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Celebrating Transparency and Inclusion in Public Finance - A Win For Nyeri County



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Transparency, equity, and inclusiveness aren't just words—in Nyeri County, they are the backbone of how daily operations are handled.

These efforts bore fruit as Nyeri County was awarded for being the Most Consistent County in the Availability of Budget Documents in the County Budget Transparency Survey (CBTS) of (2020–2024) by Bajeti Hub.

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out of 10 key budget documents in CBTS 2024.

The CBTS assigns each county a transparency index based on the information it has publicly available. In the CBTS 2024, Nyeri County scored 74 out of 100 points. Compared to CBTS 2023, there was a slight improvement from 73.7 to 74 out of 100 points.

The organization recognized Nyeri County for its exemplary efforts in budget

transparency at the launch of the County Budget Transparency Survey, 2024.

This was a prestigious recognition that positioned Nyeri County, under the stewardship of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, as one that values openness with its people, especially when it comes to sharing public documents related to the County's budget.

It was an award that affirmed Nyeri County's op-

erations are in line with the Constitution of Kenya and the Public Finance Management Act, which mandate all 47 counties to publish and publicize budget documents throughout the entire budget cycle to enable the public to participate in shaping county priorities and monitoring the implementation of budgets.

This milestone highlights the county's commitment to enabling the public to actively shape county priorities and

to hold the County Government of Nyeri accountable for budget implementation. It reinforces the belief that governance thrives when citizens are informed, involved, and empowered.

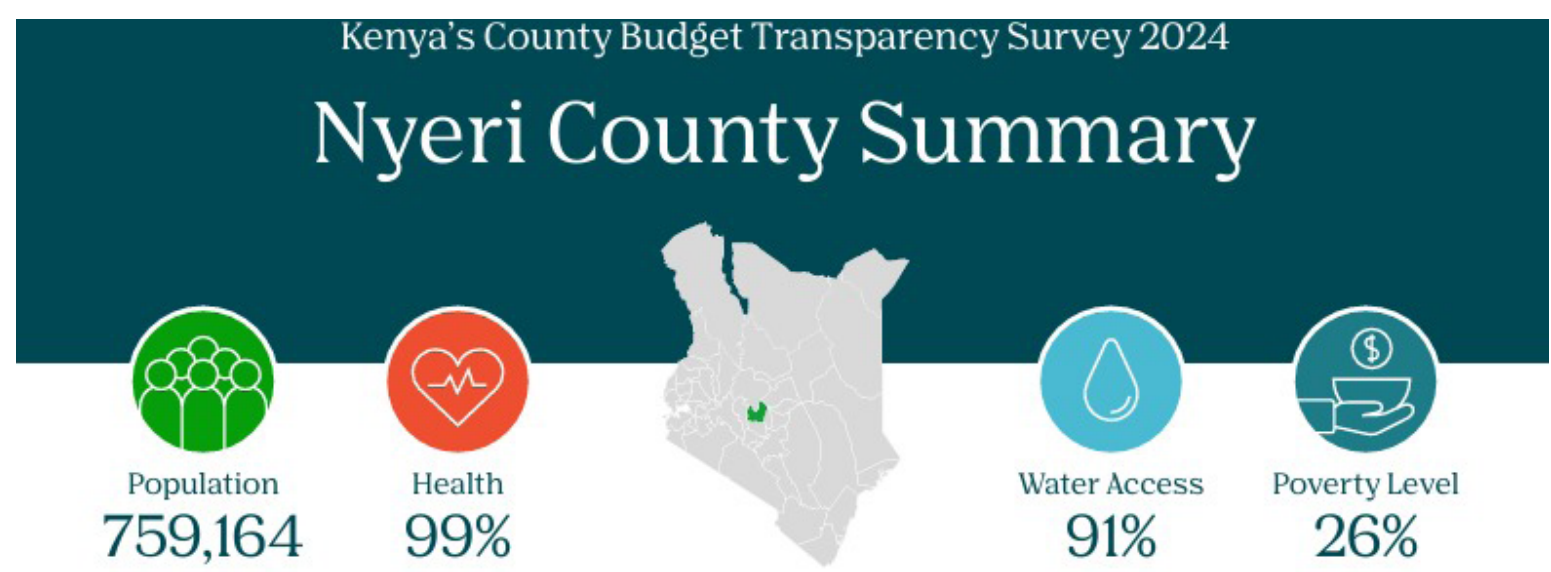
In year 2022, Nyeri County emerged the overall best county on matters of budget and transparency in Kenya County Budget Transparency Survey (CBTS) 2021 conducted by the International Budget Partnership Kenya

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Kenya's public finance laws put budget transparency at the centre of efforts to secure accountability, effective, economic, and efficient collection, and utilization of public resources. The County Budget Transparency Survey (CBTS) is an annual survey that assesses the availability of ten key budget documents that, by law, each county is required to publish and publicize annually on their official websites. Secondly, the survey evaluates the information contained in the available key budget documents including revenue, expenditure, feedback on public participation, priority narratives, justifications, and details on capital projects.

