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Governor outlines Nyeri's scorecard for the last one year

The County Government of Nyeri has recorded tremendous achievements in the last one year which have transformed the lives of Nyeri citizens.

More developments are expected to be witnessed soon under the stewardship of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga who has utmost dedication for Nyeri. In his speech which was read by Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri during this Madaraka Day, a five-year- road map has been provided by the Governor which will ensure a great transformation of the County.

Here are some of the Governor's direct highlights of the last financial year and expectations:

Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development

Agriculture is the backbone of the county economy and thus a very fundamental sector. To ensure that the county is food secure, my government has continued to support agriculture production by providing certified seeds and inputs, especially subsidized fertilizer. In the immediate season, the farmers were able to receive good harvests from staple products and cash crops.

The farmers are now able to access the E-subsidy fertilizer at Kshs. 2,500 per 50kg bag. Over 4,669 farmers have accessed 13,064 50 kg bags of fertilizer both for planting and top-dressing. Notwithstanding, to support data-driven agriculture, we have profiled and mapped over 134,000 farmers in the County. The profiled data will help the County make informed decisions to link farmers to key service providers through digitalized platforms such as e-extension and other e-services like e-fertilizer vouchers.

My government has also formulated strategies to ensure our cash crop sector is revitalized to increase its production. In the coffee production sub-sector, we have allocated Kshs. 10.9 Million under the Kirimukuyu ward-specific project to support youth farmers in establishing coffee demonstration farms. In addition, to maintain the quality of coffee cherry and tea green leaf we are rehabilitating two coffee factories in Ruguru ward and one tea buying center in Dedan Kimathi ward this financial year.

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Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment & Climate Change

My government continues to develop and maintain water and irrigation infrastructure to ensure the county is food secure. We have constructed water intakes and dams/pans, installed water delivery pipelines, water storage masonry tanks as well as boreholes drilling, equipping, and rehabilitation. We have also continued on a sustainable basis to support the water service providers to ensure uninterrupted water supply for consumption.

In the Environment and Climate Change, my government has made significant strides in conservation efforts. I have made strategic partnerships with local communities, NGOs, and governmental organizations, and as a result, we have successfully undertaken initiatives to preserve our natural resources through:

- Issuing over 36,000 assorted tree species and 4,000 fruit tree seedlings to various institutions and community groups in the county during the short rains, to improve tree cover, food security, and the economic status of the citizens. Through this effort, 110, 000 Avocado seedlings were distributed to farmers

In the Livestock sub-sector, we have allocated Kshs. 14.5 Million for the improved breeds. The animal breeding program will support the farmers with subsidized A. I service at Kshs. 300 per insemination and vaccination program against notifiable diseases. Further, the department allocated over Kshs. 12 Million and Kshs. 7 Million to procure one-month-old Indigenous KALRO-improved Kienyeji chicks and Dairy Goats respectively.

In an endeavor to ensure that the cost of agriculture production is minimized, my government has installed two 1,000-kilogram animal feed mixers and starter raw materials for Mweiga and Kabaru Ward farmers. We have also allocated Kshs. 5 Million to support the fish farmers with the fingerlings and feeds not only to increase production but also to improve nutrition in fish consumption.

My government is also in the process of establishing an Aqua Park at Wambugu Agricultural Center which will not only be a training site for farmers but also an initiative to increase its own source of revenue.

To mitigate against hunger due to the effects of climate change and ensure food and nutrition security my government is promoting on-farm water harvesting through supporting farmers to establish and line ponds. In addition, we will be able to expand the irrigation cov-

erage, especially in Thiha Micro Irrigation Scheme in Mukurwe-ini Central ward with a coverage of 264 acres that is to benefit 1,042 farmers. This will support multiple cropping seasons within a year and increase overall agricultural production.

Department of Health Services

My government has ensured that we have a healthy population in all age clusters, by providing promotive, curative, and quality care health services. Through the Health Fund, my government can procure drugs and non-pharmaceuticals for distribution in all health facilities. We have also ensured that the revenue collected

through the Health Fund is ring-fenced to improve service delivery and ensure the County health system is self-sustaining. Coupled with innovative strategies for resource mobilization the funds have reported a steady growth from Kshs. 342 Million in FY 2021/2022 to more than Kshs. 600 Million in the current financial year. This has guaranteed uninterrupted service delivery due to the predictable flow of funds.

To ensure there is accountability, efficiency, and cost reduction of the health care services, we have allocated a budget of Kshs. 30 million to install and operationalize a modern, harmonized, and integrated Health Management Information System (HMIS) to strengthen data

collection and decision-making across all levels of care.

My Government has also created centers of excellence in various hospitals, by expanding and refurbishing wards and theatres as well as working towards modernizing the Nyeri County Referral Hospital. Through this initiative, we have completed the state-of-the-art Nyeri Town Mother and Child department, the expansion of the medical wards at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital, the installation of a bulk liquid oxygen tank in all six county hospitals, and the near completion of the Karatina Accident and Emergency Unit. My government will continue improving our hospital infrastructure to make it conducive for our patients and our health



across the county.

- The department marked the National Tree Planting Day on the 10th of May 2024 at Gathiuru Forest. This is in line with President William Ruto's target of planting 15 Billion trees by the year 2032. The county's target is to plant 300 million trees.

