2 to provide the value addition needs as described in these studies.

1.2 Prerequisite Conditions:

The proposed Dam project is contained in the country's vision blueprint of Kenya Vision 2030 as it supports the food security Agenda and value addition through agroindustry. Section 25(2) and 66(2) of the PPP Act, 2021 requires that a Contracting Authority only submit a project, which is part of the national development agenda. This is and within its legal mandate and the Kenya government ambition to construct 100 Dams and other water facilities across the Country.

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in Kenya is mandated to provide for the development, management and regulation of irrigation, to support sustainable food security and socio-economic development in Kenya. The Ministry operates within the framework of the Irrigation Act Cap 347 and aims to ensure that water resources are developed, managed, regulated, protected, and equitably allocated.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Item	Description
1. Project Name:	Thuci Dam
2. Contracting Authority:	State Department for Irrigation, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation.
3. Project Location:	Runyenjes Constituency in Embu County and Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency in Tharaka Nithi County.
4. Project Description	<p>The main objective of the project is to design a water reservoir to hold water during the rains and release it during the drought to irrigate 6,600ha, of land in Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi Irrigation schemes in including Irari, Kanyuambora among others in Embu County and also increase reliability of irrigation water in Chuka Igambang'ombe irrigation schemes comprising of Magumoni, Thuita, Mukuuni, Magenka, Kavando, Thuci range, Itugururu, Kamaindi- gitogo, Mwenderi Thuci range, among others to cover 4,400ha in Tharaka Nithi County. This will meet irrigation, domestic, institutional and commercial and aqua farming demands. Through the construction of Thuchi Dam, the investors aim to harness, conserve, control and utilize the waters of Thuchi River for provision of water storage and to supply irrigation water.</p> <p>The amount of water required to effectively support the 11,000 ha was estimated in consideration of the crop, weather and irrigation areas of various climatic zones of the project as well as adopting efficient irrigation systems such as drip irrigation. The water demand for the proposed project is categorized into the; rural domestic water demand, urban domestic water demand, commercial water demand, and institutional water demand.</p>

Item	Description
Project Description	On the proposed main dam site, the dam shall be constructed to provide irrigation requirement for a drought with a return period of 1 in 5 years. From the analysis done of demand and available water in the river at the proposed dam site, it was realized that the proposed dam site will have a capacity to hold 23 million m ³ of water with an estimated production of 80 million m ³ annually.
5. Project Need/Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Thuci dam is expected to supply all water demands in its designated command area within the confines of Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi project in Embu County and in Chuka Igambang'ombe irrigation schemes in Tharaka Nithi County. These demands shall include irrigation, domestic, institutional and commercial and aqua farming demands. The water demand for the proposed project is anticipated to be useful to various beneficiaries as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural domestic Water, Urban domestic Water, Commercial Water, and Institutional Water 149,000 m³/day of water was determined for both Irrigation and domestic demand for the project area. The total estimated yearly water demand is 54,620,742 m³/year, which is an average of 149,500 m³/day. However, the dam shall be designed to cater demand of 262,000 m³/day to accommodate the demand during the dry months. Major benefits that will accrue to farmers when the project is implemented include increased yields from irrigated crops, additional production of crops that are currently not produced and improved Gross Margins and net farm incomes. With the implementation of the project, farmers will also realize increase in incomes both at the farm level and at the scheme level. High incomes will be as a result of increased production and better marketing arrangements. For the project to remain viable at the dam Option the farmers should be encouraged to produce high value crops. Other major benefits that farmers will get include; Higher cropping intensity, Growing high value crop such as tomatoes, passion fruits, water melon, etc. Additional irrigation area from the current 900ha to 11,000 ha to satisfy the agroindustry and Biomass power plant raw material supply needs. Domestic water supply for the communities living nearby Tourism attraction Fishing Water sporting
6. Project Output Specifications and Performance Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide irrigation water for 11,000ha of land in Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi project in Embu County and in Chuka Igambang'ombe irrigation schemes in Tharaka Nithi County. It is along Thuci River in Embu County. The initial works will be to renovate the Weir (Small dam 5mt high in the Mt. Kenya Forest to serve farmers on higher altitudes that will not be reached by the main Dam water supply. Main Dam is 84 m high rock fill dam with a storage capacity of 23 MCM (million cubic meters).Recharge Dam is 60 m high rock fill dam with storage capacity of 20 MCM (million cubic meters). 149,500 m³/day of domestic water to serve a projected ultimate water demand by 2065. The Power Plant generating 14,483 GWh per year.
7. Project Duration:	A maximum of Thirty (30) Years as provided for under the PPP Act, 2021. (The final Term shall be as determined in the evaluation and negotiations culminating in the Project Agreement to be signed by the Parties.)
8. Legal Aspects	A comprehensive legal and regulatory framework has been put in place by way of the Public Private Partnership Act, 2013 and the Public Private Partnerships Regulations, 2014. The Act provides for the participation of private sector in the financing, construction, development, operation and maintenance of infrastructure through a range of contractual arrangements. In addition, the act provides for the establishment of the PPP Committee as an oversight body and PPP unit as the technical arm of the PPP Committee. The PPP Unit provides technical, financial and legal expertise to the PPP Committee and various Contracting Authorities at both National and County levels of Government in the structuring and implementation of PPP Projects.



