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How FLLoCA programs are transforming lives in Nyeri



Alice Wanja, a Factory Manager at Chorong'i Coffee Factory in Nyeri Central Sub County.

Story by Governor's Press Unit | Compiled by Joseph Wambugu

Nyeri County has two major agro-ecological zones – semi-arid zone accounting for 52% of the county and the highlands. The County has earned the distinction of being ranked the best in forest cover and environmental conservation, with approximately

45.7% tree cover and 40.8% forest cover, countrywide. Over the past few years, the County has observed shifts in weather patterns and an increase in the frequency of extreme weather events, impacting both our rural and urban communities. These changes have posed challenges to our agriculture, water resources, and overall resilience in the county,

with an increase in disasters during extremes in weather - Drought and high rainfall. The County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, EGH, has established several legal frameworks to address the challenges of climate change. These encompass the: - Nyeri Climate Change Act of 2021,

- Nyeri Climate Change Fund Regulations,
- Integration of Climate Change Activities into the County Integrated Development Plan for the period 2023-2027 and corresponding annual development plans.
- Nyeri Participatory Climate Risk Assessment, 2023
- Nyeri Climate Change Action Plan, 2023-2027

These plans, in alignment with both global and national legislations, play a pivotal role in fortifying resilience within the county.

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On this note, the Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment, and Climate Change, led by CECM Frederick Kinyua, jointly with the World Bank-funded Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program, Kenya (FLLoCA) Program, initiated many projects in the county, which have transformed lives as we adapt to climate change.

Here are some of the experiences on the ground;

Pupils of Ndunyu Gwathi Primary School at the boundary of Endarasha -Mwiyogo ward and Gatarakwa ward in Kieni West Sub County in Nyeri County can now help access clean and safe drinking water, thanks to the Trefos Kiburuti Borehole Water Project funded partially by the Department of Water & Climate Change through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program, Kenya (FLLoCA) Program.

The County Government of Nyeri has greatly benefited the school population and the local community through this project was established by the County Government of Nyeri through the Department last year to provide clean and safe drinking water to the school and surrounding community.

This initiative aims to improve access to water and promote better hygiene practices among the 230 pupils and over 200 households in the surrounding community. The borehole project, which pumps 48 cubic meters per hour, enhances water sustainability and reduces the burden of water scarcity in the area.

By ensuring a stable water supply, the project contributes to the overall well-being and development of the community, fostering a healthier environment for education and living.

According to the Deputy Headteacher John Gitunga of the learning institution, the project has many benefits to the 230 pupils including;

- Access to Clean Water: The borehole ensures a reliable and sustainable source of safe drinking water for the school and surrounding community as the pupils no longer carry water jericans to the school.
- Improved Health: Access to

clean water helps in reducing waterborne diseases, leading to improved health and well-being among pupils and residents.

- Enhanced Hygiene: The availability of clean water promotes good hygiene practices, such as handwashing, which is crucial for disease prevention.

- Educational Impact: With access to clean water, students can focus on their studies without worrying about water-related health issues or the burden of fetching water from distant sources. This has also boosted their learning environment.

A neighbour, Rev John Rukwaro, noted that this has also contributed to the overall development and upliftment of the community by providing a fundamental resource essential for daily life.

Another local farmer, Priscilla Nyambura, noted that the income has doubled in his farm by growing horticultural crops such as cabbages, sukuma wiki, and spinach. Local women no longer spend most of their time in search of water.

Dairy farming has also boosted the economy in the area due to the availability of

water.

With equipping and solarization already complete, the project is bringing reliable water supply to Ndunyu Gwathi Primary School and other local public institutions, Ndunyu Gwathi trading centre, and residents of Kabati and Muthu-ini.

The residents can also grow horticultural crops, boosting food security, increasing income, and creating employment.

And in Kieni East Sub County, over 300 households at Naromoru-Kiamathaga ward can now access clean and safe drinking water, thanks to the Kabunda Water Borehole Water Project funded by the Department of Water & Climate Change.

With drilling, casing, and equipping complete, the project offers reliable water supply to the Murungaru, Migingo, Lower Tigithi, and Upper Camp areas.

Richard Kiiru said the residents can also grow horticultural crops, boosting food security, increasing income, and creating employment.

“I have now expanded my farming since I no longer rely

on rain. This has increased my revenue by growing horticulture crops like vegetables and sunflowers,” added Loise Wanjira.

Another member of the project, Patrick Gathogo, said he has increased his livestock since water is available around the clock.

At the neighboring Mathira West Sub County, the Kanyama Borehole Water Project at Kirimukuyu ward in Mathira West Sub County is complete and operational.

The project, which pumps 17 cubic metres of water per hour was done by the Community and the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Water, Environment & Climate Change with other partners like World Bank under the FLLoCA. It was completed late last year.

Joseph Muthigani said he has since expanded his pig farming project and is also enjoying bumper harvests from his kitchen garden.

The project Chairman, Wilson Warungu, noted of the increased supply of water for both irrigation and domestic use to over 100 households in the Kanyama area and parts

of the Giagachuiru area.

The farmers have also started tree nurseries for commercial purposes and also in order to mitigate climate change through tree planting.

This has boosted food security, increased income, and created employment.

“We are now urging the County Government of Nyeri to expand the project in areas of Gikumbo and other neighbouring villages. We, however, wish to thank the County for the project, which has transformed lives in the area,” he added.

A youth from the area Maina Macharia, said the local youths have embarked on poultry farming and horticulture farming.

This has helped them to keep away from drugs and also ensured reduced crime.

