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Governor Kahiga: My eight-year scorecard

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Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH, has outlined the County's eight-year scorecard.

During the State of the County Address tabled at the County Assembly of Nyeri, the Governor highlighted key progress and achievements across all 10 Departments.

We can focus on the key achievements for each Department.

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture continues to be the backbone of our country's economy. To better focus our investments in the sector, my administration mapped out 6 priority value chains. These include, coffee, tea, dairy, potato, horticulture and aquaculture.

To improve the quality of our soils, my government procured and distributed 112,500 bags of agricultural lime and other soil conditioners at a cost of Kshs. 66 million. Additionally, the administration procured three digital soil scanners,

which are used to support farmers in analysing soil samples at subsidized rates. This initiative has increased farmers' awareness of the importance of soil testing, enabling them to determine the appropriate type and rate of fertilizer application, thereby reducing production costs.

A total of 145,334 farmers have been reached thus far, and have been able to receive e-vouchers for fertilizer. my government has operationalized 11 satellite last mile fertilizer stores, through which a total of 240,000 bags of subsidized fertilizer have been redeemed over the last three seasons.

To enhance resilience in the phase of climate change, my administration in partnership with development partners, has put an additional 2,370 acres under

irrigation, touching on 11,179 households. This has been achieved through an investment in 13 community irrigation projects at a cost of Kshs 232.5 million.

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The projects included: three masonry water tanks: Trefos / Kiburuti, Gatarakwa, and Mutitu “B,” three earth dam rehabilitation projects including Kamangura (Mikumbune), Kiria Earth Dam desilting, and Lusoi Earth Dam. six irrigation Water projects namely Thiha Micro Irrigation Project, Thiha-Sagana Water Project, Lower Kakuret Water Project, Nganyuthe Water Project, Birichia Dam Irrigation Water Project, and Mureru Irrigation Water Project.

To boost extension and promote modern production techniques, my administration has over the eight years, recruited 158 additional Agricultural extension officers.

Nyeri is ranked among the best resourced counties in extension. To increase the mobility of officers, we have invested in eight additional vehicles, and 18 motorbikes at a cost of Kshs 40.5 million. We engaged 140 young professionals in agriculture, under the agripreneurship program.

In 2017/18, the county had a total production of 23.1 million kilos of cherry. This was a huge drop from the high production that the county enjoyed in the 80s and early 90s.

Last FY the County had a total production of 33.2 million kilos of cherry valued at Kshs. 3.9 billion.

It is important to note, that in the last coffee year, Nyeri farmers received some of the best prices in the Country.

A special mention to Njuri-ga Coffee Cooperative, that paid Ksh 172 for every kilo of cherry.

To enhance efficiency in wet processing, my government has rehabilitated 39 coffee factories at a cost of Kshs. 101.2 million.

To promote youth inclusion in the coffee value chain, my administration has distributed 20,000 coffee seedlings, 720 tons of manure, and 151 knapsack sprayers to youth in Kirimukuyu Ward. Our dairy production has risen from 94 million litres in the FY 2017/18 to 121 million litres in the last

leading to higher production.

On breeding, Nyeri County has been able to achieve over 70 percent adoption of artificial insemination.

My government has procured semen and liquid nitrogen worth Kshs. 65.2 million over the period under review. To improve AI service delivery, we have incorporated technology, through the Ndume App to monitor inseminations and improve on reporting.



financial year.

Dairy revenue over the same period grew from Kshs 4.4 billion to Kshs 5.4 billion.

This growth is attributed to our investments in disease control, breeding and feed support programs.

On vaccination, my administration has invested Kshs 64 million over the period under review. This has enabled us to vaccinate over 75,000 animals every year.

This has tremendously improved our herd health,

processing equipment worth Kshs 50 million. These include, four milk pasteurizers, 2 milk ATMs, 3 milk pre-chillers, and milk cans.

In a bid to diversify on dairy products, we have distributed 1,134 dairy goats at a cost of Kshs. 28 million to 101 farmer groups in the county. This in a bid to boost nutrition and enhance climate resilience.

During the period under review, my government has procured and distributed 288,000 high-value fruit seedlings—including grafted Hass avocado, macadamia, tissue-culture bananas, and mango seedlings—worth Kshs. 50 Million.

The total acreage under avocado has grown from 272 hectares in 2017 to 1,800 hectares in 2023, while production increased from 3,526 metric tonnes to 19,678 metric tonnes during the same period, making Nyeri the 5th highest producing County in the Country.

Nyeri County is known for high-quality tea production in the country. Tea

Kshs. 20.6 million.

To support household level food and nutrition initiatives, my administration has over the period under review, procured and distributed 398,173 one month old chicks, worth Kshs. 111.5 million reaching over 530 farmer groups in the county.

This has been through our cooperation with donor projects including the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project, FLoCCA, and our Ward specific interventions.

Further, we have procured and distributed 17.3 tons of certified maize seed at a cost of Kshs 5.2 million, 13 tonnes of clean bean seed at a cost of Kshs. 4.2 million and 484.7 tons of certified potato seed at a cost of Kshs. 34 million.

On aquaculture, and through our collaboration with IFAD, we have provided support to 1,521 fish farmers with over 1.5 million fingerlings, 583 tonnes of fish feed, 586 pond liners, and 37 cover nets at a cost of Ksh 107.9 million.

Through these interventions, annual fish production has since increased from six tonnes to 22 tonnes valued at Kshs. 9.9 million.

WATER, IRRIGATION, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

My Government has remained steadfast in its mission to protect the environment, mitigate against climate change and promote sustainable development across Nyeri County. Our relentless commitment to environmental stewardship has thus solidified our position as the leading county in forest and tree cover and coverage rates of 40.1% and 45.7%, respectively.

We have constructed 48 Masonry tanks of capacity ranging from 100m3 to 225m3, at a cost of Kshs. 192 million which are completed and in use.

These tanks are distributed in all the 8 sub-counties.

In addition, 103 plastic tanks of 10,000 Litres, 307 plastic tanks with a capacity of 1000 liters at cost of Kshs. 14.5 million and 1,075 water meters at a cost of Kshs.

production grew from 17.2 million kilos of green leaf in 2017/18 to a high of 23.2 million kilos in the year 2023/24.

Last year, production slightly declined to 18.9 million tons largely due to dry weather. To improve tea productivity, the Department distributed 100,000 tea seedlings to farmers and rehabilitated seven Tea Buying Centers, with one currently under construction at a combined cost of

To improve on the dairy cold chain, we have over the eight years distributed 32 milk coolers to our 23 cooperatives and self-help groups. This has increased the volume of milk sold through formal channels and reduced on post-harvest losses.

To increase milk processing, my government has supported community owned dairy processors, including Wakulima Dairy, Keini Dairy, Slopes Dairy, and Kairuthi Dairy with pro-

3.7 million have been provided to consumers across various wards.

Two water treatment plants with a capacity of 2000m³ per day were installed in Naromoru and Titie at a cost of Kshs. 56.3 million.

The facilities were funded with an additional Kshs. 6.2 million for power supply. Dams and water pans remain a major source of water for livestock use in some areas, and hence their rehabilitation and construction remain a priority.

