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Nyeri scoops Position One on Aquaculture Innovation



Aquaculture is a crucial part of our local economy, and the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga, EGH has been committed to supporting fish farmers in growth and sustainability. It is for this reason that the Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development has been aggressive in fish farming to reduce poverty and increase food security and Nutrition in rural communities.

On that note, Nyeri County topped nationally and

won a trophy upon emerging as the best in Aquaculture Innovation nationally following an impressive presentation on the use of a sawdust hatchery system, greenhouse, and Re-circulating Aquaculture System (RAS), during the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP) 4th Annual National Stakeholders Review Workshop held at Northwood Hotel at Mukurwe-ini in Nyeri County.

The ABDP Stakeholders Review workshop brought together all the Program-implementing coun-

ties, partners, aquaculture farmers, input suppliers, fish traders, and entrepreneurs within the aquaculture value chain.

The overall objective of the National Workshop was to review implementation progress attained so far, review challenges encountered during the implementation, and co-find solutions to inherent difficulties during implementation.

During the review workshop themed 'Aquaculture for Improved Livelihoods' - The Next

Frontier, Nyeri County ABDP was ranked Position One out of the 16 implementing counties.

The programme is being implemented in the following 16 counties as follows: Nyeri, Meru, Busia, Homabay, Kirinyaga, Siaya, Kakamega, Kisii, Machakos, Kajiado, and Kisumu. Others are Migori, Embu, Kiambu, Tharaka-Nithi and Vihiga counties.

Through an innovation, Peter Nyika, a fish farmer in Gatitu Nyeri Sub County has discovered a system that has seen him improve

fish farming innovation.

In a re-circulating aquaculture system, the water used to raise fish is continuously purified and reused. It is like a closed circuit, where waste products like solid waste, ammonium, and carbon dioxide are either removed or converted into non-toxic substances.

The clean water is then replenished with oxygen and sent back to the fish tanks.

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Advantages of Farming in RAS:

- Controlled fish environment
- Low water and energy use
- Efficient land use
- Optimal feeding
- Easy fish grading and harvesting
- Full disease control

After six years of fish farming, Peter is proud of the progress he has made. He is particularly impressed with the efficiency of the re-circulatory system, which has helped him avoid disappointments during harvest.

Maureen Gathigia ABDP CPC, notes that farmer received support in the form of pond liners and fish feeds, reducing operational costs.

Further, the County Government of Nyeri and ABDP have been supporting fish farming by providing fingerlings, fish farming inputs, and extension support to farmers in Nyeri County.

The ABDP, jointly funded by the Government of Kenya and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), aims to reduce poverty, increase food security, and improve nutrition in rural communities.

The success can be attributed to the commitment of Governor Kahiga in promoting aquaculture in Nyeri County.

It also reflects the collaborative efforts of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Aquaculture with the ABDP Nyeri faction, as well as the dedication of the resilient county staff who consistently serve the people of Nyeri.

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Fish is filled with Omega-3 fatty acids and vitamins

such as D and B2 (riboflavin). Fish is also rich in calcium and phosphorus and a great source of minerals, such as iron, zinc, iodine, magnesium, and potassium.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI



TENDER NOTICE

The County Government of Nyeri invites applicants for tenders, registration of suppliers, contractors, service providers and consultants for the **financial year 2024-2026**.

NO.	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
CATEGORY A		FRAMEWORK CONTRACTS FOR 2 YEARS	
1.	CGN/01/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of office stationery	Women
2.	CGN/02/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of computer accessories	Youth
3.	CGN/03/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of computers and laptops	Youth
4.	CGN/04/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of fresh fruits, vegetables and dry food stuff	Open
5.	CGN/05/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of firewood and charcoal	Open
6.	CGN/06/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of printed non-accountable documents	Open
7.	CGN/07/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of printed accountable documents	Open
8.	CGN/08/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of cleaning items and cleansing materials	PLWD
9.	CGN/09/2024-2026	Provision of hospitality services	Open
10.	CGN/10/2024-2026	Provision of air travel and ticketing services	Open
11.	CGN/11/2024-2026	Provision of catering services	Women
12.	CGN/12/2024-2026	Hire of tents, chairs, tables, public address system and other related items	Open
13.	CGN/13/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of newspapers and periodicals	Open
14.	CGN/14/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of mobile phones, tablets and airtime	Open
15.	CGN/15A/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of human drugs	Open
16.	CGN/15B/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of electrical items	Open
CATEGORY B		REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR DELIVERY OF GOODS	
17.	CGN/16/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of renal consumables	Open
18.	CGN/17/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of dental materials, medical tools & equipment and medical gases	Open
19.	CGN/18/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of dressing materials, non-pharmaceuticals and hospital linen	Open
20.	CGN/19/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and orthopedic equipment	Open
21.	CGN/20/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of laboratory reagents	Open
22.	CGN/21/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of hardware, building materials, water pipes and electrical fittings	Open
23.	CGN/22/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of tyres, tubes, motorcycles and motor vehicles batteries	Open
24.	CGN/23/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of generators, equipment, machinery, plant and spare parts	Open
25.	CGN/24/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of agricultural inputs and other related items	Open
26.	CGN/25/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of agricultural machinery and equipment	Open
27.	CGN/26/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of tree seeds, seedlings and related items	Open
28.	CGN/27/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of uniforms, and protective gear	Open
29.	CGN/28/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of petrol, diesel, LPG ,oils and lubricants	Open
30.	CGN/29/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of office equipment, fittings, furniture and household appliances	Women
31.	CGN/30/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of firefighting equipment and services	Open
32.	CGN/31/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of balls, sports equipment and sports uniform	Youth