- We have also developed the Climate Change Act, 2021, to guide the operations in the County. The law

County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) at AMS Naromoru. This strategic endeavor aims to leverage the agriculture value chain and promote economic growth within the county, reduce post-harvest losses, improve market accessibility for local farmers and producers, and create employment opportunities.

of Education Training & Devolution

In this department, we have made major strides as follows:

- 17,500 students benefitted from the Nyeri Elimu Bursary Fund for the year 2023 / 2024 alone
- 900 trainees enrolled for Vocational Courses in 18 Vocational Training Centers after collaboration between the County

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establishes a framework for addressing climate change challenges and promoting sustainable development.

Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture & Cooperative Development

My government has continued to promote business and investments in the county through the Enterprise Development Fund. We have provided credit to promote investment and create job opportunities. The EDF currently has a portfolio of Kshs. 76 Million.

Over 232 Small Micro Enterprises were able to borrow at a low-interest rate of 5% in a reducing balance per annum.

In alignment with the bottom-up economic transformation agenda, the National Government, through the Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry, has initiated the construction of the

stabilize agriculture in marketing their produce, and reduce post-harvest losses and exploitation of farmers by the middlemen and brokers, my government continues to promote the growth of cooperatives in Nyeri County. To date, we have over 195 registered active cooperative societies with a total share capital of over Ksh. 2.4 Billion generating an annual turnover of about Kshs. 8 Billion.

Department

Government of Nyeri and the KCB Foundation.

- Enrolment in Vocational Training Centers has been rising lately due to fee incentives.
- To mitigate the effects of climate change, we have distributed and installed 41 energy-saving Jiko's in Early Childhood Development and Education centers (EC-DEs) and Vocational Training Centers (VTCs) across the county.

Department of Transport, Infrastructure & Energy

The county continues to ensure we have reliable infrastructure to enhance communication and marketing of our agricultural produce. In the past one year my government has been able to:

- Opened 13.5 KM of new roads in Aguthi / Gaa-ki, Kiganjo / Mathari, Naromoru / Kiamathaga, and Mukurwe-ini West Wards.
- Graded 400 Kilometers of roads using our machinery in various Wards.
- Gravelled 500 Kilometers using machinery in various Wards.
- Carried out Emergency work by upgrading Mbiriri Alla-

Planning & Urban Development

My government in partnership with European Union / Food Agriculture Organization is in the process of establishing a modern Geographical Information System (GIS) Unit to ensure optimal land use.

In support of the operationalization of the Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima Transport Termini, the Municipal Administration will embark on greening and landscaping the open spaces within the terminus. Plans are underway to rehabilitate the adjacent land to the terminus to relocate Lorries and mechanics from Nyeri Central Business District.

The Municipal Administration has planned to upgrade 10.15 kilometers of roads within the Municipality at a cost of Kshs. 26 Million.

In collaboration with the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Programme (KISIP 2), the department will undertake infrastructure improvement projects in Mweiga, Chorong'i, Ihwagi, Kiamwathi, and Kiawara settlements at Kshs. 501 Million.

In realization of the construction of mass affordable housing units across the county, the department in collaboration with the National Government launched an affordable housing project in Blue Valley Estate with 1,200 housing units.

mano Gichugi Road in Kabaru Ward.

- Construct a Double Box Culvert Across River Mere in Kabaru Ward.
- Embankment of dams and cleaning of spillways of dams in Gakawa and Naromoru / Kiamathaga Roads.

Department Land, Housing, Physical



Additionally, the department has engaged the National Government to foster partnerships for the development and densification of six existing county estates to provide an additional 3,000 affordable housing units. The Valuation Roll 2029 is now complete and the county is looking forward to lowering Land rates considerably for all lands/plot owners within the Nyeri Municipality.

Department of Public Service & Solid Waste Management

The County Government of Nyeri continues to excel in Public Service Management and Good governance. In the Financial Year 2023/2024, we were awarded the number one trophy nationwide for timely payment of pension dues and member affiliation.

Through the efforts of the County Public Service Board, the County has promoted staff. In December 2023, 1,328 officers outside the common establishment were promoted. Further, Early Childhood Development and Education caregivers' employment terms were translated to permanent and pensionable effective from 1st July 2023. Their terms and conditions were improved considerably.

The county has engaged the fifth cohort of 200 interns year 2023/2024. The interns receive a stipend of Ksh. 12,000, Ksh. 11,000 and Ksh. 10,000 for a degree, diploma, and Certificate holders in that order respectively. To date, the County has cumulatively engaged 870 interns who have completed the program.

To ensure we have a clean environment, my government has invested in waste management strategies. These strategies focus on reducing environmental risks in our urban centers, homes, and workplaces. Among the strategic interventions, we have allocated a budget in the current financial year county to acquire specialized machinery. This will improve the timely and frequent collection of waste. Currently, we are able to collect 80% of the



total waste generated.

Similarly, the county has constructed a sorting shed and ablution block at the county dump site. These sheds will provide a conducive environment for waste aggregation as they engage in waste recovery.

The administration has developed strong partnerships with both public and private entities in the field of environmental management that have culminated in signing four MoUs with the private sector to ensure the county has a clean environment.

Among the successes is the establishment of an E-waste collection center where all electrical waste is collected, recovered, and recycled by the Waste Electrical Equipment Centre.

