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Nyeri moves swiftly to upgrade its water springs



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

Water springs are important in providing clean, natural, and often mineral-rich water for drinking. It can also support local ecosystems by providing habitats for plants and animals.

Additionally, water springs are a sustainable water source that can help reduce reliance on treated and processed water supplies.

Failing to upgrade water springs can lead to serious health risks due to contamination, with a potential for waterborne illnesses such as diarrhoea, Cholera, and Dysentery.

Additionally, unprotected springs can be a breeding ground for harmful microorganisms and attract animals, further increasing the risk of contamination. On the

other hand, due to drought / prolonged dry periods and erratic rainfall patterns, such water springs pose a risk of drying up.

It is on that note that the County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change under the stewardship of H.E. Governor, Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, has started the pro-

cess of rehabilitating various water springs in the current Financial Year of 2024-2025.

The programme, which is being done through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), a World Bank-funded program, has set aside millions of shillings to upgrade the water springs. The primary goal of rehabilitating these projects is to

promote conservation and protection of the spring for a continuous supply of reliable and clean water in a bid to reduce community vulnerability to water scarcity due to climate change. The outcome of this will be enhanced community climate resilience through the continuous supply of reliable and clean water for domestic use.

The water springs have been in existence since time immemorial, and so the need for proper spring protection is crucial for ensuring a safe and reliable water source.

Water, Environment & Climate Change CECM Fredrick Kinyua noted that the main objective of the projects is to protect and conserve the springs in order to enhance climate resilience for sustainable use by the communities. This promotes conservation and protection of the spring for a continuous supply of reliable and clean water in a bid to reduce community vulnerability to water scarcity due to climate change.

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How Nyota bean is transforming lives in Kieni

(NARRA)
It has many declared benefits as compared to the other bean varieties such as:-
It has a shorter maturity period.
It has a lot of protein, fibre, iron, high fibre that protects from constipation.
It develops many pods per plant - 25 or more pods per plant with 5 grains per pod.
It takes a shorter...

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Nyeri intensifies Primary Health Care Services



Under the current financial year, the following seven water springs will be upgraded in Nyeri County;

- Hathia Spring in Wamagana Ward, Tetu Sub County
- Gachie Spring in Wamagana Ward, Tetu Sub County
- Ituu Spring in Gikondi Ward, Mukurwe-ini Sub County
- Gaikuru Spring in Mukurwe-ini Central Ward, Mukurwe-ini Sub County
- Kinoria Spring in Naromoru- Kiamathaga Ward, Kieni East Sub County
- Kiguongo Spring in Naromoru- Kiamathaga Ward, Kieni East Sub County
- Kanjata Spring in Kiriukuyu Ward, Mathira West Sub County

The projects that are ongoing will involve the erection of a protection wall, fencing, the construction of gabions, culvert installation, the construction of cattle troughs, water drawing points, pipeline work, and the planting of riparian-friendly plants. Fencing of the spring helps establish clear boundaries around the spring, preventing unauthorized human and animal activities that can degrade the area.

Gabion Installation provides structural support to stabilize the terrain and prevent

landslides or caving in of the land surrounding the spring. Culvert Installation: Culverts will manage surface runoff and excess spring water during rainy seasons, ensuring proper drainage and preventing flooding or waterlogging.

This will also promote the health of the cattle by ensuring adequate water availability.

Indigenous trees and grasses will be planted to replace riparian-unfriendly species, which have negatively im-



The construction of Water Drawing Points helps in easy accessibility of water-drawing points that will provide the community with reliable access to domestic water, reducing the time and effort required to collect water.

Cattle troughs will make it easier to provide water for livestock, reducing the time needed for water collection.

pacted proper drainage and prevented flooding or water logging, affecting spring sustainability. This will improve conservation efforts, enhance biodiversity, and maintain the ecological balance of the area.

On the other hand, the specific objectives include:

- To promote the protection and conservation of the

spring against the climate hazards (drought, floods, and extreme temperatures). -To ensure a reliable and sustainable supply of clean water amid changing weather conditions.

- To enhance local climate resilience through spring protection and conservation.

During the Participatory Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA) and County Climate Action Plan (CCAP) process, beneficiary communities expressed their vulnerability due to their dependence on the above springs, which are the main source of water for domestic use and livestock.

