



Traffic congestion ease in Nyeri town as PSVs relocate to new bus terminus



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Efficient and well-designed bus terminus infrastructure plays a pivotal role in enhancing urban mobility and connectivity. Not only that, they also bring various social conveniences together within a locality, bringing numerous benefits for residents and visitors alike.

A bus terminus provides numerous benefits for both passengers and the overall public transport system.

It serves as a central hub for bus routes, offering amenities and facilities that enhance the passenger experience and improve operational efficiency.

Advantages worth mentioning include:
-Time efficiency: a good transport infrastructure contributes to the efficiency of transport systems. Well designed and designated stations help streamline the boarding and alighting process,

resulting in quicker turnaround times for both commuters and vehicles.

-Accessibility and connectivity: strategically located bus stations create a network that facilitates seamless movement across a locality, town or city, enhancing connectivity and making public transportation an attractive option for commuters.

-Convenience and comfort: well-designed bus parks take

into account service provider, passenger and vendor safety, for example, from adverse weather or unforeseen boarding delays.

-Economic impact: the centralization of a variety of complementary enterprises - both corporate and "kienyeji" - such as eateries, fresh food markets, mobile money agents and thrift stores, foster vibrant economic activity that continually boosts the locality in

which the park is domiciled.
-Information dissemination: stations are equipped with real-time information displays related to transport as well as advertisements and public service announcements that may further inform and empower the commuter as they go about their day to day.

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How Nyota bean is transforming lives in Kieni

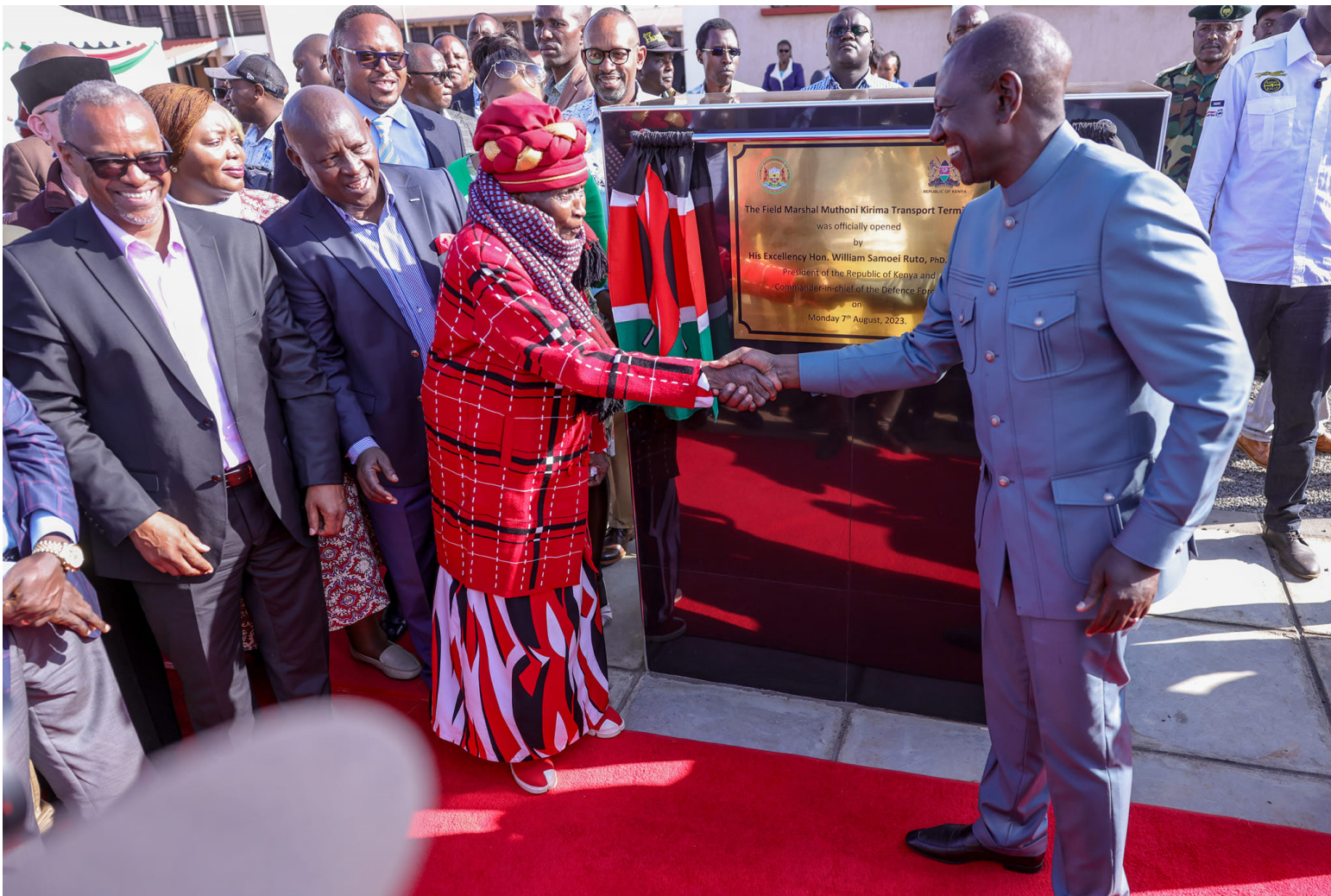
(PABRA). It has many declared benefits as compared to the other bean varieties such as:- It has a short maturity period. It has a lot of protein, zinc, iron, high fibre that protects from constipation. It develops many - about - 25 or more - 5 grains