Department of Gender, Youth, and Social Services

We have refurbished two extra fire engines to aid in prompt responses in emergencies and other distress calls. Kiawara Fire Station is now complete for occupancy. The department has developed the Disaster Management Policy which is in the final stages of enactment.

The National government has devolved library services to the counties and Nyeri County has benefited from having four libraries from the Kenya National Library Ser-

vices (KNLS). These libraries are domiciled in Nyeri, Karatina, Chinga, and Munyu. The library services are fully functional.

We have also developed the People with Disability policy which will assist in developing programs for PWDs.

In the Sports sub-sector, we have undertaken a below-19 soccer tournament under the Talanta Hela program where one of our youth was sponsored for trials in Spain. The department also conducted the 19-23 years soccer tournament under the Kenya Youth Inter-County Sports Association (KYISA) where 20 boys and girls have been considered for absorption in the Kenya Academy of Sports (KAS).

On youth skills development, my Government initiated the County internship program in 2018. The objectives are to provide unemployed fresh graduates with opportunities to acquire one-year skills for future employability.

Department of Finance, ICT & Economic Planning

As we endeavor to implement our vision and mission that define our strategic direction, my government has developed the 3rd Generation County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for the period 2023 / 2024 to 2026 / 2027.

The CIDP is the County Government's five-year master plan for the county's economic, social, environmental, legal, and spatial development that will enable us to meet the planned services and infrastructural needs for the benefit of all local communities. The blueprint was developed in the spirit of achieving coordinated development between the two levels of government. The County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027 has been aligned to the Fourth Medium Plan (MTP IV) of Kenya's Vision 2030 which is the national government's long-term development agenda.

Further, to ensure that the County Government of Nyeri contributes to the attainment of agreed-upon international

aspirations, the objectives, strategies, and programs as set out in this five-year plan are linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other regional and international agreements that affect lives of our people. In particular, the development of this CIDP has taken a keen interest in the National Government's Bottom-up economic transformative agenda for inclusive growth.

The plan was developed and validated through public participation and anchored to the Governor five-year's manifesto that has provided a roadmap in not only executing our mandate but also fulfilling our promises and pledges to you.



JOICFP - CGN close-out meeting of mother and child project



In the strive to make Nyeri a model County for excellence for Mother and Child Health, JOICFP has walked with the County Government of Nyeri in a journey to improve access to the continuum of care for MCH services including Safe Delivery at Nyeri Town Health Centre to decrease Maternal Mortality Rate & Neonatal Mortality Rate (3 to 5 years) at the end of the project. Notably, a total of 312 Health-Care Workers and Community Health Promoters have benefited from capacity building and empowerment opportunities through 14 different training sessions on 5S Training and KAIZEN

TQM, Infection Prevention and Control, Respective Maternity Care, Quality of Care, EmNOC and Child Health training. Earlier this year, in February, the County Government developed strategies to maintain the maternity ward and ensure the continuous delivery of quality maternal and child health services. While delivering his remark, H.E. Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga blissfully reflected on the journey with JOICFP for three years and how it has positively impacted the overall scope of health in Nyeri County. He appreciated the Embassy of Japan for their support and

assured his administration's unwavering commitment to ensuring the sustainability of the project as one of the top priorities. The Governor noted that the Universal Health Coverage agenda is still alive and that the County is heavily investing towards affordable and quality health care through higher budget allocation of up to 30%. "We welcome the Japanese people to Nyeri County with open arms and hope you will visit us again to witness the lasting impact of this project. Your support has been invaluable." Said the Governor. CECM Health Dr. Joseph Kiragu appreciated the sup-

port by the Japanese Government and the People of Japan through JOICFP cohesively working to ensure the success of the project and affirmed his commitment to sustaining the seamless service delivery at the newly established unit. Charge d'affaires a.i of Japan, Hiroshi Ogihara expressed his gratitude to all the team players who contributed to the success of this project. "Health of the nation is wealth of the nation." Hence improving the health of children and mothers is nurturing a safe future. Later, the representative of the Japanese Embassy Hiroshi Ogihara, the Deputy Ex-

ecutive Director at JOICFP - Etsuko Yamaguchi, and the officers from the Department of Health Services toured the Nyeri Town Health Centre Mother and Child Unit. The Mother and Child Department was constructed in the year 2022-2023 in partnership with JOICFP and hosts the ANC, MCH services, and a 35-bed capacity Maternity unit with an Antenatal and postnatal unit, labour ward, and a New Born Unit. The Unit was officially opened on 18th September 2023 and its operationalization kicked off on November 2023.

Workshop to discuss the Nyeri County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2024



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri opened a workshop to discuss the Nyeri County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2024 Regulations at Sport Arms Hotel, Nanyuki. The County Government

of Nyeri through the Directorate of Alcoholic Drinks Control Management has reviewed the liquor law culminating into the new law that was assented to by H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga on Friday 15th March, 2024. Thus the team comprising of sub-county administrators, legal counsel, and key stakeholders will develop the regulations that will operationalize the said law.

KISIP 2 team inspects ongoing lighting projects



The Nyeri County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT) chaired by the Chief Officer Lands Department Fredrick Maina hosted a team from the National Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project Phase II (KISIP 2) led by Eng.