The existing springs are prone to many challenges, including reduced water yield due to increased temperatures and changing rainfall patterns.

The springs sub-project holistically integrates environmental conservation, natural resources protection, which are critical to enhancing resilience against climate change

Further, implementation of the sub-project directly addresses the problem of spring degradation, unreliable water access, and environmental vulnerability by integrating climate-resilient strategies. By enhancing the sustainability of water resources, improving community access to clean water, and restoring degraded ecosystems, the project strengthens the community's capacity to adapt to climate change.

Various project management committees have been formed, comprising of representatives from Water Resource Users Associ-

In addition, protection and conservation of the targeted spring will safeguard the springs from pollutants, erosion, and floods.

The community projects have for many years been used by local residents for water consumption, though in low volume, but once it is upgraded, it will increase the water volume.

ations (WRUAs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and WCCPC were also trained which was facilitated by the Climate Change Unit.

The Committee members will help in the monitoring and evaluation process.



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Rehabilitation of Hathia Water Spring in Tetu starts



Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Rosebell Nyawira

The Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change, through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), a World

Bank-funded program, has kicked off the upgrading of Hathia Water Spring in Wamagana Ward, Tetu Sub County. The project started recently and will end soon. The project involved the erection of a protection wall, fencing, Construction of gabions, culvert instal-

lation, construction of cattle troughs, water drawing points, pipeline, and planting of riparian-friendly plants. Such a water spring is important in providing clean, natural, and often mineral-rich water for drinking. It can also support local ecosystems by providing

habitats for plants and animals. Additionally, water springs are a sustainable water source that can help reduce reliance on treated and processed water supplies. The project's main objective is to protect and conserve the springs to enhance climate resilience for sustainable use by the communities. This promotes conservation and protection of the spring for a continuous supply of reliable and clean water in a bid to reduce community vulnerability to water scarcity due to climate change. The community project has for many years been used by local residents for water consumption, though in low volume but once it is upgraded, it will increase the water volume. A seven-member Project Management Committee was formed for monitoring and supervising the project until the project is complete. FLLoCA is rehabilitating several projects in Nyeri

County. Other similar projects are in Kieni East, Mukurwe-ini and Mathira West sub-counties. During the Participatory Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA) and County Climate Action Plan (CCAP) process, beneficiary communities expressed their vulnerability due to their dependence on the above springs, which are the main source of water for domestic use and livestock. The existing springs are prone to many challenges, including reduced water yield due to increased temperatures and changing rainfall patterns. In addition, protection and conservation of the targeted spring will safeguard the springs from the pollutants, erosion and floods. The project aims at protecting these springs to enhance their climate resilience, sustainability, and enable communities who depend on them to adapt to the changing climatic conditions.

Upgrading of Kanjata Water Spring in Mathira West Kicks Off

The Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change, through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), a World Bank-funded program, has kicked off the upgrading of Kanjata Water Spring in Kiriukuyu Ward, Mathira West Sub County. The upgrading of the project has already kicked off. The project will involve fencing, rehabilitation and protection of a spring water point, pipe works and watering points. Such a water spring is important in providing clean, natural, and often mineral-rich water for drinking. It can also support local ecosystems by providing habitats for plants and animals. Additionally, water springs are a sustainable water source that can help reduce reliance on treated and processed water supplies. The main objective of the

project is to protect and conserve the springs to enhance climate resilience for sustainable use by the communities. This promotes conservation and protection of the spring for a continuous supply of reliable and clean water in a bid to reduce community vulnerability to water scarcity due to climate change. To ensure the sustainability of the spring protection and conservation project during its implementation and after the funding phase, a strategy will be implemented to ensure the project's long-term viability. The approach integrates capacity building, operation and maintenance, infrastructure safeguard, and financial mechanisms. The community project has for many years been used by local residents for water consumption, though in low volume, but once it is upgraded, it will increase the



water volume. A seven-member Project Management Committee was formed for monitoring and supervising the project until the project is complete.

The project aims at protecting the spring to enhance the climate resilience, sustainability, and enable communities who depend on the spring to adapt to the chang-

ing climatic conditions. FLLoCA is rehabilitating seven water springs in Nyeri County in this financial year.