Field Marshall Muthoni Kirima Bus Terminus

Named after the legendary female Mau Mau field marshal, the modern Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima bus terminus, or as it is more commonly known, Asian Quarters bus park, is a remarkable and significant development for the citizens of Nyeri County.

The bus park was constructed at an estimated cost of KShs. 600–700 million under the project, funded by the World Bank through the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) in partnership with the County Government of Nyeri. The groundbreaking for the Terminus, a major project aimed at creating one of Kenya's largest smart termini hubs, was held on 19th June, 2019.

It was designed to reduce traffic congestion, create job opportunities, and improve the overall transportation system in Nyeri town.



The facility was designed with extensive amenities:

- 240 vehicle bays (for matatus, buses, taxis, tuk-tuks)
- 98 booking offices
- 40 parking bays
- 51 lorry bays

regarding to the eventual relocation of their vehicles to the bus park, slated for 1st August 2025.

The PSV vehicles have until 1st August to relocate after

the court order issued by a Nyeri Court.

There is a general mood of anticipation with regards to this development. Vendors, boda-boda riders look for-

ward to the increased foot traffic that will follow the relocation, increasing the economic out-flows and product visibility.

Another issue is the fact that the move will significantly decongest Nyeri CBD, and also reopen an income stream for the county from parking fees, now that the parking slots will have been vacated by the matatus, buses, sientas and lorries.

Pedestrians too, are an optimistic lot, and look forward to less crowding and hassle as they go about their day-to-day within the CBD.

The new bus terminus will open up economic growth at the lower side of the townships like Kangemi, Ruring'u, Classic among others.



Situated around 1.5 KM from the Nyeri CBD, it was officially commissioned in August 2023 by President William Ruto. Soon after, traders based at Kamukunji grounds were relocated to the new premises.

Despite some delays since then, the relocation of matatus, sientas, buses, and other public transport vehicles has begun to get underway.

The Terminus boasts the following facilities and capacity:

-94 passenger waiting bays

It also has 1,000 business stalls, 5 sanitation blocks, water tanks, and a waste management chamber.

The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, EGH, through the Department of Transport, Infrastructure & Energy, has held several consultative meetings with key stakeholders representing various saccos within the transport sector, to iron out modalities and timelines



Governor and DG open Lands Forum

Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga, together with Deputy Governor David Kinaniri, was privileged to officially open the Counties Dialogue on Land Governance and Land Use Planning - Nyeri County in Nyeri Town. The forum was convened by Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP) and the National Land Commission in conjunction with the Ministry of Lands, and fully supported by the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Lands, Housing, Planning & Urban Development - Nyeri led by CECM Ndirangu Gachunia.

