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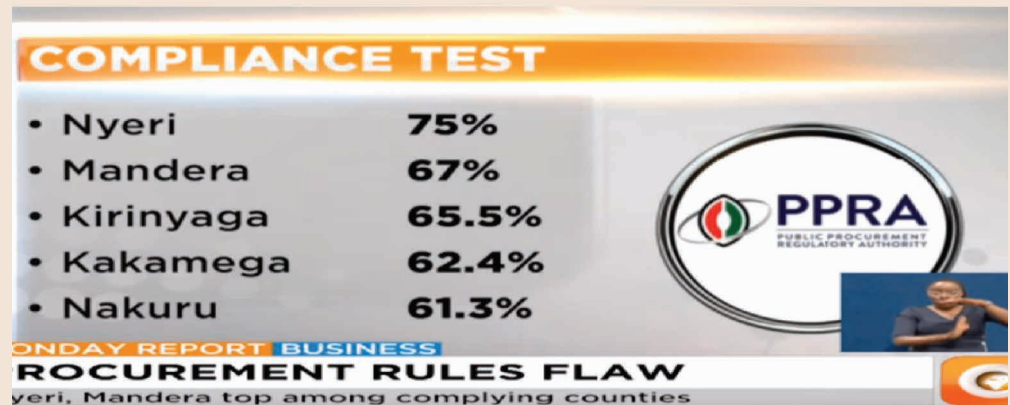


VISION:
*A wealthy county with happy, healthy
and secure people.*

MISSION:
*To create and sustain an environment that unlocks potential
of the People of Nyeri to achieve progressive socio-economic growth
by running an open government.*

Another win for Nyeri

“Nyeri County tops in procurement law compliance”



(By Frida Kingori)

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Nyeri County was ranked number one in compliance of procurement laws by Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in a report released on 2/12/2019 by its chairman Andrew Musangi. The County led with 75% in the assessment report. The assessment was conducted to measure the level of compliance of the procurement law in tendering and awarding of contracts by counties and other public entities.

Other counties who have commendably complied with procurement laws include Mandera (67%), Kirinyaga (65.5%) Kakamega (62.4%) and Nakuru (61.3%). To add on to this prestigious feat, Nyeri County was

recently hailed for timely payment of pending bills to its contractors and suppliers for financial year 2018/19 in a press release by Ag. Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury and Planning Amb. Ukur Yatani on persistent failure to pay pending bills by some Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and county governments.



Training for installation of remote temperature monitoring devices

Nyeri is privileged to be among the first batch of counties to be trained on installation and use of Code Tracer5 remote temperature monitoring devices.

12 experts were trained on handling the device which is a digital thermometer that tracks ambient variance in temperature using wireless technology.

This advanced technology will be important in track-

ing at the comfort of a handset the temperature of the vaccine and adjusting accordingly hence maintains its impotent state.



Governor outlines the county annual report card



PHOTOS | PETER WANGARI

Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga delivering the annual State of the County Address at Nyeri County Assembly. BELOW: A group photo of Nyeri leaders led by governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga, Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E Dr. Caroline Karugu and Nyeri Speaker Hon. John Kaguchia after the annual State of the County Address.

(By Jackline Gikunju)

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga delivered the annual State of the County Address at the Nyeri County Assembly which gave a chance to outline the county annual report card.

Governor Kahiga lauded the County Assembly for carrying out its roles with distinction and Nyeri citizens for their vigilance and upholding their patriotic duties since the onset of devolution.

In his 51-page- speech, the governor noted that the county government has been keen on development programs and adopting policies which benefit local mwananchi.

As such, Nyeri County has been recognized by external bodies including The World Bank, Royal Dutch Embassy, National Treasury and Open Budget Forum which should serve as an inspiration to Nyeri citizens.

He added that his Government is working towards an upward trajectory and it shall strive towards building resilience in traditional sectors of economy while creating diversification and new ways of putting resources in the hands of mwananchi.



