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Enhancing Cooperative Governance within Nyeri



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Cooperatives can be defined as people-centred enterprises owned, controlled, and run by and for their members to realize their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations. Cooperatives bring people together democratically and equitably.

As Kenya's archives attest, the Cooperative movement is over 110 years old. Kenya Co-operative Creameries (KCC) was the first co-operative to be registered in February 1931, followed shortly by the Kenya Farmers Association (KFA) in the same year (1931), the Kenya Planters Co-operative

Union (KPCU) in 1937 and the Horticultural Co-operative Union (HCU) in 1951. Nyeri County takes pride in its strong Cooperative movement, currently at over 198 active cooperative societies spanning a membership of over 500,000 and an annual turnover

exceeding Ksh. 8 billion. This includes 25 dairy co-operatives spread across all sub-counties. The co-operatives are distributed in all sectors and all over the county ranging from marketing co-operatives like coffee, dairy, poultry, bananas, cereals, potatoes, and herbal products.

Transport cooperatives are mainly for Matatu, Boda Boda, and lorries. Savings and Credit cooperatives are based on employment, farmers, and the business community.

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It can confidently be stated that the Co-operative sector is a significant driver of economic growth, employment, and poverty alleviation for Nyeri's citizens.

Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture & Cooperative Development's Officers recently completed a three-day training on the Foundations of Cooperative Governance. The course, organized by the County in collaboration with The Co-operative University of Kenya, aimed to enhance skills in cooperative leadership, financial management, policy development, and strategic planning. CECM in charge of the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture & Cooperative Development Diana Kendi Tarichia reiterated the department's commitment to realizing the set goals and objectives to uplift the members of the vari-

ous cooperatives. The Trade Chief Officer George emphasized the importance of such training sessions in strengthening cooperative governance and ensuring sustainable growth in the sector.

So, what exactly is Cooperative Governance? Cooperative governance is the act of steering cooperatively owned enterprises toward economic, social, and cultural success. According to trade experts, key Pillars of Cooperative Governance include:

- Teaming: successfully working together to achieve common purpose;
- Accountable Empowerment: successfully empowering people while at the same time holding them accountable for the power granted;
- Strategic Leadership: successfully articulating the

cooperative's direction/purpose and setting up the organization for movement in this direction;

- Democracy: successfully practicing, protecting, promoting, and perpetuating our healthy democracies.

During the workshop participants were taken through six key modules:

- Cooperative Business Model covering Governance Structures, Legislative Frameworks, and Board Roles;
- Policy Development Process where they gained an understanding of the Stages of Policy Formulation including its Key Components.
- Cooperative Financial Records Interpretation where the attendees were taken through Financial Ratios, Budgeting, and SACCO Regulations;
- Innovative Marketing Strat-

egies for Cooperative Success including Market Research, Value Addition and Branding;

- Strategic Planning for Cooperatives touching on Strategic thinking, implementation, and monitoring, and;
- Adult Facilitation Skills (Andragogy) that covered Principles of Adult Learning and Effective Delivery Techniques.

It is therefore safe to say that irrespective of the type of Cooperative one belongs to, be it a Saving and Credit, Housing, Consumer, Agriculture / Farmers, or Producer / Marketing concern, common themes cut across the memberships and the industry – the ability to improve bargaining power, reduce costs, and obtain services otherwise unavailable to an individual or small group.

When a Cooperative does well, it benefits the community as a whole. A successful cooperative business can provide employment, investment opportunities and collaborative growth to its community.

It is therefore imperative that Kenya as a country, counties in particular and the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PHD., EGH, continue to remain committed to fostering an enabling environment where cooperatives can thrive while continuing to allocate resources, improve infrastructure such as roads, electricity, clean water and security, as well as provide favourable incentives to ensure the growth and sustainability of this vital sector.



Nyeri Welcomes 6th Internship Cohort



Story - Barbara Wambui |
Photo - Peter Wangari

"We are delighted to have you join our team!" On behalf of the County Public Service Board, the Department of County Public Service & Solid Waste Management, the Nyeri County Assembly, and the County Government of Nyeri in its entirety, and together with H.E Deputy Governor David Kinaniri, Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga

PhD., EGH was well pleased to officially welcome the 6th cohort of interns; who join the County Government of Nyeri through its annual Internship Programme. This cohort comprises 200 recruits deployed across all our departments. His Excellency took the opportunity to urge them to use the well-earned opportunity to learn, expand their skill sets, gain valuable workplace experience, and develop their careers between now and the end of this season in one year's time.