Joy as inaugural successful surgery conducted at Naromoru Level IV Hospital

Story & Photo - Liz Wangui

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health, proudly marked a major milestone with the successful completion of the first surgical

procedure at the newly operationalized theatre of Naromoru Level IV Hospital in Kieni East Sub County. The facility now boasts two fully equipped and functional theatres, well-stocked with sterile instruments, surgical linens, and emergency equipment, ready

to handle a wide range of surgical procedures. The inaugural surgery—a lower segment caesarean section—was successfully performed on a scheduled maternity case. Anaesthesia was administered without complications, and a healthy baby girl was safely delivered.

The surgical team was led by Consultant Obstetrician Dr. Maina Ngoigo, assisted by Medical Officer Dr. Gideon Mucheru, alongside a dedicated team of anaesthetists and Nurses. The team confirmed that all critical systems, including lighting, ventila-

tion, medical gas supply, and electronic monitoring, were fully operational. This successful procedure marks the beginning of routine and emergency surgical services at the facility, affirming the hospital's readiness to deliver quality surgical care to the community.



FLLoCA Technical Field Mission to Assess Project Impact



Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Peter Wangari

On behalf of the Governor, H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, and joined by the CECM of Water, Irrigation, Environment and Climate Change, Frederick Kinyua, Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri had the pleasure of hosting a delegation from the World Bank who paid him a courtesy call at his office. They were here under the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA). The group was en route to several areas in the County,

including Kieni Constituency, on a technical field mission. The purpose of the mission was to:

- Assess the implementation status of Year One County Climate Resilience Investments (CCRI) for various investment types and review the proposed Year 2 investments (2025/26).
- Evaluate how beneficiaries are utilizing the County Climate Change Units (CCIUs) and the strength of handovers.
- Discuss the role of Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in project implementation and identify

any capacity gaps.

- Explore long-term sustainability strategies with the County CCIUs and MDAs.
- Assess opportunities to scale up Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices across counties.
- Identify areas for synergy with other ongoing World Bank operations within the County.

The team was led by Muratha Kinuthia, the Task Team Leader, who emphasized the importance of witnessing the progress on the ground—how implementation is unfolding and the impact it’s having on communities. They also

expressed interest in how resource allocation aligns with internal poverty indices. There was cross-sectoral representation from the World Bank, including Agriculture, Climate Change, and Water, among others. These sectors are central to what Nyeri County is known for—particularly agriculture. Though often seen as a “green” county, it’s worth noting that about 52% of Nyeri is semi-arid. This categorization has historically affected funding and grant allocations, with the drier regions receiving disproportionately less sup-

port. Projects like FLLoCA are crucial in uplifting those underserved areas and channeling funds into community-driven projects—especially those led by farmers. This aligns with other ongoing efforts such as the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), which aims to enhance market participation and value addition for targeted farmers within priority value chains. Nyeri County is deeply engaged in these efforts, and the hope is that such collaborations will continue to grow.

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Empowerment Drive in Mahiga Ward



Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Peter Wangari

True empowerment lies not in giving, but in enabling tools over tokens, income over aid.

It is in this spirit that Governor Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, together with the Deputy Governor H.E.

David Kinaniri, Nyeri Majority Leader who is also the Mahiga Ward MCA Hon. James Kanyugo and the CECM Gender Esther Ndung'u, were honored to hand over tents and seats under the Wezesha Programme in Mahiga Ward, Othaya Sub County. Under the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services and in close

collaboration with the area MCA, they distributed eight 100-seater tents, along with 800 chairs — a full set of 100 chairs accompanying each tent.

These were handed over to the following Self-Help Groups:

- Kiganjo Iria-ini Self Help Group
- Kagonye Mwanda Self-Help Group

- Mbari ya Kagiri Self Help Group
- Urumwe Wendani Self Help Group
- Gachanga Muhuramura Self Help Group
- Mahiga Aberdare Brothers and Sisters Self-Help Group
- Giakaru Women Self Self-Help Group
- Gitugi Central Self-Help Group

The core aim of the Weze-

sha Programme is to empower residents across the County by creating diverse income-generating opportunities.

These are designed to grow into profit-driven ventures that support the everyday citizen, in alignment with Nyeri County's mission: To create, enhance and sustain an environment that unlocks the potential of the people of Nyeri to achieve progressive socio-economic growth through an open and inclusive government. The Governor also urged the people of Nyeri to take full advantage of these programs, utilize them well, expand them and rent out the tents and chairs to generate profits, and explore other entrepreneurial opportunities.