NO.	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
CATEGORY C		REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES	
33.	CGN/32/2024-2026	Provision of exhauster services	Open
34.	CGN/33/2024-2026	Provision of legal services	Open
35.	CGN/34/2024-2026	Provision of security and guard services	Open
36.	CGN/35/2024-2026	Provision of printing services, graphic design and branding	Women
37.	CGN/36/2024-2026	Repair and maintenance of office machines, equipment and furniture	Open
38.	CGN/37/2024-2026	Repair and maintenance of motor vehicles and motorcycles (garages)	Open
39.	CGN/38/2024-2026	Repair of generators, equipment, machinery and plants	Open
40.	CGN/39/2024-2026	Provision of cleaning and sanitary services	Open
41.	CGN/40/2024-2026	Provision of auctioneering services	Open
42.	CGN/41/2024-2026	Provision of asset identification and tagging services	Youth
43.	CGN/42/2024-2026	Provision of asset valuation services	Open
44.	CGN/43/2024-2026	Repair and maintenance of medical tools and equipment	Open
45.	CGN/44/2024-2026	Provision of consultancy services	Open
46.	CGN/45/2024-2026	Provision of training services	Open
47.	CGN/46/2024-2026	Provision of ICT Services, Internet And Bulk SMS Services	Open
CATEGORY D		REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS	
48.	CGN/47/2024-2026	Registration of building works contractors	Open
49.	CGN/48/2024-2026	Registration of road-works and bridge contractors	Open
50.	CGN/49/2024-2026	Registration of mechanical works contractors	Open
51.	CGN/50/2024-2026	Registration of electrical works and street lighting contractors	Open
52.	CGN/51/2024-2026	Registration of interior designing and landscaping services	Open
53.	CGN/52/2024-2026	Registration of ICT software systems	Open
54.	CGN/53/2024-2026	Registration for hire of heavy plant and equipment (graders, excavators, dozers, rollers, low loaders, breakdown, crane) and transport services	Open
55.	CGN/54/2024-2026	Registration for hydro geological survey, borehole drilling, borehole camera logging and water testing services	Open
56.	CGN/55/2024-2026	Registration of water works contractors	Open

Interested bidders **MUST** meet all the conditions as indicated in the tender document and can view and download the documents in the County Government of Nyeri website www.nyeri.go.ke free of charge.

Completed tender documents clearly marked the tender number and tender name and bearing no indication of the tenderer should be addressed to:

THE COUNTY SECRETARY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
P.O BOX 1112-10100
NYERI

And placed in the tender box located at the Governor’s Office, Townhall or sent by post to reach on or before **22nd July, 2024 at 11.00a.m.**

Tender Opening will be done immediately after the above closing date and time in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

Late bids will not be accepted.

County Secretary
County Government of Nyeri

Signing of the annual Performance Contracts



The Nyeri County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) together with their Chief Officers signed their annual performance contracts as a sign of their commitment to achieving specific service delivery targets that are verifiable and auditable. This is in line with the County Government Act, 2012 requirements that the County

Government establish a system of managing and tracking performance. Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, presided over the exercise. He was accompanied by Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri. Governor Kahiga noted that performance contracting aims to improve efficiency and effectiveness in public

service management. Performance Contracts (PCs) are also essential in providing a framework for accountability and establishing clear goals and objectives. They are crucial in actualizing development plans and defining the scope of work, and deliverables, while specifying measurable performance indicators and key performance

indicators (KPIs). It is said that what gets measured, gets done and indeed what gets measured and is reported, gets done efficiently. The exercise is conducted annually so executives can work on the CIDPs and the ADPs. The event was held outside the Governor's office grounds in Nyeri town. Chief Officers besides wit-

nessing the CECMs sign the PCs, also signed the performance contracts in a bid to enhance synergy and stellar performance in the departments. The exercise is conducted yearly to aid in the actualization of development plans, link departmental priorities with the annual budget, track performance effectively, and take action to improve performance. The process involves negotiating, vetting, and drafting the annual targets that are guided by County Integrated Development Plans, Vision 2030, SDGs, Annual Development Plans, and the allocated budgets. The Performance Management Unit led by Dr. Nyoike Wamwea spearheaded the exercise. This year's theme was, 'That which is measured, improves, that which is measured and reported with data, improves exponentially.'

