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Groups equipped for AGPO opportunities



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The Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) program in Kenya is an initiative designed to empower women, youth, and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) by providing them with greater access to government contracts.

This affirmative action program mandates that at least 30% of all government procurement opportunities be set aside for enterprises owned by these specific groups.

It is on this note that the County Government of Nyeri, under the stewardship of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, EGH, facilitated a one-week training session for marginalized groups across all eight sub-counties.

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services conducted training sessions on the AGPO in Kieni East and West, Mathira East and West, Othaya, Mukurwe-ini, Nyeri Town, and Tetu Sub Counties.

The AGPO Program aims to facilitate the youth, women, and Persons with disabilities (PWD) - owned enterprises to be able to participate in government procurement.

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 tenders 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 pro-

cesses.

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

The training covered the following areas:

- AGPO requirements and registration
- LPO training and pre-qualification
- Business registration
- Financial management and funding
- ICT and digital skills training

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AGPO registration directly connects eligible businesses to government procurement opportunities at both national and county levels, empowering them to bid for and secure valuable contracts.

The program was attended by Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, who represented Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga. PhD, EGH.

Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u guided participants on how to register for AGPO and how accessible the process is, including business registration.

Holding an AGPO certificate gives individuals a competitive edge when applying for government tenders—both general ones and those exclusively reserved for youth, women, and persons with disabilities



down of Local Purchase Orders (LPOs), their components, how to handle them when issued, and the importance of professionalism in fulfilling supply obli-

gations. In financial literacy, participants were taught to approach loans wisely, focusing on purpose, planning,

and repayment. They were introduced to the 50-30-20 rule for managing income: 50% toward needs, 30% for wants, and 20% for savings. This approach encourages

discipline and accountability in both personal and business finances. Hundreds of participants who attended the training were also advised to be proactive in tracking how and where tenders are advertised and to maintain up-to-date documentation and readiness.



The County Government continues to urge citizens to seize such opportunities. Register for AGPO, set up your business, and position yourself for success. Stay informed through the County website—because readiness meets opportunity.

Let's not allow these opportunities to slip through our fingers. Keep applying—you just might find one perfectly tailored for you.

She also encouraged the participants to frequently visit the County Government of Nyeri's website www.nyeri.go.ke for updates on tenders, job vacancies, and other official announcements.

The program aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to participate in government procurement processes while promoting inclusion and equal opportunity. Facilitators gave in-depth sessions, including a break-



Nyeri County Ushirika Day 2025 Celebrations



Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, EGH, joined co-operators from Nyeri County during the UN International Co-operative Alliance (Ushirika) Day celebrations.

The day was set aside to celebrate the role that cooperatives play for the social and economic growth within society. It is also a day of pride, unity, and purpose.

Nyeri County's cooperative movement has grown tremendously over the years, recording outstanding achievements in economic growth.

In the past year alone, 16 new cooperatives have been registered, raising the total number of active cooperatives in our county to 215 and supporting more than 500,000 members.

This is a testament to the strength and resilience of our people and to the power of the cooperative model in driving inclusive economic growth.

Nyeri County proudly incubates the first-ever Health Worker Cooperative in Kenya, marking a significant milestone in diversifying

and modernizing our cooperative landscape.

"Our cooperatives operate across a wide range of sectors, from SACCOs, coffee and dairy, to Transport, Housing, Investments, and Worker cooperatives, reflecting the adaptability of the cooperative model in meeting the evolving needs of our people." Noted Governor Kahiga.

In response to the growing need for climate-smart and resilient cooperatives, under my leadership, through the

Department of Water, Environment & Climate Change, and with the support of the FLLoCA Program, we have championed climate resilient interventions by supporting four coffee factories with solar dryers, solar light masts, water harvesting systems, and tree planting initiatives.

The solar dryers have notably improved coffee quality through faster and cleaner drying, reduced post-harvest losses, and enabled farmers to cope with unpre-

dictable weather as we plan to cover more factories this year.

Another Program; the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) has supported 12 Farmer Producer Organizations with inclusion grants worth Kshs. 4.1 million to improve their office infrastructure and operations. Over Ksh. 30 million has also been issued to fund enterprise development plans aimed at enhancing value addition and agribusiness

activities.

Through NAVCDP, the County has also supported the formation and strengthening of 14 SACCOs with Financial Inclusion Grants amounting to Kshs. 10.99 million.

