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Nyeri set to roll out the E-Voucher Vaccination Delivery Model - As the county plans to vaccinate over 100,000 cattle against Foot & Mouth disease

The National Government, in the agriculture pillar of Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), envisages enhancing dairy and beef cattle productivity through the Animal Health and Genetic Delivery Model.

The Model's first priority action is vaccination of diseases, starting with Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD), through e-voucher delivery model. The genetics of the animals will subsequently follow.

The County Government of Nyeri will undertake the vaccination model under the stewardship of the Governor, H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH. The Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development through Directorate of Veterinary Services in collaboration with other partners and stakeholders will lead the exercise.

The Farmer Producer Organizations will spearhead and anchor/link farmers along the value chain to access



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

vaccination subsidy, through the e-voucher leveraging on technology for efficiency. The current foot and mouth disease vaccination model is based on targeted hot spot areas, mainly both Kieni East and West areas, where foot and mouth disease is known to occur. This model has encountered challeng-

es, among them low coverage due to limited resources and poor turnouts. Of late it has been noticed a widespread occurrence of foot and mouth disease has been observed in other areas of Nyeri County and hence the need to cover the whole county. Extensive coverage through the E-vouch-

er model will result in high coverage of 80% and above and hence the development of herd immunity.

Agriculture CECM James Wachihi said this programme will encourage all farmers to be linked to co-operatives for this noble exercise.

The vaccination approach to be adopted is a TIMP (Technology Innovation and Management Practices), - E-voucher-based Foot and Mouth disease) vaccination.

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This system will involve County-based Cooperative Societies' delivery, E voucher system, Muzzle identification, and Private sector service providers.

The County Government of Nyeri is targeting to vaccinate 104,044 cattle against foot and mouth disease.

The investment budget cost is based on per animal at Ksh. 160 which will cater for the vaccine, vaccinators, Mifugo 360 app, Safaricom, Farmer-Producer Organizations, Monitoring and Evaluation

Through the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), the National Government will support eligible FPOs with approved EDGs (Enterprise Development Grant) – Ksh. 110 per the Units (Heads of animals in the ward) as per the data in the KIAMIS, and the farmers will contribute Ksh. 50 / per animal.

The EDG will also support the cold chain infrastructure to support vaccine storage as per the specification to be provided by the Directorate of Veterinary Services.

The E-Voucher Vaccination Delivery Model is designed to have seven private veterinary vaccinators and one veterinary surgeon as the supervisor in each ward all recruited by the ward based cooperative under the direction of the County Director of Veterinary Service.

The Veterinary Surgeon will report to ward steering committee and then to the

County Director of Veterinary Services who is the overall supervisor.

The vaccination process will use Mifugo360 SuperApp which was developed by Exotic Moran. This Mifugo360 SuperApp will conduct livestock registration, health, and traceability platform.

Nyeri County Ag. County Director of Veterinary Ser-

vices (CDVS) Dr. Anthony Muguro revealed that in the App, there are built-in modules for biometric ID, geo-location, vaccinations, financial services, and market access.

The App is also focusing on farmer empowerment and value chain monetization as the animal registration is based on Muzzle technology that creates a unique iden-

tifier (ID) for every head of cattle.

After successful registration, the e-voucher is issued to the farmer, who will subsequently redeem it through the Animal Health Technicians.

Thereafter, the Animal Health Technicians vaccinate the animals.

Interns' Quarterly Meeting

Story & Photo - Sheila Indusa

The interns' quarterly meeting was held with the CECM for County Public Service and Solid Waste management Peter Macharia being the facilitators and Director of Human Resources Elizabeth Mathenge.

The meeting held at Culture Centre, Nyeri town provided an opportunity for the 6th cohort of interns to reflect on and share their experiences within their respective departments.

In addition, the Department organized a financial literacy training session facilitated by KCB Bank.

The session focused on savings, investments, and financial management—equipping interns with valuable



knowledge for both their personal and professional growth.