Nyeri County Widows Sacco launched



Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, EGH hosted H.E. Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, the Spouse to the Deputy President of Kenya H.E. Rigathi Gachagua during the launch of the Nyeri Gender and Development Policy and the Nyeri County Widows Sacco. This momentous occasion ushered the two milestones, steered by the County Government of Nyeri through

the Department of Youth, Gender, and Social Services. The Nyeri Gender and Development Policy is not just a document; it is a commitment to building a society where every individual, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to thrive, contribute, and be valued equally. It is a testament to our unwavering belief as the Coun-

ty Government of Nyeri in justice, fairness, and the inherent dignity of every human being. With the County Assembly of Nyeri approving this policy, Nyeri became the 7th out of the 47 counties to approve the Gender policy. "This policy will guide our efforts to create a more equitable society by ensuring equal access to education, healthcare, economic oppor-

tunities, and political participation. We are committed to eliminating all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination, and to creating an environment where both men and women can reach their full potential," Said the Governor. Launching the Widows Sacco also marks a significant and transformative occasion. The Sacco is a beacon

of hope, empowerment, and financial independence for many deserving women in our community. This initiative is not just a financial institution; it is a movement toward social justice, economic inclusion, and a better future for widows who have faced immense challenges and demonstrated extraordinary resilience. International Widows Day is observed annually on 23rd June to raise awareness about the plight of widows worldwide and advocate for their rights and well-being. Governor Kahiga urged all the stakeholders to work together, hand in hand, to build a future where every widow has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. CECM in charge of the Department of Youth, Gender, and Social Services Esther Ndung'u, Chief Officer Joe Gethi, and Director Monicah Thumbi gave the Department's assurance of committing to the cause diligently.

Miss and Mr. Tourism Nyeri picked during the Annual Tourism & Cultural Festivals



Together with the Nyeri Deputy Governor H E. David Kinaniri, H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga graced the colourful 5th Nyeri Annual Tourism and Cultural Festivals, 2024 held at PCEA Nyamachaki hall, Nyeri town. It was a tremendous honour and privilege to celebrate the rich heritage, diverse culture, and breathtaking beauty of our beloved County of Nyeri. These festivals have grown in size, stature, and impact, drawing visitors from near and far, eager to experience the charm and splendor of our region. The vibrant traditions, colorful attire, and melodious music speak of a heritage

that Nyeri hold dear and are committed to preserving for future generations. This festival organized by the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Co-operative Development is not just a celebration of what makes Nyeri unique; it is also a testament to the resilience and creativity of our people. Nyeri artisans, performers, and entrepreneurs demonstrated remarkable dedication, turning obstacles into opportunities and ensuring that Nyeri remains a beacon of culture and tourism. Governor Kahiga's administration is committed to creating an environment where the traditions can thrive, the natural resources

are protected, and our communities are empowered. The grand finales of the festivals were the crowning of Mr. and Miss Tourism Nyeri County, a highlight that drew much anticipation and excitement. This event celebrated not only beauty but also intelligence, talent, and cultural knowledge. He congratulated the newly crowned Mr. and Miss Tourism, who will represent Nyeri with pride and help promote our county's tourism potential far and wide. The Governor also extended his heartfelt gratitude to everyone to the organizers, sponsors, participants, and visitors.

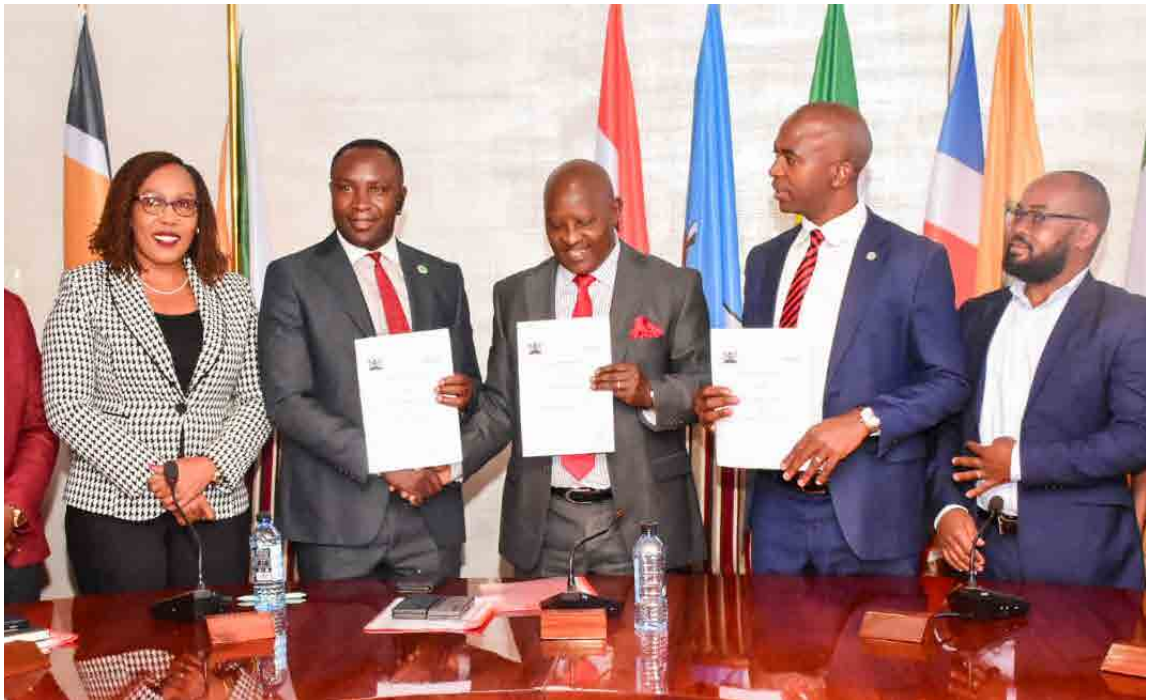
The day marked the end of the vibrant and highly anticipated two-day 5th Annual Nyeri Tourism and Cultural Festivals. This year's festival was a spectacular showcase of our county's rich heritage, featuring a range of exhibitions, captivating performances, and the grand crowning of Mr. and Miss Tourism Nyeri County. The festival kicked off with exhibitions that highlighted the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of our local artisans and businesses. Visitors had the opportunity to explore a diverse array of products, from traditional handicrafts to innovative agricultural produce, each reflecting the unique talents