Joash Wende to inspect the progress of the ongoing construction works for 30 metres high mast public security lighting. The team visited Ihwagi in Mathira East Sub-County, Kiamwathi, Kiawara and Chorong'i areas in Nyeri

Central sub-county and Mweiga in Kieni West Sub County. The projects whose construction commenced in April 2024 are expected to be completed by October this year. KISIP 2 is a development

project financed by the World Bank, the Government of Kenya and other development partners to systematically scale up the work of KISIP I and reach more settlement and population through the provision of basic infrastructure such

as high masts, upgrading of access roads, water and sanitation services, footpaths among others in participating urban informal settlements and to strengthen institutional capacity for slum upgrading in Kenya.

Lands Department holds a staff sensitization meeting



The Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning, and Urban Development convened a staff sensitization meeting at the Nyeri Cultural Centre Grounds. The event commenced with an official opening by the

Department's Deputy Director - Planner Njomo. Its primary objective was to enlighten the department's staff on matters pertinent to public service. Key speakers graced the occasion, each addressing

crucial topics. Ali Khalif, representing The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, delved into Corruption Prevention Measures. Eng. J. Mwangi shared insights on Road Safety, while Lawrence King'ori shed light on Pre-

vention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Sensitization on HIV/AIDS. The significance of such educational forums cannot be overstated. They play a pivotal role in empowering the workforce,

leading to tangible improvements in productivity. An enlightened and aware workforce is inherently more resourceful, contributing positively to the department's objectives and the county's progress as a whole.

Annual Aquaculture Day marked in Othaya



Aquaculture continues to increase its importance to Kenya's economies in a number of ways - in providing sustainable and nutritious food to the continent's fast-growing populations, to jobs and improved livelihoods. In this regard, The Coun-

ty Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries led by Chief Officer Wilson Maringa, in collaboration with the Aquaculture Business Development program

(ABDP), joined the rest of the world in celebrating Annual Aquaculture Day at Mwai Kibaki approved play ground in Othaya Sub County. Theme of this event was 'Investing in climate Smart Aquaculture for posterity.' This year's event was one of

its kind as the celebrations comprised of activities such as cooking, exhibitions, entertainment and encouragements that engaged both locals and fish farmers. The main purpose behind this day is to highlight the importance of sustainable stocks of fisheries to

strengthen the small-scale fishing. In Nyeri County, ABDP has supported 917 small-scale fish farmers with quality pond liners and fencing materials trainings, feeds and fingerlings. The fisheries sector has since noted that several farmers have transitioned from level one to level 2 (producing more than 100kgs fish per cycle). Of importance, ABDP is a program that has expanded the aquaculture value chain to increase the volume and value of fish. The eight-year program, jointly funded by the Government of Kenya and the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), has been implemented under two mutually related components; promoting the production of small aquaculture farmers and developing producer Public -Private Partnerships (PPP) along the value chain.

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Plans for Directorate of Alcohol Drinks Calendar of Events 2025



Nyeri County has been at the forefront of combating the alcohol manufacturing, sale, and consumption menace. The County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of Governor H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga has committed tireless efforts in collaboration with the Directorate of Alcohol Drinks, Control & Management, bar owners association, and other key stakeholders to control and manage the operationalization of Alcoholic Drinks businesses. The Directorate led by Director Josphat Wamathai held a consultative meeting at Wambugu ATC Farm with all the Sub County administrators and Bar Owners Association for a clear explanation and interpretation of the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2024. The Act was assented into law on 15th March 2024

by the Governor. The sensitization program was centred on two major parts of the Act including the licensing and miscellaneous provisions. The licensing part explained the process of license acquisition right from the Sub County committees to the county liquor committee. A County Legal Officer Daniel Irungu who is the chief policy formulator in the directorate explained the requirements to comply with, for one to be issued a license to operate an alcohol business. He also cited clear reservations on license issuance and circumstances leading to the withdrawal and suspension of Alcoholic licenses. The committee members were also sensitized on transitional matters as far as valid licensing was concerned. The legal officer clearly

explained that all the licenses that were acquired before the commencement of the new Act were valid and were scheduled to expire on 31st December 2024. In response to that, some issues emerged from the committee members requesting the directorate to convene a meeting for further understanding of the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act. The committee concluded the session with the drafting of the calendar of events for the financial year 2024/2025 that would provide stipulated timeliness in their operations. Among the key activities included in the calendar included recruitment, youth training, capacity building, inspections, team building, issuance of licenses, and periodical meetings among others.

World Hypertension Day marked in Othaya Town

Officers from the Department of Health Services commemorated the World Hypertension Day 2024 in Othaya Town. This event, organized in partnership with Amref Africa, Othaya KNH Annex, City Eye Hospital, Othaya Sub County Hospital, GTN TV Digital, Nasha Youths and Red Cross E-Plus, was a remarkable step towards raising awareness about hypertension and other non-communicable diseases. The day began with a vibrant procession through Othaya Town, engaging the community and spreading vital information about hypertension and non-communicable diseases. Our event featured a range of impactful services, including blood sugar and hypertension screenings, nutritional counseling, mental health counseling, and eye screenings. We proudly served approximately 371 clients, demonstrating the critical need for such health initiatives in our community. This event underscored the importance of continued efforts and partnerships in the fight against non-communicable diseases in our County.



EACC trains Nyeri FLLOCA officers

The officers under the Financing Locally - Led Climate Action Program (FLLOCA) in the County Government of Nyeri were

trained by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio opened a one-day Corruption Reporting Sensitization workshop. He reminded the officers who are trainers of trainers that they have a big role of fighting corruption; behave

in an ethical manner inside and outside their offices on all matters including matters of environment. "As the County Government of Nyeri, we must change our society by fighting corruption. I wish to urge EACC to also train all CECMs, Chief Officers and all departmental heads." He added.