Bishop Paul Wanjohi of Abundant New Life Church was also present to dispense words of advice, emphasizing on self-control, patience, Godliness, the strength of character, and using every opportunity to increase one's knowledge. County Public Service Board (CPSB) Chair Paul Kimondo congratulated those present for having aced the rigorous screening process. 2299 applications were received, 608 were shortlisted and ultimately 200 were picked after an intensive interview-

ing process. He also directed them to acquaint themselves thoroughly with, amongst other documents: the Code of Conduct, the Code of Ethics, the HR Procedures Manual, the County Government Act 2012 together with its amendments, and finally the Kenya Constitution 2010. CECM in charge of the Department of County Public Service & Solid Waste Management Peter Macharia heartily welcomed the interns and wished them a wholesome experience as they gain invaluable skills.

Nyeri County's annual Internship Programme was first instituted in 2019 and takes in around 200 trainees each year. Governor Kahiga's government chose to introduce this program to equip the county's young professionals with skills and experience. They also receive a stipend during the tenure of their internship. We wish you all the very best as you embark on your journey. May you excel and elevate!

DG Graces Football Bonanza in Kieni West



Story - Samwel Gitonga |
Photo - Peter Wangari

"Everyone has a talent, ability, or skill that he can mine to support himself and

to succeed in life." - Dean Koontz
Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E

David Kinaniri, together with Hon. Christopher Mbi-chi - MCA Endarasha Mwi-

yogo ward, recently had an opportunity to take in some energetic football action between two vibrant teams - Babito FC and Kanyagia FC - during a friendly match sponsored by Eng. Kinyua Wanjohi. Babito FC stunned Mwi-yogo FC 1: 0. Through the Department of Sports, Governor Mutahi Kahiga's administration is at the forefront in supporting the youth sports through various competitions and contests, such as the soon-to-be-announced "Governors Cup" tournament.

Nyeri Branded a World Guiding and Scouting Heritage Site



Story - Joseph Wambugu |
Photo - Samwel Gitonga

Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH hosted a team from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) when they paid a courtesy call to his office.

The two organizations in partnership with the National Government of Kenya and the County Government of Nyeri are formally planning to designate Paxtu situated at Outspan Hotel near Nyeri town as a unique World Guiding and Scouting Heritage Site. This will also involve recognizing the unique historical and symbolic significance of Paxtu, the final residence

of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and Lady Olave St Clair Baden-Powell, founders of the Scout and Guide Movements. This will also involve acknowledging the contributions of the Scout and Guide Movements in fostering leadership, service, and peace among young people worldwide to ensure that Paxtu, as the final resting place of Lord and Lady

Baden-Powell, remains safeguarded as an enduring source of inspiration and education for future generations. The World Scouting and Guiding Heritage Site will be situated in Nyeri as a place of historical significance for scouts. This commemorates the legacy of the scouting movement in the Mt. Kenya region. The site serves as a symbol of the values and

traditions upheld by scouts worldwide. The government is committed to exploring policies and initiatives that will ensure the preservation of Paxtu and the final resting place with its unique heritage status. The World Scouts Committee members are expected to hold a meeting in Nairobi later this month before visiting Nyeri County.

Nyeri to host 3rd Central Region Clinical Officer's Summit

Story - Priscillah Muthoni |
Photo - Samwel Gitonga

Good health is invaluable, and at the heart of quality healthcare are dedicated Clinical Officers who tirelessly monitor, diagnose, and care for our well-being. H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH, together with Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri hosted representatives from the Kenya Clinical Officers Association (KCOA), led by Vice President Joseph Wachira, and the Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (KUCO), Nyeri Branch, led by Chair Jotham Kariuki. Discussions were insightful, focusing on key issues affecting Clinical Officers including salary delays, career progression, and the challenges faced by those impacted by changes in the health sector,



specifically the LVCT and Universal Healthcare staff who are potentially at risk of losing their livelihoods. They also deliberated on the upcoming 3rd Mt. Kenya Clinical Officers Symposium scheduled for May 2025, including how this landmark event could showcase Nyeri

County's accomplishments. This summit, to be hosted by Nyeri County, would be the 3rd of its kind in the Central region; the first two having been held in Laikipia and Muranga counties respectively. "As a county, we deeply understand that the mental

and financial well-being of our clinical officers is directly linked to the quality of healthcare our citizens rely on. Their struggles are our struggles, and I fully acknowledge the challenges they face. My administration is not just here to listen but to actively seek lasting

solutions that will uplift our healthcare workers and, in turn, improve the services our people receive." Governor Kahiga restated his administration's steadfast commitment in ensuring a healthcare system that truly serves the people of Nyeri with dignity and efficiency.

