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Nyeri Transformational Coffee Dryers



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Nyeri 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 legislation, play a pivotal role in fortifying resilience within the county. These plans have also been done

under the effort of the Department of Water, Environment and Climate Change led by CECM Fredrick Kinyua.

The County Government of Nyeri also developed a Nyeri County Climate Information and Communication Strategy 2023 - 2027 to facilitate dissemination of Climate Information to our stakeholders.

Multiple communication channels and platforms are used to disseminate climate information including electronic e.g social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and print media,

Other platforms include, county climate outlook forums / workshops (CCOF), exhibitions, shows, and community gatherings (baraza)

The target audience includes General public; religious leaders; journalists; community leaders; schools, politicians and other policy and decision makers.

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

The projects involve drilling of solar-powered boreholes, construction of coffee solar dryers, Installation of Institutional energy-saving jikos in selected ECDEs and 29 VTCs and construction of water intakes.

Other programmes include the distribution of water storage tanks, promotion of agroforestry in all the 30 wards through the provision of fruit tree seedlings to farmers, and the Spring protection program in Muthangira in Mugunda ward in Kieni West Sub County.

But there is one unique project of a solar dryer in Chorong'i Coffee Factory in Ruring'u ward, Nyeri Central Sub County, which has changed the quality and quantity of coffee farmers in the area.

There has been a tremendous improvement of coffee production through the adoption of climate adaptation technology, the installation and construction of solar dryers and coffee beds at several coffee factories, including Chorong'i,

Thage-ini, Kiamariga, and Gachuiri in Nyeri County.

The project has indicated an immediate impact, which includes:

- Post-Harvest Loss Reduction - Extends the shelf life of coffee
- Reduction in the Operational Cost of the factory
- Translating to higher pay for farmers, higher Market Value
- Dried produce like coffee fetches better prices due to improved quality and demand.
- Energy Efficiency - Solar

ry 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.

He also thanked the County Government of Nyeri and

factory can handle up to 16 tonnes.

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 witnessed improved Coffee Quality as enclosed solar dryers protect coffee cherries from rain and humidity, preventing mold and

fective 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 Solar dryers also use renewable energy, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and lowering carbon emissions.

The improvement of the quality has led to more income for farmers which has raised the local economy of the area as the farmers have more money in their pockets than before.

Reports released last year showed that Chorong'i Coffee Factory, affiliated with the Muthika Farmers' Cooperative Society, achieved the highest price of Sh 42,183 per 50kg bag in a recent coffee auction last year.

The overall auction generated Sh566.9 million, with the highest price achieved by the Nyeri-based Chorong'i Factory. This price was significantly higher than the previous auction, which generated Sh382.9 million.

mildew growth, and ensuring the beans are dry.

In the old drying beds, coffee took two weeks to dry up while in the solar dryer, it takes only less than 14 days.