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During that time, the County published all the 10 key documents that were evaluated in the CBTS 2021. The County was also recognized among the counties that made the most significant gains by providing the highest information at 72%.

The award was proudly accepted by the Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri during the event held at a Nairobi Hotel.

“As the Deputy Governor of Nyeri, I am particularly delighted to note that our county continues to demonstrate strong commitment to budget transparency and citizen involvement. Today's recognition of Nyeri County is a welcome affirmation of the values we strive to uphold of transparency, equity, and inclusiveness in public decision-making.”

He continued, “This recognition is not merely symbolic. It is a reflection of deliberate, sustained efforts driven by dedicated public servants, strategic partnerships, and a leadership that believes in the power of open government. From our County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) to our quarterly implementation reports, we have made it a priority to ensure that bud-

get documents are not only timely and comprehensive but also accessible in a manner that empowers our residents to participate meaningfully.”

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This recognition shows Nyeri County as a County with openness to its people when it comes to sharing public documents, especially ones concerning the

Nationally, the top 10 counties were as follows West Pokot, Makueni, Busia, Nakuru, Wajir, Lamu, Homa Bay, Kajiado, Nyeri and Turkana.

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Table 1.1: Top 10 counties across CBTS 2020-2024 by average index score

	County	CBTS 2020	CBTS 2021	CBTS 2022	CBTS 2023	CBTS 2024	Average
1	West Pokot	73	71	78	74	84	76
2	Makueni	70	55	75	80	83	73
3	Nyeri	71	72	69	74	74	72
4	Samburu	64	67	66	71	68	67
5	Turkana	63	67	56	61	74	64
6	Kitui	47	66	69	70	60	62
7	Nairobi	40	56	68	70	72	61
8	Laikipia	71	51	41	58	69	58
9	Elgeyo Marakwet	62	69	27	66	56	56
10	Machakos	52	33	47	74	72	56

extended his heartfelt gratitude to Bajeti Hub for their tireless work in making county governance more transparent and inclusive.

“I also encourage all counties to remain committed to these ideals, for it is through transparency and accountability that we will build public trust and achieve sustainable development.

Let us continue working together to build a Kenya where every citizen is not only heard but is empowered to shape their own fu-

County's Budget. The Department of Finance, Economic Planning & ICT led by CEC Robert Thuo will continue to front these efforts of ensuring there's transparency.

Nyeri County will continue to champion a government that is open, inclusive, and anchored in truth. Accessibility of public documents, delivered timely and clearly, remains its promise to her people.

non-profit organization committed to promoting open, inclusive, and equitable public budgeting.

“Our vision is a Kenya where public budget decisions are transparent, and public resources are fairly distributed to uphold the rights of every citizen. We strive to ensure that Kenyans have access to relevant budget information and the capacity to actively participate in the budget process, holding both national and county

governments accountable. Access to timely and comprehensive information is critical for public participation.” Noted the Executive Director, Dr. Abraham Rugo Muriu.

Since 2015, the County Budget Transparency Survey has played a pivotal role in strengthening accountability at the county level.

Through objective, independent, and comparative assessments, the survey encourages counties not just to meet legal requirements but to do better for the benefit of our citizens. These efforts are not about accolades, but they are about service and impact.

Key observations in Nyeri County budget documents: Nyeri County has remained consistent in making all key budget documents publicly available. Although in terms of comprehensiveness, the county failed to disclose most of the information in the Citizens Budget as it only scored 29 out of 100 points, Similarly, the county has not shown many improvements in the Annual Development Plan compared to previous surveys. Even with that, there is a good level of budget information disclosed in the CBROP and CFSP which falls under ‘A’ category.

The County has not presented the details on the capital projects, including the location, allocation, status and timeframes in the approved PBB and Citizens Budget. In addition, the county has not presented the information on non-financial details and pending bills in the implementation reports.

The information on public participation shows the county provided 22 out of 100 points. The CBTS evaluates the feedback from the public, that is, the information on who was involved, input that resulted from public participation and the decisions incorporated into the final documents. Nyeri county provided information on public participation in the county's Fiscal Strategy Paper. However, it missed this information in the Annual Development Plan and approved Programme-Based Budget.

The Second Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP II) Officially Launched

Story & Photo - Kenneth Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga joined colleague Governors led by the Council of Governors (CoG) Chair H.E Ahmed Abdullahi, PS Devolution Michael Lenasalon, World Bank representatives, Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) CPA Kithinji Kiragu, among other dignitaries and stakeholders during the official launch of the Second Kenya Devolution Support Program (KDSP II).

The launch materialised during a sensitisation workshop for all the County Governors that was in partnership with the State Department for Devolution and other National Implementing Agencies.