"I encourage our youths to join co-operatives and let us continue to build strong, transparent, and innovative cooperatives that serve not just as financial institutions, but as engines of sustainable development and social transformation." He added.

The County Government of Nyeri remains committed to supporting cooperative development through policy, funding, and training.

Congratulations to all cooperatives and individuals who are being recognized for their excellence and service to the movement.

This year's theme is 'Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Solutions for a Better World.'

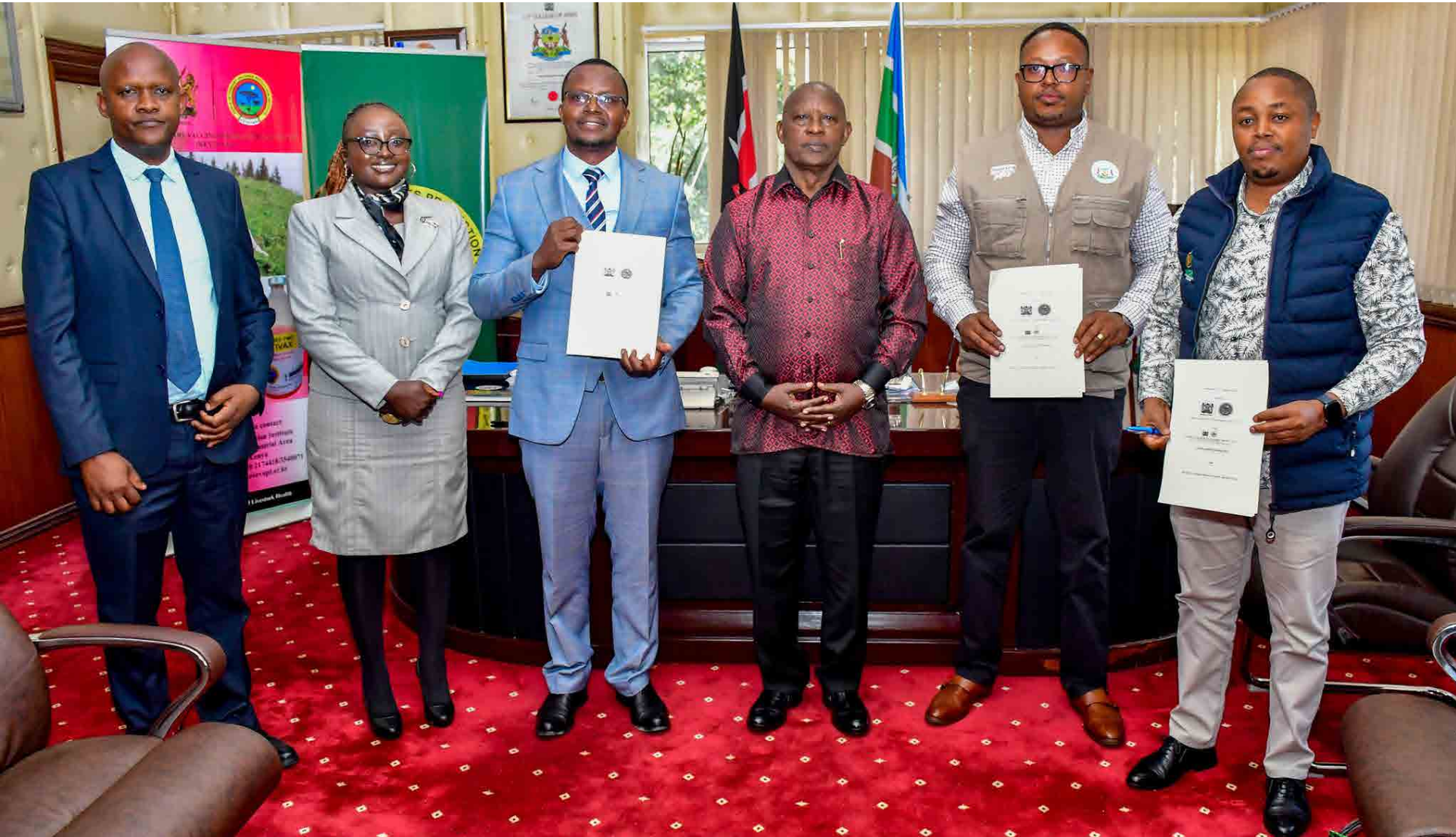
Later, he officially launched the 2nd Edition of the Nyeri Ushirika Cup Football Tournament at Kabiru-ini Showgrounds.

It was a thrilling tournament that featured eight competitive teams during the tournament stage.