She added that is cost-ef-



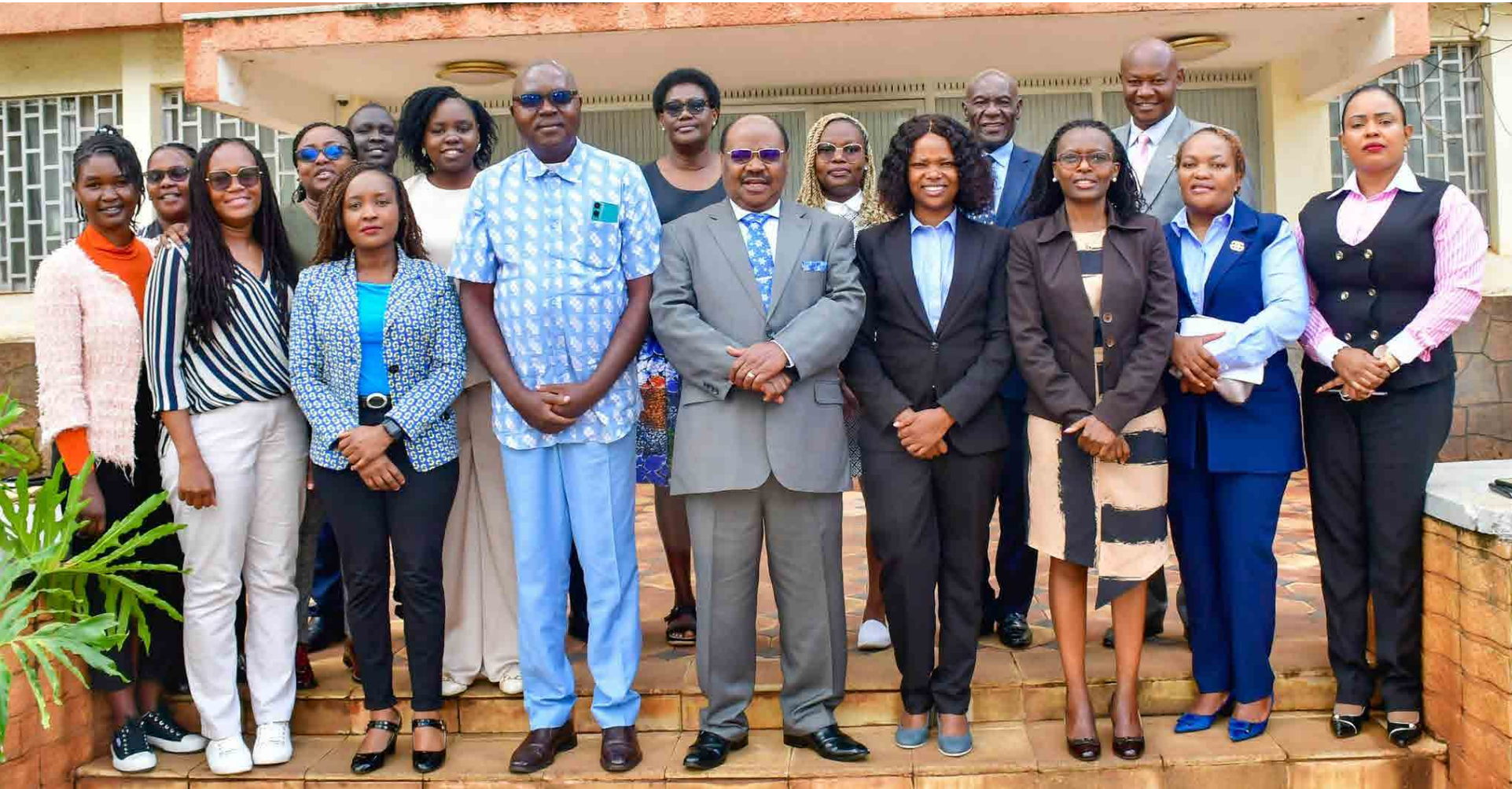
dryers use renewable energy, reducing reliance on slow, costly, and unsustainable drying methods like direct sun drying.

The solar dryer has enabled the coffee factory to reduce the drying time of the cher-

FLLoCA for the partnership which has led to improved coffee production.

The project was completed in June last year. By using the old drying beds, the capacity was only 16,000 Kgs but under the new project, the

GBV, Teen Pregnancies In The Spotlight!



Story - Sheila Indusa
Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri's beauty masks a harsh truth—rising GBV, teenage pregnancies, and silent survivors facing trauma that can no longer be ignored. Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Purity Ngina, PhD, MBS, and CEO of the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), alongside her team from the Technical Working Group on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Femicide, Chaired by Anthony Nzuki. They were in Nyeri County for a public participation initiative aimed at address-

ing and curbing GBV and femicide across all 47 counties. During this period, they worked closely with Nyeri's local technical working group on GBV and femicide. County Government of Nyeri has actively raised awareness of GBV and femicide through various initiatives, led by the Department for Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services in collaboration with the County Commissioner. Gender policies have also been put in place to help mitigate these pressing issues. Over 40 champions have been trained from high-prevalence areas such as Othaya, Kieni, and

