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Kenya pushes farm mechanization to improve harvests

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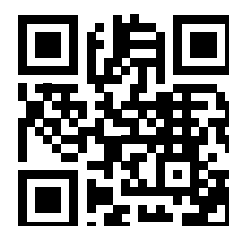


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Mechanization campaign set to improve Kenya’s harvests

BY NANCY OMONDI AND
ZIPPORAH ODIONYI (KNA)

Kenya is intensifying efforts to modernize agriculture through mechanization and digital innovation, with Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe urging farmers, financiers, and investors to embrace technology as the key to productivity and food security.

Speaking at the opening of the 12th Agritech Africa Exhibition at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi, Kagwe described mechanization as the game changer that will transform farming into a profitable, youth-driven enterprise.

“The average Kenyan farmer is 64 years old. We want to move from 64 to 34. That is the idea behind mechanisation and digitisation,” he said, drawing applause. His remarks underscored the urgency of revitalising a sector grappling with an ageing workforce and the need to attract younger generations into agriculture.

Kagwe stressed that Kenya cannot continue relying on traditional methods if it hopes to feed



Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe addresses participants during the opening of the 12th Agritech Africa Exhibition at KICC, Nairobi. PHOTO: NANCY OMONDI

a growing population and remain competitive in regional and global markets. Mechanisation, he argued, is the lever that will boost productivity, reduce losses, and generate higher incomes while creating new opportunities for skilled employment.

He dismissed fears that machines would replace human labour, insisting instead that they would redefine it. “You remove

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the jembe job, but you train the same person to become a tractor operator and give them a better-paying opportunity,” he explained.

In his vision, mechanisation is not about eliminating jobs but upgrading them—creating specialised roles in equipment operation, maintenance, repair, and spare parts supply chains.

The Cabinet Secretary revealed that the Government is working with the National Treasury to craft policies that ease the importation of farm machinery while simultaneously encouraging local assembly and manufacturing.

He emphasised that Kenya must not only buy tractors from abroad but also build them locally. “We are happy to buy equipment from China, India, Italy and elsewhere, but we will be even happier when those tractors are manufactured or assembled here in Kenya,” he said.

Kagwe extended an open invitation to both local and international investors to partner with the Government in establishing assembly and manufacturing plants. Such ventures, he noted, would reduce costs, create jobs, and strengthen Kenya’s indus-

trial base while adding value to the agricultural transformation agenda. To make mechanisation more accessible, Kagwe urged farmers to embrace cooperative approaches.

Village groups, savings organisations and cooperatives, he suggested, could pool resources to jointly purchase equipment and share operational costs.

He also encouraged young entrepreneurs to explore opportunities in tractor hire services, equipment leasing and mechanisation support businesses emerging sectors he described as ripe with growth potential.

Kagwe challenged banks to rethink their lending models, arguing that interest rates of 20 to 25 per cent are prohibitive.

“We are prepared to buy the tractors, but not at 20 or 25 per cent interest rates. Affordable financing of around 10 per cent with repayment periods of between three and five years would make mechanisation accessible to more farmers,” he said. He called on machinery suppliers to collaborate with financial institutions to provide

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National Transport and Safety Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LICENSING OF NEW PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSPORT OPERATORS

The Authority, in exercising its mandate under the NTSA Act, 2012 and the NTSA (Operation of Public Service Vehicles) Regulations, 2014, hereby issues a temporary moratorium on;

1. The licensing of new public transport operators (Saccos and Companies) for a period of 24 months

2. Addition of new routes and existing route extension for a period of 12 months, however this may be reconsidered in the event a new road is commissioned.

3. Modification or reconfiguration of existing licensed routes including changes to pick and drop points for a period of 12 months

This measure is necessitated by;

1. Persistent non-compliance and road safety concerns within the sector

2. The proliferation of illegal operators who undercut regulated players by creating significant road safety risks, enabling insecurity, and engaging in unfair competition against licensed operators.

3. The Authority's plan to strengthen oversight, enhance the transport management systems, and implement broader sector reforms

4. Modification of routes that has resulted in inconsistency and unreliable public transport services.

During this period, the Authority, in consultation with relevant stakeholders and with the support of the County Governments, shall conduct a comprehensive audit of road safety compliance and traffic management, while also assisting existing operators to improve their service standards to meet road safety requirements. The Authority will also be working with County Government to redefine consistent and profitable routes.

NOTE;

1. No new applications for PSV Operator Licenses will be accepted or processed during this period

2. This decision applies to all prospective operators intending to be licensed by the Authority

3. Existing licensed operators shall continue to operate subject to full compliance with safety, licensing, and operational standards.

4. Prospective investors and operators are encouraged to use this period to submit to the Authority memorandums/ proposals to promote road safety and enhance effective management of public transport in Kenya.

This moratorium takes effect from 19th June 2026. For more information and support, contact the Authority through info@ntsa.go.ke or visit the nearest NTSA office.

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integrated packages that ease acquisition for smallholders.

Beyond mechanization, Kagwe highlighted the Government's partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to advance digital agriculture.

Through technology driven farmer registration, the initiative seeks to capture identities, land ownership details, farm locations and acreage, ensuring subsidies and inputs reach legitimate beneficiaries.

"The title, the location, the size of the land and the farmer's identity will be linked through technology to ensure support reaches the right beneficiaries," he explained.

Digital platforms, he added, will improve planning, monitoring and resource allocation, enabling government agencies to make decisions based on accurate data.

The exhibition itself underscored the scale of innovation sweeping across the continent. Local and international exhibitors showcased cutting edge farm machinery, irrigation technologies, renewable energy solutions and digital farming systems all designed to accelerate Africa's agricultural transformation.

India's High Commissioner to Kenya Dr. Adarsh Swaika reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to deepen cooperation through technology transfer, innovation and shared best practices.

Koskei calls for public sector reforms to boost productivity

BY LILIAN GICHOHI (KNA)

Senior government leaders and policymakers have called for sweeping structural and cultural reforms across the public sector, warning that Kenya's long-term fiscal sustainability and service delivery ambitions hinge on a significant improvement in productivity.

Speaking at the opening of the National Performance and Productivity Conference in Nairobi, Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei urged public servants to break away from outdated practices that continue to hamper efficiency and innovation across government institutions.

Koskei emphasized that productivity should not be viewed as a temporary initiative or a policy requirement but as a continuous commitment to creating greater value from public resources.

"Productivity is not a one-time initiative, a policy document, or a performance plan; it is a habit of continuously creating greater value from the resources entrusted to us," he said. He urged public institutions to move beyond



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei addresses delegates during the official opening of the National Performance and Productivity Conference at the Kenya School of Government (KSG), Lower Kabete, Nairobi. PHOTO: JOSEPH NG'ANG'A

a culture of compliance and embrace value creation as the cornerstone of public service. He further called for the protection of professional public service from political interference, arguing that an independent and efficient bureaucracy is critical for achieving national development goals.

The three-day conference, themed "Productivity for Fiscal Sustainability and Efficient Service Delivery," brought

together representatives from the national government, all 47 county governments, the private sector, trade unions, and development partners. Organizers adopted a whole-of-government approach aimed at fostering collaboration and sharing best practices on productivity enhancement.

Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) Chairperson Sammy Chepkwony said Kenya

had made notable progress in managing its public wage bill, which has declined from 55 percent in 2020 to 40 percent in 2026 through strategic expenditure controls and workforce management measures.

However, he cautioned that expenditure reduction alone cannot guarantee sustainable fiscal health.

"The expenditure control curve is starting to flatten at its tail end, proving that the more you control, the results are not significant," Chepkwony observed.

He noted that future fiscal gains must be driven by measurable productivity improvements that focus on outcomes and impact rather than simply controlling inputs and costs.

Council of Governors Chairperson and Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi identified weak workplace culture as one of the major barriers to productivity. He criticized the tendency by some public officers to treat government employment as a secondary commitment while prioritizing private business interests.

Abdullahi said public resources and working hours must be utilized effectively to ensure citizens receive quality services and value for money.



TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS FOR BRIDGE WORKS, CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS ROADS

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 with the responsibility for Management, Development, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Trunk Roads.

The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible contractors for bridge works, construction and rehabilitation of various roads to be funded through the Government of Kenya Development Vote.

There shall be a **mandatory pre-tender site visits** as specified in the detailed tender notice uploaded onto the KeNHA website and Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP).

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested tenderers from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or PPIP portal: www.tenders.go.ke **free of charge**.

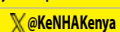
Bidders are encouraged to download tender documents from the above websites to minimise physical visits to **KeNHA Offices**.

The tender closing dates will be as specified in the detailed tender notice.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) for any tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

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TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS FOR VARIOUS ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE 4TH QUARTER OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 with the responsibility for Management, Development, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Trunk Roads.

The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible contractors and suppliers for various Maintenance works and services in support of Road Infrastructure Maintenance and Construction for fourth (4th) Quarter for the FY 2025-2026 to be funded through the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF).

There shall be a mandatory pre-bid conference and pre-tender site visits as specified in the detailed tender notice uploaded onto the KeNHA website.

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested tenderers from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP): www.tenders.go.ke **free of charge**.

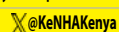
Bidders are encouraged to download tender documents to minimise physical visits to the respective KeNHA Regional Offices.

The tender closing date will be on **Thursday, 16th July, 2026 at 11.00 A.M.**

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

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New policy to create digital jobs for youth



Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime (Second Left), addressing the media at Great Lakes University of Kisumu (GLUK). PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA AND
ROBERT ONYANGO (KNA)

The Government has approved a new Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) policy designed to create digital employment opportunities for hundreds of thousands of young Kenyans who are unable to secure formal jobs each year. Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary Shadrack

Mwadime said the policy, recently approved by Cabinet, will establish a framework to protect workers in the digital economy while positioning Kenya as a leading player in the global outsourcing market.

Speaking during the launch of a digital learning and foreign languages programme at Great Lakes University of Kisumu, Mwadime said the country faces a growing employment challenge, with

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560,000

He said the government had already secured employment opportunities for more than 560,000 Kenyans abroad over the last three years and was expanding labour agreements with countries in Europe and North America.

nearly 700,000 young people left without formal jobs annually.

“Every year we produce close to one million graduates and school leavers, but our economy is only able to absorb about 300,000 into formal employment. The rest must be supported through alternative opportunities, including digital jobs and entrepreneurship,” he said.

The PS said the government was increasingly focusing on digital employment as a practical solution to youth unemployment, citing cases of young Kenyans earning substantial incomes through online work.

He revealed that one young Kenyan recently earned Sh. 400,000 from a single digital assignment, demonstrating the potential of the sector to generate wealth and employment.

“Many people do not understand what digital jobs can do. Some young people work at night because they are serving clients in different time zones across the world. These opportunities are real and can transform lives,” he said.

Mwadime noted that the BPO policy would help safeguard the interests of Kenyans working online while creating a conducive environment for growth in the sector.

The announcement comes as the government intensifies efforts to address unemployment among the country’s youthful population.

According to Mwadime, Kenya’s average age is about 18 years, with roughly 70 per cent of the population aged below 35.

While the government continues to promote overseas employment through the Kazi Majuu programme, Mwadime said digital work offers an opportunity for young people to earn globally while remaining in the country.

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560,000 Kenyans abroad over the last three years and was expanding labour agreements with countries in Europe and North America.

At the same time, the State Department for Labour is working with universities and training institutions to align academic programmes with labour market demands.

Mwadime said employers frequently raise concerns about graduates lacking work-place-ready skills despite spending years in training institutions.

“We want educational institutions to become recruitment centres where students transition directly into employment. Universities must train for the market that exists today and the opportunities that are emerging globally,” he said.

The launch at Great Lakes University of Kisumu introduced a digital classroom ecosystem supported by Samsung and other partners, alongside foreign language training programmes targeting opportunities in Germany, Canada, the Gulf region and other international labour markets.

The PS said language proficiency was becoming increasingly important as Kenya positions its workforce for global competitiveness.

“German, Arabic, Mandarin, Korean and Spanish are no longer just languages. They are economic pathways that open doors to jobs, business opportunities and labour mobility,” he said.

Great Lakes University Vice Chancellor Professor Hazel Miseda Mumbo described the initiative as a major step towards leveraging technology to tackle unemployment.

“We have already seen people living in Kenya and working for organisations abroad. Technology and digital skills are creating opportunities that were previously unavailable to many young people,” she said.

Hatching centre a boon to Marimanti poultry farmers

BY DICKSON MWITI AND
BEATRICE MWENDE
(KNA)

Marimanti hatchery and poultry project, Tharaka South Sub County, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development is set to improve poultry production by providing the much needed inputs for local farmers.

The hatchery is expected to transform the poultry sector by breeding and supplying farmers with the highly demanded one-day-old and one-month old chicks.

The facility that features a 15,000-egg capacity hatchery will be a dream come true for the poultry farmers in the region that have



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been relying on private companies, which has been an expensive undertaking for them.

The initiative is aimed at alleviating poverty and creating employment.

According to Matthew Papa, the Head of Marimanti Hatching Centre, the facility will bring improvement and change to farmers in the area because they will have access to high

quality breeds of chicks that are disease-resistant and buy as many chicks as they want, without any limitation because there would be flow of production at the facility.

“The one-day-chicks that are very rare to get will be readily available because the farmers will acquire them from the first day they are hatched and monitor their growth,” Papa noted.



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The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) hereby announces a public meeting for all Approved Maintenance Organizations (AMOs) and Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holders focused on certification and maintenance requirements.

The session will provide comprehensive regulatory updates, policy guidance, and technical oversight requirements relating to aircraft airworthiness and certification. Key areas of focus will include aircraft certification processes, newly issued Technical Guidance Materials (TGMs), the approval and oversight of Approved Maintenance Organizations (AMOs) and aviation workshops, inclusion and capability extension procedures, cross-border aircraft transfers and Cape Town Convention considerations, aging aircraft operations, Airworthiness Directives (ADs), Service Bulletins, aircraft type training standards, and other critical airworthiness and safety-related matters.

The forum aims to enhance regulatory compliance, promote industry best practices, and strengthen aviation safety, airworthiness, and operational integrity among stakeholders in Kenya and beyond.

