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What Kshs. 8.51 billion budget will do for Nyerians

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

The pronouncement of the Nyeri County Budget Estimates for this Financial Year 2025/2026 was recently tabled at the County Assembly of Nyeri Chambers by Nyeri CECM for Finance, Economic Planning & ICT, Robert Thuo.

Nyeri Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, Speaker Hon. James Gichuhi, and Honorable Members of the County Assembly of Nyeri attended the session.

The budget for this Financial Year 2025/2026 is Kshs. 8.51billion.

This consists of Kshs. 5.82 billion and Kshs. 2.68 billion for recurrent and development expenditure, respectively.

The recurrent expenditure represents 68 % of the total county budget, while development expenditure is 32%. The recurrent estimates comprise Personal Emolument (Ksh. 4.4 billion) and Operations and Maintenance (KSh. 1.42 billion). In addition, the County

Government of Nyeri has an established Health Service Fund, which is expected to collect Kshs. 850 million in FY 2025/26. The Act has ring-fenced this amount to support health-related activities.

The County Budget will be financed through;

- Equitable share Kshs. 6.51billion
- Loans and Grants from the donors and government agencies, Kshs. 1.19 billion
- Own Source Revenue Kshs. 800 million

Some of the highlights of the Developments per Department in Kshs. include;

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

- 360.4 million will guarantee food security and improve productivity in agriculture.

The department was able to allocate;

- 15.3 million for agricultural management, including maintenance of extension fleet.

- 15.5 million for crop management, including procurement of certified seeds

- 28.5 million to facilitate livestock production through improved breeding stock

- 40 million for vaccines and sera, as well as animal disease control and prevention

- 5.5 to support aquaculture development

- 5.3 million for the Wambugu farm agricultural training center

- 6.2 million for Naromoru Agricultural Mechanization Station

- 16.7 million for Kenya Agricultural Business Development Programme

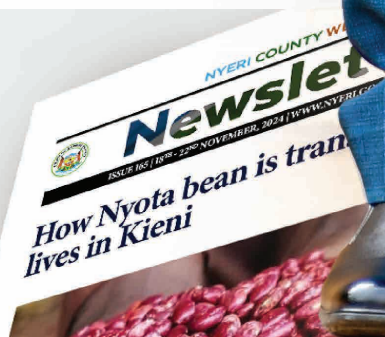
- 236.3 million for National Value Chain Development Project

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TRADE, CO-OPERATIVES, CULTURE & TOURISM

- 361.5 million; to improve the business environment, the department allocated.
- 28.5 million for the improvement of county markets
- 4 million for securing county markets
- 300 million for the construction of an industrial park, with 50 million as counter funding from the county government
- 9 million for cooperative management, including Ushirika day celebrations
- 7 million for tourism festivals
- 1 million to support culture and arts

EDUCATION, TRAINING & DEVOLUTION

- 98.1 million; to facilitate the acquisition of basic education and requisite skills, the department has allocated;
- 17.4 million for the improvement of ECDE centres and procurement of education-related materials.
 - 47.5 million for upgrading and equipping youth polytechnics, education materials, and capitation
- 352.5 million as an Investment grant (Level 2 Grant) to finance investments to support service delivery

LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- 17.5 million for Improvement, surveying, and titling of colonial Villages

HEALTH SERVICES & PUBLIC HEALTH

- 286.5 million for the key allocation to support health activities include.
- 100 million for medical drugs and non-pharm for county facilities
- 36 million for support of various health facilities, in-



- cluding equipping and refurbishment of buildings
- 15 million for completion of Wamagana Level IV Hospital
- 2.57 million for refurbishment works at Mukurweini Hospital
- 7.9 million for refurbishments and equipping of Othaya Hospital
- 72.7 million to support rural health facilities
- 28.3 million for development at the County Referral Hospital
- 12 million for the Refurbishment and equipping of Karatina Hospital
- 12 million for construction and refurbishment works at Mt. Kenya Hospital

WATER, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

- 226.9 million; to improve water distribution, connectivity, and enhance climate change resilience, the department has allocated;
- 25.4 million for water tanks and distribution pipes
- 125 million for Financing Climate Change, Climate Action
- 11 million for building capacity on climate action
- 52 million for supporting climate-related activities in the community

ROADS, TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENERGY

- 498.9 million; to improve road connectivity and maintenance, the county government allocated;
- 267.9 million geared towards road maintenance, building of bridges, and maintenance of machinery and equipment. The department has also allocated;
- 100.2million for street lighting electricity bills
 - 20.5 million for the Maintenance of the existing streetlights and
 - 186.8million for the installation of new streetlights



COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 44.8 million allocated to improve security and work environment.

The department has allocated.