The participating teams included CG019, Karundas FC, Police Youth, Cooperative University, Othaya Santos, Kiandu Blazers, Nyaribo FC (Nyeri County League Champions) and Karatina.



KEVEVAPI, Nyeri County Forge Partnership



Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo - Samwel Gitonga

Nyeri County’s mission is simple: to create, enhance, and sustain an environment that unlocks the potential of our people to achieve progressive socio-economic growth through an open and inclusive government. In the spirit of achieving this growth in the economy, we can’t ignore what Nyeri is known for—agriculture, and in this case, Animal farming, which provides us with milk, meat, and other related products. This is why we must ensure that our animals—our livestock—are in top-tier shape, receiving proper medical care and vaccinations. In his capacity as the Chair of the Central Region Economic Bloc (CEREB), H.E Governor Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH

hosted a delegation from the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI), led by their Managing Director, Dr. Alex Sabuni. He was joined by two CECMs: Ndirangu Gachunia, representing the Department of Lands, Housing, Planning and Urban Development, and James Wachuhi, representing the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Aquaculture Development. KEVEVAPI is a government institution formed in 1990, born out of a merger between three vaccine-related departments. The team from KEVEVAPI was here to formalize a working relationship with the County Government of Nyeri—laying the foundation to work together, assess how much vaccines each county needs, and

support policies and budgets that ensure all counties in CEREB get the vaccines they require. It begins with Nyeri County, but the vision is to bring all the others under CEREB on board too. The MoU signed between CEREB and KEVEVAPI is set to bring about working together in:

- Training farmers in the counties so they understand the importance of vaccinating animals.
- CEREB will coordinate everything to:
- Make sure that the counties follow a unified plan
- Help with policy, budgeting, and keeping track of progress
- Help the counties budget and plan
- Follow up to make sure the plans are happening
- KEVEVAPI will:
- Train county staff on how

to handle vaccines

- Help with farmer awareness campaigns
- Let the county veterinary staff visit their vaccine-making facilities
- Work with CEREB to make sure controlling disease is a priority
- Follow the MOU like any other government deal

The MoU will last five years and can be renewed should things progress as planned. KEVEVAPI produces vaccines, and having them as a close partner can help in vaccine production to combat outbreaks when they happen. It will ensure that there isn’t a delay in the purchase and delivery of them where the animals are dying. There was also an emphasis on getting the whole region, especially the counties under CEREB, to work

on a similar arrangement. Animals know no boundaries—whether it’s grazing or transport from one county or region to the next, the borders to them are very superficial. We might vaccinate animals in one region and then they get into contact with other non-vaccinated animals and cross-contamination occurs. “We are looking into ways where we can have a working system that cuts across all the regions so that animal diseases can be dealt with region-wise, to make sure that all are safe and no cross-infections occur. This is a good initiative that will help our livestock farmers and protect animals, ensuring we combat animal deaths and reduce the massive negative effects to any animal-related production.” Said Governor Kahiga.