In furtherance to this, we have constructed one dam in Kiguru, Mweiga Ward at a cost of Kshs. 3.9 million.

Some of the other completed water and irrigation projects within the period include Muthira Pipeline, Kirimukuyu Pipeline from Mawasco, Mukore Pipeline and Kimathi - Muhoya Mainline, Gikondi Nganyuthe Phase One, Kihuyo Mainline at a combined cost of Kshs. 300 million.

These extended pipeline works, covering approximately 252 kilometers, were largely managed by community-based organi-

holes at a cost of over Kshs. 200 million. 48 of them have been completed and in use. This has been possible through collaboration with Tana Water Development Agency, Upper Tana Water Project and the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority.

We have continued to champion environmental conservation across Nyeri County, and in the period under review, my government issued a total of 11,000 assorted tree species to various institutions and community groups.

This included 7,000 fruit seedlings and 4,000 indigenous and exotic tree species, strategically distributed to promote food security, biodiversity and environmental sustainability.

My Government remains committed to ensuring every citizen's right to a clean and healthy environment. We have advanced this commitment through active community engagement, strategic partnerships and strict adherence to environmental regulations.

We have coordinated the



ronmental conservation, and climate resilience.

TRADE, TOURISM, CULTURE & COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

The trade sub-sector continued to invest in market improvement initiatives aimed at enhancing the overall business environment for traders.

Over the years, the sub-sector has made significant strides by improving competitive marketing infra-

promote energy conservation and enable individual billing for traders.

The County has also finalized Phase 2 of the Nairutia Market and Ihururu Business Park. These collective efforts underscore the County's commitment to modernizing market infrastructure and creating a supportive ecosystem for small and medium enterprises across the region.

It is essential to emphasize my commitment to providing traders with an enabling environment to conduct their business. Since the inception of my government, we have successfully facilitated the settlement of 7,400 traders in various markets.

The County Government has continued to empower local entrepreneurs through the establishment of the Enterprise Development Fund (EDF).

The Fund is a flagship initiative designed to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with access to affordable financing. The Fund offers loans at a highly competitive interest rate of 5% per annum, reducing the balance, making it one of the most accessible and entrepreneur-friendly financing mechanisms in the region.

The Enterprise Development Fund stands as a testament to the County Government's unwavering commitment to nurturing enterprise, fostering innovation, and building a resilient and inclusive economy where every hardworking citizen can prosper.

To date, the Fund's portfolio has grown to Kshs. 96 million, from a seed capital

of 40 million, a clear reflection of its expanding reach and the confidence it continues to inspire among our business community.

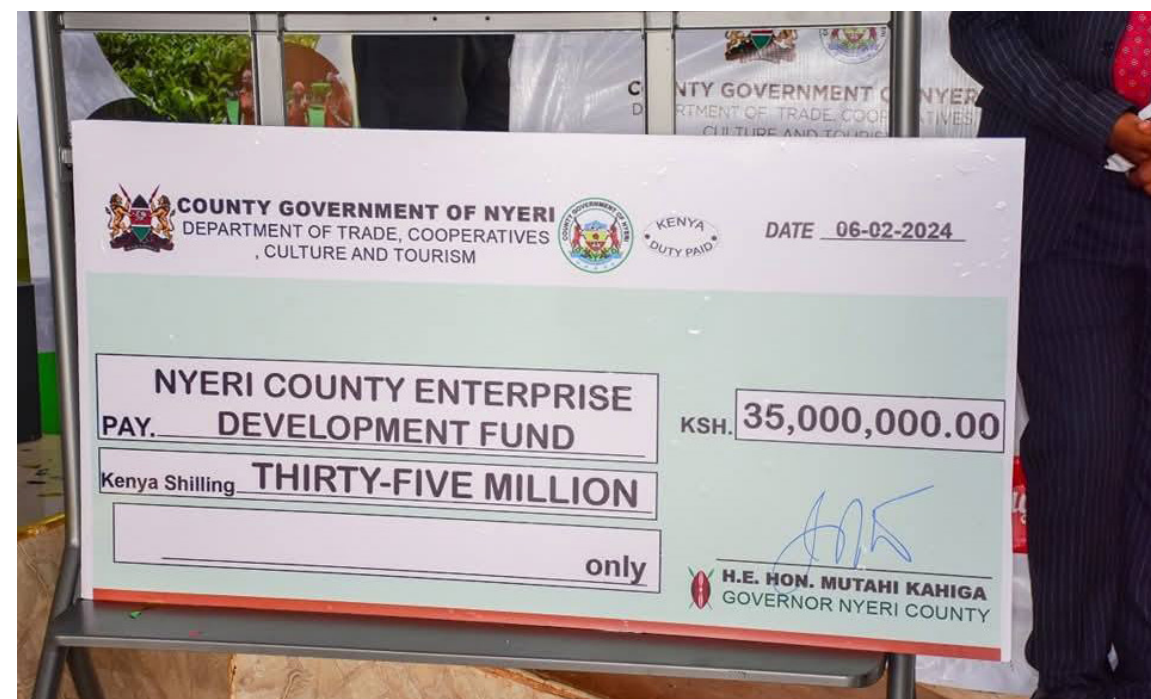
Over 283 beneficiaries have already accessed these facilities, enabling them to grow their enterprises, create employment, and contribute to the County's economic transformation.

In pursuit of consumer protection and fair-trade practices, the Weights and Measures Unit has enhanced promotion of fair-trading practices and consumer protection through testing and verification of 81,928 weighing and measuring machines for trade use, where 24,672 Certificates of Verification were issued to all verified and stamped equipment.

The Nyeri County Aggregation and Industrial Park is strategically located to integrate with key infrastructure, such as the Great North road Cape - Cairo Highway that is part of the Kenol Marua Super highway and LAPPSET corridor (Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport), which includes roads and railway links, further enhancing connectivity and trade.

It will also enable the county to leverage the digital economy, with companies like ONQ and Jitu Technologies developing software solutions for global platforms and creating jobs for local youth, positioning the county as an emerging digital labor hub.

This includes construction workers, machine operators, food technologists, warehouse staff, and digital platform administrators.



zations in rural areas, empowering local communities to participate in water management.

Furthermore, the five Water Service Providers; NAROWASCO, OMWASCO, MAWASCO, TEAWASCO and NYEWASCO benefited from the supply of pipes to extend their service lines, enhancing water access and reliability across the county.

