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Nyeri 2024/25 Budget in details

Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga together with Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri and other Nyeri County staff joined Nyeri Speaker Hon. James Gichuhi Mwangi and Honorable Members of the County Assembly during the pronouncement of the 2024/2025 Nyeri County Budget Estimates by the Nyeri CECM for Finance, Economic Planning & ICT Robert Thuo at the County Assembly of Nyeri.

The total budget Estimates for FY 2024/2025 is Kshs. 8,750,998,795.

Out of the total budget of Kshs. 8.75 billion, which consists of Kshs. 5.85 billion and Kshs. 2.89 billion for recurrent and development expenditures respectively. The recurrent expenditure represents 66.95 % of the total county budget while development expenditure is 33.05 %.

The county budget will be financed through:

- Equitable share
- Loans and Grants from donors and government agencies
- Own Source Revenue

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Spending Plan for the FY 2024/2025

THE ALLOCATION FOR THE FY 2024 / 25 BUDGET PER KSHS. ARE AS FOLLOWS;

169.3 MILLION:	FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR
330.8 MILLION:	FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY
545.7 MILLION:	FOR FINANCE ECONOMIC PLANNING AND ICT
449.9 MILLION:	FOR LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
3.044 BILLION:	FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH
195.4 MILLION:	FOR GENDER, YOUTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND SPORTS
200.2 MILLION:	FOR COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
508.3 MILLION:	FOR AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT
436.4 MILLION:	FOR TRADE, CULTURE, TOURISM, AND CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
638.6 MILLION:	FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND DEVOLUTION
341.1 MILLION:	FOR WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
955.8 MILLION:	FOR THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
46.05 MILLION:	FOR THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
744.2 MILLION:	FOR TRANSPORT,PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ENERGY
46.3 MILLION	FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
96.7 MILLION	FOR NYERI MUNICIPALITY

ALLOCATION FOR THE 10 DEPARTMENTS PER KSH.

LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

368.4 MILLION

The department has allocated the following;

- 365 million for Kenya Informal Sector Improvement Programme to upgrade five select settlements.
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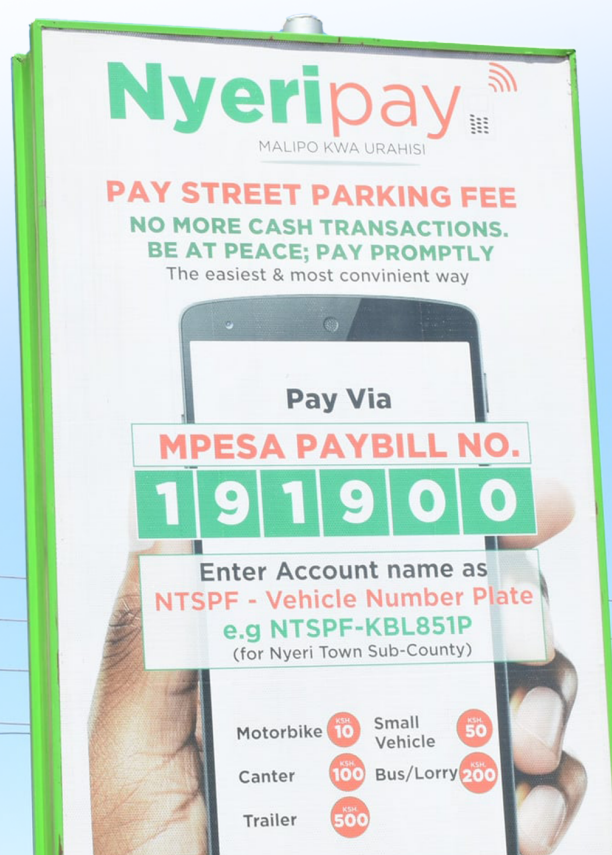
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FINANCE ECONOMIC PLANNING AND ICT 10.0 MILLION

To ensure efficient revenue mobilization and management, the department has allocated;

- 1.5 million for mobile weighbridge and
- 3.2 million for revenue collection equipment



HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH 416.3 MILLION

The key allocation to support health activities includes;

- 200 million for medical drugs and non-pharms for county facilities
- 40 million for Wamagana Level IV Hospital Phase I
- 40 million for the construction of Mukurweini Hospital Phase I
- 53 million to support rural health facilities
- 10 million for development at the County Referral Hospital



GENDER, YOUTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND SPORTS 101.3 MILLION

Regarding the social activities, the department has allocated;

- 12.5 million For disaster response through procurement of materials, fuel, and maintenance of response vehicles.
- 3.1 million for International Youth Day, women's Day, and the launch of key policy documents on gender and youth matters
- 42.1 million For the purchase of merchandise in support of organized groups of youths, women, and persons living with disability
- 10.5 million For improvement of social halls and other amenities through ward-specific projects
- 2 million for education materials for libraries and Karatina Children's Home.
- 25.2 Million for sports equipment and improvement of sporting facilities



COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
53 MILLION

To improve security and the work environment the department has allocated;

- 6.75 million for improvement of office access by PLWD
- 3 million for renovation of offices

The department has also allocated;

- 3 million for protective equipment and tools for solid waste management
- 32 million for dumpsite fencing and solid waste management



AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT
270.1 MILLION

To enhance food security and improve productivity in agriculture the department was able to allocate;

- 5 million for agricultural management including maintenance of extension fleet.
- 16 million for crop management including procurement of certified seeds
- 14 million to facilitate livestock production through improved breeding stock
- 23.9 million for vaccines and sera as well as animal disease control and prevention
- 7 million for Wambugu farm agricultural training center
- 6.5 million for the Naromoru Agricultural Mechanization Station
- 21.9 million for the Kenya Agricultural Business Development Programme
- 156.5 million for the National Value Chain Development Project

TRADE, CO-OPERATIVES, CULTURE AND TOURISM
389.9 MILLION



To improve the business environment the department allocated.

- 11.2 million for improvement of county markets
- 4.5 million for securing county markets
- 350 million for the construction of an industrial park with 100 million as counter funding from the county government
- 2.5 million for cooperative management including Ushirika Day celebrations
- 5 million for tourism festivals

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND DEVOLUTION
28.1 MILLION

To facilitate the acquisition of basic education and requisite skills the department has allocated;

- 46.1 million To improve ECDE centers and procure education-related materials.
- 39 million for upgrading and equipping youth polytechnics, education materials, and capitation



WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
264.7 MILLION

To improve water distribution, and connectivity and enhance climate change resilience the department has allocated;

- 13.3 million for water tanks and distribution pipes
- 125 million for Financing Climate Change Climate Action
- 11 million for building capacity on climate action
- 113 million for supporting climate-related activities in the community



**ROADS, TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY
651.3 MILLION**

To improve road connectivity and maintenance the county government allocated;

- 431.3 million geared towards road maintenance, building of bridges, and maintenance of machinery and equipment

The department has also allocated;

- 120 million for street lighting electricity bills
- 26 million for maintenance of the existing streetlights and
- 74 million for the installation of new streetlights



**THE NYERI MUNICIPALITY
84.7 MILLION**

To support development in the Municipality the following was allocated;

- 20.7 million For solid waste management and garbage collection within the municipality including maintenance and fueling of motor vehicles.
- 22.4 million for construction and maintenance of roads within the municipality
- 35 million for the urban institutional grant for the Kenya Urban Support Programme

The County Government under the stewardship of H.E. Mutahi Kahiga has ensured exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to the development and prosperity of Nyeri County.

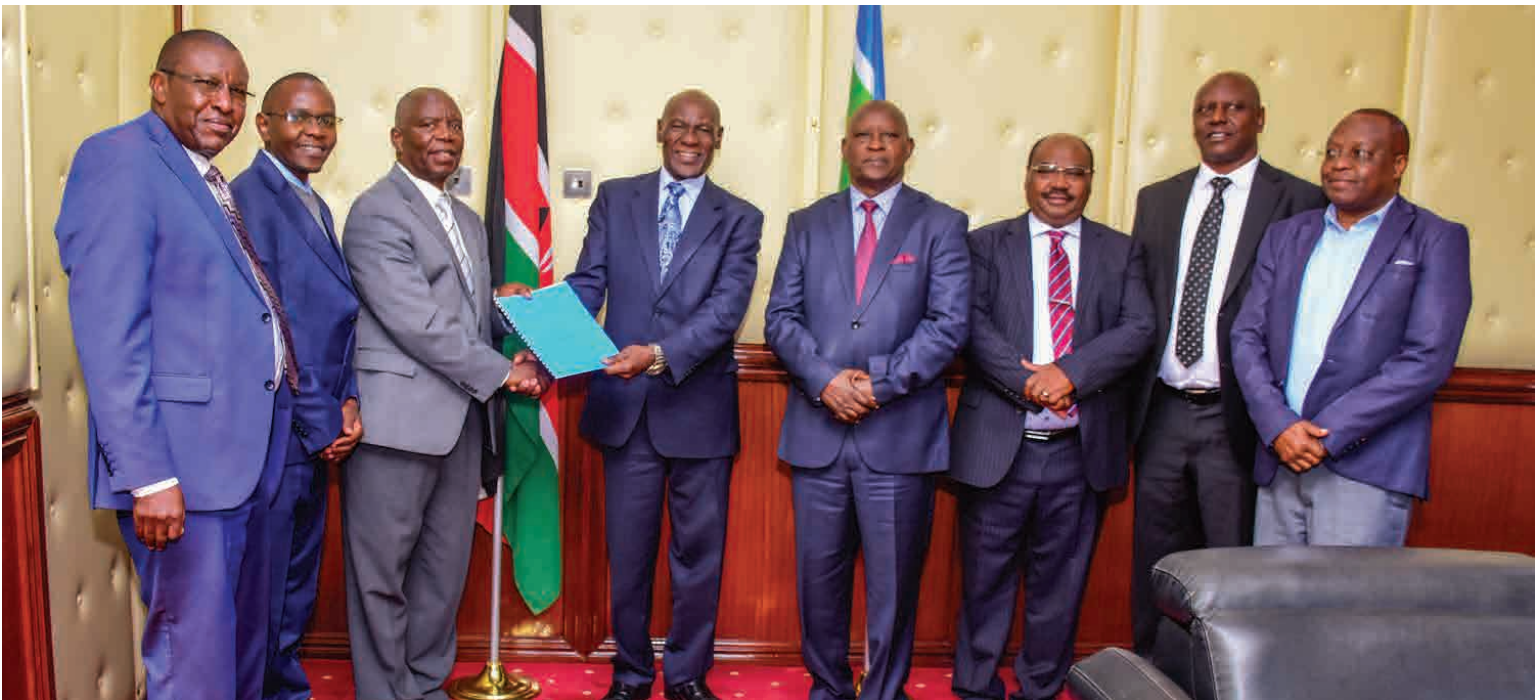
The governor’s visionary guidance has been instrumental in shaping Nyeri’s fiscal policies and development strategies, ensuring that they align with the needs and aspirations of our citizens

