

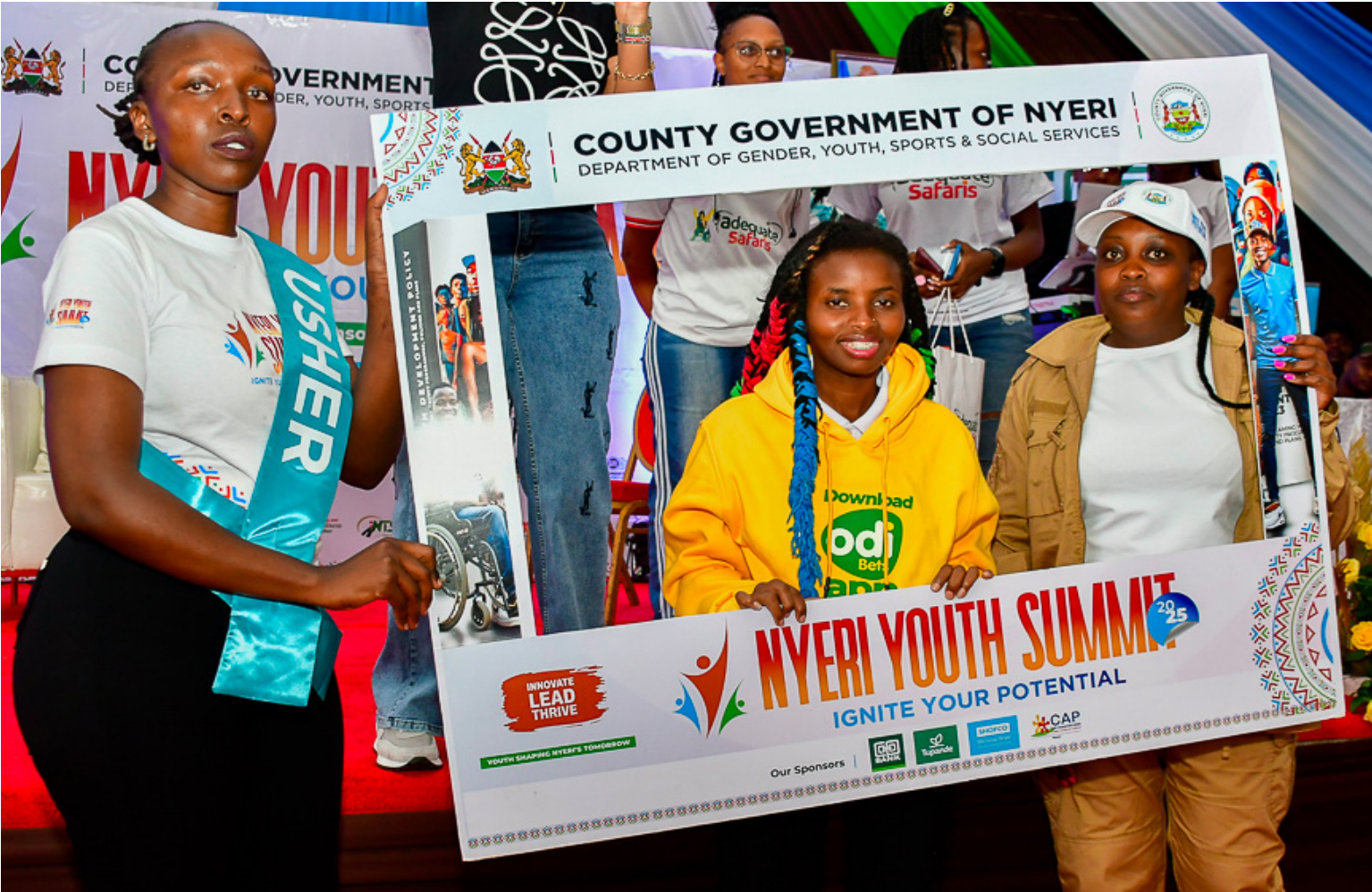


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Nyeri Youth Summit Resolutions



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First of its kind, the Annual Nyeri Youth Summit, spearheaded by the Governor of Nyeri, H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, EGH, through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, led by CECM Esther Ndung'u, was held in Nyeri town last week.