Consultative meeting on the Nyeri County Slum Upgrading and Prevention Strategy



Story & Photo - Kenneth Ngatia

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Lands, Physical Planning & Urban Development led by CECM Ndirangu Gachunia in collaboration with South Consulting Africa Limited, recently held a consultative meeting with County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT) and a section of Nyeri MCAs to discuss the drafted Nyeri County Slum Upgrading Prevention Strategy. The core objectives of the meeting were to fine tune

the development of slum upgrading and prevention strategies, insights and feedback on the key challenges within identified settlements and exploring on potential partnerships & collaborations to enhance the effectiveness of the strategies. Upon finalization, the strategy will be presented to the County Assembly for approval which will make it a legal instrument. The implementation of the strategy will be overseen by the County Executive in collaboration with stakeholders including the community living in the slums.

The development of the Nyeri County specific slum upgrading and prevention strategy follows the National Slum Upgrading and Prevention Strategy (2024). The need for a County Specific Strategy stem from the uniqueness of slums and associated characteristics in Nyeri. Additionally, a county specific strategy takes into account the unique historical and socio-economic settings of Nyeri county which shape and determine the nature of informal settlements and slums. Nyeri County Specific Slum Upgrading and Prevention

Strategy aims to support national and county governments, communities and other stakeholders at sub-national level to meet the objectives of sustainable urban development and human settlements. The strategy development process embraced a participatory and collaborative approach which saw national, county and community entities engagements towards its preparation. All these key stakeholders assembled to make contributions towards the strategy development with the intention of providing a pathway towards slum upgrading and

prevention in Nyeri County. With the support of a collaborative approach and partnership between different stakeholders, slum upgrading and prevention in Nyeri is expected to meet its objectives and realize desired outcomes. Slum upgrading and prevention is associated with economic, social, environmental and political gains. A comprehensive and participatory approach to slum prevention and upgrading in Nyeri County will enable all stakeholders including communities to enjoy better living standards and quality of life, environmental benefits and enjoy more equitable and sustainable urban environments. Some of the benefits and justification for upgrading and prevention include;

- i. Economic benefits
- ii. Social and political stability
- iii. Environmental sustainability
- iv. Moral and ethical imperative
- v. Meeting Global Development Goals particularly those related to poverty reduction, sustainable cities, and improved health.

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Technical Support Visit to Mukurweini Hospital



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. JM Kiragu, accompanied by Director of Medical Services, Dr. Nelson Muriu, conducted an impromptu support supervision visit to Mukurweini Sub-County Hospital. This comprehensive supervision aimed to assess hospital operations, review

systems across all departments, and streamline any hindrances to effective and efficient healthcare service delivery. Key highlights from the visit showcased the facility's outstanding performance:

1. The hospital is running smoothly, with commendable improvements noted since the last support supervision visit.
2. Outpatient visits have doubled in the past two months, reflecting increased

demand for services and exerting pressure on essential medical supplies.

3. There has been no significant rise in mortality rates, with the pediatric ward reporting zero deaths over the past two months.
4. The laboratory is now conducting 95% of all required tests, significantly enhancing diagnostic efficiency.
5. The hospital has successfully implemented the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) in both inpatient

and outpatient departments, contributing to a surge in patient workload.

6. Some clients complained of SHA system downtime which affected the turnaround time.

Dr. Muriu commended the hospital's management for their dedication, as evidenced by the improved indicators observed. He urged them to strengthen Quality Improvement Teams (QITs) across all departments to ensure adherence to Stan-

dard Operating Procedures(SOPs) and guidelines as well as sustain best practices through continuous monitoring and evaluation. Dr. Kiragu praised the team for the seamless delivery of health services, a sentiment echoed by patients receiving care. He acknowledged significant improvements since his last visit and expressed confidence that the facility is on the right trajectory toward enhanced service delivery.