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION



AMMENDED DISCLOSURE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE THUCI DAM PROJECT PPP PROJECT IN EMBU COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Item	Description
9.	<p>Payment Mechanism</p> <p>Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bulk water supply tariff - hydro power tariff <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourist resort revenue - Carbon credit revenue - Agro-industry revenue - Biomass Power Plant revenue
10.	<p>PPP Delivery Model</p> <p>DBFOMT model. Under this model, the private sector partner will be responsible for the design, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of the infrastructure and associated facilities for a defined period of 30 years, after which the infrastructure will be transferred to the public sector.</p>
11.	<p>Environmental and Social Aspects</p> <p>A full ESIA study was conducted at the proposed dam location and in the vicinity to identify the positive and negative effects to the environmental and society caused by the development of this dam. Resettlement action planning is a necessity for the project</p> <p>According to the ESIA, the project will bring a number of important positive socio-economic impacts such as; power generation, irrigation, water supply and upgrading of roads, Improved local trade. Moreover, during the construction period employment for local community will increase and the possibility of job skills improvement for young people.</p> <p>The ESIA identified and assessed several impacts on different environmental elements, for each one mitigative measure has been proposed in order to reduce or eliminate the negative effects. The impacts with a high magnitude include: change in hydrological patterns, impeded faunal movement, alteration of aquatic and fish ecology, clearance of vegetation and reduced water regimes.</p> <p>The Environmental Management Plan will ensure that the negative impacts can be controlled and mitigated effectively. Negative impacts of the project are largely compensated by the mitigate and compensatory measures, particularly taking into consideration the large socio-economic benefits that will be obtained by the dam.</p> <p>Environmental Management & Coordination Act of 1999 (EMCA) calls for Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) (under Section 58) to guide the implementation of environmentally sound decisions and empowers stakeholders to participate in sustainable management of the natural resources. Projects likely to cause environmental impacts require that an environmental impact assessment study to be carried out. It is under this provision that the study on Environment and Social Considerations has been undertaken. A report has been prepared for submission to the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). Study approach & methodology adopted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening and scoping to determine the extent of the project; • Desktop data search and analysis for the baseline bio-physical; • Social environmental parameters of the project area; • Project design approaches to be used; and • Multi-faceted public consultation process which included interviews. • Mitigations have been proposed for the identified negative impacts that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise & Vibrations; • Air quality; • Water quality; • Waste management; • Terrestrial & Aquatic Ecology; and Cultural
12.	<p>The National Irrigation Authority (NIA)</p> <p>Provide irrigation support services including technical advisory services in design, administration, operation and maintenance under appropriate modalities</p> <p>Embu & Tharaka Nithi Country Governments Role in the project areas:</p> <p>The County governments will collaborate with the National Authority to provide capacity building for farmers and support establishment of viable farmer organizations, Irrigation Water Users Associations (IWUAs) to develop and manage irrigation schemes including actively participating in conflicts resolution within irrigation schemes. The County governments will further assist in setting up measures to implement adaptation and mitigation to climate change, and enhance sustainable environmental management to actual the carbon credits initiative.</p> <p>Irrigation Water Users' Associations (WUAs)</p> <p>The Irrigation Water Users Associations (IWUAs) will have full responsibility for water supply and distribution, as well as operation and maintenance activities, produce marketing, and linkages. The association will also provide farmers with the chance to be involved in the process of irrigation management.</p>

12	<p>Stakeholder Mapping</p>	<p>Community/Farmers:</p> <p>The community, farmers and land owners, who are the key beneficiaries of the project are expected to create awareness among general public on the importance of the project, provide security, engage environmental initiatives in tree planting, prepare themselves to enter into contract farming with the investors as community based organizations (CBOs), engage in trading as the local private sector alliance (traders, cooperative societies /farmer organizations) and provide labour force as construction site and factory workers.</p> <p>They will be involved in production support initiatives such as; input supply, agricultural credit, land preparation, agricultural extension, post-harvest handling/storage, processing and marketing services.</p> <p>The County governments will sign cooperative agreements with the investor on management of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) to be delivered to the Biomass power plant location.</p> <p>The National Treasury</p> <p>Mobilize and allocate public financial resources for implementation of the as the public representative in this PPP partnership, issue project approvals, guarantee and all contractual agreements required by the proponent for mobilization of private capital for PPP projects.</p>
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C: DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON THE SUBMISSION OF PRIVATELY-INITIATED PROPOSALS MINISTRY OF WATER SANITATION & IRRIGATION:

The Proponents namely, the Consortium of Elevolution Engenharia SA (Elevo group - Portugal) and Weihai international Economic & Technical Corporation (WIETC-China) have submitted Thuci Dam Project proposal to be developed at Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi project in Embu County and in Igamba Ngombe irrigation schemes in Tharaka Nithi County in two phases;

- Phase 1:** a) Dam construction & Hydro power generation.
b) Irrigation network

- Phase 2:** Value Addition Developments
a) Tourist Resort
b) Carbon Credits Initiative
c) Agro-industrial Park
d) Biomass Energy Plant

The Privately Initiated Proposals will be subjected to the PPP procurement process which entails: evaluation of proposals, project development activities, evaluation of the project development report, negotiations and drafting of the project agreement, stakeholder engagements and finally obtaining requisite approvals required under the PPP Act, 2021. Having undertaken the above processes, the PPP Committee will render its decision to the Ministry of Water Sanitation & Irrigation in accordance with the Act. The Ministry of Water Sanitation will abide by the provisions of Section 69 of the PPP Act which requires a Contracting Authority (CA) to publish information relating to the projects upon award. This will be disclosed at the appropriate time upon conclusion of the statutory processes.

E: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Project Implementation Proposal (PIP) was received by the Contracting Authority on 26th May, 2025 any other private party interested in submitting a similar proposal for the project should express their interest to the Contracting Authority within 21 days from the date of the notice.

In line with the provisions of the PPP Act, 2021, the Circular dated **24th April 2025** on Public Disclosure Requirements on PIPs and in line with Government of Kenya's desire for transparency in all its initiatives, this disclosure has been made to notify members of the public of the Privately-Initiated Proposals (PIPs) submitted by Proponents; the Consortium of Elevolution Engenharia SA (Elevo group - Portugal) and Weihai international Economic & Technical Corporation (WIETC- China)

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Government courts Indian investors in pharma, agriculture and textile sectors

BY GLORIA GICHERU AND ANGELA OMONDI

Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana has urged investors from India and other nations to consider investing in Kenya's pharmaceutical, agricultural, and textile sectors.

Dr. Mukhwana, who attended the 5th India-Africa Entrepreneurship and Investment Summit in Nairobi, underscored the potential of these sectors. He noted that investors would benefit from trade agreements offering quota- and duty-free exports to the United Kingdom (UK), United Arab Emirates (UAE), China, and other global markets. These agreements would give investors a competitive edge in accessing markets for their products, thereby enhancing profit margins.

Citing Kenya as a gateway to Africa and beyond, Dr. Mukhwana said, "Kenya has ripe investment opportunities, especially in the pharmaceutical sector. It has been ranked as the second most advanced health system in Africa."

"With Kenya being the leading producer and exporter of avocado in Africa, there is great investment potential in this field," he added.

"The government is enhancing value chain through development of the County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPS) to bridge the gap between producers and manufacturers and prevent harvested produce wastage. This will enhance the quality and quantity of avocado exports," he said.