KDSP II is a four-year World Bank-funded Program supporting the Government of Kenya's implementation of the Devolution Sector Plan. Its mission is to strengthen County Governments in enhancing service delivery and accountability for resources. The Program builds on the achievements realized



during implementation of the KDSP I implemented between 2016 and 2021.

It has taken a more refined and results-oriented approach compared to its predecessor, with targeted focus on four transformative pillars.

It is aligned under three key results areas which include:

- Sustainable financing and expenditure management;
- Intergovernmental coordination, institutional perfor-

mance and human resources management;

- Oversight, participation and accountability.

The Program's expected outcomes are:

- Improved county public investments which are aligned to citizen service delivery needs and implemented with effectiveness and efficiency.
- Strengthen the oversight role of the citizens.
- Strengthen the role of leg-

islatures in budget scrutiny and oversight.

Governor Kahiga reiterated that KDSP II takes us a step further forward while refining our focus and thus calls for measurable results. The Program emphasizes accountability, performance, citizen engagement, and sustainability of all essential components for the success of devolved governance.

He also mentioned that the success of this program depends entirely on how the

Council provides support.

"As governors, we must translate this support into impact into better financial discipline, better staff management, better service delivery, and greater public trust in our work," he added. CoG in collaboration with the State Department for Devolution will be spearheading the implementation of the KDSP II which is a conditional grant allocation to County Governments.

Free Medical Camp at Karatina Stadium

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health, partnered with the M-PE-SA Foundation and Zuri Health to host a Free Medical Camp at Karatina Stadium, Mathira East Sub-County.

Key Services Offered:

- General Doctor Consultations
- Breast, Cervical, and Prostate Cancer Screenings
- Eye Check-ups
- Dental Check-ups
- Radiology and Laboratory Services



- Disability Assessments
- SHA Registration
- Emergency and Referral Services

The Department extends its

heartfelt gratitude to all our partners — Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital, Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), Karatina Hospital,

the County & Sub-County Health Management Teams, and all our dedicated healthcare workers — for their commitment and

collaboration in making this event a success.

Let's work together for a healthier Nyeri!

Mobile Endoscopy Clinic Truck For Screening



Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Peter Wangari

Oesophageal Cancer is a silent killer—one that, heart-breakingly, is often discovered in its late stages. Even more worrying, it's among the top three cancers in Nyeri County. Alongside the CECM Department of Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. Joseph Kiragu, H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga flagged off the fully equipped Endoscopy Tower truck at the Town Hall grounds in Nyeri town. This initiative, titled Global Health Research Group for Improving Oesophageal

Cancer Survival in Kenya: The Hub and Spoke Model, is funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). The project is a collaboration between Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH), the University of Manchester (UOM), and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust (Christie Foundation). An MoU was signed with the County Government of Nyeri (CGN) in August 2024. The Endoscopy Tower truck will rotate through sub-counties and serve Level 3 and 4 hospitals, including:

- Othaya Level 4 Hospital

- Mukurwe-ini Hospital
 - Karatina Hospital
 - Narumoru Hospital
 - Mweiga Health Center
- Screenings will run for the next 30 days throughout the month of June. Oesophageal cancer, which affects the tube connecting the throat to the stomach, has a high mortality rate. Like many cancers, its symptoms are vague—often mimicking other illnesses, which makes it difficult to diagnose without targeted screening. Some of the recurring symptoms include:
- Difficulty swallowing
 - Persistent heartburn
 - Unexplained weight loss
 - Coughing or hoarseness
 - Vomiting blood

Because it's so easy to miss in its early stages, timely screening is essential. Once the cancer progresses to stage three or four, it often spreads to the stomach, lungs, breasts, lymph nodes, liver, and other organs. At that point, treatment becomes not just difficult—but nearly impossible. Studies show this cancer is especially common in men, ranking as the 7th most common cancer in men and the 16th in women. Risk factors include smoking, alcohol consumption, genetics, eating extremely hot foods or drinks, and unhealthy lifestyles. The Governor reiterated his full support for this initia-

tive, and encouraged Nyerians to take advantage of this free screening opportunity. "This disease is devastating our communities and taking lives that could be saved through early detection. Our medical personnel have been trained to continue offering these screenings even after this initiative concludes." He also urged everyone to reflect on their lifestyle habits. Many of the triggers, like poor nutrition, are things we have the power to change. Go to the listed facilities. Get tested. Do it for your health. Do it for the ones who love you.

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Sustainability Youth Summit – Preparing Youth for a Suitable Future in the Era of Climate Change



She encouraged all stakeholders to continue empowering young people, particularly through education and engagement in renewable and sustainable energy initiatives. Highlighting the importance of climate change advocacy, the CECM called for enhanced youth involvement in decision-making processes and policy development, particularly those affecting environmental sustainability and the green economy. She further noted the potential of innovation and technology in driving climate change mitigation efforts, urging youth to harness their creativity to develop scalable, impactful green solutions. The CECM also championed the formation and support of youth groups dedicated to climate action, underscoring the need for organized, community-driven advocacy and intervention. The Department commends the initiative as a model for youth engagement and reaffirms its commitment to partnering in similar forums that align with its mandate of promoting gender equity, youth empowerment, and sustainable development across Nyeri County.