Due to the frequent low river flows, we have drilled and rehabilitated 50 bore-

planting of over 1 million assorted tree seedlings, with the invaluable support of partners including KFS, KENGEN, KEFRI, NYEWASCO, and Upper Tana Water Trust Fund, among others. This massive tree planting initiative has significantly contributed to enhancing our county's tree cover, promoting environmental sustainability, and fostering climate resilience. These achievements reflect a holistic approach to water provision, irrigation, envi-

ronmental conservation, and climate resilience.

structure projects designed to strengthen market access, increase capacity, and uphold hygiene standards. A total of 28 new market stalls have been constructed, eight have been renovated, and 286 stalls have been developed to create a more conducive trading environment. Additionally, we constructed Phase 1 of the feed-mixing warehouse at Ihwagi to support local livestock and feed enterprises and installed prepaid electricity meters at the Karatina Market Hub. Phase 1 to



Projects like the 'Kuza Kazi' initiative (a partnership with Coca-Cola) specifically target youth employment. Further, the industry will expand its market through export diversification: By centralizing processing, packaging, and branding, industrialization to meet the quality standards for regional, national, and international markets, thus unlocking export potential. The County has also supported Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the "Jua Kali" (informal manufacturing) sector by providing business parks, sites, and machinery for metalwork, woodwork, and carpentry, and offering business practice courses. Cooperatives play a significant role in Nyeri County by driving economic growth, poverty alleviation, and employment through initiatives like improved dairy farming, value addition to crops, and access to financial services. Cooperatives have contributed to sustainable development by promoting financial inclusion, strengthening local businesses, and supporting community projects. My government has continued to strengthen the cooperative sector as a central pillar of socio-economic development, focusing on governance, financial accountability, and the expansion of cooperative enterprises. The county successfully trained more than 1,500 leaders from various cooperative societies on financial management, leadership, strategic planning, and compliance, significantly

enhancing the governance and professionalism of co-operative leadership. The cooperative movement has continued to grow, with 63 new cooperative societies promoted and registered across diverse sectors. To ensure financial integrity and safeguard members' resources, the County Cooperative Audit Unit audits an average of 65 cooperative societies annually. Nyeri County is famous worldwide as a hub of tourism due to its endowment of fauna and flora. Tourism also supports the preservation of the county's natural and cultural heritage, encourages sustainable practices, and creates opportunities for value addition in related sectors like agriculture. In the period under review, the Department registered significant progress in positioning Nyeri County as a leading cultural and tourism destination. These achievements reflect the County Government's commitment to nurturing talent, preserving heritage, and unlocking the economic potential of the creative and tourism sectors. In a historic milestone, Nyeri County partnered with the World Scout Parliamentary Union to host the first Africa WSPU General Assembly ever held on the continent. This international gathering elevated Nyeri's profile in cultural diplomacy and positioned the county as a hub for youth engagement and global tourism partnerships. Nyeri acquired the status of the Scouting City of the World making it a major tourist destination.

The completion of the Dedan Kimathi Mau, Mau Memorial Park in Kahigaini stands as a monumental tribute to Kenya's freedom struggle. Additionally, enhancements at Ndomboche Falls in Iriani-Mathira East have improved accessibility and transformed the site into a promising tourist attraction.

ipants and showcased 150 innovations. This initiative reaffirmed Nyeri's rich creative potential and boosted youth engagement in the arts. Capacity-building efforts included training 100 youth filmmakers in production and digital monetization, as well as equipping young people with 2D and 3D animation skills in line with global creative industry trends. To increase market access for creatives, 30 visual artists were supported to exhibit at the Kalasha International Festival and Market in Nairobi. Their participation expanded their networks and promoted Nyeri's creative talent on a national platform. The County further empowered 26 beauty pageants by connecting them to partners who provided financial and technical support, enabling them to establish sustainable economic ventures.

erature Bureau to build the capacity of ECDE teachers on the Competency-Based Education (CBE) system and consistently offered termly training across all sub-counties, benefiting over 807 teachers. Furthermore, the County employed 800 ECDE teachers over the period, replacing an additional 50 in 2024/2025 due to natural attrition. To support learning, the County procured 21,342 teaching and learning materials valued at Kshs. 61.5 million, provided 650 tables and chairs built by County VTCs, and collaborated with the Department of Water and other partners to construct 8 water-harvesting tanks through the FL-LoCA programme. These initiatives collectively enhanced access, quality, and the overall learning environment in ECDE centers. In the Vocational Education and Training (VTC) sector, the County recruited 100 interns and replaced 20



To support the tourism value chain, my government trained 150 guides, cooks, and porters to improve service delivery across tourism sites. Additionally, the county drafted the Nyeri County Tourism Policy, the Culture and Heritage Policy, and the County Branding Manual that will provide a structured framework for sector growth, cultural preservation, and enhanced county identity. In the creative economy, the County conducted a comprehensive talent search that attracted 1,200 partic-

EDUCATION, TRAINING & DEVOLUTION
In the enabling sector of education, Training & Devolution made significant progress in strengthening service delivery in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE), Vocational Training, and student support. In ECDE, the County constructed/ renovated 186 classrooms at a cost of Kshs. 222 million, significantly improving learning environments. The Department also partnered with the Kenya Lit-

VTC instructors. To enhance access to quality training, a capitation grant of 30 million Kenya shillings benefited 3,000 trainees, each receiving Kshs. 5,000, contributing to a total of 11,666 youths who have completed artisan courses. Additionally, Kshs. 50.7 million was expended to procure examination materials for four trade areas—electrical, plumbing, hair & beauty, and food & beverage, ensuring adequate support to exam centers. In partnership with the



KCB Foundation, the County provided full scholarships that amounted to Kshs. 22.5 million to 1,000 VTC trainees, while 1,517 trainees graduated, with 250 receiving starter kits to support their transition into employment. Infrastructure development was also prioritized, with 17 VTC facilities upgraded at a cost of Kshs. 29.85 million, including solar installation, asbestos removal, kitchen construction, and a dining hall built through partnerships. Similarly, the Elimu Fund invested in Kshs. 692 million to support 130,950 students, which enabled children from disadvantaged backgrounds to access education. Notably, 142 out of 171 beneficiaries under the Governor's Scholarship Programme successfully secured university admission. Under the Nyeri County Elimu Fund, allow me to highlight the three cohorts' performances. The three cohorts had a total of 171 students who demonstrated impeccable performance with over 83% of the learners attaining university entry qualifications.

MEDICAL SERVICES & PUBLIC HEALTH

We have continued to offer quality curative and promotive health care services to our customers in all health facilities. The county has invested in specialized services such as renal dialysis, oncology, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), High Dependence Unit (HDU), Diagnostic labora-

These efforts have strengthened service management across all levels and aligned county systems with national health sector goals. The Facility Improvement Fund became operational in the year 2021 with an initial injection of Kshs. 300 million. The Fund has now grown to a high of Kshs. 840 million in 2023/2024 and a decline



tory, imaging services and other basic equipment required for high-level care treatment. My Government prioritized health sector governance reforms, institutional coordination and accountability.

to 769 million in the FY 2024/2025, occasioned by non-remittance by SHA. It might interest this honourable house to also note that to date, we have accrued pending claims from NHIF and SHA amounting to over

Kshs. 500 million. In the development of health facilities, the county has shown a steady growth trajectory from 112 rural health facilities in 2017 to 123 in 2024/25. The level 4 hospitals have also increased from 5 to 6, and one County Referral Hospital. Investment in health facilities is not a sufficient condition without the deployment of qualified human resources. Let me reiterate at the outset that the human resource in the health sector has steadily grown from 1643 in the year 2017/18 to 1819 in the year 2024/2025. Service delivery in the health sector takes different perspectives, which include Service areas such as primary and secondary care. Our objectives such as quality, safety, effectiveness, efficiency, and accessibility in the health sector have been met. Immunization improved from 78% to 92 %, skilled deliveries achieved 100% and ARV treatment is currently at 104%.