At the event was Bidco-Africa CEO, Mr Vimal Shah, who said investors should treat Africa as a long time investment partner. He emphasized the value of the existing trust with not only Kenya but also Africa at large.

"Africa is a safe space to invest," he added. Busisa Moyo, the CEO of United Refineries Zimbabwe, said Africa being a young continent is ready to welcome investors from all over the world.

He called upon stakeholders to join the rest of Africa to develop mutually-beneficial business partnerships. He said it is time to change the narrative and realize the investment potential



1. Industry PS, Dr. Juma Mukhwana addressing participants during the 5th -India-Africa Entrepreneurship & Investment Summit in Nairobi.

2. Dr. Juma Mukhwana with investors at the 5th -India-Africa Entrepreneurship & Investment Summit in Nairobi.

African countries with technology, knowledge and support in healthcare and pharmaceutical.

"There is great value in developing healthy business ecosystems and trust networks," the Chairman, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, Ravi Venkatesan, said.

India is one of Africa's largest trading partners, providing

Kenya partners with Korea to boost rice seed production

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

Kenya is developing a seed system for rice production to bridge the current import deficit, which stands at 85 per cent.

The Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO), Dr. Eliud Kireger, said the organisation has partnered with the Korean government, which is supporting the initiative by providing certified, high-quality seeds.

Speaking during a one-day symposium on rice production in Nairobi, Dr. Kireger noted that rice consumption is rising, particularly among the younger generation, who are less inclined to eat ugali.

"We have developed some local varieties, but the Koreans have very good quality and high-yielding rice varieties. We are currently testing these varieties before introducing them to Kenya," he said.

He added that the development of a facility in KALRO



From left, Mr. Hyung-shik Kang, The Korean Ambassador, KALRO Director General Dr. Eliud Kireger, and Dr. Eunha Yoo, Director, Division for KOPIA, RDA.

Mwea will enable production of certified seeds for the farmers not only for Mwea but for other areas at the Coast, Ahero, and Nyanza. "The key thing here today is to concentrate on how we can empower our farmers to increase their production from the current 2.5 to 3 tons per hectare to 4.5-5, up to 7 hectares," he added.

Dr. Kireger said the Korean government is supporting KALRO in infrastructure and

seed production, cleaning, and seed storage. "We are also investing in research to produce quality certified seeds. Bringing in several varieties for trials here. Looking at which one performs best, it adopts it and produces it for the farmers," he said. Korean Ambassador to Kenya, Hyung-Shik Kang, said the cooperation between the two countries dates back to 60 years, a major milestone in bilateral relations, especially

cooperation in the agriculture sector. "This important symposium on improving the rice seed production system in Africa is very necessary because in Africa, the agricultural sector has a very important role, accounting for more than 40 per cent of employment," he said.

Kyung-Shik said the two projects, namely the K-Rice Belt to enhance food production and address the food shortage crisis, also account for the seed production system complex.

He said the K-Rice project will be expanded in the future to contribute to addressing food shortages, especially rice shortage problems. He said there is a huge potential for more collaboration between the two nations in areas of trade and investment.

"The Korean companies are seeking to explore opportunities in the agricultural sector and the food processing manufacturing, and I want to promote more business opportunities to Kenya, which is a very favorable investment environment," Kyung-Shik said.

Weatherman advocates for collaboration to mitigate on adverse weather

BY JACOB SONGOK, KNA

The Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) has urged stakeholders to strengthen collaboration in order to effectively mitigate the impacts of extreme weather.

Speaking at a weather forecast workshop in Garissa, KMD Deputy Director Kennedy Thiong'o noted that the department has consistently shared its forecasts with relevant government agencies and humanitarian organizations to support timely planning and response to adverse weather conditions.

He emphasized that humanitarian organizations, including the Kenya Red Cross, in collaboration with farmers' representatives, government departments led by the National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs), and other relevant institutions, need to work closely to ensure the timely dissemination of weather information to affected communities.

According to the department, severe weather events in recent years has led to losses and wreaked havoc by destroying property and infrastructure, triggering major economic losses for communities in the affected regions.

Thiong'o noted that county-level officers interpreted weather forecasts for their specific jurisdictions and translated them into simplified language to effectively reach farmers and rural communities.

"The stakeholders use the media, especially the local FM radio stations that are popular among the rural folks to pass this information to allow for mitigation measures from relevant humanitarian organizations in coordination with the government," he said.

He added that the department also utilizes social media platforms such as WhatsApp groups to share localized weather forecasts interpreted by field officers, ensuring timely access to critical information.

Zakaria Misiani, a scientist from the Kenya Red Cross said early warnings on adverse weather enables the organization to prepare early and mobilize resources necessary for humanitarian assistance to the victims.

"As an organization we would want to minimize casualties and human suffering in the event of drought, floods or any other disaster.

Kenya to roll out new long-acting HIV prevention drug

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

Kenya is among nine countries selected to introduce Lenacapavir, a groundbreaking long-acting injectable antiretroviral medication for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), by January 2026.