Urbanization has put great pressure on land both locally and countrywide. As are historical disputes that end up subdividing land without family consent. Climate-re-



lated challenges also put a heavy toll on land availability and use. The objectives, therefore, of these discussions were mainly to promote inclusive land governance, identify county-specific land issues, enhance county-level awareness and practice in planning, and strengthen citizen participation and professional engagement. The timing of these discussions could not be more apt, with key factors being discussed including:

- understanding land rights;
- participatory spatial planning;
- alternative dispute resolution mechanisms;
- shared civic responsibility with regards to land management, amongst others.

Land is an emotive issue, and touches on all aspects of an individual - health, family, economy and security. The Governor's administration stands fully behind this critical engagement, and is prepared to support the outcomes and conclusions to emerge from it, for the benefit of Nyeri's citizens.

CECM Dr. Kiragu Conducts Support Supervision in Mathira East Rural Health Facilities

The CECM for Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. Joseph Kiragu, led a support supervision visit to rural health facilities in Mathira East Sub-county with the aim of offering technical support and conducting a pharmacy stock review. This follows a recent scale-up in drug allocation targeting rural health facilities across the County. At Kiamabara Health Centre, Dr. Kiragu inspected the construction progress of a new ablution block being undertaken by the County Government of Nyeri to improve sanitation infrastructure within the facility.

The visit to Gatiko Dispensary focused on assessing the facility's readiness to operationalize a maternity wing and laboratory, in response to a community petition. It was noted that the facility is already equipped with laboratory equipment



donated by the Safaricom Foundation. The Department of Health committed to fast-tracking the necessary processes to make the lab functional. Additionally, the CECM addressed a community request for a semi-permanent shade to support health dialogues and community engagements at Ngurumo dispensary. He affirmed the department's readiness to support the construction of the structure. Dr. Kiragu commended the facilities for maintaining active Community Health Units with dedicated Community Health Promoters. He also praised the health-care staff for their professionalism, noting their high motivation and commitment to service delivery. The County Government of Nyeri remains committed to strengthening rural health systems by continuously investing in infrastructure, increasing medical supplies, and enhancing human resource capacity. These efforts are aimed at ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare services across all regions of the county.

