



Governor Kahiga Eight Year Legacy: Impact, Progress and Transformation

Governor Kahiga: My eight-year scorecard

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 county'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.

The projects included: three masonry water tanks: Treffos / Kiburuti, Gatarakwa, and Mutitu "B," three earth dam rehabilitation projects including Kamangura (Mikum-

bune), 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 Mure-ru Irrigation Water Project.

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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 Njiriga 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 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, leading to higher production.

to monitor inseminations and improve on reporting.

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 Wakuli-

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 hect-



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

ma Dairy, Keini Dairy, Slopes Dairy, and Kairuthi Dairy with 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

ares 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 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 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 co-operation 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. 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 commu-



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

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.

mental 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 infrastructure 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 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 pro-



nity-based organizations 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 boreholes at a cost of over Kshs. 200 million.

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

We have coordinated the 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, environ-



tection 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. 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 cooperative 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. 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 participants 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.



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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 Literature 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 FLLoCA 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 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 pro-



vided 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 partner-

ships.

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 laboratory, imaging services and other basic equipment required for high-level care treatment.

My Government prioritized health sector governance reforms, institutional coordination and accountability. 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 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



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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 support.

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 footbridges, 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 sup-

port the uptake of clean energy. To enhance internal capacity in the infrastructure sector we procured Five Shackman Tipperlorries, 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 achievements 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 eco-

nomie 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, ensuring 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 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 partners 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 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 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

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, Mukurwe-ini 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 between 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, approved, 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, con-



sumer 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 Ndumanu 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 recruitment, 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.



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 extensive 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 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 Medi-

um-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 million 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.

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 de-

livery and sustainable county growth.

The Department achieved its goals tremendously, which has significantly contributed to improved service delivery for the people of Nyeri. The

DG Inspects the Construction Tetu Level IV Hospital



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri also inspected the ongoing construction of the Tetu Level IV Hospital, a project that began in May 2025.

The transformation of this facility marks a major step forward in strengthening healthcare infrastructure within the sub-county.

The project entails upgrading Wamagana Health Centre from a Level 3 facility to a fully-fledged Level 4 hospital with a 150-bed capacity. Once completed, the hospital will significantly enhance access to quality healthcare services for residents of Tetu and neighbouring areas.

This development is expected to ease the growing pressure on existing facilities and help decongest the Nyeri County Referral Hospital.

The inspection was also attended by the CECM for Health, Dr. JM Kiragu.

Nyeri County Does It Again: Among Leaders In County Ranking Index



Nyeri County has yet again surpassed expectations, emerging top jointly with three other counties in the recently released County Competitive Index 2024. This Index, spearheaded by the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, assessed the counties across multiple sectors. Under the guidance and leadership of H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, Nyeri County's skilled workforce, robust infrastructure and favourable business environment continue to set the bar even higher in terms of performance and impact. Hongera to the staff, departments and leadership of this great County. Your concerted efforts continue to pay off!

Echocardiography (ECHO) Services at Nyeri County Referral Hospital



The Department of Medical Services and Public Health proudly highlights yet another advanced diagnostic service available at Nyeri County Referral Hospital - the Adult Transthoracic Echocardiography (ECHO). ECHO is a special heart check-up that uses sound waves (ultrasound) to look at how your heart and blood vessels are working. This service helps doc-

tors to detect heart problems early and to monitor patients living with conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, or those on dialysis. Our hospital has a modern ECHO machine and a trained heart imaging specialist, ensuring you get accurate and reliable results. ECHO services are fully catered for under the Social Health Authority (SHA) at Kshs 3,500, while cash-paying clients are charged Kshs 5,000. Since its introduction a year ago, many clients have benefited from this life-saving service, reinforcing our commitment to accessible, quality, and patient-centered health-care for all.