- 8.1 million for the improvement of office access by PLWD
- 1.5 million for renovation of offices
- 3 million for protective equipment and tools for solid waste management
- 30.8 million for dump-site fencing and solid waste management

FINANCE ECONOMIC PLANNING & ICT

- 14.0 million for Upgrading of System Software and efficient internet connectivity

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- 6 million for supporting revenue collection strategies
- Some of the other development activities targeted include;

GENDER, YOUTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & SPORTS

- 166.7 million allocated towards the social activities that the department has allocated;
- 25.5 million for disaster response through procurement of materials, fuel, and maintenance of response vehicles.
- 5.5 million for International Youth Day, Women's Day, and the launch of a key policy document on gender and youth matters
- 75.85 million for the purchase of merchandise in support of organized groups

of youths, women, and persons living with disability

- 19million for improvement of social halls and other amenities through ward-specific projects
- 2 million for education materials for libraries and Karatina Children's Home.

- 29.1 Million for sports equipment and the improvement of sporting facilities

FINANCE ECONOMIC PLANNING & ICT

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WARD-SPECIFIC PROJECTS:

The FY 2025/26 Budget contains an allocation of Kshs. 725 million, which translates to Kshs. 24 million per ward for the

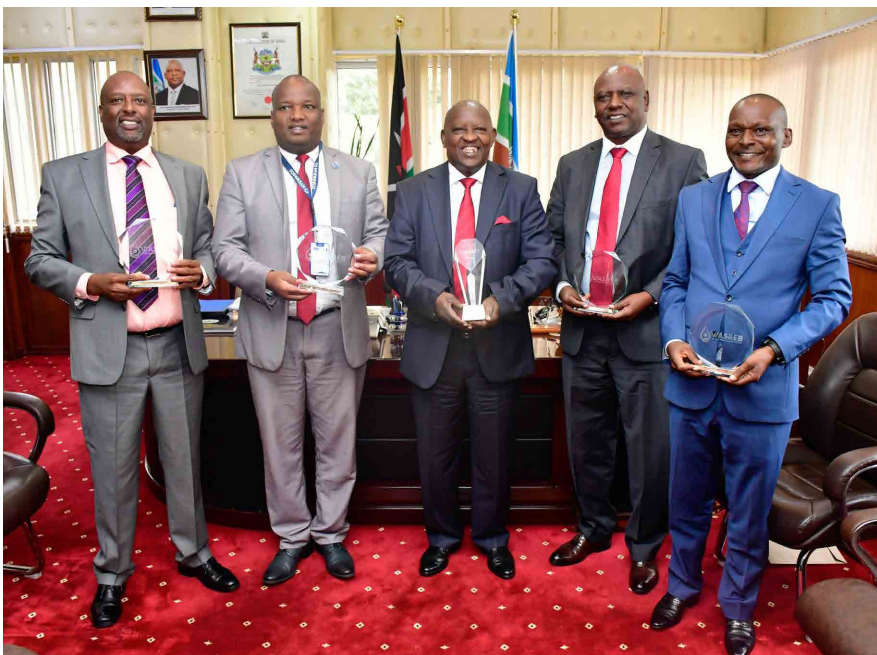
ward-specific projects

THE NYERI MUNICIPALITY

- 138.3 million; to support development in the Municipality, the following was allocated;
- 41.5 million for solid waste management and garbage collection within the municipality, including maintenance and fuelling of motor vehicles.
- 57.2 million for the construction and maintenance of roads within the municipality
- 35 million for the urban institutional grant for the Kenya Urban Support Programme
- 4.5 million for the maintenance of Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima Transport Terminus



Receiving NYEWASCO Trophies



Nyeri Governor H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga was glad to receive five trophies from the Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company Ltd (NYEWASCO) team after the organisation recently reclaimed its top position of the Best Overall Utility in the Kenyan water sector. This was after garnering 168/200 points in the WASREB IMPACT 17 Report 2025 held last week.

NYEWASCO scooped a total of five awards, including:

- Overall Top Utility in Kenya
- Top Utility in Non-Revenue Water Management
- Top Utility in the Tana Region
- Best Utility in Pro-Poor Services
- Top Utility in the Very Large Category

