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Governor Kahiga's 2023/2024 Scorecard

Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD, EGH outlined his scorecard for the financial year 2023/2024.

Speaking at the Nyeri County Assembly while delivering the State of the County Address, the Governor noted that all departmental projects and programs were implemented within the purview of the CIDP, the ADP and in pursuit of the SDGs. He was accompanied by the Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, Speaker Hon. Mwangi Gichuhi among other officials and MCAs.

This marks his second County address in his second term as Governor of this great County of Nyeri.

As this administration takes stock of the gains made, challenges encountered and future projections, he was proud to note that Nyeri County continues to make exemplary strides across all sectors.

The Governor also congratulated the County Assembly Members for having been recognized as a very hard-work-

ing assembly and urged them to remain focused on the needs of Nyeri's citizens. Together let us make Nyeri Great!

Below are some of the highlights:

Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development:

Agriculture continues to be the backbone of our County's economy, and is the major contributor to our GDP and plays a critical role in the realization of food security.

To motivate farmers and improve coffee production, through cooperative societies, the payment of the cherries was reviewed to an average of Ksh. 100 per kilogram.

To increase coffee production, 20,000 coffee seedlings were procured and distributed to farmers; We too procured and supplied 151 (16-litre) knapsack sprayers to farmers and also procured and supplied 410 tonnes of organic manure.

Similarly, to improve the

livelihoods in semi-arid areas, in collaboration with National Government, the department distributed 13 tons of sunflower seeds to over 7,000 farmers. This is a new entrant to our value chains and a worthwhile endeavour at diversification for our farmers.

The county also benefited from the E-subsidy programme fertilizer that benefited 135,000 farmers. In the year under review, farmers were able to increase subsistence food production that ensured food security in the county.

To support the tea farmers to increase production, the department distributed 40,000 tea seedlings to Ragati and Chinga tea factories and also rehabilitated Thuta Tea Collection centre in Dedan Kimathi Ward.

In the year under review, the department procured 22,000 avocado Haas seedlings which were distributed to farmers in both Chinga and Mweiga wards.

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In the livestock sub sector, In the year under review, the County procured and distributed 379 dairy goats to farmers. The goats provide supplementary income to the farmers through the sale of milk and the dairy goats.

Nyeri County is one of the leading counties in breeding of the dairy goats. Many farmers have benefited due to dairy goat farming.

The department procured and distributed 52,293 distributed one-month old chicks and in collaboration with the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP) the department procured and distributed 445,000 fingerlings, 6,060 bags of fish feeds, 586 pond liners and 37 cover nets to fish farmers.

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well improve the fish farming and fish-eating culture to Nyeri population and become a new source of protein.

To ensure healthy dairy herds and sustainable milk production, in the year under review, 77,317 animals were vaccinated against notifiable diseases and 16,412 dairy cattle were inseminated under animal breeding programme. The County was able to provide affordable AI services all over the county.

Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture & Cooperative Development

The County has undertaken several market improvements to enhance business environments to ensure a clean and business-friendly environment.

In the year under review, the county undertook market improvement initiatives to enhance business environments that include: the installation of prepaid meters at Karatina Market Hub; the construction of a shade at Nairutia Market; the building of a walkway at Soko Mjinga; the renovation of the ablution block at Kimahuri Market; the construction of stalls at Ihururu Market; and the development of Kamakwa Market.

The Nyeri County Enterprise Development Fund continues to be a leading fund in lending of credit to Small and Medium Enterprises with a view to creating informal employment.

In the year under review, over 200 borrowers benefited from the credit at an interest rate of 5% on reducing balance.

This Fund has created jobs and employment opportunities to new entrepreneurs that are able to scale up their micro and medium enterprises. Similarly, the credit has also enabled the acquisition of modern technology, effectiveness and efficiency and competitiveness to businessmen.

Additionally, the EDF has played a key role in asset financing that allows businesses to purchase essential equipment and infrastructure development.

To foster industrial growth and support research and innovation in the year under review, the County Government embarked on the construction of the County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP).