The meeting will take place on **Monday 29th June 2026** starting from **9.00 a.m. East African Time (+3GMT)** at **Argyle Grand Hotel**.

Nicholas Bodo
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New public ferry to connect Kisumu, Homa Bay and surrounding islands

BY BRENDA ODINDO AND SITNA OMAR

Plans to boost water transport on Lake Victoria are gathering momentum as the government moves closer to launching a new public ferry expected to transform the movement of people and goods across the region. The project received a major boost after the National Treasury allocated Sh150 million in the 2026/2027 budget to complete the vessel, which is being assembled by Kenya Shipyards Limited in Kisumu.

The ferry is expected to be commissioned later this year as part of broader efforts to revive maritime transport on the lake.

Once operational, it will connect Kisumu, Kendu Bay, Homa Bay, and Muhuru Bay, while extending services to remote islands, including Mfangano. The service is expected to provide a cheaper and safer transport alternative, while also opening up new trade opportunities for communities around the lake.

Construction of supporting infrastructure is also nearing completion. Piers in Muhuru Bay and Homa Bay Town, which will



A photo of the ferry ramp at the Sh500 million Homa Bay pier that is being rehabilitated to serve as vital maritime link to Kisumu, Kendu Bay, Mbita, Uganda and Tanzania hubs.

serve as key docking points, are more than 95 percent complete, according to government officials overseeing the project.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary, John Mbadi, recently announced additional funding for Lake transport infrastructure, including allocations for the rehabilitation of Mbita and Sena piers in Homa Bay County.

The network of piers will be

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The project received a major boost after the National Treasury allocated Sh150 million in the 2026/2027 budget to complete the vessel being assembled by Kenya Shipyards Limited in Kisumu.

managed by the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), with officials saying the facilities are expected to play a key role in unlocking the economic potential of Lake Victoria through trade, fisheries and tourism.

Interior Principal Secretary, Dr Raymond Omollo said the project is aligned with the government's Blue-Economy agenda and will complement ongoing investments in road infrastructure, including the upgraded Masara-Muhuru Bay road.

For many years, communities around Homa Bay and Muhuru Bay have depended largely on road transport despite their strategic location along the shores of Lake Victoria. Leaders and residents have long advocated for the revival of lake transport, citing lower costs, improved safety and greater efficiency.

At Muhuru Bay, construction works include a 50 by 30 meters reinforced concrete jetty designed to accommodate larger vessels, cold storage facilities for fish, perimeter security installations and an administration block for port and customs services.

A similar facility is taking shape in Homa Bay Town, where ongoing works include terminal

buildings, warehouses, power houses, a ferry waiting bay, security checkpoints and water storage facilities.

Both ports will host One-Stop Border Posts aimed at facilitating trade and movement across the lake region. According to Omollo, the modern port facilities are expected to reduce post-harvest losses among fishermen, improve fish handling and storage and strengthen links between emerging ports in Homa Bay, Sori and Kisumu.

"The State Department for Internal Security and National Administration is providing maritime security enforcement to regulate cross-border movement and safeguard infrastructure," Omollo said.

He added that the modernization of the lake transport network would position Homa Bay and Migori counties as important centres for trade, transport and tourism, while improving livelihoods for communities living around the lake basin.

Local traders have welcomed the developments, saying improved water transport will reduce the cost of doing business and shorten travel times between key towns and landing sites.



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4.	Assistant Director, Planning	NCS 4	1	NCS/HR/004/2026
5.	Senior Communications Technology Officer	NCS 6	1	NCS/HR/005/2026
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ADVISORY ON BRANDING OF PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

The Commission's attention has been drawn to an emerging trend of branding public projects and programmes with names, images, or symbols of specific individuals, political parties, or leaders. Various reports received by the Commission indicate that certain political leaders have consistently branded public funded projects and programmes with their personal names, images and/or symbols.

While recognition of public service is important, branding of publicly funded projects and programmes with the identities of political office holders amounts to abuse of office, misuse of public resources and unethical conduct contrary to Articles 10, 73 and 75, 201 (d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012.

Further, the Constitution sets out clear guiding principles on leadership and integrity, emphasizing that state and public officers shall:

- Act in a manner that promotes public interest over personal or political gain;
- Uphold transparency and accountability in the management of public resources; and
- Maintain high standards of integrity in the discharge of their duties.

In light of the foregoing, the Commission advises:

- State and public officers to refrain from using public resources to promote personal, political, or partisan interests;
- public entities to take proactive action to ensure public projects and programmes do not bear the names, images, portraits, or symbols of serving state or public officers, political leaders, or political parties prior to commencement, during implementation or after completion;
- the relevant implementing public entities or agencies to ensure that where recognition is necessary, it must only reflect the responsible government entity and clearly indicate whether the project or programme is supported by the National or County Government, without including personal identifiers or portraits; and
- all State and public officers to strictly adhere to this Directive.

The Commission will closely monitor adherence, and violations may attract administrative or legal sanctions.

For any further information or advice, please contact Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, P.O. Box 61130-00200, Nairobi; or via email eacc@integrity.go.ke.

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SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Devolution programme sets new safety standards for projects across 47 counties

BY OLIVER MWENDA (PCO)

The State Department for Devolution, through the World Bank-funded Second Kenya Devolution Support Program (KDSP II), has rolled out the Environmental, Social, Health, and Safety Risks and Impact Management Framework across all 47 counties.

This rollout marks a significant milestone in supporting counties to implement development projects that are environmentally sustainable, socially inclusive, safe for workers and communities, accountable to citizens, and aligned with the country’s legal framework.

Speaking during a sensitization forum attended by representatives from all 47 counties, KDSP II National Programme Coordinator Dr. Samuel Nyaga noted that the development and rollout of the Environmental, Social, Health,



Group Photo of participants drawn from the 47 County Governments and officials from the Second Kenya Devolution program (KDSP II).

and Safety Risks and Impact Management Manual sets a new benchmark for how counties execute development projects.

“The implementation of infrastructure projects in counties

mental management, potential health and safety hazards, and socio-economic impacts that subsequently undermine sustainable development efforts in the 47 Counties” Dr. Nyaga said in his address.

Dr Nyaga believes the rollout of the manual helps counties move from “knowing about basic safeguard procedures” to actually using them. The manual supports counties to spot, prevent, and manage environmental and social risks throughout the project’s life cycle.

According to Nyaga, the manual focuses on strengthening existing country and county systems, improving institutional capacity, promoting accountability, supporting stakeholder participation, and enhancing performance-based service delivery.

“Under the new framework, counties must align their infrastructure projects with national

and international Environmental, Social, Health, and Safety standards,” Dr. Nyaga emphasized.

Speaking on the sidelines of the forum, Social Safeguards Specialist Muthoni Kang’ara explained that the manual ensures that health, safety, social and environmental protections are fully integrated into the core county operations and the KDSP II programme.

“The manual gives counties clear steps to protect workers, engage all project stakeholders including vulnerable and marginalized groups and enhance accountability in projects. It also puts in place measures to prevent sexual abuse and harassment,” said Muthoni.

Additionally, Muthoni says the manual will ensure social safeguards “are not treated as an afterthought,” but as part of project design and implementation.

Blood transfusion services get closer as Garissa centre opens

BY ERICK KYALO (KNA)

Residents of the North Eastern region and parts of Eastern Kenya seeking blood transfusion services have reason to celebrate following the official opening of the Garissa Regional Blood Transfusion Centre, which will bring services closer to the communities.

Previously, blood collected in the region had to be transported to Nairobi for testing and screening, a process that posed major challenges during emergencies and often delayed patient care.

Speaking during the official commissioning of the facility, Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale said that the center was a game changer for the local residents as it would significantly reduce turnaround times, strengthen emergency response, improve patient outcomes and enhance healthcare delivery across the region.

Duale at the same time said that the government was committed to ensuring that no life would be lost due to avoidable circumstances including lack of access to blood for transfusion.

“Today we have commissioned the state of the art Garissa Regional Blood Transfusion Centre, which will cover five counties including Wajir, Mandera, Garissa, Isiolo, Lamu, Kitui and Tana River. As we commemorate the World Blood Donor Day, I want to thank



1. Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale speaking at Garissa High School during the commemoration of the World Blood Donor Day.
2. The newly commissioned Garissa Regional Blood Transfusion Centre. The Facility will serve at least five counties including Wajir, Mandera, Garissa, Tana River, Lamu and Kitui.

all those who donated blood to save lives,” Duale said.

“Every unit of blood donated ensures that we save lives. Blood is the most precious resource in our healthcare. It remains one of the most essential and irreplaceable health products in our healthcare system,” he added.

With a capacity to store over 600 units of blood, the

facility is set to strengthen regional preparedness and ensure a more reliable supply for health facilities and emergency situations.

Garissa County Governor Nathif Jama on his part noted that the new facility would improve blood collection, testing, storage and distribution hence ensuring timely access to safe blood across the region.



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4.	Deputy Director Students Welfare & Industrial Liaison	3	1	Contract
5.	Deputy Director, Academic & Students Affairs	3	1	Contract
6.	Deputy Director, Human Resource & Administration	3	1	Contract
7.	Senior Principal Legal Officer	4	1	Permanent
8.	Dean of Students	4	1	Permanent
9.	Senior Principal Supply Chain Management Officer	4	1	Permanent
10.	Senior Principal Internal Auditor	4	1	Permanent
11.	Principal Research Officer	5	1	Permanent
12.	Principal Estate Management Officer	5	1	Permanent

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Detailed information about the specific position, duties and responsibilities, minimum requirements, terms of service and remuneration, and application form is available on the KUC website: www.utalii.ac.ke

Job application procedure: Interested candidates are advised to submit applications through e-mail address: recruitment@utalii.ac.ke as well as physical copies posted or delivered to the address below to be received on or before **Tuesday, 14th July, 2026**

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Solar mini-grid lights up 300 homes in Turkana's Locheremoit

BY PETER GITONGA (KNA)

More than 300 households in Locheremoit, Turkana Central Sub-county, have benefited from solar-powered energy funded through a partnership involving the European Union, the Government of France, the United Kingdom, and the County Government of Turkana.

Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai joined European Union Ambassador to Kenya Henriette Geiger and her French counterpart Arnaud Suquet to commission the Green Mini-Grid Programme in Locheremoit.

Geiger urged residents to make productive use of the new infrastructure, saying investments in sustainable energy create opportunities for communities, while supporting long-term economic development.

She encouraged the community to maximize the benefits of the project and honour the partnership that made it possible.

On his part, Suquet described energy as a fundamental driver of development, noting that the mini-grid would serve more than 30,000 residents, while contributing to Kenya's electrification ambitions. Suquet reaffirmed France's commitment

ment to working alongside the European Union, the United Kingdom and the County Government of Turkana to promote inclusive development and unlock the county's tourism and economic potential.

The area governor described the project as a transformative investment that will spur business growth and expand access to reliable, clean energy for residents.

Lomorukai expressed gratitude to the development partners for their continued support, noting that the impact of their investments was already evident in businesses benefiting from afforda-



1. **Turkana County Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai chairs a meeting attended by the EU ambassador to Kenya Henriette Geiger and the French Ambassador Arnaud Suquet before commissioning of the green mini grid project in Locheremoit, Turkana**
2. **Central Sub County. Solar powered mini grids erected at Locheremoit through a partnership involving the European Union, the Government of France, the United Kingdom and the County Government of Turkana.** PHOTOS: PETER GITONGA

ble and reliable power in Locheremoit, one of Turkana's most vibrant trading centres.

"We do not take this support for granted. We have visited businesses that are already benefiting from the project, enabling traders to preserve their commodities and extend their operating hours," he said.

Lomorukai appealed for additional renewable energy investments in Turkana, including a project similar to the Lake Turkana Wind Power initiative in neighbouring Marsabit County.

Such an investment, he said, would meet local energy demand while supplying excess power to the national grid and generating revenue for the county.

He also pointed to the potential of the Napuu Aquifer, noting that its development could significantly improve water supply in the county.

State hands over Sh45m irrigation project to Wundanyi farmers



Officials from the State Department for Irrigation and the local community during the final inspection and handover of the Laghale irrigation project. Wundanyi Sub-county, Taita-Taveta.

BY KIBET CHEPTUMO (PCO)

Farmers in Wundanyi Sub-county, Taita-Taveta County, are set to benefit significantly after the Government officially handed over the Sh45 million Laghale Irrigation Project, a major step towards enhancing food security and boosting local agribusiness.

The Chief Engineer and Director of Irrigation and Drainage at the State Department for Irrigation, Eng. Bernard Onyango, led the final inspection and handover ceremony in Mbale, Mogho, and Sungululu sub-locations.

His team toured the water intake

works at Laghale River, a reservoir tank along the pipeline, and several beneficiary farms before formally transferring the project to local farmers through their management committee.

Launched in March 2024 and fully funded by the Government under the community irrigation development pathway, the project covers 100 acres and benefits 200 farmers each allocated half an acre.

Eng. Onyango urged farmers to embrace agribusiness and work closely with agronomists to maximize yields.

He emphasized the Government's commitment to strengthening food security through irrigation, noting that higher crop production would significantly

improve household incomes and economic potential in the region.

Earlier, Onyango's team paid courtesy calls on Taita-Taveta County Commissioner Linda Okola and Wundanyi Sub-county Deputy Commissioner Jane Kiangati.