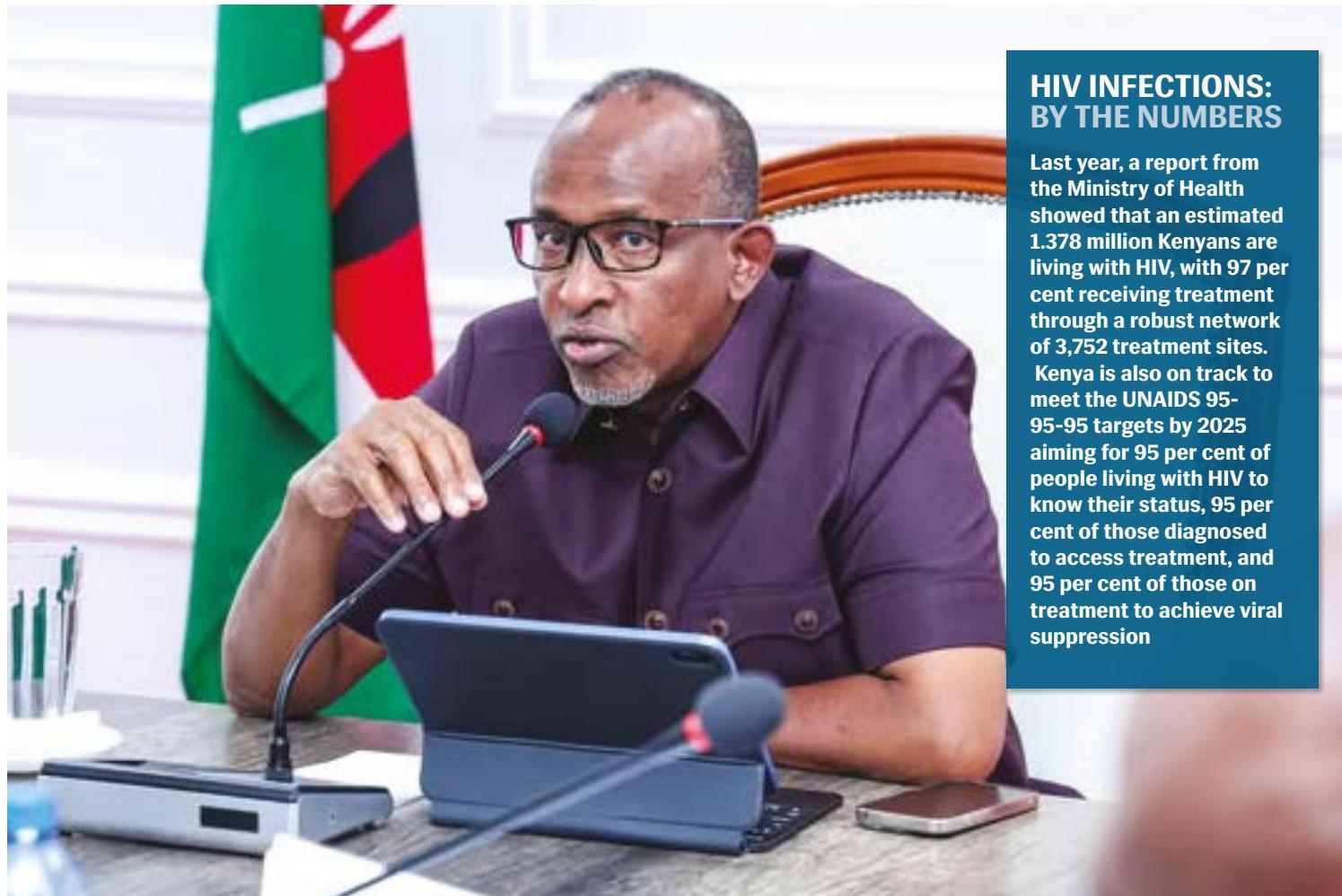
The other eight countries are Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Health Cabinet Secretary Adan Duale, in a statement, said the milestone underscores the government's collective commitment to expanding access to effective, discreet, and sustainable HIV prevention options across the region.

He added that with the current national HIV prevalence at 3.7 percent, 1.4 million people living with HIV, and a concerning 41 percent of new infections occurring among youth under 24 years, the urgency for impactful and tailored solutions is critical.

Lenacapavir received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in June 2025 and has been subsequently endorsed in the updated World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on long-acting HIV prevention, released in July 2025. Administered just twice a year, Lenacapavir represents a paradigm shift in HIV prevention, especially for populations vulnerable to stigma and adherence challenges.

Importantly, Lenacapavir will complement existing PrEP



Health Cabinet Secretary Adan Duale.

options, providing additional choices to meet diverse needs.

"It's integration into our national HIV response strategy reaffirms our commitment to equity, innovation, and community-led health solutions," the CS said, noting that the bi-

omedical breakthrough marks a significant milestone in Kenya's fight against HIV, offering individuals at substantial risk a highly effective and discreet alternative to daily oral PrEP.

Duale added that the Ministry of Health has already developed

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HIV INFECTIONS: BY THE NUMBERS

Last year, a report from the Ministry of Health showed that an estimated 1.378 million Kenyans are living with HIV, with 97 per cent receiving treatment through a robust network of 3,752 treatment sites. Kenya is also on track to meet the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets by 2025 aiming for 95 per cent of people living with HIV to know their status, 95 per cent of those diagnosed to access treatment, and 95 per cent of those on treatment to achieve viral suppression

an implementation plan and, through a consultative process with stakeholders, is finalizing national guidelines to facilitate a smooth scale-up.

"The Ministry of Health, through NASCOP and our partners, is actively working to ensure this innovative product is accessible to Kenyans by January 2026, and we remain committed to ensuring equitable access, strengthening community engagement, and integrating Lenacapavir into our national policies to reach priority populations effectively," the CS said.

The ministry, he added, is also mobilizing the necessary systems and resources to guarantee the timely availability of the life-changing intervention.

"We call upon all stakeholders to align efforts, enhance delivery platforms, and support this transformative journey as we forge a path towards a future free of HIV," Duale said.

He said Kenya has remained steadfast in its commitment to ending the HIV epidemic through innovative, people-centered approaches.

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King Fahd Hospital conducts first laparoscopic kidney cancer surgery in Lamu

BY MOHAMED HASSAN, KNA

King Fahd Hospital has successfully performed its first laparoscopic radical nephrectomy surgery — a minimally invasive procedure to remove a cancerous kidney.

In a groundbreaking milestone for healthcare in Lamu County, the Urology team led by Dr. Omar Bin Salman conducted the surgery on a 65-year-old patient diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma (cancer of the right kidney). The complex procedure was carried out in Lamu at a cost of just Sh180,000, fully covered under the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), making advanced medical care both accessible and affordable for local

residents. This medical breakthrough is the result of strategic investments by the Lamu County Government to upgrade healthcare infrastructure across the county.

Notably, the minimally invasive theatre at King Fahd Hospital—one of the first in the region—is now fully operational, enabling procedures that previously required referral to distant facilities.

Deputy Governor and Health CECM Dr. Mbarak M. Bahaj hailed the achievement as a significant step forward for the region's health sector.

"This is a proud moment for Lamu. It reflects the impact of deliberate investment in local capacity. Our people no longer have to travel far or spend heavily to access specialized treatment," Dr. Bahaj said.

He said the county government had heavily invested in upgrading its key health facilities in Faza, Witu, Mokwe and Mpeketoni.



Doctors and other medical team conducting a surgery on a 65-year-old patient diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma (cancer of the right kidney) at King Fahd Hospital in Lamu County.

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Government unveils guidelines to combat human trafficking

BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

The Government has unveiled guidelines to combat labour trafficking in the country.