Mathira Sub Counties. Additional awareness efforts include participation in key events like the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV, International Women's Day, and the International Day of the Girl Child. The County has also made strides involving men, elders, and religious leaders in these conversations. GBV is a national crisis that spans various forms of violence, including domestic physical violence, sexual violence, emotional and psychological abuse, economic exploitation, and harmful traditional practices. A Gender Rescue Centre has been set up at PGH Hospital to offer victims critical support and to assist with the entire reporting

and follow-up process. The County Government of Nyeri recognizes that socio-economic factors contribute significantly to GBV and femicide. These include limited access to sanitary products for young girls, high rates of alcohol addiction, and increasing radicalization. To address these root causes, the county has established interventions such as the Ihururu Rehabilitation Centre and children's homes like Neema Children's Home in Skuta, which support children affected by GBV. In response to rising femicide cases, the County Government of Nyeri joined hands with Usikimye Organisation by Njeri wa

Migwi, initiatives such as the Wezesha Programme have also been rolled out. The programme has been allocated over Ksh. 50 Million to support grassroots initiatives—particularly women's groups across various sub-counties—through the provision of merchandise and resources aimed at boosting economic resilience. The County has also launched the Widow SACCO, designed to support and empower widows toward economic independence. Additionally, thriving community groups, including those for widowers, have been engaged to promote collective healing, resilience, and empowerment.



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Nyeri County Secretary Benjamin Gachichio Retires



Story -Sheila Indusa
Photo - Peter Wangari

Retirement is not the end of the road, but the beginning of a new adventure! Nyeri County Secretary Benjamin Gachichio proceeded to commence his well-deserved retirement after having served as the County Secretary. Gachichio, who has been a dedicated public servant, exited the County Government of Nyeri, having attained the mandatory re-

tirement age. He served the County Government under the stewardship of H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, for the last eight years, having joined CGN in 2017. Prior to that, he zealously served in various spheres and capacities, with a career spanning many decades of dedication and commitment to public service. “He has been a key member of my administration, and I am extremely proud of his performance over the

almost eight years he has been our County Secretary. I am also very grateful for his support and the support he has given my administration. One of my favourite sayings has been about management of change, and I am convinced beyond reasonable doubt that we shall not only embrace this change but also manage it well. The only constant thing in this life is change itself,” said Dr. Mutahi Kahiga. On behalf of the Governor,

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri witnessed the handing over ceremony of the Office of the County Secretary to the acting County Secretary, Kimani Rucuiya, who is also the County Attorney. Rucuiya will hold office until another candidate is selected to fill the position. The handing over ceremony was held at the Governor's office in Nyeri town and was attended by all the CECMs after a cabinet session.

County staff hailed the outgoing Secretary for his commendable work ethic and unwavering commitment to upholding good practices, most notably serving ‘Wanjiku’ as the core business and mandate of all public officers. Undoubtedly, Gachichio leaves an indelible mark on all staff and indeed, Nyeri County in its entirety. Many staff showered the outgoing CS with sincere and heartfelt compliments. One remarked, “Sir, Congratulations on your retirement! Your dedication, professionalism, hard work, positive attitude, and service to humanity have made a lasting impact on all of us. Your mentorship and debates will be truly missed. Wishing you all the best as you enjoy this well-deserved retirement. May your days be filled with joy, good health, new adventures, and God's favour. As Bwana Gachichio steps into this new chapter of life, we thank him for his years of leadership, hard work, and integrity. He has been a pillar of industriousness and dedication, mentoring many and being keen on making a difference. He has been a shining example, and his legacy will continue to inspire many. Congratulations on your retirement, Sir! Enjoy it.



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World Hypertension Day Commemorated in Nyeri

Story - Sheila Indusa
Photo- Osoro Mosioma

On World Hypertension Day, the County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health, hosted a commemoration event at Kamukunji Grounds, Nyeri Town.

Under the global theme “Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer”, the event emphasized the importance of awareness, prevention, and control of hypertension and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

The day was marked with free health services including blood pressure and sugar screening, cancer screening (breast, cervical, and



prostate), eye check-ups, blood donation, mental health support, HIV testing, HPV self-testing for women aged 30–49, and nutritional counselling.