H.E. Governor Dr. Mutahi Kahiga remains dedicated in strengthening the County health sector. His administration has prioritized; Infrastructural expansion and upgrade, recruitment and retention of highly skilled healthcare professionals, Procurement of adequate medical supplies and equipment, reflecting the county's unwavering commitment to achieving Universal Health Coverage.

CoG, WASREB Consultative Forum



Story & Photo - Samwel Gitonga

In his capacity as the Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors, H.E Governor Muta-hi Kahiga PhD., EGH was joined by colleague Gov-ernors - Excellen-cies Joshua Irungu of Laikipia Coun-ty, Kiarie Badili-sha of Nyandarua County and Wil-ber Otichilo of Vihiga County, for a consultative discussion be-tween the CoG, the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) and Gatsby Africa. The meeting took stock of emerging sector issues, de-liberated on key challenges, and charted a way for-ward for the effec-tive implementa-tion of resolutions

to strengthen sec-toral governance in the sector. These dialogues are held in line with the CoG mandate under the Intergovern-mental Relations Act 2012 (IGRA) to consider mat-ters of common interest to County Governments.



KMPDU Courtesy Call to Governor

Story - Barbara Wambui | Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH together with Dep-uty Governor H.E David Kinaniri, received officials from the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union (KMPDU) led by their Chair-Central Re-gion, Dr. James Githinji when they called on him at his office.

Together, they held an ex-tensive briefing on issues touching on career pro-gression, development, and welfare of the medical doctors working in Nyeri County. It was noted that the current trend in the medical field was towards super specialization with-in one's field, onward from specialization; and

ought to be the guiding principle when pursuing post-graduate studies. It was also noted that, al-beit improvable, Nyeri County is doing compar-atively well in terms of its doctor-patient ratio which currently stands at 1:6000.

Heartfelt Farewell Fete for Finance Department Retirees



Story - Samwel Gitonga
Photo - Peter Wangari

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor devices nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri happily attended a retirement farewell event for retirees drawn from the Department of Finance, Economic Planning & ICT at Riverside Chania Resort in Rware ward Nyeri County. It was a graceful occasion

where the retirees in attendance were recognized, motivated and given a memorable send-off. The Deputy Governor encouraged the Department to have a system in place for institutional continuity, and also continue to strengthen relationships amongst

themselves. It was an amazing forum where the retirees shared memories of their individual journeys from the beginning of employment up to their point of retirement, all the while giving encouraging and wise words to current employees of the Department.

In the words of the late Martin Luther King Jr.: "If a man is called a street-sweeper, he should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street-sweeper who did his job well."



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NYERI COUNTY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD

EXTENDED CALL FOR LOAN APPLICATIONS

The Nyeri County Enterprise Development Fund Board (EDF Board) invites for loan applications from eligible applicants at affordable interest rate of 5% P.A on reducing balance

Eligibility:

1. A resident of Nyeri County
2. The Enterprises should be operating in Nyeri County
3. Must be a registered enterprise, group, or cooperative society
4. The Enterprise should have a Business Permit
5. Provide a Bank or Sacco statement
6. Provide books of records for the enterprise
7. Provide security for the Loan: Title, Logbooks, Shares listed in NSE, Investment Insurance policies, and third-party security of any of the above assets financed by the fund.
8. Groups, companies, and cooperatives to provide minutes of resolution to borrow, their constitution or articles of association.
9. Attach copies of ID, Pin Certificate, Tax Compliance, Business permit
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Transport Department holds Mid-Year Review Exercise

Story - Priscillah Muthoni & Photo - Celine Nduta

The Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Works and Energy successfully held its mid-year review exercise, spearheaded by Nyeri County's Head of the Governor's Delivery Unit Dr. Nyoike Wamwea. The exercise was conducted at Town Hall. The general purpose of a mid-year

review is to give staff an opportunity to assess progress made on goals set at the beginning of the year. For this particular evaluation, some of the projects discussed included but not limited to:

- Installation of new electricity transformers;
- Construction of bridges and cul-

verts;

- Rehabilitation of roads leading to open markets, schools and hospitals, and;
- Biogas installation.

So far the Department has shown remarkable progress and is well within reach to hitting its targets by the end of the year.



