



Newsletter



ISSUE 156 | 26TH -30TH AUGUST, 2024 | WWW.NYERI.GO.KE | 0721 019 019

Governor Unveils Ambitious Empowerment Program for All Wards



Empowering youth is not only a catalyst for individual growth but also a powerful driver of social change and activism. When young people are given the autonomy to make decisions, take ownership of their passions, and develop a sense of purpose, they become a force to be reckoned with.

On the other hand, empowering women economically

leads to increased productivity, innovation, and economic growth at both local and global levels.

It is on this note that Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, Nyeri Members of the County Assembly and officers from the Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services Department led by CECM Esther Nd-

ung'u launched a vibrant Empowerment Programme which was rolled out in all the 30 wards.

Being part of the ward-specific projects, the initiative aims to empower youth and women's groups with business development merchandise to earn their livelihoods.

The ward-specific program benefitting local groups expects to boost organized

groups' Generating Activities (IGAS) and transform them into viable economic ventures by supporting the youth, women, and Persons with Disability with equipment, tools & machinery. It anticipates the promotion of the IGAS into formally established businesses.

The first empowerment program was held at Kiamuiru Primary School grounds, Gatitu – Muruguru ward,

Nyeri Central Sub-County.

So far, over 10 wards have already received the merchandise. They include Kabaru, Iria-ini Mathira, Magutu, Ruguru, Thegu River, Aguthi – Gaaki, Gatitu – Muruguru, Gatarakwa and Mugunda.

The Governor is expected to visit other wards soon.

Governor Kahiga has lauded this noble program, pledging the County Government of Nyeri's full support towards empowering other groups in all 30 wards. He further urged the beneficiaries to exercise prudence in the utilization of the merchandise.

Some of the machinery, tools, and equipment include tents and chairs, public address systems, chaff cutters, posho mills, welding machines, tanks, generators, car wash machines, and sports equipment such as balls, dart boards, and volleyball nets. Other items include concrete mixers, parasols, blow driers, chaffing dishes, sports kits, and shaving machines, all of which were procured by the Department.

The group members were also prevailed upon by CECM Gender Esther Ndung'u to keep signed records for future reference and documentation.

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Pictorial





REPUBLIC OF KENYA COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI

P.O. BOX 90- 10100, NYERI. | Telephone: 0745342000



COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS:

The County Government of Nyeri wishes to recruit competent and qualified persons to fill vacant positions in the following Departments:

Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development.

- i. Engineer II (Agricultural), Job Group 'K' - 1 Post
- ii. Veterinary Officer, Job Group 'L' - 1 Post

Department of Health Services.

- i. Medical Social Worker, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
- ii. Assistant Occupational Therapist III, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
- iii. Community Oral Health III, Job Group 'H' - 6 Posts
- iv. Pharmacist, Job Group 'M' - 2 Posts.
- v. Dental Officer, Job Group 'M' - 2 Posts

Department of Finance, Economic Planning, & ICT.

- i. Chief Officer, Economic Planning, Job Group 'S' - 1 Post.
- ii. Deputy Director, Revenue, Job Group 'Q' - 1 Post - (Re-advertisement).
- iii. Director ICT, Job Group 'R' - 1 Post - (Re-advertisement)
- iv. Principal ICT Officer-Software Development & Management, Job Group 'N' - 1 Post
- v. Principal ICT Officer-Hardware Management, Job Group 'N' - 1 Post

Department of Gender, Youth, Sports & Social Services.

- i. Director Disaster Management, Job Group 'R' - 1 Post - (Re-advertisement)

The full details of the job descriptions, requirements for appointment, and the Employment Form can be accessed on the website www.nyeri.go.ke.

How to Apply

A **Hard copy** of the duly filled Employment Form together with copies of academic, professional, and testimonials should be sent or hand delivered to:

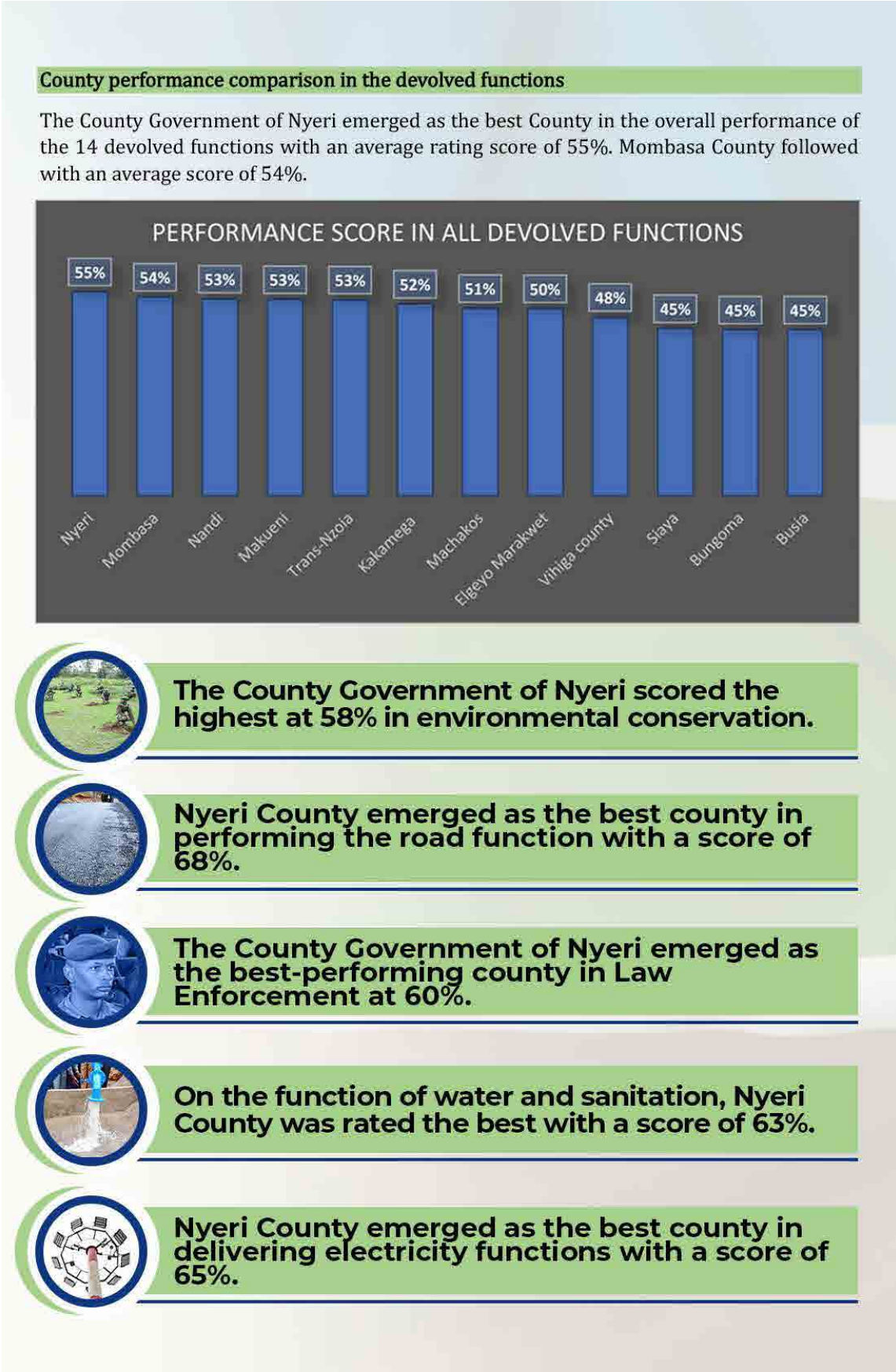
**THE SECRETARY,
NYERI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD,
P.O. BOX 90-10100,
NYERI
CELLPHONE: 0745342000**

All applications should be received on or before **10th September 2024** at **5.00 pm**

Note:

1. Any communication from the County Public Service Board SHALL be through the above-provided address and cellphone.
2. The County Public Service Board does not charge for any of the recruitment exercises, including short-listing and appointment. Any request for payment or favor should therefore be reported to the County Public Service Board or police for appropriate action.
3. The County Government of Nyeri is an equal opportunity employer and hence Persons Living with disability, marginalized and minorities are also encouraged to apply.
4. Only the short-listed candidates will be contacted by the Board.

Nyeri Tops in Delivering Devolved Services



The NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat hosted the inaugural County Peer Review Mechanism (CPRM) Summit at KICC, Nairobi where it presented performance ratings for various counties, assessing 14 devolved functions.

County Government of Nyeri Governor H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined colleague Governors at the summit, commending the NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat for facilitating the process while conveying a special thanks to the Panel of Eminent Persons for volunteering their services to this noble cause.

The County Government of Nyeri was among the counties that accepted to be reviewed, emerging as the best county in delivering devolved functions services to its citizens with an average score 55%.