He went on to congratulate the board and the entire staff for these

amazing achievements, which reflect their passion, teamwork, and unwavering dedication to delivering top-notch water and sanitation services. Together, we continue to lead and set the pace for the water sector in Kenya and beyond. Congratulations again to the Chairman, Board of Directors, CEO, and the dedicated Staff.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT	DEVELOPMENT BUDGET
Executive Office of the Governor and the Deputy Governor	27,000,000
Office of the County Secretary	3,500,000
Finance, Economic Planning and ICT	20,049,590
Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development	17,500,000
Health Services and Public Health	286,500,000
Gender, Youth, Social Services and Sports	166,750,000
County Public Service and Solid Waste Management	44,800,000
Agriculture, Livestock and Aquaculture Development	360,365,255
Trade, Cooperatives, Culture and Tourism	361,500,000
Education, Training & Devolution	498,150,000
Water, Environment and Climate Change	226,887,888
County Assembly	30,000,000
County Public Service Board	6,000,000
Roads, Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure and Energy	498,936,242
County Attorney	
Nyeri Municipality	138,275,000
TOTAL	2,686,213,975.00

The Recurrent budget comprises of personal emoluments and Operations and maintenance The Allocation per Department as follows:

DEPARTMENT	Personal Emoluments	O&M	Total Recurrent
Executive Office of the Governor and the Deputy Governor	81,053,471	36,235,610	117,289,081
Office of the County Secretary	108,803,837	272,542,654	381,346,491
Finance, Economic Planning and ICT	258,931,489	276,781,892	535,713,381
Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development	64,463,362	17,007,817	81,471,179
Health Services and Public Health	2,587,618,751	40,314,589	2,627,933,340
Gender, Youth, Social Services and Sports	66,914,628	27,203,198	94,117,826
County Public Service and Solid Waste Management	130,985,663	19,176,308	150,161,971
Agriculture, Livestock and Aquaculture Development	221,221,147	17,976,030	239,197,177
Trade, Cooperatives, Culture and Tourism	43,083,501	14,514,389	57,597,890
Education, Training & Devolution	394,607,447	165,435,966	560,043,413
Water, Environment and Climate Change	63,619,523	13,630,332	77,249,855
County Assembly	259,872,014	450,679,500	710,551,514
County Public Service Board	28,876,480	17,585,254	46,461,734
Roads, Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure and Energy	64,110,844	28,833,160	92,944,004
County Attorney	6,238,480	17,325,757	23,564,237
Nyeri Municipality	25,866,007	8,124,873	33,990,880
TOTAL	4,406,266,644.00	1,423,367,329.00	5,829,633,973.00

Distribution of Pixie Oranges Seedlings in Nyeri Under the FLLoCA Programme



Story -Stella Nyambura
Photo - Joseph Wambugu

The Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change, through the World Bank Project Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) programme, achieved a significant milestone by distributing pixie orange seedlings to the Kihuyo Men Community-Based Organization (CBO). The event marks a key step in enhancing climate-smart agriculture and sustainable

livelihoods in the region. The Kihuyo Men CBO, comprising over 215 active members from Kihuyo in Nyeri Central Sub-County, received hundreds of fruit seedlings as part of an initiative to promote environmentally friendly, income-generating activities. This support aims to empower the group economically while contributing to climate resilience through agroforestry and improved land use. The distribution exercise was carried out in collaboration with the County Government of Nyeri offi-

cers, agricultural extension workers, and community leaders. Members expressed gratitude for the support and committed to nurturing the seedlings to maturity, recognizing the long-term benefits in terms of food security, environmental conservation, and household income. The FLLoCA programme continues to demonstrate its impact at the grassroots level, and the success of such initiatives reflects the importance of community participation in achieving sustainable development

goals. Pixie oranges are a sweet, seedless citrus fruit, a cross between oranges and tangerines. They are known for their small size, juicy and fleshy texture, and a distinctive, sweet flavor. They are a good source of vitamins A and C, and are becoming increasingly popular in Kenya, both for eating and for farming. Here are some potential economic and environmental benefits of Pixie oranges: Economical Benefits: - Local Economic Growth: Pixie oranges can contrib-

ute to the local economy through farming, processing, and distribution, creating jobs and income opportunities. - Export Opportunities: The oranges can be exported to other regions or countries, generating revenue and promoting economic growth. - Supporting Farmers: Pixie orange farming can provide a stable income source for farmers, improving their livelihoods and contributing to rural development. Environmental Benefits - Water Efficiency: Pixie orange trees are relatively drought-tolerant, which can help conserve water resources. - Soil Conservation: The root system of Pixie orange trees can help hold soil in place, reducing erosion and promoting soil health. - Biodiversity Support: The orange trees can provide habitat and food for various pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. - Carbon Sequestration: Like other trees, Pixie orange trees absorb carbon dioxide during photosynthesis, contributing to carbon sequestration efforts. - Sustainable Farming Practices: Many Pixie orange farms adopt sustainable practices, such as integrated pest management and organic farming, which can reduce environmental impacts.