Story -Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services participated in the Sustainability Youth Summit, a high-impact event organized by the Pioneer Child Development Programme in collaboration with Karatina University. Held within the University grounds, the summit brought together a dynamic blend of young people,

polycymakers, scholars, innovators, and development stakeholders for a day of thought-provoking dialogue and idea exchange. Themed around building a greener and more sustainable future, the summit aimed to empower youth to take an active role in shaping environmental and economic resilience. It focused on four key thematic areas:

- Sustainability and Climate Resilience
- Green Careers and Opportunities for Youth
- Innovation and En-

trepreneurship

- Advancements in Green Technology

Participants engaged in panel discussions, breakout sessions, and exhibitions showcasing youth-led innovations, eco-friendly practices, and sustainable business models. The summit also created space for meaningful dialogue between young change-makers and decision-makers, emphasizing the importance of inclusive youth participation in policy formulation and implementation.

In her keynote address, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services, Esther Ndung'u, lauded the event organizers for their unwavering commitment to youth empowerment and environmental advocacy. She emphasized that the County Government strongly supports such platforms that nurture young talent, promote climate action, and encourage economic inclusion through green growth.



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Governor Officiates ASK Mt. Kenya Branch Show

H.E Dr. Mwalimu Muta-hi Kahiga PhD, EGH was delighted to join colleague Governors H.E. Dr. Kia-rie Badilisha (Nyandarua) H.E. Joshua Irungu (Laikipia County) as a Chief Guest during this year's ASK Mt. Kenya branch Show, Nanyuki Chapter.

It was an auspicious occasion where all in attendance enthusiastically celebrate Mt. Kenya's agricultural heritage, with agriculture being our economy's backbone in our beautiful and majestic Mt. Kenya region, with its fertile lands and favorable climate. Kilimo cha hapa mlima! This is in light with this year's theme, "Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth". The show, with over 100 exhibitors from diverse sectors, including Agriculture, Manufacturing, Housing, Small and Medium Enterprises, Banking, Public and



Story - Priscilla Muthoni
Photo- Osoro Mosioma

Private Sector Institutions, Hospitality, and Education including our very own Nyeri National Polytechnic, provided an invaluable opportunity for farmers to ac-

cess new technologies, modern farming techniques, and market linkages. As Vice Chair CoG and the Chairman of Central Region Economic Bloc (CEREB), Dr. Kahiga emphasised on the devolved units existing primarily to help advance the livelihoods of all com-

munities by ensuring that they progressively improve their health, wealth, and shared prosperity in efforts aimed at improving the livelihoods of the people in our region and beyond. As a Government, he reiterated its commitment to supporting farmers through

policies, programs, and investments that improve access to inputs, markets, technology and infrastructure development. He also acknowledged that investing in agriculture is akin to investing in the future of our region.

Hand in Hand East Africa Hosts Gender Forum in Nyeri

Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo -Jim Stephen

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services Nyeri County in collaboration with Hand in Hand Eastern Africa hosted a successful Gender forum at Eland Hotel, Nyeri Town. The forum attracted participants from government offices, civil society, youth and women's groups, and other community-based organizations. The event focused on creating strategic collaborations to economically empower women and marginalized groups through enterprise and financial inclusion. Under the theme "Fostering Partnerships for Gender Equality and Inclusive Economic Growth," the forum aimed to introduce HiH EA's enterprise development programs and create space for dialogue on



collaborative strategies to promote gender-responsive economic empowerment across Nyeri County. Key activities included presentations on HiH EA's job creation model, personal testimonies from

program beneficiaries, expert panel discussions on gender-inclusive economic development, and group sessions identifying priority areas for partnership. Discussions focused on addressing barriers such as limited access to finance,

market linkages, and socio-cultural constraints facing women in entrepreneurship. The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services reaffirmed its commitment to supporting inclusive development

by strengthening policy frameworks, enhancing access to economic opportunities for women and youth, and collaborating with partners to drive transformative change across the county.

Department of Transport, KeNHA hold Joint Data Collection Kit Training



Photo - Celine Nduta
Story - Lynette Wangari

In a pivotal meeting held at the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) boardroom, chaired by Chief Officer Ann Kihagi, officials gathered to review and train on the data collection kit, a new data collection tool derived from the Street Light Mapping System. The session brought together

key stakeholders from various departments, all focused on understanding how this new technology could enhance data management and operational efficiency within the organization. This data collection kit is designed exclusively for internal use, streamlining data collection for the monitoring and maintenance of street lighting systems, and ensuring improved decision-making across depart-

ments. The core functionality of the data collection kit centers around its ability to integrate seamlessly with the existing Street Light Mapping System, allowing for more efficient tracking of data related to street lights. This system will significantly improve how officials monitor street lighting infrastructure and manage maintenance needs. There was also emphasis on the importance of adopting in-

novative tools that increase operational efficiency, and highlighted the role the data collection kit would play in supporting both the internal management and public transparency efforts through its dashboard feature. The meeting featured presentations from consultant department, including team members who demonstrated data collection kit's user-friendly interface and its integration with other

systems. GIS specialists and data management experts contributed valuable insights on the app's potential for improving internal workflows. There will be a dashboard available public which will offer insights from the internal system, giving the public visibility into key metrics and enhancing transparency.