56th Nyeri Jamhuri Day to be held at Kamukunji stadium, Nyeri town

(By Joseph Wambugu)

This year's Jamhuri day celebrations will be marked at Dedan Kimathi-Kamukunji Stadium, Nyeri Central sub-county on Thursday, 12th December 2019. The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga is joining hands with the National Government officers led by Nyeri County Commissioner David Kipkemei to ensure that the 56th Jamhuri day celebrations are successful.

The Governor said his government will be marking such celebrations in every sub county on rotational basis. He added that his government arrived at this decision of alternating venues, so as to reach to the people at the grassroots and make them feel as part of the government.

Jamhuri day is a special day that was set aside by the National Government to remember the day Kenya attained self-independence.

Area sub-county administrator Nelson Mbekenya said that preparations are in top gear so as to make the day successful. Entertainment groups and police band have been busy practicing ahead of the big day. Mbekenya has urged all residents to turn out in large numbers on this day and celebrate together.



PHOTOS | DYNAH MWANGI

Some of the Nyeri youth who attended the convention at Baden Powell Memorial Park, Nyeri town.

Nyeri youth and World Scouts Parliamentary Union Kenya (WSPU) convention

(By Dynah Mwangi)

The World Scouts Parliamentary Union (WSPU) is an independent, international Association of Parliamentarians that unites various National Scouts Parliamentary Associations existing in almost 100 countries world wide.

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Youth, Gender and Social Services met with WSPU Kenya for the Nyeri youth convention at Baden Powel Memorial Park, Nyeri town. The convention brought together youth from all over the county in a forum with open sessions led by stakeholders who have come together to support the youth agenda.

Among the stakeholders present were County Assemblies Forum, National Youth Council, Youth Fund, National Integration and Cohesion Commission, Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) among others.



KEFRI Director Joshua Cheboiwo after signing an MoU with H.E Mutahi Kahiga.

"The MoU outlines areas of collaboration including: joint research and development activities on forestry, training and exchange programs, resource mobilization, institutional capacity building among others."



County Government of Nyeri signs MoU with KEFRI

(By Njambi Mugo)

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga met with Kenya Forest Research Institute (KEFRI) team, led by Director Joshua Cheboiwo and signed an MoU that entails areas of collaboration in research and development in forestry and allied natural resources between County Government of Nyeri and KEFRI. The MoU outlines areas of collaboration including: joint research and development activities on forestry, training and exchange programs, resource mobilization, institutional ca-

capacity building among others. In implementation of the 6th strategic plan 2018-2022, KEFRI has targeted to effectively contribute to the national minimum target of 10% tree cover. This goal is to be achieved through devolving to the counties, including Nyeri County where KEFRI Central Region centre is located at Muringato, Nyeri Central sub-county. Governor Kahiga sighted re-afforestation and human activities within water towers as one of the causes of reduced tree coverage.

He noted that the County Government of Nyeri will work hand in hand with KEFRI to curb these challenges, for the sake of future generations in an effort to correct the mistakes of yesteryears.

Governor Kahiga added that the County Government of Nyeri will actively put a stop to deforestation. He urged Nyeri citizens to adopt Prof Wangari Maathai's concept of the little hummingbird and do their best in restoring the forests.

County Government of Kisumu benchmarks with Nyeri

(By Samuel Kamwana)

A team from the County Government of Kisumu, Department of Energy and Industrialization paid a visit to the County Government of Nyeri. They were benchmarking on how the county supports businesses in terms of industrialization and enterprise development. They promised to send a team in the future to learn more. The activity took place at the CEC's office, Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Development.



PHOTO | SAMUEL KAMWANA

CEC Diana Kendi, Chief Officer Ibrahim Aden and delegates from Kisumu County Government's Department of Energy and Industrialization

County supports people with disabilities

By Dynah Mwangi

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Youth, Gender and Social Services in conjunction with National Council for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Health, Persons Living with Disability and other stakeholders joined the rest of the world in commemorating the International Day for Persons with Disabilities at Karatina Girls High School grounds located in Mathira East Sub-County.

This year's theme was "the future is accessible". In support of it, the county government has been keen in providing support to vulnerable persons living with disability.