The Peer Review process is designed to help counties identify their areas of strength and areas of weakness according to citizens' perceptions. County governments provide evidence of what they have implemented while citizens express their satisfaction or dissatisfaction and give suggestions on how performance could be improved. Nyeri County has been rated excellent in terms of best practices in the following areas:

- Institutionalization of performance-based management;
- Established and strengthened civic education and public participation cascaded to downstream institutions;
- Kuza Kazi programme;
- Ihururu Rehabilitation Centre;
- County internship programme;
- Wage bill management strategies;
- The first County to establish a Health Fund through legislation;
- Nyeri County emerged as No. 1 as the best County that paid all pension dues to all the retired staff;
- Recruitment of 800 ECDE caregivers on permanent terms;
- NYEWASCO is rated as the best-performing water service provider in Eastern and Southern Africa.

The County Government of Nyeri continues to make strategic collaborations for development with private as well as National Government agencies to forge appropriate synergies for development. The collaboration with the NEPAD APRM Kenya Secretariat, which is tasked with undertaking governance peer reviews, is crucial.

FLLoCA Programme Boosts Water Harvesting in Kieni

The Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change, in partnership with the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Programme and National Water, Harvesting and Storage Authority (NWHSA), has been on a transformative course to enhance sustainability and climate resilience through impactful water projects.

With a vision of "transforming our community with one drop at a time," these initiatives aim to secure a reliable water supply that meets both residential and agricultural needs.

Among the successful projects undertaken are the rehabilitation of the Kiamucheru Borehole and the Warazo Lusoi Borehole in Kieni East, the Rongai Borehole at Thegu River Ward, the Ndimini Borehole in Mathira East, and the Mahiga and Karera Boreholes in Endarasha Mwiyo Ward.

In addition, the Treffos -Kiburuti Borehole which is currently under Equipping operations in Gatarakwa Ward, Kieni West Sub County is on the verge of beginning operations in a bid to further bolster water access. This infrastructure development will offer numerous benefits, including a consistent and reliable water supply, which is crucial for both residential and agricultural purposes, particularly in areas of Nyeri County that experience intermittent rainfall.

These underground water projects will significantly improve public health by providing clean water, thus reducing cases of waterborne diseases.

By ensuring a steady water supply, we anticipate fostering economic growth, supporting agricultural activities, and saving valuable time and energy that would otherwise be spent collecting water from distant sources. Moreover, these initiatives will contribute to environmental sustainability by recharging surface water bodies, ensuring not only a cost-effective solution but also a long-term approach to water accessibility.

Together, Nyerians are making every drop count so that they may continually adapt and be resilient to the growing effects of Climate Change.

The Rebirth of Volleyball in Nyeri



H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga graced the closing ceremony of the Nyeri Mega National Volleyball Tournament after a two-day event at Dedan Kimathi Kamukunji grounds, Nyeri town.

He appreciated the Kenya Volleyball Federation, the County Government of Nyeri's administration led by the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services and other partners for supporting this

initiative and making the day successful.

46 teams participated in the event where over 20 teams were drawn from Nyeri County. This reignited the passion for volleyball among various categories such as Senior Men, Women, and Self-Supporting Men, under the theme 'Bringing Back the Glory of Volleyball in Nyeri.'

Counties that participated in the event included Nairobi, Meru, Nyandarua,

Kirinyaga, Nairobi, Meru, Murang'a, Nakuru, Laikipia, among others.

The event promotes sports as a viable career option and taps talents.

The tournament had attracted significant participation, with a total of about 60 teams (or 46?) composing of both men's and ladies' teams.

This large turnout highlighted the growing interest in volleyball within the county and the effectiveness

of initiatives aimed at reviving and promoting sporting activities in Nyeri, especially among the youth.

This has also boosted business in the county mostly in the hospitality industry.

Governor Kahiga also acknowledged the teams for making the tournament a memorable experience.

He hinted that his administration is planning for another major and bigger event in October at the same venue.

The winners took home cash prizes with Ksh. 50,000 for the champions, Ksh. 30,000 for the first runners-up, and Ksh. 20,000 for the second runners-up.

Earlier, the Governor hosted the Kenya Volleyball Federation Nyeri Branch Chairman Jacob Munene who paid a courtesy call ahead of the Nyeri Mega National Volleyball tournament.

DG Hosts Traders in Nyeri Town



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri hosted the officials of Below Batian

Traders, Nyeri Town who paid a courtesy call to his office. The team was led by

their Chairman, Stephen Wachira.

The traders acknowledged

the DG's role as a mediator through his initiating the process of holding elections

in the trade sector, that had thus far helped iron out internal misunderstandings while facilitating the smooth administration of the sector. They also listed some of the challenges they anticipated would be addressed by the County Government through the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture, and Cooperatives. The County Government reiterates its committed to improving the trading environment for all traders. Thank you so much Below Batian Traders for your unity.