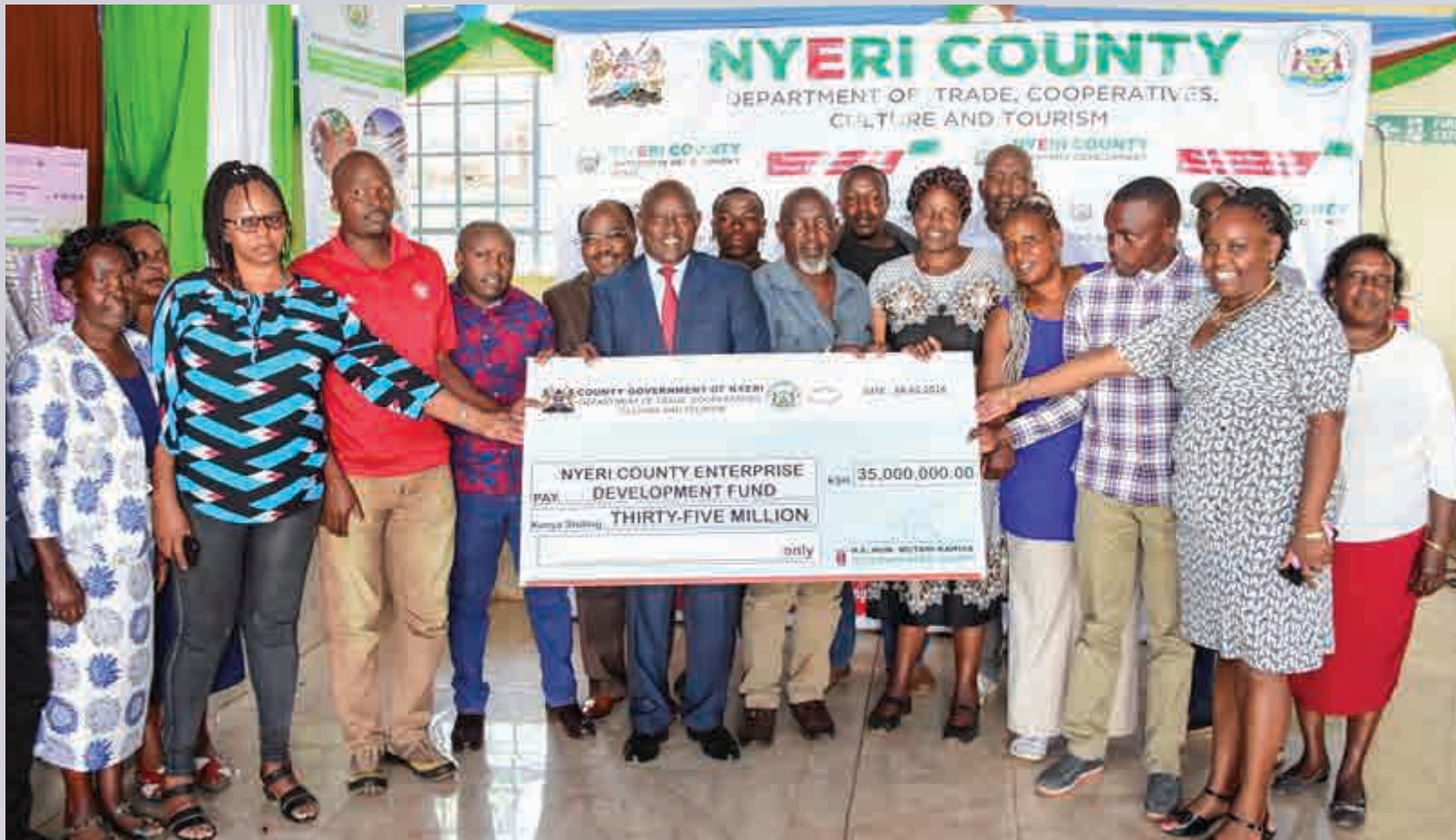
This initiative will transform and revolutionize the agriculture value chains by providing a centralized hub for the aggregation, processing, and value addition of agricultural produce.

The County is also keenly considered the promotion and scaling up of the informal sector by empowering the Jua Kali sector, to create jobs to our graduates from the Vocational Training Centers. In the year under review, the County established a modern fabrication center at Gakindu CIDC.

This modern facility is designed to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of artisans by providing access to improved infrastructure, tools, training opportunities and ultimately promoting the growth of small-scale manufacturing over and above job creation.