In the Primary Health Care and Primary Care Networks, my government was able to among other things establish and operationalize a comprehensive Primary Health Care approach anchored on community units, dispensaries, health

centers and Level 4 hospitals. My administration also developed and began implementing the Nyeri County Primary Health Care Networks Strategy 2024–2029, defining the Primary Care Networks hubs and clarifying referral and supervision arrangements. To improve maternal health, my administration has made investments aimed at improving maternal indicators. The county has also expanded and upgraded maternity units at Nyeri County Referral, Othaya, Mukurweini, Karatina, Mt Kenya and Naromoru hospitals, which will increase delivery capacity and improve privacy, infection prevention and newborn care. According to the Kenya Demographic and Health Survey, Nyeri county had the highest skilled deliveries and was 4th on ante-natal clinics coverage nationally at 99% and 82.2% respectively. My government has also strengthened Basic and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care functions through: 24-hour delivery services at all Level four hospitals and selected health centers; Improved theatre and blood transfusion capacity at county and sub-county levels and Institutionalization of Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response meetings. In advancing the county's AIDS plan and in line with our commitment to reducing new infections and improving the quality of life for people living with HIV, my administration has implemented the Nyeri County AIDS Implementation Plan 2021–2025, achieving high HIV testing coverage, linkage to care and viral suppression and expanding differentiated service delivery models. As a result, currently, a total of 19,323 patients are on HIV care with a viral sup-



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pression rate of 97% surpassing the national target of 95%.

We have also strengthened TB case finding, diagnostic access and treatment adherence through GeneXpert expansion, integrated HIV/TB services, and community follow-up.

TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure is very crucial for the County Government of Nyeri's development because it drives economic growth by improving transportation, enabling trade, and connecting communities.

Infrastructure has spurred economic growth in the county as a key ingredient that attracts investors and enables the county to have a competitive advantage in the central region.

To enhance mobility in the urban centers, a total of 10.7 kilometers of tarmac roads have been constructed. Additionally, three bus parks including the Muthoni Kirima Bus Termini and the Mweiga Bus Termini at a combined cost of Kshs. 624 million.

Nyeri being an agricultural based economy, rural roads provide a critical enabler to economic development.

To this effect, my administration has upgraded 6,318.37 kilometers of earth roads to gravel/murram standards. Further, 3,609 kilometres of earth roads have been graded for routine maintenance.

To improve drainage, 43 box culverts, and 24 foot-bridges, have been constructed across the county. Public lighting initiatives included installation of 37 solar panels, 110 new high-mast floodlights, and 6,264 streetlights. An additional 70 high masts flood lights were rehabilitated. Further, 32 biogas plants were installed to support the uptake of clean energy.

To enhance internal capacity in the infrastructure sector we procured Five Shackman Tipper lorries, one grader, a high-altitude streetlight maintenance Cherry pick-up, Two double cabin pick-ups and One Land cruiser for street lights maintenance.

GENDER, YOUTH, SPORTS & SOCIAL SERVICES

The Department received the 2021 Gender Trailblazer Award in recognition of its impactful programs for promoting women's empowerment and gender equality. The award honors leaders who have significantly contributed to Kenya's socio-economic transformation, particularly in areas of community development and combating gender-based violence.

One of the major achieve-

menting that our youth maintain dignity and confidence. In partnership with Amref, UN Women, CREAM, and the Department of Health, the Department conducted a mentorship program for pregnant teenagers, young mothers, and defiled girls in all Sub-Counties to address rising teenage pregnancies linked to gender-based violence.

During this program, 78 participants received self-care kits from UN Women and CREAM, food packages from the Department, and

ners with an objective of strengthening collaboration across sectors and helping to monitor progress, coordinate gender equality initiatives, and promote gender inclusion.

One of the key milestones achieved by the Department is that a modern Leather Goods Production Unit was operationalized at Rukira VTC, the first cottage industry in the area to produce leather shoes.

The industry is fully funded by the Nyeri County Government and has been

with Coca-Cola and Almasi, 100 youth received business starter kits that included a cooler box and merchandise to promote entrepreneurship.

218 special interest groups that included women, youth, and persons with disabilities received business start-up merchandise amounting to Kshs. 110 million. This initiative aims to promote self-employment and reliance, income generation, and economic independence among marginalized groups.

The Department, through Karatina Children's Home, provides care and protection for 68 orphaned and vulnerable children with essential care, education, and protection, ensuring their physical, emotional, and psychological well-being.

CGN in partnership with the National Government's National Registration Bureau has launched a program to issue national identity cards to mature street people.

In the period of 2018 to 2022, 3,666 people were supported through the NHIF Bima Afya program that targeted vulnerable households.

The program provided payment of medical insurance cover to the vulnerable households to have access to healthcare, for early diagnosis and treatment, while reducing financial constraints.

In Disaster and Risk Management, we reviewed our policies and conducted public awareness campaigns to mitigate the impact of disasters. To enhance disaster and emergency response St. John's Ambulance has opened a new regional office and training facility at the Nyeri Fire Station.

In the period under review, we have procured two fire engines that cost Kshs. 100 million to enhance fire extinguishing and other disaster responses. These modern engines are equipped to handle high-rise fires and complex emergencies, positioning Nyeri among counties with a fully equipped fire response team.

The emergency response teams responded to over 1,665 disaster incidents, including structural and wild-land fires, road accidents,



ments in the period under review is the development of the Nyeri Gender and Development Policy 2021 – 2025, which was launched in June 2024.

The policy is a landmark initiative that promotes equality, fairness, and dignity for all individuals, regardless of gender.

Additionally, the Nyeri County Widows Sacco is a transformative initiative that focuses on empowering widows through financial independence and support. It serves as both a financial institution and a movement for social justice, offering economic inclusion to women who have faced significant life challenges.

The Department has continuously organized mentorship and awareness forums on gender-based violence and drug abuse, which reached 7,500 people.

Additionally, through the teen empowerment program, the Department distributed 201,000 sanitary towels to 6,800 girls and hygiene packs to 400 boys, en-

Amref.

The Department is further engaged and partnering with NGOs and other development partners in implementing the activities.

Through the Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) and other stakeholders, the Department launched the Jasiri Program for GBV Survivors.

This transformative initiative seeks to empower young survivors of gender-based violence, aged 18 to 35, by equipping them with entrepreneurial and business skills, providing access to concessional funding, and facilitating opportunities for dignified employment.

The inaugural cohort of the program comprised 40 participants.

This program has supported 50 survivors with grants of 25,000 Kenya Shillings to start businesses, while 50 were supported with skills development.

Every quarter, the Department's Technical Working Group on Gender issues brings together 40 part-

equipped with advanced machinery capable of producing 900 pairs of shoes a day.

The facility is expected to create significant employment opportunities for the youth. It is envisioned to become a business hub, and residents are encouraged to embrace the “buy Nyeri, build Nyeri” slogan to support local economic growth.