National Product Industry Research Projects on Natural Health



Story & Photo by Margaret Wamucii

On behalf of the CECM Director Mary Kimamo Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperate Development Diana Kendi and Tourism and Culture hosted a team from NMK (National Museum Kenya) who conducted a monitoring and evaluation activity, together with officers from the County Government of Nyeri and herbal products owners. The key purpose of the exercise was to understand what was happening on the ground, what to recommend and the challenges encountered. The activity was carried out using questionnaires and oral interviews. The initiative was a progress assessment of two National Products Industry (NPI) projects based at the NMK namely:

- Strategies to enhance prevention and recovery from COVID-19 especially the scientific validation of herbal products as potential immune boosters against respiratory infections, and;
- Natural products industry initiative. A preclinical study to validate the ethno botanical knowledge and use of abris precatorius seed as a natural contraceptive by local communities at the Kenya Coast.

The projects have been operationalized in 11 counties.

Project for Nyeri Farmers and Saccos



Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK-FINFA) is a project that aims to contribute to income growth, climate change resilience, and improved livelihoods in rural areas. The project aims to strengthen the capacities of financial institutions for innovation, rural outreach, and green finance services in Kenya; and build the capacities of MSMEs and smallholder farmers for sustainable investment and financial literacy skills particularly tailored to reach women, youth, and marginalized groups. On this note, Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri hosted a mission team from (RK-FINFA) The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) who were in Nyeri County to supervise projects. The team that was led by a Representative and Country Director-Kenya Mariatu Kamara will be meeting Saccos and small-scale farmers under this project in the county. The team will build capacities of participating commercial banks, MFBs and DT-SACCOs to provide rural and agriculture financial services including products tailored to reach the youth and women. This team has been funding agricultural projects in the county including the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP), Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP), and other projects that have transformed lives in Nyeri County for the last five years. Nyeri is among the 14 counties nationally that will benefit from this new six-year project. He appreciated all those involved in this project that has seen many lives being transformed, creating employment and boosting food production.

500 Bags of High Quality Fish Feeds Distributed to Farmers



Aquaculture plays a vital role in our local economy, and the County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries is committed to supporting fish farmers in their growth and sustainability efforts. The County Government of Nyeri ac-

knowledges that access to high-quality and affordable fish feeds is a significant challenge for our fish farmers. The industry's success hinges on the availability of high-quality fish feeds, which are crucial for the growth and development of fish. As a result, in col-

laboration with the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP), the County Government of Nyeri has distributed 500 bags of high-quality fish feeds to Nyeri local fish farmers across all eight Sub Counties. These fish feeds have been specially formulated to meet the

nutritional needs of fish at various growth stages, ensuring maximum growth and productivity. The fish feeds were flagged off by the Department's Chief Officer Wilson Maringa. Also present was ABDP County Program Coordinator Maureen Gathigia among others.

Naromoru Level 4 Rolls Out Inpatient Services

The Department of Health Services is thrilled to announce that Naromoru Level 4 Hospital has officially opened its doors to inpatient admissions. Since the hospital's inauguration in August last year, the Department been gradually rolling out services to ensure a smooth and stable operation at full capacity. This marks the beginning of Phase 2 of our Operational Plan. The medical wards for Male, Female, and Paediatric patients, having a combined capacity of up to 175 clients, are now fully functional and staffed by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. Further, the facility will soon launch surgical services, including cesarean sections, to better serve our community. The Officers-in-Charge gladly wish to welcome both NHIF and cash-paying clients to our facility, worth noting that other outpatient services remain available to the public as we strive to deliver efficient, high-quality healthcare.



World Breast Feeding Week Marked in Nyeri

According to the World Health Organization, only 40% of infants under six months of age are exclusively breastfed globally. Breastfeeding has been proven to be one of the most effective ways to ensure a child's survival by supplying all the necessary nutrients in the required proportions, protects the baby against allergies, sicknesses, and other infections. At the Department of Health Services, we continue to rally behind exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and supplementary breastfeeding from six months to 24 months after birth. As part of efforts to promote a positive breastfeeding culture, the Department proactively engages our



health workers who interact with breastfeeding mothers through capacity building to provide support to mothers and their children. In addition, the Department also provides training to the CHPs who provide support to mothers in the

lowest level (households) to help address any myths and misconceptions revolving around breastfeeding. Department also leverages community engagements to provide health education to the mothers. Furthermore, the Department has partnered with other health stakeholders who are key players in mother to Child Health to strengthen systems that ensure continuous improvement and scaling up interventions in maternity facilities. Let us spread awareness and create a lasting impact on the future generation.

