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Governor Kahiga: Expect more projects this new year

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Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, E.G.H has assured Nyerians that the county will benefit from more projects this year as some are in the process of completion while others will be operationalized soon.

During his New Year message, the Governor said many ongoing projects are expected to be completed by December 2025.

Such projects include the County Aggregation Integrated Park in Kieni East Sub County where the County Government of Nyeri will invest a further Kshs. 100 Million and hope that the National Government keeps its promise of paying their Kshs. 250 Million shares.

The Nyeri County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) is coming up in Thegu River Ward. Once complete, the Park will integrate with the existing aggregation units in the various value chains to ensure we can add more value to our products.

As Nyeri implements the third-generation County-Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs), the County Government of Nyeri is building on the productivity gains achieved so far to enhance the marketing and commercialization of our value chains.

He added, "To further increase value addition and youth employment, my Government will equip a common user facility at Wambugu ATC with small equipment for Avocado oil extraction, macadamia cracking and roasting, and honey processing this financial year. Once ready, the facility will be available for our young people who will have undergone training and incubation to do business."

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The new look Karatina Level 4 Hospital in Mathira East Sub County.

“As we start the new year 2025, let us be hopeful that this year will ultimately be a year of blessings. I plead with the people of Nyeri to continue putting in the hard work for which they are known. No matter our calling, let us put all hands on deck as we build our county. Let us troop to our farms and till them for produce, both for consumption and for sale; Let the traders in all our markets work twice as much as they did this year, and let the boda boda rider, make double the trips he made last year as everyone does their part,” he appealed.

Already, the Nyeri citizenry has witnessed the completion of the Karatina Level 4 Hospital Emergency block, the Mukurwe-ini outpatient block, the upgrading of our roads destroyed by recent rains, and the lighting up of our trading centers amongst many other projects.

“We hope to finally roll out our valuation roll which has gone through all relevant stages and look forward to a reduction of rates through the lowering of the rating percentage to help boost our Own Source Revenue (OSR),” he added.

Some of the major achievements for the last one year:

In the past one year, the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure and

Energy upgraded 93.615 kilometers of earth road, to gravel/murram standards; 0.8km of new roads were opened to improve 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.

Four box culverts and one Footbridge were also constructed and improved connectivity between communities and the neighboring counties.

“During the last financial year, the Health 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. We have created centers of excellence in various hos-

pitals, by expanding and refurbishing wards and theatres as well as working towards modernizing the Nyeri County Referral Hospital.” Said the Governor.

Through this initiative, the state-of-the-art Nyeri Town Mother & Child Department continues to offer maternal support to many women, the expansion of medical wards at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital, the installation of bulk liquid oxygen tanks in all 6 County hospitals, the completion of the emergency Unit at Karatina Level 4 Hospital.

The County Government of Nyeri continues to develop and maintain water and irrigation infrastructure to ensure the County is food secure. We have constructed water intakes, dams, and pans, installed water delivery pipelines, water storage masonry tanks as well as boreholes drilling, equipping, and rehabilitation. We

have also continued on a sustainable basis to support the water service providers to ensure uninterrupted water supply for consumption. In realization of the construction of mass affordable housing units across the County, the Department of Lands, Physical Planning & Urban Development in collaboration with the National Government launched an affordable housing project in Blue Valley Estate endeavoring to establish 1,200 housing units.

Additionally, the Department has engaged the National Government to foster partnerships for the development and densification of six existing county estates to provide an additional 3,000 affordable housing units.

The Valuation Roll 2029 was completed and adopted by the cabinet and is now with the County Assembly of Nyeri. The County is looking forward to lowering land rates considerably

for all land and plot owners within Nyeri Municipality. The Department of Education, Devolution & Training has taken a lead in improving ECDE education in the County. In the last financial year, 34 new ECDE classrooms were constructed, the construction of 10 new toilet blocks was undertaken and the renovation of 13 ECDE classrooms and fencing of one ECDE center have been completed. In collaboration with the Department of Environment and Water, to mitigate climate change, energy-saving jikos in ECDEs and VTCs were installed.

In the year under review, the Government installed 368 street lights and rehabilitated 5 flood lights. The directorate of energy also undertook a 0.7 km streetlight installation, 8 biogas plants serving 40 households, and 4 transformers during FY 23/24.

The CGN has continued to promote business and investments across the County through the Enterprise Development Fund.

The Nyeri County Enterprise Development Fund continues to be a leading fund in lending credit to Small and Medium Enterprises to create informal employment. We have provided credit to promote investment and create job opportunities. The EDF currently has a portfolio of Kshs 76 Million.

Over 232 Small and Micro Enterprises borrowers have successfully accessed credit at a low interest rate of 5% on reducing balance per annum.