To enhance production efficiency in the cooperative societies, the Department procured and installed a water pipeline at Githiru Coffee Factory. This initiative will not only lower the operational costs by ensuring a steady and affordable water supply, but also enhance the factory productivity by reducing dependency on costly alternatives.

In the Dairy sub sector value chains, through the cooperative sector, procured and installed a milk pasteurizer to Slopes Dairy Cooperative Society. This initiative will not only improve the quality of milk production but also yield more income to the dairy farmers.



On the tourism sub sector, Nyeri continues to undertake tourism promotion services to ensure the County becomes a destination of choice to local and international tourism.

The County signed an MoU with the Kenya Film Commission and this will position Nyeri as a prime filming destination. Further to the above, the Karuna-ini site has been improved by building a Gazebo to sit visitors and an ablution block.

Our long-term goal is to put up a Mau Mau Museum and we are awaiting allocation of more land from the National Land Commission.

Department of Education, Training & Devolution

Education provides a foundation for development, the basis on which much of our economic and social well-being is built. My Government has taken a lead in improving ECDE education in the County. In the year under review, 34 new ECDE classrooms were constructed, the construction of 10 new toilet blocks was undertaken and the renovation 13 ECDE classrooms and fencing of one ECDE center have been completed.

Nyeri leads among the very few counties that have an ECDE working structure with 798 teachers all hired on the new terms of their scheme

of service and majority of whom are on permanent and pensionable terms. From utilization of this funding, the County enrolled 20,236 children in the year under review. Our dream is to provide school milk to all of these pupils.

Through the Elimu Fund Bursary, the County Government supported education to students from vulnerable family backgrounds. 60 KCPE candidates who scored a minimum of 350 marks were awarded full scholarships. Further to scholarship awards, 240 students spread across all levels in the secondary education enrolling for form one were provided with uniforms, shoes, and other personal effects. Since this noble initiative began,

two cohorts of the scholarship program have completed form four and proceeded to university.

The third cohort of 60 students sat for KCSE this year. In addition, the County Government supported 17,500 needy students in secondary schools and tertiary institutions by awarding bursaries.

In the year under review, my Government was able to mobilize financial assistance from Nyeri people living in the Diaspora and we were able to provide scholarships to 40 needy students spread across the County who scored 350 marks and above in the KCPE.

Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure & Energy

On the Infrastructure sub sector, Nyeri County was recently ranked as the best-performing County in the roads sector. Some of the achievements in the year under review were as follows:

The Department upgraded 93.615 kilometers of earth road, to gravel/murram standards; 800 meters of (0.8km) of new roads were opened to improve on mobility. These roads improved connectivity and marketing of agricultural goods and services that benefited the farmers in reduction of the post-harvest losses and

the costs of doing business and maintenance of the vehicles within the County.

During the same year, four box culverts and one Foot-bridge were constructed that improved connectivity between communities and the neighboring counties.

There is an increasing demand to work beyond 12 hours in the business community. This cannot be achieved without installation and maintenance of street lights to ensure enough visibility to the customers and business communities.

In the year under review, the Government also installed 368 street lights and rehabilitated 5 flood lights

Department of Gender, Youth, Sports & Social Services

Recently, we launched the Youth Development Policy which attests to the importance the County attaches to the youth development programs.

My Government continues to undertake research and development in the promotion of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services to ensure that women are empowered and the youth are engaged in income-generating activities.

In the year under review through the Department, we





Department of Lands, Physical Planning & Urban Development

Nyeri being an agriculture-based economy, the role that land plays in the economic development cannot be overemphasized. In the year under review, The Department engaged a consultancy firm that planned, surveyed and prepared Titles for 15 ex-colonial settlements and market centers in Warazo jet, Karundu, Uaso Nyiro, Gikoe, Njigari, Chieni, Ngaini, Githiru, Kiamwangi, Gakanga, Thunguma, and Kiandere at a cost of Ksh. 26 Million. The project is ongoing and it is at the final stage of processing 1,124 titles.

The County Government of Nyeri in collaboration with the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project II (KISIP 2) embarked on the rehabilitation of informal settlements through infrastructure Works. These settlements include; Ihwagi in Iria-ini ward, Mathira East Sub-County, Mweiga (Kiawara and Gikomo) in Mweiga ward, Kieni West sub-County, Kiawara informal settlement in Rware ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.