This year’s theme is “Sustaining Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, Fiscal Consolidation and Investing in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for Improved Livelihoods”

The CECM Thuo also appreciated all the Honourable Members' guidance and support in service delivery to the Nyeri citizenry. The Department of Finance, Economic Planning, and

ICT were also appreciated for their diligence and long hours of hard work to ensure the budget estimates and supporting documents met the legal timelines.

Governor presides over the transfer of OMWASCO



Nyeri Governor H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahig, EGH accompanied by the Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E Kinaniri Waroe presided over the signing of the

deed of transfer for Othaya Mukurweini Water Services Co. LTD to Othaya-Mukurweini Water and Sanitation PLC. Making OMWASCO a public

limited company where the County Government of Nyeri is the shareholder as required by law. This will ensure the company adheres to the highest norms

of corporate governance. Part of the mandate of the Nyeri County Government is to ensure there is provision of water to all households. OMWASCO has

grown exponentially and the governor thanked those at its helm for scaling the company to greater heights. He further urged them to optimize their services so that more citizens have access to water and better services. The governor also congratulate the board on the company’s ranking improvement to 12th in their category. County Attorney Kimani Rucuiya witnessed the signing of the deed of transfer in the presence of OMWASCO Board Chairman Eng. Benjamin Maingi, OMWASCO MD Moses Munyi, and Company Secretary FCS Richard Gikuhi.

Fisheries State Department team visit Nyeri



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri hosted a delegation from State Department for Fisheries, Aqua-

culture and Blue Economy, IFAD mission and ABDP led by James Wachihi CECM Department of Agriculture,

Livestock and Aquaculture Development. They were monitoring the progress of the Aquaculture

Business Development Program (ABDP) after a successful Midterm Review (MTR). The team later visited farm-

ers, groups and youth in fish farming for the same. ABDP has also acquired additional funding from the Norwegian Development Agency (NORAD), to implement Advancing Resilience and Nutrition among Smallholder Aquaculture farmers (ARNSA). 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 (PPPP) along the value chain.

Clean-up exercise in Naromoru town

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of County Public Service and Solid Waste Management in collaboration with Arsen's Cleaning Service, conducted a clean - up exercise in Naromoru town, Kieni East Sub County. The clean-up exercise themed 'Be Clean! Be Health' was aimed at sensitizing members of community on the role the environment plays in enhancing the

health of the community. The exercise brought together all stakeholders from the business community, pupils and students, tourism players, youth, women groups, national and local officers from the County Government of Nyeri among others. The exercise was successful with activities ranging from litter collection, de-silting of storm drains as well as draining of waste wa-

ters trapped in open storm drains. More clean-up exercises are lined in other markets and trading centers across the county. The CECM in charge of Public Service and Solid Waste Management Peter Ngatia, who was the Chief Guest emphasized on the responsibilities everyone holds in ensuring a safe and clean environment by adopting environmentally-conscious culture.