Thegu River Ward receives Breeding Stock Chicks



Story - Gaudencia Kemunto | Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri oversaw the distribution of breeding stock chicks to poultry farmers' groups within Thegu River ward, Kieni East Sub County. Farmers were drawn from local self-help groups in Karundas and Karicheni areas. Through this initiative, Governor Kahiga's administration in partnership with area MCA Hon. Patrick Kanyi continues to empower the area residents, youth, women and PWD groups with enterprises they can easily manage.

Also at the function was CECM Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries James Wachihi who expressed optimism regarding the project's potential to improve food security and act as a key income-generating activity for the marginalized groups and their households. So far, farmers in three wards namely Gatitu - Muruguru, Dedan Kimathi and Ruring'u wards have benefited from this project which is funded through the specific Ward Development Funds. According to KALRO Officer Anthony Njuguna, the poultry breed dubbed 'KALRO Improved Kienyeji' reaches maturity after just four months, and is suitable for both meat and egg production. Also present were officers from the Directorate of Veterinary Services who pledged their support and services to the beneficiaries through scheduled vaccinations and training.

Officers from Gender Department visit Metropolitan Sanctuary

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services visited the Metropolitan Sanctuary in Kamakwa, Nyeri town and presented assorted items. The Sanctuary is a faith-based organization established in 2007 by the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church Belfast (Northern Ireland). The Sanctuary aims to improve the quality of life for the children who are physically and mentally challenged while sharing and showing the love of God in both word and deed, primarily by offering rehabilitation services for all persons with disability. In the course of going about its operations the organization discovered that 90% of the children they attended were living with disabilities. This realization led to a shift in focus, with the organization now primarily offering rehabilitation services for disability cases.



Over the years, Metropolitan Sanctuary has made significant strides in positively impacting the lives of people living with disabilities, serving both children and adults not only in Nyeri County but across the country. Services provided in the Sanctuary include:

- Rehabilitation services;
- Care giver/guardian education on home-based care;
- Mobility aids issuance based on need;
- Adult wheelchair issuance based on need;
- Fabrication and issuance of assistive devices for positioning with a workshop on site;
- Spiritual counselling;
- Awareness campaigns to the community on care of children with life limiting conditions.

tions. During the visit, Social Services Director Monica Thumbi expressed her appreciation of the collaboration with The Sanctuary, particularly the valuable psycho-social services and provision of assistive devices to persons with disabilities. Social Welfare Officer Mary Mwangi also acknowledged The Sanctuary's contributions, highlighting the free services it offers to those in need within the community. To support The Sanctuary, well-wishers can donate the following supplies for use by the institution:

- Assistive devices such as wheelchairs, walking frames, clutches etc;
- Workshop materials such as cartons, dowels, wheat flour and old newspapers
- Toys, playbooks and other resources for the kids' entertainment.

Nyeri Youth Development Policy Launch Consultative Meeting

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services in collaboration with World Vision and other stakeholders held a consultative meeting on the launch of the Nyeri County Youth Development Policy. The meeting was meant to exchange ideas and getting to plan the launch of the policy. The policy was approved by the Nyeri County Assembly in December last year. The policy, developed by the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services in collaboration with stakeholders and inputs from youth, focuses on several key areas:

- Health and well-being;
- Labour and employment;
- Education, training, and skills development;
- Leadership and governance;



- Social inclusion and social justice;
 - Arts, sports, culture, and talent development;
 - Agriculture and agribusiness;
 - Environmental sustainability for climate action;
 - ICT and innovation;
 - Patriotism and volunteerism;
 - Radicalization and prevention of violent extremism;
 - Entrepreneurship development.
- Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u emphasized that the policy aims to address youth issues in Nyeri by providing comprehensive objectives

and strategies to help them realize their full potential. Nominated MCA Hon. Fidelis Kanene in-charge of youth, discussed how the policy framework would guide all programs and policies to address youth issues, including mechanisms for accountability.

Hon. Kareithi Wambui, the Vice Chair County Assembly Committee on Youth and Sports stressed the importance of youth unity and the legal framework in place, which would support the holistic growth of young people and create a brighter future for Nyeri County.

Strategic Plan Formulation for Transport Department



Strategic planning is a crucial exercise that helps a department realize its goals. It is in this light that the Department of Transport, Infrastructure, and Energy led by the CECM Abdi Hanif opened a three-day Strategic Planning workshop. The CECM highlighted that the strategic plan is

a significant component of the result-based management framework, as it defines the strategic goals and KRAs in which the department works. Hanif lauded the strategic plan committee for their commitment into this program. The CECM also thanked the staff for their teamwork and commitment

and vowed to implement and solve any issues that would arise. He will be at the frontline to improve the livelihoods of the Nyeri citizenry. Chief Officer Anne Kihagi reiterated the importance of the exercise, noting that it would enable the Department achieve its mandate geared towards its success.

