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It's Official! Nyeri County Designated Global Scouting City

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 Tarichia.

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 high-

est levels; and to ensuring that the Movement remains forward-thinking for generations to come, including mainstreaming across the departments as and where possible.

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Modern GIS Lab Commissioned in Nyeri



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 is 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 challenges, improve land transparency and create accu-

rate 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, COM-NAV, 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.

Governor commissions Karundas ECDE Classrooms



Accompanied by Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri, Nyeri Governor, H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH,

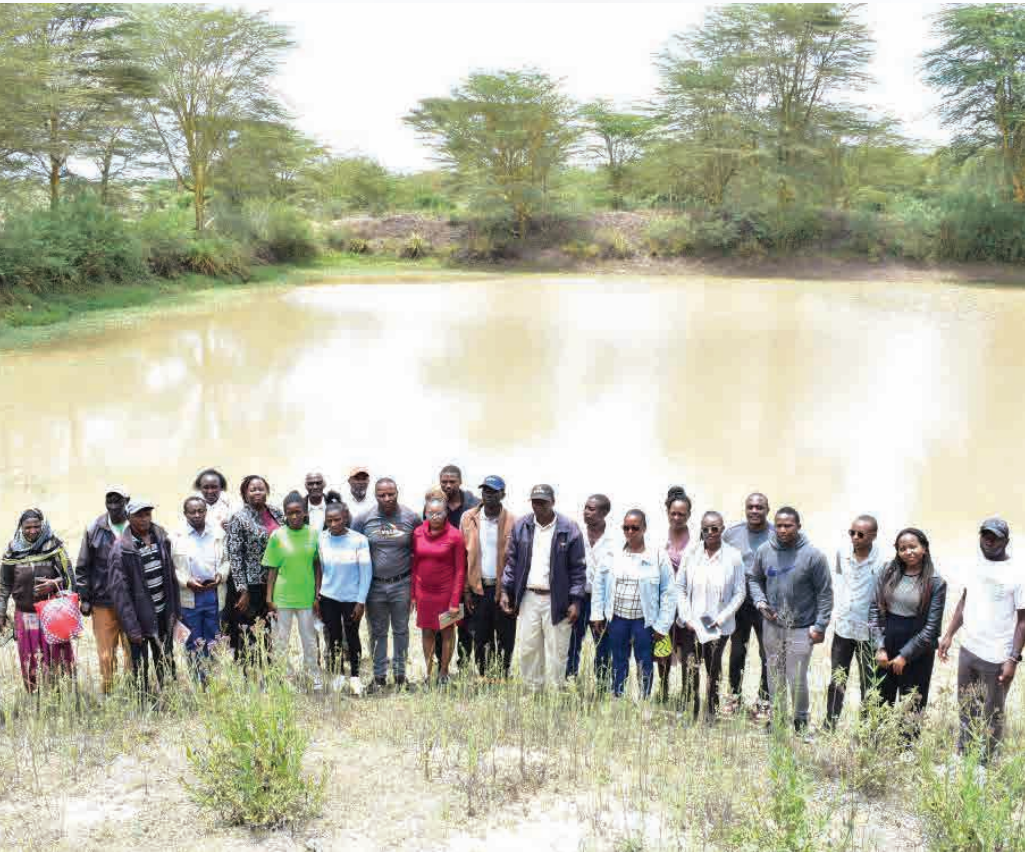
commissioned ECDE classrooms at Karundas ECDE Centre, Karundas, Kieni East sub-county.

It was indeed an auspicious occasion for the children, parents, ECDE teachers and the community at large.

Addressing those present was the ECDE Centre Headteacher 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 through 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.

FLLoCA: Bringing Water to Kieni East



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 partici-

pation 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

provide over 400 beneficiaries in Thegu River Ward with water for both irrigation and domestic use. With improved access to water, the project was expected to increase food production, create job opportunities, and attract investment, ultimately improving livelihoods and reducing poverty levels in the community.

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

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 emergency 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



Nyeri Youth Set to Benefit from Nyota Program

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 Set-

tlement 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 Project'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 co-operating 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 Ruring'u ward, Nyeri Central sub-county and Kiawara in Rware ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.



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Enhancing Cooperative Governance within Nyeri



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 cooperatives 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.

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 leader-

ship, 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 various 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 Strategies 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 Co-operative 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.

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Dialogue on Youth Bulge and Nyeri Youth Policy Implementation

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Kids Alive Dispensary Officially Launched



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Consultative meeting on the Nyeri County Slum Upgrading and Prevention Strategy

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 collab-

orative 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 eq-

uitable and sustainable urban environments. Some of the benefits and justification for upgrading and prevention include;

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

New classrooms at Maragima ECDE Centre opened



Investing in a child's education is an analogy brought to life... 'Sharpen an axe for 45 min-

utes, 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 Maragima vil-

lage, Thegu River ward where they officially commissioned ECDE classrooms at Maragi-

ma 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.

Nyeri Welcomes 6th Internship Cohort

"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 interviewing pro-

cess. 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 govern-

ment 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



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Community Outreach at Kiganjo Health Centre and Kiaguthu Dispensary

The Department of Public Health and Medical Services, in partnership with Amref Health Africa – Project THRIVE, successfully conducted community outreach programs at Kiganjo Health Centre and Kiaguthu Dispensary, serving residents of Nyeri Central and Nyeri South Sub-Counties, respectively.

These community outreaches have had a significant impact on Nyeri County, bringing specialized healthcare 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.