According to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, the move underscores the growing concern of trafficking in persons (TiP) for purposes of labour exploitation as one of the most pervasive forms of human rights violation and serious crimes.

Mwadime said the guidelines will act as tools for Labour Officers and Occupational Safety and Health Officers and assist them to recognize and detect potential labour trafficking situations at the workplace.

Launching the guidelines in his office, the PS noted that labour inspection has largely remained underutilized in the

national anti-trafficking response, despite their potential to play a crucial preventive and protective role.

"The complex and evolving patterns of trafficking for labour exploitation have often been insufficiently addressed, particularly through the lens of workplace inspection and enforcement.

"It has therefore become evident that there is a critical need for formal guidance to support labour inspectors in identifying, responding to, and preventing labour trafficking," the PS observed. He said the guidelines recognize labour inspection services as crucial allies in combating trafficking in persons.

The PS reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to eradicating trafficking in persons and safeguarding vulnerable individuals from exploitation, saying labour



Labour Commissioner Ms. Hellen Apiyo, PS Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime, CIVIPOL National Coordinator Ms. Michelle Koiange and Secretary Directorate of Occupational safety & Health Dr. Musa Nyandusi at the Launch of Guidelines to address Trafficking in Persons.

officers are well placed to help in identifying and addressing labour trafficking.

"When inspecting the application of labour law in workplaces, labour inspectors should act as the eyes and ears for law enforcement and for victims at the places they visit and should provide assistance to presumed victims by cooperating in the investigation process conducted

by police and prosecutors," he said. The PS regretted that a lot of people from around the world, including Kenya, are being exploited by criminal groups

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through human trafficking, noting that forced labour is now the leading form of trafficking accounting for 42 per cent of all detected global trafficking cases in 2022, surpassing sexual exploitation.

"In Kenya, Labour trafficking accounted for 96 per cent in 2020 and 98.3 per cent in 2021," he said.

The guidelines were developed with assistance from CIVIPOL—a technical cooperation operator of the French Ministry of Interior within the framework of the Better Migration Management (BMM) Programme implementing partners and funded by the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

CIVIPOL National Project Coordinator, Ms. Michelle Koinange, Labour Commissioner Ms. Hellen Apiyo and Secretary, Directorate of Occupational Safety & Health, Dr. Musa Nyandusi attended the launch.

The PS called on all inspector teams to ensure effective use and implementation of the guidelines.



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State deploys inspectors nationwide to tackle child labour



BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has deployed Labour Inspectorate Officers across all 47 counties to monitor and enforce labour laws, including those related to child labour.

To further safeguard children from economic exploitation, the government has developed the National Policy on the Elimination of Child Labour, which provides a coordinated, multi-sectoral response framework to enhance the tracking, reporting, and response mechanisms at the community level for all matters related to child labour abuse.

Principal Secretary for La-

1. A child sends out clear message during commemoration to mark World Day Against Child Labour in Mombasa's Uwanja wa Mbizi grounds.

2. Secretary Administration State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Herman Shambi who represented PS for Labour Shadrack Mwadime at the commemoration.

bour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, acknowledged that child labour remains a significant challenge despite the government's commitment to eradicate it through the ratification and adoption of various



international conventions.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Secretary for Administration in the Department, Mr. Herman Shambi, during this year's commemoration of World Day Against Child Labour in Mombasa, the PS revealed that agriculture, tourism, domestic service, fishing, transport, and informal businesses are some of the high-risk sectors witnessing high incidences of child labour.

Recognizing that child labour is both a symptom and cause of poverty and inequality, the PS revealed that the government is in the process of reviewing labour laws to ensure alignment with international standards and respond to evolving labour dynamics and other issues in the world of work, with an aim of advancing social justice for all.

"Promotion and protection of human rights and labour rights is an indispensable pillar for sustainable development which should not be treated as a privilege but a universal entitlement inherent to every individual by virtue of their humanity," the PS noted.

The PS said human rights are enablers of sustainable development as they ensure inclusive, participatory and equitable development.

"Unfortunately, and despite significant progress globally, the world continues to witness persistent violations in the form of exploitative labour practices, discrimination, unsafe working conditions, and exclusion of vulnerable groups from decent work," he said.

The PS committed to ensuring that the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection remain steadfast in enforcing child labour laws, raising awareness, and supporting community-led protection systems.

"Let us create a Kenya where every child can learn, thrive, and pursue their dreams in safety and dignity," he said.

Over 400,000 Turkana residents to benefit from new mobile ID initiative

BY PETER GITONGA,
KNA

The Government has rolled out a new mobile identity card registration unit to ease the process of issuing national IDs. Speaking in Lodwar, Turkana County, during a Jukwala Usalama forum, Interior Cabinet Secretary Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen said the new technology will assist the over 400,000 people in the county who do not have IDs despite having attained the requisite age.

According to the CS, applicants will now be able to receive their cards within three to seven days after applying.

"The devices will be taken

to remote areas to ensure that every eligible person receives their card and can participate in the country's development," Murkomen said.

Denying deserving residents the issuance of the identity cards amounts to discrimination, the CS said, dismissing allegations that the move aims to shore up support for the government ahead of the 2027 General Election.

The promised to review the curfew hours affecting parts of Turkana South.

He was responding to concerns from the residents who claimed that the curfew had negatively affected their businesses.

The government declared a



Interior Cabinet Secretary Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen

6.00 pm to 6.00 am curfew as part of the operation 'maliza uhalifu' to restore security in parts of Kerio Valley.

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as a result of the curfew. We are asking the government to consider lifting the curfew now that we have security along the Kainu-Lodwar Road," Mohammed Ali said.

The CS said the curfew might be extended to 10.00 pm to 4.00am. The review will be done within three months, he said.

He, however, noted that the curfew has helped arrest cases of highway banditry.

The CS said the government is committed to addressing insecurity in Todonyang and Napeitom areas of Turkana North and East respectively.

He said a multi-agency security team would be deployed in Todonyang to protect the residents against external aggression.

He said the government has commenced reconstruction of schools that had been burnt down by bandits and that the remaining ones would be completed soon.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

CEOs strategise to boost job creation

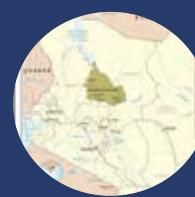
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JOBS

Public sector CEOs unite to accelerate youth employment

The Chief Executive Officers agree to align institutional efforts, enhance skills training and drive entrepreneurship opportunities for the youth



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Public sector CEOs have stepped up efforts to address youth unemployment crisis, mooting strategies to equip young people with skills, jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The CEOs, who met last week for the ExecutiveKE Caucus, in Nairobi emphasized the need for institutional synergy to support youth empowerment initiatives.