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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES & PUBLIC HEALTH



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AGPO Counties' Training Programme Officially Launched



Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Peter Wangari

On behalf of the Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, and joined by the CECM for the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, Esther Ndung'u, Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri attended a Program for Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) across all eight Sub-Counties. The covered Sub Counties include Othaya, Kieni East

and West, Mathira East and West, Tetu, Nyeri Town and Mukurwe-ini. The program has so far been conducted in two Sub-Counties, Nyeri Central at Whispers Park Hall in Nyeri Town and Tetu in Karundu Chief's Camp Hall in Wamagana, Tetu. The program/training was tailored for the youth, persons with disabilities, and women who are either business owners or aspiring entrepreneurs. This is in line with the AGPO Program mandate, which requires that 30% of government jobs and ten-

ders be reserved for youth, persons with disabilities, and women-owned businesses. Whether the participants are starting or expanding their business, this training is a gateway to unlocking new opportunities in the public sector and also at the individual level. The objectives of the program were:

- To empower and equip youth, women, and persons with disabilities with the necessary knowledge and skills to participate in government procurement processes.

- To promote inclusivity and equal access to government procurement opportunities.

The training covered the following areas:

- AGPO requirements, registration, LPO training, and Pre-Qualification.
- Business registration, financial management, and funding
- ICT and digital skills training

The event took a whole week covering all Sub-Counties within Nyeri County. All registered attendees participated in the sessions in

their respective Sub-Counties, as the training offers valuable insight into the topics at hand. The administration also urged the people of Nyeri to visit the County Government of Nyeri website regularly to stay updated on available vacancies, tenders, and other opportunities advertised by the county government. Let us not allow these opportunities to slip through our fingers. Keep applying—you just might find one perfectly tailored for you.

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County GBV Working Group Convenes

Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Gender-Based Violence is a crisis everyone must confront early—because silence waters the roots of abuse, and prevention begins at the bud.

It is in this light that, on behalf of Governor H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri attended a critical stakeholder meeting dubbed the County Gender-Based Violence Technical Working Group, held in Nyeri Town.

The meeting was organized by the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services, led by the CECM Esther Ndung’u, in collaboration with LVCT Health.

The platform brought together key actors from government, civil society, and the community, gathered in response to the alarming spikes in GBV-related cases and the ongoing efforts to strengthen the fight against it in Nyeri County.

The delegation deliberated on coordinated, sustainable, and inclusive strategies for preventing and responding to GBV cases, with the ul-



timate goal of completely eradicating them.

With the sharp rise in cases of GBV and femicide—particularly against children—the meeting underscored the urgent need for joint action to protect vulnerable groups and end the cycle of violence. Participants strongly reaffirmed their commitment to standing united in the fight against all forms of GBV, recognizing that the protection of human dignity, especially that of women

and children, is a shared societal responsibility.

The County Government, under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, and through the Department of Gender, is fully committed to combating these appalling cases of GBV, killings, and brutality against children.

The group was also joined by Nyeri’s County Commissioner, Ronald Mwiwawi, who has been in office for just eight months. Shock-

ingly, in that short period, 74 suicide cases have been reported to his office, 57 of which involved men. These numbers are deeply alarming and point to the mental health struggles that many, especially men, are silently enduring.

Given that May and June mark Mental Health Awareness Months—and June in particular focuses on Men’s Mental Health—the county must put the boy-child under the microscope.

The County need to understand what’s driving this disturbing trend in male suicides and mental health decline, and urgently work towards meaningful interventions. The word Gender does not refer to one sex, but to all—and as such, every gender deserves protection, support, and dignity.

Let’s keep raising our voices until these setbacks have nowhere left to hide.

CDC In Nyeri For PCN Data Review Meeting



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri together with the CECM for Gen-

der, Esther Ndung’u, joined a team from the Centers for

vention (CDC) that is with the Department of Medical

Story - Linet Wangari | Photo - Peter Wangari

Services and Public Health. The team was in Nyeri County for a Primary Care Network (PCN) Data Review Meeting. They are currently reviewing data for PCNs operating in the following Sub-Counties:

- Othaya
- Mukurwe-ini
- Nyeri Central
- Mathira East

With the data collected from the field, the remaining Sub-Counties that are yet to roll out PCN activities will have access to key insights—making their on-boarding process smoother and more

efficient.

The County Government of Nyeri, under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, is fully committed to supporting these efforts as we continue to serve the people of Nyeri County.

CGN appreciates the strong collaboration between the County Government of Nyeri and the medical practitioners in their respective departments, and their continued dedication to delivering quality healthcare to our people.

New Health Fund Board Installed

Photos - Peter Wangari
Story - Imelda Kinogu

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri, together with the CECM for Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. Joseph Kiragu, presided over the official handing over of the Health Service Fund Board involving the Chairperson.