The ceremony was attended by key stakeholders, including area Assistant County Commissioner Alima Hassan, contractor Vilakazi Limited's Managing Director Ken Munene, Resident Engineer Audrey Magina, Project Management Committee Chair Raymond Kabale, Assistant Engineer Vaines Majala, and Mogo Sub-location Assistant Chief Givan Mwakazi.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Power invites tenders from interested bidders for provision of the following:-

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE-BID MEETING/ SITE VISIT	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.2/OT/083/ADM/25-26	Procurement of a One (1) Year Service & Maintenance Contract for Air Conditioning Units Countrywide	Wednesday 24.06.2026	Wednesday 01.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m. (Stima Plaza, Auditorium)	Wednesday 08.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/086/ID/25-26	Procurement for Implementation of Civil and Steel Structure Works for JKUAT 66/11kV Substation – Installation of 2nd 23MVA Transformer	Thursday 25.06.2026	Pre-Bid Meeting Wednesday 08.07.2026 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Mandatory Site Visit Wednesday 08.07.2026 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. (JKUAT 66/11kV Substation Just before the Site Visit)	Tuesday 28.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.2/OT/087/NM/25-26	Provision of Roads/ Pavement Opening/ Cutting, Ducting and Reinstatement Services	Monday 29.06.2026	Pre-Bid Meeting Wednesday 08.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m. (Stima Plaza Auditorium)	Tuesday 21.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
4.	KP1/9A.2/OT/088/CC/25-26	Procurement of a Public Relations Agency	Friday 26.06.2026	Pre-Bid Meeting Friday 03.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m. (Stima Plaza Auditorium)	Friday 17.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
5.	KP1/9A.2/OT/089/ICT/25-26	Procurement of Support and Maintenance Services for the Cybersecurity Solution (FORTINET)	Wednesday 24.06.2026	N/A	Wednesday 08.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
6.	KP1/9A.2/OT/090/ICT/25-26	Procurement of Security System for Repeater Stations	Wednesday 24.06.2026	N/A	Thursday 09.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be obtained from the Kenya Power website (www.kplc.co.ke) from the dates shown above.

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Stakeholders push for affordable energy to drive industrial competitiveness

BY ANNE SABUNI (PCO)

Industry leaders, policymakers, development partners, and private sector representatives have called for closer alignment between Kenya’s energy and manufacturing sectors, stressing that affordable, reliable, and predictable energy is vital to accelerating industrial growth and competitiveness.

Speaking at the Kenya National Industrialization Partners Convening in Nairobi, Industrialization Secretary Prof. Erastus Gatebe underscored the need for policies backed by resilient implementation frameworks to drive sustainable industrialization.

Participants emphasized that policy certainty and long-term planning are critical to attracting

investment in manufacturing and energy infrastructure.

Energy sector officials, led by Director George Ngayu, highlighted the importance of competitive electricity pricing. They noted that investments in variable renewable energy, transmission infrastructure, and regional interconnections depend on clear, cost-reflective tariff structures.

“There is need for stronger coordination between the manufacturing and energy sectors. We are proposing the development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) near energy sources to reduce infrastructure costs and improve industrial productivity,” added Ngayu. The forum further underscored the need for energy efficiency measures, with partic-



Industrialization Secretary Prof. Erastus Gatebe (left) and Director of Industries Stanley Koske, follow through discussions at the National Industrialization Partners Convening in Nairobi.

ipants forging for an alignment of the Least Cost Power Development Plan (LCPDP) with Kenya’s industrialization Policy ambitions to ensure energy planning responded effectively to current and future industrial demand. The discussions also focused on the financial implications of long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs), with stakeholders in the

“Incentives for electric vehicles, local assembly and SEZ investments could stimulate domestic manufacturing, create jobs

financial sector arguing that existing commitments continue to affect electricity costs and market liberalization efforts.

“We need to explore innovative financing mechanisms, including bond instruments and budget-neutral models, to lower energy costs while maintaining investor confidence in the power sector,” proposed Director of Industries Stanley Koske, who is spearheading a team to review the National Industrialization Policy alongside Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP).

The growing role of e-mobility in industrial development featured prominently during the forum. BasiGo Chief Executive Officer Jit Bhattacharya noted that supportive policies had enabled the company to grow from manufacturing two electric buses to more than 150 annually.

“Incentives for electric vehicles, local assembly and SEZ investments could stimulate domestic manufacturing, create jobs, reduce imports and position Kenya as a regional hub for clean industrial development and exports within the East African Community,” noted Bhattacharya.

Ministry of defence named best performing ministry in 2024/2025 performance contracting evaluation

BY CATHERINE NJOROGE (PCO)

The Ministry of Defence has been recognised as the best performing ministry under the 2024/2025 performance contracting period, earning national acclaim for its role in advancing government priorities through efficiency, accountability and results-driven service delivery.

Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuyu received the award alongside Principal Secretary for Defence Dr. Patrick Mariru and the Assistant Chief of Defence Forces in charge of Personnel and Logistics Major General Peter Limo from President William Ruto during the inaugural National Productivity and Performance Conference held at the Kenya School of Government.

Speaking after receiving the award, CS Tuyu described the recognition as a testament to the Ministry’s commitment to excellence in public service.

“The recognition affirms the Ministry of Defence’s outstanding performance in advancing Government priorities through strengthened institutional efficiency, enhanced service delivery, accountability, and the institutionalisation of a results-based approach under the national per-



President William Ruto (second from left) presents best performing award to Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuyu (third from left), flanked by Principal Secretary for Defence Dr. Patrick Mariru and the Assistant Chief of Defence Forces Major General Peter Limo

formance contracting and productivity framework,” she said.

The conference, convened by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) under the theme “Productivity for Fiscal Sustainability and Efficient Service Delivery,” brought together senior government officials, leaders from the wider public sector and other stakeholders to deliberate on strategies for enhancing productivity and improving service delivery.

CS Tuyu noted that the forum highlighted the importance of performance and productivity in driving national development and improving the quality of public services.

According to the Defence CS, “The engagement underscored the central role of productivity and

performance in accelerating national development and improving public service outcomes.”

She further observed that the conference marked a significant step in Kenya’s efforts to build a more responsive and citizen-focused public service.

The award comes amid ongoing reforms aimed at strengthening efficiency and accountability across government institutions. The Ministry of Defence was recognised for successfully embedding a culture of performance management and productivity while maintaining operational readiness and institutional effectiveness.

CS Tuyu attributed the achievement to the dedication of both military and civilian personnel serving within the Ministry.



MINISTRY OF WATER SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

Office of the Cabinet Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT NATIONAL LAND RECLAMATION BILL 2026

The ministry of water, sanitation and irrigation has drafted the aforementioned document and has been posted in the ministry’s website; [https:// www.water.go.ke](https://www.water.go.ke)

The constitution of Kenya 2010. Recognizes public participation in Law formulation, analysis and implementation. The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation through this notice invites members of the public to the first stage of public participation on the Draft Land Reclamation Bill 2026 and upon perusal, are requested to submit their written comments (if any) through the email Irbill@irrigationkenya.go.ke or submission of written memorandum to the **Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Maji House, P.O Box 49720-00100 NAIROBI on weekdays between 8.00 am -5.00 pm.** The comments should be received within fourteen days from date of notice. The physical copies of The Bill document can be accessed at the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Maji House, weekdays between 08.00am-05.00pm.

Public Participation will be carried out in the Regions as tabulated below:

S/No	CLUSTERED COUNTIES	VENUE	DATE	TIME
1.	Kisii, Migori, Nyamira, Homabay	Kisii ATC, Kisii	14 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30am
2.	Kisumu, Siaya, Busia, Kakamega	Tom Mboya Labour college, Kisumu	15 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
3.	Bungoma, Uasin Gishu, Nandi	Eldoret National polytechnic, Eldoret	16 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
4.	West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Turkana	Food Crops Research Institute, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, Kitale	17 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
5.	Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo	Kenya Forestry Research Institute, Baringo	14 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
6.	Nakuru, Kericho, Bomet, Narok, Nyandarua, Samburu	Kenya school of Agriculture, Nakuru	15 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
7.	Laikipia, Nyeri, Kirinyaga	Kenya school of Agriculture, Nyeri	16 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
8.	Embu, Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Isiolo	Kenya school of Government, Embu	17 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
9.	Kiambu, Kajiado, Nairobi	Kenya Forestry Research Institute, Kiambu	14 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
10.	Kitui, Machakos, Makueni	Machakos University College, Machakos	15 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
11.	Garissa, Mandera, Wajir	Palm Oasis Resort, Garissa	17 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
12.	Tana River, Lamu, Kilifi	Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, Malindi	14 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
13.	Mombasa, Kwale	Kenya school of Government, Mombasa	15 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
14.	Taita Taveta	The Avid Hotel, Taita Taveta	17 TH JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am

N/B: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS TO AND FROM THE VENUE.



Africa urged to strenghten capital markets to unlock investment

BY NANCY OMONDI AND SHARON NJERU (KNA)

African countries have been urged to deepen and integrate their capital markets in order to mobilise long-term financing, attract private investment, and accelerate economic transformation across the continent. The call was made during the launch of Africa Capital Week (AfCW) 2026 at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies in Nairobi. The forum, scheduled for August 31 to September 4, 2026, will bring together policymakers, regulators, investors, development finance institutions, and private sector leaders to explore solutions to Africa’s financing challenges and advance the continent’s economic sovereignty. Speaking during the launch, Principal Secretary for Economic Planning Dr. Boniface Makokha said Africa must strengthen its financial systems and develop innovative financing mechanisms to support sustainable development and reduce dependence on external funding. “Africa is not seeking sympathy; Africa is seeking investment. Africa is not a continent of risk. Africa is a continent of opportunity whose risks have too often been mispriced and misrepresented,” said Dr. Makokha.

He noted that Africa continues to face limited access to affordable long-term financing and an overpricing of sovereign risk, factors that increase the cost of funding development projects. He added that Kenya’s economy grew by 4.6 per cent in 2025, with a nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of about Sh17.58 trillion, underscoring the country’s resilience and investment potential. Acting Director General of the Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat, James Maina, said Africa possesses abundant resources, entrepreneurial talent and investment opportunities but requires stronger partnerships and efficient capital markets to unlock sustainable growth. He said Africa Capital Week would serve as a platform for transforming policy commitments into practical investments by connecting investors with bankable projects across the continent.



Senior government officials and delegates during the launch of Africa Capital Week (AfCW) 2026 at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies in Nairobi. PHOTO: SHARON NJERU



DISCLOSURE ON THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR RIRONI – NAIVASHA – GILGIL (A8) ROAD AND RIRONI – MAAI MAHIU – NAIVASHA (A8 SOUTH) PPP ROAD PROJECT

A: BACKGROUND:

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) received a Privately Initiated Proposal (PIP) from a Consortium of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) and National Social Security Fund Board of Trustees (NSSF) for the Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) of the Rironi – Naivasha – Gilgil (A8) Road and Rironi – Maai Mahiu – Naivasha (A8 South) Road i.e. approximately 81 Km of the A8 Road and 58 Km of the A8 South Road from Rironi Interchange to Naivasha through Maai Mahiu. The Project road traverses three counties namely Kiambu, Nyandarua and Nakuru. The PIP was granted conditional approval to proceed to Project Development Phase (PDP) by the PPP Committee after which the Project Proponent undertook Project Development Phase (PDP) activities/ Feasibility Studies and submitted a Feasibility Study Report. Pursuant to the submissions, the Contracting Authority carried out evaluation on the Project Development Phase documentation in accordance with the provisions of Section 43(9) of the PPP Act, Cap 430. The Evaluation Report, prepared in compliance with Section 43, identified China Road & Bridge Corporation (CRBC) and National Social Security Fund Board of Trustees (NSSF) consortium as the Preferred Proponent to undertake the project road section, as per Section 55(1)(d) of the PPP Act. The PPP Committee subsequently delivered its decision during its 48th Extraordinary PPP Committee meeting held on 10th November, 2025 to the effect that the Committee adopted the recommendations of the Evaluation Report, which identified CRBC-NSSF as the preferred proponent for the Rironi – Naivasha – Gilgil (A8) & Rironi – Maai Mahiu – Naivasha (A8 South), subject to the fulfilment of the conditions outlined in the Evaluation Report.

The Contracting Authority commenced negotiations with the Proponent and subsequently submitted the Project and Financial Risk Assessment Report together with the initialed project agreement to the PPP Directorate for its recommendations, and thereafter to the PPP Committee for approval in accordance with Section 58 (1) and 58 (2) of the PPP Act, Cap 430.

B: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

In this regard, the Contracting Authority (KeNHA), the PPP Directorate, and the PPP Committee have undertaken the necessary processes and procedures in line with the provisions of the PPP Act, Cap 430 in processing the Privately Initiated Proposal and hereby notify the public of the following:

The PPP Committee delivered its decision during its 56th Ordinary meeting held on 25th November, 2025 to the effect that the Committee:

- Approved** the Project and Financial Risk Assessment Report and the execution of a Project Agreement between the Contracting Authority and the CRBC-NSSF Consortium pursuant to section 59 (2) of the PPP Act, Cap 430.
- Directed** the Contracting Authority to publish a disclosure notice disclosing all information permitted for publication under the PPP Act, the PPP Regulations and applicable confidentiality provisions.

Following the initialed Project Agreement, the Contracting Authority (KeNHA) signed a Preliminary Works Agreement and subsequently executed the Project Agreement with the Project Proponent (CRBC-NSSF Consortium) to enable the commencement of the Works.

The Project Agreement, as highlighted in the background above, covers a total of 139 kilometers on the A8 and A8 South Roads. The project will be delivered by the Consortium of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) and National Social Security Fund Board of Trustees (NSSF) under a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) PPP arrangement for a period of 30 years.

Summary Of Key Project Features:

Feature	Project Information
Nature of the Project and Key Terms of the Project Agreement	The Project is being implemented as a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the development of the Rironi – Gilgil (A8) Road and the Rironi – Maai Mahiu – Naivasha (A8 South) Road. The Project Agreement provides for the design, financing, construction, operation, maintenance and eventual transfer of the Project facilities to Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) at the end of the concession period.
Works to be Developed / Public Services to be Performed	The Project comprises the design, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of approximately 139 kilometres of the A8 and A8 South Roads, including associated interchanges, bridges, drainage structures, tolling infrastructure, road safety features, and other ancillary facilities required to provide a safe and efficient highway service.
Successful Bidder / Project Proponent	Consortium of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) and National Social Security Fund Board of Trustees (NSSF).
Amount of Public Funds Committed to the Project	The Government’s financial commitments under the Project Agreement are limited to those expressly provided for therein. The Project is primarily financed by the Private Party, with any Government support being subject to the provisions of the Project Agreement and applicable law.
Project Tariff	The Project will operate as a toll road. Applicable toll tariff is KES 8.00 and any future adjustments shall be implemented in accordance with the Project Agreement and applicable Government approvals and regulatory requirements.
Government Support Measures	Government support measures, where applicable, are provided in accordance with the Project Agreement and the PPP Act, Cap 430, and may include contractual undertakings necessary to facilitate implementation of the Project and manage agreed project risks.
Social and Economic Benefits	The Project is expected to improve road safety, reduce travel time and vehicle operating costs, enhance connectivity between Nairobi and the Rift Valley region, facilitate trade and tourism, create employment opportunities during construction and operation, and stimulate regional economic growth and investment.
Duration of the Project	Thirty (30) years, inclusive of the design, construction, operation and maintenance period, after which the Project assets will be transferred to KeNHA in accordance with the Project Agreement.
Expected Asset Quality at Handback	Upon expiry or termination of the concession, the Project assets shall be transferred to KeNHA in the condition and quality prescribed under the Project Agreement, having regard to the applicable handback requirements, performance standards and remaining asset life.
Project Monitoring and Reporting	The Project will be monitored by KeNHA throughout the concession period in accordance with the Project Agreement. Monitoring will include compliance with construction milestones, operational performance indicators, maintenance standards, safety obligations, environmental and social requirements, financial reporting obligations and other contractual performance requirements. The Private Party will be required to submit periodic reports as stipulated in the Project Agreement.