In Kieni West Sub County Kanyiriri Borehole Project at Endarasha Mwiyogo ward is complete and operational.

The borehole project, which pumps 54 cubic meters per hour and is done by the County Government of Nyeri through the Department, together with other partners, was completed last year, according to a local





farmer, Wanjohi Kiragu. Paul Mathenge said the project has started supplying water for both irrigation and domestic use to over 100 households in Karega, Muthengera, Kanyiriri, Umoja, and Mwiyo areas. The farmers will no longer rely rain-fed agriculture, which is unreliable. The project has boosted food security since the farmers can double production, especially the horticultural crops. Josephat Gathiari commended the County Government of Nyeri for the project since most of the rivers in the area have dried up.

Another project that has been very beneficial to horticultural farmers is the Sagana Irrigation Water project to 530 members affiliated with the project. The project draws water from Nguniu dam from Mt. Kenya forest, which is 25 Kilometres away.

Peter Muriithi, who is one of the beneficiaries, said that after the Department rehabilitated the project three years ago, the members are now able to grow horticultural crops, which has increased

income, boosted food production, and created jobs. "I wish to thank Governor Mutahi Kahiga for the project. The Department chipped in and expanded our project before offering capacity building. This was of great help to us. By the use of Kilimo Biashara programme, we can grow fresh beans, vegetables, cut flowers and fruits." Added Muriithi. Another farmer, Richard Muhoro, said the project has also provided water to local public institutions like schools, hospitals, and health facilities.

"Due to good production, I have been able to expand my dairy farming project. I wish to thank the County Government for the support of the project and for the extension officers who have helped us in capacity building," Added Phyllis Wairigia.

The FLLoCA project has also constructed two solar coffee driers at Chorong'i and Thage-ini Coffee Factories. Through this program, two solar dryers have been constructed at the Chorong'i and Thage-ini Coffee Factories. The two solar dryers will en-

able 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.

Chorong'i Coffee Factory's official James Maina noted that Solar coffee dryers offer a cheaper, convenient, and environmentally friendly way to dry coffee, leading to faster drying times, improved quality, and potential for higher prices, while also reducing labor costs and preventing contamination.

Alice Wanjia, a Factory Manager at Chorong'i Coffee Factory in Nyeri Central Sub County Solar dryers allow for faster drying compared to traditional sun drying, potentially cutting drying time by half or less, saving labor and operational costs.

The Manager added that the factory has witnessed improved Coffee Quality as enclosed solar dryers protect coffee cherries from rain and humidity, preventing mold and mildew growth, and ensuring the beans are dry. It is cost-effective and leads to higher quality coffee dried using solar dryers, which can fetch higher prices, ultimately leading to increased profits for coffee farmers.

Solar dryers are relatively simple to build and operate using local materials, resulting in lower costs compared to traditional or mechanical drying methods.

A farmer David Wahome added that solar dryers require less manual handling and turning of the coffee during the drying process, reducing labor costs and also Solar dryers use renewable energy, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and lowering carbon emissions.

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.

These activities are expected to increase water supply to citizens in these areas and support small-scale irrigation.

To conserve the environment and mitigate climate change, 14,000 fruit seedlings were



actions in Nyeri County, the Department held stakeholders' Fora on Climate Change. The Partnerships are vital in mobilizing resources and tackling the challenges of climate change effectively. It is only through collaborative efforts that stakeholders can leverage the collective strengths to develop sustainable strategies on climate-resilient actions. As such, the department has, over the years, collaborated with various partners such as Flora and Fauna International, Nature Kenya, and Commercial Banks, among others to promote sustainability.

- The county has developed the Climate Change Act, 2021, to guide the climate change operations in the County. The law establishes a framework for addressing climate change challenges and promoting sustainable development. Through this legislation, the Department and the county seek to collaborate with local stakeholders, government agencies, and community organizations to implement innovative solutions that reduce carbon emissions, enhance environmental conservation efforts, and build climate resilience. In addition, the Department has developed climate change fund regulations to manage the Climate Change Fund.

distributed to community groups across the county. This will not only boost food and nutrition but also secure to sequester carbon dioxide to mitigate climate.

Other projects

- Promotion of agro-forestry in all the 30 wards through the provision of fruit tree seedlings to farmers (Avocado, Mangoes,
- Installation of Institutional energy-saving jikos in select ECDEs and 29 VTCs
- Distribution of dairy goats to farmer groups in 12 wards
- Distribution of water storage tanks
- Desilting of Thung'are earth dam in Thegu River ward
- Construction of water intake in Magutu ward.
- Spring protection program in Muthangira-Mugunda area in Kieni West.

More achievements by the Department include:

- The Department issued over 36,000 assorted tree species and 4,000 fruit tree seedlings to various institutions and community groups in the county during the short rains, aimed at improving tree cover, food security, and the economic status of the citizens. Working with Upper Tana Nairobi Water Trust, a further 110 000 Avocado seedlings were

distributed to farmers across the county during the April rains. The efforts have also contributed to enhanced biodiversity and carbon sequestration.

- The Development of the Nyeri County Participatory Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA) and the Nyeri County Climate Change Action Plan (2023-2027) under the County Climate Institutional Support grant under the FLLoCA.
- We have also established

Ward Climate Change Committees in all 30 wards.

- The Department has capacity-built Climate Change Committees including the Ward Climate Change Planning Committees, the County Administrators, the County Climate Change Planning Committees, County Climate Change Steering Committee and the Members of the county assembly. This training was aimed at promoting a culture of environmental stewardship and

empowering citizens and the decision-makers to take action for sustainable development and climate action.