In partnership with Ajira Digital, the Department offered comprehensive digital skills training to youth across Nyeri County. These sessions were hosted at various libraries, equipping participants with the tools to thrive in the digital economy.

CGN, in partnership with the Insurance Regulatory Authority, Canon Academy and Help Self Help Center (sponsored by the Embassy of Finland) has trained and certified 337 youth on risk management and insurance, photography techniques, digital marketing and entrepreneurship.

In addition, in partnership



and drowning cases, which is a testament to readiness and dedication to saving lives and property.

In sporting activities, the County Government continued to invest in youth talent and community recreation, such as Talanta Hela, a government initiative under the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

Arts and Sports nurtures talent in sports and the creative industries through programs like the national under-19 football tournament.

In partnership with NACADA, the Department constructed the Ihururu Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre, which rehabilitates people with drug and substance abuse.

The facility has A 100-bed capacity, and it's fully operational.

It is important to note that the facility has been operating at full capacity and there is therefore need for expansion.

Further, we have constructed two new modern social halls at Kariki and Muruguru, which can hold up to 500 people per sitting, and renovated Chinga and Mweiga Community halls.

The halls will serve as a safe and versatile venue for community meetings, cultural events, indoor games, exhibitions, and workshops. Other constructions include a multi-purpose building in Karatina Children's Home with dormitories, washrooms, a kitchen, and dining areas to enhance living conditions for vulnerable children.

CGN has rehabilitated the Ihururu Community Park

to facilitate public recreation and community use. The park will feature street lighting, parking, vending stalls, and recreational areas for families and youth. Other constructions include two new fire stations in Othaya and Kiawara, increasing the total number of fire stations to four. The stations will improve emergency response times across sub-counties. The Kiawara station is now operational and fully serving the community.

LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBANIZATION

Land is a critical and foundational asset for the economic development of Nyeri County. It is recognized as the most important factor of production alongside labor and capital.

Its importance is evident across key sectors, including the dominant agricultural industry, urban development, infrastructure, manufacturing, and renewable energy.

We started on a journey to develop a valuation Roll in compliance with the provisions of the Valuation for Rating ACT Cap 266. Subsequently we amended The Rate Struck that was passed in the Finance Bill 2025/2026.

We have developed the Nyeri County Rating Bill 2025 that has been tabled to this house for consideration. The impact of this was to significantly lower the debt burden on property owners and increase compliance.

We have reduced Residential rates from 0.75% to

0.1%, Commercial Properties have reduced from 0.75% to 0.3% and the Industrial properties reduced from 0.75% to 0.2%.

Since the establishment of Nyeri Municipality in 2019, notable progress has been made in urban development, infrastructure improvement, housing, land management, and physical planning.

We have initiated planning and surveying of new municipalities including Karatina, Othaya, Mukurweini and Narumoru and Chaka to devolve services further to the grassroots and take advantage of various government programs that target urban development.

The Municipality's most significant milestone is the development of the Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima Transport Terminus, envisioned as one of Kenya's largest smart mobility hubs. The first phase has been completed due to financial limitations. The facility hosts over 240 matatu bays, 528 business stalls, six restaurants, an ICT-equipped office block, 3 sanitation blocks, 2 refuse chambers, a power substation, street lighting, and improved access roads.

This project is expected to ease congestion, expand the CBD, and stimulate economic activity. My commitment to make this bus park work as envisioned during inception is solid and unshakable.

The Municipality has further improved the Road infrastructure through the upgrading and rehabilitation of nearly 97 kilometers of municipal access roads be-

tween 2019 and 2025. This has enhanced connectivity and market access.

To keep our Municipality clean we have expanded our fleet and equipment to effectively implement daily garbage collection and regular clean-ups.

A key achievement in the Department is the allocation of the Affordable Housing Programme land and the initiation construction of 1,431 housing units and 65 shops in Narumoru, Wamagana, and Mukurweini.

In collaboration with the state Department of Housing we have allocated 10 Acres of Land in Narumoru AMS land to build a comprehensive mixed-use development at a cost of Kshs. 2.4 Billion.

This will complement the CAIPs project and the research institutions like Karlo and Kephis that are accommodated in AMS making it a Center of Excellence and Agricultural Innovation.

Other achievements have been made through digitizing land administration and the establishment of a state-of-the-art GIS laboratory supported by FAO/EU.

This digital transformation has improved land records management and helped resolve long-standing land and boundary disputes.

In Physical planning, significant progress has been made in spatial planning, land management, and settlement regularization across Nyeri County.

At the county level, key achievements included the development of the Draft County Spatial Plan (2019–2029), which provides a long-term framework to guide orderly growth and land use.

Additionally, within Nyeri Municipality, the approval and implementation of the Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan (ISUDP) is helping guide sustainable development and enforce development control.

Across various sub-counties—including Nyeri Central, Tetu, Mukurweini, Othaya, Kieni East, Kieni West, Mathira West, and Mathira East—numerous local physical and land use plans were drafted, ap-

proved, or brought to the titling stage.

Nyeri County has completed the preparation of a Slum Upgrading and Prevention Strategy under KISIP II, laying a foundation for improved living conditions, better governance, and the integration of informal settlements into formal planning systems. Under KISIP II, the directorate has installed high-mast lights in five settlements, which have improved security and stimulated nighttime economic activity.

Additionally, major infrastructure works in Mweiga, Chorong'i, Kiamwathi, Ihwagi, and Kiawara are 60% complete, featuring tarmacked roads, water distribution systems, sewer connections, consumer water links, ablution blocks, and improved access routes that are transforming these informal settlements and raising the residents' quality of life.

In Tenure Regularization - The County, through the second Kenya Informal Settlements Project (KISIP2), initiated planning and survey for two settlements, namely Gitunduti and Ndu-manu villages. The settlements have benefited from tarmacking of the main access roads, construction of stormwater drains, streetlights and high masts, footpaths, installation of dumpsters, and access to clean water.

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

My administration continues to uphold the centrality of the County Public Service as the engine of policy formulation, institutional leadership and effective service delivery.

One of our most consistent achievements has been the timely payment of staff salaries, which are now paid by the 5th day of every month. This reliability has greatly reinforced employee morale and confidence in the County's fiscal management.

To improve long-term human resource planning, the County developed and approved a five-year Staff Establishment Plan for the period 2024–2027.

This plan guides recruit-



ment, deployment and staffing decisions to ensure optimal alignment with service delivery needs.

Alongside this, a County-wide Skills Gap Analysis for FY 2024/2025 was completed, enabling us to identify competency gaps and design targeted capacity-building interventions. In liaison with the County Public Service Board, we effected staff promotions across all departments, addressing stagnation that had persisted for nearly a decade.

A total of 2,741 officers were promoted and an additional 301 officers were re-designated upon meeting the prescribed qualifications under their respective schemes of service. This has enhanced motivation, strengthened supervisory capacity and boosted productivity. We have also demonstrated our commitment to staff welfare by ensuring accurate updates of benefit statements and the timely processing of pension and gratuity claims. The County continues to invest in the well being of its officers through a comprehensive medical insurance cover that currently supports 3,131 officers, in addition to Group Life, Group Personal Accident and WIBA coverage.