Nyeri Youth Set To Benefit After MOU with WorkAid

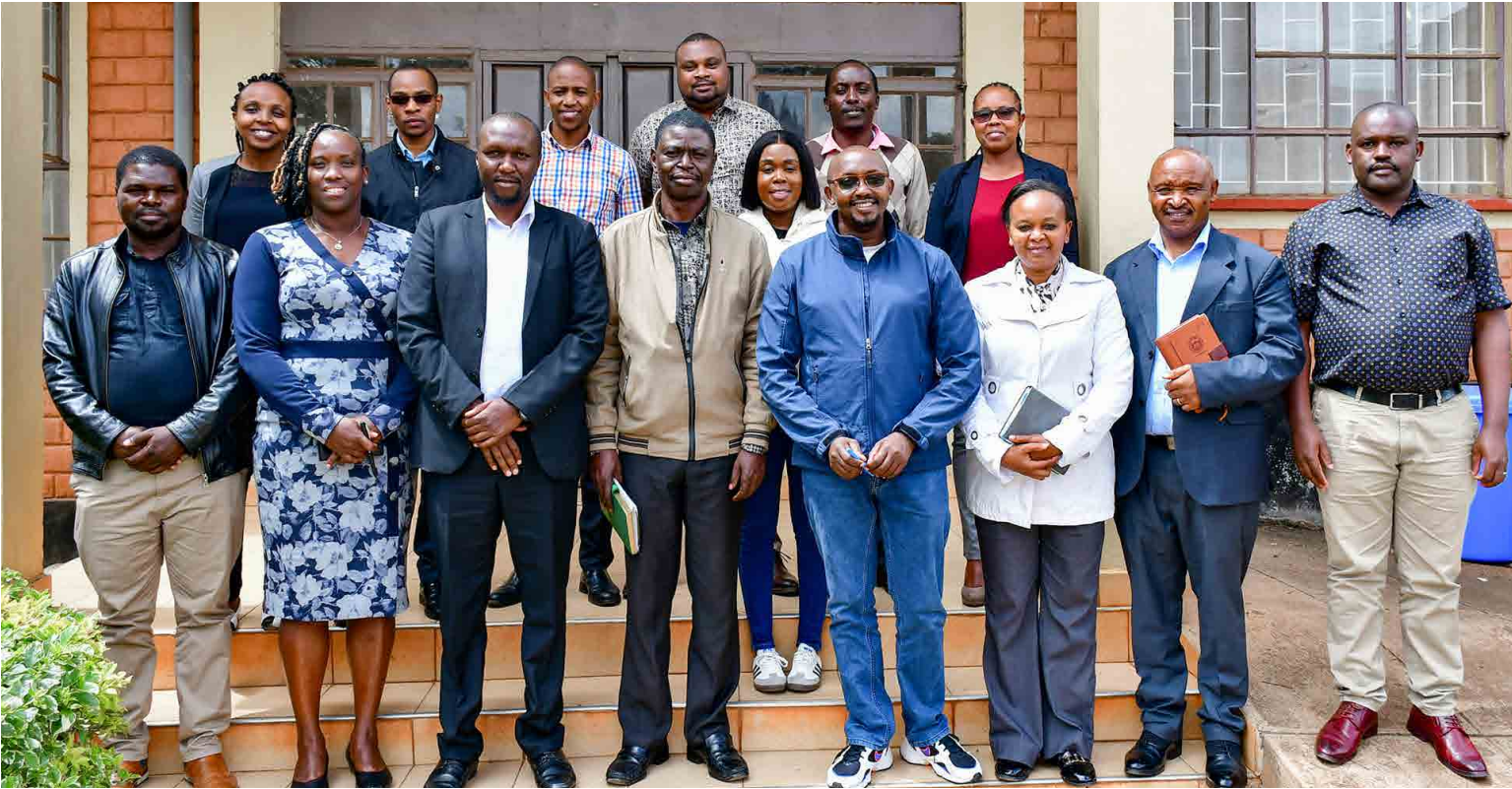
The County Government of Nyeri received a Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) proposal from WorkAid. WorkAid empowers young people in Africa through Vocational Training Centers (VTC). Their mission is to partner with all the 47 counties in Kenya to fill the gap caused by high unemployment rates among

the youth. According to the proposed MOU they will provide tools and starter kits used for training and create job opportunities for the youth to escape poverty. Some of the activities they will undertake include shoe making, carpentry, plumbing, tent making, metal fabrication and tailoring among others. The County Gov-

ernment of Nyeri through key stakeholders is set to meet and create a draft for the proposed MoU. Through the stewardship of H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, Nyeri County remains committed to the improvement of its VTC centres, with students continuing to acquire skills and knowledge that shape their future.