This disclosure is made pursuant to Section 59 and 69 (1) of the Public Private Partnerships Act (Cap 430) to notify members of the public of the PPP Committee’s decision approving the Project and Financial Risk Report, and the subsequent execution of the Project Agreement between the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) and the Consortium of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) and National Social Security Fund Board of Trustees (NSSF).

Further, this disclosure is made in line with The National Treasury Circular dated **24th April, 2025** on Public Disclosure on Privately Initiated Proposals (https://pppkenya.go.ke/ova_doc/circular-on-public-disclosure-of-privately-initiated-proposals-pips/) and in line with Government of Kenya’s desire for transparency in all its initiatives.

KeNHA remains committed to strictly adhering to the provisions of the PPP Act, Cap 430 and further assures the public that it will endeavor to abide by the provisions of the PPP Act Cap 430. The Government of Kenya, similarly remains committed to delivering critical infrastructure to Kenyans.

Any clarifications or feedback may be channeled through the following contact details:

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Designation:	Director General, Kenya National Highways Authority [KeNHA]	E-mail:	dg@kenha.co.ke; Copy to: ppp@kenha.co.ke

Solar powered borehole to end long, risky treks for water in local village



Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, Regional Development Authorities and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) Beatrice Askul (in a hat) during the commissioning of a borehole at Ngilukea in Turkana East Sub County. PHOTOS BY PETER GITONGA

BY PETER GITONGA
(KNA)

For years, residents of Ngilukea in Turkana County have endured long and often dangerous journeys in search of water. Women and children walked for miles to seasonal rivers and dry riverbeds, facing not only harsh weather conditions but also insecurity along the way. That struggle is now easing with the commissioning of a new borehole, which will provide a reliable source of clean water to more than 3,000 residents in the area. The borehole, commissioned by Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, Regional

Development Authorities and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) Beatrice Askul, is expected to produce 5.8 cubic metres of water per hour. The project was implemented by the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), as part of efforts to improve access to water

“Women and children have often faced danger while travelling long distances in search of water. In some cases, lives have been lost

in vulnerable communities. Speaking during the event, Askul noted that the new water source will transform lives in Ngilukea, a remote settlement in Suguta Sub-County, where residents have long depended on seasonal water sources that often dry up during prolonged droughts. She said the search for water had exposed families to numerous risks, particularly in the volatile Suguta Valley where insecurity remains a challenge. “Women and children have often faced danger while travelling long distances in search of water. In some cases, lives have been lost,” she said.

The Cabinet Secretary added that pastoralists in the region have also suffered significant losses, as they moved with their livestock in search of water and pasture, sometimes falling victim to attacks and cattle rustling. Residents expressed optimism that the solar-powered borehole will reduce these hardships by bringing safe water closer to their homes. Besides easing access to water, the project is expected to improve public health by reducing reliance on contaminated surface water sources that are associated with diseases such as cholera and typhoid.

Local leaders said the availability of water will also support school attendance, strengthen livestock production, and help reduce conflicts over scarce resources. Ngilukea Sub-location lies within the arid Suguta Valley, an area that experiences low and unpredictable rainfall and is frequently affected by drought, insecurity, and the impacts of climate change. The new borehole is therefore seen not only as a water project, but also as a source of renewed hope for a community that has long faced multiple challenges.

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICE

Pursuant to section 63 (1) (b) of the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Act 2015, Kenya Airports Authority has cancelled the Open Tender process below.

Reference Number	Tender Description	Estimated Closing / Site Visit	Closing/ Opening Date
KAA/OT/OPS/0148/2025-2026	Proposed Installation of Security Works for Operations & Safety Department Offices at KAA Head office, for Kenya Airports Authority.		25/06/2026

We take this opportunity to most sincerely thank you for taking interest in our tender and hope that you will continue participating in other tenders from the Authority.

**GM (PROCUREMENT & LOGISTICS)
FOR: MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO**

CJ calls for enhanced funding for Alternative Justice Systems

BY MAKARA KAMOTHO
(KNA)

Chief Justice Martha Koome has called for increased budgetary allocation to the Judiciary to support the growth and sustainability of Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) across the country. Speaking during the opening of the 4th National Alternative Justice Systems Conference at the University of Embu in Embu County, Koome said adequate funding is critical in ensuring justice programmes are implemented effectively without interruptions. She noted that the Judiciary requires sufficient resources to meet its constitutional mandate and expand access to



Chief Justice Martha Koome opens the Alternative Justice System Suite at Embu Law Courts.

justice through community-based dispute resolution mechanisms. She added that Alternative Justice Systems have played a key role in reducing the backlog of cases in courts by offering citizens alternative avenues for resolving disputes. Koome expressed concern that the government has allocated

only a small amount of money towards supporting AJS programmes despite their growing importance in the justice sector. She noted that disputes involving families and land often take years to conclude in court, yet many could be resolved more quickly through Alternative Justice Systems involving elders and mediators.



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NO	TENDER REF: NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBLE CATEGORY	BID SECURITY (KES)
1	KSC/NOT/STC/5/25/26	Supply and Delivery of Seed Treatment Chemicals On framework contract for two(2) years	OPEN	2,500,000.00

- The tender is conducted under open tendering method and is open to all eligible and interested Tenderers.
- Eligible and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during normal office working hours at **Procurement Department, Kenya Seed Company Limited, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale.**
- A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates/tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fees of **Ksh 1,000.00** in cash or Banker's cheque payable to Kenya Seed Company Limited or be accessed from Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) or **www.kenyaseed.com** free of charge. Interested bidders who opt to download the Tender Document shall be required to register/submit their contact details to **procurement@kenyaseed.co.ke** for recording and any further clarification or addenda.
- Completed tender documents properly **SEALED**, to be addressed to **Managing Director, Kenya Seed Company Limited, P.O Box 553 - 30200, Kitale** and deposited into the tender box at the Company's Headquarters, Mbegu Plaza, Ground Floor, Kitale, so as to be received on or before **7th July, 2026 at 11.00 A.M.** Tenders will be opened on the same date and time at Conference Room, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Electronic tenders shall not be accepted and any **late tenders shall be rejected.**

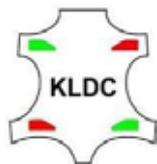
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KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Quality Leather, Better Earnings, Ngozi Bora,
Mapato Bora



NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) is a State Corporation established pursuant to the State Corporation Act (Cap.) 446 of the Laws of Kenya, through Legal Notice No. 114 of 2011. KLDC is the specialized agency under the State Department for Industry in the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, mandated to drive the development of leather value chain. The Council invites interested, eligible and competent firms to submit sealed bids for the following service as specified in the tender documents.

S/ No	Tender Number	Tender Description	Eligibility
1	KLDC/PROC/023/2025-2026	Provision of Medical Insurance Cover, Group Life Cover and Group Personal Accident (GPA) / Work Injury Benefits Act (WIBA) Cover for the Kenya Leather Development Council Board and Staff	Open to all eligible Kenyan firms

Eligible bidders may download a complete set of tender documents from the Councils' website: www.leathercouncil.go.ke OR from PPIP Portal at www.tenders.go.ke

Bidders who download the tender documents from the website are requested to immediately forward their particulars for recording and any subsequent clarification to procurement@leathercouncil.go.ke

Completed tender documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description should be deposited in the Tender Box located at CPA Centre, 5th Floor, Thika Road, next to KCA University and addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya Leather Development Council,
CPA Centre, Thika Road
P.O. Box 14480 – 00800, NAIROBI.**

Tenders must be received on or before **Tuesday, 30th June 2026 at 1100 a.m.** East African Time.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the Executive Boardroom, CPA Centre, 5th Floor, Nairobi in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



KENYA SUGAR BOARD



TENDER NOTICE

The Board invites prospective eligible bidders to apply for the following tenders:

TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY
KSB/SCM/OT/006/2025/2026	TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION AND COMMISSIONING OF AN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EDRMS).	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER
KSB/SCM/OT/007/2025/2026	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, MAPPING AND PRIORITIZATION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY ROADS.	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER

Tender documents with detailed information may be viewed and collected at the Board's offices situated at **Sukari Plaza, Loresho, Waiyaki Way** during normal working hours (**8:00a.m - 1:00 p.m.** and **between 2:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m**) at a cost of **Ksh. 1,000.00**. Prospective bidders may also view and download the Documents free of charge from the Kenya Sugar Board's website: <https://ksb.go.ke/> or from the www.tenders.go.ke.

Those who download the documents from the websites must forward the tender number applied, name of firm, email address and telephone number immediately for records to: info@ksb.go.ke

Completed tender documents should be submitted in enclosed plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the Tender name and number as provided in the Tender document and addressed to:

**Ag. Chief Executive Officer
Kenya Sugar Board
P.O. Box 51500-00200
Nairobi**

And be deposited in the tender box located at the ground floor near reception, so as to be received on or before **Monday, 6th July, 2026 at 11.00 a.m.** Tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter at the Boardroom in the presence of bidders who choose to attend.

Late tenders shall be rejected.

Ag. Chief Executive Officer



MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC AUCTION

INSTRUCTED BY MICRO SMALL ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY (MSEA), GARAM INVESTMENTS AUCTIONEERS, SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDER MENTIONED GOODS AT THE MSEA - KARIOBANGI CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, NAIROBI

1. TIME VIEWING SITES AND VIEWING DATES (DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS & STRICTLY.

S / no.	Item Description		Date – 24-06-2026	Location
1	Tyres (Assorted)	N/A	From 10:00 o'clock	MSEA HQ
2	Motor vehicle	Mitsubishi Pajero		MSEA EMBU Office
3	Motor vehicle	Jeep Grand Cherokee		MSEA HQ
4	Motor vehicle	Jeep Grand Cherokee		MSEA HQ
5	Motor vehicle	Nissan TD2		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
7	Manual bending and rolling machine	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
8	Frost hand circle cutter	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
9	Manual bending machine	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
10	Manual shear machine	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
11	Air compressor cylinders	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
12	Tool and cutter grinding machine	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
13	Generator	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
14	Arbor press NO3 and NO 2	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
15	Assorted of tables and furniture	N/A		MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E

2. AUCTION DATE : 30th June 2026, at 10.30 AM

3. VENUE: MSEA Kariobangi C.O.E
Outer ring road maandamo house
Kariobangi South

4. CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Viewing goods will strictly be as per schedule above. Prospective bidders are requested to make a booking via Garam Investments Auctioneers who will then coordinate with the relevant MSEA Office.
- SALE will be on – **"AS - IS - WHERE - IS - BASIS"**.
- Detailed Catalogues may be obtained from Garam Investments Auctioneers offices at a fee of **KES 200.00 (KES Two Hundred Only)**. Alternatively, the catalogue may be downloaded from MSEA Website free of charge.
- Interested tenderer will be required to pay a refundable deposit of Kes. 20,000 for vehicles, Kes. 10,000 for generators, and other equipment at KES. 5,000, whereas the rest of items shall require a payment of kes. 2,000 on the auction day at the venue to obtain a bidding number, which will also serve as an entry pass to the auction yard/place.
- Access to auction venue will be strictly limited to two (2) representative per bidder having a catalogue and a bidding number.
- Successful bidders will be required to pay 20% of the bid price at the fall of the hammer and clear the balance within (14) days.
- Successful bidders will pay the balance of the bid price (less the KES 5,000 deposit indicated in note 4 above) within fourteen (14) days after the auction. The buyer will forfeit any amounts paid if he fails to pay the balance within the stipulated period.
- The successful bidder will pay for the goods to Micro Small Enterprises Authority **ONLY** through **DIRECT DEPOSIT INTO A DESIGNATED ACCOUNT NUMBER WHICH WILL BE COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE AUCTIONEER**. Cash deposits can be made directly at the through a Commercial Bank.
- Sale is subject to set reserve prices.
- Successful bidders will be allowed to remove their goods one at time and by scheduled appointment only. Arrangements for collection shall be communicated to MSEA through the Auctioneers.
- Failure to remove goods at the above stipulated time shall result to storage charges of KES. 500.00 Per day per Lot.

All are welcome.

FOR MORE DETAILS & PHOTOS, PLEASE VISIT: the Auctioneer tender Documents at www.msea.go.ke. Tender documents may be downloaded for free from the website <https://tenders.go.ke/portal>





MINISTRY FOR WATER,
SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

IMPACT 18 REPORT LAUNCH



Closing the gap to 2030: A call for leadership, accountability, and action

MESSAGE FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

Stronger leadership, accountability, and operational efficiency is needed within the water sector. Many stakeholders may not fully grasp the significance and depth of the information contained in the *'Impact 18 Report'* until its findings are brought to the forefront and translated into action.

Capacity gaps exist within Water Service Providers (WSPs). Notably, non-revenue water (NRW) has increased from 44 per cent to 48 per cent over the past year, translating into an estimated loss of KSh14.8 billion. These losses represent resources that could otherwise be used to expand and improve water services across the country. The greatest



Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary
for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation.

challenge facing the water sector is not a lack of funding but the significant losses resulting from inefficiencies and water wastage. I challenge sector leaders to reflect on the true meaning of leadership, and that effective leadership requires making difficult and, at times, unpopular decisions that safeguard the long-term sustainability of institutions and services.