In Tenure Regularization, the County through the KISIP2 initiated planning and survey for two settlements namely; Gitunduti and Ndumanu villages. The settlements have

provided business startup Merchandise that were issued to the youth groups. The teenage girls were sensitized and provided with dignity kits in all sub-counties.

Athletics is conspicuous in the national map for producing some of the leading sportsmen/women in Kenya. Lately, athletics has become one of the best-paying careers worldwide.

To promote this activity, the County started the Mountain Ultra Marathon and Central Region Cross Country championship to engage the youth from all the sub-counties. We are planning to open up sponsorship for these events to reward the winners and in doing so, the majority of the youth will be attracted to venture in athleticism.

In the year under review, The Water and Sanitation Bill of 2024 was developed and is awaiting enactment; the County procured and delivered 81.5km of pipeline to increase the water distribution for Kabendera and Kabunda boreholes in Kieni West and Kieni East respectively.

To control flood and storage of water, the County rehabilitated Ngunio dam in Mathira West Sub County, constructed an intake at Iganjo and rehabilitated Mwea B Intake to enhance effective water abstraction from various rivers.

The Department of Environment has also made significant progress in environmental conservation. Over 40,000 assorted tree species and 17,017 fruit tree seedlings

were distributed and planted by institutions and community groups. These efforts do not only improve tree cover and biodiversity but also promotes food security and carbon sequestration, which is critical in mitigating climate change.

Further, in collaboration with partners such as Upper Tana Nairobi Water Fund Trust and Kenya Forest Service, over 2 Million trees were planted in the last Financial Year.

Through Climate Action (FLLoCA) program; Two solar driers have been constructed at the Chorong'i and Thageini Coffee Factories. The two solar driers will enable the coffee factory to reduce the drying time of the cherry beans by 50% while at the same time maintaining quality, reducing labour cost and

ultimately increasing farmer incomes.

Further, through FLLoCA, one Water Intake for the Gatei Water project in Magutu Ward was constructed to increase water accessibility for the citizens; Seven boreholes were rehabilitated at Rongai, Kimahuri, and Warazo Jet boreholes in Kieni East, Mahiga, Karera, and Treffos boreholes in Kieni West, and Ndimaini borehole in Mathira East.

To conserve the environment and mitigate climate change, 14,000 fruit seedlings were distributed to the community groups across the County. This will not only boost food and nutrition but also security to sequester carbon dioxide to mitigate climate.

Department of Water, Irrigation & Climate Change

In the year under review, the Department of Water, Environment & Climate Change remained steadfast in its mission to protect the environment, mitigate against climate change and promote sustainable development across Nyeri County.

Our relentless commitment to environmental stewardship has thus solidified our position as the leading County in forest and tree cover and coverage rates of 40.1% and 45.7%, in that order respectively Kenya.



benefited from tarmacking of the main access roads, construction of stormwater drains, street lights and high masts, footpaths, installation of dumpsters and access to clean water.

Department of County Public Service & Solid Waste Management

The Department placed 200 young certificate, diploma, and bachelor's degree holders in an internship program. In the year under review, the County engaged a fifth cohort that gave an opportunity to interns to gain hands-on experience in the work environment annually while, at the same time, isolating them from harmful traits of drugs and substance abuse practices and exploitation.

Additionally, the County Government offered attachment opportunities to students as part of the requirements for them to be exposed in their field of training. Over 500 individuals have been offered attachment opportunities from various learning institutions of higher learning.

In the year under review, the County incentivized the staff through promotions to improve the work environment. A total of 1,328 officers were promoted in various staff cadres. The promotion has improved the performance and productivity of the workers.

On Solid Waste Management, the increasing volume and complexity of waste associated in the modern economy is posing a serious risk to ecosystems and human health. It is estimated that, every year, Nyeri County generates an estimated 42,000 tonnes of solid waste.

In the year under review, the County started the construction of drainages at Gikeu dumpsite in Othaya at an estimated cost of Ksh. 5.5 Million. This will enable the County to improve in sustainable environmental management culture.

Further, the Department adopted measures to accelerate the transition from linear to a circular economy in waste management as guided by the



National Strategic Solid Waste Management Policy. This is a shift from the previous “buy-use-dispose” linear approach, to a more elaborate circular economy that advocates for “zero waste”.