Persons Living with Disability commemorating the International Day for Persons with Disabilities at Karatina Girls High School grounds in Mathira East Sub-County.

PHOTO | DYNDAH MWANGI

Youth Department CEC Esther Ndung'u while addressing the people highlighted some of the achievements of the county government targeting persons with disability one being free NHIF health insurance program. This will improve access to medical care with 1736 beneficiaries being PWD's. PWDs are also set to benefit from Elimu Fund bursary program for educational support, provision of business permit waivers and linkages to government opportunities available within the county among

others.

Among the activities carried out during the event were disability assessments, HIV testing and counseling among others. Certificates were also awarded to Irene Mumbi who braved fire flames to save her disabled mother from a burning house and Andrew Biko Ndiuni who took the initiative to bridge a communication gap between a member of staff with a hearing impairment and students of Baraka Kirori Academy, among others.

Former Nyeri Public Service board members acquitted

A Nyeri court has acquitted former members of the Nyeri County Public Service Board who had been accused of abuse of office and irregular hiring of unqualified staff by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

Nyeri Senior Principal Magistrate Philip Mutua found the former officials led by Chairperson Waruguru Muita and members Anthony Ndonga, Wanjiru Gikaru, Geoffrey Mahinda and Shelmith Wanjiru not guilty of these charges as they lacked evidence to incriminate the accused.

The Magistrate ruled that the

EACC who filed the case against the former officials tabled evidence that only raised suspicion but did not prove the charges.

The prosecution side claimed that the board members conspired to hire two unqualified persons, Mwangi Muriithi and Kabugi Njogu, in senior positions in the county government, as ward and sub-county administrators respectively.

The prosecution's evidence also indicated that the accused failed to comply with the Public Service Commission Career Progression Guidelines 2014 and 2017.

The magistrate ruled that

the prosecution side only collected information and placed it before the court without attempting to fine tune it to the offences with which the accused persons were charged.

The court noted that the guidelines were done after the fact and therefore the board members could not be accused with not complying with non-existing guidelines.

The magistrate concurred with Wahome Gikonyo, a lawyer for the accused, that there was no offence in hiring the two as according to the Constitution, they were not required to meet specific academic qualifications.



PHOTOS | JOSEPH WAMBUGU

ABOVE: From left Nyeri Municipal Board Chairman Jeremiah Ichaura, board member Charles Karuga and Manager Perister Kigwa during the meeting. BELOW: Some of the stakeholders following proceedings.

(By Njambi Mugo)

Hundreds of youth from Nyeri County are set to benefit once a new proposed waste transfer station is established in Nyeri town. The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Water, Environment and Natural resources together with its Environmental and Social Impact Assessment consulting firm met with different stakeholders to discuss the social-economic impacts and mitigation measures for the proposed waste transfer station.

The various stakeholders engaged included Kenya Water Towers Association, Kenya Wildlife Services, Agriculture, Health and Lands departments, NEMA, Nyewasco, Nyeri Municipal Board, Water Resource Authority, Civic Education/ Public Participation Unit, King'ong'o G.K Prison, WRUA and Nyeri Town MP's office among others.

The proposed recycling plant will be used for solid waste management. Solid waste will go through three processes; sorting, packaging and loading - the main objective



being achieving the environmental 4Rs (reduction, re-using, recycling and recovery). This work will engage the youth as a form of job creation.

Other positive impact will include environmental and health upgrade and cleaning up of Nyeri town.

Municipal Board Chairman Jeremiah Ichaura assured the stakeholders, that all parties involved are fully committed and the law will be followed to ensure that an efficient facility is built.

He also lauded H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga for fully supporting the project.

Nyeri destitute boys undergo rite of passage

The Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services visited Thunguma and Nyakinyua villages to meet with guardians of orphans and vulnerable boys who are set to undergo the rite of passage under the sponsorship of the County Government of Nyeri.

During the visit, the boys' bio data was collected as well as other vital information in preparation for the event. The program is expected to run from 30th November, 2019 to 13th December, 2019.