- To improve climate change resilience in the county against devastating climate hazards such as drought, floods, frost, and pestilence, among others, the Department is implementing the FLLoCA Program's County Climate Resilience Investment Grant (CCRI).
- To enhance partnerships on climate change resilient



It's Official! Nyeri County Designated Global Scouting City



Story - Barbara Wambui |
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri County recently marked the beginning of a new phase in its elevation in the local, regional, and international spheres. Accompanied by Deputy, H.E. David Kinaniri, H.E Governor Dr. Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH officially signed the Declaration designating Nyeri County as the official Scout City of the World. His Excellency took the opportunity on behalf of the Executive, staff, and citizenry of this County to express his warm and sincere appreciation to the World Scout Movement (WOSM), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) together with their Kenya affiliates namely the Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) and Kenya Girl Guides Association (KGGA). The auspicious ceremony

preceded a courtesy call from the multi-national delegation led by World Scout Committee Chair Daniel Corsen and WOSM Regional Director-Africa Fredrick Kama-Kama, who presented an honorary plaque commemorating this prestigious occasion. Thereafter, they proceeded to Baden Powell Memorial

Gardens for the signing ceremony of two key Declarations which:
- designated Nyeri County as the Scout City of the world; and,
- designated Paxtu Museum-Outspan, as a World Guides & Scouts Heritage site. The event ended with a reception to bid the delegates

farewell before returning to their home countries. The memorable occasion was organized by the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture & Co-operatives under the stewardship of CECM Diana Kendi Tarihia. Addressing those present was Kenya Scouts Association Chief Scout Prof. Jacob

Kaimenyi. ‘According to our founder’s last wish, we should all strive to be happy. Our greatest challenge is to make a difference and leave this world a better place than we found it,’ he reiterated. H.E the Governor, was glad to note that the MOU signed in February of this year between Nyeri County and KSA was fully operational, forming the foundation for marshalling the resources, manpower, and cooperation that made this event possible. His Administration remains committed to taking this noble venture to the highest levels; and to ensuring that the Movement remains forward-thinking for generations to come, including mainstreaming across the departments as and where possible. Currently, there are over 70 million Guides and Scouts across 220 countries and territories worldwide.



The Growth of Saccos in Nyeri: Tower Sacco

Story - Barbara Wambui |
Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri Waroe hosted a team from Tower Sacco led by their Branch Manager Rachael Mwihi who paid a courtesy visit to his office. Discussions centred around the current growth and expansion prospects of the Sacco Sector in general, with a particular focus on Tower Sacco as a recent entrant. According to Madam Mwihi, the uptake of services by Nyeri's citizens and business community had been quite positive so far, with around 900 accounts having been opened and operational since the Sacco's launch in



February of this year. Tower Sacco, formerly Nyandarua Teachers Sacco, first opened its doors in 1976, to date having established a branch network of over 30 branches spread across the country.

EXCOM, CPSB Meets with Directorate of National Values



Story - Barbara Wambu & Rosebelle Wambui
Photo - Samwel Gitonga

The Office of the County Secretary on behalf of Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH hosted a consultative forum between the national government's Directorate of National Cohesion & Values, the County Executive Committee Membership (EXCOM) and the County Public Service Board (CPSB).

The interactive session chaired by County Secretary Ben Gachichio forms part of a nation-wide sensitization engagement the Directorate is undertaking with county governments to promote national values and principles of governance as laid out in the Constitution.

"It is imperative that both arms of government create synergy, consult and collaborate in order to mainstream national values

across the board. In this way reports prepared by the CPSB can then be incorporated into the annual president's report detailing progress made and milestones achieved at both national and county levels, both generally and specifically," reiterated the Directorate's Secretary General Josiah Musili.

The National Cohesion and Values reports are analyzed under 5 thematic areas namely:

- creation of a national

- identity;
- sharing and devolution of power;
- bill of rights;
- good governance, and;
- sustainable development.

Most worthy of note is that according to World Bank-funded Kenya Devolution Support Program Phase One (KDSP I) ranking, Nyeri County emerged top in five key assessment parameters namely Public Finance Management, Planning, Monitoring &

Evaluation, Human Resource & Performance Management, Civic Education & Public Participation and, Environmental & Social Performance.

The meeting closed with a consensus to immediately convene a capacity development session to guide on assessing and customizing the report framework to Nyeri's unique and specific environment.

CoG Decries Diversion of 38B County Funds by National Government



Story & Photo - Peter Wangari

H.E Governor Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga chaired the Council of Governors special meeting that expressed deep concern and unequivocal condemnation of the arbitrary diversion of Development Partners Conditional Grants due to County Governments in the consideration and passage of the County Governments Additional Allocation Bill, 2025.

The blatant act was yet another attempt to systematically cripple service delivery

across the 47 County Governments, an affront to the Devolution agenda as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. From this deduction, County Governments are set to lose a whopping Ksh. 38.4 Billion of the Additional Allocations, of which Ksh. 24 Billion are Conditional Grants from Donors to support critical County projects in Healthcare, Agriculture, fisheries, Water, roads, Slum upgrading and Infrastructure Development. The other Ksh. 13 Billion additional allocations from the National Government is to fund jointly agreed

upon ongoing projects such as industrial parks. This latest move was not an isolated incident but rather a continuation of the deliberate and unjustified reduction of Equitable Share of revenue under the pretext of revenue shortfalls. On the contrary, the National Government has increased its expenditure by at least Ksh. 114 Billion in the recently enacted Supplementary Appropriations Act 2025. The National Treasury attributes these cuts on the pretext that Counties are not able to absorb the Additional allocations in this Financial