The handing over was mainly between the outgoing Chair, Anthony Mithanga, and the incoming Chair, Amb. Josephine Gaita.

The outgoing Chairperson—and by extension, the board—has been in office since 2021, after they were inaugurated by the Governor.

The role of the Fund Board is:

- Overseeing the administration of funds drawn from the Health Services Fund.
- Mobilizing additional resources to support the Fund's activities.
- Providing guidance to



the Hospital Management Boards.

- Making proposals for new user fees or adjustments to existing fee structures.
- Approving expenditure plans for primary health services.
- Reviewing and adopt-

ing reports received from the Hospital Management Boards for consideration and implementation.

The Board has executed its mandate exceptionally well and has achieved a number of milestones, including:

- The Board took over rev-

enue collection from the County Government of Nyeri and increased the revenue from Ksh. 180 million to Ksh 740 million showing a very evident growth curve.

This was made possible through good governance by the board and the creation of

reliable and transparent revenue collection channels.

- Capacity building in hospitals, especially in rural health facilities and Level 4 hospitals. This was achieved by establishing financial management systems and offering training on the same for facility managers.
- Capacity building within the board through governance training, both internally and through benchmarking with other counties to borrow effective systems and mirror them in our own county for maximum growth.

The Deputy Governor appreciated the outgoing board and welcomed the incoming one.

The previous board was very resourceful and created a strong foundation.

This administration believes that the incoming board will hit the ground running and build on the systems already in place to ensure they are working effectively before moving on to new ones.

Upgrading of Kagati Dam in Mathira West Kicks Off

Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Rosebell Wambui

The upgrading of Kagati Dam in Ruguru Ward, Mathira West Sub County, has kicked off.

The dam, which residents have used for the last three decades, thanks to the County Government through the Department of Water, Environment and Climate Change for the project, which will ensure an efficient water supply for domestic and irrigation use.

The project is jointly being done by the Water Department and the World Bank through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Change Action (FLLoCA) Program.

The FLLoCA Program is aimed at implementing locally driven climate resilience initiatives. It also seeks to empower counties



to plan, budget, implement, and monitor mitigation and adaptation strategies, with a particular focus on community and ward-level interventions.

Some of the work to be done includes upgrading the spillway and raising of

dam embankment.

This will involve the removal of the existing spillway to a length not less than 15m long and a width of not more than two meters.

Officers from the Water Department handed over

the project to the contractor, who is to take two weeks to complete the work.

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

complete.

Kagati residents who are neighbours Sagana State Lodge lauded the project, saying it will improve the project to cover more households from the current 45 to more than double.

Staff Get Their Fitness On During County Health Day 2025



Photos - Peter Wangari
Story -Imelda Kinogu

"Health is not achieved solely through medicine or vitamins—however important they may be. It begins with a consistent and healthy lifestyle long before the need for boosters and prescriptions arises. It is for this reason that Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri was glad to flag off and join a convoy of County staff who had assembled at the Town Hall grounds, Nyeri town for a

health walk to Ruring’u Stadium. The event, organized by the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports & Social Services under the leadership of CECM Esther Ndung’u, attracted participants from across all departments. It was a day dedicated to stepping away from the usual work routine and engaging in fun, health-centered activities together as one team. The goal was to promote the physical, mental, and social well-being of county staff through a vibrant blend of sports, health education,

and collaborative engagement. Activities for the day included:

- A health walk from the Town Hall grounds to Ruring’u Stadium.
- Exhibition matches.
- Indoor games such as ping pong.
- Aerobics, cardio, and various exercise sessions.
- A special football match featuring CG019 and NYE-WASCO.
- Volleyball competitions with NYEWASCO.
- Pool table games and darts.

The staff were also pleased to have a Lifestyle Disease Screening Centre, courtesy of the Department of Health, offering:

- Hypertension screening.
- Diabetes testing.
- BMI Testing.
- Nutritional counseling.
- HIV/AIDS testing.
- Awareness talks on drug and substance abuse.

This initiative successfully broke the monotony of the office routine, giving staff a chance to relax, invest in their physical and mental wellness, and most importantly, have fun.

After all, a government serves its people through its staff. If they are not well—mentally, physically, or emotionally, it becomes difficult for them to deliver quality service to the citizens. Their happiness and comfort in the workplace matter just as much as their professional output. The County Government of Nyeri, under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, remains committed to supporting its staff holistically as they continue to serve the people of Nyeri.