Public Participation on the Nyeri Tariff Policy and Revenue Strategy

The KCB Foundation, in partnership with the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Education, Training and Devolution, continues to empower youth under the 2Jiajiri Programme by equipping them with essential entrepreneurial and financial management skills. The Business Development Support Workshops for the second cohort of trainees were successfully conducted in September and October, bringing together participants from 20 vocational training institutions across Nyeri County. The first workshop, held in September, focused on introducing trainees to various business fields, including Agriculture, Automotive, Hair and Beauty Therapy, Building and Construction, Domestic Services, Creative Industries, and ICT. Participants were also guided through the different types of businesses: Manufacturing, Services, Wholesale and Retail to help them identify suitable areas of investment. The sessions further delved into business idea generation and feasibility analysis, with participants exploring key guiding questions such as: Which needs will their business fulfil for customers? What goods and services will their business sell? Who will they sell to? How will the business sell its goods and services? How much will the business depend upon and impact the environment? The trainees were encouraged to adopt a saving culture as a fundamental step toward financial independence and

business sustainability. In addition, the workshop incorporated a vital session on Safeguarding, highlighting measures taken by the KCB Foundation to protect project participants from harm, abuse, and exploitation. Trainees were sensitized on issues related to physical abuse, harassment, bullying, and sexual abuse, ensuring they are aware of their rights and the protective mechanisms in place. The second workshop, held in October, focused on practical business development skills, including how to fill out a business plan, develop a budget, and prepare cash flow projections. These sessions equipped trainees with the knowledge and tools necessary to manage their enterprises effectively. The overall objective of the training was to empower youth with entrepreneurial, financial, and ethical skills, key components in promoting self-employment and economic growth. A total of 20 vocational training centres benefited from the workshops, each hosting trainees under the 2Jiajiri Programme scholarships. The students will be expected to sit for their final examinations in December, after which they will proceed for an industrial attachment to gain practical experience in their respective fields. Through this collaboration, the KCB Foundation and the County Government of Nyeri reaffirm their commitment to nurturing skilled, empowered, and self-reliant youth capable of contributing meaningfully to the local economy.

Nyeri County Moves to Develop Land Policy



The County Government of Nyeri took a bold, significant step toward transforming land in governance by hosting a three-day workshop in partnership with the European Union (EU) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) funded by the Digital Governance Land Programme (DGLP). The workshop which was officially closed by Lands CECM Ndirangu Gachunia, brought together land experts, and key stakeholders to develop Nyeri's first-ever County Land Policy, a landmark framework to guide the use, management, and protection of land while promoting sustainable development for future generations. While addressing stakehold-

ers, the CECM emphasized the crucial role of sustainable land management in promoting both economic growth and environmental stewardship. He commended the formulation of a comprehensive land policy aimed at enhancing community engagement, ensuring equitable land distribution, and conserving natural resources. The policy also seeks to strengthen land tenure security, encourage investment in agricultural innovation, and ensure compliance with environmental regulations to build resilience against climate change. Sessional Paper No.3 of 2009 whose shelf-life has since expired is under review by the

National Government. As the Department awaits the completion of the process, Nyeri like many counties across Kenya, is continuing grappling with land-related challenges that are hindering development and strained social harmony, and this can't wait for the National Government to guide. The County must rise to the occasion and guide our people in this direction. The National Government can as well borrow a leaf from us. From irregular allocation and grabbing of public land, ownership disputes stemming from poor documentation, succession conflicts, and rampant land fragmentation have long undermined economic

progress and public confidence in land administration. The ongoing writeshop aims to close these gaps by translating national land laws into practical, county-specific solutions that respond to Nyeri's unique realities. Currently, many land processes in the county remain manual, making record management inefficient and prone to loss or manipulation. The uncontrolled subdivision of land into uneconomical plots has reduced agricultural productivity, while the absence of proper valuation systems has opened doors for speculation and inflated land prices. Moreover, unregistered ownership, including informal settlements, colonial villag-

es, and unregularized market plots, continues to leave many residents vulnerable and excluded from formal land rights.