Strengthening Cancer & NCD Response in Nyeri County

Story & Photo - Osoro Mosioma

In a collaborative effort between Amref Health Africa- Project THRIVE and the Department of Medical Services, healthcare workers from across all levels of our health facilities underwent an intensive 5-day training program focused on Cancer and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). Cancer continues to be one of the most prevalent conditions treated in Nyeri County—not due to late diagnosis, but primarily because of delayed referrals and low clinical suspicion at the primary care level. This training is designed to enhance

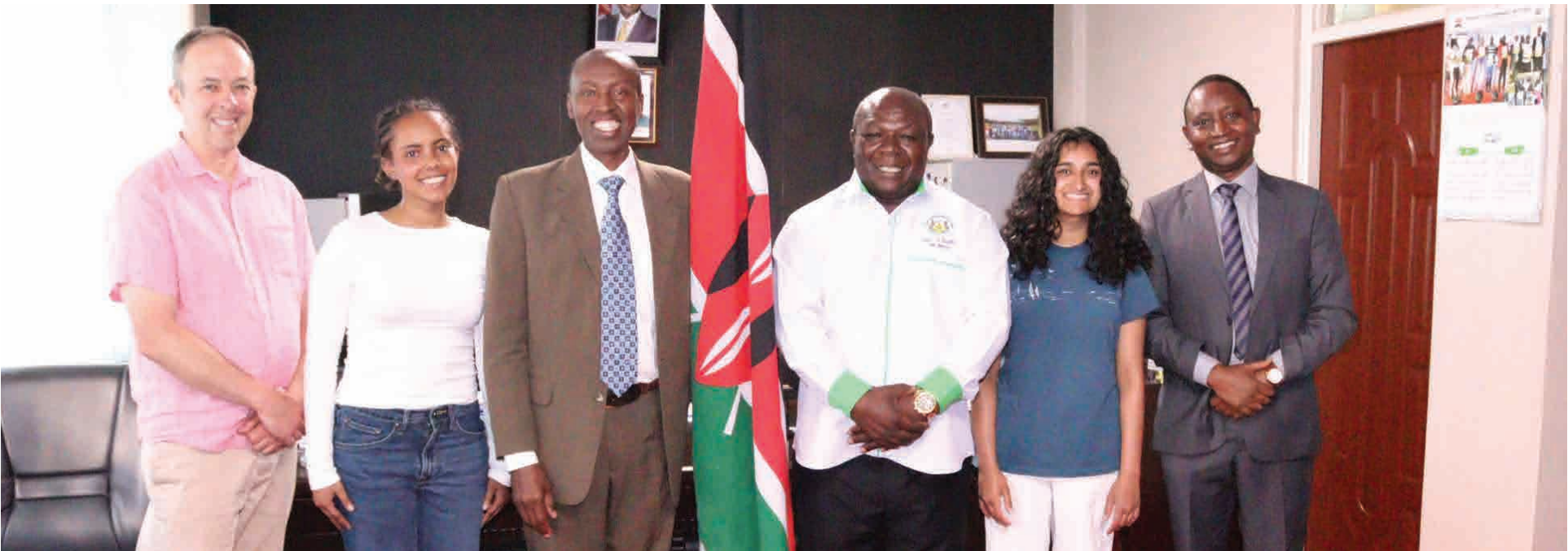


early detection, improve referral efficiency, and ultimately save lives. In addition to clinical knowl-

edge, the training empowered healthcare workers to:

- Discourage self-medication
 - Promote rational use of medication
 - Raise awareness about the dangers of smoking and tobacco use, which remain significant risk factors for cancer and other NCDs
- Special recognition to the dedicated team facilitating these sessions: Lydia Warui – County Cancer Control and Prevention Coordinator, Dr. Marion Gituanja – NCDs Coordinator, Mr. Harrison Gicheru – Mental Health Coordinator and Antony Msongo – Program Assistant, Project THRIVE Together, we are building a healthier, more informed Nyeri County.