These services were made possible through the hearty support of National and County Partners in Health. The Chief Guest Dr. Gladwell Gathecha read a speech

on behalf of Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale, who emphasized regular blood pressure monitoring as a key preventive measure.

The County Government of Nyeri was well represented by the Department of Medical Services & Public Health led by CECM Dr. Joseph Kiragu.

She also officially launched the National Protocols for the Management of Selected Non-Communicable Diseases at the primary care level—an important step towards structured and evidence-based care.

Hypertension survivor and champion, Lucy Wamahiu, shared her journey, reminding attendees that “Hypertension is not a disability,” and that lifestyle changes such as a balanced diet and regular exercise can significantly aid in managing the condition.

Nyeri Youth Set To Benefit from Training Scholarships

Story & Photo - Tracy Wanjiru

Aspiring youths in Nyeri County are one step closer to a brighter future as the County Government, in partnership with the KCB Foundation, concludes interviews for vocational training scholarships.

The rigorous selection process across 20 of the county's 26 Vocational Training Centres (VTCs), witnessed a commendable turnout of applicants eager to gain valuable skills. This initiative underscores the commitment of the County Government and the KCB Foundation to empower vulnerable individuals and youths, including young mothers, orphans, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The scholarships aim to provide access to quality vocational training, equipping beneficiaries with



marketable skills for sustainable livelihoods. A diverse range of ten trades are on offer, catering to various interests and industry demands. These include hospitality, fashion and design, hairdressing

and beauty, food and beverage, masonry, plumbing, electrical installation, ICT, motor vehicle mechanics, and welding and fabrication.

The partnership between

the Nyeri County Government and the KCB Foundation was formalized through an MoU signed in January of last year.

The success of this collaboration was evident in

the first cohort of approximately 1000 students who enrolled in April 2024, successfully completed their training, and graduated in a joint ceremony. Building on this success, this year's scholarship program has attracted around 2,400 applicants.

The KCB Foundation aims to sponsor 1000 deserving candidates who will commence their six-month training in June 2025 and are scheduled to undertake their examinations in December and thereafter an attachment for the different courses undertaken. This joint effort signifies a significant investment in the human capital of Nyeri County, providing opportunities for socio-economic advancement and contributing to the overall development of the region. Applicants will be notified of the scholarship award decisions within a few weeks.

CoG Convenes Over Pending Ex-chequer Disbursements

The Council of Governors convened a Full Council meeting to deliberate on pressing issues affecting County Governments. As the country prepares for the 2025/2026 financial year, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening devolution and ensuring that County Governments are adequately equipped to deliver services to all Kenyans.

On Division of Revenue. The Council expressed concern over the proposed equitable share of Ksh. 405 billion in the Division of Revenue Bill, 2025, an amount that falls significantly short of the Council's recommendation of Ksh. 536.88 billion.

This proposed allocation fails to reflect the increased non-discretionary expenditures and the financial implications of newly devolved functions, thereby constraining counties' ability to provide essential services. The Council also noted



that Ksh. 29.7 billion remains allocated to National Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) for functions that have already been unbundled and reassigned to County Governments vide Gazette Notice Vol. CXXVI of 16th December 2024. This violates the principle

that resources must follow functions and undermines the constitutional mandate of County Governments. Additionally, County Governments are facing severe delays in the disbursement of the equitable share. A total of Ksh. 74.98 billion remains outstanding so far:

- Ksh. 7.19 billion for March (owed to 11 Counties)
 - Ksh. 34.87 billion for April (owed to all 47 Counties)
 - Ksh. 32.93 billion for May (owed to all 47 Counties)
- The Council urged the National Treasury to expedite these disbursements, in-

cluding the release of funds under the County Governments Additional Allocations Act, 2025, which was assented to more than a week ago. These funds are critical for the continuation and completion of key projects and programmes before the close of the financial year.