He also informed the participants of the commitment the County Government has in ensuring all communities are clean and free of contaminants. Ngatia observed the disregard by which some individuals dispose off their waste water in storm drains and promised to establish a multi-agency team to solve the challenge. This initiative was born out of the need to sensi-

tize the public on the need of environment care within the congregation and in the immediate community around, where our branches are located. Participants also planted trees at Naromoru stadium in line with the County Government of Nyeri greening programme.



Mega boost for Nyeri informal settlements lined-up for utmost revamping



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. Patrick Laibuta to validate the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) in the five informal settlements in

Nyeri County in readiness for implementation of the project. Under the guidance of KISIP 2 County Coordinator Beatrice Koech, the teams visited the five areas earmarked for improvement which includes Chorong'i in Nyeri Central Sub-County that is set for road upgrading & water reticulation, and Kiawara in Nyeri

Central marked for road upgrading, sanitation, and installation of dumpsters. Kiamwathi settlement will benefit from road upgrading and installation of a dumpster while road upgrading and proper sanitation will be done at Mweiga area, Kieni West Sub-County. Ihwagi area in Mathira East Sub-County is set for road

upgrading, befitting water & sanitation plus an elevated water tank and an ablution block. KISIP 2 is also constructing 30 metres high mast public security lighting in all the five settlements. 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 and participating in urban informal settlements to strengthen institutional capacity for slum upgrading in Kenya. Meanwhile, the Nyeri County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT) conducted a successful public participation on projects validation at Kiamwathi Settlement, Nyeri Town sub-county. Under the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project Phase II (KISIP II), the settlement is set to benefit from a highmast, tarmacking of the main access road, construction of storm water drains, footpaths, installation of a dumpster and street-lighting. The construction of the 30M high mast is currently ongoing.

Nyeri town clean-up exercise

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Nyeri Municipal Board in collaboration with Pioneer Insurance

Company conducted a clean-up exercise along Gakere Road, Nyeri Town. Pioneer Insurance has a TASK initiative (Tree and Scholarship for Kenya) introduced five years ago by the Company's Group

Managing Director presided over by Zachary Kamau the Branch Manager, Nyeri Branch and the entire sales team. This is in line with the Corporate Social Responsibility clean-up exercise. This initiative was born

out of the need to sensitize the public on the need of environment care within the congregation and in the immediate community around, where our branches are located. Activities included a collection of refuse, unclogging of drainage trenches along the tarmac, and clearing of vegetation along the roads as well. The exercise was impactful as the team looks forward to more involvement in such and more activities in the future. After the clean-up exercise, the team planted trees at Muruguru Girls High School. This is in line with President Ruto's target of planting 150 Billion trees by year 2032. This is not only a commitment to the world but a promise to future generations.



Dissemination of the 4th medium-term plan (2023-2027)



The Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) development process began in July 2021, through a consultative stakeholder engagement process and public participation in the 47 Counties, resulting in a draft of MTP IV. The MTP has been run in five successful plans. The Kenya Kwanza administration came into office in September 2022, with a commitment to transform the economy through 'Bottom

Up Economic (BETA)' thus realigning the draft MTP IV with the new Administration's manifesto. In this regard, Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri joined Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing & Urban Planning, Alice Wahome among other leaders at Dedan Kimathi University for dissemination of MTP IV. The same exercise was conducted nationally in all 47 Counties.

The Fourth MTP IV implements the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda, which is geared toward economic turnaround and inclusive growth through a value chain approach. BETA targets sectors with high impacts to drive economic recovery. The BETA objectives are;

- Bringing down the cost of living
- Eradicating hunger
- Creating jobs

- Expanding the tax base
- Improving foreign exchange balances and inclusive growth

This will be achieved through targeted investments in five core pillars; Agriculture, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Economy, Housing and Settlement, Healthcare, Digital Superhighway, and Creative Economy. BETA will be implemented through five MTP IV sectors; Finance and Production, In-

frastructure, Social, Environment and Natural resources, and Governance and Public administration. In Nyeri County, the CIDP III was launched by H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga on 27th July 2023. The CIDP III is themed on accelerating Social-economic transformation to a more competitive, inclusive, and resilient economy. It's a plan that will guide the key priority programs and projects for implementation. The fourth schedule of the constitution assigns the National and County Economic policy and planning functions to the national government and planning undertaken at the County level. The Counties will hold sensitization forums to educate the citizens about Kenya Kwanza's various projects which have been highlighted and later implemented in our County. The County Government of Nyeri is at the forefront of supporting the Kenya Kwanza administration to improve the lives of the Nyeri citizenry.