Intake to Serve Magutu and Karatina Ward Almost Complete in Mt. Kenya Forest



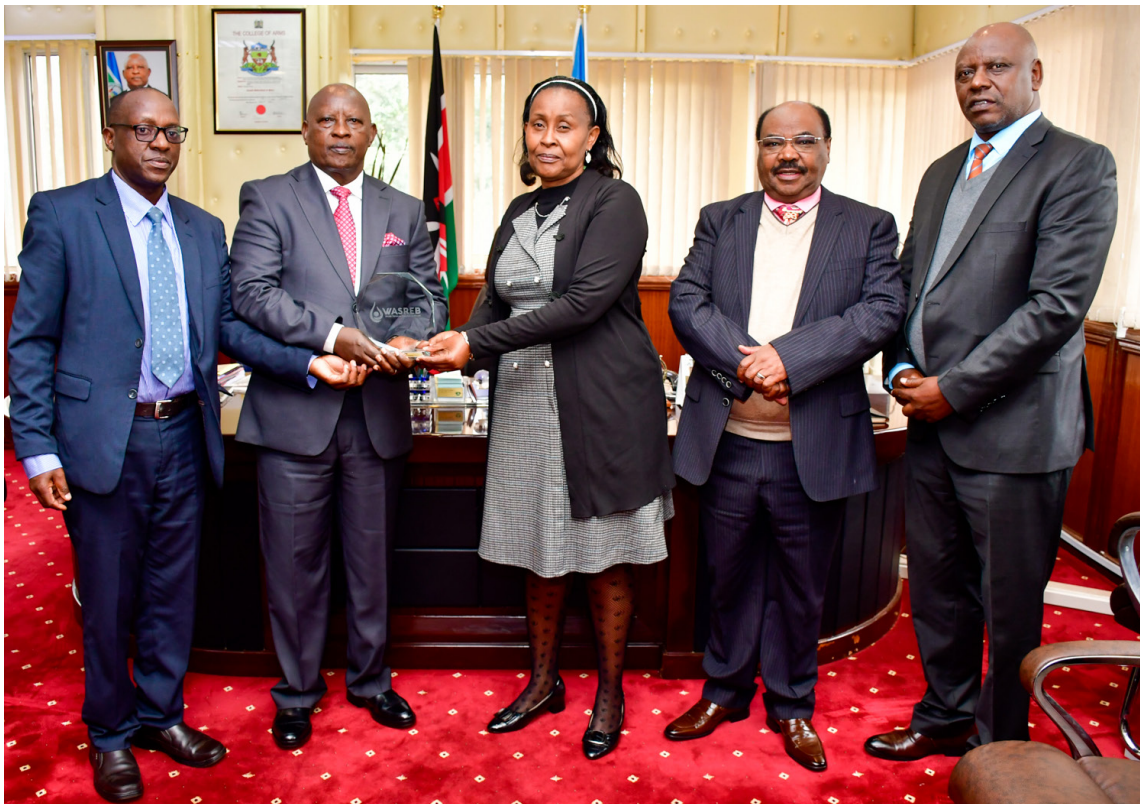
Story & Photo - Joseph Wambugu

Water is life's matter and matrix, mother and medium. There is no life without water. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi. The larger lower Magutu - Njukia -Mithakwa-ini- Giture Kia Muiru -Kibiria Kagongo water intake which is deep at Mt. Kenya forest, is almost complete. The project, which is being funded by the Department of Water, Environment, and Climate Change jointly with the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), a World Bank-funded program is over 80 per cent complete. The intake, which taps water from Ragati and Muthira rivers has taken almost a month so far. Once complete, over 2,500 households in Magutu and Karatina wards in Mathira East Sub County, Nyeri County, will benefit. The water will be used for subsistence irrigation and domestic use.

Kudos TEAWASCO on Your Well Earned Victory

Story - Celine Nduta
Photo - Peter Wangari

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH received a team from the Tetu Aberdares Water and Sanitation Company (TEAWASCO), which won a trophy in the recent WASREB IMPACT 17 REPORT 2025. TEAWASCO won the best company in the country in the Financial Reporting category, out of 95 companies in Kenya. Represented by the TEAWASCO Managing Director, Simon Wanjau, and the TEAWASCO Chairperson, Wamuyu Gathinji, while presenting the trophy, reiterated their unwavering commitment and dedication to enhancing their services and serving the



citizens in their jurisdiction exemplarily. In the same impact report, Mathira Water and Sanitation Company MAWASCO was the best in Commercial Viability, while Naromoru Water and Sanitation Company NAROWASCO was the Most Improved in the country. Nyeri Water

and Sanitation Company, NYEWASCO, once again reclaimed its top position in the Best Overall Utility in the Kenya water sector. Additionally, NYEWASCO won four other trophies besides the Best Overall Utility, bringing the total number to 5 for NYEWASCO. The other trophies that NYEWASCO won are: Top Utility in Non-Revenue Water Management, Top Utility in the Tana Region, Best Utility in Pro-Poor services, and Top Utility in the Very Large Category. This administration will continue offering immense support to our water companies in Nyeri County as they endeavour to deliver stellar services to our people.

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Nyeri Hospital Management Boards' workshop held

Story - Sheila Indusa
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH, officially opened a two-day close-out workshop meeting of the Nyeri Hospital Management Boards. The meeting brought together various hospital management boards to present their end-term reports, highlight key strategies, activities and initiatives implemented during their tenure, and demonstrate their roles in the hospital management Boards. Some of the cross-cutting successes include:

- Operationalization of theatre services at Mt. Kenya Hospital
- Investments in green energy (borehole, solar energy at Nyeri County Referral Hospital)
- Hospital collections increased from Kshs. 180 million to Kshs. 1.2 billion in



four years

- Bulk LPG installed at Naromoru, Karatina, and Mukurwe-ini hospitals
- Increased SHA registration (57%)
- Ambulance dispatch centre established
- Increased lab capacity at Mt. Kenya, Ihururu, and Mukurweini hospitals
- Improved capacity and utilization of the renal unit at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital

In addition, he pledged his commitment to supporting the health sector in Nyeri County, assuring the hospital management boards and all health stakeholders that the County Government would continue to prioritize health services, recognizing its vital role to the well-being of our community. The Department of Medical Services and Public Health has consistently received the lion's share of the County budget, reflecting this administration's dedication to enhancing healthcare infrastructure, staffing, and service delivery across all facilities in Nyeri.