Celebrating Excellence at DeKUT 18th Graduation Ceremony

Story - Linet Wangari
Photo - Peter Wangari

The day's celebration went beyond academic success, to honouring the determination, perseverance, and innovativeness that has marked each graduate's unique journey.

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri, on behalf of H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, attended the 18th Graduation Ceremony of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) in Nyeri County.

DeKUT has truly set itself apart, earning national acclaim after being ranked the top-performing institution in the Public Service Commission's annual report on values and principles. The university has consistently upheld high standards of excellence, championed



inclusive, and cultivated a strong culture of integrity. It continues to promote transparency and accountability in all its structures and operations. To all the 1,239 graduands

— as you step into the world beyond these gates, remember that the future belongs to those who dare to dream and work tirelessly to make those dreams a reality. Life after graduation will

present new challenges, but with the same spirit of resilience, creativity, and commitment you've shown here, there is no limit to what you can achieve. Keep learning, stay ground-

ed in your values, and never stop believing in your potential. The journey is just beginning — and it is full of promise. Congratulations to all the graduates!

CoG, Ministry of Agriculture Joint Consultative Meeting



The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development held a joint consultative meeting with the Council of Governors in Mombasa under the theme "Advancing Inclusive Agriculture Development for Enhanced Food Security and Wealth Creation."

Present during the meeting were CS Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, CoG Chair H.E Ahmed Abdullahi, Vice Chair H.E Mutahi Kahiga, Agriculture Committee Chair H.E Ken Lusaka, H.E Simon Kachapin, Deputy Governors, CECMs, World Bank,

National Treasury, and other key stakeholders.

CS Agriculture Hon. Mutahi Kagwe emphasized the need for candid reflection on what has worked, what hasn't, and why "It cannot and will not be business as usual."

He proposed the creation of an Implementation Monitoring Unit (IMU) and operationalizing the Projects Coordination and Partnerships Office (PCPU).

CoG Chair H.E Ahmed Abdullahi highlighted the crit-

ical role of ELRP, FSRP, and NAVCDP in food security and agricultural transformation.

He urged for faster disbursement and absorption of project funds to ensure maximum impact across counties.

Global Energy Alliance Explores County Energy Priorities

Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo -Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH was glad to receive the Energy Systems Director at Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) Dennis Nderitu, who paid a courtesy call to his office.

GEAPP, formed by the Rockefeller Foundation together with other strategic partners such as the African Development Bank Group (ADBG) and the World Bank, is currently holding a consultative meeting under the 'Mission 300 Initiative' to assess and draft a proposal around Kenya's energy priorities.

The 'Mission 300 Initiative' seeks to expand electricity access to 300 Million people



in Africa by 2030. It aims to combine increased infrastructure investments with comprehensive policy reforms across the entire supply chain.

During their discourse, Nderitu, while taking note of the fact that whilst the national priorities were known, those of counties

remain as yet undetermined. Hence the courtesy call, to find out how Nyeri County could plug in to the drafting of the proposal.

Areas worth contributing to include carbon financing, universal energy access, schools transition from firewood to LPG energy and carbon marketing.

Our very own Aguthi-Gaaki Ward, Tetu Sub County came up as an example of Nyeri County's foray into clean energy through the distribution of bio-gas digesters to households in the area.

A sector-specific working group has been formed comprising the Departments of Transport, Infrastructure & Energy; Water, Irrigation, Environment & Climate Change, as well as the Office of the County Attorney to step up this dialogue and come up with a concrete position that will yield results.

Transforming Health Care in Nyeri



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

AMREF's Project Thrive has significantly transformed healthcare delivery in Nyeri Central Sub-County, Kamakwa - Mukaro Ward, with Gitero Dispensary as a key focal point.

The project, rooted in con-

text-specific and community-based approaches, has improved access, quality, and uptake of health services. By combining technical support, logistical improvements, and community empowerment, it has fostered inclusive and participatory public health governance. A detailed analysis of data from May 2023 to April 2025

showed notable increases in service utilization, reflecting both improved capacity and responsiveness to community health needs. Beyond infrastructure, Project Thrive has reshaped healthcare engagement by introducing new systems and participatory models that strengthen the bond between providers and the community.