Through this policy, Nyeri County aims to chart a new course toward transparent, equitable, and sustainable land governance.

Its main objectives are to resolve land use conflicts by streamlining administration services, establish a framework for effective land use management, and simplify processes to make them faster and more accessible to the public.

The discussions during the write shop are anchored on four key thematic areas:

- Land administration & Management.
- Land Use Planning,
- Transport, Infrastructure, Health and Education, and
- Agriculture, Environment, Natural Resources, and Conservation.

By addressing these interconnected sectors, the policy will ensure that land serves not only as an economic asset but also as a foundation for social development and environmental sustainability.

As the session concluded, optimism ran high among participants that the policy would transform land administration into a driver of growth, security, and dignity for all Nyerians.

The workshop convened key stakeholders such as FAO Cluster Coordinator Jattan Wako, Lands Chief Officer Fredrick Maina, county directors, surveyors, planners, and other sector specialists.

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Standing On Business: The Legal Angles



In the ever-expanding business arena that is Nyeri County, the business community including aspiring entrepreneurs are busy putting their ducks in a row, putting everything in place to either launch or expand their ventures.

In the recently released County Competitive Index 2024 Report, Nyeri County under the leadership of H.E Governor Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH, emerged in the top percentile in terms of economic potential, quality of life, infrastructure and attractiveness for investment.

Key elements in launching a business include developing the business idea, conducting market research on your product or service, and writing an all-inclusive business plan. Other critical components involve funding, setting up the legal structure, registering the business, and handling legal requirements like licenses, permits, and insurance. Finally, you must build a brand, establish a marketing strategy, and manage finances and operations to launch successfully.

In this article, we focus on the legal aspect of things. What ought one need to bear in mind as you envision your enterprise?

Areas of Business Law a Lawyer Can Help You With
When setting up your business it is important to understand the legal environment

in which you are operating. Good lawyers advise, represent and advocate for you on the following laws enabling you save time, resources and avoid pitfalls.

A.Contract Laws:

A legally binding contract contains the following:

- Agreement between the parties.
- Consideration meaning the supply of money, property or services in exchange for something of value.
- Capacity of the parties who should be of legal age and sound mind.
- Intention by the parties to enter into legal relations.
- Certainty of the contract completing specific, clear and binding instructions.

Absence of any of these elements means that either it is not legally binding or it is not enforceable.

B.The Privacy Act:

The Data Protection Act promotes and protects your privacy and regulates how government agencies and organizations handle personal information. It also regulates the privacy component of tax file numbers, the consumer credit reporting system and health and medical research.

C.Anti-bullying Laws:

These laws cover bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence including disability discrimination, human rights and equal opportunity, racial discrimination, racial hatred

and sex discrimination. Prime example is the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act.

D.Independent Contractors:

For independent contractors a business lawyer can help you enforce your protections and seek redress in the event of sham contracting or payment disputes.

E.Unfair Dismissal:

If you have been unfairly or unreasonably dismissed, you can seek legal redress via:

- validity of the dismissal.
- procedural fairness to the employee.
- harshness.
- possible remedies.

F.Import and Export Laws:

Business lawyers navigate legal issues and risks in the following:

- licensing and permits.
- customs requirements for imports and exports.
- Defense export controls covering military items of an incapacitating, destructive or lethal nature, items for nuclear, chemical or biological use and military programs.
- exporting goods online.
- protecting your international intellectual property.
- applicable Free Trade Agreements.

G.Intellectual Property Law:

Kenya's Industrial Property Act, Copyright Act and Trademarks Act are designed to encourage innovation and protect your original patents, trademarks, designs, process-

es and formulae.

H.Franchising Laws and Code of Conduct:

Despite Kenya not having laws specific to franchising, we do have regulate franchise transactions and businesses, brand protection and intellectual property. These include the Law o Contract Act as well as the Intellectual Property laws as mentioned above.