Northeastern University - USA Courtesy Call to CECM Medical Services



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The CECM for Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. JM Kiragu, received a courtesy call from a delegation from Northeastern University, USA, comprising Pre-Med students under the leadership of Prof. Richard Wamai. The visit, which formed part of a broader educational tour, aimed at providing

the students with insights into Kenya's devolved health system. During their time in Nyeri County, the team had an opportunity to visit the Nyeri County Referral Hospital, where they engaged with various healthcare workers (HCWs) across multiple departments. Following the hospital tour, the team had an interactive session with the County Director of Medical Services, Dr. Nelson Muriu, who gave a brief but insightful presentation on the Nyeri County Health System. The session highlighted the structure, achievements, and ongoing challenges within the County's health sector, offering the visiting students a deeper understanding of service delivery at the County level. Dr. Kiragu appreciated the interest shown by the students and faculty in Nyeri's health infrastructure and emphasized the importance of global academic exchanges in enriching both local

and international perspectives on public health. He further underscored the County's commitment to fostering collaborations that support health system strengthening, research, and innovation. Prof. Wamai thanked Dr. Kiragu and the entire Nyeri County Health Department for their warm reception and openness in sharing knowledge. He noted that the experience would greatly enhance the students'

academic and professional growth, providing a comparative understanding of healthcare systems globally. This visit not only fostered academic exchange but also opened doors for potential future collaborations between Nyeri County and Northeastern University in areas of research, training, and public health development.

Upcoming Upgrade of Key Infrastructure in Nyeri Town



Together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, Nyeri Governor H.E Dr Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH, inspected some of the areas that need infrastructural improvements in Nyeri town as they explored ways of enhancing improvements.

First, they toured Field Marshal Road - Mutunga Road, which is expected to be recarpeted to Bitumen Standard soon. A section of the road will be upgraded using Cabro paving blocks.

Once complete in the next few months, the road will boost businesses along the road. Drainage shall also be improved along this road. The 0.4 Km road is to be done by Nyeri Municipality, which is under the Department of Lands & Physical Planning.

The team also interacted with Nyeri town residents and listened to their issues as they sought ways to resolve them.

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Mukurwe-ini Hospital's Outpatient Block Construction Kicks Off



Story & Photo -Celine Nduta

Hot on the heels of a successful site handover at Wamagana Level 4 Hospital, the Directorate of Infrastructure and Public Works—led Arch. John Kagiri officially handed over the Mukurwe-ini Sub-County Hospital site to the appointed con-

tractors. This marks the beginning of Phase 1 construction of a brand-new, modern Outpatient Block. For years, Mukurwe-ini Hospital has struggled with congestion, creating long wait times and an environment that falls short of what our patients deserve. The outpatient block will be home to essential ser-

vices such as emergency care, special clinics, dental, pharmacy, and general consultations—has been overstretched. But change is on the horizon. This new wing is set to transform service delivery. With improved space, a more conducive environment, and enhanced working conditions for healthcare staff,

patients will finally experience the quality care they need—without long waits or crowded halls. This visionary project is a collaboration between the Department of Infrastructure, Department of Medical Services, area leaders; Mukurwe-ini Central MCA Hon. Cyrus Nderitu, Mukurwe-ini West MCA Hon. Atanasio Wa Kabaire,

Medical Superintendent Dr. Duncan Kagwa, a team of skilled engineers, dedicated health workers, and our invaluable partners. Together, we're building more than walls—we're building hope, health, and a brighter future for Mukurwe-ini.

Impromptu Tour of PGH



H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga visited the Nyeri County Referral Hospital and interacted with patients as they toured the facility's various sections.

This administration is committed to supporting the Medical Services Department in Nyeri County to ensure quality services are offered. This visit forms part of the Coun-

ty's ongoing commitment to improving the healthcare infrastructure and ensure Nyeri's citizens receive the care they need.

A Well-Planned Town is the Foundation of a Prosperous County.



Story & Photo - Celine Nduta

In line with this vision, the CECM for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Works and Energy, Eng. Abdi Hanif, alongside the Department's Chief Officer, Ann Kihagi, held a strategic meeting with Mathira East

Sub-County Administrator Richard Maina and Karatina Ward MCA, Hon. Watson Weru at the Mathira East Sub-County townhall. The meeting focused on practical solutions to decongest Karatina town—an important economic hub in Nyeri County and the headquarters of Mathira East

Sub-County. Karatina is home to Kenya's largest open-air market and is renowned for its vibrant economic activity, agricultural wealth, and active population. To enhance the town's safety, cleanliness, and overall functionality, the Department aims to implement

several key initiatives. These include creating new and organized parking spaces for public service vehicles, improving drainage systems, cleaning up litter hotspots, and constructing suitable accommodation for traders operating in the open-air market. These efforts are part of a

broader plan to make Karatina a cleaner, safer, and more conducive environment for both business and daily life—paving the way for a more prosperous future for residents and the county at large.