Held under the theme "Ignite Your Potential: Youth Shaping Nyeri's Tomorrow," the summit was a great success, drawing over 5,000

youth participants from across the county and beyond.

Guided by the Nyeri Youth Policy, the summit yielded key resolutions aimed at enhancing youth participation and empowerment.

These included:

- The establishment of a county-managed and well-resourced safe house for survivors of Gender-Based Violence.
- The identification and development of Centers of Excellence within Vocational

Training Centres, beginning with the creation of a Talanta Academy.

- The formation of a Nyeri Youth Council or Advisory Board to enhance youth participation and representation up to the ward level.

- The formalization of the Nyeri Youth Sector Working Group, focusing on thematic areas such as health, governance, employment, values, environmental sustainability, and talent development.

Governor Kahiga promised a follow-up on the resolutions to ensure youth matters are addressed.

The two-day summit brought together Nyeri youth, key stakeholders, County Government departments, National Government MDAs and programs, as well as development partners.

The engagements provided a platform for learning, dialogue, debate, and collaboration, all geared towards developing practical strategies

to uplift the youth of Nyeri.

The summit featured distinguished speakers, led by keynote Speaker Prof. PLO Lumumba, alongside Youth PS Fikirini Jacobs, Gender PS Anne Wang'ombe, CEO of the National Gender and Equality Commission Prof. Purity Ngina, and National Youth Council CEO Gloria Wawira, among others.

Nyeri Youth Summit 2025 was held in high gear as participants broke into thematic vikaoz for interactive Q&A sessions facilitated by experts, county staff, and partners.

These included:

- Health Check Kikao
- Hustle Kikao
- Talanta Kikao
- Technical & Intelligence Kikao
- Green Kikao
- Climate Kikao
- The People's Kikao

These sessions provided space for in-depth discussions, idea exchange, networking, and linkages with potential clients, sponsors, and business partners, right up to the close of the summit.

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Major facelift for Karatina Hospital Maternity wing



Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Back in the year 2016 the County Government of Nyeri was selected as one amongst 20 counties to benefit from a critical partnership between the Government of Kenya and the

Government of Finland. The Department of Health services CECM Dr. Joseph Kiragu held subsequent consultative meetings with representatives from VAMED Health Projects -Finland and the Ministry of Health's Tax Exemption Department specifically regarding their focus on Naromoru and

Karatina Sub-County Hospitals. H.E Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, after 18 months of intensive, thorough renovations, was proud to tour the newly refurbished, state-of-the-art Maternity Unit at Karatina Sub-county Hospital. He was accompanied by Karatina ward MCA Hon. Watson

Weru. Led by Nursing Services Manager Winnie Kihagi and Karatina Hospital Admin Kelvin Kibaara, the team of VAMED Engineers and Nyeri Governor toured of the 64-bed capacity Maternity Wing encompassing the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit, the New Born Unit

(NBU) and the Post-Natal Unit, collectively installed with:

- Maternity theatre;
- 16 incubators;
- 16 baby cots;
- Modern delivery, exam, and observation rooms;
- Modern nurses' stations;
- A technical building housing a medical air system, an oxygen plant and water purification system;
- Solar-powered boilers with electrical backup systems;
- Heavy duty medical waste disposal unit;

VAMED, an international organization based in Finland, continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health to improve health-care infrastructure in Kenya. Their efforts include the construction and equipping of health facilities, as well as training healthcare workers to ensure they can effectively use the newly installed equipment. The County Government of Nyeri looks forward to the formal hand-over of this crucial project to the County administration in the coming weeks.

Wezesha empowerment programme held in Mukurwe-ini

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH was at Ichamara Chief's Camp, Mukurweini Central ward, Mukurwe-ini Sub-County together with area MCA Hon. Cyrus Kibiru, Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u and Nominated MCA Hon. Anita Thumbi (Gender). They distributed empowerment and sports merchandise to 35 groups drawn from across the ward. This activity 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. The 25 self-help groups and 10 sports clubs collectively received one Canon EOS camera, three darts boards (complete sets), three volleyball nets, five football



balls, six volleyball balls and 1,250 tent chairs. The Governor expressed his full support, both as a

Governor, and through the Department of Gender and his entire administration, to this programme.

