

It is through transparency and accountability that we will build public trust and achieve sustainable development

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



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

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

Nyeri County published 10 out of 10 key budget documents in CBTS 2024.

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

The organization recognized

Nyeri County for its exemplary efforts in budget transparency at the launch of the County Budget Transparency Survey, 2024.

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

lated to the County's budget. It was an award that affirmed Nyeri County's operations are in line with the Constitution of Kenya and the Public Finance Management Act, which mandate all 47 counties to publish and publicize budget documents throughout the entire budget cycle to enable the public to participate in shaping county priorities and monitoring the implementation of budgets.

This milestone highlights the county's commitment to enabling the public to actively shape county priorities and to hold the County Government of Nyeri accountable for budget implementation. It reinforces the belief that governance thrives when citizens are informed, involved, and empowered.

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Kenya's County Budget Transparency Survey 2024

Nyeri County Summary

Population
759,164

Health
99%



Water Access
91%

Poverty Level
26%

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

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CBTS 2020



CBTS 2021



CBTS 2022



CBTS 2023



CBTS 2024

Nyeri County
Improved in the
2024 transparency
index

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

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

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

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

He continued, “This recognition is not merely symbolic. It is a reflection of deliberate, sustained efforts driven by dedicated public servants, strategic partnerships, and a leadership that believes in the

power of open government. From our County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) to our quarterly implementation reports, we have made it a priority to ensure that budget documents are not only timely and comprehensive but also accessible in a manner that empowers our residents to participate meaningfully.”

The Deputy Governor also extended his heartfelt gratitude

that we will build public trust and achieve sustainable development.

Let us continue working together to build a Kenya where every citizen is not only heard but is empowered to shape their own future.” He added.

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Bajeti Hub | CBTS data analysis

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

“I also encourage all counties to remain committed to these ideals, for it is through transparency and accountability

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

Nyeri County will continue to

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

“Our vision is a Kenya where public budget decisions are transparent, and public resources are fairly distributed

to uphold the rights of every citizen. We strive to ensure that Kenyans have access to relevant budget information and the capacity to actively participate in the budget process, holding both national and county governments accountable. Access to timely and comprehensive information is critical for public participation.” Noted the Executive Director, Dr. Abraham Rugo Muriu.

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

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

Key observations in Nyeri County budget documents:

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

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

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

Wamagana Upgrade to Level 4 On Course



Wamagana Health Center has marked a significant milestone in the journey to improve healthcare services in Wamagana ward, Tetu Sub-County, Nyeri County, as the Directorate of Infrastructure and Public Works in the Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Works & Energy officially handed over the Wamagana Health Centre site to the appointed contractors. This handover signals the commencement of Phase 1 of the much-anticipated upgrade of the facility into Wamagana Level 4 Hospital. This project is the result

of extensive planning and collaboration between key stakeholders. From architects and structural designers to electrical and civil engineers, quantity surveyors, and other technical experts, every detail has been meticulously considered to ensure the hospital meets both national health standards and the unique needs of the local community. During the handover, engineers, contractors, committee members, healthcare professionals, and community representatives came together to conduct site measurements, discuss logistics, and finalize preparations

for the start of construction. Their joint efforts reflect a strong commitment to transparency, quality, and community involvement. Once complete, Wamagana Level 4 Hospital will offer expanded medical services, including in-patient care, specialized clinics, and emergency services, greatly reducing the need for residents to travel long distances for advanced medical attention. This upgrade is not just about infrastructure—it's about bringing essential healthcare closer to the people and building a healthier future for generations to come.

Karatina Hospital Enters A & E Block Construction Phase 3



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

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

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



Mobile Endoscopy Clinic Truck For Screening

Oesophageal Cancer is a silent killer—one that, heartbreakingly, is often discovered in its late stages. Even more worrying, it's among the top three cancers in Nyeri County. Alongside the CECM Department of Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. Joseph Kiragu, H.E Governor Muthahi Kahiga flagged off the fully equipped Endoscopy Tower truck at the Town Hall grounds in Nyeri town. This initiative, titled Global Health Research Group for Improving Oesophageal Cancer Survival in Kenya: The Hub and Spoke Model, is funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). The project is a collaboration between Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH), the University of Manchester (UOM), and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust (Christie Foundation). An MoU was signed with the County Government of Nyeri (CGN) in August 2024. The Endoscopy Tower truck will rotate through sub-counties and serve Level 3 and 4 hospitals, including:

- Othaya Level 4 Hospital
- Mukurwe-ini Hospital
- Karatina Hospital
- Narumoru Hospital
- Mweiga Health Center

Screenings will run for the next 30 days throughout the month of June. Oesophageal cancer, which affects the tube connecting the throat to the stomach, has a high mortality rate. Like many cancers, its symptoms are vague—often mimicking

other illnesses, which makes it difficult to diagnose without targeted screening. Some of the recurring symptoms include:

- Difficulty swallowing
- Persistent heartburn
- Unexplained weight loss
- Coughing or hoarseness
- Vomiting blood

Because it's so easy to miss in its early stages, timely screening is essential. Once the cancer progresses to stage three or four, it often spreads to the stomach, lungs, breasts, lymph nodes, liver, and other organs. At that point, treatment becomes not just difficult—but nearly impossible. Studies show this cancer is especially common in men, ranking as the 7th most common cancer in men and the 16th in women. Risk factors include smoking, alcohol consumption, genetics, eating extremely hot foods or drinks, and unhealthy lifestyles. The Governor reiterated his full support for this initiative, and encouraged Nyerians to take advantage of this free screening opportunity. "This disease is devastating our communities and taking lives that could be saved through early detection. Our medical personnel have been trained to continue offering these screenings even after this initiative concludes." He also urged everyone to reflect on their lifestyle habits. Many of the triggers, like poor nutrition, are things we have the power to change. Go to the listed facilities. Get tested. Do it for your health. Do it for the ones who love you.