and dedication of our community. Throughout the festival, performers from across Nyeri and beyond graced the stages with their talent, offering a captivating display of music, dance, and storytelling. These performances brought to life the vibrant cultural traditions that define our county and left audiences spellbound with their energy and passion. The grand finale of the festival was the crowning of Mr. and Miss Tourism Nyeri County, a highlight that drew much anticipation and excitement. This event celebrated not only beauty but also intelligence, talent, and cultural knowledge. The team congratulated the newly crowned Mr. and Miss Tourism, who will represent Nyeri with pride and help promote our county's tourism potential far and wide. As the Department reflects on these two wonderful days, we are filled with pride and joy. The success of this festival reaffirms our commitment to fostering cultural pride and promoting tourism in Nyeri. We look forward to more celebrations in the years to come, as we continue to shine a spotlight on the beauty and diversity of our county.

Governor Chairs Clinical Officers meeting

Resolving the Kenya Union of Clinical Officers industrial action has remained a top priority for the Council. H.E. Mutahi Kahiga in his capacity as the Chair HR, Labour and Social welfare Committee at Council of Governors (CoG) Chaired a consultative meeting between the CoG and the Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (KUCO) at CoG Headquar-

ters Delta Offices, Nairobi. The primary objective of this engagement was to finalize the drafted Return To Work Formula (RTWF) and initiate the signing process. The official signing of the document is scheduled to take place later.



Public Participation held in Nyeri County settlements



The Nyeri County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT) held a series of public participation to validate proj-

ects at Chorong'i and Ihwagi settlements in Nyeri Town Sub-County and Mathira East sub-county respectively.

Under the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project Phase II (KISIP II), Chorong'i settlement is set

to benefit from a highmast flood light, tarmacking of the main access road, construction of storm water drains,

footpaths, installation of a dumpster, street-lighting and connection of water to individual households.

Ihwagi Settlement will equally benefit from construction of roads with efficient drainage systems, street lights, high mast flood light, footpaths, seamless water connection to every household, a raised water tower, construction of an ablution block and installation of dumpsters to manage solid waste.

Construction of the 30 metres high mast flood lights is currently ongoing in both settlements.

Sites handover for the five informal settlements

The Department of Lands Chief Officer Fredrick Maina chaired a meeting between the Nyeri County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT) and the High Point & Pinnie Agency Limited led by Ibrahim Ali whose agenda was to conduct sites handover in the five informal settlements earmarked for improvement in Nyeri County.

The teams were guided by the Nyeri CPCT Project Manager Eng. Joseph Mwangi visited Chorong'i in Nyeri Central Sub-County that is set for road upgrading, improved solid waste management & water reticulation, and Kiawara in Nyeri Central Sub-County marked for road upgrading, construction of a high mast and improved liquid and solid waste management sanitation.

Kiamwathi Settlement will benefit from road upgrading and installation of a dumpster while road upgrading, installation of a dumpster, truck and consumer water connection will be done at Mweiga area, Kieni West Sub-County.

Ihwagi settlement in Mathira East Sub-County is set for road upgrading, construction of a high mast, improved water & sanitation including but not limited to an elevated water tank and an ablution block.

KISIP 2 is a development project financed by the World Bank, the Govern-



ment 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.

High Point & Pinnie Agency Limited is the contractor mandated to implement the KISIP 2.