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Nyeri marks World Environment Day



Nyeri County marked this year's World Environment Day, 2024 at Wambugu ATC Farm, Nyeri town. This day is paramount to all people as they are reminded of our critical roles in protecting our planet Earth and the urgent need for collective conservatory and management efforts. Annually, Nyerians join others globally to celebrate this significant day by looking through the achievements they have made and reflect on challenges faced in implementing various strategies and efforts. This year's theme is 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience'. While representing Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri graced the event where he noted that the people of Nyeri depend on their land for their day to day livelihood,

yet this reality is being challenged by climate change crisis and loss of biodiversity, factors that are slowly turning healthy lands and ecosystems into unproductive dead zones, affecting agricultural production by our smallholder farmer community and degrading freshwater sources among other things. "As we celebrate World Environment Day, let us remember that the power to effect positive change lies within each and every one of us. By taking collective action and embracing change, we can build a brighter, healthier future for our planet and all its inhabitants," Said the Governor. Nyeri was previously known for its lush, green landscapes with high forest covers and the surplus food production. However, this has slowly been changing over the decades, with 52% of Nyeri being currently identified as semi-arid, a

status that is slowly encroaching into other areas such as Mukurwe-ini and Mathira West. This begs the question on what more can we do, individually and collectively as communities and institutions, in our various sectors, to restore our degraded landscapes and create a drought resilient county. He urged the stakeholders to adopt a circular economy approach to minimize waste and maximize resource efficiency, protect biodiversity for ecosystem balance and resilience, capacity build and empower our communities, with emphasis on the younger generation to foster a culture of environmental stewardship and also partner to pull resources that help with land ecosystem restoration and community climate resilience building.

DG joins tree planting exercise in Mt. Kenya Forest

Nyeri County stands as a beacon of environmental advocacy and stewardship. It's renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, diverse ecosystems, and a community committed to sustainability and environmental conservation. To realise the President's Vision on planting 15 Billion trees, Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga joined Maalim Mohammed - Secretary Administrator in the State Department for Land and Physical Planning representing CS Hon. Alice Wahome, County Commissioner Pius Mburugu, members of community among others during a tree planting activity at Kambura-ini Mt. Kenya Forest in Kieni East.



Enhancing Health Drivers' Skills

The Department of Health Services is cognitive of drivers as a key workforce in the delivery of health services. They handle the ambulanc-

es and other vehicles used for health activities in the County. Therefore, it is in the best interest to ensure frequent training for various components they come across, first aid being one of them. In conjunction with St. John's Ambulance, a team of experienced trainers led

by Jeremy Mwiti trained 23 drivers on First aid, defensive ambulance driving, and basic vehicle operation. The training is essential in honing their existing skills and giving them more confidence when offering support during emergencies. County Nursing Services Manager, Nelly Maina un-

derscored the importance of such training sessions for drivers as a larger part of their mandate involves saving human lives. The Department strives to ensure a workforce that is skilled holistically by continually engaging them for capacity building.



Team Building activity for Departmental staff



Team building strengthens team work resulting to Enhanced Communication, Increased Collaboration, Improved Problem-Solving Skills, Boosted Morale and Motivation, Enhanced Trust, Better Understanding of Roles and Strengths, Increased Creativity & Innovation, Conflict Resolution and mental wellness. The CECM noted that every employee brings unique skills, perspectives, and experiences to the workplace. It's this diversity that strengthens us and makes us capable of tackling any challenge that comes our way. But, to truly harness our collective power, the staff needs to operate as a cohesive unit, embracing the spirit of collaboration and mutual support.

By investing in team building, the department will create a more positive, productive, and harmonious workplace, ultimately leading to better performance and success. "Together, we will overcome challenges, celebrate our successes, and continue to grow both individually and as a team. Let's take on each day with enthusiasm and a willingness to contribute our best." She concluded.

Effective team building is crucial for the success of any organization. The staff of the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services took part in a one - day team building exercise held in Kieni East Sub County. The main objective was to bond and interact with each other through various activities such as tug of war among others. The CECM Esther Ndung'u, emphasized that team building creates a

team that works together towards achieving a common goal, help the staff members to be able to interact freely with each other and with their seniors and improves interpersonal relationships between the employees. She also stated that the exercise will be an annual event. A trainer, Alberto Ndegwa took the staff through the most important aspects in having successful team building. He emphasized the importance of emotional intelli-

gence when dealing or relating with other people. The trainer took the team through four requirements that enable effective relations with others which include; self- awareness, self - management, social - awareness and how to manage the relationships one has. "These exercises help us in improving one's mental health, physical health, confidence level, creativity level, and increase in one's productivity and the im-

provement of one's morale," noted the trainer. Team building activities have various benefits such as health, increased production, improve mental health among others. During the activities we learnt important skills such as empathy, adaptability, accountability, respect, and trust. Meanwhile, it was a thrilling event on Day 2 for the experienced dynamic, committed and talented Workforce in the department.