Local residents are now more involved in health-related decision-making, enhancing trust and shared responsibility for outcomes. The project also tackled social determinants of health—like education and sanitation—amplifying its overall impact on public health. AMREF's locally adapted, data-driven model has not

only improved Gitero Dispensary's functionality but also offers a replicable approach for strengthening health systems elsewhere. This report highlights the importance of strategic partnerships, community engagement, and ongoing evaluation in building resilient, people-centered healthcare systems that can respond to dynamic health challenges.

Community Health Outreach in Othaya



In close partnership between Amref Health Africa and the County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health, a Community Health Outreach session was held at Kamoko Health Center in Nyeri South Sub-County.

The community was actively engaged to share their perspectives on the health services provided and to highlight the challenges they face within the health sector.

Residents reported benefitting from free medical services at the Mental Health Clinic and the Tuberculosis (TB) treatment facility, where they have consistent access to a doctor every Friday of the month.

They also received crucial support from Amref, including facilitation to ensure they attend appointments and collect their medication on time.

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AMREF Senior Leadership Team Courtesy Call



Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Peter Wangari

Health is the singularity from which all progress emerges. Like the universe expanding from a single point, a nation's strength, economy, and future radiate from the well-being of its people. This is why we invest in health—because investing in health is investing in everything.

In light of this truth, and on behalf of the Governor H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, alongside the Department of Medical Services & Public Health led by CECM Dr. Joseph Kiragu and Director of Health Dr. Nelson Muriu, Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri had the pleasure of hosting the AMREF Senior Leadership Team during their courtesy call.

The team was en-route to Gitero and Kamoko Health Centres for their annual program review. Their visit was aimed at strengthening primary healthcare by building capacity in Level 1, 2, and 3 hospitals. Many among them are key fundraisers, and this visit allowed them to see the realities on the ground first hand—an essential step in articulating current needs to sponsors, especially in the wake of recent health aid re-

ductions. Beyond assessing program progress, the visit also served to evaluate the AMREF partnership's effectiveness at all levels—from health workers to community members to the County Government. Through this partnership, free health services have been delivered via community outreaches and in-reaches, reaching people across various areas. Additionally, the project has en-

hanced capacity building and improved referral systems. The delegation was split into two groups: the Kenyan Team and the Global Team (Global Board AMREF). The Kenyan Team included Sarah Kosgei, Samuel Ndung'u, Rovinnah Maureen, Solomon Mwaniki, and Deborah Kioko who are representatives heading various departments in AMREF Kenya.

Nyeri County Youth Sector Working Group



Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services participated in the Second Physical Engagement of the Nyeri Youth Sector Working Group (NYSWG) held in Nyeri Town. This important forum was organized in partnership

with World Vision Kenya and The Chapter Six Group as part of an ongoing effort to strengthen youth empowerment and good governance in Nyeri County. The engagement aligns with the commitments outlined in the Nyeri County Youth Development Policy, and builds

on existing collaborations to ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in county decision-making processes. The purpose of the engagement was to build the capacity of young people to understand the budget making process. The session also aimed to prepare youth for effective

advocacy during public participation forums and to strengthen the structure and sustainability of the Nyeri Youth Sector Working Group (NYSWG) as a key platform for youth engagement in governance. The session brought together county officials, Youth and representatives

from civil society. The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services remains committed to working closely with partners and stakeholders to ensure that youth in Nyeri County are empowered, informed, and actively contributing to the County's development.

The Humanity Power WALK and Fire Safety Sensitization

Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services proudly participated in the Humanity Power WALK, a community-centered event organized by the Kenya Red Cross, held in Nyeri Town.

The walk brought together schools, youth, residents, and stakeholders with the goal of promoting unity, health, and community engagement across Nyeri County.

As part of its contribution to the event, the Disaster Risk Management Unit conducted a comprehensive fire safety sensitization session, aligned with the theme: "Enhancing Fire Safety in Schools." The unit led practical fire drills, demonstrations, and interactive learning sessions, equipping school children, teachers,



and members of the public with essential knowledge on fire prevention and emergency response. These sessions emphasized the importance of preparedness, early warning, and quick response in minimizing the impact of fire incidents—particularly in

school environments. The activity aimed to build a culture of safety and resilience through hands-on community education.