Other highlights of the day included discussions on upcoming activities such as:

- Tree planting initiatives.
- A visitation program to correctional facilities.
- Planning the calendar of events for the remaining half of the year which includes

but is not limited to:

- Team building.
 - A visit to Children's home.
- The event not only strengthened professional development but also emphasized

social responsibility and personal growth, leaving participants both informed and inspired.

Unlocking Potential Through the Wezesha Initiative

Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo - Peter Wangari

Together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, Mugunda MCA Hon. Johnstone Kamau, nominated MCA Anita Thumbi, and Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u, Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH, presided over the issuance of various merchandise to 18 Self-Help Groups in Mugunda Ward, Kieni West Sub-County.

The Wezesha Empowerment Programme initiative, under the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, aims to incubate income-generating activities and support grassroots development.

The Uwezo Initiative, under the Department of Gender, Youth, and Social Services, is designed to foster economic growth and development at the grassroots level.

By providing resources and support to organized groups, the county aims to incubate income-generating activities



and promote socio-economic empowerment.

The 18 groups cumulatively received three incubators (one, 500 capacity electric and two, 64 capacity solar-powered), 4 catering dishes, 8 barbershop shavers, 8 salon blow-dryers, a modern embroidery machine, a 5,000 - litre capacity water tank, a flour milling machine, a water pump, a multi-purpose printer, a restaurant capacity tea urn, 2 tents, 100 chairs, a laptop and a professional camera.

He assured the beneficiaries of the County Government's commitment to their success. "Empowerment is crucial for building resilient communities, and I encourage the people of Nyeri to seize these opportunities, explore entrepreneurial ventures, and generate profits. By working together, we can create a brighter future for our county and its people," he added.

"This initiative aligns with our vision for Nyeri County, where every individual has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to the county's growth and development. I'm confident that with the right support and resources, our communities will flourish and become more resilient."

Wezesha Empowerment Programme at Endarasha-Mwiyogo Ward

Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mwalimu Kahiga was at Endarasha-Mwiyogo ward, Kieni West Sub County, accompanied by Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri, Endarasha-Mwiyogo MCA Hon. Christopher Mbichi, nominated MCA Anita Thumbi, and Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u, to distribute merchandise to the self-help groups of the ward.

This exercise falls under the Wezesha Empowerment Programme initiative, under the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services. It aims



to support income-generating activities and grassroots development.

21 groups collectively received a generator, 11 tents, a 500-capacity incubator, 90 chairs, and onion seeds to boost the current crop.

The Governor assured the group representatives present, together with all area residents, that Nyeri County was fully behind them in terms of self-empowerment and socio-economic development.

He impressed on all to put the merchandise received to the best use possible, for the betterment of not only their families but also the community at large.

Impressive Turnout at Nyeri Town Health Center Inaugural Male-Only Medical Outreach



Story - **Barbra Wambui**
Photo - **Thomas Musioma**

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health held its inaugural Male Only medical camp at Nyeri Town Health Centre. In partnership with Amref Health Africa's Project THRIVE and other development partners, health workers representing various dis-

ciplines availed themselves to offer both services and medical advice to the hundreds to males, young and old, who braved the early morning cold to attend this most pivotal clinic. Physicians, clinical officers, nurses and various specialists facilitated the following services:

- Health education, including diet and nutrition;
- Urology review, including prostate and urinary tract screening;

- Laboratory services & HIV testing;
- Family physician;
- TB screening;
- Dental review;
- Skin review;
- Eye review; and,
- Mental health counselling.

Present at the in-reach was Nyeri Central sub-county MOH Grace Mwangi, who thanked Amref Health Africa's Project THRIVE led by Project Officer Deborah Kioko, for its continued and unwavering financial and

logistical support towards healthcare efforts within the counties, and especially towards today's activities. On her part, Kioko strongly emphasized the importance of screening in the treatment process, which allows potential issues to be identified and resolved early enough. Both research and data have consistently shown that male health-seeking behaviour is generally low. This low uptake of health services has been attribut-

ed to cultural pressure and stigma, prioritizing the hustle over seeking medical attention, the fear of knowing one's health status, and even what some may call machismo or machoism. This in-reach, however, illustrated the changing perception amongst the men-folk, with a majority not only actively participating in the screening processes, but emphatically requesting that such clinics be held regularly.