He also assured the members of unwavering support as the County Government of Nyeri remains committed to uplifting grassroots initiatives that foster lasting change.

EACC Conducts Nyeri Staff Sensitization Forum

Story - Stella Nyambura
Photo - Priscilla Muthoni

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) is a lead agency that is responsible for safeguarding integrity by enforcing corruption laws to foster a culture of accountability and responsibility in the delivery of services at all levels.

Building on that, a sensitization of the staff of Nyeri County Executive was held at Nyeri National Polytechnic, Nyeri town.

The training aimed at exploring the key principles guiding the ethical conduct in public service which included honesty, transparency, professionalism and accountability.

Topics covered included:

- The Phenomenon of Corruption: The cases of Counties in Kenya outlining the

purpose of Anti-corruption laws.

- Anti-Corruption Legal Framework: which reinforced that these laws create obligations, define offenses and prescribe punishments.
- Promoting Ethical Organizational Cultures in Counties which was another major step towards enhancing ethical standards

of public officers.

It is important for public officials to learn how to work professionally and diligently so as to ensure efficient utilization of resources.

The workshop, attended by county staff from all the Departments, was officially opened by Nyeri Acting County Secretary Kimani Rucuiya.

The program focused on corruption prevention and was expected to extend to the County Assembly at a later date.

Nyeri is the fourth county where this program is being implemented.

The facilitators at the workshop were the EACC officials Japheth Baithalu, Central Regional Manag-

er, Fredrick Mainda, Angwenyi Morara and Pamela Jepkemei.

Earlier, the team had paid a courtesy call to the Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri and the County Attorney, Kimani Rucuiya — who also serves as the Acting County Secretary.



Nyeri Open Chess Tournament Grand Prix 2025 held



Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

The chessboard is the world; the pieces are the phenomena of the universe; the rules of the game are what we call

laws of nature. The Quo Vadis Chess Open Tournament Grand Prix, a fide rated youth chess event, took place from recently at Quo Vadis Hub, with 7th June dedicated exclusively to junior players. Organized by Quo Vadis Hub

in partnership with Chess Kenya and other stakeholders, the tournament brought together young chess players from across the country and internationally with the aim of promoting mental discipline, strategic thinking, and meaningful youth en-

gagement. The event was officially opened by Esther Ndung'u, CECM for Youth and Sports who made the ceremonial first move. In her address, she emphasized on the promotion of inclusive sports development among the youth which fosters social cohesion, improves physical and mental health, and advances equality and empowerment. The CECM acknowledged that the Chess game is the gymnasium of the mind. She encouraged players to value the lessons of chess—strategic thinking, patience, sportsmanship, and perseverance, reminding them: “Play with passion and strategy, but also with respect for your opponents. Win or lose, what matters most is the experience and the camaraderie we share. Control the chessboard, dominate the game.”

She expressed gratitude to the Catholic Church, Chess Kenya, players, coaches, supporters, and volunteers for making the event possible and creating a platform for young talent to shine. Fr. Bernard Watoro, the Youth chaplain, and Terrence Chazima-Deputy Treasurer, Chess Kenya appreciated the collaborative efforts that brought the tournament to life and recognized the support from the County Government of Nyeri. They underscored the growing recognition of chess as a powerful tool for youth empowerment and personal development. They commended the organizers and partners for fostering an environment where young people cannot only compete but also grow in character, confidence, and community spirit.

Nyeri Aquaculture Receives Funding Boost

Story & Photo - Sam Gitonga

The Advancing Resilient and Nutrition-Sensitive Smallholder Aquaculture (ARNSA) initiative, made possible through funding from a NORAD grant additional fund for ABDP, is set to be implemented in Nyeri County. The ARNSA project represents a comprehensive effort to enhance aquaculture practices in Kenya while promoting resilience, inclusivity, and sustainable development within the sector. The team made an inspection tour at Sagana Primary School for the preparation and participation in kitchen garden establishment. Later, the team also visited Konyu SAG in Mathira West Sub County who were being trained on fish



value addition. Some of the products trained on included fish balls, fish samosa, fish skewers and the process of fish filleting. Through targeted interventions and strategic partnerships, it aims to

drive positive change and unlock the full potential of aquaculture as a key driver of economic growth and food security. Key outcomes and actions include and not limited to: -Implement targeted interventions to enhance pro-

ductivity and resilience for small-scale aquaculture operations. -Strengthen technical support and capacity building for smallholder farmers. Increased Opportunities for Youth and Women -Innovate market ap-

proaches, including the establishment of smart kiosks, to empower youth and women. -Foster collaboration with Aquaculture Service Enterprises (ASEs) as focal points for these initiatives.