The walk was flagged off at Ruring'u Stadium by the Director of Disaster Risk Management, Col. (Rtd) Lucas

Teimuge, who applauded the coordinated efforts of all participating bodies in promoting community safety and public awareness. The Red Cross Head of Region - Central, Esther Chege affirmed the continued working relationship with the County Government of

Nyeri. The Disaster Risk Management Unit remains committed to advancing disaster preparedness and safety across Nyeri County through continued education, community engagement, and inter-agency collaboration.

Kabati Water Project Commissioned



Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri had the honour of joining the PS ASALs and Regional Development, Kello Harsama, CBS, during the official commissioning of the Kabati Water Project in Kabati Village, Murichu area, Naromoru-Kiamathaga Ward, Kieni East Sub-County.

This initiative represents a significant step in the County's ongoing commitment to ensuring equitable access to essential services for all. By delivering clean and reliable water to the residents of Kabati and surrounding areas, the County is not only meeting critical domestic needs but also supporting local economic activities and boosting food security through agriculture.

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Nyeri County Holds Successful Public Participation Forum on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Femicide

The County Government of Nyeri Through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services joined other Key stakeholders for a Public Participation Forum on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Including Femicide at Quo Vadis Hall, opposite Dedan Kimathi University.

The forum, led by the Chair, Mr. Anthony Nzuki, the CEO National Gender and Equality Commission Dr Purity Ngina and Nyeri County Commissioner Mr Ronald Mwiwawi is part of a nationwide engagement initiative led by the Technical Working Group (TWG) on GBV and Femicide, appointed by His Excellency the President vide the Kenya Gazette Notice No. 109 of 10th January, 2025. The TWG is mandated to collect public input and propose legal, policy, and social reforms to combat rising GBV cases across the country. The event brought together community members, local



leaders, civil society groups, law enforcement agencies, youth and women organizations, religious leaders, and survivors. Discussions were productive, covering key areas such as:

- Root causes of GBV and femicide in Nyeri County, including poverty, drug abuse, and harmful cultural practices;
- The role of law enforcement and gaps in the investigation and prosecution of GBV cases;

- Mental health support and counselling for survivors and affected families.
- The influence of social media in spreading awareness and, at times, misinformation about GBV.
- Strengthening community-based support structures and safe spaces for survivors.
- Enhancing education and empowerment programs for youth and women.
- The need for stronger family and parenting interventions to curb domestic violence.

The CECM for Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services, Hon. Esther Ndung'u, graced the event and inspired confidence among attendees. She urged the public men and women, youth, and survivors to share openly, noting that true solutions begin with honest conversations, "You are not alone. This is a safe space for you to be heard. Your voice matters, and together we can build a society

where everyone feels safe, respected, and protected." In his address, the Deputy County Commissioner encouraged attendees to speak out and seek help, emphasizing that "no one should die with their problems." He reassured the public that the government offices remain open and accessible at all times, adding that "every problem has a solution—what matters is speaking up and seeking support." Participants emphasized the urgent need for coordinated efforts between government, communities, and stakeholders to prevent GBV and support victims. The feedback gathered will inform the TWG's final recommendations to the government. The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender Youth, Sports and Social Services extends sincere gratitude to all participants and reaffirms its commitment to promoting a safe, just, and inclusive society.