During the two weeks, there will also be capacity building on various topics such as HIV/AIDS, personal hygiene, drug and substation abuse, culture and heritage among others.

(By Dynah Mwangi)

Revamping Nyeri's health sector

H.E Dr. Karugu said the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Kahiga is committed to making strides in the health sector.

Nyeri's public healthcare system got a major boost early this week following the renovation of wards 8 & 9 at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital. The wards were refurbished courtesy of BIMAS Kenya LTD through the Adopt a Ward initiative.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Nyeri's Deputy Governor H.E Dr. Caroline Karugu said the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga is committed to making strides in the health sector. Dr. Karugu who was joined by BIMAS Group CEO Dr. Patrick Gathondu said this is part of an ongoing initiative to give a new face to Nyeri's Referral Hospital, by partnering with both private and public organizations.

In this venture, partners adopt a ward and facilitate renovation, refurbishing and upgrading. This initiative is an opportunity for organizations to participate in giving back to society.



RIGHT: Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E Dr. Caroline Karugu inspecting ward 9 at Nyeri Referral Hospital during the handing over of the two wards to the hospital management. The wards were renovated by BIMAS Kenya Limited through the "adopt a ward initiative".

Your say...

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Mwethia Githimii

Commendable job your Excellency Governor Mutahi Kahiga. People should learn to appreciate a job well done. Tembeeni county zingine and see how people are crying. Before you criticize, come to kiambu and see this and then compare and contrast. This one here is kibiciku-Gathiga road



Geoffrey Njeru Isaac

My Governor you and your team of leadership have done us proud. It is by God's grace. Remaining thing is that, MAKE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO CORRUPTION FREE" I salute you.



Lydiah Wamuyu Mathu-Eliud

Congratulations our Governor Mutahi Kahiga. We couldn't ask for more.....and then my eyes made me see a beautiful bus in the yard. Who wouldn't be proud?



Johny Joe

Must admit I was very pessimistic when you took over as Nyeri governor but you have proved me and many others very wrong.....



John Theuri

Nyeri county shining day by day.. It's one of the best county you can do business with without fear of loosing your money.



Lydia Njamu

Congratulations my Governor. You are a wonderful leader. May God bless you abundantly.



George Naturalist

I like your leadership. You are a true patriot and exemplary leader of devotion. The rest should emulate you



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From left Nyeri Agriculture CEC James Wachihi, Nyeri Speaker Hon. John Kaguchia and H.E Mutahi Kahiga presenting a dummy cheque to Mugunda ward farmers led by area MCA Hon. Joseph Nderitu.

Nyeri farmers set to benefit from KCSAP Agricultural Project program

(By Lydia Gichuki)

Following the drastic climate change being experienced in the country, there has been a need to adopt new agricultural practices. These new practices will employ technological innovations, promoting proper agricultural management practices that will ensure food security.

To this end, Nyeri County has partnered with Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP) program which aims at sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and building resilience to climate change risks by employing new technological innovations and upgrading management of agricultural practices.

The program has been rolled out in six wards which are prone to adverse climate change which include Rugi, Mukurwe-ini Central, Mugunda, Gatarakwa, Thegu River and Gakawa wards.

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga presented cheques

worth Ksh 43 Million to the first beneficiaries, 51 Nyeri farmer's groups of KCSAP program which is a partnership between the County Government of Nyeri and the World Bank.

These groups will invest this seed money in five value chains namely indigenous poultry, beans, Irish potatoes, bananas and dairy farming.

Governor Mutahi urged farmers to prudently utilize these funds for the intended projects to ensure success of this program as it will ensure food security and wealth creation.

He also noted that due to prudence and competent utilization of funds by the County Government of Nyeri, the World Bank has partnered with the county in other two major projects namely Nyeri Town Bus Termini at Asian Quarters and Naromoru Level IV Hospital.

County Government hands over title deed to Mukurwe-ini KMTC



(By Lydia Gichuki)

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga has presented a seven-acre-title deed to Mukurwe-ini MP Hon. Anthony Kiai for the proposed Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC).