Year. These fallacious assertions depict how the National Government casually handles the Devolution Agenda. It should also be noted that Counties had already made commitments to finance various ongoing projects. It has become increasingly apparent that these systematic budgetary cuts are designed to cripple County Governments, hinder effective service delivery, and ultimately discredit and kill the Devolved system of Governance. By purposefully underfunding County Governments, the National Government

will create a crisis, only to turn around and put Counties on the spot for failing to deliver essential services. This is a well-orchestrated scheme aimed at frustrating Devolution and rolling back the gains made over the past decade. Moreover, it is both morally and legally unacceptable for County Governments to continuously raise concerns over issues that are well grounded in the Constitution. The right of Counties to be adequately resourced is not a privilege but a Constitutional guarantee. In this regard, the Council of Governors has demanded the immediate restoration of all the diverted funds to County Governments to ensure uninterrupted service delivery, failure to which County Governments would shut down its services in the next 14 Days. Further, they demanded that the National Treasury immediately release the County Equitable Share which is in arrears of 3 months amounting to Ksh. 78.03 Billion for the months of January, February and March.

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Modern GIS Lab Commissioned in Nyeri



Story - Jospheh Wambugu
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri Waroe, commissioned a modern Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory at the Lands offices in Nyeri town. The GIS lab will be crucial in land use planning as it will provide tools for efficient data management, analysis, and visualization of spatial information, enabling informed decision-making for

sustainable land allocation and management. This, in turn, will help the Department of Lands protect public land, enhance their own source revenue by leveraging on tech, and take Nyeri County to the world through a click of a button. It will be a service offered to all departments that require Geo-referencing. GIS is a powerful technology that has transformed the way we understand and analyse the world around us. It will be a technology that

integrates hardware, software, and data to enable us to store, manage, analyses and model geospatial data to make informed decisions in a variety of fields, including urban planning, disaster management, environmental conservation, and business operations. By leveraging GIS technology, the County Government of Nyeri will be able to enhance data-driven decision-making, analyse spatial data to identify trends, patterns, and potential chal-

lenges, improve land transparency and create accurate and up-to-date maps and spatial databases. The Commissioning of the facility coincides with the marking of the Global Surveyors Day as a way to globally recognize the ground-breakers, pioneers, individuals and the industry that has shaped our history. 2025's theme was 'Next- Gen Surveying: Bridging Physical & Digital Worlds'. A land clinic was also held at the Lands Offices after the

Commissioning of the facility. The Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urbanization was able to acquire advanced equipment like SP80, GEOMAX, COMNAV, G.N.S.S equipment and Automatic Level Machines to conduct the surveys accurately and efficiently. There has been a collaborative effort between the Department and organizations like KISIP (Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Program) to survey colonial villages and issue title deeds. The main goal of the surveying project was to map and demarcate land within the colonial villages, allowing residents to obtain title deeds and ensuring their legal rights to the land they occupied. The surveying and mapping process is set to help residents get their title deeds, legitimize their ownership over the land and provide them with a sense of security of land tenure and dignity. Lands CECM Ndirangu Gachunia noted that the launch of the GIS Lab would ensure any land issues are resolved on the spot because the Department will have all relevant professionals on site.

Giving Back to our Uniquely Abled Children: Allamano Special School

Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Peter Wangari

People with special needs aren't disabled, they're just uniquely abled, living, dreaming, and thriving like the rest of us. In light of this, the Deputy Governor alongside ICPAK Mount Kenya Branch, visited Allamano Special School in Wamagana. The visit was in honour of ICPAK's Sustainability Goal under the CSR 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. The visit marked Phase 2 of the project, where they donated beddings and food supplies to support both the children and staff. Allamano Special School was founded by the Con-



solata Fathers, who have remained major benefactors to this day. It is then sponsored by the Catholic Church under the Archdiocese of Nyeri, managed by

the Sisters of Mary Immaculate and staffed by TSC-accredited teachers. The School is characterised by well-maintained facilities and the children's evi-

dent well-being which was a testament to the care and dedication of those who run it. The sincerest gratitude was extended to the Sisters for

the incredible work they had continued to do for the children.

Community Outreach: Combating Tuberculosis in Nyeri



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

In honour of World TB Day, a community outreach in Nyeri South Sub-County aimed at reaffirming the de-

partment's commitment to raising awareness, early detection, and prevention of Tuberculosis (TB) was successfully conducted. The initiative, held in partnership with Amref Health