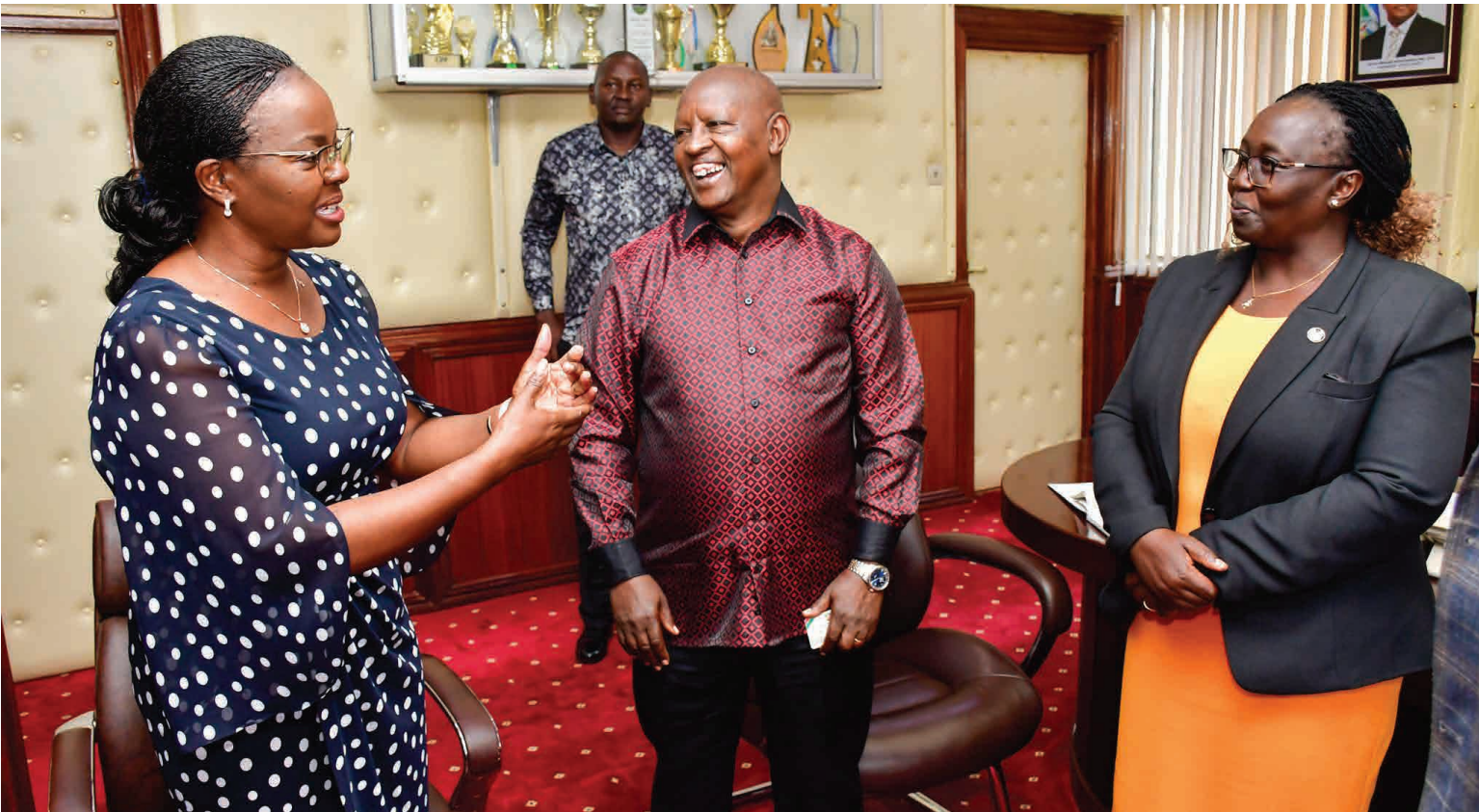
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Celebrating International Widows Day



Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga hosted a team from the Gender Ministry led by Gender, the Arts, Culture & Heritage CS Hon. Hanna Wendot Cheptumo and Gender PS Ann Wang'ombe

who paid a courtesy call to his office. He was accompanied by Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri among other leaders. The team was in Nyeri County to commemorate the International Widows' Day, 2025 (IWD), which was held at Kiamuiru grounds in Nyeri Central Sub County.

International Widows Day is a significant day which is a United Nations day of action meant to highlight and combat discrimination and injustice suffered by widows world-wide. "On this day, we stand in solidarity with widows in Nyeri County, Kenya, Africa and globally, recognizing their humanity, dignity, and

rights." Noted the Governor. Nyeri County under the leadership of the Governor has taken actions including the launch of Gender and Development policy and also the Nyeri Widows Sacco. It has also been at the forefront in the economic empowerment of its citizens, among them the wid-

ows. This has been done through various impactful programs like GBV sensitization and victims support, Advocacy for laws and policies that protect widows' rights to inheritance, property, and economic independence, partnerships on psychosocial and legal support services for widows, creating awareness to end harmful cultural practices and discrimination against widows, economic empowerment programs for women, youth and PWDs, AGPO training, support of vulnerable members of the community. Governor Kahiga encouraged the widows to take advantage of the different programs and opportunities availed by my government for the betterment of their lives. He also reiterated his commitment to continue working closely with the National Government to ensure more benefits for this gender.