Wamagana Upgrade to Level 4 On Course



Wamagana Health Center has marked a significant milestone in the journey to improve healthcare services in Wamagana ward, Tetu Sub-County, Nyeri County, as the Directorate of Infrastructure and Public Works in the Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Works & Energy officially handed over the Wamagana Health Centre

site to the appointed contractors. This handover signals the commencement of Phase 1 of the much-anticipated upgrade of the facility into Wamagana Level 4 Hospital. This project is the result of extensive planning and collaboration between key stakeholders. From architects and structural designers to electrical and civil en-

gineers, quantity surveyors, and other technical experts, every detail has been meticulously considered to ensure the hospital meets both national health standards and the unique needs of the local community. During the handover, engineers, contractors, committee members, healthcare professionals, and community representatives came

together to conduct site measurements, discuss logistics, and finalize preparations for the start of construction. Their joint efforts reflect a strong commitment to transparency, quality, and community involvement. Once complete, Wamagana Level 4 Hospital will offer expanded medical services, including inpatient care, specialized clinics, and

emergency services, greatly reducing the need for residents to travel long distances for advanced medical attention. This upgrade is not just about infrastructure—it's about bringing essential healthcare closer to the people and building a healthier future for generations to come.

Courtesy Call from Gohamag Landscapers Ltd



Story - Imelda Kinogu | Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga had the pleasure of meeting the youth from Gohamag Landscapers LTD, based in Ruguru Ward, Mathira West at his office.

The company has been operational since 2019 and currently boasts a team of around 45 members.

Led by their Director, Boniface Wambugu, the group paid

a courtesy call to explore ways of expanding their business reach.

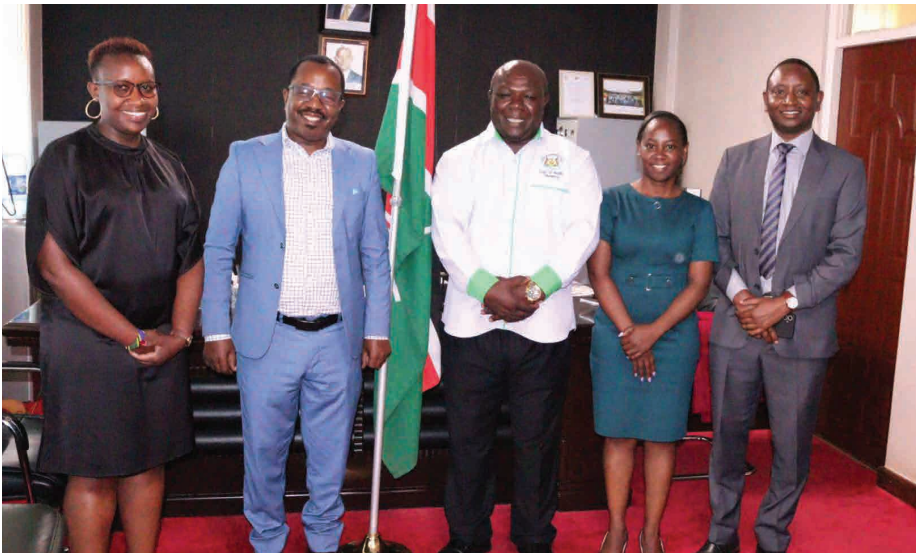
The meeting served as a platform to spotlight their expertise in landscaping, sculpture making, and cabro works—services that cater to individual property owners, hotels, and a range of other organizations. Some of their works are displayed below.

It was also an op-

portunity to discuss further empowerment for youth, particularly in the space of self-employment and entrepreneurship. This administration is committed to supporting the initiatives of the youth aimed at creating jobs.

Boniface was accompanied by two team members: Francis Mwangi Maina and Samuel Mwangi.

Collaboration Between Department of Medical Services and KCB Bank



A key meeting between the Department and a key partner was held, led by the CECM for Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. J. M. Kiragu, alongside the department's Director, Dr. Nelson Muriu. The session involved a visit from representatives of KCB Bank,

Nyeri Branch, to explore potential areas of collaboration. The discussions focused on the County's Social Health Authority (SHA) Registration progress and status as well as how the Ihururu Treatment and Rehabilitation Recovery patients can be enrolled into

the KCB beneficiaries programs. Both parties expressed commitment to a mutually beneficial partnership and agreed to further engagements to finalize the operational and legal frameworks for the collaboration.



Karatina Hospital Enters A & E Block Construction Phase 3

A team of architects and engineers from the Directorate of Public Works visited Karatina Sub-County Hospital to officially hand over the newly constructed Accident and Emergency Block to the ap-

pointed contractors. This marks the beginning of Phase 3, which involves the completion of the first floor and the connecting walkway. This development is part of the County

Government of Nyeri's continued efforts to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and ensure timely, accessible emergency services for residents across the County.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WAIVER OF 100% INTEREST ON LAND RATES FOR REGISTERED AND NON REGISTERED PLOTS

WAIVER PERIOD: 20th January 2025 – 19th February 2025.