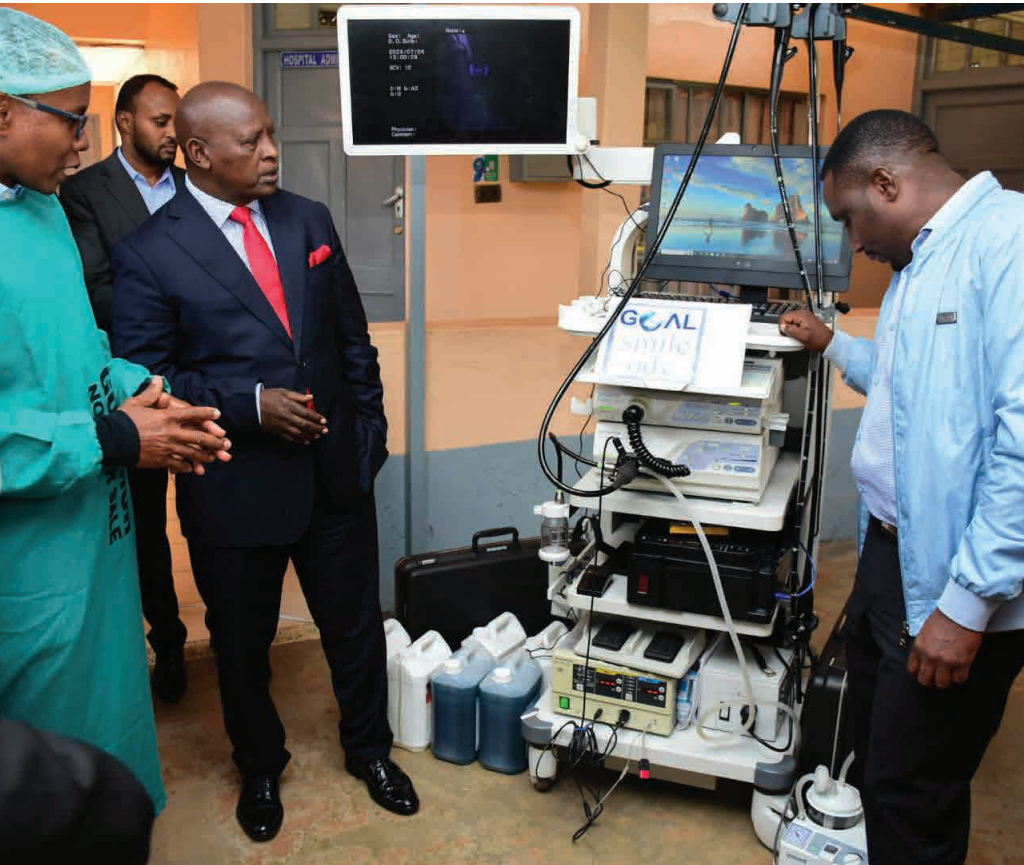
At the same time, the Nyeri County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT) conducted public participations meant to validate projects under the

Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project II (KISIP 2) at Kiawara and Mweiga settlements in Nyeri Town Sub-County and Kieni West Sub-County respectively.

Kiawara Settlement is set to have its roads tarmacked, construction of modern drainage systems, footpaths, street-lights, installation of two dumpsters, sewer con-

nections and two floodlights erected. Tarmacking of roads, construction of drainage systems, footpaths, streetlights, floodlights, installation of two dumpsters and 450 individual water connection works will be done at Mweiga settlements.

Governor receives a new Endoscopy machine



H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga received a new Endoscopy machine at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital. This is in collaboration with Goal Smile Italy and the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Health Services. Endoscopy is a non-surgical procedure that is aimed at examining one's digestive tract. This machine will help to detect Colon, Stomach, and Esophagus Cancer. Each endoscopy session will range from Kshs. 2,000-2,500 in the Nyeri County Referral Hospi-

tal compared to private institutions which charge from Kshs. 12,000-15,000 per session. This is a huge milestone in the fight against Cancer in our county. Cancer is an adversary that affects millions of lives worldwide each year. The County Government of Nyeri is at the forefront of ensuring our Nyeri populace is receiving affordable and good healthcare. Four doctors have been specially trained how to use this specific equipment. It is crucial for us to join

forces in the fight against this disease and work together to raise awareness, promote early detection and support those battling Cancer. The County Government has continually worked with our partners Goal Smile and The City of Venetto in numerous ways and would like to once again express our gratitude for their immense support. They donated a dental clinic unit prototype in Mugunda Dispensary in Kieni West.

2NK Karatina FOSA branch officially opened

H.E. Mutahi Kahiga presided over the official opening of the new 2NK Karatina Fosa branch, a move that demonstrates that the local investors have continuously demonstrated their faith in Nyeri County and its attractiveness to business investments. He commended 2NK Sacco and its board for their outstanding per-

formance and in portraying Nyeri County positively in matters of transport. "I'm optimistic about the growth and impact of such Saccos in our county. This kind of investment will undoubtedly benefit the people of Nyeri. My administration firmly believes in the transformative power of cooperatives as a key tool to foster-

ing socio-economic empowerment." He noted. The County Government of Nyeri has continued to create a sustainable business environment through infrastructural development like the maintenance of roads in the county for accessibility, ease of getting company permits to do business among other incentives.



Governor attends CoG UHC meeting

H.E. Mutahi Kahiga joined fellow Governors during a meeting on Universal Health Coverage attended by the Ministry of Health officers who briefed the Council of Governors at the CoG Headquarters, Nairobi. The Ministry provided updates and achievements in implementation of UHC as follows:

- The progress made in the Government's effort to implement Universal Health



- Coverage in Kenya.
- The transition from the Health National Insurance Fund (NHIF) to a new social insurance health scheme under the Social Health Authority (SHA).
 - The development and establishment of a Comprehensive Integrated health information system for the facilitation of people-centered quality health services delivery as provided under the Digital Health Act.
 - The establishment and operationalization of primary health care services as provided under the Primary Health Care Act.