Nyeri EACC Deputy Director Grace Omweri noted that the officers have a role to prevent FLLOCA resource mismanagement, protect development in riparian lands, protect illegal logging and spearhead re-afforestation, among others. Omweri also advised officers to practice Integrity, Professionalism in

their work. EACC has a mandate to combat and prevent corruption and economic crime in Kenya through law enforcement, preventive measures, public education and promotion of standards and practices of integrity, ethics and anti-corruption.

240 graduands graduate at Karatina VTC



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri accompanied by CECM Education Margaret Macharia joined the Karatina Vocational Training Centre fraternity for a colourful graduation ceremony.

240 students graduated in various courses having completed the training successfully and passed the NITA examinations. The institution offers the KNEC (NVCET) and NITA curriculum.

Soon the institution is going to train Competency Based Education and training curriculum (CBET). The VTC is currently offering the following courses; Electrical and Electronics, Motor Vehicle Technology,

Hairdressing and Beauty, Plumbing Technology, Food Processing / Catering, Fashion Design and Garment Making, Building Technology, Appropriate Carpentry, and Joinery, and Metal Processing Technology.

gy. The current enrolment is 487 trainees, 252 (51.7%) are males and 223 (45.7%) are females. Of these, 212 are under the KCB Foundation & County Government of Nyeri sponsorship program. Through the Department of Education, Training, and Devolution, the County Government of Nyeri is committed to the provision of quality education and to optimally impact the students. He urged them to approach the next phase of their journey with confidence, courage, and a spirit of lifelong learning. "Embrace new opportunities, seek out challenges, and never stop striving for excellence in everything you do. Hearty congratulations to the new graduates!" He said.

Pre-Madaraka Day Exhibition held in Bungoma County

Prior to this year's Madaraka Day, Bungoma County played host to a one -week dynamic exhibition organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development. This event, dubbed the 'Pre-Madaraka Day Exhibition on Innovation in Agriculture and Food Security,' focused on highlighting cutting-edge practices and products that contribute to agricultural advancement and food security. The theme for the week was 'Agriculture and Food Security,' reflecting the pivotal role these sectors play in sustainable development. A highlight of the exhibition was the participation of two- key Departments from Nyeri County: the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Aquaculture Development, and the Department of Trade, Cooperatives, Culture, and Tourism. These departments collaborated to present a vibrant



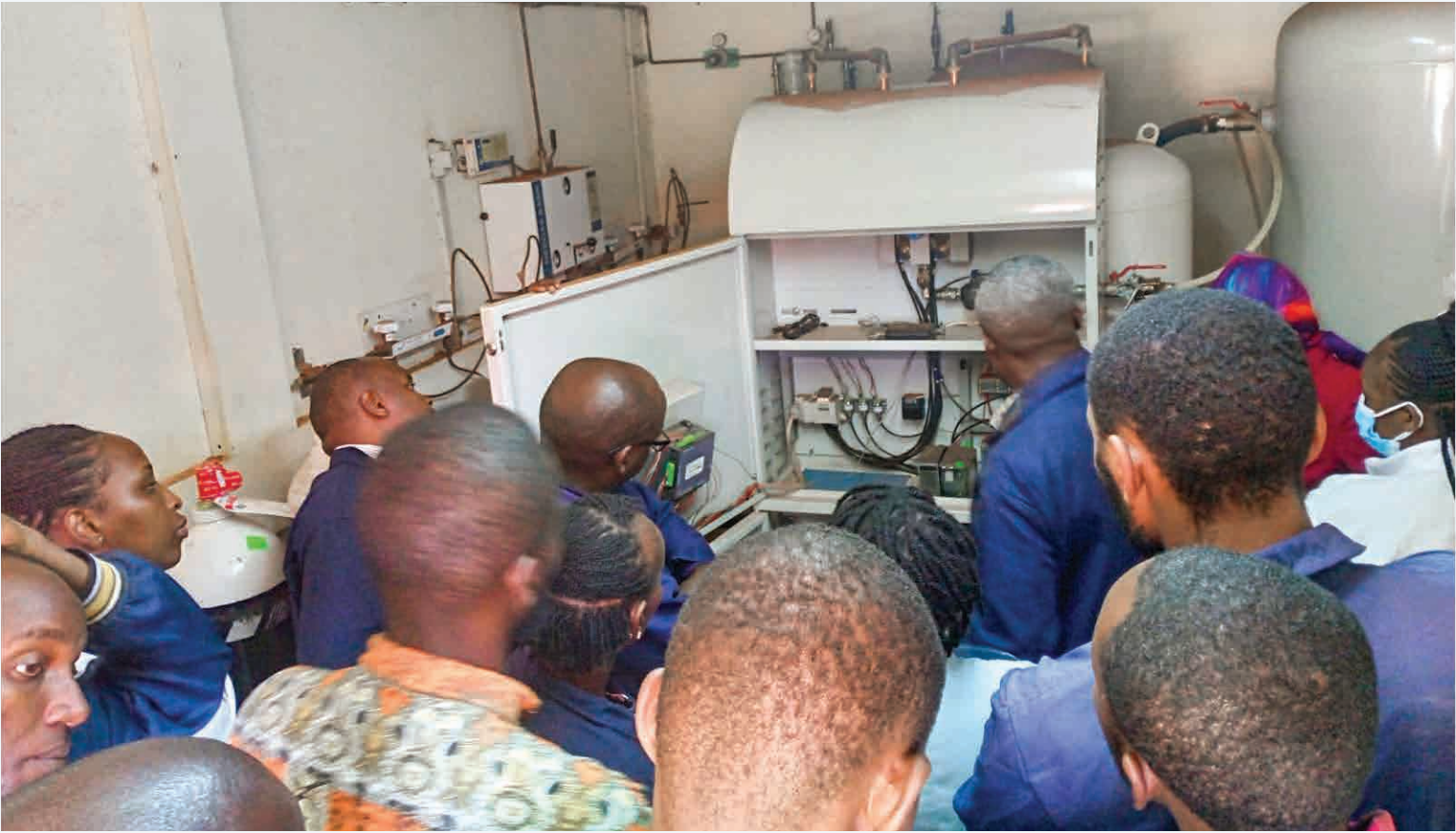
booth showcasing a variety of products proudly produced in Nyeri County that underscored the region's agricultural innovation and productivity. The featured products included: Coffee, Horticultural Products, Livestock