DG Kinaniri Chairs County Steering Group Meeting

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri Chaired the County Steering Group Meeting of the Nyeri County Famine Relief Coordination Committee which was held in Nyeri town. The group tackled the Ending Drought Emergencies (EDE) II, a common programming framework and National Drought Emergency Fund sensitization. The County Government is committed to working with the National Government to ensure that drought and famine issues are tackled on time in the County. The County Government of Nyeri must ensure that



there are measures put in place to mitigate famine under the National Drought Management Authority.

Sensitization Forum on Performance Contract for Governor's office



Staff from the County Government of Nyeri attended a one -day workshop on Performance Contracts for the year 2023/2024.

The Office of the Governor and Deputy Governor organized a One-day Sensitization Forum for staff held at Culture Center, Nyeri town

in order to improve service delivery. This is also in line with achieving our commitment in the Performance Contracts for the year

2023/2024. Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio who officially opened the training noted that performance contract

is aimed at improving efficiency in the management of public service as the contracts serve as the benchmark for evaluating performance.

The signing of PCs is conducted annually so that the executives can effectively implement the set targets as outlined in the CIDPs and ADPs.

Some of the topics covered include Citizens Service Delivery Charter / Department's Service Delivery Processes, Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Corruption Prevention / Leadership & Integrity, HIV/AIDS, Stress Management, Complaints Handling Mechanism, Disability Mainstreaming and Gender Mainstreaming and Road Safety Mainstreaming.

Nyeri marks the Day of the African Child



The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports & Social Services Chief Officer Joe Gethi flagged off team involved in The Day of the African Child celebrations which are commemorated annually on June 16. The celebration is of profound significance, this day is not only a commemoration of the bravery and resilience of the children who participated in the Soweto Uprising of 1976 but also a reminder of the ongoing challenges

and the relentless pursuit of a brighter future for all children across Africa. On June 16, 1976, thousands of black schoolchildren took to the streets of Soweto, South Africa, demanding their right to quality education and freedom from oppression. Their courage in the face of brutal repression is a testament to the indomitable spirit of Africa's youth. It is their legacy that is honoured currently, and it is their vision for a better future that we must con-

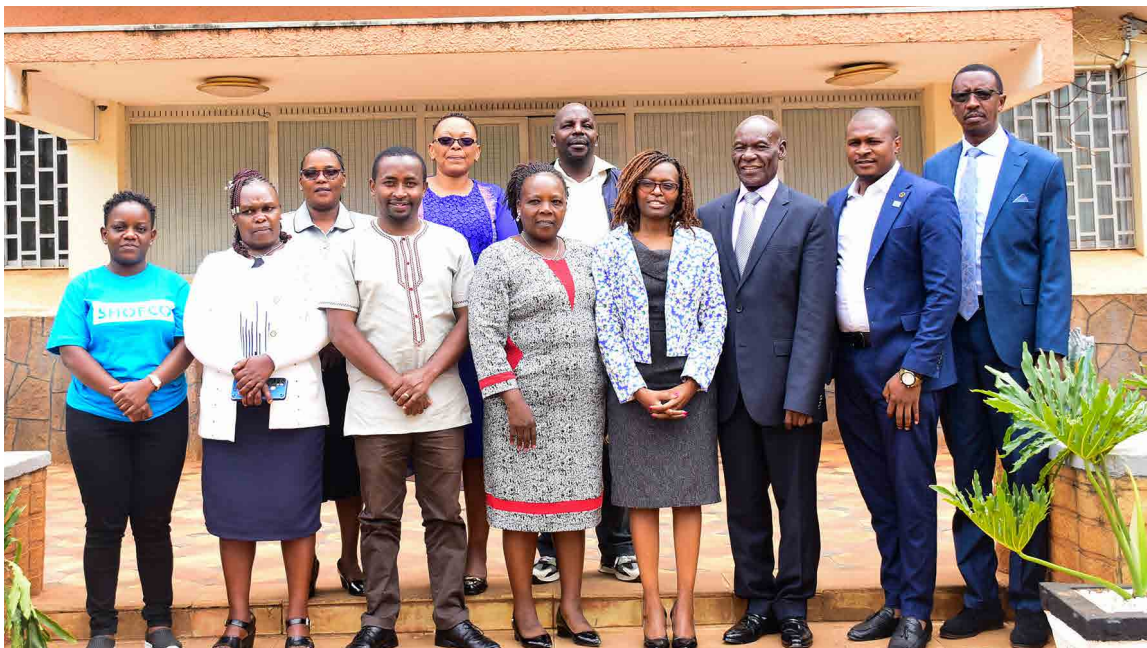
tinue to strive toward. The Chief Officer - Social Services noted that the theme for this year's Day of the African Child is 'Education for all Children in Africa which is in line with today's society. The Time is Now', calls for our attention to remain aggressive to ensuring the Children secure quality and Affordable Education. This theme encourages us to reflect on the progress made and the work that still lies ahead in ensuring that every