Discussions at the forum that brought together heads of State Corporations, Commissions and regulatory bodies, focused on enhancing access to affordable financing and training, improving national ethos and reforming education system to meet market demand.

For faster job creation, the Executives agreed to align their institutions' mandates to the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), riding on ongoing initiatives, including National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA), Climate Worx and Wazo.

Kenya National Shipping Line Managing Director Abdallah Hatimy said the sector has hundreds of opportunities, with the agency in need up to 5,000 seafarers for international placement every month.

"So far we have recruited about 16,000 seafarers. Our job is to link the available skills to the global market," he said.

He observed that ship owners prefer Kenyan workers because of their industry and good command of English.

"This is a reputation the country has built over the years. I am encouraging young people to get training and come for these jobs," he said.

However, Mr Hatimy raised concern about the declining ethos among young people, where lack of respect and destructiveness is being glorified.

Mr Geoffrey Monari, the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) CEO said the Government is committed to supporting more youth through unsecured education financing.

"Our model is built on trust. We believe in the potential of our young people and we're ready to walk with them in their education journeys, not banking on their current financial statuses, but on their future ability and integrity," he said.

HELB offers loans to students in universities, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions and those undertaking post-graduate courses.

Ms Immaculate Kassait, the Data Commissioner, Office of the Data Protection Commission (ODPC), said the Government is advancing Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) as a strategic sector.

INFOBOX Resolutions

- **Institutionalisation of youth mentorship and ethics transfer programmes.**
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- **Structured civic education**
- **Strengthen entrepreneurship to support the youth to start businesses**
- **National Youth Council to get support from CEOs on the various programmes they are implementing**

"We are pushing to entrench BPO; India is a huge market for us. We must leverage such opportunities to place our youth at the centre of transformation," she said.

Kassait added that the ODPC is actively working with the European Union to develop cross-border digital frameworks aimed at creating employment pathways for the youth.

These frameworks, she noted, will standardise data exchange, uphold privacy standards and align job platforms with global best practices.

In a call to reinvent the narrative around youth employment, Kassait encouraged policymakers, leaders and educators to rethink how jobs are packaged.

"Let's package jobs in the best way possible. That a job is not only about a salary but dignity, purpose and the ability to contribute meaningfully," she said.

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto called for a unified approach focused on mapping jobs, building skills and aligning youth opportunities with the country's evolving labour landscape.

She said there is need for an end-to-end job ecosystem, supported by a one-stop platform where youth can easily access information about available opportunities across sectors.

"But this should not just be about office jobs.

We must also embrace jobs agriculture, the blue economy, creative industry and many others. Every agency needs to understand the space they're addressing," she said.

Ms Kimeto, addressing the changing landscape of employment that the youth must understand, noted that some jobs are disappearing due to automation and global shifts, while new roles are emerging in climate tech, digital services and social enterprise.

Gloria Wawira, the National Youth Council (NYC) CEO, said the Government has rolled out various initiatives aimed at streamlining youth employment programmes across Ministries, Department and Agencies.

Wazo is one such an initiative spearheaded by NYC. It is a youth-focused programme that supports tech and non-tech startups by equipping young people with entrepreneurial skills, mentorship and access to funding opportunities.

Another programme is the recently launched Nyota, which is designed to tackle youth unemployment and promote economic empowerment.

It is funded by the World Bank and implemented by agencies like the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) and the State Department for Youth Affairs across all 47 counties.

Mr George Makateto, the Acting CEO of Numerical Machining Complex (NMC), outlined the transformative power of manufacturing in driving national development and addressing youth-related challenges.

"Manufacturing produces wealth that the Government can use to address issues of the youth," he stated, underscoring the sector's potential to generate jobs, stimulate innovation and fund social programmes.

CEOs in the security sector, including Mr Phillip Okello of Private Security Regulatory Authority, Mr Elema Halake of Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) and Mr Peter Leley of the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) noted that law enforcement plays a crucial role in preserving peace and creating an enabling environment for job creation and youth empowerment.

In the wake of recent protests, they reminded the youth that expression of their grievances must remain within constitutional bounds, and that crossing legal lines risks undermining collective progress.

"There is a thin line between peaceful protests and criminal activities. In as much as the youth have rights to protest peaceful, this must be done with responsibility. We are ready to come to Tiktak and engage the youth, but they must also be ready to listen and engage with respect," Mr Okello said.

Issues highlighted as causing tension between the youth and the Government were uncoordinated State messaging, as seen in the confusion around the CBC-to-CBE transition; perceived wasteful public spending and university funding reforms; rising cost of essential goods that has made daily survival difficult; a profound disconnect between leadership and the lived experiences of youth and many young people feeling excluded from policy-making spaces. ■

TELLING THE STORY

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Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) took part in the recently held Kaptagat Forest Restoration Initiative, highlighting the convergence between story telling and environmental conservation.

The initiative, which is in its ninth edition was held on July 12, in Kaptagat, Elgeyo Marakwet County, and was presided over by President William Ruto.

The restoration programme seeks to re-establish indigenous tree cover through large-scale reforestation and afforestation.

Further, it empowers local communities through use of biogas and solar and provides

them with high-yielding cows and avocado seedlings for alternative livelihoods.

KYEB celebrated the event through the publication of a special "AgendaKenya" edition, which featured progress the country has made in attaining its target of planting 15 billion trees and 100 per cent clean energy drive.

The edition also featured achievements of the initiatives in the last nine years.

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President William Ruto hands a seedling to a resident during the Kaptagat Forest Restoration Initiative in Elgeyo Marakwet County. Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board banner at the event (right).



Huduma Kenya service delivery grows with 59 centres, digital platform

Huduma Kenya has accelerated efforts to ensure all Kenyans, especially those at the grassroots, readily access essential Government services.

The nationwide push includes 59 Huduma Centres, with all 47 counties covered and five centres in Nairobi serving the capital's diverse population. Beyond the 59 Centres, Huduma Kenya has operationalised All-Government 1919 Contact and Tele-Counselling Centre, community-focused Huduma Mashinani outreaches and electronic and



Huduma Kenya is investing in five innovative services.

mobile channels

Through these platforms, citizens have access to 134 in-person services and over 16,000 online services.