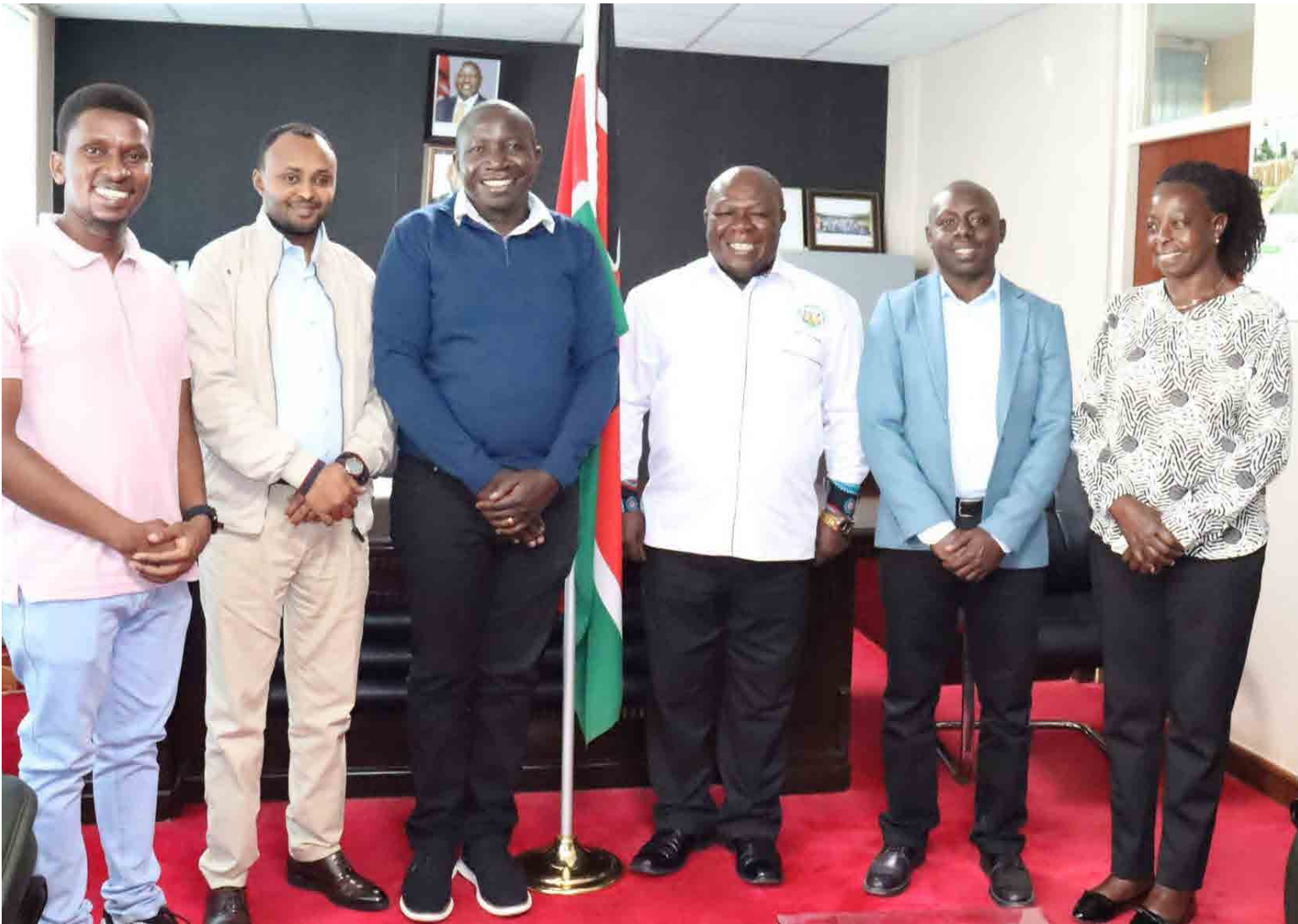
Africa – Project THRIVE, brought essential healthcare services closer to the community, ensuring residents had access to screening, education, and consultations. Key activities included:

- TB Screening
- Social Health Authority (SHA) Registration & Awareness
- Community members were also encouraged to enrol in SHA coverage to enhance their access to quality healthcare services.
- The department extended their gratitude to the Sub-County Health Management Team (SCHMT) and Project THRIVE Coordinators for their invaluable support in making the outreach a success.
- Together, they continue to spread awareness, prevent TB, and improve community health
- Health Education on TB Awareness & Prevention
- Random Blood Sugar (RBS) & Hypertension Screening
- HIV Testing & Screening

Nyeri County, MOH, Washington State University Partner on Disease Surveillance and Control

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

Medical Services and Public Health CECM Dr. Joseph Kiragu held a brief meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Health (MOH) – Division of Disease Surveillance and Control, who paid him a courtesy call. The Ministry of Health, in partnership with Washington State University, had been conducting a series of training sessions on Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) for healthcare workers in the county, with a particular focus on Kieni East Sub-County, which had recently reported an outbreak. The EBS training was aimed at equipping healthcare workers with critical skills for detection, reporting, and swift response to unusual health events, enhancement of early warning systems and mitigation of the spread of infectious diseases. By strengthening disease surveillance, the training would facilitate the timely intervention and the



ultimate protection of the communities from potential health threats. Dr. Kiragu commended the Ministry of Health and its partners for their commitment to strengthening the county's disease

surveillance capacity. He emphasized that proactive surveillance was key to safeguarding public health and preventing outbreaks. He further affirmed the county's openness to collaboration and pledged continued

support for initiatives that enhanced healthcare service delivery. "We welcome and appreciate such partnerships that build the capacity of our healthcare workers and improve our emergen-

cy response systems. The County Government of Nyeri remains committed to working closely with all stakeholders to ensure the well-being of our communities," he stated

Governor commissions Karundas ECDE Classrooms



Story - Barbara Wambui-
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Accompanied by Deputy

Governor H.E David Kinaniri, Nyeri Governor, H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, commissioned ECDE classrooms at Karundas ECDE Centre, Karundas, Kieni East sub-county. It was indeed an auspicious

occasion for the children, parents, ECDE teachers and the community at large. Addressing those present

was the ECDE Centre Head-teacher Charles Muriuki who expressed his appreciation for the continual support through the provision of desks, chairs, learning materials and nourishment for the children by the County Government though the Department of Education, Training and Devolution. The ceremony was presided over by Education CECM Margaret Macharia. Also present to witness the unveiling was area MCA Hon. Wachira Kanyi. This Administration unwaveringly promotes all initiatives that seek to promote and elevate both quality and access to education across this great County.