Celebrating Our Angels In Uniform – International Nurses’ Week 2025 Nyeri Climax

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The spirit of compassion, service, and unity shone bright at Karatina Catholic Church, where Nyeri County Nurses gathered to mark the climax of International Nurses Week 2025 in a deeply moving and inspiring celebration. The special thanksgiving Mass was presided over by Fr. Benson Kiboi, the parish priest, who reminded the congregation of the power of love, empathy, and purity—virtues at the heart of every nurse's calling. His message echoed the daily sacrifices and emotional strength that nurses bring to the healthcare system. The event was graced by Guest of Honour, Director Medical Services and Public Health- Dr. Nelson Muriu, who lauded the nursing fraternity for their unwavering



commitment even in the most challenging circumstances. "You are the heartbeat of healthcare," he said, as he acknowledged the critical role nurses play across all levels of service delivery. Director of Nursing Services, Eunice Wachira, took the moment to introduce the entire nursing leadership,

from Sub-County operational leads to top management, showcasing the depth and structure of nursing excellence in Nyeri County. In a solemn and emotional moment, nurses across cadres took their pledge and lit candles, a symbolic affirmation of their enduring commitment to care, com-

passion, and community health. A powerful Mental Health Talk was also delivered by Matron Beatrice Nduati from Karatina Hospital, emphasizing the need for self-care and mental well-being for healthcare workers, especially nurses who carry the emotional weight of pa-

tient care daily. The beautiful ceremony culminated in the cutting and sharing of a cake, symbolizing unity, love, and shared purpose in advancing quality healthcare for all residents of Nyeri County. To all our nurses — we celebrate you, we honour you, and we thank you.

KISIP 2 Project Site Inspection In Mweiga, Ruring'u Wards



Story&Photo -Kenneth Ngatia

The County Coordinator of the Second Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Program (KISIP 2), Beatrice Koech led a routine site inspection at Mweiga settlement in Mweiga Ward, Kieni West sub-county and Kiamwathi settlement in Ruring'u Ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.

The visit involved collaboration between the National Project Coordinating Team (NCPT), County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT), and key stakeholders including the Consul-

tant Gath Consulting Engineers & Losai Management Ltd and the Contractor High Point & Pinnie Agency Limited.

The settlements will benefit from infrastructure upgrading including but not limited to; construction of tarmac roads with efficient drainage systems, street lights, footpaths, seamless water connections through trunk and consumer connections, solid waste management by installation of dumpsters in-line with the KISIP 2 primary development objective of improving access to basic services in informal settlements.

Sensitization Forum for County Officers



Story & Photo - Joseph Wambugu

Investing in public officers' skills and knowledge is investing in our nation's future.

A three-day sensitization forum for the County Government of Nyeri's staff to improve service delivery kicked was .

The Executive Office of the Governor and the Deputy Governor organized the Sensitization Forum, which involved Sub-County Administrators, Ward Administrators, Sub County Inspectorate In-Charges and Administration Services.

Nyeri Acting County Secretary Kimani Rucuiya while officially opening the forum expressed the County Government's commitment in capacity building to improve service delivery.

This also aligns with achieving the Department's commitments in the Performance Contract for the 2024/2025 financial year and meeting Minimum Access Conditions for the KDSP II.

Some of the topics covered include:

- Transformative Leadership and Culture Change
- Corruption Prevention / Leadership & Integrity
- Pre-retirement Training / Work-life balance
- Performance Management
- Self Leadership
- Customization of Community-Led Project Management Committee Guidelines
- Disability and Gender Mainstreaming
- Mental Wellness & Stress Management



Full Gospel Church Leadership meets Governor

Story - Imelda Kinogu

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A good leader is one who genuinely, and with a pure heart, recognizes that the supreme power guiding us is God—and creates a conducive environment for religion to thrive and the people to freely exercise their right to worship.

This is the principle which H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, stand by, which is why, together with the Deputy Governor, H.E. Kinani Waroe, they hosted five Bishops from the Full Gospel Church – Mount Kenya South Region.

The delegation was led by Bishop Nelson Bachia of Nyeri Central Dis-

trict and Bishop Humphrey Kimani of Nyeri North District.

Our meeting focused on their upcoming Mt. Kenya South Regional Conference, set to be held at Kamukunji Grounds, Nyeri town from August 13th to 16th, 2025.

The conference is expected to bring together up to 5,000 believers from Embu, Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Laikipia, Samburu, and Marsabit counties.

They appreciated the County Government's continued support in fostering a spiritually inclusive environment, where people of all faiths can freely live and worship



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