KISIP 2 Program To Improve Access to Basic Services in Nyeri



Story - Barbara Wachaga | Photo - Kenneth Ngatia

Nyeri County has been mapped as one of the five counties in Kenya that will receive Consulting Services for Development of County Specific Slum Upgrading and Prevention Strategies under the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Program 2 (KISIP 2). The overall project development objective is to improve access to basic services and tenure security of residents in participating

urban informal settlements and strengthen institutional capacity for slum upgrading in Nyeri and Kenya as a whole. In this regard, the Nyeri County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT) chaired by the Department of Lands Chief Officer Fredrick Maina hosted a team from the National KISIP 2 led by Gabriel Muli for a meeting whose main agenda was the introduction of Consultant

team working under Component 3. Component 3 references the Institutional Capacity Development for Slum Upgrading action and undertakes a set of activities designed to strengthen the capacity of counties and national government institutions through:

- Assisting national government institutions and counties review existing slum upgrading policies and

strategies;

- Supporting the development of county-specific slum upgrading and prevention policy and strategies;
- Developing and carrying out activities to build capacities of national and county teams mandated to implement such policies and strategies;
- Developing financing mechanisms for slum upgrading at county level

among others. The Consultant's primary role will be to support the county specific slum upgrading and prevention strategies. They will also undertake stakeholder engagement exercises and collect views meant to improve the content, format and implementability of said strategies. In addition, they will operationalize the County strategies by drafting relevant guidelines and overseeing stakeholder sensitization forums. The county slum upgrading and prevention strategy is a first step towards institutionalizing informal settlements and slum upgrading and prevention within Nyeri county. This is expected to form part of the next CIDPs and lay the basis of funding slum upgrading programs. These strategies will outline actionable steps, institutional arrangements, and resource mobilization / financing mechanisms for slum upgrading and prevention in Nyeri. Furthermore, the 10-month long exercise will ensure that the proposed solutions are translated into tangible outcomes on the ground.

Performance Contracts Signed at Lands Department



Cascading of Performance Contract for FY 2024/25 by the Department of Lands

Physical Planning and Urban Development. The officers from the De-

partment led by CECM Ndirangu Gachunia carried out cascading of the

performance contract exercise at the Municipal Yard Boardroom with the

CECM, Chief Officer Fredrick Macharia, Municipal Manager Perister Kigwa, Lands and Survey Director Daniel Mukiri, and Physical Planning Director Beatrice Koech taking part in the exercise. Performance contracts provide a basis for ensuring that efficient and effective services are delivered to the people in line with the Constitution. They also present a foundation for continuous performance improvement that meets the needs and expectations of the citizenry.

Teen Empowerment Program



The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services in collaboration with various partners and stakeholders held a transformative dialogue forum at Karichen Sub Chief Social Hall in Kieni East sub-county. The forum targeted pupils and students between the ages of 13- 18 years from over 10 different schools. The program aimed at empowering teenagers with knowledge and

support on how to cope with challenges during their school holidays. Topics sensitized on boys included:

- Understanding the role of boy child in the society;
- Peer pressure and self-awareness;
- Importance of education;
- Gender-based violence prevention;
- Drug and substance abuse;
- Negative sexual behaviors;
- Mental health issues;

• The use of social media. Topics sensitized on girls included:

- Peer pressure;
- Self-awareness;
- Importance of education;
- Career guidance;
- Early pregnancy/teen pregnancy;
- Gender-Based Violence and proper reporting channels.

During the forum, the boys were issued with personal hygiene items while the girls were issued with dignity kits and taught how to

use them. This exercise ensured that the teenagers embraced personal hygiene and grooming. The dialogue encouraged students to prioritize on discipline, academic pursuits, self-awareness, positive behavior and make informed decisions. It also created a platform for open discussions and gain practical skills on navigating challenges effectively.

Chaka Market Clean-Up

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of County Public Service & Solid Waste Management in collaboration with Arsen's Cleaning Service, conducted a clean-up exercise in Chaka Market, Kieni East Sub County. The clean-up exercise themed "Live Life Cleaner, Make Earth Greener" was aimed at sensitizing members of the community on the role the environment plays in enhancing the health of the community.

This initiative was born out of the need to sensitize the public to the importance of environmental care.

The exercise was made possible through sponsorship and support by stakeholders from the business community, residents, the Scout movement, non-governmental organizations, the Kenya Red Cross Society, pupils and students, tourism players, youth, women groups, and national and officers from the County Government of Nyeri among others.