Also covered are liability, real estate, online trading, controls and taxation, commercial agency, good faith and fair dealings, franchise renewal and migration, and electronic signatures and document retention.

I.Employment and Labour Laws:

The Employment Act and Labour Relations Act covers:

- employment terms and conditions.
- representation and industrial relations.
- discrimination.
- maternity and family leave rights.
- business sales.
- employee termination.
- data protection and employee privacy.
- Court procedure and practices.

J.Environmental Laws:

Matters protected under The Environmental Management and Conservation Act include:

- national and world heritage properties.
- important international wetlands.

- protected migratory species.
- listed threatened species and ecological communities.
- Commonwealth marine areas;
- the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and
- nuclear actions (including uranium mines).

Engage business lawyers to advise you on what is protected, required approvals and permits, compliance and exemptions.

K.Marketing Laws:

Australian Consumer Law promotes competition and fair trade to benefit consumers, business and the community. It also covers unfair market practices, industry codes, mergers and acquisitions of companies, product safety and labelling, price monitoring, and industry regulation as well as Warranties and Guarantees.

L.Competition Laws:

Prohibited practices include cartel conduct, price fixing, market division, restricting outputs and bid rigging, anti-competitive agreements, misuse of market power, exclusive dealing, resale price maintenance and adverse mergers.

M.Consumer and Product Liability Regulations:

Included are your right to repair, replacement or refund, compensation for damages and loss and being able to cancel a faulty service. Business lawyers pursue these and similar rights under the Consumer Protection Act and Sale of Good Act.

N.Taxation Laws:

Taxation law regulates the following taxes:

- personal income taxes.
- capital gains tax.
- corporate taxes.
- trustee liability taxes.
- goods and services taxes.
- property taxes.
- departure tax.
- excise taxes.
- luxury car tax.
- customs duties.
- payroll taxes.
- fringe benefits tax.
- superannuation taxes for private pensions.

Kenya imposes criminal and civil penalties for breach that may include fines, damages, court injunctions, community service or imprisonment.

11th WSPU General Assembly 2025 – Youth Assembly, Nyeri

Could be the Mecca or the Vatican City of Scouts — Nyeri County.

Nyeri, famously quoted by the founding father of Scouts as, “The nearer to Nyeri, the nearer to bliss,” was earlier this year named the Official Global Scouting City of the World, and remains the final resting place of the Scout’s founding father, Baden-Powell.

Nyeri is truly a town of bliss — wrapped in the lush green of the Aberdare Ranges and Mount Kenya. A county that can only be described in one word: breathtaking.

In yet another welcomed and highly anticipated scout-related ceremony, Nyeri Governor H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga had the honour of being the Chief Guest during the 11th WSPU General Assembly 2025 — Youth Assembly, held at Kamwenja Teachers Training College, Nyeri.

This was in collaboration with the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Co-operatives led by the Acting CECM Ndirangu Gachunia and their Chief Officer George Mwangi.

He was joined by the Principal Secretary, State Depart-



ment for Devolution, Michael Loikenu, and Miss Betty Anderson, the National Executive Officer of the Kenya Girl Guides Association.

The event was led by the Chairman of the Youth Assembly, Hon. Dr. Oundo Ojiambo, and drew various key stakeholders to the gathering. The theme of the 11th General Assembly was:

“Parliamentary Scouts in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Creative Economy and Climate Action.”

The fete saw youths from all over the country and notably from Tanzania, Ghana and Morocco, joining their Ken-

yan counterparts for the assembly.

Scouts, through their promise and core values, are regarded as deeply upstanding members of society. The discipline and leadership they acquire give them a competitive edge, even in the job market, boosting their chances of employability.

This is exactly where we want to take our young people. If we bring them into the Scouting movement from a young age and allow them to grow within its teachings, then the misuse and manipulation of our youth by various dark entities would drastically diminish.