PBORA Courtesy Call to DG

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri hosted a team from the Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority (PBORA) who paid a courtesy call to his office. The team led by the organization Attorney Lindon Nicolas was in Nyeri County to meet all stakeholders and the public for engagement in public participation session at Culture Centre, Nyeri town for the Draft Public Benefit Organizations Regulations, 2025. The Deputy Governor Kinaniri reiterated the administration's commitment to partnering with the programs of the National Government to ensure Nyeri citizenry benefits, and assured them of its full support during this initiative. PBORA is holding public forums for the Draft Public Benefit Organizations Regulations, 2025 countrywide



for one month. The Draft Public Benefit Organizations (PBO) Regulations, 2025, are designed to provide detailed guidance for implementing the PBO Act, 2013, in Kenya. These regulations, launched

following the Act's commencement on May 14, 2025, aim to strengthen the legal framework for civil society organizations (CSOs). They address key areas like registration, governance, reporting, and dispute res-

olution, promoting transparency and accountability within the sector. Once passed by Parliament, these regulations will fully operationalize the PBO Act, giving effect to the Public Benefit Organizations Act,

2013, a key legislation that provides an enabling legal framework for the registration, regulation, and coordination of PBOs in Kenya.

Upgrading of Kinoria Water Spring Almost Complete



Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Sheila Indusa

The upgrading of Kinoria Water Spring in Naromoru-Kimathaga ward, Kieni East in Nyeri County is almost complete. This is after the Department of Water, Environment, and

Climate Change jointly the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), a World Bank-funded program funded the project. The project has now been rehabilitated and protected to ensure more clean water from the spring is accessible to tens of local residents. Fencing using the concrete

poles and Chain link has been done, and bamboo trees and other water friendly tree seedlings planted along the protected area. Over 70 per cent of the work has been done. Such a water spring is important in providing clean, natural, and often mineral-rich water for drinking. It can also support local eco-

systems 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 commu-

nities. 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 now it will increase the water volume. 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 changing climatic conditions. FLLoCA is rehabilitating seven water springs in Nyeri County in this financial year. Officers from the Department of Water, FLLoCA Ward Climate Change Planning Committee (WCCPC) members, and Project Management Committee members visited the project for technical supervision and evaluated it before making the necessary recommendations.

Upgrading of Kiguongo Water Springs Is 70% Done

The upgrading of Kiguongo Water Spring in Naromoru-Kimathaga ward, Kieni East County in Nyeri County is almost complete. About 70 per cent of the work has been done and the remaining will be completed next week. And yesterday, officers from the Department of Water, Ward Climate Change Planning Committee (WCCPC) members, Project Management Committee members and the community members visited the project for technical supervision and evaluated it before making the necessary recommendations. This is after the Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change jointly with the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), a World Bank-funded program,

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Taking Healthcare to the People. Advancing Primary Health Care in Nyeri

Story & Photo - Liz Wangui

The Department of Public Health and Medical Services, in partnership with Amref Health Africa, conducted a high-impact Medical In-Reach at Gatondo Dispensary, Mathira East Sub County, a shining example of how Primary Health Care is being strengthened at the grassroots. This in-reach provided much-needed advanced specialist services, including:

- Skin disease consultations
- Eye clinic services
- Mental health screening and counselling
- Breast and cervical cancer screening
- General outpatient services, health education, and referrals

By decentralizing expert medical care and bringing it directly to rural communities, this initiative is breaking barriers of access, closing service delivery gaps, and placing people at the heart of the health system. These in-reaches are not one-off events, they are strategic interventions that contribute to a stronger, more resilient and responsive Primary Health Care (PHC) system in Nyeri County. They empower communities, ease the burden on referral facilities, and ensure timely detection and management of diseases. This is what progress looks like, where health is not a privilege, but a right, and services are not distant, but delivered.



The Department of Public Health and Medical Services, in collaboration with Amref Health Africa, hosted a transformative Scorecard Review Forum for Gatitu Dispensary at Gatitu Police Station, Gatitu-Muruguru Ward. This was more than a routine forum, it was a bold demonstration of people-powered accountability. Community members, health workers,

and local leaders came together to reflect critically on service delivery, track progress, highlight gaps, and co-create practical solutions for improved health care. Thanks to the support of Amref Health Africa, this forum gave the community a voice and the system a reason to listen. The health scorecard is not just data; it is a mirror of our collective

responsibility and a catalyst for change. When citizens speak and duty-bearers respond, health systems evolve. That is the heart of true transformation. Together, we are strengthening trust, transparency, and impact in our health services, starting at the grassroots.



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Commemorating International Widows Day 2025



Story & Photo - Rosebell Wambui & Peter Wangari

A widow is not defined by what she has lost, but by the strength she shows every day she continues to live, love, and lead." On behalf of Nyeri Governor H.E. Mwalimu Muthi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, H.E Deputy Governor David Kinaniri joined the CS for Arts, Culture and Gender, Hon. Hanna Wendot Cheptu-

mo, and the PS for Gender Affairs and Affirmative Action, Ann Wang'ombe during the celebrations of International Widows' Day at Kiamuiru Grounds, Nyeri Central Sub-County. The day was marked to recognize, uplift, and empower widows by honoring their resilience, advocating for their

rights, and mobilizing holistic support across spiritual, social, economic, and policy-driven spheres. Widows were encouraged to take advantage of the various programs and opportunities available through the County Government of Nyeri to improve their livelihoods.