New cold room at Mt. Kenya Hospital commissioned



In line with Kenya’s commitment to enhancing Primary Health Care to achieve Universal Health Coverage, Nyeri County is keen on investing in resources that promote vaccine accessibility and equity across the eight sub-counties to reach the unreached and the under-immunized children in the 149 immunizing Health facilities. On behalf of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, CECM Health Dr. Joseph Kiragu officially commis-

sioned the state-of-the-art walk-in cold room in an auspicious event held at Mt. Kenya Hospital grounds. The cold room was donated by the Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi in partnership with KFW to the County Government of Nyeri in a bid to enhance the implementation of COVID-19 vaccination and other routine immunizations. Additionally, the cold room will help improve the cold chain capacity for the stor-

age and maintenance of the vaccines at the right temperatures. During the handing over, the CECM signed an MoU between the Department of Health Services and the Aga Khan University Hospital. The cold room, which is set to function immediately, will be manned by 7 staff who underwent in-depth training with support from the Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi in June 2024. The staff included a Vaccine

Depot Nurse, Sub-County EPI Logistician, and Biomedical Engineer among others. CECM Health Dr. Joseph Kiragu while making his remark hailed the mutual collaboration between the two entities and special appreciation to Aga Khan University Hospital for choosing Nyeri to be a beneficiary of the cold room. He additionally noted the great initiatives by Aga Khan that have led to positive change and greater

opportunities in the overall healthcare system in Nyeri. He also affirmed the goodwill from H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga towards supporting impactful initiatives. Chief Officer Health, Ibrahim Adan echoed the appreciation and welcomed them for further partnership with the department in other areas. He also noted that the cold room will boost the existing cold chain equipment and the overall delivery of vaccines. Speaking on behalf of Aga Khan University Hospital, Christabel Wesonga commended the efforts of the County Government towards ensuring accessibility, quality, and efficient healthcare system in Nyeri that has made it easier for them to navigate and conduct their activities. Recently, the Department joined hands with Aga Khan University Hospital and conducted a series of integrated medical camps impacting over 1,000 Nyerians who received a wide range of medical services. The event was concluded with a tree planting exercise to mark the achievement and also an effort towards environmental stewardship.

Governor’s impromptu visit at Nyeri Referral Hospital

H.E. Mutahi Kahiga made an impromptu visit to the wards, maternity and outpatient units at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital. He interacted with the patients in a bid to find out how they were fairing and their welfare at the hospital. Ensuring quality healthcare is a fundamental priority of the County Government of Nyeri. “Every individual deserves the right to receive proper medical care and as the County Government of Nyeri, we are keen on the realization of this. In our commitment to providing good healthcare, we are focused on improving healthcare infrastructure, enhancing our



facilities across the entire Nyeri, and fostering a skilled healthcare workforce.” He

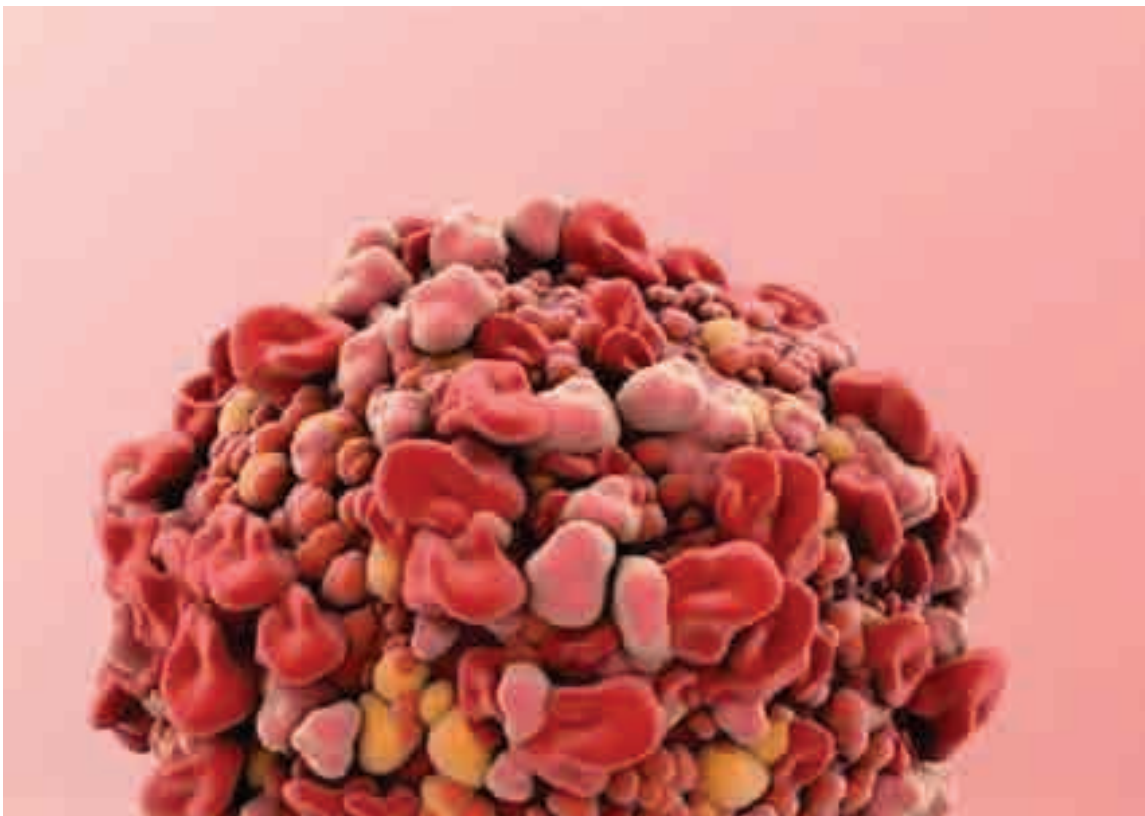
noted. Through strategic investments and policy initiatives,

Governor Kahiga’s administration aims to create a healthcare system that is ef-

ficient, affordable, and equitable for all.