Drowning Incident at River Chania, Kamuyu

Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

A student from Outspan Medical College, aged 24 years had joined friends for a scenic visit to the picturesque falls near Outspan. What was meant to be a joyful outing turned into a horrifying ordeal when the group was ambushed by knife-wielding thugs while taking photographs by the falls.

In a desperate attempt to escape, the victim slipped and plunged into the waters of the dam, never to resurface. Later, the Directorate of Disaster Risk Management received a distress call and within minutes, our Fire & Rescue Team led by Duty Officer Timothy, was dispatched with a team of experienced responders who rushed to the scene.

From that moment onwards, a relentless search and rescue operation began. Our Fire & Rescue Team, the Kenya Red Cross, local divers, volunteers, and community members joined forces in



the emotionally and physically exhausting mission. But despite their continued efforts, the body was yet to be recovered.

Come the third day of the ongoing search, senior county officials visited the site to lend their support and assess the operation. CECM Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services Esther N'dungu, along with Director of Disaster Risk Management Col. (Rtd.)

L.K. Teimuge were present at Wacucu Dam, standing in solidarity with the victim's grieving family and the search teams.

Under the leadership of Governor of Nyeri County H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH, the County Government reaffirmed its full commitment to the ongoing operation. Resources have been mobilized, and multi-agency efforts enhanced to ensure a

coordinated and sustained search mission.

The County also remains committed to reviewing and improving safety measures to prevent future tragedies.

As the search continues, the County Government is urging members of the public to exercise increased caution when visiting natural or remote recreational sites. Residents are strongly encouraged to move in

groups, avoid secluded areas, and report any suspicious activity immediately to local authorities.

Additionally, students exploring the rivers and water falls for recreation have been urged to be extra cautious.

Public safety remains a top priority, and every effort is being made to ensure that such incidents are prevented in the future.

Department of Gender Leads Relief Effort After Deadly Blaze in Mwenji Village

Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services stepped in to support a grieving family in Mwenji village, Nyeri Central Sub County following a tragic house fire that claimed the lives of two young children aged three and four.

The heartbreaking incident occurred recently while the children were reportedly alone in the house.

Their parent had left for work and returned to find the home engulfed in flames. Despite efforts by neighbours to contain the blaze, the children did not survive.



The exact cause of the fire remains unknown, and authorities have launched in-

vestigations to determine its origin.

In the aftermath of the trage-

dy, a team from the Department of Gender visited the affected family and offered

immediate humanitarian assistance.

The support included food-stuffs, mattresses and blankets to help the family with their basic needs during this difficult time.

The Department expressed its condolences to the bereaved family, with Nyeri Central Social Welfare Officer Mary Muchiri reaffirming the Department's commitment to standing with vulnerable families during moments of crisis such as this.

The County Government of Nyeri continues to urge residents to remain vigilant and to prioritize safety measures, particularly where children are involved, as investigations into the fire continue.

Nyeri Library planned for Facelift



Story - Linet Wangari
Photo - Kenneth Ngatia

“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” — Jim Rohn

In a continued effort to promote a culture of reading and enhance public access to information, Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga accompanied by

the Deputy Governor, H.E. David Kinaniri, conducted a site assessment of the Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) facility in Nyeri

Town, whose functions were transferred to the County Government.

The evaluation focused on the current state of the facility, its operations, and potential areas for renovation and service improvement.

The delegation was guided by the CECM for Gender, Youth, and Social Services, Esther Ndung’u, who took the delegation through the library’s various sections and briefed them on the challenges the library is facing, as well as opportunities for transformation.

This Administration continues to emphasize its commitment to revamping public learning spaces and nurturing a culture of life-long learning for all Nyeri residents.

Directorate of Energy embarks on street lights maintenance exercise



"A well lit street is a safe street.

In a continued effort to enhance security and ensure well-lit streets across our communities, the Directorate of Energy has embarked on a street-light maintenance exercise in various sub-counties.