Community Outreach at Kiganjo Health Centre and Kiaguthu Dispensary



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The Department of Public

Health and Medical Services, in partnership with Amref Health Africa – Project THRIVE, successfully conducted community out-

reach programs at Kiganjo Health Centre and Kiaguthu Dispensary, serving residents of Nyeri Central and Nyeri South Sub-Counties,

respectively. These community outreach- es have had a significant impact on Nyeri County, bringing specialized health-

care services closer to those who need them most. Key services provided during the event included: Health Education Diabetes and Hypertension Screening General Consultation Ophthalmology Review Dental Check-ups Breast, Cervical, and Prostate Cancer Screening Nutritional Assessment and Counseling Additionally, Social Health Authority (SHA) registration was strongly advocated, with community members encouraged to enrol and add their dependents to their coverage for enhanced healthcare access.

Nyeri County Responds to Fire Incident In Kiawara



Story & Photo - Jackline Muthoni

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, in collaboration with the Kenya Red Cross – Central Region, extended humanitarian assistance to residents affected by the recent fire outbreak in Kiawara, Mugunda Ward. In a swift response to the recent disaster, the County Government of Nyeri through the Gender Department, provided critical aid to 16 households that suffered property damage. The relief package included essential food supplies, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, collapsible jerricans, water purifiers, mosquito nets, and bar soap to

support the affected families in their recovery efforts. This intervention aims to alleviate immediate hardships and facilitate a return to normalcy for the affected families. Emphasizing the importance of fire safety, the department urges community members to remain vigilant and adhere to precautionary measures to mitigate the risk of such incidents. In case of a fire emergency, residents are advised to contact the relevant fire and emergency services promptly before attempting any containment measures. Additionally, the department's reinforced key

fire safety protocols while sharing emergency contact of our three fire station for rapid response services. Emergency Fire Contacts: Karatina Fire Station: 0721 367 998 Nyeri Fire Station: 061 203 2961 Kiawara Fire Station: 0741 428 413 The County Government remains committed to safeguarding the well-being of its residents and enhancing disaster preparedness through timely interventions and continuous public sensitization on fire safety.

Dialogue on Youth Bulge and Nyeri Youth Policy Implementation

Story - Jackline Muthoni

The National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) is a semi-autonomous government agency under the National Treasury and Planning. It is responsible for coordinating population programs across the country and promoting initiatives that drive sustainable development. Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u gladly formed part of the NCPD discussions during the Nyeri County Stakeholder Dialogue on Youth Bulge, a key forum bringing together stakeholders to discuss youth development. The meeting aimed to track the implementation of the demographic dividend model and highlight the key thematic areas of the Nyeri County Youth Policy. Discussions centered on critical issues, including youth employment, economic reforms, governance, education, health, and empowerment. Emphasis was placed on creating opportunities for sustainable growth and

ensuring that young people have access to the necessary resources and support. Additionally, the Nyeri County Youth Development Policy was reviewed to assess its effectiveness and identify areas for improvement in addressing the evolving needs of the youth. CECM Esther Ndung'u while noting that in Nyeri County Youth account to 27% of the population, called on all stakeholders join hands and collaborate with the government in Youth empowerment and implementation of the Nyeri County Youth and Development Policy. She highlighted the importance of strategic partnerships in expanding access to youth programs and resources. Additionally, she reiterated the county's commitment to an open-door policy, encouraging stakeholders to engage with the government in creating impactful solutions for youth development socially and economically for sustainable development.

Nyeri Youth Set to Benefit from Nyota Program



Story - Kenneth Ngatia
Photo - Rosebell Wambui

The National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) is a transformative initiative by the Government of Kenya, funded by the World Bank. This five-year project aims to empower youth by addressing unemployment, income insecurity, and limited savings. NYOTA targets vulnerable youth not only in Nyeri County but across all 47 counties. Building on the Kenya Youth

Employment and Opportunities Project (KYEOP), NYOTA aspires to create systems that sustain long-term opportunities for employment, earnings, and financial inclusion. The main target groups for the Nyota Project are;

- * Persons between the age of 18-29 and up to 35 years for People Living with Disabilities (PWDs)
- * Persons with Form 4 level of education and below.
- * Unemployed, underemployed or in low-income employment