“Let us all utilize what we have received today to uplift each other and this community economically and

socially, and may the work of your hands bear fruit,” he told the beneficiaries.

AMREF Kenya Board visits Nyeri

Story - Imelda Kinogu

Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri County's Vision: A *wealthy county with happy, healthy and secure people.*

H.E Dr. Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined by the Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri and the County Secretary Edward Irungu welcomed the Amref Kenya Board of Directors and Senior Leadership to his office. The team was on a courtesy call before visiting various Amref project sites across the county.

The delegation was led by Dr. Githinji Gitahi, Global Chief Executive Officer of Amref Health Africa, and Mette Kjaer, Chair of the Amref Kenya Board.

The team visited:

- Nyeri Town Health Centre
- Men Only Integrated In-reach Initiative

- Warazo Jet Rural Health Centre

- Karatina Sub-County Hospital

- Kiamabara Health Centre

Once every year, the Board goes to the field to review progress, engage communities, and assess the impact of their interventions. It was Nyeri County's turn.



Nyeri County continues to face a significant Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) burden, and this is where Amref Kenya's support has been instrumental.

Their contribution in capacity-building — including training, strengthening the health workforce, and financial support — has made a measurable difference.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the demand for oxygen surged, Amref stood with Nyeri and provided critical oxygen support that saved lives.

Beyond COVID-19, the county continues to grapple with rising cases of Diabetes and Cancer.

The County Government of Nyeri hopes to deepen our collaboration with Amref Kenya to address these challenges.

Cancer, in particular, is both financially and emotionally devastating to individuals, families, and the broader community.

Nyeri's greatest asset remains its people — resilient, adaptive, and solution-oriented. Nyeri communities have a remarkable ability to

innovate and move forward even before external aid arrives. It is this spirit that enriches our county.

Nyeri County has consistently prioritized healthcare, dedicating 35% of its budget to the sector.

As a result, Nyeri continues to lead nationally on health indicators.

According to the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census, Nyeri has the highest life expectancy at birth in the country at 71.1 years.

The county also boasts the lowest maternal mortality rate in Kenya, having already

achieved the SDG target of 70 deaths per 100,000 live births — currently standing at 67 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health, deeply appreciates its partnership with Amref Kenya.

“We do not take their commitment, expertise, or continued support for granted. When everything is said and done, our goal remains simple: to build a stronger, healthier Nyeri for everyone,” Said the Governor.

Commissioning of Kaheti Dispensary in Mukurwe-ini

H.E Dr. Mutahi Kahiga joined by the MCA Mahiga Ward, Hon. James Kanyugo, and the CECM Medical Services and Public Health, Dr. Joseph Kiragu commissioned Rukira Dispensary in Mahiga Ward, Othaya Sub-County.

The dispensary is expected to serve over 8,000 people. This shows that it is a well-deserved project, considering the large number of people to whom healthcare services have now been brought closer.

The dispensary will serve the following areas: Ruguru, Kairore, Gathuku, Mati, Kagongo, Rugu, Wathanu and beyond.

The services offered at the dispensary are:

- General Consultation



- Family Planning
- Mother and Child Services
- Antenatal and Postnatal Units
- Injections and Dressing
- Pharmacy

The dispensary, equipped with core and essential services, will be highly beneficial to the public.

Not only can residents now seek treatment closer to

home, but it also reduces the burden of commuting to the facilities they previously relied on.

It also eases the pressure and workload on the oth-

er dispensaries that were accommodating the entire population. Citizens save time and transport costs, while staff are able to provide quality service to each patient.

The County Government of Nyeri continues to invest heavily in the health sector.

“Sick people are unable to support themselves or make a living, so what growth can we expect as a County if we do not invest in our people's health?” Posed the Governor.

A healthy County is a rich County. The County Government of Nyeri will face a rising challenge of non-communicable diseases such as Cancer, Hypertension, and Diabetes.