Health Department creating awareness on Cancer

Cancer is a significant health issue globally and nationally. In Nyeri County, cancer contributes to 22% of the patient mortality. According to WHO, every two minutes, a woman dies from Cervical Cancer. Yet, it is entirely preventable and curable, as long as it is detected early and managed effectively. As the Health Department, the staff has continued to rally behind and champion the global strategy of accelerating efforts towards mitigating cervical cancer. As a county, the Department has made efforts to promote the preventive approach towards cervical cancer by rolling out free HPV Vaccines for girls between ages (10 to



14 years) and free screening services in our health facilities among others.

In line with this, the Department invited all women within the reproductive age (25-49) years for a free Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) screening. Additionally, the experienced team of health workers enlightened clients on how to take their own samples which will be taken to the laboratory for testing. The exercise is in partnership with Grounds for Health. The exercise was conducted in: Othaya Hospital Mukurweini Hospital, Kiganjo Health Centre Warazo Health Centre, Gichiche Health Centre, Nyeri Town Health Centre and Wamagana Health Centre.

Public Relations and Customer Care training



The Department of Health Services is concerned about the productivity of its employees as well as their career progression. The department recognizes the role of Public Relations and customer care especially in the hospital setup where there are complaints arising from patients and clients. To this end, the Department of Health Services organized five-day sensitization forums targeting all the County Referral Hospital staff including the non-medics. The training will provide staff with the necessary skills, knowledge, and information required in their day-to-day discharge of mandates.

Additionally, the training played a key role in advancing their career and marketing the facility's services. The County Chair of the Public Relations and Customer Care Committee and the facilitator of the sessions, Lydia Njaramba, expressed her expectation of improved competency in staff and customer relations that will in turn reduce the number of conflict cases experienced at the hospital. She added that the training will also be carried out in other health facilities to help address the existing customer service gaps. Deputy Medical Superintendent- Inpatient, Dr. Benson

Ngari, appreciated the training noting its importance which cuts across all cadres. He indicated that it would enhance their professionalism and aid in shunning away from vices some of the staff may have depicted. He also promised positive change from now onwards. Some of the topics covered include:

- The Concept of Public Relations and Customer care
- Institution Culture management.
- Managing personal and corporate image
- Effective communication
- Gender mainstreaming

Enhancing Health Service Delivery

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

cer Screening, Nutritional Assessment, Dental and Eye Check-up and Dermatology consultation. 135 adults and 14 children under five years 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 area noted the

importance of the outreach since a wider variety of medical 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. The Department is keen to bring medical services closer to the community by continually engaging in such exercises in different areas frequently.



Replenishment of medical supplies in public health facilities continue

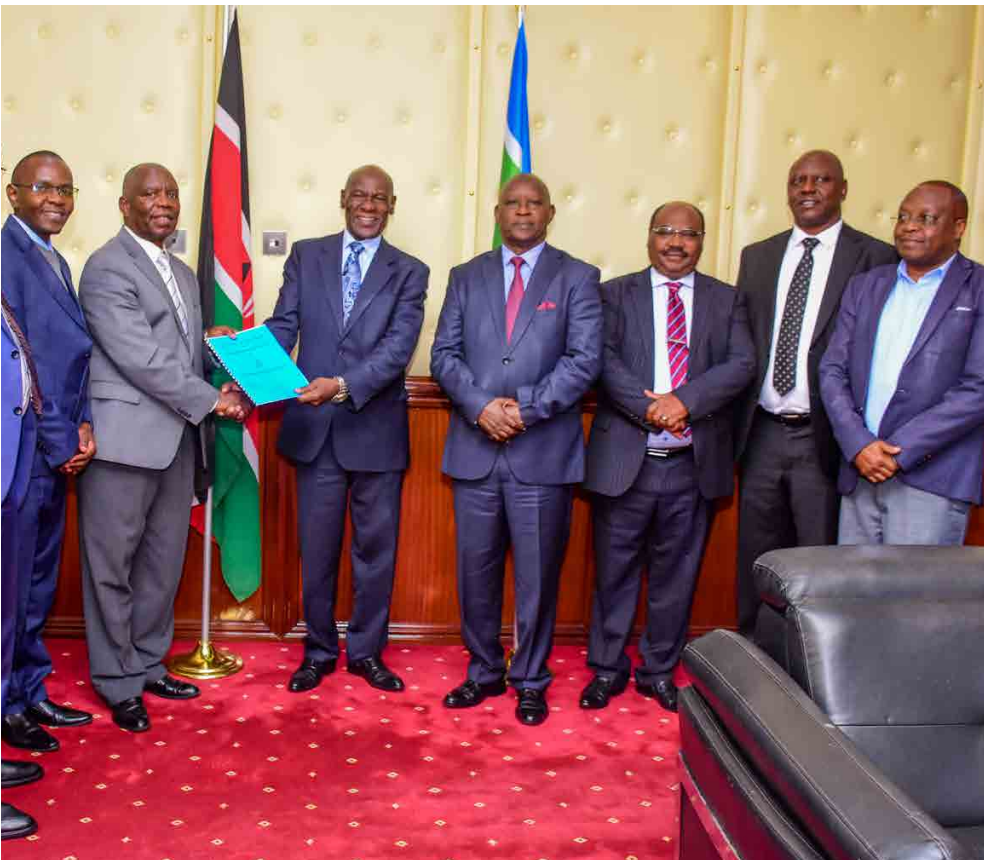
The Department of Health Services received a consignment of medical supplies procured through KEMSA ahead of the distribution to various health facilities across the county. The consignment comprises the essential drugs and non-pharmaceuticals. This comes as part of the commitment to ensuring that the patients have seamless experience when seeking health services. Earlier, the Department also received a consignment of medical supplies procured through KEMSA at the County Store. The exercise of distribut-