Finance CECM Ranked Best in Nyeri County



Story - Joseph Wambugu | Photo - Peter Wangari

Finance, Economic Planning & ICT CECM Robert Thuo has been recognized as the Best Performing CECM in Nyeri County. This is as per the Pollster Rankings 2024 Survey. This award which included a trophy and a certificate is a testament to his exceptional leadership and commitment to excellence in serving the people of Nyeri

County. His dedication and achievements in his role have significantly impacted Nyeri County. Pollster Rankings CEO Khalid Njiraini said they looked out for several parameters including Performance Delivery, Integrity, Accountability, Honesty, Credibility, Relationship Building, and Character when interviewing the re-

spondents through qualitative and quantitative data collection methods such as questionnaires and telephone interviews. This is an annual event where leaders are awarded to motivate them to perform better. Congratulations Waziri!



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR LEASING AND OPERATING CHAKA FRESH FISH MARKET IN THEGU RIVER WARD- KIENTI EAST SUB-COUNTY.

TENDER NO; CGN/EOI/ALAD/18/2024-2025

Chaka fresh fish market located in Thegu River Ward, Kieni East Sub-County, Nyeri County, along Nyeri-Nanyuki highway is a newly constructed fresh fish facility with a daily processing capacity of 1 tonne of fish. The facility has a kitchen, processing and storage area. The processing area is fitted with 8 working benches and Tapped Water. The kitchen is fitted with deep frying outlets while the storage area is equipped with 3 deep freezers. In addition, the facility is installed with 8 solar panel systems with 6 batteries. When operational, the facility is expected to provide fish farmers with a ready and direct market for farmed fish to improve their profitability, offer and create jobs while enhancing the growth of the fish value chain in the County. To achieve this objective, the County Government of Nyeri invites bids from qualified firms to manage and operate the facility under a 5 years lease contract.

SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The scope of the assignment involves but is not limited to:

- Promote market growth for the fish and fish products;** through aggregation, value addition and marketing of fish from farmers in the County;
- Local Farmers and Supplier Support:** Source fish from local farmers, promoting fair prices and stimulating aquaculture productivity;
- Quality Assurance:** Ensure maintenance of high quality and safety standards in fish processing, value addition and marketing;
- Comprehensive facility Maintenance and Servicing:** Implement regular maintenance to ensure smooth, uninterrupted facility operations;
- Financial Responsibility for Facility:** Cover costs for renovations and maintenance, ensuring a functional and safe work environment;
- Strict Premises Usage Compliance:** Use the facility strictly for its intended purpose, requiring consent for any modifications;
- Utility Bill Management:** Take full responsibility for paying all utility bills to prevent operational disruptions;
- Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility:** Adopt eco-friendly practices, such as waste recycling and energy efficiency;
- Technological Upgrades and Innovation:** Invest in new technologies to improve processing efficiency and quality;
- Community Engagement and Social Responsibility:** Engage with the community through social responsibility programs and partnerships;
- Risk Management and Compliance:** Develop a risk management plan and ensure compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Market Research and Consumer Insights:** Conduct market research to stay updated on trends and develop new products based on consumer preferences.

Eligibility and Qualification of Bidders

The EOI must be accompanied with the following documents

To be eligible the firms must meet the following mandatory requirements:

o Eligibility and legal documents:

- A Copy of registration certificate/incorporation in Kenya;
- CR12 for limited companies issued in the last one year;
- Copies of identification documents - National Identification cards or Passports for all Directors;
- Valid Business Permit;
- Valid Tax Compliance certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA);
- Certified copies of audited financial statements for the last two years; By an auditor
- Business profile, including information on organization, technical, and logistical capability to undertake the assignment;
- Certified copies of bank statements for the last one year; By bank
- Confirmation that the firm is not insolvent, in receivership, bankrupt, or subject to legal proceedings for any of these circumstances, or in the process of being wound up;
- All pages of the documents must properly be serialized/paginated;
- Proof of experience in a related business venture.

Shortlisting of bidders for subsequent processes shall be based on the above information.

Clarification

Interested parties may request for clarifications on the EOI before the submission date, any request for clarification must be delivered in writing or emailed to coagriculture.nyeri@gmail.com.

Interested bidders shall submit original and a copy of the EOI with all the necessary documentations in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked **"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR LEASING AND OPERATING CHAKA FRESH FISH MARKET IN THEGU RIVER WARD- KIENTI EAST SUB-COUNTY -TENDER NO (CGN/EOI/ALAD/18/2024-2025).**