Feeds, Crop Oils, Dairy Products, among others. In addition to these products, cooperatives like Wakulima Dairy exhibited their products, underlining the cooperative movement's role in enhancing agricultural productivity and mar-

ket access. The exhibition illuminated the vital economic correlation between agriculture and trade. Agriculture serves as a foundational economic activity, generating income, creating employment, and fostering

industrial growth through value addition. This synergy between agriculture and trade catalyzes economic development, enhances food security, and contributes to overall societal well-being. The Pre-Madaraka Day Exhibition in Bungoma County was a resounding success, emphasizing the critical intersection of innovation in agriculture and food security. The active participation of Nyeri County, with its diverse array of high-quality products and cooperative initiatives, highlighted the county's commitment to agricultural excellence and economic development. The event underscored the importance of integrating advanced agricultural practices with effective trade mechanisms to ensure sustainable growth and food security, paving the way for a prosperous future.

Biomedical Engineers trained



Biomedical Engineers drawn from all major hospitals within the County underwent intensive five-day training courtesy of the department of health services in collaboration with PATH. The participants who were drawn from the public, private and Faith-based health facilities acquired knowledge

on Oxygen plants repair and maintenance in theory and practical sessions. The training kicked off with a two-day theory session at Mt Kenya Hospital which was opened by Hellen Path program lead and graced by the hospital superintendent Dr. Charles Ndirangu.

When giving his closing remarks on behalf of Health Services Director, County Referral Hospital Deputy Medical Superintendent, Dr. Benson Ngari noted the fundamental role of medical equipment as a building block in health practice and hence frequent and deliberate consultations by biomedical

engineers is key even identifying gaps, seeking areas of improvement and communicating the dynamics resulting from technology. Thadeus Ogutu, WHO consultant on Oxygen plants expressed his delight in working with Nyeri County whilst noting the essential

role they play in handling hospital equipment and the need for continuous capacity building. Further, he urged them to cascade the knowledge acquired to their colleagues.

County Biomedical Engineer, John Muriuki appreciated the county leadership for the goodwill of including biomedical engineers with equal measure as other cadres.

He thanked the participants for working tirelessly and contributing to smooth running of hospital services by ensuring all machinery is in place and in good condition. PATH Kenya is a locally registered organization working with local, national leaders and communities to tackle complex health challenges, strengthen health systems, and improve outcomes. Path has partnered with Nyeri before through Support in inventory management, assessment and maintenance of medical equipment, and capacity building forums for the medical personnel.

RODI team holds sessions to draft Wetlands and Riparian Policy



The Department of Water, Irrigation and Climate Change hosted the Resource Oriented Development Initiative (RODI) team held a two-day working session to continue working on the Draft Nyeri County Wetlands and Riparian Policy.

This policy aims to address some of the challenges affecting the people and the environment within the County for sustainable resource utilization which will guarantee sustainability of the ecosystem that shall be bequeathed to future

generation post devolution. The RODI team is collaborating with the County Government to promote the conservation of our resources, which Nyeri proudly boasts of, especially through policy development, community initia-

tives and capacity building of stakeholders to ensure that they take ownership of these resources and understand the importance of conservation and management. The County Government of Nyeri continues to uphold

its commitment to support communities and promote sustainable development in efforts to achieve intergenerational and intergenerational equity in access to resources.

Consultative meeting on Noise and Excessive Vibrations Control Regulations, 2023

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change held a consultative meeting with the church leadership of Nyeri County with representation from all sub counties. The consultative meeting which was held at New Life Church was specially convened to deliberate on the position of the Church in matters regarding the Draft Nyeri County Environmental Management (Noise and Excessive Vibrations Control Regulations, 2023). The Church expressed their call to preach the gospel and the concerns they had that the bill would impose on their mission, after which



the Department explained the need for the regulation of noise in all avenues so as to safeguard the citizenry of Nyeri and the congregations of the Christians against harmful or excessive noise. As the meeting came to a close, a consensus had been reached, after which the concerns raised would be addressed while still upholding the law. Earlier, the Department of water, Environment and Climate Change concluded the Sub County based public participation on the following Key Regulations:

- The Nyeri County Forest Management and Conservation (Harvesting and Movement of Forest Produce Reg-

ulations, 2023).
- The Nyeri County Environment Management (Noise and Excessive Vibration Pollution) (Control) Regulations, 2023. The public participation meeting took place at Karatina Town in Mathira East bringing together key relevant stakeholders including NGAO, Religious groups, Business community, Boda Boda operators, saw millers, bar owners among others. The event was graced by all the four MCAs (Magutu, Iria-ini, Karatina & Konyu wards) and other government officials from both national and county Governments.