Motorcycles, Motor vehicle for Giathugu Vocational Training Centre

Story - Linet Wangari
Photo - Peter Wangari

Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri had the privilege of handing over motorcycles and a motor vehicle to Giathugu Vocational Training Centre, a gesture aimed at supporting their growing driving school program. The event was held in Rugi ward, Mukurwe-ini Sub County. This contribution is designed to enhance hands-on training for students, equipping them with the technical skills essential in today's competitive job



market. The addition of these training resources will significantly enrich the learning experience and better prepare students for real-world opportunities. Giathugu Vocational Training Centre offers a variety of courses, including fashion and design, beauty therapy, driving, electrical engineer-

ing, and hospitality. Notably, the KCB Foundation has funded the training of 61 students, giving them access to quality technical education and a brighter future. This initiative reinforces the power of technical and vocational education as a catalyst for youth empowerment and community development. When we invest in skills, we invest in sustainable futures. Together, we can build a future where skills create solutions, and where every young person has the tools to succeed.



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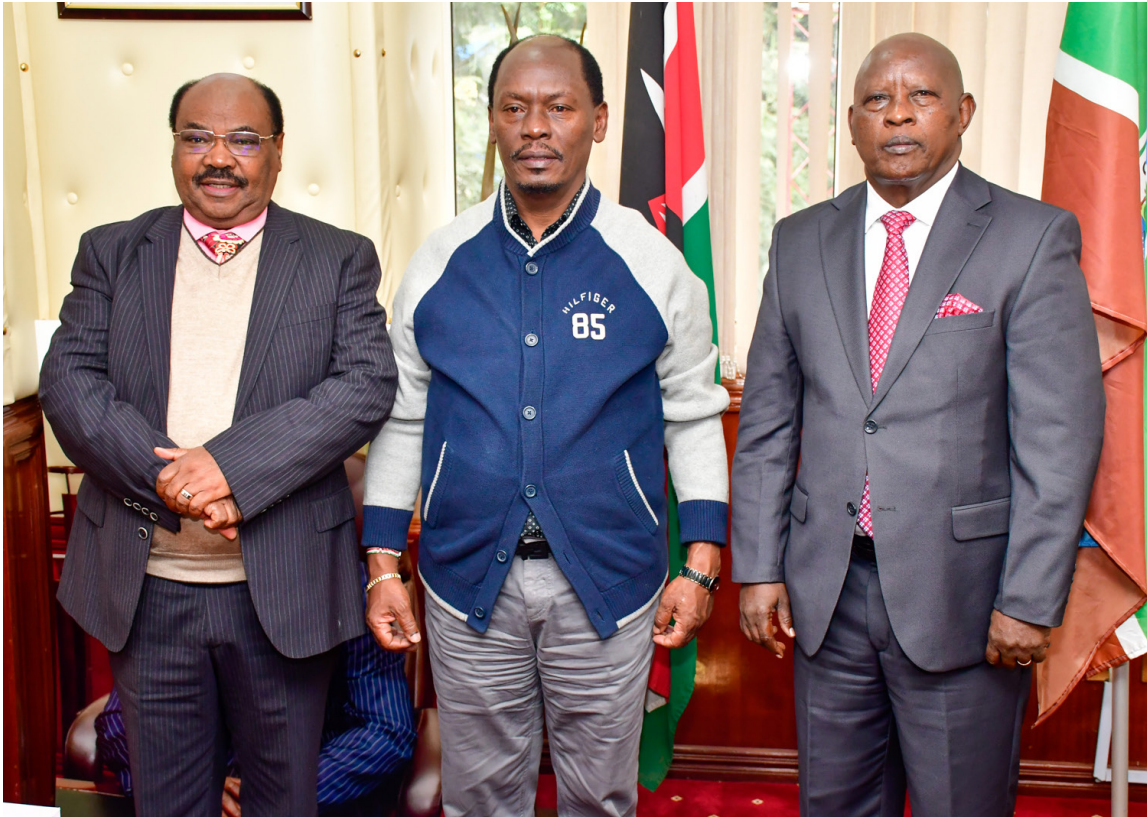
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C.S Kabogo Visits Nyeri Governor in Courtesy Call aimed at Enhancing Digital Synergy

Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo- Kennedy Karanja

From Information- ensuring public access to accurate government information and managing communication channels, Communications – overseeing media, broadcasting, telecoms, and postal services, to Digital Economy – promoting digital skills, innovation, e-commerce, ICT infrastructure, and online services: these are mandates of the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy. Together with Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinani-ri, and the Acting County Secretary, Kimani Rucuiya, Governor Mutahi Kahiga hosted the Cabinet Secretary



for the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Hon. William Kabogo, in his office. The delegation, which had paid him a courtesy call, was in the region to explore opportunities for boost-

ing growth in the digital and ICT sectors across the County. Growth is always on the rise when there is a strong, functioning relationship between the County and National Governments, especially in fast-evolving sectors like technology. In an era where innovation moves at light speed, this kind of synergy serves the people best. The CS emphasized his Ministry's commitment to ensuring that citizens have the right to access information, that their data remains protected, and that their privacy is respected. When we revolutionize our thinking, we create connections—both locally and globally

Land clinics held across Nyeri County

Story & Photo - Rosebell Wambui

Following the official opening of the Counties Dialogue on Land Usage and Land Planning by H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, EGH, the Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development has been coordinating a series of Land Clinics across Nyeri County's sub-counties. During the clinic at the P.C.E.A Hall in Naromoru, Kieni East Sub-County, citizens received expert assistance on various land-related matters, including development control processes, land transfer procedures, succession cases, and guidance on addressing the challenges of land fragmentation. This initiative demonstrates the county government's commitment to bringing land administration services closer to the people while promoting proper land

use planning and management. The collaborative effort between county officials and national government representatives ensured comprehensive support for residents' land-related needs, reflecting the spirit of intergovernmental co-operation in service delivery. A team of physical planners and building inspectors also participated in providing essential services to residents. Meanwhile, the Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development in conjunction with Council of Governors, European Union, Kenya Institute of Planners, National Land Commission and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations conducted a land clinic in Mukurwe-ini Sub County at Muhito P.C.E.A Hall. The land clinic was to help Mukurwe-ini residents with land issues such as: development control process, land transfer and succession matters, physical and land use planning processes, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, management of public land and effects of land fragmentation.