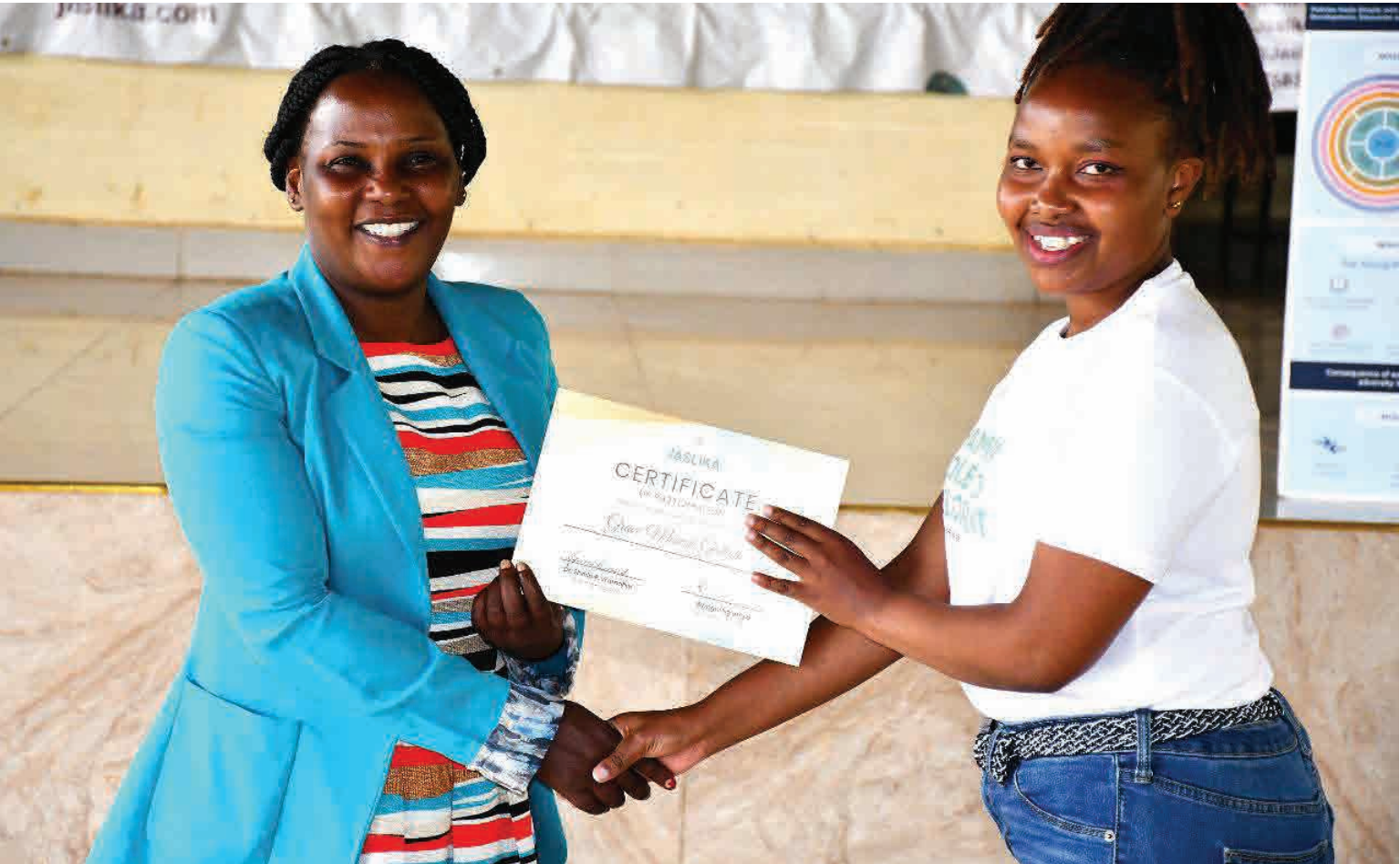
Addressed to:

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

The bid document should be deposited in the tender box situated at the Nyeri County Government Headquarters (Town Hall) so as to be received on or before **2nd April 2025 at 11.00 a.m.**

The Expression of Interest shall be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Late bids shall be rejected.

Intergenerational Stakeholders County Forum



Story - Jackline Muthoni
Photo - Jim Stephen

JASLIKA, in collaboration with the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, hosted the Intergenerational Stakeholders Meeting at the Culture Centre. The event marked the culmination of three years of action research focused on whole child development, WCD.

JASLIKA presented their research findings on whole child development, offering valuable insights into the current state of education and youth services in Nyeri. Their findings highlighted the need for holistic approaches that address emotional, social, and physical development alongside academic achievement. An open forum followed, featuring experts from various fields, including edu-

cation, mental health, and community development. The discussions covered several key topics:

- Inclusive Education
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
- Mental Health Awareness
- Health and Well-Being
- Access to Recreational Facilities
- Education, Training, and Skill Development

The forum also featured interactive workshops where participants brainstormed solutions to specific challenges. These sessions encouraged collaboration among youth, educators, and community leaders, fostering a sense of shared responsibility for local issues. While representing Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u, Director Monica Thumbi emphasized the importance

of intergenerational collaboration in addressing the complex challenges facing today's youth. She highlighted the crucial role of community engagement and policy advocacy in creating an environment that nurtures whole child development. Further the Director acknowledged that through the partnerships and commitments, those efforts can create lasting positive change in the lives of young people. She thanked JASLIKA for their great efforts in community empowerment. In conclusion, the Intergenerational Stakeholders Meeting was a vital platform for fostering collaboration and generating solutions to the challenges youth face in Nyeri. The discussions and workshops highlighted the need for a collective effort from all sectors to support the holistic development of young people. The action plans that were developed during the event will provide a clear path forward, ensuring sustained progress in creating a nurturing environment for youth development.