New Gitathi-ini Dispensary in Kamakwa commissioned

Story - Imelda Kinogu
Photo -Kennedy Karanja

In the effort to improve health care in Nyeri County, H.E Dr, Mutahi Kahiga joined by the MCA Kamakwa Mukaro Ward, Hon. Taiti Jonah, and through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health led by CECM Dr. Joseph Kiragu, commissioned the new Gitathi-ini Dispensary in Kamakwa -Mukaro Ward, Nyeri Central Sub County. This is a warranted project with a service estimate of over 2,000 people across the ward and beyond. When they say warranted, it is because previously, residents were forced to go all the way to Kamuyu Dispensary, Mt. Kenya Hospital, Town Health Center, among others.

The dispensary is expected to serve people from Kamakwa, Ngangarithi, Kamuyu, Kandara, Ciaraini, Muthuaini, and Kagunduini and beyond. With this dispensary, the County Government of Nyeri bring services closer to the people — not only for



everyday needs but also for emergencies. This project also reduces the workload for surrounding hospitals, ultimately ensuring that everyone is served in a timely manner by refreshed staff who are not under excessive pressure. The dispensary has the fol-

lowing clinics:
- General Consultation.
- Family Planning.
- Mother, Child, and Antenatal Unit.
- Injections and Dressing.
- Medical Outpatient Clinics (MOPC).
- Diabetes and Hypertension Check Point.

- Pharmacy
The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Medical Services and Public Health, are focused on erecting more medical facilities. After all, a healthy county is a county that can count as a rich county.

Sick people cannot work or make a sustainable living. So, as per our County's Vision — a wealthy county with happy, healthy, and secure people — we will continue providing everything Nyeri County residents need for maximum prosperity.



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Launch of the Kenya Military Veterans



Story - Linet Mwangi
Photo - Priscilla Muthoni

The day marked a vibrant and inspiring moment in Nyeri as the Kenya Military Veterans officially launched the Nyeri Chapter – an event filled with unity, pride, and heartfelt appreciation. These are not just retired military veterans but leaders, mentors, and active contributors who continue to serve the nation and their communities. With this milestone, Nyeri

becomes the 4th county in Kenya and the 1st in the Mt. Kenya region to formally establish a veterans chapter under the national veterans framework. The Chapter’s motto, “Proud We Served,” resonated throughout the ceremony, highlighting the deep sense of honour shared by all present. H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD, EGH., represented by County Secretary Edward Irungu, joined the veterans in celebrating this historic achievement. He reaffirmed the County’s commitment to work-

ing closely with the Chapter to enhance the welfare, empowerment, and social reintegration of former service members, congratulating the veterans on this landmark occasion. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Lucas Tumbo, Director of Military Veterans, delivered an impactful address emphasizing the importance of efficiency and strengthened coordination in providing services to veterans. He highlighted that veterans remain an invaluable national asset – well-trained, disciplined, and equipped

with unique skills that continue to benefit society long after their military service. The CS reiterated the Directorate’s commitment to “Caring for those who have put their lives on the line to protect the freedom we enjoy.” The launch also reflected the journey behind the Kenya Military Veterans Act, 2022, a law born out of years of advocacy. Its roots trace back to 2012 when a group of retired officers formed the Military Veterans Forum (MVF) to champion the welfare of

veterans, widows, and dependants. Their petition to Parliament, tabled as the Military Veterans Bill 2013, sought a legal framework recognizing veterans’ contributions, addressing retirement challenges, and providing structured support. Though initially shelved, the Bill was later revised by the Ministry of Defence and successfully enacted in 2022, laying the foundation for the initiatives, including the establishment of county chapters. The Nyeri Veterans Veterans Chapter expressed its readiness to collaborate with the County Government on initiatives promoting mentorship, skills development, business opportunities, community service, and social support. The ceremony was filled with team spirit, reflections, and celebration as veterans shared powerful stories of resilience, sacrifice, and patriotism. The County Government of Nyeri congratulated the Kenya Military Veterans on the successful launch of the Nyeri Chapter and looks forward to a strong and impactful partnership in uplifting the lives of veterans across the county.