To better serve wananchi with varying schedules, 18 select centres operate under extended hours

(7am-7pm), including Nairobi GPO, Nakuru, Eldoret, Meru, Kisumu, Kakamega and Mombasa.

Looking ahead, Huduma Kenya is investing in five innovative service delivery tools to meet evolving needs. These are User-Tutorial Portal, Huduma Digital Assistant, Self-Service Kiosk, Huduma on Wheels and Huduma Universal Agent. The latter is a transformative concept aimed at building an integrated, inclusive Public Service for every Kenyan, regardless of location or ability. ■



Cabinet Secretary, Public Service and Human Capital Development Geoffrey Ruku launches the 59th Huduma Centre in Mogotio, Baringo County.

SOCGER BONANZA

Glory of hosting CHAN awaits Kenya

Tournament to position Kenya as a football nation and showcase its readiness to host future sporting events

Kenya is stepping into continental and global spotlight as it readies to co-host the 2025 African Nations Championship (CHAN), alongside Uganda and Tanzania.

The hosting of the tournament that starts on August 2, 2025, marks a historic first for East Africa, and acts a test-run for the three countries in preparation for the co-hosting of Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in 2027.

Kenya's Harambee Stars, Uganda Cranes and Tanzania's Taifa Stars, the countries' national teams, will all take part in the games, giving home fans a thrilling football showcase.

Excitement is already building up across the country as Harambee Stars prepare to take on DR Congo in their opening match at Kasarani Stadium.

President William Ruto, who inspected the upgrades of the stadium and was satisfied with the works, rallied support for the national team.

"Today, we can proudly say that we are going to host CHAN on August 3, 2025," he said.

The stadium was upgraded by the Kenya Defence Forces to ensure full compliance with Confederation of African Football (CAF) and Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) standards ahead of the tournament.

He noted that the games will chart a new path for Kenya's sporting future as the Government invests in sports infrastructure and youth talent and development through the Talanta Hela programme.



President William Ruto (left) and Sports CS Salim Mvurya (right) when they met Harambee Stars players during training at Kasarani Stadium.



"We trust you. We believe in your capacity and potential and we will proudly cheer you to victory."

- President William Ruto.

President Ruto urged Harambee Stars players to represent the country diligently and make Kenyans proud.

"We trust you. We believe in your capacity and potential and we will proudly cheer you to victory," President Ruto said.

CHAN, unlike AFCON, mainly features local players from domestic leagues, therefore, offering a unique platform for showcasing each country's homegrown talent.

It is, therefore, a gateway to bigger opportunities for players, with some earning contracts with foreign clubs after spectacular performances, while others become the cornerstone of their national teams.

Over the years, the tournament has fostered

regional pride and unity, as fans rally behind players who represent their local football clubs.

For Kenya, as well as Tanzania and Uganda,

hosting the games is more than a football event; it's a chance to demonstrate organisational capacity, unity, sports infrastructure and readiness for future events like AFCON 2027.

The Government has significantly increased investment in football and other sports as it aims to transform the sector into a driver of national pride and youth empowerment as part of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Initiatives in the sector include infrastructure development like the building of Talanta Sports City, stadium renovations and youth empowerment and talent development through Talanta Hela. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook, GAA to strengthen 'MyGov'

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) and the Government Advertising Agency (GAA) held a collaborative workshop aimed at strengthening the production and outreach of "MyGov" newspaper.

Participants at the meeting, which was attended by KYEB chairperson Wangui Ng'ang'a, CEO Lilian Kimeto, GAA Acting Director Mike Okidi and staff from the two institutions explored new strategies to enhance the quality, timeliness and accessibility of "MyGov", particularly through digital platforms.

The teams agreed to align



"MyGov" editorial content with national development priorities, in particular the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Ms Ng'ang'a encouraged the

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Wangui Ng'ang'a addresses KYEB and Government Advertising Agency staff at the workshop.

teams to foster synergy and ensure "MyGov" reflects and supports the Government agenda.

Ms Kimeto called for enhanced collaboration with MDAs to provide accurate, timely and inspiring content to serve citizens better.

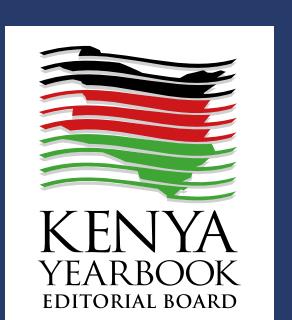
"We want "MyGov" to be the paper that people wait for, not just to be informed about opportunities in Government, but also its programmes and initiatives," she stated.

Mr Okidi said the two teams will work to iron out various challenges and ensure "MyGov" reaches all Kenyans. ■

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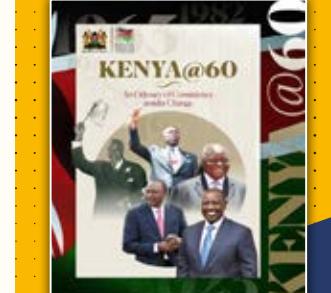
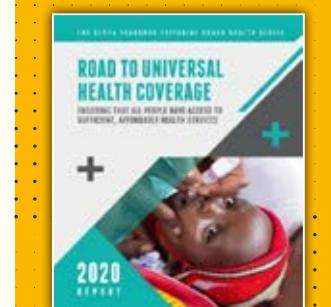
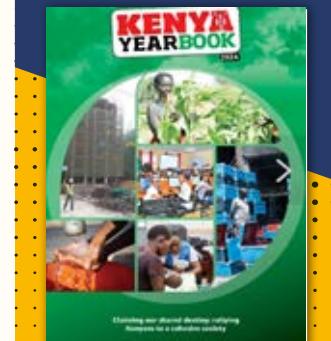


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 PICTURESPEAK


Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi when he held discussions with the Arab Group of Ambassadors accredited to Kenya, led by their Dean, Amb Hazem Shabat, Ambassador of the State of Palestine. The two sides explored ways to strengthen dialogue, address shared concerns and contribute meaningfully to global efforts for peace and justice.



Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo (left), and ICI PS Eng. John Tanui (right), during a meeting with Mr Jerry William Silaa, the Minister for Information, Communication and Information Technology in Tanzania and his delegation. The two sides launched the Dar es Salaam to Mombasa terrestrial fibre link at the Lunga Lunga/Horohoro border.