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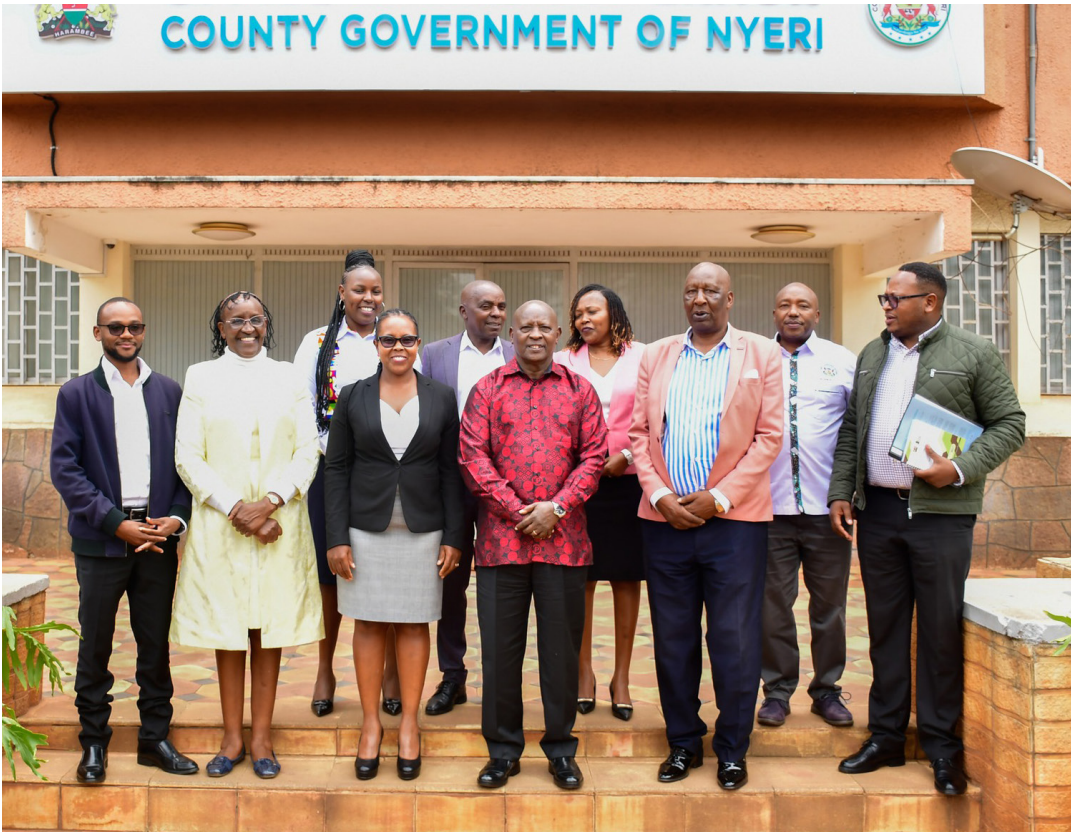
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Municipal team meets Governor



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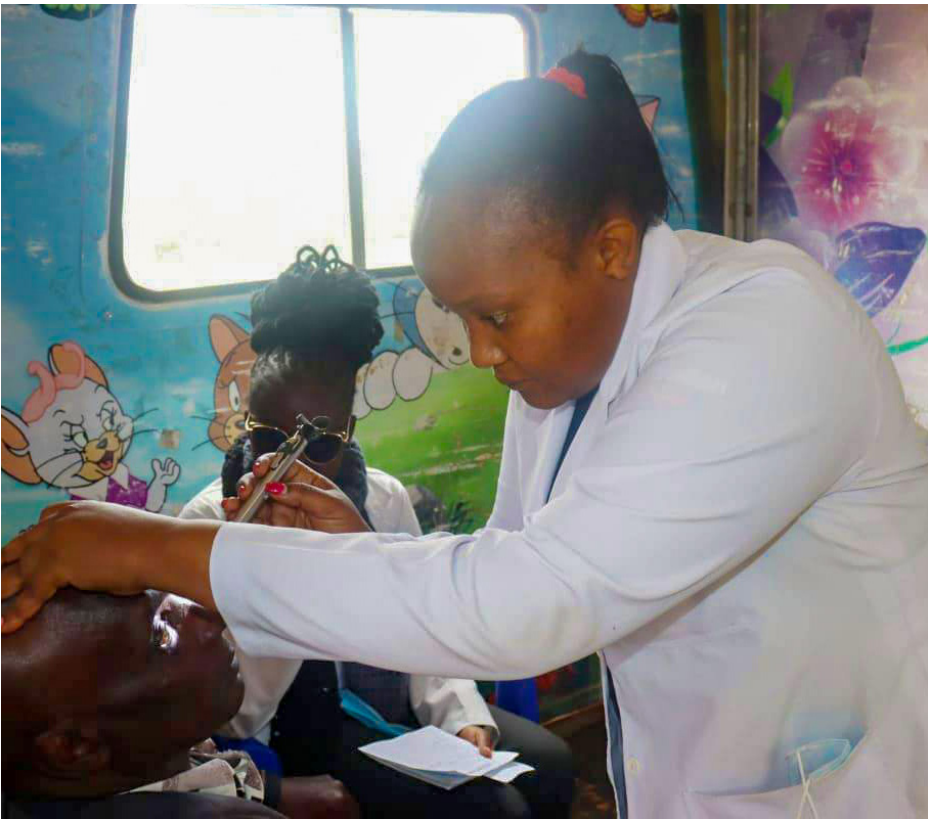
H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga received the Nyeri Municipal Administration team led by the Board Chair Jeremiah Ichaura as they paid a courtesy call to his office. The team was also on hand to formally present the municipality's Progress Report for the FY 2024/2025 to his office. Accompanying them was Department of Lands CECM Ndirangu Gachunia.