The exercise was successful with activities ranging from litter collection, and de-silting of storm drains as well as draining of waste waters trapped in open storm drains.

The CECM County Public Service & Solid Waste Management Peter Ngatia emphasized the responsibilities everyone holds in ensuring a safe and clean environment by adopting an environmentally-conscious culture.

He emphasized the benefits of self-regulating on environmental matters.

CECM Ngatia expressed the commitment of the County Government to improving the living conditions of its citizenry.

He was however taken aback by the disregard by which some individuals dispose of their waste-water in storm drains and promised to establish a multi-agency team to resolve the challenge.

GOVERNOR'S PRESS UNIT

Download

NYERI COUNTY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

www.nyeri.go.ke

Nyeri County Primary Care Networks (PCN) Strategy Validation



The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Health Services, continues to make significant progress in advancing the Primary Care Networks (PCN) Model of Health Care. This initiative is a crucial step in fulfilling the Ministry of Health's mandate for Universal Health Care (UHC). A Primary Care Network (PCN) is an administrative health region that consists of a primary healthcare referral facility (the hub) and several other primary healthcare fa-

cilities (the spokes). Together, these facilities work to ensure patients have access to essential primary health care services while coordinating with other hospitals to enhance the overall efficiency of the network. The Department has achieved several milestones in implementing the PCN model. These include sensitization of the County Health Management Team (CHMT), Sub-County Health Management Teams (SCHMT), and

stakeholders, conducting a baseline survey across all eight sub-counties and disseminating its findings, training Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs), and the recent development of the Nyeri County PCN Work Strategy. The Nyeri County Primary Health Care Networks Strategy 2024-2029 is designed to guide the Department, stakeholders, and implementing partners in strengthening Primary Health Care Services across the County. The strategy comprises eight

major chapters: Background, Health Situation Analysis, PCN Strategic Objectives, Implementation Framework, Coordination Framework, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning, M&E Framework, and Resource Requirements. Solomon Mwaniki, Program Manager at AMREF Health Africa, commended the team for their swift and contextual development of the PCN strategy, noting its alignment with the Project Thrive thematic areas. "We at AMREF

Health Africa are proud to partner with Nyeri County, and we will continue to offer the necessary support whenever called upon," he added. Deborah Kioko, Nyeri County AMREF-Project Thrive Coordinator, remarked, "Nyeri County is known for its excellence, and I am confident that with this strong start in the PCN journey, we will set a benchmark for other counties in implementing the PCN Health Care Model." Patrick Mbugua the County Primary Health Care Coordinator, esteemed the partners, stakeholders and the County Health Managers for being part of the incredible journey. He also highlighted that the Department is looking forward to sensitization of the County Executives, Appointment of County Steering Committees, and gazette-ment of the PCNs. The County extends its sincere gratitude to all the key players in the health sector who have contributed to this effort.

Community In-Reach at Gumba Health Centre

In partnership with AMREF Health Africa through Project THRIVE, the Department of Health Services held a successful multidisciplinary integrated community in-reach event at Gumba Health Centre, Mukurwe-ini Sub-County. Project THRIVE which is generously funded by the Moderna Charitable Foundation, is dedicated to strengthening primary health care services. By conducting community in-reaches and home visits, Project THRIVE ensures that essential health services are accessible and closer to the people who need them most. During the event, a range of vital health services were provided, including:

- Diabetes and Hypertension Screening;



- Nutritional Assessment and Counseling;
- Eye Check-ups;
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening;
- Tuberculosis Screening;
- Dermatology Consultations;
- Psychiatry Consultations;
- MOPC and General Consultations;

- Mental Health Assessment & Counselling. A total of 221 clients benefited from these services. Member of the community present expressed their appreciation for this initiative and voiced their desire for more such events in the future. "AMREF Health Africa

through Project THRIVE has been partnering with County Government of Nyeri to actualize and deliver PHC essential services to the communities which is the cornerstone to UHC realization and reaching out to the vulnerable women and children for lasting health change." "Layering on the existing

health system and structures at all levels, the Department has been executing the multidisciplinary integrated in reaches and outreaches in the communities that has ensured one-stop provision of essential health services." Remarked Solomon Mwaniki, Project Manager, AMREF Health Africa. Nyeri Central Focal Person Josepine Mathenge on behalf of the County Community Health Services Coordinator Ann Nduta, outlined the tangible impacts of Project Thrive to the Nyeri citizenry. The County, in collaboration with its partners, is committed to continuing the concerted efforts to bring quality healthcare to all for better health outcomes to its people.