DEFOCA officials visit Nyeri



Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio chaired a meeting between the County Government of Nyeri and a delegation from Kenya Defence Forces Old Comrades Association (DEFOCA). DEFOCA is a trust fund, non-profit-making organization that promotes the welfare of registered serving and retired members of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF). The Association archives this through by creating a cordial environment for comradeship beyond active service and also

through investments. Their main objective is to promote the welfare of serving and retired members of the KDF. The team led by Brigadier. J. N. Mwamburi who is the Managing Director, paid a courtesy call to know the steps needed to acquire and to put into use a piece of land in Mukanda-ini on your way to Othaya. The Director of Lands Beatrice Koech who was in attendance promised to take them through the steps required to officially own it and to make use

of it. DEFOCA team wants to practice bee farming in the area, construct fish-ponds, dairy farming among others. This will boost food security. The County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahi-ga is ready to welcome such investments to our County. This will promote social economic development and the lives of Nyeri people at large.

Nyeri DG attends National Prayer Breakfast

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri joined H.E. President William Ruto, Deputy President H.E Rigathi Gachagua and other national leaders during the 21st National Prayer Breakfast at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi. Historically, the leadership of the Nation has turned to Almighty God for strength and guidance. In this spirit, the Kenya Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast Group, which meets to deepen friendships, to pray and counsel together, has inaugurated

this National Prayer Breakfast to specifically seek the Lord's guidance and strength, as well as to reaffirm our faith and to renew the dedication of our Nation and ourselves to God and his purpose. Earlier, the Deputy Governor joined the National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. Moses Wetang'ula presided over a National Convocation preceding the 21st Edition of the National Prayer Breakfast. This year's theme was 'Centred On Hope.'





COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI

P.O Box 1112 - 10200 NYERI



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND ICT DIRECTORATE OF REVENUE

PUBLIC NOTICE

WAIVER OF 100% INTEREST ON LAND RATES FOR REGISTERED AND NON REGISTERED PLOTS.

WAIVER PERIOD: 20TH MAY 2024 TO 19TH JUNE 2024.

The County Government of Nyeri with the approval of H.E Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, as part of the economic recovery strategy hereby gives notice to all Land Rates defaulters that 100% interest sums outstanding as at **20th May 2024-19th June 2024** will be waived on the following conditions:

That the Rate payer clears in full the total principal land rate arrears and pays 10% administrative costs based on principal amount payable.

All Land Rate defaulters are hereby **WARNED** that upon failure to pay, legal consequences will be instituted which will include but not limited to:-

1. Compel Land Rates defaulters' tenants to pay directly to the County Government until the Land Rates and interest are fully paid.
2. Cancel or withdraw any license/permit granted in the premises in which Land Rates have not been paid.
3. Withhold any development approval until full payment of Land rates are received for the said Land.
4. Charge the property over unpaid rates plus interest until the full amount is cleared.
5. Deny all other services offered by the County Government of Nyeri.



H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, Governor Nyeri County

The County Government of Nyeri operates a **Cashless Payment system of Revenue**. All payments should be made through our County Revenue Collection A/C held at Cooperative Bank Nyeri Branch, Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) Nyeri Branch, Equity Bank Nyeri Branch or Mpesa Pay Bill.

COOP BANK ACCOUNT NO : 01141666594400 BANK CODE: 11000

KCB BANK ACCOUNT NO : 1140760319 BANK CODE: 01

EQUITY BANK ACCOUNT NO. : 0110280843674 BANK CODE: 011

OR MPESA PAYBILL NO. 191900

Concerned property owners should make payments upon obtaining Bills/Invoices from their respective Sub -County Revenue Offices and forward the banking slips for issuance of an official receipt within the waiver period. Kindly comply. For Mpesa payment, you **MUST** indicate the Sub-County, Block and plot number as your account number (e.g **For Nyeri Town Block 1 Plot no. 2 indicate NYR 1/ 2**). For more information on Mpesa payment contact **Mobile No. 0714952473**

NB:

1. **Failure to present the banking slip for receipting immediately after payment will not relieve the obligation to pay late payment penalties where applicable.**
2. **Any person who owns a property in Nyeri County or has transferred a property, please ensure that you update the property details with the County on or before expiry of the waiver period. Upon Expiry of this waiver period, the County shall publish the names of the defaulters and initiate the legal process for recovery of the outstanding rates. Also note that the County will not take any liability for publishing wrong plot details.**

Pay your rates in time for efficient service delivery and development of our County.

Thank you, Sincerely,

Robert Thuo Mwangi

County Executive Committee Member

FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND ICT /HEAD OF COUNTY

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SDA Children Ministry visits Karatina Children's Home and shares love



The Seventh-Day Adventist Women Ministry Karatina Central & West District and the SDA Children Ministry visited Karatina Children's Home to share love and a meal.