IHRM HR Awards Gala Dinner 2025

The HR fraternity gathered in elegance and excellence at the HR Awards Gala Dinner 2025, organized by the Institute of Human Resource Management (IHRM). The event was held at the Emara Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi on Friday 28th November, 2025. The occasion celebrated outstanding professionals who continue to transform workplaces, champion people-centered leadership, and set new standards in the HR industry. From Nyeri County, CHRP Bridget Martha was awarded The Best Trend Setter of the Year 2025. This competitive category attracted nominees from across the



country. The award selection process upheld a high level of credibility. Public voting

contributed 20%, while the remaining 80% was determined by a distinguished panel of judges, who thor-

oughly evaluated evidence, verified achievements, and ensured every claim was backed with solid proof

This rigorous process made the win even more meaningful. Bridget’s recognition as the HR Best Trend Setter of the Year reflects her commitment to Human Capital Empowerment, ethical HR practice, and her influence in shaping a modern, people-centric workplace culture. She thanked Nyeri Governor H.E. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH for his stellar leadership of the County Government of Nyeri. Her journey continues to inspire upcoming HR professionals and demonstrates what dedication, impact, and authenticity can achieve.

Graduation ceremony for broiler farmers field school



Story - Linet Mwangi
Photo - Celine Nduta

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Directorate of Veterinary Services, in partnership with FAO Kenya, marked a significant milestone as broiler farmers graduated from the Farmers

Field School program. The event celebrated the farmers' hard work and commitment, highlighting the practical skills they gained in areas such as:

- Broiler chick management
- Proper brooding and temperature control
- Feeding programs for better growth

- Litter and ventilation management
- Biosecurity and responsible antibiotic use
- Waste management
- Value addition in broiler production
- Market access and record keeping
- Behaviour science framework (COM-B & EAST) for

better adoption of best practices

Dr. Ruth Omani, the National Antimicrobial Resistance Specialist, emphasized why Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a serious issue and why everyone needs to work together to fight it. She explained that using antibiotics responsibly and

creating awareness can help protect both people and animals now and in the future. During the event, the Chief Officer for Agriculture, Livestock, and Aquaculture Development Jane Njuguna, also insisted about antimicrobial resistance.

She reminded everyone about the theme for the awareness week, "Act Now, Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future," which ran from November 13th to November 26th. She explained that this message is important because how we use antibiotics currently will affect our health and food systems in the future.

FAO Kenya, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, works to support farmers and communities by improving food production, promoting sustainable agriculture, and ensuring food safety.

In this program, FAO partnered with Nyeri County to provide technical support, training, and resources, helping farmers gain practical skills that improve poultry production and strengthen local food systems.



NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (NAVCDP)

COUNTY PROJECT COORDINATION UNIT (CPCU)

RE-ADVERTISEMENT CALL FOR APPLICATION

The County Government of Nyeri in collaboration with National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) and the Directorate of Veterinary Services, invite qualified and licensed Veterinarians and Veterinary Para-professionals to apply to participate in the upcoming Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination campaign. This initiative will be implemented through the e-voucher system, ensuring efficient service delivery and transparent compensation.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN

- To enhance livestock health and productivity across Nyeri County,
- To prevent and control outbreaks of FMD,
- To strengthen Animal Health Service delivery through digital platforms.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Licensed Veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals who are ;
- Registered, retained, and therefore eligible to practice as per the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB)
 - Familiar with digital tools leveraging mobile technology communication
 - Available for deployment between December 2025 and January 2026

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administer FMD vaccines to targeted livestock populations
- Record and report vaccination data via the e-voucher system
- Registration of animals through the digital platform
- Effectively engage with livestock owners and local stakeholders
- Ensure cold chain and vaccine integrity throughout the campaign period
- Target animals in cattle, sheep and goats where applicable

HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application via the portal below so as to reach us on or before 18th December, 2025. <https://aharecruitment.kalro.org/>

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Application instructions

1. Once on the webpage, click "apply."
2. Select Nyeri County from the list and then click "Proceed with Nyeri County."
3. Fill in the application form with your personal details.
4. After completing all the required fields, click "create account."
5. Use the login details you created to sign in to your application portal and continue with your application

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD SUBMIT;

- A cover letter expressing interest
- Updated CV with relevant experience
- Copy of updated KVB registration certificate
- A copy of professional certificate
- National ID and contact details
- All the above documents should be compiled as one PDF Document for ease of upload and download
- Successful applicants will be required to have personal Insurance against any incidents or accidents that may occur during this exercise