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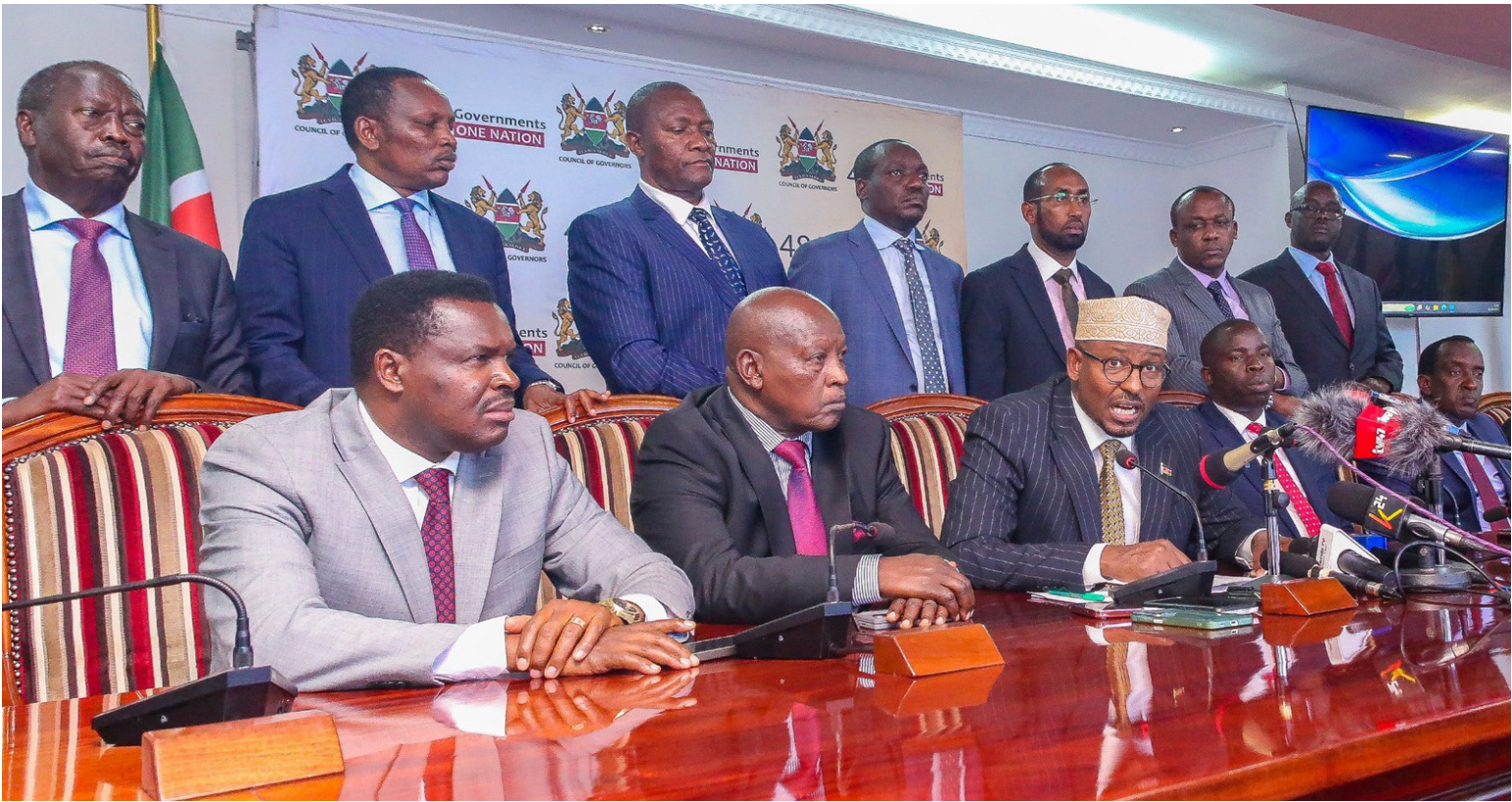
CoG ExtraOrdinary Meeting