To enhance job security and workforce stability, my administration has continued the translation of eligible contract staff to permanent and pensionable terms. From FY 2022 to date, a total of 1,689 officers have been successfully transitioned. My administration remains committed to translating the terms of the

remaining officers.

Over the last six cohorts, we have placed 1,200 interns through the County internship programme, and facilitated industrial attachments for over 4,000 students.

Many of these young people have since secured employment in both the public and private sectors.

My government endeavors to increase the enrollment due to the high demand.

In our efforts to enhance efficiency and accountability, the County has fully migrated to the digitized Human Resource Integrated System.

Throughout my eight-year tenure, the County has maintained positive and productive relations with labour unions and staff associations, these relations have ensured a stable, harmonious working environment.

We continue to advance inclusion within our workforce. While the disability policy requires that at least 5% of County staff be persons with disabilities, our current workforce includes 42 officers living with disabilities across various departments, representing 1.004%.

Turning to the area of solid waste management, Nyeri County generates over 42,000 tons of solid waste annually.

On the growing volume and complexity of waste, the Directorate of Solid Waste Management formulated legislation in 2020 that prioritizes recycling, waste reduction and resource recovery.

Through this framework, we have strengthened our

waste management capacity by procuring three waste collection trucks, a bulldozer for spreading and compacting waste at dumpsites, an Isuzu double cabin vehicle for supervision and 52 skip bins placed at strategic collection points.

We have strengthened public participation and collaboration through partnerships with private sector entities.

In partnership with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Centre, the County installed an e-waste collection container in 2022, which has already collected over 7,000 kilograms of electronic waste.

To protect public land and improve dumpsite management, we constructed perimeter walls around the Gikeu and Karindundu dumpsites, acquired their land titles and ensured continuous maintenance of access roads.

The County is reviewing the Nyeri County Solid Waste Management Act, 2020, to align it with the National Sustainable Waste Management Act, 2022, and strengthen our governance framework in this sector.

Through our partnership with the Packaging Producer Responsibility Organisation (PAKPRO), we have mapped and built the capacity of about 30 waste pickers, including youth, women and persons with disabilities and linked over 20 waste aggregators from Nyeri County to direct recycling markets.

FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING & ICT

The Department is responsible for managing the

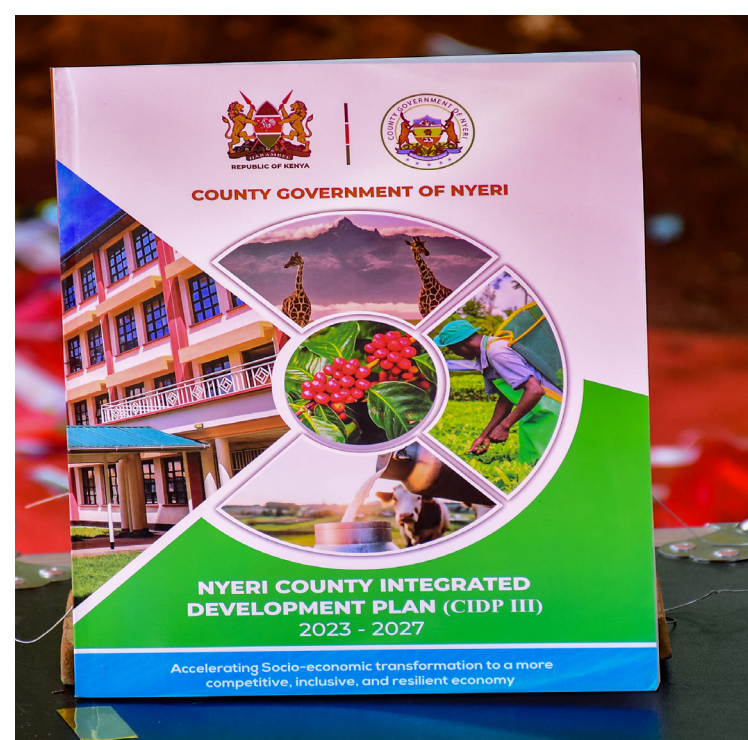
county's public finances, driving economic development initiatives, and overseeing the integration of information and communication technologies into government services.

It ensures efficient resource allocation, strategic planning, and digital transformation to support effective service delivery and sustainable county growth.

The Department achieved its goals tremendously, which has significantly contributed to improved service delivery for the people of Nyeri. The Economic Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring, and Evaluation Directorate has realized several significant milestones, including developing the 2018–2022 and 2023–2027 County Integrated Development Plans through ex-

consistently led the annual preparation of key planning and budgeting documents, which include the Annual Development Plan (ADP), County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP), County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP), the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy, and the Medium-Term Expenditure Frameworks budgets.

The Revenue Directorate has recorded significant growth in own-source revenue, increasing collections from Kshs. 760.2 Million in FY 2017/2018 to Kshs 1.45 billion in FY 2024/2025, an overall rise of Kshs 691.7 million equivalent to 91%. Revenue performance improved consistently over the years, except in FY 2019/2020 when collections dropped to Kshs. 664.8 mil-



tensive stakeholder consultations.

Both plans applied an integrated planning framework that links policy, planning, and budgeting.

While the second-generation CIDP was activity-based, the 2023–2027 CIDP adopts a program-based approach and clusters the County's priorities into five key sectors: Public Administration and Governance; Agriculture and Rural Development; General Economic and Commerce Affairs; Infrastructure, Energy, Rural and Urban Development; and the Social Services Sector in that order, respectively. The 2025/2026 financial year marks the third year of implementing the current CIDP.

The County Treasury has

lion due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This marks a key milestone in the County's transition plan toward fully adopting accrual accounting by 30 June 2027, in line with national deadlines.

On payment processing, the Directorate has sustained efforts to ensure the timely settlement of obligations.

On the Pending bills primarily arising from delays in the release of equitable share or revenue shortfalls, the County has ensured that they are declared transparently and prioritized as the first charge in subsequent budgets.

This prudent approach has positioned Nyeri County among the counties that manage pending bills most effectively.