Nyeri moves swiftly to upgrade its water springs



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 process 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 pro-

gram, 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. 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 Kirimukuyu 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.

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, re-

ducing 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. 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 impacted 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

changing rainfall patterns.

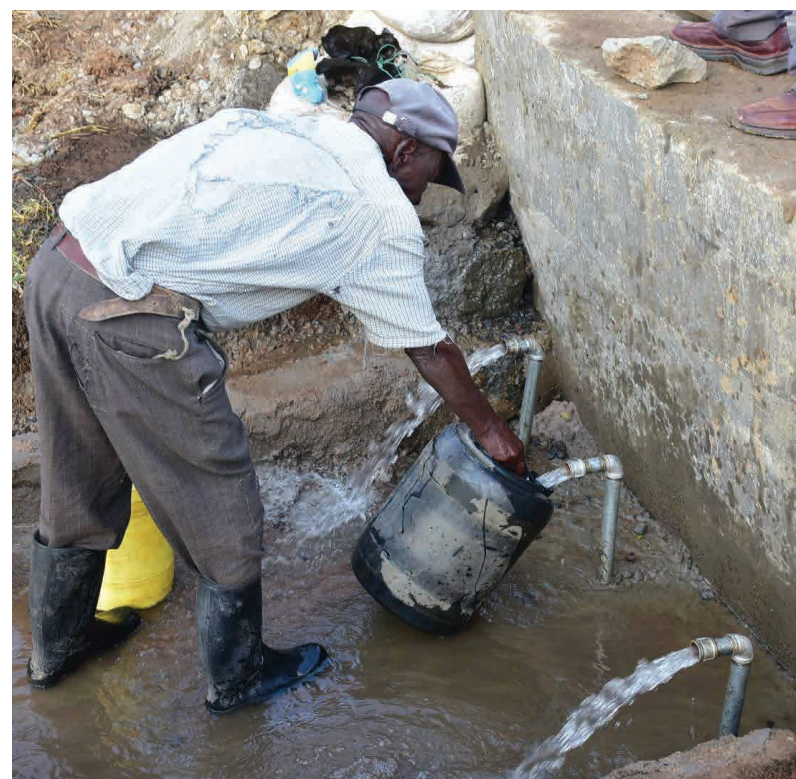
In addition, protection and conservation of the targeted spring will safeguard the springs from pollutants, erosion, and floods.

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.

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,



(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

comprising of representatives from Water Resource Users Associations (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.

Rehabilitation of Hathia Water Spring in Tetu starts

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 installation, 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.

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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 Kirimukuyu Ward, Mathira West Sub County.

The upgrading of the project has already kicked off.

The project will involve fencing, rehabilitation and protec-

tion 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.

ity. 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 changing 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



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. Consultant Obstetrician Dr. Maina Ngoi-go, assisted by Medical Officer Dr. Gideon Mucheru, alongside a dedicated team of anaesthetists and Nurses.

The team confirmed that all critical systems, including lighting, ventilation, 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

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 Kie-

ni 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.



Nyeri Aquaculture Receives Funding Boost



The Advancing Resilient and Nutrition-Sensitive Smallholder Aquaculture (ARN-SA) 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 productivity and resilience for small-scale aquaculture operations.
- Strengthen technical support and capacity building for smallholder farmers. Increased Opportunities for Youth and Women
- Innovate market approaches, including the establishment of smart kiosks, to empower youth and women.
- Foster collaboration with Aquaculture Service Enterprises (ASEs) as focal points for these initiatives.

Nyeri Library planned for Facelift



“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 lifelong learning for all Nyeri residents.

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IYF Academy Graduation Held at Whispers Park,Nyeri

Whispers Park was a scene of celebration and inspiration as 110 young people graduated from the International Youth Fellowship (IYF) Weekend Academy, a life-changing skills training program run by the IYF Nyeri Branch.

The graduation ceremony marked the successful completion of an intensive training initiative aimed at equipping youth with employability and entrepreneurial skills, offered completely free of charge.

The academy trained participants across a diverse range of practical courses, including computer packages, graphic design, painting, electrical installation, catering, sign language, theology, taekwondo, tile fixing, phone and computer repair, French, hairdressing, piano, and digital marketing.

The program focused not only on technical proficiency but also on cultivating discipline, resilience, and a solution-oriented mindset.

The event brought together graduates, parents, trainers, community stakeholders, and development partners, all gathered to recognize the dedication and achievements of the youth. The atmosphere was filled with optimism as graduates received their certifi-



icates and showcased demonstrations of the skills they had acquired.

The Guest of Honour CECM-Youth Esther Ndung'u, who was represented by Director Monica Thumbi, congratulated the graduates and commended IYF Nyeri for its unwavering commitment to empowering young people. She emphasized the importance of nurturing a generation

that is self-driven, entrepreneurial, and community-focused.

She noted that such initiatives are key to building a resilient youth population capable of driving local development and economic transformation.

She reiterated the County Government of Nyeri's continued support for youth empowerment programs and acknowledged that meaningful

progress requires strong partnerships between the government, civil society, and development organizations.

Thumbi further noted that the County remains committed to creating an enabling environment where young people can access training, mentorship, resources, and opportunities to thrive.

The graduation ceremony served as a powerful remind-

er of what is possible when young people are given the tools and encouragement to take charge of their futures.

The 110 graduates now leave the academy not only with new skills but also with a renewed sense of purpose, ready to contribute meaningfully to their communities and to the broader goals of innovation, job creation, and sustainable development.

Empowerment Drive in Mahiga Ward



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 Wezesha 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.