Rehabilitation of Karichen Borehole Starts

The rehabilitation of Karichen Borehole in Thegu River Ward, Kieni East Sub County has kicked off. The project, which was established by the local community and Tana Water Services in 2018 has been running, though the community is unable to maintain it due to the high cost of electricity. It was a sign of relief for the residents after the Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change, through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Ac-



tion Program (FLLoCA), a World Bank-funded program, funded the project

so that it operates through Solar. FLLoCA has funded the

project which will involve solar installation from Grid Power to Solar Power driv-

en. The project, which kicked off after the officers from the Department handed over the project to the contractor, is expected to take two weeks to be completed. Once complete, over 150 households from the areas of Karichen and Nairobi villages will use the water for domestic use and subsistence irrigation for horticultural crops. A seven-member Project Management Committee has since been formed for monitoring and evaluation of the project.

Supply of Essential Drugs and Medical Commodities to County Health Stores

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health, received a consignment of essential drugs and non-pharmaceuticals from the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) at the County Health Stores. The delivery included a wide range of essential medicines such as painkillers, antihypertensives, antibiotics, and vital non-pharmaceuticals including gloves, cotton wool, and other medical consumables. This restocking exercise was aimed at boosting service delivery across all public health facilities in the county, ensuring that residents continue to receive timely and quality healthcare. Distribution to various hospitals and health centers across the county will commence immediately to bridge any gaps in supply



and meet patient needs efficiently. The County Government of Nyeri remain committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of Nyeri residents through sustained access to essential medical supplies.

Meanwhile, Mukurwe-ini Sub-County Hospital received a fresh consignment of essential medicines and medical supplies from the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA). The delivery included key

pharmaceuticals such as painkillers, antihypertensives, and antibiotics, as well as critical non-pharmaceutical items including gloves, cotton wool, and syringes. This supply, facilitated through the County Gov-

ernment of Nyeri – Department of Medical Services and Public Health, will enhance the hospital's ability to provide continuous, quality healthcare services to residents of Mukurwe-ini and its environs.

Courtesy Visit from Kenya Roads Board



On behalf of the Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Muta-hi Kahiga PhD., EGH, the Deputy Governor, H.E David Kinani-ri hosted a team from the Kenya Roads Board (KRB) who paid a courtesy call to his office. The team was led by the Kenya Roads Board Di-rector General, Rashid Mohamed.

They visited the County at a time when the Nation-al Government released Kshs. 100 Million to the County from fuel levy funds for the road maintenance in Nyeri County. The County Gov-ernment of Nyeri would like to thank the Board for the funds of the 2024-2025 Fi-nancial Year and is committed to

partnering with the National Gov-ernment to ensure more develop-ments in the coun-ty for the benefit of the Nyeri citi-zenry. The team was joined by the De-partment of Trans-port, Infrastruc-ture, Public Works and Energy led by their CECM Eng. Abdi Hanif and Chief Officer, Ann Kihagi.

ABDP Support For Fish Farmers



Story & Photo -Samuel Gitonga

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Aquaculture Development in collaboration with the Aquaculture Business Development Program (ABDP) and IFAD, conducted an eat more Fish

Campaign at Kahiga-ini in Kamakwa Ward, Nyeri Central Sub County. With the program’s guiding theme “Fish for Health and Wealth,” the forum aimed to empower members of the Kagaki Fish Farmers group with knowledge and practical skills on fish harvesting, market access, and value addition. The officers took farmers

through a comprehensive session focused on post-harvest handling, emphasizing cleanliness, cooking, and packaging of fish to reduce losses and improve quality. Farmers were introduced to various value additions in fish farming such as converting raw fish into diverse market-ready products. Practical demonstrations included the preparation

of fish balls, mshikaki, fish burgers, stewed fish, and sandwiches. These recipes not only increase the shelf life of fish but also open up new income-generating opportunities for small-scale fish farmers by diversifying their product range. Fish is a low-fat high-quality protein filled with Omega-3 fatty acids and vitamins such as D and B2. It is also rich

in calcium and phosphorus and minerals including iron, zinc, iodine, magnesium, and potassium. Further, eating fish is recommended as part of a healthy diet since it's packed with protein, vitamins, and nutrients that can lower blood pressure and help reduce the risk of a heart attack or stroke.

Mapema Primary School Borehole Rehabilitation Starts

A borehole that stalled last year at Mapema Primary School in Kabaruru Ward, Kieni East Sub-County, Nyeri County, will be fixed soon.

The project stalled after the submersible pump broke down but now the Department of Water, Environment and Climate Change, through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), a World Bank-funded program funded the project, bringing a new lifeline to the area residents.

FLLoCA has funded the Supply and installation of a submersible Hybrid pump (for solar and electricity), with stainless steel impellers, coupled to a three-phase motor capable of discharging 18m³/hour. Officers from the Department have since handed over the project to the contractor, who gave word that it would be fixed within the shortest time possible.