To realign in zero waste culture, the County is reviewing the Nyeri County Solid Waste Management Policy and Regulations, to anchor it to The National Sustainable Waste Management Policy 2022. This will provide a comprehensive framework that prioritizes recycling, waste reduction, and resource recovery.

Department of Health Services

In the year under review, the County invested heavily in

promotive and preventive health care services.

The County continued to offer quality curative and promotive healthcare services to our customers in all health facilities.

The Department invested in specialized services such as renal dialysis, oncology, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), High Dependence Unit (HDU), Diagnostic laboratory and imaging services and other basic equipment required for high level of care treatment.

The County officially opened the Ihururu rehabilitation center to address the effects of drug and substance abuse. This facility does not only offer services to Nyeri drug addicts but also other counties across the country use the

facility.

The County also achieved a viral suppression of 96%. this is an indication of the County's commitment to treat and reduce HIV Aids prevalence among the County citizens.

Offering efficient curative services may not be possible without adequate infrastructure.

In the year under review, the County has made remarkable strides in improving the health infrastructure across all facilities.

Some of the key projects implemented during the review period are;

The completion of the emergency Unit at Karatina Level 4 Hospital; the construction of Phase I toilet block at Iruri

Dispensary; the construction and completion of Kangurwe Dispensary Phase 2; the installation of solar systems at the County Referral Hospital to cut on huge electricity costs; the completion of the perimeter wall, gazebo, and walkways at Narumoru level 4 Hospital; and the refurbishment of old hospital buildings at Mt. Kenya Hospital to cater for amenity services.

Department of Finance & Economic Planning

Governor Kahiga also commended the achievement of the Nyeri Health Fund Services for exemplary revenue collection. In the year under review, the Fund collected Ksh. 740 Million from a target of Ksh. 573. Million. With this trend, we are optimistic that, the hospital facilities will be able to provide real-time healthcare services and hence improved service delivery to all healthcare customers.

In financial management, we have ensured and sustained expenditure and fiscal discipline, which has given the county a clean bill in the absorption of the annually allocated budgetary resources from the national treasury as well as the externally disbursed resources.

We have also ensured that the development budget is retained according to the statutory requirement of 30% of the total budget.



Nyeri County Referral Hospital Unveils Newly Renovated Emergency, Oxygen Units

Nyeri County Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga EGH, PHD accompanied by Deputy Governor H.E Kinaniri Waroe unveiled the newly Renovated Emergency Department as well as the newly constructed Oxygen Manifold at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital (NCRH). This project was jointly undertaken by the Polish Development Co-operation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Republic of Poland, the Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation (EMKF), and the County Government of Nyeri.

During the inspection the team which included the Head of the Polish Development Co-operation Pawel Pijanowski, were given a guided tour of the revamped 13-bed capacity A&E facility by NCRF's Emergency Medical & Critical Care Specialist Eric Waruinge, showcasing the Unit's modernized beds, vitals monitors, oxygen-ready ports and contemporary nurses' station.

According to Mr. Pijanowski, a number of Polish NGOs together with the Polish government had contributed around USD 283K towards essential, health-related projects



in Nyeri and across the country. The 8-cylinder capacity Oxygen Manifold combined with the refurbished and expanded A&E facility is guaranteed to boost the quality and speed of care to Nyeri's citizens. Like-minded partnerships such as these can only improve and elevate Nyeri County's level of healthcare. Earlier on, the Polish delegation had paid a courtesy call to the Governor's office.



Maternal and Perinatal Health in Focus

The Department of Health Services in collaboration with Jacaranda Health, successfully held a Maternal Perinatal Death Review (MPDR) Sensitization Meeting in Nyeri County. This critical forum brought together 40 dedicated participants from various healthcare sectors, including Government of Kenya (GOK) facilities as well as Faith-based and Private Level 6, 5, and 4 hospitals. The event gathered a multi-disciplinary team of experts, including gynaecologists, paediatricians, medical doctors, and nurses working in paediatric and maternity departments, to address the rising concern of maternal



deaths in the community and hospitals. Key discussions included: 1. Sensitization on Maternal and Perinatal Death Review (MPDR) guidelines and ad-

ressing near-miss reviews in health facilities and the community. 2. Strategies to sustain responses and reduce avoidable causes of maternal and neonatal deaths. 3. A deep dive into the new dashboard integrating data from the Kenya Health Information System (KHIS) and the PROMPT/EmNOC project on maternal and perinatal health trends. This collaborative effort marks a significant step in improving maternal and neonatal outcomes across the county.