Story & Photo -Joseph Wambugu

As the Council of Governors Vice Chair, H.E Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH joined the Chairman H.E. FCPA Ahmed Abdullahi, EGH and Colleague Governors during an Extra Ordinary Council meeting held at Ugatuzi House, Nairobi County.

The CoG convened the Meeting to deliberate on critical issues affecting service delivery across the Counties.

- Following extensive discussions of issues, they made several resolutions on the following issues:
- Absorption of UHC Staff
 - Labor relations in the Health Sector
 - Career Guidelines for Health Workers
 - Outstanding Salary re-



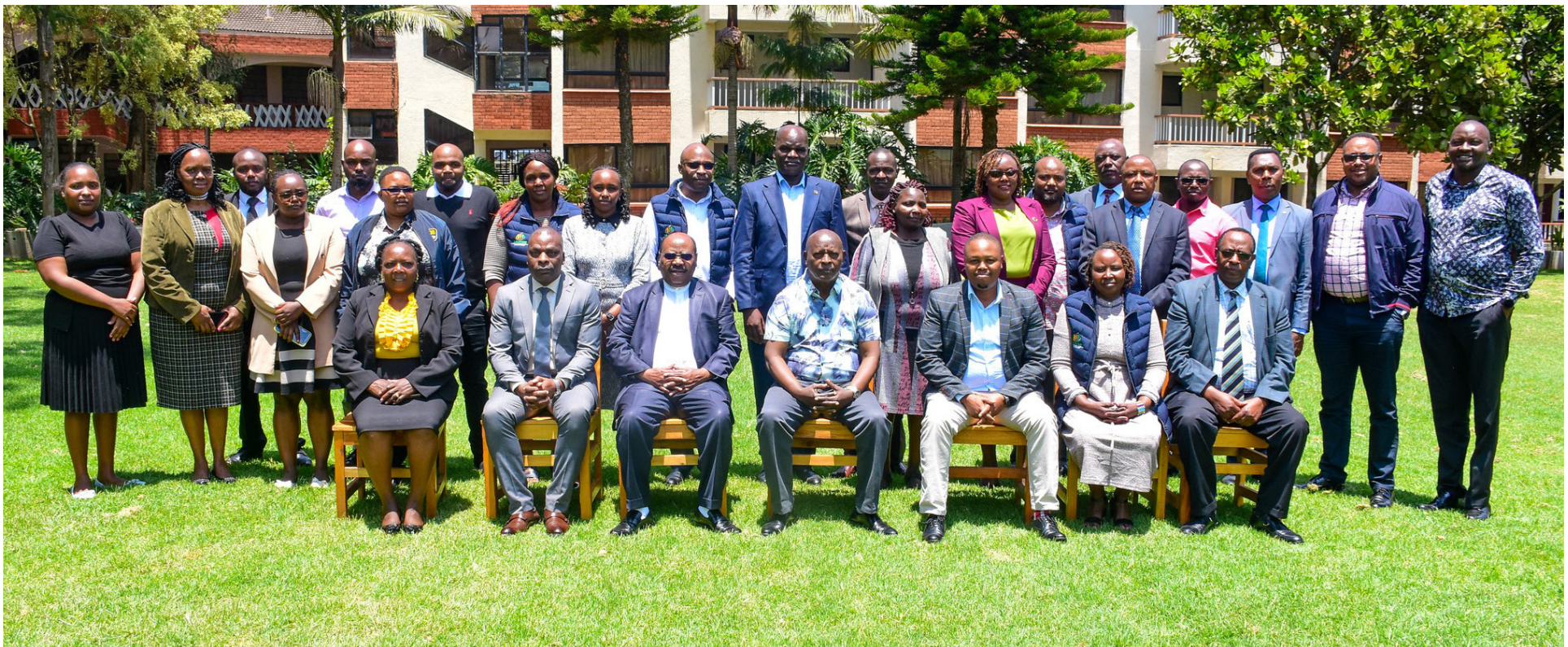
views for County Workers
- Mandatory roll-out of the Electronic Government Procurement System (e-GP) as directed by National Treasury.