Governor's Bursary Scholarship Beneficiaries Receive Their Cheques



Education is not preparation for life but life itself - John Dewey. Education broadens the mind, illuminates the world, and accords young people the competence to think intensively and critically, shaping development agendas. In light of this, H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga Ph.D., EGH presided over the disbursement of bursary cheques to 180 bright but vulnerable students across Nyeri County through the

Governor's Bursary Scholarship Program that was initiated in the year 2018 to aid students who hail from humble backgrounds to secure their future. 120 students are already in higher education institutions. He was accompanied by Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri. The students of Cohorts 4, 5, and 6 received a total of Kshs. 5 million from the last financial year. This program absorbs 60

students annually and facilitates their secondary education through the provision of a four-year full bursary. This venture aims at creating an adequate and quality pool of human resources that will drive and elevate the economy of the county and the country for these students are tomorrow's leaders. Governor Kahiga urged the students to maintain discipline both at home and in school, focus on their studies, set goals, and work

towards achieving their dreams. He also called upon the parents and students to keep their hopes alive and encouraged them not to focus on the hardships encountered while pursuing education. The students should also make use of the opportunity accorded to them as all necessary support will be accorded to them. This administration remains committed to supporting the education of our chil-

dren, the improvement of academic performance in this County, and ultimately, the lives of its youth. Through the Department of Education, the County Government of Nyeri distributed Kshs. 85 million from the Nyeri Elimu Bursary Funds kitty to over 17,500 beneficiaries from vulnerable backgrounds in secondary schools, universities, colleges, polytechnics, and special schools.

In Support of Agribusiness in the County

Nyeri County in collaboration with the Departments of Agriculture and Transport officially flagged off a fleet of motorcycles for agricultural extension officers to strengthen their capacity for service delivery in the county. This will ensure the mobility of extension officers to boost agricultural productivity. The farmers will benefit from improved access to knowledge on modern farming techniques for crops, fisheries, and live-stock sector. The eight Suzuki motorbikes add to the fleet of 16 others in the veterinary directorate and six others fisheries directorate. The extension officers will also be able to monitor the work of 210 agripreneurs



extension officers who will soon be hired to boost extension services. The County recognizes and appreciates the good work

done by the 87 extension officers stationed around the eight sub-counties. There are plans to purchase more motorbikes to further im-

prove services in the future. It is also committed to bolstering agricultural outreach, ensuring that extension officers can traverse

remote regions effortlessly and enhance agricultural productivity for services to every farmer they reach in every village.

Nyeri Fire Officers Start a One-Month Service Course



The Nyeri County Fire Department recently marked a significant milestone as its firemen started a one-month Fire Service Course facilitated by the International Centre of Technology - ICT Fire and Rescue - Thika, Kiambu County. The course entails fire attack & foam, fire fighter survival, fire suppression, vehicle extrication, search & rescue, Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVOC). The training will be held at ICT Fire & Rescue Kiambu and

Nyeri Fire station. The Ag. CECM Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services Dr. J.M Kiragu acknowledged the commitment of the firemen in enhancing public safety and serving the community which is truly commendable. Dr. Kiragu further noted that the training will equip the firefighters with skills and knowledge and also foster a spirit of teamwork, leadership, and community service.

"In every drill, every simulation, and every lesson learned, our trainees will come to understand that they are part of a noble tradition that values courage and altruism," he pointed out. The knowledge gained will not only empower you as individuals but will strengthen our entire fire service and make our communities safer. Nyeri County Public Service Board Secretary, David Ruga acknowledged the im-

portance of capacity building in the improvement of service delivery. He further noted that skills enhancement, knowledge updates, and progression, scenario based training leading to certification which is critical in career advancement and progression. Gender, Youth, Sport and Social Services Chief Officer Joe Gethi thanked the ICT Fire & Rescue Services and St John's Ambulance for the training.

He also encouraged the participants to be keen, focused and committed to this endeavor. Col Teimuge - Director Disaster Risk Management noted that together we can build a future where our communities feel safe and secure, where every call for assistance is met with professionalism and bravery, and where we stand united in our mission to protect lives and property.

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Strengthening Collaboration in the Health Sector



The CECM for Health, Dr. J.M. Kiragu, convened a consultative meeting with a team from PCEA Tumutumumu Hospital to explore

avenues for enhanced collaboration in health service delivery. The discussions focused on the recent transition from

the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) to the Social Health Authority (SHA), assessing its impact on the facility and identi-

fying opportunities to ensure a seamless transition without disrupting essential health services. The meeting also delved

into strengthening the referral system between rural health facilities in Mathira West Sub-County and P.C.E.A Tumutumumu Hospital

Dr. Kiragu commended the hospital team for their outstanding efforts in establishing the facility as a center of excellence in private healthcare. He reaffirmed the Department's commitment to supporting the discussed initiatives to ensure quality healthcare for the residents of Nyeri County.

Sustainable healthcare delivery hinges on strong partnerships among key stakeholders. The Department of Health remains dedicated to ensuring that no one is left behind in the journey toward improved health services for all.