FLLoCA: Bringing Water to Kieni East

Story - Sheila Imdusa & Rosebelle Wambui

The Nyeri County Civil Societies Organisation Network (NCCSON), with support from Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), led an Advocacy & Communication Capacity-Building Forum on the proposed FLLoCA-funded Thung'are Water Project in Kieni East Sub-County. The engagement aimed at enhancing public participation and building community support to ensure the project delivers sustainable water access and economic benefits. The project involved the desilting and construction of the Thung'are Earth Dam,



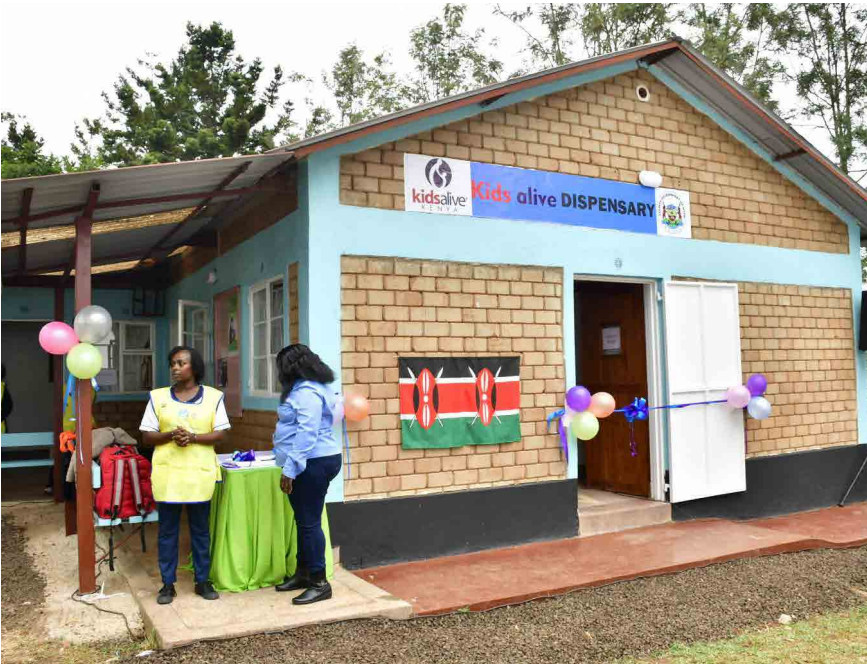
installation of a solar-powered pumping unit, and the development of a pipeline distribution system. The initiative was set to pro-

vide over 400 beneficiaries in Thegu River Ward with water for both irrigation and domestic use. With improved access to wa-

ter, the project was expected to increase food production, create job opportunities, and attract investment, ultimately improving livelihoods and

reducing poverty levels in the community.

Kids Alive Dispensary Officially Launched



Story - Imelda Kinogu | Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri County, A wealthy county with healthy and secure people for shared prosperity. This is Nyeri County's vision. Therefore, together with Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri, H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined the President of Kids Alive International President Corby Dukes to officially launch the Kids Alive Dispensary in Thegu-River Ward, Kieni East Sub-County. The Dispensary, whose launch was moderated by Health Services CECM Dr. Joseph Kiragu, is borne from an MoU signed on 16th January 2025 between the Department of Medical Services and Public Health and Kids Alive Kenya; a partnership jointly championed by Dr. Kiragu and Thegu-River Ward MCA Hon. Patrick Wachira Kanyi. Kids Alive Dispensary is set to bring closer essential curative, promotive and preventative medical services to the people of Marigima, Gatei, Chaka Ranch, Karundas and the entirety of Thegu-River Ward. Services offered include but are not limited to:

- General Consultation Services;
- Pharmaceutical Services
- Maternal Child Health (MCH) Services
- Mental Health Services
- Family Planning Services
- Child Immunization.

Following the launch the public then participated in a medical camp offering screening for the following: breast cancer, cervical cancer, blood sugar, and hypertension.

IN CASE OF A FIRE EMERGENCY



SOS CALL NUMBERS:

NYERI 0612032961
KARATINA 0721367998
KIAWARA 0741428413

DIRECTOR DISASTER
RISK MANAGEMENT
0790040299



AMBULANCE HOTLINE NUMBER

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New classrooms at Maragima ECDE Centre opened



Story - Barbara Wambu
Photo - Peter Wangari

Investing in a child's educa-

tion is an analogy brought to life... 'Sharpen an axe for 45 minutes, and you will have a tree down in 15.'

Together with my Deputy H.E David Kinaniri, H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH headed to Mar-

agima village, Thegu River ward where they officially commissioned ECDE classrooms at Maragima ECDE

Centre, Kieni East sub-county.

Maragima ECDE positively espouses its motto: Strongly founded to serve, which allows its pupils to make the most of both opportunities and obstacles, as evidenced by its history of success stories.

Parents, teachers and area residents led by area MCA Hon. Patrick Kanyi expressed their sincere gratitude for the continual support and encouragement from the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Education.

This administration is proud to be associated with the growth and development of our ECDE Centers.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri interacting with business and matatu operators of the Nyeri Upper stage on how best to propel the County forward



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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 Health Services**
 - Radiographer III, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
 - Medical Engineering Technologist, Job Group 'H' - 1 Post
 - Medical Engineer, Job Group 'K' - 1 Post
 - Pharmaceutical Technologist, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
 - Mortuary Attendant/Mortician, Job Group 'E' - 1 Post
 - Orthopedic Trauma Technician II, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
 - Registered Clinical Officer I (Anesthetist), Job Group 'K' - 3 Posts
 - Registered Nurse I (Peri-Operative), Job Group 'K' - 4 Posts
 - Medical Officer, Job Group 'M' - 4 Posts
- Department of Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure and Energy**
 - Assistant Engineer II (Structural), Job Group 'K' - 1 Post
 - Assistant Engineer II (Mechanical BS), Job Group 'K' - 1 Post
 - Building Inspector, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
 - Road Inspector, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
 - Inspector Fire Services, Job Group 'H' - 1 Post
 - Electrical Technician, Job Group 'H' - 2 Posts
- Department of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development**
 - Support Staff, Job Group 'C' - 15 Posts
- Department of Education and Devolution**
 - Principal Education Officer, Job Group 'N' - 3 Posts

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 all academic and professional certificates together with 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 3rd April 2025 at 5.00 pm.

Note:

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