We are now four years away from the SDG targets and Kenya's Vision 2030 aspirations. The sector must accelerate progress to stay on track toward universal access to water and sanitation services. The target is an annual increase of two percentage points in water coverage, three-and-a-half percentage points in sewerage sanitation coverage, and one percentage point in sanitation coverage.

Findings from the current *'Impact*

18 Report' show that water coverage and sanitation have grown in line with annual targets and demonstrates sector progress. However, sewerage sanitation coverage has not achieved the required annual growth. We need to intensify investment, stronger implementation, and better collaboration among stakeholders. These efforts will help accelerate expansion and close the existing gap before 2030.

I reaffirm the Government's commitment to strengthening the water sector through strategic investments aimed at enhancing service delivery, improving infrastructure, and ensuring sustainable access to water and sanitation services for all Kenyans. I would like to highlight the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project, under which approximately KSh13.5 billion has been committed

to support groundwater resilience initiatives in border counties, thereby enhancing water security for vulnerable communities.

The financing requirement for universal access by 2030 far exceeds annual public allocations, and it is only through disciplined delivery that we will sustain the confidence of Parliament, the National Treasury, and our Development Partners.

Focus is often on seeking external solutions while overlooking opportunities to optimise existing resources and assets already within the sector. I therefore urge all sector players to maximise the use of available infrastructure, financial resources, and expertise before pursuing additional interventions.

MESSAGE FROM PS WATER AND SANITATION, MR JULIUS K. KORIR

Sustainable development and human dignity continue to be based on access to safe, reasonably priced, and dependable water and sanitation services. As we present the 18th edition of the *IMPACT Report*, we consider the vital role that regulation plays in promoting accountability, transparency, and equity throughout Kenya's water sector.

This year's theme, *"The Final Stretch to 2030: Delivering Water and Sanitation for All"*, underscores the urgency of accelerating progress towards universal access by closing existing service gaps and enhancing the performance of Water Service Providers through compliance with regulatory standards and best practices.

On the question of delivery, Parliament has spoken, and the Ministry stands with it. The ongoing efforts to address delays in water projects, in-



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS PS, State
Department for Water and
Sanitation.

cluding considerations around contractor performance are indeed a national demand for accountability and the timely completion of critical dams and pipelines. Every implementing

agency must treat project timelines as binding commitments to the Kenyan people, not aspirations.

At the retail level, the regulatory framework is also delivering results. Water companies across the country have implemented revised tariffs approved by the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), responding to rising operational costs and to commitments on last-mile connectivity and debt financing. I wish to underscore one principle that the Government holds firm: the additional revenue is ring-fenced for infrastructure upgrades. Tariffs must translate into improved service at the household tap — never merely into higher bills. This is the social contract on which the legitimacy of cost-reflective pricing rests, and my Ministry will hold the sector to it.

Sanitation has for too long remained the quieter half of our mandate. The Government has now launched the

National Sanitation Management Policy — a framework that brings together all key stakeholders to drive safely managed sanitation for all by 2030, in fulfilment of Article 43 of our Constitution, which guarantees every Kenyan reasonable standard of sanitation. A policy, however, is only as strong as the evidence that tracks its implementation. I therefore commend WASREB for publishing the Sanitation Key Performance Indicator (KPI), which will provide the baseline against which the Policy's 2030 ambition is measured — utility by utility and county by county.

This Report provides an impartial assessment of sector performance across licensed Water Service Providers (WSPs) and counties, highlighting key insights into their levels of compliance. Crucially, the regulatory environment must ensure that non-compliance is not a viable option—through consistent enforcement, appropriate sanctions, and strengthened institutional

accountability.

WASREB has prioritised collaborative regulation in accordance with national and international commitments, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We are still collaborating closely with County Governments, WSPs, consumers, and development partners to enhance governance, investment planning, and open up new financing options. We hope these collaborations will spur quantifiable improvements in service resilience, quality, and coverage.

Since we can only attain universal and equitable access to water and sanitation for all Kenyans through shared responsibility, I implore all stakeholders in the sector to continue to be resolute in their commitment to regulatory compliance so that together, we can ensure that by 2030, every Kenyan has access to safe, reliable, and sustainable water and sanitation services.

Regulation that delivers: Driving accountability, performance and universal access

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, WATER SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

'Impact 18 Report' findings provide encouraging signs of progress. The sector has recorded improvements in key performance areas, including water coverage, drinking water quality, personnel expenditure management, operation and maintenance cost coverage, sewerage sanitation, and overall sanitation coverage. These gains demonstrate the commitment of sector players to improving service delivery and the effectiveness of ongoing regulatory interventions.

However, Non-Revenue Water has increased significantly. How can we effectively reduce it? Addressing this challenge requires bold and sustained investment in smart metering, full digitisation of utility operations, and stronger enforcement against illegal connections. These measures are essential for safeguarding resources, improving operational efficiency, and ensuring the financial viability of our utilities.



Mr. Job Chirchir

On the role of Water Service Providers, I maintain that they remain the vital bridge between policy and the citizens we serve. They must be placed at the centre of the national conversation on water security. Without empowered and accountable Water Service Providers, our regulatory efforts cannot translate into meaningful impact and improved service delivery for Kenyans.

The sector's prospects have been further strengthened by the Government's commitment to water and sanitation development. The 2026 national budget allocated an additional KSh4.89 billion to support climate resilience initiatives, expand household access to services, and contribute to lowering the cost of living for Kenyans. This investment reflects the recognition that water and sanitation are fundamental to economic growth, public health, and social development.

With increased investment comes increased responsibility. Every public resource committed to the sector carries an expectation that it will translate into improved services at the household, school, healthcare facility, and community levels. As the regulator, Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) remains committed to ensuring accountability and value for money through robust monitoring, performance reporting, licensing, and enforcement of governance standards. Good regulation not only safeguards public resources but also strengthens

investor confidence and supports the long-term financial sustainability of the sector.

The growing focus on accountability across the sector is equally encouraging. Increased scrutiny of project implementation and service delivery reflects a broader commitment to ensuring that investments produce tangible results. WASREB welcomes such scrutiny because accountability is essential to sector transformation. Through benchmarking, public reporting, and incentive-based regulation, the Board continues to promote a culture where performance is measured, reported, and improved.

At the utility level, regulatory interventions are also supporting sustainability and service expansion. Several Water Service Providers have implemented tariff adjustments approved by WASREB to address rising operational costs and support infrastructure development. These approvals are guided by a clear principle: additional revenue must be directed towards improving services and expanding

access. Consumers should experience visible improvements in service quality, reliability, and infrastructure as a result of these investments. WASREB will continue to closely monitor compliance to ensure that tariff adjustments deliver the intended benefits.

As Kenya moves closer to the 2030 deadline for achieving national development goals and the Sustainable Development Goals, the importance of evidence-based regulation, sound governance, and strong partnerships cannot be overstated. The *Impact Report* demonstrates that progress is possible when institutions remain focused on performance, accountability, and continuous improvement.

I reaffirm WASREB's commitment to regulating in the public interest. Our work is guided by one overriding objective: ensuring that every Kenyan has access to safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable water and sanitation services. We will continue to strengthen regulation, promote accountability, and support sector transformation until this goal becomes a reality for all.



IMPACT 18 REPORT LAUNCH



The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has released the 18th issue of IMPACT Report. This edition of IMPACT covers the period 2024/25 and analyses performance of 92 (88 public and three private) Water Service Providers and 47 Counties. It also presents the overall situation of water coverage at the county level by incorporating data collected on small-scale water service providers in the rural and under-served areas. The report is meant to give feedback to the public on how the water services sector is performing, with a view of holding to account institutions charged with service delivery.

Performance analysis is based on nine Key Performance Indicators. These are Water Coverage, Water Quality, Hours of Supply, Non-Revenue Water, Metering, Staff Productivity, Revenue Collection Efficiency, Personnel expenditure as a percentage of Operations and Maintenance cost, and Operations and Management cost-coverage.

The average Water Coverage for piped water systems in the regulated utilities was 72 per cent, an

Water Service Providers record improvement in performance

improvement of two percentage points from 2023/24, where coverage was 70 per cent.

An additional 1,261,271 people were served in 2024/25, compared to a 3,266,760 increase in the number of people within the service areas of WSPs in the previous period.

Production increased by nine percent, from 461 million cubic metres to 504 million m³, while sector turnover increased by 14 per cent, from KSh28.8 billion to KSh32.8 billion. Active water connections grew from 1.85 million to 1.87 million, representing a one per cent growth.

The population served increased from 21.5 million to 22.8 million, representing a six per cent growth. The gap between these two growth rates suggests significant reliance on shared or communal connections, which has implications for service equity

The national average for Drink-

ing Water Quality was 96 per cent, a notable improvement of seven percentage points from the previous period.

Overall sanitation improved by 1 percentage point to 93 per cent. This covers populations with access to facilities including flush or pour-flush to piped sewer systems, septic tanks, ventilated improved pit latrines, and traditional pit latrines with a squatting slab. The population served with sewerage services in the regulated WSPs improved from 15 per cent to 16 per cent, with the number of people served increasing by five per cent, representing an additional 240,701 people. The population in the service area increased by two per cent.

Under the Water Act 2016, WASREB is mandated to report to the public annually to promote transparency and accountability in the sector.



CS Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Eng Eric Mugaa (L) and Eng SAO Alima (R) during the unveiling of the IMPACT 18 Report

Highlights of how regulated utilities performed in selected areas

Water Coverage

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- There was additional 1,261,271 people served in 2024/25 compared to a 3,266,760 increase in number of people within the service area of the WSPs in the previous period
- Production during the period increased by nine per cent while the turnover increased by 14 per cent.
- Active water connections increased from the previous 1.85 million to 1.87 million, representing a one per cent growth.
- The population served increased from 21.5 million to 22.8 million, representing an a six per cent growth.

- Despite a marginal improvement from 26.42 litres per capita per day in 2023/24 to 26.68 litres per capita per day in 2024/25, per capita consumption remains far short of the recommended standard of 50 litres per capita per day.

Non-Revenue Water Reduction

- Non-Revenue Water increased from 44 per cent to 48 per cent.
- The sector recorded financial losses of approximately KSh13.7 billion, after accounting for the acceptable non-revenue water threshold of 25 per cent.
- The amount lost annually in terms of volume is 242 million cubic meters.

Metering

- The metering level remained at 97 per cent
- Higher metering levels mean metering is being utilised as a tool for accounting for the water produced.

Staff Productivity

- The average staff productivity remained at seven seven
- The medium and small category registered 12 and 22 staff per 1,000 connections an improvement from the previous period where medium and small registered 13 and 24 respectively.

Personnel Expenditure as a Percentage of Operations and Maintenance Costs

- There was a notable improvement in performance of this indicator from 47 per cent in 2023/24 to 44 per cent in 2024/25. This decline was attributed to the large and medium

categories, which declined by four and three per cent respectively.

- Considering the sector benchmarks, personnel expenditure is still high, a trend that implies constrained resources meant for other operations and a decline in service quality.

Revenue Collection Efficiency

- Overall, performance in this indicator dropped slightly from 95 per cent in 2023/24 to 94 per cent in 2024/25.
- This indicator is crucial because internally generated, and collected revenue provides reliable liquidity for the WSPs to fund its operations.

Cost Coverage

- Cost coverage increased by five percentage points, rising from 98 per cent to 103 per cent. This marks a positive trend for two years in a row.
- Higher cost coverage means improved sustainability and financial resilience for the sector. Lower cost coverage would be a threat to sustainability.

Sewered Sanitation Coverage

- The population served with sewerage services improved from 15 per cent to 16 per cent in the regulated WSPs despite the number of people served increasing by five per cent.
- This increase was equivalent to 240,701 people.
- The average number of people served per sewer connection remained at 12 people per connection in 2024/25
- Sewered sanitation coverage is a sub-set of sanitation coverage and refers to the number of peo-

ple served with flush or pour-flush to piped sewer systems.

Sanitation Coverage

- The overall sanitation for the period improved slightly to 93 per cent in 2024/25 from 92 per cent in 2023/24.
- It measures performance regarding the provision of sewerage and non-sewered sanitation.
- Only about 58 per cent of sanitation is safely managed which underpins the need for effective management of

sanitation components from containment to treatment.

The 'Impact Report' serves as WASREB's main tool for public reporting and documents the performance of Kenya's water services sector over a given period of time. It is meant to spur comparative competition in the sector, thus creating impetus for institutions to improve their performance whilst encouraging accountability of stakeholders in the water sector to the public.

TOP TEN UTILITIES 2024/25		
Rank	Utility	Score (Max 200)
1	Nakuru Urban	171
2	Nyeri	170
3	Nanyuki	168
4	Isiolo	161
5	Kisumu	158
6	Ngandori Nginda	158
7	Embu	154
8	Naivasha	153
9	Thika	150
10	Eldoret	148

BOTTOM TEN UTILITIES 2024/25		
Rank	Utility	Score (Max 200)
81	Kyeni	38
82	Olkejuado	37
83	Marsabit	36
84	Samburu	36
85	Mandera	35
86	Kakamega Rural	35
87	Elwak	29
88	Kapenguria	28
89	Nol Turesh	26
90	Oloitokitok	16

Drinking Water Quality

- The national average was 96 per cent, a notable improvement from the previous period where this figure was 89 per cent. Improvement was registered in all the size categories, implying better compliance with the drinking water quality standards
- Utilities are obliged to comprehensively plan water quality monitoring and management, both through developing annual sampling programmes and formulation of water safety plans within the first year of licensing.

Hours of Supply and per capita consumption

- This improved to 18 hours per day, from 17 hours per day, with improvement noted only in all the categories.
- Hours of supply is a measure of service quality (reliability) and customer satisfaction.



Guests at the IMPACT 18 Report launch

Kenya hosts global ocean summit as leaders push for marine protection

BY JUSTUS ANZAYA (PCO)

Kenya has positioned itself at the forefront of global efforts to protect and sustainably utilize ocean resources after hosting the opening of the 11th Our Ocean Conference (OOC11) in Mombasa. The conference brought together world leaders, policymakers, scientists, investors and conservationists to address mounting threats facing the world's oceans. Officially opening the conference on behalf of President Dr. William Ruto, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki warned that oceans across the globe are under unprecedented pressure from human activities, calling for urgent collective action to safeguard marine ecosystems.