A seven-member Project Management Committee has since been formed for monitoring the project. Once complete, the 400 pupils of the school and over 150 households will continue using the water for domestic consumption and irrigation.

Hope and Dignity for All: County Holds Successful Outreach For Street Families

Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, successfully conducted a high-impact outreach program titled “Hope and Dignity for All: Street Families Outreach.”

The event, held at the Nyeri Town Municipality Hall at Whispers Park was aimed at restoring hope and dignity to street families while fostering their reintegration into society.

Coordinated jointly by the Sub-County Social Welfare Officers (SWOs) from Nyeri Central and Kieni East, the outreach program reached over 200 street-connected individuals.

The event provided a wide range of essential services, including:

- Personal hygiene and grooming
- Mental health awareness and psychosocial support
- Drug and substance abuse prevention



- Education on rights and responsibilities
- Information on skills development and reintegration opportunities
- Linkage to government social support programs

Interns and volunteers from the Department played a

pivotal role in the coordination, engagement, and documentation of the day’s activities, ensuring smooth flow and meaningful interaction with beneficiaries.

The team acknowledged and appreciated the strong support from the County

Government of Nyeri, particularly the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, & Social Services.

Special recognition was given to the Sub-County SWO from Kieni East and the SWO from Nyeri Central for their tireless efforts and

coordination.

Their collective dedication in Nyeri County demonstrated the department’s continued commitment to empowering vulnerable populations and promoting inclusive social development.

Measles-Rubella and Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA)

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

Nyeri County in collaboration with the National Vaccines and Immunization Program (NVIP) recently concluded a holistic two-day sensitization and training session for Sub-County Health Management Teams (SCHMTs) drawn from all eight sub-counties.

The training targeted Sub-County Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) who will, in turn, cascade the knowledge to vaccinators and Community Health Promoters (CHPs) in preparation for the upcoming nationwide Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA) for Measles-Rubella (MR) and Ty-

phoid Conjugate Vaccines (TCV).

This important exercise was a collaborative effort between the Department of Medical Services and Public Health and the National Vaccines and Immunization Program (NVIP), focusing on the upcoming national vaccination campaign scheduled to run from 4th to 13th July 2025.

The campaign will target:

- Children aged 9 to 59 months for the Measles-Rubella vaccine
- Children aged 9 months to 14 years for the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine

Vaccinations will be administered at health facilities offering immunization services, schools, and designated temporary community



vaccination sites.

The training was facilitated by the County Health Management Team (CHMT), with Ms. Dorris Opondo

from NVIP gracing the event as the national representative.

The Department urged all parents and guardians to en-

sure their children receive these life-saving vaccines during the 10-day campaign.

Nigeria State Team on Benchmarking Visit in Nyeri



Story - Sheila Indusa
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri had the plea-

sure of hosting members of the Kosofe Local Government from Lagos State, Nigeria, at his office. He was joined by the CECM for Lands, Housing, Plan-

ning and Urban Development, Ndirangu Gachunia, as well as the County Attorney and Acting County Secretary, Kimani Rucuiya, The delegation was in Nyeri

County on an officially requested one-day study visit to the County Government of Nyeri. The purpose of their visit was to explore best prac-

es in urban administration, local governance, and public service delivery — with a particular interest in how Nyeri County manages its devolved functions under the framework of Kenya’s transformative 2010 Constitution. The delegation consisted of senior government officials from the Kosofe Local Government who, throughout their visit, engaged with key leaders including the Governor, the Office of the County Assembly, and various directorates within the County. It was a good pleasure to welcome them to our beautiful County and to express our appreciation for being considered a benchmark venue. We are confident that this exchange will open doors to more fruitful relations in the future.

Ongoing Implementation Assessment for KISIP 2 Programme



Story - Priscilla Muthoni
Photo - Kenneth Ngatia

Lands Chief Officer Frederick Maina convened a crucial meeting with key stakeholders to assess the implementation progress of the Second Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Program (KISIP 2) across the five informal settlements

in Nyeri County. The session brought together representatives from the County Project Coordinating Team (CPCT), Gath Consulting Engineers, Losai Management, and High Point & Pinnie Agency Limited to evaluate ongoing works. The informal settlements are; Kiamwathi and Chorong'i in Ruring'u ward (Nyeri Central sub-coun-

ty), Kiawara in Rware ward (Nyeri Central sub-county), Mweiga in Mweiga ward (Kieni West sub-county), and Ihwagi in Iria-ini ward (Mathira East Sub-County). During the meeting, which is part of regular progress monitoring, the members examined multiple critical aspects which include the current status of physical construction works, compliance with Environmental,