Empowering Community Livelihoods Through Dairy Farming in Othaya



Story - Priscilla Muthoni
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, EGH presided over the issuance of improved German Alpine dairy goats to organised community groups at Mahiga Chief's Camp in Othaya, together with Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri and Majority Leader Hon. James Kanyugo who is also the area MCA. This exercise forms part of our broader commitment as the County Government of Nyeri to strengthen food security, enhance household

income, and promote climate-resilient agricultural practices under the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA). Governor Kahiga's administration has remained steadfast in supporting dairy goat production, recognising its critical role in improving nutrition and providing sustainable economic opportunities for our people. Through continuous investment, farmer training, and collaboration with key partners among them the Dairy Goats Association of Kenya (DGAK) headquartered at Wambugu Agricultural

Training Centre, UTaN-RMP, and KCSAP have positioned Nyeri as a leader in modern, climate-resilient livestock development. CECM for Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development James Wachihi reiterated the Department's commitment to support farmers extensively. During the distribution, beneficiary groups received a total of 111 does and seven bucks, allocated as follows: Kireru Women Group – 10 does, one buck, Kagere Elders – 20 does, one buck, Ugachiku Widows Welfare – 20 does, one buck, Marafiki

Widow Mothers – 15 does, one buck, Mbari ya Marivu – 10 does, one buck, Ndunyu Boda Boda – 10 does, one buck, Kanjishi SHG – 20 does, one buck and Sports Club – 60 does. This support marks more than the distribution of livestock, it is a renewed investment in the resilience and dignity of our people. These goats will enable farmers in Mahiga ward to expand their herds, boost milk production, and open new pathways for income generation. In empowering women, widows, elders, the youth,

and other organised groups, the County Government of Nyeri continue to strengthen the social fabric and economic vitality of our county. He also encouraged all farmers to register themselves through County Ward Livestock Officers to access essential services such as livestock vaccination, disease surveillance alerts, and other extension services tailored to support their farming activities. As a government, our focus remains clear; to deliver development programmes that are practical, inclusive, and transformative

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Commissioning of Kaheti Dispensary in Mukurwe-ini

Story - Barbra Wambui
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H.E Dr. Mutahi Kahiga joined by the MCA Mukurwe-ini West, Hon. Atanasio Kabaire and the CECM Health Dr. Joseph Kiragu, commissioned Kaheti Dispensary in Mukurwe-ini West Ward, Mukurwe-ini Sub County.

This was a County Government project through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health. A nod to Nyeri County's Vision: A wealthy County with healthy and secure people for shared prosperity.

The dispensary is here to alleviate the struggle of the people of Muyu Location: Muyu (Kaheti Sub-Location) and Gatura Sub-Location who were forced to seek medical help from other facilities like Ningaini Dispensary, Mukurwe-ini Level 4, Ichamara Dispensary, Tambaya Dispensary and Njokini Dispensary; all an average of 5 kilometers away.



The dispensary will also reduce the workload from the other dispensaries and also bring services closer to the people especially in the cases of emergencies like accidents.

The dispensary is expected to serve over 5,000 patients from many areas in the Sub-County.

It also has two major units; the Mother Child Health

Unit (MCH) and the General Consultation.

In the MCH, it's expected to have:

1. Family Planning Unit.
2. Antenatal Unit.
3. Child Welfare Clinic.
4. Postnatal Unit.
5. Immunization Unit.

The dispensary is also expected to house a lab section in the future.

The County Government

of Nyeri, through the Department of Public Health, is determined to make sure health services, a core need for the citizens, reach the people in close proximity.

Citizens should not need to travel miles to get basic health care and we will make sure that vision is realized. The County Government of Nyeri is also glad to work closely with

the Members of the County Assembly as when all is said and done, the needs of the people of our great county come first.

Under Governor Kahiga's stewardship, the County Government of Nyeri will continue pouring resources into the Health Sector so that when Nyeri people go to run their errands, they are in top tier shape.

Enhancing Education and Talent Development

Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Celebrating 100 Years Of Excellence.

Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga joined Ihururu Comprehensive Primary and Junior schools as they celebrated their 100 - year milestone since inception in 1925.

He was joined by area MCA Hon. Gibson Wahinya during the celebrations of 100 years of the school's excellence.

From humble beginnings, the school has grown into a commendable pillar keen on learning, character formation and community transformation.

Over the past 100 years, Ihururu Comprehensive Primary has produced generations of leaders, innovators and citizens who not



only contribute to a rich legacy but also a call to re-imagine the future of education.

Courtesy of the Department of Gender, Sports, Youth, Social Services and Disaster Risk Management,

the CECM Esther Ndung'u, Directors Lucas Temuge and Monica Thumbi led the issuing of equipment to the school under the Wezesha Program.

The items were given through a parents' CBO of

Ihururu Primary.

They included; seven pieces drum set with stool, one acoustic guitar non electric, two electric guitars six-strings, one Keyboard PSR SX-600, one Yamaha cornet, two Yamaha trumpet

and two Yamaha YAS-280 Alto Saxophone

As the County Government, our focus remains clear; to deliver development programmes that are practical, inclusive, and transformative.

Public Participation on the Nyeri Tariff Policy and Revenue Strategy

Story - Linet Mwangi
Photo - Priscilla Muthoni

Wambugu Agricultural Training Centre was filled with purposeful energy as Nyeri residents, traders, consultants, and business owners gathered to engage in discussions that will shape how the county charges for services and raises revenue in the coming years.

It was a meaningful moment where everyday citizens directly influenced policy-making, ensuring their voices guide key financial decisions.

The Department of Finance, Economic Planning, and ICT hosted a public participation forum to review the Nyeri County Tariff and Pricing Policy 2025 and the Revenue Mobilization Strategy 2025–2030.

During the session, Chief Officer for Finance and Accounting, Stephen Kioni, outlined the policy's key objectives, including:

- Determining the cost of providing public services.
- Matching revenue streams with the services offered.
- Setting fair and predictable tariffs, fees, and charges for different citizen groups.
- Promoting local economic development.
- Ensuring efficient, transparent, and sustainable tariff-setting.



- Providing clarity to users of county services.

Kioni emphasized that the policy is designed to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability in how fees are set.

He further explained that public participation helps create predictable and community-responsive revenue systems.

The forum also highlighted the importance of stakeholder engagement through public consultations, meetings with business and trader associations, and

collaboration with county departments such as Health, Public Works, and Lands.

Participants were informed of existing policy gaps and how trade licensing fees currently support essential county services like public health, sanitation, fire and rescue, water, education, agricultural extension, and access roads.

Deputy Director Boniface Karogo presented Nyeri County's revenue performance over the last seven years, noting steady growth from 2017/2018 to

2024/2025.

He highlighted the strong contribution of the Nyeri County Health Service Fund in enhancing financial stability and service delivery.

The Department also shared the Revenue Mobilization Strategy, which aims to strengthen own-source revenue, broaden the revenue base, improve compliance, and ensure stable and equitable revenue policies. Importantly, residents were assured that the strategy does not seek to raise taxes, but instead focuses on im-

proving efficiency and diversifying revenue sources to sustain essential services. Residents actively engaged by asking questions, seeking clarity, and sharing experiences from their businesses and households.

Their contributions—ranging from concerns about operational costs to calls for fairness in service charges—were instrumental in refining the policy and strategy documents.

This open dialogue ensured that community priorities and practical realities were fully reflected.



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Nyeri Youth Summit Committee visit Governor ahead of the major event



Story & Photo - Rozina Nderi

H.E Mwalimu Governor Mutahi Kahiga, E.G.H accompanied by the Deputy Governor, H.E. David Kinaniri hosted CECM Esther Ndung'u of the Department of Youth, Gender, Social Services and Sports, together with the organising steering committee of the upcoming Nyeri Youth Summit. The Summit, set for 10th and 11th December, will run under the theme "Ignite Your Potential: Youth Shaping Nyeri's Tomorrow." The Summit will feature a series of engaging Kikaos aimed at equipping the youth with knowledge, skills, and opportunities.