"The oceans around the world are facing serious anthropogenic pressures arising from degrading ecosystems, pollution and other harmful activities," Kindiki said. "Our understanding of the responsibility of the current generation to the ocean is that we have borrowed it from our children, to whom we must return it better, cleaner and safer."

The Deputy President said Kenya is committed to transforming the vast resources of the Indian Ocean within its jurisdiction into opportunities that empower coastal communities while ensuring the protection of marine biodiversity for future generations.

The conference, being held in Africa for the first time since its inception, has placed Kenya



Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki (left) and founder of the Our Ocean Conference and former United States Secretary of State John Kerry at the 11th Our Ocean Conference.

at the centre of international discussions on ocean conservation and the sustainable blue economy.

The CS for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hassan Joho used his keynote address to issue a strong appeal for accelerated global action, noting that oceans have historically shaped identities,

sustained livelihoods, inspired cultures, and facilitated trade across nations.

"Climate change, marine pollution, biodiversity loss, habitat degradation and illegal fishing are putting marine ecosystems and the millions of people who depend on them at serious risk," CS Joho said. He reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to unlock-

ing the full potential of the Blue Economy through science-based policies, sustainable resource management, innovation and strategic partnerships while protecting marine ecosystems.

The Cabinet Secretary urged the international community to move beyond pledges and accelerate implementation of existing ocean commitments. He called for increased climate finance for ocean adaptation, stronger investment mechanisms for developing countries, enhanced action against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and wider adoption of innovative financing instruments such as blue bonds.

The conference also heard from founder of the Our Ocean Conference and former United States Secretary of State John Kerry, who challenged delegates to ensure the gathering delivers measurable outcomes.

"The ocean can no longer be an afterthought in our search for solutions to global challenges," Kerry said.

FEATURE: SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Community-led recycling project transforms waste management in Nyalenda neighbourhood

BY DOROTHY PAMELLA (KNA)

In the heart of Nyalenda informal settlement in Kisumu, a community-led initiative is transforming waste management while creating income opportunities for residents through an innovative buy-back centre that links waste collectors directly to recycling markets.

Operated by the Amazing Grace Action Community-Based Organisation (CBO), the buy-back centre has become a model of circular economy practices, turning discarded materials into valuable resources while contributing to cleaner neighbourhoods and environmental conservation.

At the centre, residents and waste pickers bring recyclable materials including plastic bottles, cartons, scrap metal, and hard plastics, which are sorted, weighed and purchased for cash. The collected materials are later sold to recycling companies and aggregators, creating a sustainable waste recovery system within the informal settlement.

"We run a community buy-back centre working directly with waste pickers and community members," said Operations Lead Renise Olwal. "When they bring recyclables, we sort them into categories such as PET plastic, hard plastic, cartons and metals. After weighing, we pay them cash immediately."

Different materials attract



1. **Members of Amazing Grace Action CBO participate in a community clean-up exercise in Nyalenda, Kisumu.**

2. **Amazing Grace Action CBO Operations Lead Renise Olwal during a clean-up exercise in Nyalenda informal**

varying prices depending on their value within the recycling chain. PET plastic fetches Sh7 per kilogramme, while hard plastics earn up to Sh30 per kilogramme. Metals command higher prices, with copper selling at up to Sh800 per kilogramme, brass at Sh450, aluminium at Sh250, and lighter metals ranging between Sh47 and Sh55 per kilogramme.

Cartons are purchased at between Sh7 and Sh10 per kilogramme depending on quality.

Beyond recycling, the centre provides waste collection services to approximately 150 households within Nyalenda at a subscription fee of Sh40 per week. The service ensures proper waste handling while guaranteeing a steady supply of recyclable materials to the centre.

On average, the facility processes about 100 kilogrammes of recyclable waste, with plastics accounting for the largest proportion. Organic waste collected from households constitutes about 20 percent of the total waste stream.

To manage biodegradable waste, the organisation has adopted Black Soldier Fly (BSF) technology. Through



this innovation, food waste is fed to larvae that break it down within 10 to 14 days. The larvae are later processed into protein-rich animal feed for poultry, fish and pigs, while the residue is converted into organic fertiliser for farming.

The technology has significantly reduced the amount of waste destined for dumpsites while generating useful products that support local agriculture and livestock production.

Despite its success, the initiative continues to face several operational challenges. Limited storage space remains a major concern due to the growing volume of recyclables received at the centre.

"Storage is a major challenge because we have a small buy-back centre," said Olwal, adding "We do not shred

recyclables, so they occupy a lot of space. Insecurity within the informal settlement is also a concern."

The organisation also relies heavily on handcart-based waste collection, which is labour-intensive and less efficient compared to motorised transport systems.

"We are using handcarts, which requires a lot of energy," she added. "We also struggle with personal protective equipment because it wears out quickly and is not always sufficient."

Currently, about 20 waste pickers work with the centre by supplying recyclables and assisting in household waste collection services. While they are not permanently employed, they earn income from the materials they collect and through shared proceeds from household subscription fees.

In addition to waste management, the organisation runs Youth Savings and Loan Associations (YSLAs) and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) to promote financial literacy and encourage a savings culture among residents.

It also conducts Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights programmes through its Teen Holiday Engagement Forum, which educates young people on menstrual hygiene, gender-based violence prevention and general health issues during school holidays.

The impact of the initiative is increasingly visible across the settlement.

Water service providers record improved performance

BY MARY GORETTY
AND LINDSEY OCHIENG
(MYGOV)

Kenya's water sector has recorded notable gains in service delivery, with increased water coverage, improved drinking water quality and stronger financial performance among Water Service Providers (WSPs). This is according to the latest sector performance report by the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB).

The 18th edition of the Impact Report shows that regulated water utilities improved their performance across several key indicators during the 2024/25 financial year despite facing challenges such as rising non-revenue water and limited sewerage coverage. The report analysed the performance of 94 Water Service Providers, comprising 91 public and three private utilities, across 47 counties. It also incorporated data from small-scale water

service providers serving rural and underserved communities to provide a broader picture of water access in the country. According to the report, water coverage through piped systems among regulated utilities increased from 70 per cent in the 2023/24 period to 72 per cent in 2024/25, resulting in an additional 1,261,271 people gaining access to water services. The number of people served by regulated water utilities rose from 21.5 million to 22.8 million,

representing a six per cent growth, while active water connections increased marginally from 1.85 million to 1.87 million. "Water production also recorded growth, rising by nine per cent from 461 million cubic metres to 504 million cubic metres, while sector turnover increased by 14 per cent from Sh28.8 billion to Sh32.8 billion," the report reads in part. WASREB noted that the increase in the population served compared to the slower growth in active connections points

to increased reliance on shared and communal water connections, raising concerns around equitable access to services. The report further highlighted significant improvement in drinking water quality, with the national average rising to 96 per cent from 89 per cent in the previous period. The improvement was recorded across all categories of utilities, indicating increased compliance with water quality standards. "Utilities are required

to comprehensively plan on water quality monitoring and management through annual sampling programmes and development of water safety plans," the report noted. Reliability of water supply also improved, with average hours of supply increasing from 17 hours per day to 18 hours per day. However, per capita water consumption remained below the recommended standard of 50 litres per person per day, despite a slight increase from 26.42 litres to 26.68 litres.



CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

INVITATION TO TENDER

DRILLING, EQUIPPING & CIVIL WORKS FOR SUGURO (MUNANDA) COMMUNITY BOREHOLE IN NAROK COUNTY

TENDER NO: CRVWDA/EQ/NRK/SUGURO/BH/30/2025-2026

CLOSING DATE: 2ND JULY, 2026

Clarification No.1 On the Bill of Quantities (BOQ)

Reference is made to the tender notice for the above project published on **9th June, 2026** through MyGov.

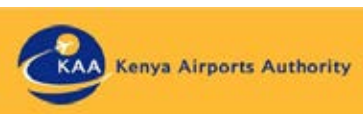
Following the request for clarification, a revised Bill of Quantities (BOQ) has been issued and is available for download on the Agency's website tender's portal at the link indicated below. <https://tenders.crvwwda.go.ke/index.php?art=tenders&tid=MjUy> or at the PPIP portal

All bidders are requested to take note of this clarification and use the revised BOQ when preparing their bids. All other terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

The closing date and time for this tender remains as **2nd July, 2026 at 12:00 Noon**, with bid opening on the same date at 12:05 PM.

The Chief Executive Officer,
Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency
Maji Plaza, Prison Road
Off Nakuru - Eldama Ravine Highway
P.O. Box 2451-20100
Nakuru, Kenya





TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

The Kenya Airports Authority invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders:

Tender Reference Number	Tender Description	Pre-Bid Meeting / Site Visit	Closing/ Opening Date
KAA/OT/ICT/0162/2025-2026	Provision of Maintenance Services for Primary Data Centre for Kenya Airports Authority	N/A	02/07/2026 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/KIA/0164/2025-2026	Proposed Runway 06 Re-surfacing at Kisumu International Airport Phase 1	There shall be a Pre-Bid meeting on 02/07/2026 at 10.00 a.m. at Kisumu International Airport	09/07/2026 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/MALINDI/0165/2025-2026	Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Fire Tenders at Malindi Airport	N/A	09/07/2026 at 11.00 a.m.

Information on these tender notices and documents detailing the requirements, tendering procedures and guidelines should be downloaded from our website at <https://www.kaa.go.ke/corporate/procurement/> or <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal> or Public Procurement Information Portal at www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Bidders are advised to note that bidding process for the tenders is through our online tender portal at <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal>. For any information or clarifications, please contact us through our email, tenders@kaa.go.ke

Canvassing for the tender by the tenderer or by proxy shall lead to automatic disqualification of their tender.

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO



KENYA REINSURANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with the Capital Markets Act and its Regulations, the Board of Directors of Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited wishes to announce the retirement of **Ms. Eunice Nyala** and **Dr. Zacharia Nyaega** as Directors of the Corporation. Ms. Nyala has been on the Board for four (4) years and diligently served in various committees while Dr. Nyaega has been on the Board for Three (3) years and diligently served as the Chairman of the Human Resource and Nominations Committee. Ms. Nyala and Dr. Nyaega retired by rotation, in accordance with the Corporation's Articles of Association, at the Corporation's Annual General Meeting held on 19th June 2026.

The Board and Management of the Corporation wish to sincerely thank Ms. Nyala and Dr. Nyaega for their invaluable contribution, dedication, support and commitment to the Corporation exhibited throughout the course of their tenure as members of the Board.

By Order of the Board

CHARLES N. KARIUKI
COMPANY SECRETARY

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Kenya targets Sh1.1 trillion tourism earnings as arrivals surge

BY ARNOLD MASILA (KNA)

Kenya is staking its tourism future on a proposition that few countries have managed to achieve: growing visitor numbers and revenues while protecting the wild-life and ecosystems that attract tourists. Fresh from a record-breaking 2024, which saw the country welcome 2.4 million international visitors and

earn Sh452.2 billion from tourism, Kenya is now pursuing an ambitious target of 5.5 million arrivals and Sh1.1 trillion in tourism earnings by 2027. But as wildlife habitats shrink, climate pressures intensify and communities living alongside conservation areas demand a greater share of the benefits, the question confronting policymakers is whether the country's celebrated



World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) President and Chief Executive Officer, Gloria Guevara, feeds a giraffe during the council's leadership visit to Kenya to champion global conservation and sustainable tourism.

conservation model can withstand the pressures of rapid growth. This was the setting when senior leaders of the World Travel and Tourism

Council (WTTC) toured some of Kenya's most symbolic conservation sites. Led by WTTC President and Chief Executive Officer, Gloria Guevara, and Deputy President, Mr Najib Balala, the delegation visited Nairobi National Park, the Ivory Burning Site and the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust alongside officials from the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife.

The visit underscored Kenya's standing as one of the world's most recognizable safari destinations, but it also highlighted the delicate balancing act facing a country seeking to turn conservation into an economic strategy. "Kenya's conservation history is remarkable. The country has demonstrated to the world that conservation and tourism can thrive together," said Guevara.

Kenya shipyards showcase innovative fibreglass boats at historic ocean conference

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

As thousands of delegates converge in Mombasa for the 11th Ocean Conference, the first time the global event is being held in Africa, Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL) is showcasing an innovative Glass-Reinforced Plastic (GRP) boat, a locally manufactured solution poised to enhance maritime safety and transform the fishing industry.



A Fibreglass boat under construction at the Kenya Shipyards Limited at the Mombasa shipyard.

The GRP boats are constructed from composite material made of plastic reinforced with glass fibres. They are durable, corrosion-resistant, lightweight, fuel-efficient, and easy to mold into efficient designs, and require lower maintenance costs compared to traditional wooden boats.

The boats have a carrying capacity of up to three tonnes and can be insured. Owners can also obtain logbooks that may be used as collateral when seeking financing.

Initially introduced in the Lake Victoria region, the boats have been praised for improving productivity and enhancing safety due to their ability to withstand harsh weather conditions. KSL Business Development Manager, Edward Omol, said Lake Victoria has long been associated with accidents involving unsafe and unstable wooden vessels.

"Most of the people who go out fishing are breadwinners. A life that is lost affects an entire household. We end up with widows, orphans and many other people who depended on that person," said Omol.

"That is what drove us to come up with this solution so that we can have secure waters and a secure blue space,"

he added. The GRP boat represents a major shift from traditional wooden vessels that have dominated fishing communities for generations, from the Coast region to the lakeside.

Designed and manufactured by Kenyan marine engineers at KSL, the vessel incorporates advanced safety and performance features tailored to the conditions of Lake Victoria and other regional water bodies.

The boats feature an auto-recovery mechanism that helps them remain upright in rough waters, integrated buoyancy systems that make them virtually unsinkable, enhanced wave resistance and stability, and a range of lifesaving equipment, including life jackets and emergency flares.