Through Encouraging in music, arts, and other creative expressions as forms of worship and enrichment as well as physical activity and sportsmanship the children were taken through various topic:

- Spiritual Growth, Encouraging regular reading and study of the Bible to foster a personal relationship with God. Emphasizing virtues

such as honesty, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, grounded in biblical teachings.

- Moral and Ethical Development, Integrity and Honesty through Instilling the value of truthfulness and ethical behavior. Promoting respect for parents, elders, peers, and authority, as well as courteous behavior towards others.

- Health and Wellness, Healthy Lifestyle: Encouraging regular exercise, and proper rest as well as Substance Avoidance with education on the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and drug

use. Further, Addressing the importance of mental well-being, coping strategies for stress, and fostering a positive self-image.

- Social Development, Positive Relationships through encouraging in healthy friendships and relationships based on mutual respect and love. Promoting the value of working together and supporting one another.

- Character Education, Instilling a sense of responsibility for one's actions and duties and encouraging perseverance and resilience in the face of challenges.

Christine Muringo, stated that, the faith teaches us the importance of love, compassion, and community. They embodied those values by spending time with you, sharing a meal, and creating lasting memories. This visit is not just a moment for us to give, but also an opportunity for us to learn from the incredible resilience and spirit that each of you displays every day. This shared meal symbolizes much more than just food on our plates; it represents the bond we aim to build and the smiles we wish to see.

Isaac Wanyaga representing the department, thanked members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“Your presence brought immense joy and warmth to our home. The children are delighted to spend time with you, and the shared meal was a wonderful experience for all of us. We deeply appreciate the kindness, love, and care you showed during this visit.

The activities and interactions were not only enjoyable but also uplifting for the children. Your commitment to supporting their growth and well-being truly resonated with our mission and values.” He said.

He added, “Thank you for your generous contributions and for taking the time to engage with the children so meaningfully. Your visit has left a lasting positive impact, and we are grateful for the bonds of friendship and community that have been strengthened.

Further, we deeply appreciate the Karatina Children's Home staffs for your dedication and hard work in creating a nurturing environment for these children. Your unwavering commitment is truly inspiring.”

Youthful officers leading the change: Digital Literacy in the Modern Era

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, in partnership with Ajira Digital trained its youthful workforce in digital literacy. Recognizing digital transformation as a key element for sustainable development, this initiative aims to leverage digital innovation driven by young people. As digital natives, the youth are at the forefront of technological advancements, bringing enthusiasm and fresh perspectives to the table.

Pauline Ndegwa, Deputy Director of Administration,



representing CECM Esther Ndung'u, encouraged the youthful officers to utilize their new skills to enhance work efficiency and efficacy.

She emphasized the importance of creating awareness, ensuring access to digital work, and meeting digital clients to achieve the departmental mandate.

The two-day digital training, facilitated by Emiphas Muchangi is a game changer in service delivery, enabling

the department to engage more effectively with the youthful population through social media and other digital platforms.

Sector Plans Consolidation Workshop ends



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri presided over the closure of the week-long Sector Plans Consolidation Workshop. The five sectors; Agriculture and Rural Development Sector, General Economic and Commerce Affairs Sector, Infrastructure, Energy, Rural and Urban Development Sector, Public Administration and Governance Sector, and Social Services Sector toiled meticulously to ensure that their Sector

Plans are comprehensive and will immensely benefit the citizens of Nyeri. These sectoral plans are ten-year plans feeding into the 3rd and 4th Generation County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and as such, this important endeavor is aimed at cascading and propelling Nyeri to greater heights. Long-term government planning helps set goals, establish priorities, and coordinate actions across different sectors to achieve long-term objectives. By anticipating and preparing for future needs and challenges, effective government planning can lead to a more stable, prosperous, and equitable society.

DG meets Mission for Mercy International team



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri hosted a delegation from Mission for Mercy International led by Bishop Dr. Stanley Michuki who paid him a courtesy call. The team discussed the way forward in regard to the donation of medical equipment by the organization as per the county needs. Mission for Mercy Ministries International is a charitable foundation that focuses on providing kidney and Cancer care for people by improving the lives of those affected by kidney disease through access to quality healthcare services. The Deputy Governor appreciated the team for this gesture which pre-

sented a timely opportunity to leverage on in our strategy to ensure the highest quality standard of healthcare and enhance service delivery for the people of Nyeri County. Dr. Michuki noted his passion for partnering with organizations and communities and impacting lives positively.

AGPO training held in Nyeri

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services commenced the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) training across all eight sub-counties in Nyeri County. This initiative aims to promote inclusivity and equal access to government procurement opportunities by empowering the youth, women, and persons with disabilities with the necessary knowledge and skills for participating in the government procurement processes. The training covered a variety of essential topics, including AGPO training, Stages of Tendering, Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Financial Management and Funding, Business Management, Digital Literacy, Gender Mainstreaming, and Disability Mainstreaming. CECM Esther Ndung'u highlighted in her remarks that the government sets aside 30% of its procurement opportunities for the youth, women, and persons with disabilities. Further, Ndung'u placed emphasis on County Government commitment to empower the special interest groups including Youth, women and PWDs. Rware MCA, Hon. Simon Mbogo, encouraged participants to disseminate the knowledge gained to their communities.