These will include:

- Health Kikao
- Talanta Kikao
- Tech-telligence Kikao
- Climate Action Kikao
- Hustle Kikao
- Green Kikao
- The People Kikao

The consultative meeting offered an opportunity to reflect on how the County Government can strengthen youth participation in leadership and economic growth. He applauded the organising team for their commitment to creating a space where Nyeri youth can network, showcase their abilities, as well as learn.

Nyeri Marks 16 Days of Activism against GBV



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

Globally, 25th November to 10th December 2025, the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-based Violence is being marked under the theme: "Unite to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls." Violence against women and girls affects one in three women. It is a global human rights emergency that must

stop. The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services in collaboration with the Nyeri Central DCC's office and CREAM held a sensitization forum where more than 100 girls and teenage mothers in the Witeithie - Majengo area, Nyeri Town who were sensitized on: The triple threat (Gender Based Violence, Teenage pregnancies, HIV/AIDS) also Drug and substance abuse and Mental Health. Gender CECM Esther Nd-

ung'u noted that the essence of this year's 16 Days of Activism theme, noting how online harassment, cyber stalking and non-consensual image sharing inflict deeply real trauma and have devastating consequences on women's lives, careers and mental health. She highlighted that there was hope for survivors of GBV affirming the County Government's commitment to strengthening legal protections, sensitization, advocacy and collaboration

with National Government, Private Agencies, CSOs and other partners in providing justice and support services to restore dignity and hope. Ndung'u further made a call to the community to; stop normalizing abusive behaviour or calling it "family issues, end harmful stereotypes that blame survivors instead of perpetrators and speak up whenever they witness abuse. It is time for action, accountability, and change.

Nyeri Central DCC, Mwangi Ngunyi observed that, Gender-Based Violence is not just a women's issue. It is a community issue, a human rights issue, and a development issue. When one woman, one girl, one boy, or one man suffers in silence, the entire community is weakened. Further the DCC noted that Violence is learned—and it can be unlearned. He committed to strengthened systems for prevention strategies, improved access to justice, accessible services, empower survivors, and enforcement of the law without fear or favour. CREAM representative Jamila Gacheri called for Multi - Sectoral approach to fight SGBV. She lauded the great efforts that Nyeri County has put in place towards this noble course. Hon. Agnes Wachira encouraged the girls to speak out, get empowered through acquisition of skills and schooling. "You are not alone. You deserve dignity, safety, and justice. Your voice matters. Your dreams matter. Your life matters." Mheshimwa Agnes advised.



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Nyeri Health Facilities Receive Vital Oxygen Support Equipment



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The Department of Medical Services and Public Health received a donation of Medical equipment from Amref Health Africa in Kenya. The equipment was donated under the Global Fund Covid-19 Response Mechanism - Oxygen Infrastructure Project.

During the visit, the delegation that was led by David Makama paid a courtesy call to the Chief Officer, Ibrahim Adan, and the County Director of Health Services, Dr. Nelson Muriu, who jointly received the medical equipment.

Adan expressed gratitude for the timely support, noting that the donation would significantly enhance the capacity of health facilities, particularly in expanding access to medical oxygen. Speaking during the handover, Makama thanked the County Government of Nyeri for their continued support and collaboration in Amref's programs. He assured the County of sustained support in strengthening the health systems and commended the successful operationalization of oxygen piping projects in Mweiga, Unjiru, Othaya, and Naromoru Hospitals - initiatives sponsored and completed by Amref last year.

The consignment included critical medical supplies such as patient monitors, oxygen analyzers, and wall flowmeters. Facilities set to benefit include Othaya Sub-County Hospital, Naromoru Level 4 Hospital, Consolata Hospital Mathari, Endarasha, Wamagana, Gichira, Island Farm, Kiganjo, Unjiru, and Ruguru Health Centres. County Medical Engineer, John Muriuki, conducted a sensitization session for facility representatives on the proper use and care of the equipment. He emphasized the importance of routine maintenance and timely reporting of any malfunctions. "These are costly and vital devices. Let us handle them with the utmost care and ensure any issues are promptly reported to the medical engineering team," he advised. Other officials present during the event included representatives from the beneficiary health facilities.

Impacts of HSF on Primary Health Care Facilities



The Health Services Fund (HSF) was established under the Health Services Fund Act of 2021 and plays a vital role in improving health care delivery across Nyeri. The Act provides strategic oversight for managing funds, mobilizing resources, and guiding Hospital Management Boards on user fee proposals. Health facilities authorized to collect user fees retain the larger portion, with a share allocated to support services at Dispensaries and Health Centres. Since its enactment, the

Fund has grown significantly, and its impact is visible across many facilities. Notable improvements include increased autonomy in ordering essential drugs, cost-reduction measures such as installation of solar power and drilling of boreholes, renovation works like tiling and painting, and construction of semi-permanent structures such as waiting bays for outpatient and laboratory services. The Department of Medical Services and Public Health is optimistic that the HSF will continue making even greater impacts across all facilities. As the Fund grows, the Department looks forward to improved health services, better infrastructure, and enhanced access to quality healthcare for all residents of Nyeri County.

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Nyeri County World Diabetes Day Commemoration

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

Guided by this year's theme, "Diabetes and Wellbeing" with a special focus on "Diabetes and the Workplace," the event highlighted the importance of caring for our caregiver - ensuring that those who serve the community also safeguard their own health.

The commemoration featured a series of impactful activities, including Continuous Medical Education (CME) sessions, as well as diabetes and hypertension screening for health care workers throughout the week.

The celebrations climaxed with an engagement session bringing together members of the Diabetes Type II support group to empower them with knowledge, strengthen peer support, and reinforce the importance of lifelong disease management.

This interaction was vital in encouraging adherence, promoting early detection of complications, and reminding patients that they are not on this journey alone.

In addition, the Department used this opportunity to raise awareness on



lifestyle modification, early screening, and workplace wellness - key pillars in reducing the rising burden of diabetes within the community.

The event also served as a reminder of the collective responsibility we hold in creating supportive environments both at home and at the workplace to enhance overall wellbeing.

This initiative was a success thanks to the invaluable support of our partners:

PATH, City Eye Hospital, Amref Health Africa – Project Thrive, Equity Africa, and PathCare Pharmaceuticals. Their commitment and collaboration greatly contributed to the impactful outcomes of today's event.

Meanwhile in Othaya, the officers from the Department joined the rest of the world in marking World Diabetes Day at Thunguri Dispensary, in partnership with Amref Health Africa – Project Thrive.

The event was held as part of the ongoing inreach program, aimed at bringing essential health services closer to the community. Members of the public benefited from a wide range of services, including:

- Diabetes and Hypertension Screening
- General Consultation
- Nutrition Counseling and Assessment
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Physiotherapy and Ortho-

- pedic Review
- Eye and Dental Screening
- ENT Review
- Mental Health Counseling and Treatment

Community members were also sensitized on non-communicable diseases (NCDs), the importance of early screening, healthy nutrition, and the need for Social Health Authority (SHA) registration to enhance access to healthcare services.



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