Elimu Fund Board to Distribute More Bursaries, Scholarships

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri Waroe officially closed Elimu Fund Board workshop meant to review the annual operations of the fund as well as come up with a strategy and the way forward to improve the education sector, including seeking more partnerships to ensure more students benefit from the bursary and scholarship programmes.

The Board led by the chair Solomon Magondu Mworia noted the continued support by the County Government through the Department of Education Training and Devolution to educate the needy kids through the Governor's Scholarship and Bursaries. In the last five years, over Kshs. 300 million Elimu Fund bursaries have been disbursed to

students across the 30 wards. Further, another 300 beneficiaries have benefitted through the Governor's Scholarship program which offers full sponsorship to two bright students from vulnerable backgrounds. The County Government of Nyeri is committed to supporting education of children from underprivileged backgrounds.



Kirimukuyu Ward Youth Receive Sports Equipment

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, under the leadership of Chief Officer Joe Gethi, in partnership with the MCA of Kirimukuyu Ward, Hon. Muriithi Ndagita, distributed sports equipment and essential items to local teams in Kirimukuyu Ward. The distribution included football boots, uniforms, balls, and a washing machine, aimed at supporting the devel-

opment of sports and improving the facilities available to the community. The washing machine is intended to help maintain the sports kits and uniforms, ensuring they stay in good condition for regular use. This initiative is a significant step in empowering the youth of Kirimukuyu, providing them with the necessary resources to enhance their skills and engage in positive, healthy activities.

It also demonstrates the commitment of both the local leadership and the Department to fostering sportsmanship, youth development, and community well-being. The support will go a long way in encouraging more young people to participate in sports, helping them to develop discipline, teamwork, and a sense of achievement.



Tupande Youth in Agriculture Programme Launched

H.E Governor Dr Mutahi Kahiga in his capacity as Vice Chair of the Council of Governors (CoG) officially launched the Tupande Youth in Agriculture Program in partnership with Mastercard Foundation and CoG. The purpose of the launch held at the White Rhino Hotel in Nyeri town was to mark the start of the Mastercard Foundation's campaign to inspire more youth to choose agriculture-based careers, so as to boost agricultural productivity in Kenya. Tupande by One Acre Fund has coined the term Agri-COOLture, to reflect their endeavor to make agriculture attractive, viable, and lucrative to the youth. The youth will have access to several packages to help them get started in agriculture, such as:

- Training and capacity-building youth on high-value crops offered by Tupande on vegetables, potatoes, agroforestry, nutrition, irrigation, and soil health.
- On-boarding Youths (individual and groups) to the Tupande Microenterprise to access starter kits (irrigation kits, chicken, dairy goats, bee hives, and tree seedlings, such as macadamia and avocado).

Some of the starter kits will be free, while others will be at reduced prices (on credit) to ease uptake. These include the Starter Capital Award: Award youth groups with asset-based starter capital, Chicks, Macadamia seedlings, Avocado seedlings, Seeds (Managu, Tomato, and Saga), and Irrigation kits. Led by their team lead Yael Hartman who is the Global Di-

rector-Government Relations and Policy, the team articulated their plans to involve the youth in Nyeri County in Agriculture by targeting youth in the age bracket of 18-35 years. One Acre Fund, which operates in Kenya under the Tupande brand, is working with the Mastercard Foundation to launch a four-year partnership project called Reshaping Kenyan Agriculture for Dignified Youth Livelihoods, which will target at least 300,000 youth in the 34 counties where Tupande operates up to the year 2026. The goal is to improve the lives of young people, their families, and the wider community by changing their perspectives on agriculture, boosting agricultural productivity, gaining access to suitable financing, and opening up lucrative markets. This will lead to long-term income increases. Fifteen field events across the region targeting the youth are already in the pipeline among other activities. Early this year, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the County Government of Nyeri and Tupande by One Acre Fund. One Acre Fund primarily invests in farmers to help them increase their yields and their profits because enhancing their productivity will translate to feeding healthy communities and creating thriving economies. One Acre Fund serves over 1.5 million farmers in 9 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa; Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, and Ethiopia.



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