The electrical inspectors from the Department of Transport, Infrastructure & Energy took the initiative of maintaining street

lights and stand-alones at Kagwathi shopping centre and Ha Gaitho village in Wamagana ward, Tetu Sub County to enhance security and ensure community wellbeing.

Well-maintained street-lights enhance the overall appearance of a place and contribute to a sense of community by making public spaces more accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

The initiative was also

aimed at improving visibility for both pedestrians and motorists, reducing crime rates, increasing business working hours, and fostering a safer environment after dark.

The inspectors also identify and repair faults to extend the bulbs' lifespan.

The electrical inspectors are also planning to have an inspection stand-alones in Mukurwe-ini Sub-County

Ending Plastic Pollution campaigns kicks off



Story - Sheila Indusa | Photo - Linet Wangari

“Panda mti leo, lin-da maisha kesho!”

In preparation for the World Environment Day Celebration 2025, the County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Water, Environment and Climate Change, held a tree-planting

session at Kamwenja Teachers College.

Hundreds of tree seedlings were planted during the exercise.

The event was led by CECM Fredrick Kinyua, who emphasized the importance of environmental conservation.

He emphasized that

protecting our environment is essential for the future, as it plays a significant role in both our economy and overall health.

The event was graced by NEMA, alongside other partners — including The Mount Kenya Academy.

Celebrating World Environment Day 2025

Story - Sheila Indusa
Photo - Rosebell Wambui

The Office of the Nyeri County Governor together with the Department of Water, Irrigation & Climate Change and other partners, converged at NYEWASCO Water Treatment Works' grounds, Kangemi, Nyeri town, during this year's World Environment Day. The 2025 theme, 'Ending Plastic Pollution,' is timely and urgent, and personal as Plastic Pollution is no longer something "out there." But it is here, right in our offices, organizations, in our homes, in our rivers, in our soil, and even in our bodies-yes, in our bodies-in the form of micro-plastics. The plastic we see on the roadside, the household waste, the bottles in the river, the bags blowing in the wind - yes, those are bad. But the greater danger is what we don't see. Micro-plastics - tiny particles invisible to the eye - are now in our water, our vegetables, our meat, our milk - and, shockingly, in our bloodstreams. This is not just an environmental



issue - it is a public health emergency. On behalf of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri joined the environmentalists and other stakeholders to commemorate this day. He called upon all to join hands in ending plastic pollution, as this is not just a

government responsibility but is a collective responsibility. "Nyeri County has long been known for its tree and forest cover, clean rivers, and progressive people. And therefore, let us now be known for something more - for leading the way in environmental justice and circular economy. Let us become the

county that not only talks about ending plastic pollution but does it. Let us all be part of the solution," he reiterated. "So let us rise together - as Nyeri, as Kenya, as the world - and say: Enough is enough. Let this World Environment Day be our turning point. Let us end plastic pollution not with slogans, but with

sustained action. Let us honour the Earth, our home. The time to act is now. The responsibility is ours. And the future - that precious, shared future - depends on us." H.E Kinaniri also acknowledged all the partners who contributed to making the day successful.

Education Department Retirees Lauded

Story & Photo - Tracy Wanjiru

"Retirement isn't the end but a start to a beautiful new chapter."

With grace and gratitude, H.E. the Governor, Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, and Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri joined Education CECM Margaret Macharia, Chief Officer Dr. Lucy Ndumba, Directors and other officers from the Department of Education, Training and Devolution to celebrate retirees as they concluded a four-day workshop centered on the review of their strategic plan and commitment to the performance contract. The Department recognized and honoured individuals



viduals who have served with dedication and resilience. Among those celebrated was the former Chief Of-

ficer for Education, James Kiretai, whose leadership and commitment have left a lasting legacy within the Department.

The retirees were bid farewell with a powerful message, "Retire to refire." A call to embrace retirement not as an end, but as a fresh

opportunity to rediscover purpose, pursue passion, and live fully. In his remarks, Dr. Kahiga encouraged the retirees to walk into this new chapter with pride and positivity. "This is not the end of the world, it's the beginning of discovering your purpose beyond the daily work routine. Embrace it positively". He urged them to live within their means, stay active, avoid debt, and prioritize their mental and physical well-being. The Governor also commended the retirees for their invaluable contributions, especially in strengthening ECDEs and Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) across the County.