Health and Safety (EHS) standards, financial progress, and implementation of action items from last month's site meeting. The team also identified emerging challenges and developed strategies to ensure timely project completion. This regular review process underscores the County Government of Nyeri's commitment to transparent, effective project execution

that will ultimately transform living conditions for residents in these informal settlements. The residents will receive substantial improvements, including newly constructed tarmac roads with proper drainage systems, installation of street lighting and footpaths, upgraded water and sewer connections, and better waste management through strategically placed dumpsters. These developments directly support KISIP 2's primary goal of enhancing access to basic urban services in informal settlements. They align with KISIP 2's core objective of enhancing access to basic services in informal settlements. The program, jointly funded by the World Bank, Government of Kenya, and development partners, builds upon the successes of KISIP I by expanding infrastructure development and institutional capacity building for sustainable slum upgrading nationwide.

Day Of The African Child 2025 Fete marked in Naromoru

Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services, joined the state Department of Children's Welfare Services in marking the Day of the African Child at Naromoru Stadium, Kieni East Sub County.

The Day of the African Child is commemorated annually across the continent to honour the memory of the students who were brutally killed during the 1976 Soweto Uprising in South Africa. On that day, thousands of black schoolchildren marched in protest against the inferior quality of their education and demanded to be taught in their own languages. This day now serves as a powerful reminder of the urgent need to uphold and protect the rights of African children.

This year's celebration, held under the theme "Planning and Budgeting for Chil-



dren's Rights", brought together children from across the county, child protection stakeholders, educators, community leaders, and development partners in a colourful and impactful ceremony.

The event was graced by

county officials, representatives from the National Council for Children's Services, local administration officers, and child-led groups who highlighted the progress made in advocating for children's rights, while also reflecting on the chal-

lenges that still hinder full realization of these rights — especially in education, safety, and social inclusion. Children showcased their talents through songs, poetry, drama, and dance, sending strong messages on child protection, access to quality

education, and the importance of nurturing safe environments for all children to thrive.

In a move to promote dignity and support girls' education, the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services distributed sanitary towels to school-going girls during the event.

This initiative is part of the county's ongoing efforts to ensure menstrual hygiene and reduce absenteeism among adolescent girls.

The County Government reaffirmed its commitment to continue championing the rights and welfare of children, particularly those from marginalized communities, including orphans, children with disabilities, and those in vulnerable situations.

As the continent continues to commemorate this significant day, Nyeri County remains steadfast in ensuring that the voice of the African child is not only heard but also acted upon.

Joint IFAD / GoK Mission Visits Nyeri

The IFAD/GoK Joint Mission Team visited Sagana Primary School in Mathira West Sub-County, which is a creative participant in the NORAD-ARNSA project within the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP), focusing on kitchen garden techniques.

The primary aim of the visit was to showcase the school's remarkable contributions to sustainable aquaculture.

Through its initiatives, Sagana Primary School is enhancing nutritional outcomes for its students and playing a vital role in boosting livelihoods within the community.

The team's visit underscored the school's commitment to fostering an environment of growth and sustainability, making it a beacon of hope and progress in the Community.

The mission team also visited the Zabibu ABDP Youth



Group in Tetu, Wamagana Ward, Nyeri County.

This inspiring youth-led initiative is making a significant impact through agribusiness, innovation, and social inclusion.

Zabibu is one of the youth groups that benefited from the ABDP grant, using the support to expand their

Black Soldier Fly (BSF) farming project, proudly branded "Wadudu wa Kuku na Samaki Zetu." To date, they have produced over 2,000 kg of BSF larvae, providing high-protein, affordable feed to local fish and poultry farmers.

In a unique act of social empowerment, the group is ac-

tively involving five former street boys from Nyeri town, engaging them in waste collection at Mudavadi and open-air markets, turning waste into opportunity while restoring dignity and purpose.

Other impactful achievements include:

-Hatching over 12,000 eggs

using a group-purchased incubator

-Establishing a Hass avocado nursery that utilizes BSF frass as organic fertilizer

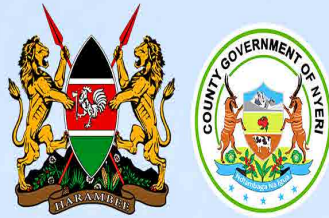
-Developing a web-based platform for fish farmers, incorporating AI and satellite technology for production, soil, and disease monitoring

-Strengthening table banking and enterprise skills through ABDP's "Start and Improve Your Business" (SIYB) training

-Improving procurement and documentation through ABDP's capacity-building support

With a focus on scaling BSF production, Zabibu stands as a beacon of youth empowerment, environmental conservation, and inclusive agribusiness.

The team concluded their visit with a stop at Gitero Mageria, where they met dedicated fish farmers engaged in sustainable fish farming practices.



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