Unlike wooden boats, which are susceptible to rot and frequent repairs, the GRP boats are built using fibreglass technology that offers exceptional durability and significantly lower

maintenance costs. KSL has built boats for various government agencies, including the Kenya Coast Guard Service, Kenya Navy, Kenya Ports Authority, Kenya Maritime Authority, National Police Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Revenue Authority and Kenya Railways Corporation.

County governments that have procured the boats include Lamu, Kisumu, Siaya and Homa Bay. Buoyed by this success, KSL is now keen to market the vessels along the Coast and beyond Kenya's borders.

KSL is leveraging the Ocean Conference to showcase the innovation to fishing communities operating along the Indian Ocean coastline, where rough seas and unsafe vessels continue to threaten livelihoods.

Omol affirmed that the boats can help improve maritime safety, increase fish catches through more reliable operations, and strengthen economic opportunities for coastal communities.

"This boat is safer, lighter, more profitable, environmentally friendly and easy to operate. More importantly, it is helping us create safe waters for everyone who depends on them," he stated.

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THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE & 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO FACILITATE AND REVAMP THE DIGITAL ECONOMY IN THE INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT IN KENYA
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-526651-CS-QCBS

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the **Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("the Services") include Review and Development of the Legal Framework to Facilitate and Revamp the Digital Economy in the Information, Communications and Digital Environment in Kenya. The assignment is expected to take eight (8) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke/tenders or can be obtained at the address given below.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority through the Program Implementation Unit (PIU) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a law firm registered in Kenya with core business in the field of legal advisory and legislative drafting for a period of at least fifteen (15) years
 - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two (2) assignments in the last seven (7) years in National Government Ministries, County Government, State Corporations, Regulatory Authorities, Constitutional Commissions; or regional bodies. Details of similar assignments-Name and address of the client, scope, value, and period should be provided and submitted. Expression of Interest should include enumeration of these similar past assignments.
 - Technical and managerial capability of the consulting firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s)

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("**Procurement Regulations**"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may **procure with other firms** to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during the following office hours 0900 and 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours) East African Time (EAT) and public holidays.
- Expression of interest must be delivered in written form by **9th July 2026 at 1000hours EAT**. - using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the **tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya** or (ii) send by email to: **procurement@ict.go.ke** and quote the **Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row**. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked **Review and Development of the Legal Framework to Facilitate and Revamp the Digital Economy in the Information, Communications and Digital Environment in Kenya; Contract No. KE-ICTA-526651-CS-QCBS**

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Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



Marsabit residents urged to pick up thousands of processed national IDs

BY ANTHONY MELLY AND SEBASTIAN MIRITI (KNA)

Marsabit County Registrar of Persons, Isaac Kibet, has urged residents who applied for national identification cards to collect their processed documents, revealing that more than 50,000 IDs have been processed in the county since January 2025. He said the government is intensifying efforts to ensure that all eligible Kenyan citizens obtain national IDs and access essential services and rights. Kibet said that since January 2025, more than 50,000 national ID cards have been processed in Marsabit County. He noted that his office continues to reach residents who do not yet have identification cards and is working to ensure all eligible citizens are registered. According to Kibet, the National Registration bureau in Nairobi has been sending large batches of processed IDs to the county. Once received the



Marsabit County Registrar of Persons Isaac Kibet displays large batches of processed IDs at the Marsabit County registration of persons offices. PHOTO: ANTHONY MELLY

cards are distributed to the areas where applicants registered, including Moyale, Saku, Korr, North Horr, Loiyangalani, Laisamis and other parts of the county. He called on all applicants who possess waiting cards to visit registration offices and collect their IDs. For those living far from registration centers, he said area chiefs have been assigned the responsibility of helping distribute the documents to their rightful owners. “There are many IDs that have already been handed over to area chiefs for distribution within their jurisdictions,” Kibet said. “Residents should ensure they collect their cards as soon as possible.” He revealed that more than 80 percent of the IDs registered in the county have already been delivered for distribution across all sub counties. While a few applications remain unprocessed due to discrepancies, he assured residents who have not yet applied for IDs to visit registration offices in their respective sub counties.



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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Turkana University College invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacant positions:

ACADEMIC STAFF

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

	VACANCY	SCALE	REF:	POSITION
1.	PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURER	SCALE XII	TUC/AC: 1/20/05/2026	ONE

Qualifications

The applicant:

- Must have a PhD in Public Health or its equivalent in a relevant field from an accredited and recognized University
- Must have at least three (3) years teaching experience at University level or in research or in industry;
- Must have a minimum of twenty-four (24) publication points, of which at least sixteen (16) should be from refereed scholarly journals.
- Should be registered with a relevant professional body (where applicable).

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

	VACANCY	SCALE	REF:	POSITION
2.	TUTORIAL FELLOW	SCALE XI	TUC/AC: 2/20/05/2026	ONE

Qualifications

The applicant:

- Must have a Master's degree in Educational Technology or a related field from an accredited and recognized University;
- Should be registered for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Educational Technology or a related field.
- Should be registered with a relevant professional body (where applicable).

	GRADUATE TRAINEE	SCALE	REF:	POSITION
3.	TUTORIAL FELLOW	SCALE X	TUC/AC:2/20/05/2026	ONE

Qualifications

The applicant:

- Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences or a related field from an accredited and recognized University.
- Should be registered for a Master's Degree in Social Sciences or a related field
- Must be an alumnus of the University.
- Should be registered with a relevant professional body (where applicable).

TERMS OF SERVICE

Appointment to the position of Lecturer will be on permanent and pensionable terms. The position of Tutorial Fellow and Graduate Trainee will be on a two-year contract.

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	VACANCY	SCALE	REF:	POSITION
4.	ACCOUNTANT II	SCALE XI	TUC/NAC:01/20/05/2026	ONE

Qualifications

The applicant must have:

- Masters Degree in Finance, Accounting, Commerce, Business Management/Administration or its equivalent and CPA Part III, with three (3) years' experience with three (3) years' experience as Assistant Accountant Scale 10 or its equivalent OR
- Bachelors Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration or its equivalent and CPA Part III with nine (9) years working experience three (3) of which as Assistant Accountant Scale 10 or its equivalent.
- Be a registered member of recognized professional body.
- ICT Competent.

TERMS OF SERVICE

Appointment to the position of **Accountant II** will be on **permanent and pensionable** terms.

APPLICATION MODE:

- Applicants should send ten (10) hard copies of their application to the undersigned clearly indicating the advert reference number of the position of interest on the envelope.
- All applications should be submitted together with detailed Curriculum Vitae, a copy of ID/Passport, copies of academic certificates, testimonials and any other relevant supporting documents.
- The Curriculum Vitae should include information on academic qualifications, professional experience, leadership and management roles and membership of professional association, email address and telephone contact.

The Deputy Principal (Administration, Finance & Planning)
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LODWAR, KENYA.

All applications should reach the Office of the Deputy Principal (Administration, Finance and Planning) on or before **6th July,2026.**

NOTE:

- TURKANA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**
- ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.**



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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

2.	TUTORIAL FELLOW	SCALE XI	TUC/AC: 2/20/05/2026	ONE
3.	GRADUATE ASSISTANT	SCALE X	TUC/AC:2/20/05/2026	ONE

NON-ACADEMIC STAFF

1.	ACCOUNTANT II	SCALE XI	TUC/NAC:01/20/05/2026	ONE
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HOW TO APPLY

- Candidates interested in this position are expected to meet the requirements detailed in full advertisement on our website: **www.tuc.ac.ke**.
- All applications should reach the Office of the Deputy Principal (Administration, Finance and Planning) on or before **5.00 P.M** on **6th July 2026**.

All applications should to;

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Vihiga launches messaging drive on non-communicable diseases

BY HENRY ANANDA AND
MAUREEN IMBAYI (KNA)

The County Government of Vihiga, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, has concluded a Community Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Messages Development Workshop aimed at developing effective community awareness messages to improve the prevention, early detection, and management of non-communicable diseases, which continue to pose a major health challenge in the region. The workshop brought together healthcare professionals, public health officers, community health promoters, and development partners to craft simple and culturally appropriate messages that can easily be understood by residents across the county.

The initiative was implemented through the County Department of Health Services with support from United Nations International Children's Fund



Vihiga County health officials engage in discussions to strengthen public awareness in the fight against non-communicable diseases.
PHOTO COURTESY

(UNICEF) communicable Diseases (NCDs) Alliance Kenya, reflecting a collaborative effort to strengthen community awareness on diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and chronic respiratory illnesses. Health officials noted that many people continue to seek medical attention only after complications

arise, making treatment more difficult and costly for patients and their families.

The newly developed messages are expected to encourage residents to embrace regular health screening and seek medical advice early whenever symptoms are detected.



NATIONAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO ALL SUPPLIERS

The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) is a public body established by the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) Act, 2016. It previously operated under the State Corporations Act (Cap 446) of the Laws of Kenya by Legal Notice Number 171 of November 24, 2011.

NDMA wishes to notify all suppliers and contractors on the following: -

1. NDMA wishes to invite suppliers to a sensitization forum to our supplier sensitization forum to be held on **29th June, 2026** at Mountain Breeze Hotel Embu in Embu County from 9.00 a.m. Suppliers who wish to attend the forum should confirm their attendance through our email address procurement@ndma.go.ke or for any assistance latest Friday 26th June, 2026 close of business. Kindly note that only those who have registered via email will be allowed to participate in the forum.
2. NDMA invites applications from interested, competent, and eligible firms for registration of suppliers for goods, services, and works for the period 2026–2028. For more information, please visit our website, www.ndma.go.ke and Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke.

HARED HASSAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Kenya is turning the tide on climate change

BY MOTURI NYABONYI
(PCO)

Kenya has entered a transformative era of environmental governance. Moving beyond high level declarations,

The Ministry Of Environment Climate Change is prioritizing tangible, ground level implementation to align ecological health with the nation's long term economic growth targets. This shift was center stage at the recent 11th Our Ocean Conference in Mombasa, the first time the event has ever been held on African soil, where the government unveiled the Blue Carbon Ecosystems NDC Implementation and Investment Plan 2025 to 2035.

For decades, the mangroves that fringe the Kenyan coast have been the sentinels of the Indian Ocean. To the casual observer, they are a tangle of roots and brackish water. To the 800,000 artisanal fishers who cast their nets in these shadowed nurseries, they are the very definition of survival.

But this vital shield has been fraying. Over the last forty years, Kenya has lost 40 percent of its mangroves, and with them, the natural armor that protects more than 100,000 people from the intensifying storms and rising seas of a warming planet.

The plan is a sophisticated fusion of environmental science and fiscal strategy. Kenya has committed to a

bold climate target: reducing national emissions by 35 percent by 2035. By aiming to conserve all existing mangroves and restore 75 percent of those previously degraded, the nation is protecting vital nurseries for fisheries and shielding coastal communities from storm surges. If successful, Kenya's coastal zones will evolve from shrinking assets into a massive carbon sink, sequestering roughly 9 million tonnes of Carbon Dioxide equivalent annually by 2035.

To drive this transition, Kenya is pioneering a new financial model that treats conservation as a core economic investment. This includes the establishment of a regional finance hub and a push for innovative mechanisms, such as blue carbon credits and sustainable fisheries bonds. These efforts are designed to unlock Sh80 billion in investments, turning the country's natural assets into engines for sustainable development.

The most transformative element of the plan is its emphasis on social equity. Kenya's 2024 Carbon Markets Regulations mandate that at least 40 percent of all revenues from these projects must go directly to local, land based communities.

This ensures that the people who protect these forests, the ones who replant the seedlings and guard the shoreline, are the ones who benefit from the investment.



Launch of Kenya's Blue Carbon NDC Implementation and Investment Plan ,11th Our Ocean Conference- Mombasa
From Left PS, State Department For Environment and Climate Change Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno, CS Ministry Of Environment Climate Change and Forestry, Dr. Deborah Mlongo Barasa EGH and CS Ministry Of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs

This green agenda extends well beyond the coast. Through the National Plastics Action Partnership, the ministry is fostering a circular economy that prioritizes domestic reprocessing and recycled content markets.

By integrating the government, private sector, and civil society, this initiative is creating new manufacturing value chains that offer sustainable opportunities for women, youth, and informal workers.

At the heart of the national vision is the 15 Billion Tree Growing Programme. In recent

consultations with the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme, Ambassador Dr. Ida Betty Odinga, the ministry outlined an inclusive strategy to accelerate this goal. This includes the strategic promotion of high value trees like coconut, cashew, and neem, which provide both environmental restoration and direct income for local farmers.

By partnering with the Ministry of Education to integrate tree growing into the curriculum, the government is ensuring that a culture of stewardship

is embedded in the next generation.

Kenya's commitment to accountability is equally robust. With the integration of digital tools like the Jaza Miti app and the development of a national registry for carbon markets, the ministry is ensuring transparency across all its climate initiatives.

These efforts are supported by strong bilateral partnerships, including recent engagements with the United Kingdom, Germany, and the World Bank, to advance water security and biodiversity targets.

As Kenya moves toward the future, these coordinated institutional actions are positioning the nation as a regional model. By blending science based policy with community led action, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry is demonstrating that environmental sustainability is the most effective path toward a resilient, prosperous, and inclusive future for all Kenyans. As the tide turns, Kenya is proving that with the right investment, nature can be the most effective technology for our survival.

Governor calls on institutions to adopt clean energy to fight deforestation

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI
(KNA)

Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr has called on principals and heads of institutions to adopt clean cooking energy in a bid to curb the wanton destruction of forests in the county.

Mutula noted that the amount of firewood consumed daily in schools, hospitals, and churches is alarming, underscoring the need to embrace renewable energy for cooking in order to conserve an environment already threatened by degradation.

The Governor made the remarks at Konza Technopolis during the Green Energy Promotion and Clean Cooking Advocacy Forum, which brought together secondary school principals, heads of institutions, financiers, and technology

service providers to chart the way forward on partnerships for the adoption of renewable energy for cooking and the phasing out of biomass fuels.

"The consumption of firewood in our schools and other institutions is alarming. The number of tonnes consumed daily is extremely high. Therefore, as an arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) area, it is our responsibility to protect the environment," Mutula said while reading his speech at Konza Technopolis in Mukaa Sub-county.