They say your network is your net worth — and why is that important? Simple. Today, you’re in a social environment with peers and leaders from across the country and continent. I encourage you to go around, interact, and make meaningful connections. Know the people around you. Everyone has something to offer — network, build bonds that last. Let us rise and uplift one another.

The County Government of Nyeri — through all our departments, especially the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Co-operatives — is ready to support the youth,

as well as the Scouts and Girl Guides movements. We will continue offering any necessary support to all related stakeholders.

A number of honorable leaders in attendance included Hon. Dorice Donya, who is highly affiliated with the Scouting movement, Hon. Pamela Njeru, Woman Representative, Embu County, and Hon. Stanley Wakibia, MCA Aguthi - Gaaki Ward.

Representing the County Government were the CECM Health Dr. Joseph Kiragu and Miss Tourism Nyeri County Shakem Sharon, among other guests and partners.

DG Visits Mukurwe-ini Level IV Hospital



Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri visited Mukurwe-ini Level IV Hospital to assess the progress of the ongoing developments within the facility.

The new block under construction marks a significant milestone in improving healthcare services for the people of Mukurwe-ini and beyond.

The block will comprise two emergency theatres, a casualty department, a fully equipped medical laboratory, and a pharmacy. It will also feature

consultation rooms, specialist clinics, a physiotherapy clinic, an occupational therapy clinic, a dental clinic, a dental laboratory, a plaster room, and administration offices — all designed to enhance service delivery and ensure patients receive quality, timely, and comprehensive care. Additionally, he visited various departments where he spent time with patients and toured the wards to witness firsthand the incredible work being carried out by our dedicated healthcare teams.

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Commissioning of Kaheti Dispensary in Mukurwe-ini



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.

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 De-

partment 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.

Impactful Community Initiatives held in various wards



The Department of Water, Environment and Climate Change, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture - Nyeri County, carried out impactful community initiatives across Ruring'u, Kiganjo - Mathari, Wamagana, and Kirimukuyu Wards. Through the departments and offices of respective members of the county assembly, more than five self-help groups received improved breeds of dairy goats, while over 30 groups in Kirimukuyu Ward received

certified maize seeds. These distributions are part of a broader effort to enhance livelihoods, strengthen food security, and build climate resilience among farmers in the county. During the events, farmers received hands-on training from dedicated climate change officers, livestock and agriculture officers on sustainable goat rearing, modern maize farming, and climate-smart agricultural practices. This practical guidance equips the community with the skills and knowledge need-

ed to grow their herds and crops sustainably, adapt to climate challenges, and secure their future. The initiatives were launched by Hon. Margaret Muthoni Kuruga (MCA, Kiganjo-Mathari) and Hon. Antony Muriithi Ndagita (MCA, Kirimukuyu), who both expressed deep appreciation for the teamwork between the Department and the communities. They reaffirmed their commitment to supporting programs that uplift livelihoods and strengthen local resilience.

Empowering Community Livelihoods Through Dairy Farming in Othaya



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, UTaNRMP, 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: Kireuru 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.

Keeping Watch on Healthcare Progress



H.E. Governor Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH visited the Nyeri County Referral Hospital, where he interacted with patients and walked through the different departments to witness firsthand the incredible work being done by the healthcare teams.

A key highlight of the visit was the Radiology Department, home to the state-of-the-art 164-slice CT Scan machine.

He took time to see how this new equipment is

transforming service delivery, providing clear, precise, and safe diagnostic imaging powered by AI technology.

This innovation is helping the doctors make faster and more accurate diagnoses, leading to better treatment outcomes for patients.

As a county, our people's health and well-being remain at the heart of everything the Administration does, a statement reiterated by Governor Kahiga when he added: "My

administration is fully committed to empowering the Department of Medical Services with the support and resources needed to deliver quality, compassionate care to every resident of Nyeri."

This visit was more than just a tour; it was a reminder of the lives we touch through dedicated service and the importance of continually improving our healthcare infrastructure.

Together, we will build a healthier, more hopeful Nyeri.