ing the medical supplies has been ongoing to all our public Health Facilities. Notably, all the level IV Hospitals and the County Referral Hospitals also received the supplies and the majority of level II and III. Some of the Dispensaries

and health centres who have received include; Githima, Ihwagi, Kaharo, Gathehu, Gitimaini, Gaikuyu, Kiganjo, Mururu, Itundu, Nyakahuho, Mihuti, Mururu among others. The Department remains committed to ensuring timely replenishment of drugs and other medical supplies to all our health facilities. The County Government of Nyeri is committed to continue prioritizing health wellness for the people of Nyeri as the heart of happy, healthy and wealthy people.

Governor Kahiga presides over OMWASCO's function



H.E. Mutahi Kahiga accompanied by the Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri presided over the signing of the deed of transfer for Othaya Mukurwe-ini Water Services Co. Ltd to Othaya-Mukurwe-ini Water and Sanitation PLC. This made OMWASCO a public limited company where the County Government of Nyeri is the shareholder as required by law. This will ensure the compa-

ny adheres to the highest norms of corporate governance. Part of the mandate of the County Government is to ensure there is provision of water to all households. OMWASCO has grown exponentially of late and he thanked those at its helm for scaling the company to greater heights. He also urged them to optimize their services so that more citizens have access to water and better services. Governor Kahiga also took time to congratulate the board on the company's ranking improvement to 12th in their category. The 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.

Majengo fire victims receive aid

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports & Social Services - Nyeri County responded promptly to the fire outbreak in Majengo, Nyeri Central Ward, by providing essential relief items to the affected families. The 13 households that suffered damage received mattresses, foodstuffs, iron sheets, and iron nails to help them return to normalcy. Fire safety is crucial to prevent such incidents. In case of a fire, call the fire and emergency unit immediately before attempting to contain the situation. Community vigilance and adherence to safety measures can significantly reduce the risk of fire outbreaks. H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga continues to invest in the fire and emergency unit to safeguard the lives and property of county residents. Nyeri Fire Emergency Hotline numbers. Nyeri Fire Station 0612032961 Karatina Fire Station 0721 367 998



Institute for Culture and Ecology’s team visit Nyeri



H.E. Mutahi Kahiga received a delegation from the Institute for Culture and Ecology (ICE), an organization that is keen on adopting naturalistic and organic agricultural inputs and practices, dubbed as ‘adopting nature’s way of farming. Through an Agro-ecology policy, these endeavors aimed at em-

powering communities to harness indigenous knowledge to sustain ecosystems will be realized. The Agro-ecology policy and Act has already been adopted in Murang’a County and plans are in high gear to cascade the policy to the other Central Region Economic Bloc CEREB counties; Nyeri, Meru, Tharaka

Nithi, Embu, Kirinyaga, Laikipia, Nyandarua, Kiambu and Nakuru. This will commence with a capacity-building engagement for the stakeholders who will be tasked with setting the ball in motion, starting with CECMs in the ten CEREB counties. He was accompanied by Nyeri Deputy

Governor H.E David Kinaniri. Hon. Kiringai Wa Kamau, CECM Devolution and External Linkages – Murang’a County, and Martin Muriuki, Executive Director – Institute for Culture and Ecology who were the team leads affirmed their commitment toward this end.



Nyeri Chapter Youth Empowerment

Gender, Sports, Youth & Social Services CECM Esther Ndung'u joined the World Parliamentary Scouts Union Kenya in Kaiyaba Scout Camp, Nyeri County. The Theme of the event was 'Refocusing Towards Youth Empowerment and Action Through Legislation'. The youth were empowered on how they can participate in matters affecting them and voice their concerns. The CECM highlighted the County Government of Nyeri, under the stewardship of H.E. Mwalimu Muta-hi Kahiga, encourages an open-door policy where they can raise their concerns. She emphasized the Department's mandate to enlighten and empower the youth to ensure they attain their dreams. The County Government remains committed to the youth agenda. Ndung'u assured the youth that the County Government of Nyeri has their back.

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