

County Government of Nyeri has established Kshs. 850 million Health Service Fund to support health - related activities

What Kshs. 8.51 billion budget will do for Nyerians

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

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 dumpsite fencing and solid waste management

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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, including 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, ENVIROMENT & 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

LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION, TRAINING & DEVOLUTION

- 52 million for supporting climate-related activities in the community
- 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

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

GENDER, YOUTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & SPORTS

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



TRADE, CO-OPERATIVES, CULTURE & TOURISM

- 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 main-

- tenance 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 pur-

- chase 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 Kara-

- tina Children's Home.
- 29.1 Million for sports equipment and the improvement of sporting facilities.

FINANCE ECONOMIC PLANNING & ICT

- 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

WARD-SPECIFIC PROJECTS:

- 14.0 million for Upgrading of System Software and efficient internet connectivity
 - 6 million for supporting revenue collection strategies
- Some of the other development activities targeted include;

THE NYERI MUNICIPALITY

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

- 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

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

Supply of Essential Drugs and Medical Commodities to County Health Stores



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 Government 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.

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 per-

forming 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 (FLLoCA) 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 back-fill 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.



Distribution of Pixie Oranges Seedlings in Nyeri Under the FLLoCA Programme

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 officers, 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 contribute 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.

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



-240 vehicle bays (for matatus, buses, taxis, tuk-tuks)
-98 booking offices
-40 parking bays
-51 lorry bays
-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 sacco within the transport sector, to iron out modalities and timelines 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.

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.

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.

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: The facility was designed with extensive amenities:

There is a general mood of anticipation with regards to this development. Vendors, boda-boda riders look forward to the increased foot traffic that will follow the relocation, increasing the economic outflows 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.



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Groups equipped for AGPO opportunities

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.



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

registration

-LPO training and pre-qualification

-Business registration

-Financial management and funding

-ICT and digital skills training

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

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 breakdown of Local Purchase Orders (LPOs), their components, how to handle them when issued, and the importance of professionalism in fulfilling supply obligations.

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.



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

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 and





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Land clinics held across Nyeri County

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 co-ordinating 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 cooperation 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.

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 Action 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 driven.

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.

Mapema Primary School Borehole Rehabilitation Starts



A borehole that stalled last year at Mapema Primary School in Kabaru 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..

Nyeri County Ushirika Day 2025 Celebrations



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 unpredictable 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.



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ABDP Support For Fish Farmers



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.

Inreach Activity at Tumaini Dispensary, Nyeri Central



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 counsel-

ling

- 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.



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



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-Gituri 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.

Kiboya-Wakariru Borehole Set to Boost Water Access

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 (FLLoCA) 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.



Upgrading of Kagati Dam in Mathira West Kicks Off

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.

Motorcycles, Motor vehicle for Giathugu VTC



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 engineering, and hospitality. Notably, the KCB Foundation has funded the training of 61 stu-

dents, 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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