child on this Nyeri, Kenya and in the whole continent can grow up in an environment that nurtures their potential and safeguards their rights. He further acknowledged that Education remains a cornerstone of this vision. We must recognize that access to quality education is not merely a privilege but a fundamental right for every child. Education equips our children with the tools they need

to shape their own destinies, to innovate, and to lead. It is through education that we can break the cycles of poverty, inequality, and violence that have plagued our communities for far too long. He encouraged the children to remain focused in education. "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The CO noted.

Consultative meeting with SHOFCO team

Nyeri County Secretary Benjamin Gachichio led a consultative meeting with the Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO) team, headed by Hon. Kinoti Gatobu, Head of Governance and Advocacy. SHOFCO, a renowned NGO, has significantly contributed to community empowerment in Nyeri County. Their initiatives include sponsoring 247 youths to TVETs and Vocational Training Centers, distributing certified seeds to over 10,000 farmers in the past two years, and providing financial support to vulnerable families. The meeting aimed to discuss further partnership opportunities between SHOFCO and the County Government



of Nyeri to enhance community welfare. Key focus was the SHOFCO Youth Empowerment Programme, which sponsors youth for technical skill

training, conducts mental health programs, offers financial literacy training, guides youth in civil engagement, and encourages youth group formation for mutual

empowerment. The CS acknowledged the great initiative and efforts by SHOFCO that has led to positive changes witnessed in the community, from improved

educational outcomes to enhanced life skills and greater opportunities for the youth. These outcomes are a testament to the NGO's unwavering commitment, concerns, and hard work. The programs have provided a solid foundation for many young individuals to build successful futures and contribute positively to society. The dedication to empowering young people through education, mentorship, and skill development is truly transformative. He reiterated the County Government's commitment to collaborations and partnerships that benefit the youth and the broader community of Nyeri.

Enhancing Health Service Delivery



In partnership with AMREF Health Africa in Kenya, the Department of Health Services concluded a one-day integrated community outreach exercise at Tumani Dispensary targeting residents from Witemere, Majengo, Kiawara and King'ong'o areas. A team of medical experts camped at the site to deliver selected health services including; Diabetes and Hypertension Screening, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screen-

ing, Nutritional Assessment, Dental and Eye Check-up and Dermatology consultation. About 150 people benefited from these services while those with advanced complications referred to higher level facilities for further management and treatment. Emmah Kerubo, a Community Health Promoter from King'ong'o has noted the importance of the outreach since a wider variety of medi-

cal services are brought closer to the community members who may not be able to travel and seek services at the higher level due to transport constraints. She adds that she looks forward to more similar exercises. The Department is keen to bring medical services closer to the community by continually engaging in such exercises in different areas frequently.



Consultative meeting with Nyeri CHPs

The Health Services' team held a consultative meeting a bid to develop the CHPs job aids. The tools are developed locally in consultation with various expertises who understand the needs of the communities in Nyeri County. The job aids which are designed in form of pocket notebooks will be

used to enhance the performance of the Community Health Promoters. In the discharge of their mandate sometimes they may lack adequate guidance inform of literature on practical applications. Once the process is complete the job aids will be made available for the 2,510 CHPs to use in their service.

The Department continues to empower the CHPs and advocate for a conducive environment for the shared success. The meeting was in collaboration with AMREF Africa through project - Thrive that looks into contributing to the strengthening of Primary Health Care.

Consultative meeting with ReAct Africa team



The Nyeri CASIC team had a privilege of hosting a team from ReAct Africa led by the Deputy Director Julian Nyamupachitu and Dr Tracie Muraya for a consultative meeting to discuss potential areas of collaboration in implementing interventions to combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Nyeri County.

The meeting had representatives from Nyeri County Referral Hospital, and from the County Departments of Agriculture and of Environment, who work collaboratively as members of the Nyeri Interagency Committee on AMR (CASIC) in a ‘One Health’ approach. The County continues to engage various stakehold-

ers across the three sectors in creating awareness on AMR, and in implementing specific activities contained in the Nyeri CASIC Work Plan 2023-2025. Among the main drivers of AMR is the misuse and overuse of antimicrobials in human medicine and the agricultural sector. Misuse and overuse in hu-

man medicine is driven by overprescribing by health providers, patients not completing the full course of prescribed medicines and incorrect dosages. In Agriculture, large volume of antimicrobial use, prolonged exposure to sub-therapeutic doses, use of multiple drugs, and policies approving the use of