The report outlined key achievements around the following thematic areas:

- institutional capacity development
- budget implementation and execution
- garbage collection and disposal
- public awareness & sensitization on waste management
- town beautification
- infrastructural development
- citizen forums

The report also highlighted planned activities for the FY 2025/2026. The Governor appreciated the work, effort and follow-through documented in the report. He also encouraged both staff and administrators to ceaselessly put their best foot forward in service delivery to the people of Nyeri County.

Inreach Activity at Tumaini Dispensary, Nyeri Central Sub-County



A successful inreach activity was conducted at Tumaini Dispensary, bringing essential health services closer to the community. Services offered during the outreach included:

- Diabetes and hypertension management
- Ophthalmology and dental check-ups
- Lung health assessments
- Breast and cervical cancer screening
- Nutritional counseling

-Dermatology (skin) consultations

The clinician in charge, Masoud Abdi, emphasized the importance of early diagnosis, stating, "Early detection, especially of cervical cancer, saves lives."

The community continues to express gratitude for the inreach activities, which have greatly improved access to essential health services at the grassroots level.

Nyeri Central Sub-County Community Health Focal Person, Josephine Mathenge, noted the significant positive impact the ongoing inreaches have had in enhancing the health and well-being of local residents. This initiative was made possible through the support of Amref Health Africa in Kenya under PROJECT THRIVE.



Kenya Books of Records team in Nyeri

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country" - J.F. Kennedy.

Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga received representatives from the Kenya Books of Records who are at the tail end of compiling stories of the icons from and within our Nyeri community. The endeavour seeks to document stories through interviews with the heroes and heroines from Nyeri County, who have had a lasting and meaningful impact to our community, particularly through community service.

According to Kondia Wachira and Anthony Ndonga from the Kenya Books of Records, the essence of the book is to celebrate excellence by capturing the stories of Nyeri legends to inspire the generations to come. Preserving the legacy of our community's legends is instrumental in safeguarding our heritage and sowing the seeds of inspiration.

Like Prof. Wangari Maathai's Hummingbird ideology, it is the small deeds and efforts that ultimately have a huge impact, and we are reminded to do our part both individually and collectively in building our beloved Nyeri. They have so far interviewed 40 sons and daughters of Nyeri County and will soon be publishing the book.

Opinion Piece from CO Joe Gethi



Sometimes the value of a thing is never appreciated until it is not there. We have people who put their lives on the line for our safety and the safety of our property. Where we cannot reach, these people do. Just like our

police men and women, our firemen are there to do just that. Unfortunately, they are never appreciated and sometimes are stoned, beaten up, abused and humiliated. Like any other force or unit,

they at times experience operational challenges and of course using machines which can at times even fail. That's not reason enough to treat them so badly. Let's give the Governor of Nyeri H.E. Dr. Mwalimu

Kahiga a thumbs up for having one of the best (if not the best) fire units in this region. Already with 5 operational fire engines working within Nyeri county, this Nyeri fire unit has even been rescuing other counties during their

fire calls. Those who have been keen to notice thus, have seen in them:
-Timely responses to the scenes of disaster.
-That at NO TIME do their fire engines go without or with half-full water in their tanks. (In-fact try to move carrying a half full jerry can on your shoulders).
Our engines' capacity is between 5,000 to 10,000 litres (the largest capacity in the market). In a major response, this water must definitely get exhausted and the engine must refill. We have water hydrants (refilling pipe heads) that are spread across Nyeri county and in all major towns.
So Brothers and Sisters, treat these heroes and heroines with love and do not always look for their faults and shortcomings.
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