Kingdom Bank team visits Nyeri DG



H.E Deputy Governor Kinaniri Waroe hosted a team from Kingdom Bank, which was led by Julius Waweru, the Branch Manager, and Lilian Wanjiku, the Credit Manager. Their visit was a courtesy call at his office, and it provided a great opportunity to connect and explore potential avenues for collaboration. During the discussion, focus

was on various areas for establishing a future partnership. They also delved into the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and how both organizations could work together to make a positive impact in the community. It was an insightful conversation.

Celebrating the New Year with Karatina Children's Home



The Department of Gender Youth Sports and Social Services joined the children at Karatina Children's Home to celebrate the new year 2025. The New Year celebration at the Home was a testament to the power of community and shared values. By focusing on mentorship and encouraging the

pursuit of wisdom, the event instilled critical life lessons that would guide the children as they navigate their paths and the year ahead. Such gatherings not only foster a sense of belonging but also empower the children with the confidence and resilience needed to face challenges.

The unity and care shown to Karatina fraternity through organizing this event was truly inspiring, reflecting a commitment to nurturing and uplifting the next generation. During the day the team planted over 200 trees in effort to safeguard the environment.



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CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Article 201(a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and Section 125(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (CAP 412A), 2012, financial matters must be conducted with a commitment to transparency and accountability. This requirement encompasses public participation in various financial processes, including but not limited to budget formulation.

To this end, the County Government of Nyeri invites all interested stakeholders-members of the public, civil society organisations, special interest groups, Diaspora Organisations, community-based Organisations, as well as other public and private sector players for public hearings and consultations on the following documents

S/ No.	Document	Objectives
1.	First Supplementary Budget Estimates FY 2024/25	a. Appropriation of All balances (Cash and Bank) Carried Forward into the current budget for FY 2024/25. b. To provide for the proposed reduction of the County Government equitable share allocation. c. Provision for Previous years' commitments and pending bills. d. Review of the projected own source revenues in the FY 2024/25 budget to reflect the current economic trends. e. Realignment of programmes within the reviewed budgetary allocation by county entities. f. Alignment of strategic projects and programmes.
2.	Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy Paper 2025/26-2027/2028	a. To provide a framework for managing debt and borrowing activities during the fiscal year
3.	County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025	The County Fiscal Strategy Paper contains information on. a. The medium-term macroeconomic framework and outlook, as contained in the Budget Policy Statement, and how it impacts the county's economic environment. b. A medium-term fiscal framework defining a top-down aggregate resource envelope and broad expenditure levels. c. Indicative allocation of available resources among county government entities. d. The economic assumptions underlying the county budgetary and fiscal policy over the medium term; and e. A statement of fiscal responsibility principles, as specified in the Act and these Regulations, indicating whether the fiscal strategy adheres to these principles.
4.	Medium Term Expenditure Framework (M.T.E.F) Budget for FY 2025/2026-2027/2028	It aims to align policy priorities with budget constraints and ensure efficiency and effectiveness in implementing the development programmes outlined in the County Integrated Development Plan and the Annual Development Plans.

The Public Engagement forums shall take place at the Subcounty Levels as per the schedule below.

SUB-COUNTY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Nyeri Municipality	Wednesday 05/02/2025	9.00am – 1.00pm	Nyeri Cultural Centre
Kieni East		9.00am – 1.00pm	Naromoru PCEA Hall
Kieni West		9.00am – 1.00pm	Mweiga CDF Hall
Mathira West		9.00am – 1.00pm	Kiriko PCEA Hall
Mathira East		9.00am – 1.00pm	Karatina Town Hall
Mukurwe-ini		9.00am – 1.00pm	Muhito PCEA Hall
Tetu		9.00am – 1.00pm	Wamagana Education Hall
Othaya		9.00am – 1.00pm	Othaya CDF Hall
X-Space	Thursday 06/02/2025	2.00 pm-4.00 pm	X (@County19Nyeri)

In addition to the physical forums, the County will host an "X-space" on its official X handle, @County19Nyeri, on **Thursday, 6th February, 2025**, from **2.00 pm to 4.00 pm**. Stakeholders may also submit their written memoranda on the same through the email economicplanningnyeri@gmail.com to reach the Office of the County Executive Member for Finance, Economic Planning and ICT by close of business on **Friday, 7th February, 2025**.

Sincerely,

Robert Thuo Mwangi
County Executive Committee Member/Head of County Treasury
FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND ICT



January CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH | 2025

HPV Awareness:
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Nyeri Youth Talent Search



The Nyeri Youth Talent Search, organized by the Department of Trade, Cooperatives, Culture, and Tourism, is now open for registration!

This initiative invites young individuals to showcase their talents and undergo a professional training program. To register, applicants should complete the online form using the link below;
<https://bit.ly/NyeriYouthTalentSearch>.

Applicants should provide personal details and selecting their area of talent. Those successfully registered will be enrolled in a training program aimed at honing their skills and creating new opportunities.

The registration deadline is 8th February 2025.



Congratulations to Cohort One Kinunga VTC Security Operations and Management Course.

Kinunga VTC Security Operations and Management course cohort one trained, certified competent, and now uniformed ready to serve the Nation at the County Government of Nyeri and Wambugu ATC Nyeri.