clinical drugs for animals drive AMR in food production. Contamination of the environment and the spread of AMR also stems from human and animal waste contaminating soil and water systems. Julian expressed her appreciation of working with Nyeri while expressing her ambition to create a positive impact through various activities through education, spreading awareness, and enacting strategies to fight AMR. County AMR Focal Person Dr. Oscar Agoro highlighted the tremendous milestones Nyeri has achieved including establishment of AMR stewardship committees in various health facilities and successful annual campaign among others. He welcomed the partnership noting its timeliness in implementing the CASIC 2023-2025 work plan which was launched last year. As the world continues to address the burden of antimicrobial resistance, the County continues to explore and utilize the opportunities essential in achieving the goal of preventing the development and spread of AMR.

Engagement meeting with the County UHC staff

The Department of Health Services led by the CECM Dr. Joseph Kiragu and the Chief Officer Ibrahim Adan held a consultative meeting with the county staff engaged on contract terms under the UHC program. They discussed and agreed on how to address matters that affected the officers, particularly with regard to their terms of engagement. The officers were informed of a commitment by the national government to honour the contracts for the three-year period as was signed in the second phase. The CECM appreciated the officers’ contribution in offering health services at different service levels and their joint contribution in journey



towards achieving Universal Health Coverage. He noted that the County Government has their inter-

ests at heart and would continue to work with them to resolve matters that affected how they work.

On their part, the staff urged the County and the National Government to consider reviewing their terms of en-

gagement to make them better.

Sensitization Forum on Performance Contract



The Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change held a staff sensitization forum on a performance contract at the White Rhino Hotel, Nyeri town. The forum was aimed to improve staff understanding and execution of performance contracts, focusing on critical areas such as service delivery to the citizenry's, mental health, alco-

hol and drug abuse, gender mainstreaming, the service charter, and information management systems. The meeting commenced with an in-depth session on mental health, where facilitators discussed factors affecting mental well-being, including individual, interpersonal, and cultural influences. They also highlighted various types of mental dis-

abilities and their warning signs, providing staff with essential knowledge to support their colleagues and improve workplace mental health. Following this, the forum addressed gender mainstreaming, elaborating on the five levels of integration and the steps required to achieve gender equality within the department.

This included strengthening accountability, allocating resources effectively, and setting clear gender equality objectives. The discussion also covered barriers to successful gender mainstreaming and strategies to overcome them. The session on alcohol and drug abuse provided a detailed examination of the effects of substance abuse,

identifying high-risk groups such as children of users, families in conflict, and street children.

This segment aimed to equip staff with the awareness and tools needed to support individuals struggling with addiction and mitigate the impact of substance abuse in the community.

The service charter segment was another key focus, with facilitators outlining recent adjustments in a step-by-step manner.

This ensured all staff members were up to date with the latest changes and understood their implications for performance contracts and service delivery.

Finally, the forum included a discussion on information systems, emphasizing their importance in managing departmental operations and meeting performance contract requirements.

This session was aimed to enhance staff proficiency in using information systems to improve efficiency and accountability.

HOYMAS- Nyeri Branch close-out meeting held

A team from the Health Department held an engaging session with HOYMAS Kenya for Global Fund- New Funding Model (NFM) III close-out meeting marking the end of the second phase of their project in Nyeri. Nyeri County has partnered with HOYMAS- Nyeri since 2018 for the implementation of two projects under Global Fund-New Funding Model (NFM) 2 (2018-2021) and NFM 3(2022-2024) respectively. The partnership was in a bid to extend HIV health services to key and vulnerable populations. Through the partnership, various achievements have been made including up scaling the provision of HIV and STI screening and treatment services, Gender and Human Rights, Men-



tal Health and COVID-19 sensitization forums, and COVID-19 outreaches among others targeting the key population. Nyeri County has one Drop-in Centre (DICE) located at Mt. Kenya Hospital. The center was estab-

lished in 2009 to provide health services to the key population in a designated one-stop station. CECM Health, Dr. Joseph Kiragu who graced the meeting lauded the key role HOYMAS has played in ensuring inclusivity for all

populations in the delivery of health services. He noted that the County Government stands to advocate, leverage opportunities, and establish partnerships that present avenues for equity in healthcare within the County.

David Kanyingi, the team lead at HOYMAS noted the great support and the cordial relationship HOYMAS has had with Nyeri for the last six years.

He added that the next phase of their project will focus more on the integration of HIV Programming Services into other health services while creating more awareness against the stigma towards the key population.

HOYMAS (Health Options for Young Men on HIV & AIDS / STI) is a community-based organization established in a bid to offer health services while facilitating economic empowerment for key and vulnerable population in five counties; Nyeri being one of them.