The college is a joint project between the County Government of Nyeri and the National Government through the Mukurwe-ini NG-CDF.

The college, which will be constructed in Mukurwe-ini Central ward, will help develop the area while improving education standards in the constituency.

The governor urged the area MP to continue collaborating with the county to ensure that this multi-million project helps the youth from the area and the larger Nyeri county.

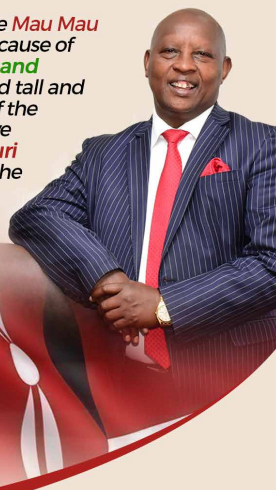


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Nyeri Governor presenting the title deed of the proposed Mukurwe-ini KMTC to Mukurwe-ini MP Hon. Anthony Kiai, local leaders and project committee members.



Nyeri was a bedrock of the Mau Mau liberation struggle and because of those brave gallant sons and daughters, today we stand tall and mightily proud because of the sacrifices they made. As we celebrate the 56th Jamhuri Day, we remember both the yester-years and today's heroes and heroines who continue to illuminate our paths today. We salute them.



Join us at the Dedan Kimathi Kamukunji Grounds in Nyeri Town on 12/12/2019 as we mark this significant part of our history.

H.E. MUTAHI KAHIGA
GOVERNOR, NYERI COUNTY



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
IN COLLABORATION WITH USAID-KYES PROGRAM



NYERI YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COMPACT LAUNCH

TIME:
FROM 11.00 A.M

VENUE:
KAMUKUNJI STADIUM NYERI

DATE:
11TH DEC, 2019

H.E. MUTAHI KAHIGA
Governor, Nyeri County
I will be attending



The Nyeri Compact is a platform that has brought together like-minded pro youth stakeholders to promote youth development in the County. Join us to learn and buy products made by youth in the County.

THEME: YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION.







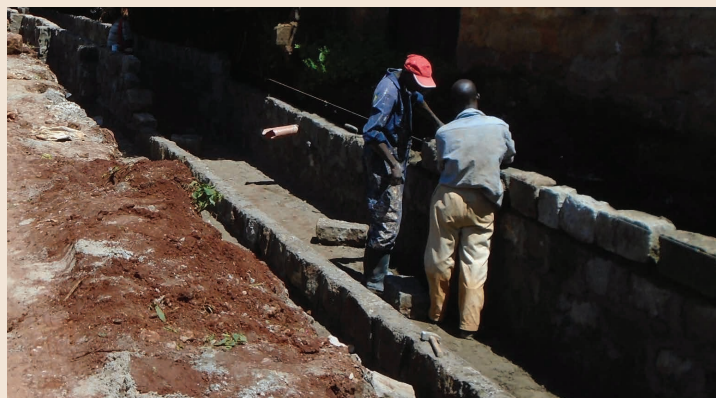
ABOVE: From left Nyeri Governor H. E Mutahi Kahiga, Chief of Staff Paul Wambugu and Nyeri DG H.E Dr. Caroline Karugu sharing a cup of coffee at Nyeri County Assembly grounds.



From left Nyeri Agriculture CEC James Wachihi, Economic Advisor Ndirangu Gachunia, Director Governor's Press Carol Nderi and Environment CEC Fredrick Kinyua at Nyeri County Assembly grounds. BELOW: Roads tender's applications being received outside Nyeri Governor's office recently.



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E Dr. Caroline Karugu with Ms. Celynnesther Kagure Ruhara who was recently crowned Pre Teen Miss Kenya 2019. She hails from Mathira, Nyeri County and attends Lions Primary School. She is passionate about health and her dream is to become a paediatrician.



Ongoing drainage work at Nyewasco - Itara - Mumbi Road in Nyeri town. The County Government of Nyeri is working towards better drainage systems to ease drainage across the county.