Kiboya-Wakariru Borehole Set to Boost Water Access with New Storage Tanks And Distribution Pipes



Rehabilitation Work of Two Masonry Tanks In Tetu Starts

Rehabilitation of two masonry tanks in Dedan Kimathi Ward, Tetu Sub County, has commenced. The two tanks, each holding a capacity of 225M3, are for the Kina-ini Community Water Project. One is at Njogu-ini and the other is at Nyamakuyu. The tanks have been performing for the last few years and after rehabilitation which is set to start soon, there will be sufficient water supply for both domestic and subsistence irrigation farming. The contractor was handed over the site by the officers of the Department of Water, Environment and Climate Change and a seven-member committee was formed for monitoring and evaluation of the work. The project is being funded by the World Bank under the Financing Locally Led

Climate Change (FL-LoCA) programme. The work which involves general site clearance, excavation to remove side top soil and mud to an average depth of 2500mm around the tank and backfill after completion of painting, will take two weeks. Over 680 households from Njogu-ini, Nyamakuyu, Kamichugu, Kina-ini and Mwanda areas are set to benefit.

Residents of Gakawa Ward in Kieni East Sub-County will soon benefit from improved water supply following the installation of two 10,000-liter plastic tanks at the Kiboya Borehole. The elevated tanks, supported by a steel structure, will be integrated into the existing water distribution network through a piped connection to the borehole. This upgrade is expected to enhance water pressure and reliability, ensuring consistent access for households in Kiboya-Wakariru and Kiambogo—supporting both domestic needs and small-scale farming activities. Funded by the World Bank under the Financing Locally Led Climate Change (FL-LoCA) program, with additional contributions from the Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment & Climate Change - Nyeri, the project has now been officially handed over to the contractor for immediate implementation. To ensure transparency and efficiency, a seven-member Project Management Committee has been established to oversee the project's progress and evaluate its impact. The handover ceremony was attended by area MCA Hon. Charity Wachira, Kieni-East water officers, area WCCPC members among others. This initiative underscores a commitment to sustainable water access and climate resilience, addressing critical needs in the community while promoting long-term development.

Successful Launch of Measles-Rubella & Typhoid Conjugate Vaccination Campaign in Nyeri County

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

Successful Launch of Measles-Rubella & Typhoid Conjugate Vaccination Campaign in Nyeri County
The Department of Medical Services and Public Health successfully launched the Integrated Measles-Rubella and Typhoid Conjugate Vaccination Campaign at Nyeri County Referral Hospital, officially marking the nationwide exercise aimed at protecting children from life-threatening vaccine-preventable diseases.
The campaign, running from 5th to 14th July 2025, targets children aged 9 to 59 months for the Measles-Rubella vaccine and children aged 9 months to 14 years for the Typhoid Conjugate vaccine. Vaccines will be administered across health



facilities, schools, and designated community sites within the county.
Speaking during the event, Dr. JM Kiragu, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health, reaffirmed the County Government's commitment to strengthening immunization efforts, noting that "no child should be left behind in the journey to disease prevention." He further urged all caregivers and stakeholders to actively participate in ensuring every eligible child receives the vaccines.
Dr. Nelson Muriu, Director of Medical Services and Public Health, emphasized the importance of community-level mobilization, adding that the County had fully

prepared its health systems and workforce to ensure smooth implementation of the campaign. He lauded the Sub-County Health Teams, vaccinators, and Community Health Promoters for their tireless efforts.
Representing the Ministry of Health, Mr. Anthony Wachira from the Division of Vaccines and Immunization (DVI) applauded Nyeri County for its leadership and preparedness. He reiterated the national government's commitment to working closely with counties and partners to close immunity gaps and safeguard children's health.
We call upon all parents and guardians to ensure their children are vaccinated during this critical window. Together, let's protect our future generation.



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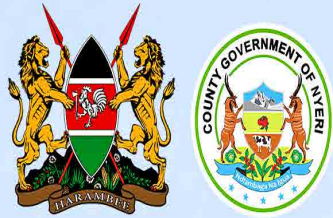


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