In this regard, the Nyeri

County Project Coordinating Team {CPCT} led by Eng. Joseph Mwangi, in conjunction with KISIP II National team led by Lilian Nyambura, National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) led by Joseph Kinuthia, Settlement Executive Committee (SEC), Grievance Redress Committee (GRC) & community members mainly the youth visited two informal settlements in Nyeri for a NYOTA Program Sensitization Forum to support the project target beneficiaries in skill development

through on-the-job training, prior learning certification, and soft skills development. The teams visited Mweiga Settlement in Mweiga Ward, Kieni West sub-county and Ihwagi in Iria-ini ward, Mathira East sub-county. The overall objective of this forum was to engage the target beneficiaries which are considered essential to the success of the project. The sensitization will also ensure smooth collaboration between project workers and beneficiary communities. During the forum, the Proj-

ect's components were revealed which includes;

- (i) Improving youth employability by empowering youth with social and technical skills, apprenticeship opportunities, and job placement support and Recognition of Prior learning.
- (ii) Expand and support youth entrepreneurship.
- (iii) Supporting youth savings.
- (iv) Strengthening youth employment and savings systems by building robust systems to support youth employment.

NYOTA program will also partner with other government cooperating agencies, including:

- (i) National Industrial Training Agency (NITA) to support certification of trained youth.
 - (ii) National Employment Authority (NEA) to support digital intermediation.
 - (iii) The State Department for Labor (SDL) to support labor market information.
 - (iv) The Micro and Small Enterprise Authority (MSEA) to provide support on job creation interventions.
- The teams will carry out a similar exercise in Kiamwathi and Chorong'i in Ruiru ward, Nyeri Central sub-county and Kiawara in Rware ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.

County Assembly, Water Department hold Talks on Wetlands and Riparian Land Policy

The Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment & Climate Change, in collaboration with Resource Oriented Development Initiatives (RODI Kenya), hosted the Nyeri County Assembly's Water and Environment Committee to sensitize on the draft Wetlands & Riparian Policy for Nyeri County. The engagement sought to create a shared understanding of wetland conservation needs and ensure that the policy aligns with both national standards and Nyeri County environmental priorities.

Speaking during the opening of the workshop, Water



CECM Fredrick Kinyua, County Assembly's Chairman for Environment Committee, Jackson Kabingu and RODI's Executive Director, Esther Bett emphasized the importance of wetland protection in Nyeri, highlighting the threats posed by encroachment, pollution, and

climate change.

The County Wetlands Policy aims to provide a legal and institutional framework to guide wetland management, encourage community participation, and promote nature-based solutions for climate adaptation. Earlier in the week, the De-

partment had participated in a stakeholders' engagement for the draft Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Conservation and Management of Wetlands) draft regulations, 2025; an initiative spearheaded by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).

This effort is part of a broader strategy to enhance the protection and sustainable management of wetlands across the country.

Recognizing the crucial role wetlands play in biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and water security, the department actively contributed to the stakeholder's engagement forum. These regulations are expected to provide a structured framework for wetland conservation, restoration, and sustainable utilization while balancing environmental and socio-economic needs.

Water Department Survey on Kieni Irrigation Projects Concluded



The Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change recently concluded on a four-day survey activity as part of the detailed design for the Maragima Tagwa Irrigation Water Users Association (IWUA) in Kieni East Sub County, Thegu River Ward, and the Kihuyo Irrigation Water Users Association (IWUA) in Nyeri Central Sub County, Kiganjo Mathari Ward. The activity, carried out by a technical team from the County Irrigation Development Unit (CIDU), aimed to collect essential data to facilitate the successful implementation of the two projects.

The survey focused on geo-referencing the projected water sources and pipelines as well as mapping potential area for the irrigation infrastructure to ensure accurate hydraulic designs and optimal water distribution. Both projects have been prioritized under the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) to enhance agricultural productivity by providing farmers with a reliable irrigation system. Once completed, the irrigation projects will help boost food security, increase agricultural yields, and promote climate-resilient farming practices in Nyeri County. Additionally, they will reduce reliance on rain-fed agriculture and improve water resource management to support sustainable farming. Farmers and stakeholders have welcomed the initiative, highlighting its potential to transform livelihoods and strengthen the local economy. The completion of the detailed design phase will pave the way for construction, bringing the projects closer to reality.



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