The Council of Governors emphasizes the need for continuous consultation and cooperation between the two levels of government before any circulars or direc-

tives that have a direct impact on service delivery can be issued. This is what our Constitution demands. As County Governments, the governors reiterated

their commitment to upholding the principles of national values and principles of governance as enshrined under Article 10 of the Constitution in service delivery.

In Support of Agriculture



Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Peter Wangari

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, rolled out the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) animal health and breed improvement delivery model, to be done through E-Voucher.

The Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development also presented the NAVCDP progress report which would help in service delivery. Nyeri County has been implementing the NAVCDP project since 2022. The project has supported the growth of priority value chains, namely Coffee, Bananas, Avocado, Irish

Potato, and Dairy Cows, through capacity building of farmers, mobilization of beneficiaries to form community institutions such as CIGS/VMGS, Farmers' Producer Organizations, and Ward-Based Agri-SAC-COS. These initiatives aim to achieve the project development objective: "To increase market participation and value addition for tar-

geted farmers in select value chains in project areas." In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, in collaboration with key value chain players, has developed an Animal Health and Breed Improvement Delivery Model to strengthen extension service delivery across the country through an electronic subsidy platform. This platform, similar to

the already established fertilizer e-voucher, will facilitate subsidies for livestock farmers. The technical committee has developed guidelines, training modules, and an integrated e-voucher system to support subsidized services such as herd health, artificial insemination, vaccination, animal feed, and animal identification, among others.

Memorable Maternity Day Commemoration at Ihururu Level 4

Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo - Priscilla Muthoni

It was a memorable day for tens of expectant mothers during the quarterly Maternity and Maternal Health Day at Ihururu Level 4 Hospital in Tetu Sub-County. Hosted by the able staff led by Facility Nurse Manager Isaac Wamai, mothers-to-be at diverse stages of maternal development were taken through pertinent areas of their journey. Critical areas discussed during the interactive session included issues touching on:

- risks involved concerning home deliveries;
- importance on immunizing the newborn;
- danger signs during pregnancy such as abnormal swelling and bleeding, convulsions, severe abdominal pain and fever;
- the importance of SHA registration in pre-delivery, delivery and post-delivery care; and,
- the importance of utilizing both the staff and resources already available at the facility to access timely services and referrals should need arise.

A presentation by Dr. Ziporah Thuo (Mental Health



& Psychiatry) triggered discussion around issues such as stigma surrounding pregnancy, post-natal depression, causes for the same and how the concerns could be mitigated. Those in attendance were also encouraged to take advantage of the hospital's short code sms communication to or queries regarding any ongoing issues that

may come up during their day to day. During his presentation, Dr. Muriithi Nyawira, MD, facilitated an interactive Q&A session with the participants, clarifying issues and allaying perceptions and myths touching on pregnancy, delivery and motherhood. Nyeri County through the Department of Medical

Services & Public Health continues to adhere to its commitment to provide quality service and assurance to Nyeri's residents, as evidenced at Ihururu Level 4 Hospital. All mothers-to-be, both local and from diverse areas are welcome to attend these clinic days, held every 3 months. In addition, the medical fa-

cility is on the verge of rolling out its High Risk Clinics to manage emergent issues and complications such as high blood pressure during pregnancy, miscarriages, diabetes during pregnancy. Maternal health is crucial for mother, babies, and society as a whole. Together, let us continue to raise healthy Nyeri generations, for the benefit of all.

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