The County Government of Nyeri with the approval of H.E. Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, PhD, as part of the economic recovery strategy hereby gives notice to all Land Rates defaulters that 100 % interest sums outstanding as at **20th January 2025 – 19th February 2025** will be waived on the following conditions:

That the Rate payer clears in full the total principal land rate arrears and pays 10% administrative costs based on principal amount payable.

All Land Rate defaulters are hereby **WARNED** that upon failure to pay, legal consequences will be instituted which include but not limited to: -

1. Compel Land Rates defaulters' tenants to pay directly to the County Government until the Land Rates and interest are fully paid.
2. Cancel or withdraw any license/permit granted in the premises in which Land Rates have not been paid.
3. Withhold any development approval until full payment of Land rates are received for the said Land.
4. Charge the property over unpaid rates plus interest until the full amount is cleared.

5. Deny all other services offered by the county Government of Nyeri.

The County Government of Nyeri operates a **Cashless Payment system of Revenue**. All payments should be made through our County Revenue Collection A/C held at Cooperative Bank Nyeri Branch, Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) Nyeri Branch, Equity Bank Nyeri Branch or Mpesa Pay Bill.

COOP BANK ACCOUNT NO.	:01141666594400	BANK CODE: 11000
KCB BANK ACCOUNT NO.	:1140760319	BANK CODE : 01
EQUITY BANK ACCOUNT NO.	:0110280843674	BANK CODE: 011
MPESA PAYBILL No.	191900	

Concerned property owners should make payments upon obtaining Bills/ Invoices from their respective Sub-County Revenue Offices and forward the banking slips for issuance of an official receipt within the waiver period. Kindly comply. For Mpesa payment you **MUST** indicate the Sub-County, Block and plot number as your account number (**e.g for Nyeri Town Block 1 Plot no. 2 indicate NYR 1/2**). For more information on Mpesa payment contact **Mobile No. 0714952473**.

NB:

1. **Failure to present the banking slip for receipting immediately after payment will not relieve the obligation to pay late payment penalties where applicable.**
2. **Any person who owns a property in Nyeri County or has ever transferred a property should ensure that you update the property details with the County Government on or before expiry of the waiver period. Upon expiry of this waiver period the County Government shall publish the names of the defaulters and initiate the legal process for recovery of the outstanding rates. Further note that the County Government will not take any liability for publishing wrong Plot details.**

Pay your rates in time for efficient service delivery and development of our County.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Thuo Mwangi.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER/HEAD OF COUNTY TREASURY



H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, PhD, Governor Nyeri County





COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI AND OTHAYA-MUKURWEINI WATER AND SANITATION PLC



INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT POSITIONS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTHAYA-MUKURWEINI WATER AND SANITATION PLC

Othaya-Mukurweini Water and Sanitation PLC (OMWASCO) is a Water Service Provider wholly owned by the County Government of Nyeri. It is responsible for efficient and economical provision of water and sanitation services in Nyeri South (Othaya) and Mukurweini Sub counties as per the Water Act 2016.

The Company seeks to fill the vacant positions for the Board of Directors. The Company has five (5) board vacancies for representatives of the following categories:

1. One (1) director nominated by Business Community
2. One (1) director nominated by Religious Organizations
3. One (1) director nominated by Special Interest Groups, Minority, Women and Youth
4. One (1) director nominated by Health Institutions
5. One (1) director nominated by Professional Organizations (e.g LSK, IEK, IHRM, ICPAK, ICS)

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an appointment, one must meet the following criteria

- i) Minimum Bachelor's degree from a recognized university in the following backgrounds; Finance/Accounting, Human Resources, Business/Management Systems or Information Technology, Engineering or Law.
- ii) Minimum seven (7) years working experience in the core profession or have run own enterprises for a minimum of 7 years.
- iii) Must be nominated by registered and legal organizations/institutions active within Nyeri South and Mukurweini sub counties operating under the above indicated categories.
- iv) Must be a resident of the area served by the company
- v) Must meet the **Fit And Proper Test** criteria by WASREB available at both the company website www.omwasco.co.ke and WASREB's website www.wasreb.co.ke. The submitted copy **MUST** be fully signed by the applicant and stamped by a commissioner of oaths
- vi) Proof of compliance with current and valid requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;
 - a. Certificate of Good Conduct from Directorate Criminal Investigation (DCI)
 - b. Clearance Certificate from accredited Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
 - c. Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
 - d. Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
 - e. Clearance Certificate from Ethics and Ant-Corruption Commission (EACC)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The applicants should enclose a letter of nomination from the stakeholder institution together with their application letter, CV, copies of academic & professional certificates, fit & Proper test, Chapter 6 documents and testimonials.

Applications in a sealed envelope marked **"APPLICATION FOR DIRECTORSHIP IN OMWASCO"** should be submitted to the address below or deposited in the application box at OMWASCO's main offices at Othaya on or before **27th May 2025 at 9.45am**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The Chairperson, Selection Committee
Othaya-Mukurweini Water and Sanitation PLC,
P.O. Box 482-10106,
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