Broadcasting and Telecommunication PS Stephen Isaboke with Ms Salm Abbasi, the CEO of eWorldwide Group. The two discussed how to leverage innovative technologies and ethical AI to power Kenya's journey towards a sustainable, digitally empowered society.



The Cabinet Secretary Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen (left) during Jukwaa la Usalama Town Hall meeting in Maralal Town, Samburu County. In attendance were Samburu County Governor Jonathan Lelelit, Deputy Governor Gabriel Lenengwesi, MPs Steve Lelegwe (Senator), Eli Letipila (Samburu North), Jackson Lekumontare (Samburu East) and Pauline Lenguris (County MP), among other participants.

Gov't supports decentralising specialised medical services

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL
 (MY GOV)

The Government has committed to decentralizing access to specialized medical services to achieve the Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Through the National Equipment Service Program (NES), the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Council of Governors is rolling out advanced medical equipment across public health facilities at the national, county, and sub county levels.

MoH will deploy an initial 98 Diagnostic Imaging CT Scan Machines (two per county), two Diagnostic Imaging Mammogram Machines, 400 operating theatres, and 400 laboratories across the country.

"Our integrated approach ensures that healthcare providers receive seamless support throughout the entire process," said the CEO of Sunview Medipro Mr. Sirat Amin.

Sunview Medipro International is a partner in the project.

"The program is not just about equipment delivery, but also includes installation, setup, comprehensive training, maintenance, spare parts, consumables, and continuous consultation to ensure uninterrupted and high-quality healthcare delivery," he said.



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale (Right) flanked by Lamu County Governor Issa Timamy during the commissioning of a CT Scan machine(below) under NES initiative.

Under a Fee for Service (FFS) model, the government designed the initiative to modernize healthcare infrastructure while strengthening early diagnosis and treatment of prevalent conditions in public facilities.

Principal Supply Chain Officer at the Council of Governors, James Kamau said, "With the FFS model in place, public health facilities will now deliver high-end medical services without heavy capital costs. "This will save counties

millions in maintenance costs, which can be reallocated to hire more health workers and procure essential medical supplies," he said.

According to Kamau, the first phase will prioritize Level 5 and key referral hospitals with installations underway in four county referral hospitals which include Jaramogi Oginga Odhiambo Teaching and Referral Hospital (Kisumu), King Fahd Lamu County Referral Hospital, Kerugoya County

Referral Hospital and Wajir County Referral Hospital.

The ministry expects the upgraded facilities to enable reverse referrals, allowing patients who would typically seek services at national referral or private hospitals to access comparable care locally.

He said the shift will support one-stop, quality, and free public healthcare services at the county level, aligning with the goals of the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

Kamau said county governments are actively facilitating registration with the Social Health Authority (SHA) to ensure that the public fully benefits from improved healthcare services.

"This proactive approach guarantees that no expectant mother or sick patient is denied care due to inability to pay," he said.

Health Principal Secretary, Dr. Oluga said, "Equipping our health facilities with the right tools is a cornerstone of effective care. This is how we build a responsive, resilient health system."

The equipment will support specialties including cardiology, oncology, neurology, pulmonology, urology, and gastroenterology enhancing diagnostics and treatment capabilities across county-level public health facilities.

BRIEFS

Murang'a youth service marks fourth graduation

BY PURITY MUGO AND SUSAN MUIGAI, KNA

Over 1,000 youth have graduated after completing training under the Murang'a Youth Service (MYS) initiative.

The county has graduated over 6,300 youth through the MYS since its launch three years ago.

The county recently recruited its fourth cohort during a vibrant ceremony at Murang'a Level V Hospital grounds.

The event was presided over by Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata.

The governor praised the youth for their discipline and commitment. He noted that the initiative aims to provide economic empowerment, skills development, and moral grounding for the local youth, positioning them for meaningful community service and future opportunities.

"This is more than just a graduation. It's the begin-

ning of a new chapter. You now have the tools to build your dreams, with a one-year tax holiday and a solid start-up package," he said.

Launched in 2022, the MYS program engages youth in cleaning urban centres, planting trees, and participating in community development projects before enrolling them for vocational training in polytechnics across the county.

The initiative aimed to equip young people with practical skills while promoting civic responsibility and environmental stewardship.

Recruited through a transparent balloting process, while offering a daily wage of Sh400 of which Sh300 goes directly to the youth, and Sh100 is sent to the parent or guardian.

"We want our youth to earn, save, and have a support system at home," Governor Kang'ata said.

Vihiga launches Ebukholi water supply and conservation project

BY WELTER TIEMA, KNA

The County Government of Vihiga has launched a water and climate resilience initiative to boost clean water access and conserve vital water sources in North East Bunyore Ward. Vihiga County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Environment, Water, Energy, Natural Resources, and Climate Change, Dr. Jairus Amayi emphasized the county's commitment to sustainable development through climate-responsive interventions.

"This project reflects our commitment to sustainable development and climate resilience through improved access to clean and safe water," he said during the unveiling of the Ebukholi Water Supply and Catchment Conservation Project. Key components of the project include rehabil-

itation of the Wamaina spring, construction of a 100-cubic metre masonry water tank, installation of a solar-powered water pumping system, laying of a rising main to the Ebukholi elevated steel tank, erection of a 100-cubic metre elevated tank at Esibuye primary school, catchment conservation of Wamaina Spring and Water connectivity to at least 100 households.

The project forms part of the county's fourth cycle under the Climate Change Resilience Programme, designed to boost sustainability, environmental conservation, and favourable climate at the community level.

It is set to benefit over 500 residents by drastically reducing the distance to access clean water, enhancing hygiene, and supporting small-scale agricultural productivity through better water availability.

KDF to supervise completion of Kakamega Level 6 Hospital

BY JEDIDAH MUMIA AND JAMES INGUSU, KNA

The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) will supervise the construction of the Kakamega Level VI hospital to ensure its completion within six months.

The initiative builds on the joint intervention by the national and county governments to revive the project which had stalled in 2022. "The county government has allocated Sh300 million to top up the Sh500 million that the national government has committed to complete the facility,"



Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa said.

The 750 bed hospital is expected to create 5,000 jobs, boost medical tourism, and offer hands on learning and practical exposure for medical

students. "Although people from Kakamega will greatly benefit from the Hospital, it remains an important facility for the whole country," Defence Principal Secretary Dr. Patrick Mariru said.