"Therefore we brought together all institutions through their respective principals, so that they can appreciate our intention and plan. The idea is to bring onboard the service providers who have the requisite technology to offer and also the banks who will give funds," he added.



Makueni County Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr addressing stakeholders at Konza Technopolis in Mukaa Sub-County during a Green Energy Promotion and Cleaning Cooking Advocacy Forum deliberations.

Consequently, the governor said that once the targeted institutions embrace clean cooking mechanisms, they will ultimately reduce the cost they incur in using electricity and firewood, hence curb the wanton destruction facing forests in the county.

At the same time, Mutula observed that the use of firewood had also contributed to an increase of respiratory diseases and eye problems saying there was a need to curb the worrying trend in the county.

"We have done mathematics for them and determined the cost

they are spending on electricity and firewood. They can actually save nearly 40 percent by adopting clean energy cooking. So, it is a win-win situation especially where schools are having problems with capitation," said Mutula.

"The statistics of upper respiratory diseases in Makueni County is extremely alarming and is most likely out of smoke in our kitchens at home and schools. So when looking at health matters, we need to conserve the environment to make it habitable," reiterated the Governor.

In this regard, Mutula said

that any new public institutions being constructed in the county must have a plan on how they will harness the sun in order to use solar energy with a view to reducing dependence on firewood from the local forests.

He also said the county government had already embarked on a comprehensive clean cooking campaign through strategic partnerships and investments in renewable energy infrastructure, aimed at reducing dependence on firewood and charcoal.

"We are committed to ensuring that public institutions embrace sustainable energy solutions that protect our environment, improve public health and lower the cost of energy," Mutula said.

The Governor revealed that already three County Technical Training Institutes (CTTIs) have adopted clean cooking energy, while adding that Matiliku Boys High School had also received equipment for use in cooking with a view to conserving the environment.

He added that the county's clean energy agenda is guided by the Makueni County Energy Plan 2023-2032 and the Makueni Energy Policy 2025, both of which prioritize access to affordable, sustainable and reliable energy as a key driver of development.

Zetech innovators develop solutions against digital threats

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

As cybercrime continues to pose a growing threat to businesses and individuals worldwide, young innovators at Zetech University are developing homegrown solutions, aimed at strengthening digital security and protecting users from increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks.

Leading the innovations is the Kqimble Platform, a cybersecurity framework developed by Software Engineering student Isaac Muendo through the university's innovation and incubation hub, iZET Hub.

The platform is among several student-led technologies focused on cloud security, web threat analytics and network defense solutions tailored for corporates, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and emerging businesses.

The platform, an App, integrates cybersecurity features and network defense mechanisms into devices such as laptops and mobile phones, helping organizations detect and block cyber threats while safeguarding sensitive information.

It continuously monitors system to detect potential cyberattacks, identify security respond to threats efficiently. It also implements built-in security frameworks designed to safeguard sensitive data and ensure business continuity.

According to Muendo, the idea behind the innovation was inspired by a personal experience after witnessing his parents repeatedly lose money through



Isaac Muendo, a Software Engineering student from Zetech University who has developed the Kqimble Platform, a cybersecurity solution, aimed at strengthening digital security.

digital fraud.

"Seeing my parents lose money from their accounts made me realize how exposed many people are to cyber threats. I wanted to develop a solution that would not only protect my family but also assist entrepreneurs and organizations facing similar challenges," he said.

Motivated by the need for accessible cybersecurity tools, Muendo developed a solution that can be integrated into different business environments without requiring organizations to employ dedicated ICT security personnel.

The resulting platform provides scalable and affordable protection against emerging cyber risks while reducing the complexity and cost associated with managing cybersecurity systems.

The innovation has since attracted recognition on global technology platforms for its focus on cloud security and web threat intelligence, placing Zetech University's innovators

among a growing group of African technology developers creating solutions with international relevance.

Beyond Kqimble, students at the university are developing a range of enterprise software solutions designed to strengthen digital infrastructure, protect organizational data and improve cyber resilience across different sectors.

Zetech University Vice Chancellor Prof. Njenga Munene described the achievements as a significant milestone in the institution's mission of advancing innovation, research and technology-driven solutions.

"This is a significant step towards making a meaningful contribution to the global innovation ecosystem. We are proud of our students and alumni who are developing solutions that address real-world challenges while creating opportunities for economic growth and employment," said Prof. Munene.

Kenya positions itself as Africa's investment gateway

BY JACK MWANIKI AND JANE
CHEBET (PCO)

Kenya is set to reinforce its position as a leading investment hub in Africa as it prepares to host the inaugural Africa Capital Week (ACW), a landmark event expected to bring together governments, investors, financial institutions and development partners to unlock new opportunities and accelerate economic transformation across the continent.

The high-level conference, scheduled for August 31 to September 4, 2026, will provide a strategic platform for showcasing investment-ready projects, strengthening investor confidence and forging partnerships aimed at mobilising capital for Africa's development agenda.

The event is being jointly convened by the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat, the Capital Markets Authority, the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the Nairobi International Financial Centre, the Kenya Development Corporation and other strategic partners.

Speaking during a breakfast planning meeting at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies, Principal Secretary for Public Investments and Assets Management, Mr. Cyrell Wagunda, said Africa Capital Week presents a timely opportunity to redefine the continent's investment narrative by positioning Africa as a destination of opportunity, innovation and sustainable growth.

PS Wagunda noted that global investors are increasingly prioritising markets that demon-

strate transparency, policy consistency, strong governance and responsible management of public resources.

"Countries that demonstrate sound stewardship of public investments and effective governance frameworks will be best placed to attract and retain long-term capital," he said.

He said ACW is designed to move beyond discussions by creating pathways for actual investments, turning ideas into bankable projects and connecting capital with opportunities that generate employment, expand industries and improve livelihoods.

"Africa Capital Week is more than a capital-raising event. It is a platform for building confidence, forging partnerships, mobilising investment and accelerating Africa's economic transformation. It is about connecting capital with opportunity, turning ambition into action and positioning Africa as a competitive destination for global investment," PS Wagunda stated.

The Principal Secretary observed that while Africa continues to experience growing demand for infrastructure development, industrialisation, climate resilience and social investment, the continent still faces a significant financing gap.

He, however, noted that the challenge is not only about the availability of capital but also about creating credible investment opportunities supported by strong institutions, transparent systems and effective governance.

State backs digitisation of indigenous knowledge and historical records

BY LINDSAY OCHIENG (MYGOV)

The Government is actively supporting the preservation and digitization of Kenya's cultural heritage, including safeguarding indigenous knowledge systems, languages, and historical records so that they remain accessible to future generations through technology.

According to the Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture and Children Services, Mrs Hannah Wendot Cheptumo, technology must be used as a tool to amplify Kenya's cultural identity, not to erase it.

Ms Wendot, who was speaking at the Maktaba Kuu, Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) headquarters during a Connecting Codes event hosted by KNLS, said inclusion remains at the heart of her Ministry's agenda in a speech read on her behalf by the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Culture, Ms Ummy Bashir.

"Women and girls must be empowered to actively participate in the digital space as innovators, leaders, and creators while children must be protected from emerging digital risks while also being equipped with the skills and opportunities needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world", the CS declared, adding, we are also focused on ensuring that vulnerable populations are not left behind as digital transformation continues to reshape society.

The progress the Government seeks, Ms Wendot said, cannot be achieved by government alone as it recognizes and value the role of partnerships with academia,



Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage Hannah Wendot (Centre) in a past event.

development partners, and the private sector since collaborations such as those demonstrated "in this conference are essential in driving innovation, research, and practical solutions."

The CS noted that partnership with institutions such as Kansas University and the Technical University of Kenya is a strong example of how global and local collaboration can generate knowledge that is both relevant and impactful.

"Africa must take its place in shaping the future of technology. We must move from being consumers of technology to becoming creators and innovators. Our systems must reflect our languages, our cultures, and our unique realities. This is how we ensure that technological advancement truly serves our people," the CS noted.

She said the future being discussed at the Conference is already

here and the "choices we make today, the policies we implement, and the partnerships we build will determine whether that future is inclusive, equitable, and sustainable. Let this conference be a platform for action, collaboration, and lasting impact."

Ms Wendot said the government reaffirms its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote knowledge, preserve culture, and harness technology for the benefit of all Kenyans.

Ms Wendot noted that the country continues to invest in strengthening institutions that serve as gateways to knowledge including libraries and community learning centres which play a critical role in ensuring that access to information reaches all citizens especially those in underserved and marginalised areas.

The CS said that knowledge remains the foundation of national development which is

increasingly created, accessed and shared through digital platforms powered by emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.

The Ministry of Gender, Culture and Children Services, the CS noted sits at a vital intersection of people's identity and inclusion and its role is to ensure that Kenyans embrace digital transformation in an ethical, inclusive way which is inclusive of national values.

"We will ensure that technology does not marginalise but empowers Kenyans", the CS said.

The Ministry, Ms Wendot said, is also promoting digital literacy programmes aimed at equipping young people, women and communities with the skills necessary to participate meaningfully in the digital economy.

Speaking during the conference, the KNLS CEO Dr. Charles Nzivo lauded the partnership between the Technical University of Kenya and the University of Kansas libraries.

One of the themes that stands out in this conference, Dr Nzivo said, is collaboration since no institution, country, or profession can address the opportunities and challenges of AI alone.

"Progress happens when we share ideas, learn from one another, and build partnerships. The presence of our partners, including universities, researchers, and information professionals, demonstrates the power of working together toward a common goal", the CEO said.

IGRTC hailed for landmark Devolution milestones

BY DICKSON WEKESA (PCO)

The Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) has been commended for spearheading some of the most significant reforms in Kenya's devolution journey, particularly the successful unbundling, delineation and transfer of devolved functions that have aimed at strengthening cooperation between the National and County Governments.

Speaking over the weekend during a farewell dinner held in honour of seven outgoing Committee Members, Deputy Head of Public Service Dr. Amos K. Gathecha described the Committee's achievements as transformative milestones that have enhanced cooperative governance, clarified constitutional mandates and improved service delivery across the country.

"Perhaps one of the most consequential achievements of the Committee was the unbundling, delineation and transfer of devolved functions. Achieving consensus on more than 95 per cent of these functions is a remarkable milestone in Kenya's devolution journey. It has significantly reduced uncertainty, minimized overlaps and strengthened clarity regarding the responsibilities of each level of government," said Dr. Gathecha.

He noted that during the Committee's six-year tenure, IGRTC successfully facilitated the transfer of several key devolved functions, including library services, museums, disaster management and cooperative development. He also cited the historic transfer of Amboseli National Park to the County Government of Kajiado as a landmark achievement in advancing the constitutional objectives of devolution.

JOOTRH unveils plan for 2,000-bed expansion

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) has unveiled an ambitious long-term expansion blueprint that will transform the Kisumu-based facility into a 2,000-bed regional referral and teaching hospital, significantly boosting specialized healthcare services in western Kenya.

The proposed upgrade, whose feasibility study and master plan were presented to the hospital's Executive Committee (EXCOM), will be implemented in phases and is designed to address growing demand for advanced healthcare, training and research services in the region.

The comprehensive study, complete with detailed architectural designs and cost estimates, was prepared by Arprim Consultants and presented by the

firm's Principal Architect Jared Momanyi.

According to the master plan, the first phase will involve the construction of a modern eight-storey hospital with a 500-bed capacity and a range of specialized medical facilities aimed at strengthening the hospital's referral and teaching mandate.

The facility will include medical and surgical wards, a 20-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU), a 20-bed High Dependency Unit (HDU), a renal support centre, a 28-bed Accident and Emergency complex, 20 operating theatres, specialized outpatient clinics, a physical rehabilitation centre and a 15-station dental unit.

The development will also incorporate key diagnostic and support services, including radiology, laboratory services and physiotherapy departments,



A section of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kisumu. PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

alongside administrative offices.

To enhance operational efficiency and emergency response, the rooftop will accommodate solar energy infrastructure, water storage facilities and a helipad.

The second phase of the project will add a further 600-bed capacity hospital and supporting infrastructure, including a

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JOOTRH is expected to attain a capacity of 2,000 beds, positioning it among the largest referral and teaching hospitals in the country.

Doctors' Plaza and expanded clinical support services.

Once all phases and associated developments are completed, JOOTRH is expected to attain a capacity of 2,000 beds, positioning it among the largest referral and teaching hospitals in the country.

The master plan also outlines broader infrastructural developments, aimed at supporting the hospital's future growth.

These include construction of staff housing under the Affordable Housing Programme, expansion of training and research facilities, relocation of selected support services, establishment of a modern logistics centre, enhanced parking facilities and improved traffic management systems within the hospital complex.

Hospital officials said the proposed developments are intended to strengthen healthcare delivery, while creating an integrated medical city capable of supporting specialized treatment, medical education and research.



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Kisumu hospital named national centre for advanced sickle cell care

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The Government has designated the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) in Kisumu as Kenya's first public centre for advanced sickle cell treatment, marking a major milestone in the implementation of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) reforms.

Medical Services Principal Secretary Dr. Ouma Oluga said the facility is now offering specialised red blood cell exchange therapy at its Victoria Annex Hospital, a procedure that significantly reduces painful crises, strokes and other life-threatening complications associated with sickle cell disease.

Speaking during a visit to the hospital alongside county chief officers for health, Dr. Oluga said the investment demonstrates how recent health reforms are beginning to translate into specialised services for patients.

"We are here to show how all the reforms in health financing, primary healthcare, facility improvement financing and digitization are interconnected and working together to improve patient care," he said.

The visit comes ahead of World Sickle Cell Day on June 19 and World Blood Donor Day commemorations, both of which the Ministry of Health is using to intensify awareness on blood disorders and blood donation.

According to the PS, sickle cell disease remains a major public health burden, particularly in Nyanza, Western and Coastal regions, where nearly two per cent of the population is affected.

He said Kenya currently records relatively low life expectancy among sickle cell patients, with



Medical Services Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Ouma Oluga addressing journalists at Victoria Annex hospital in Kisumu. PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

many surviving only into their forties, prompting the government to invest in interventions, aimed at improving both survival and quality of life.

"So far we only have patients who live longest up to around 47 years. We want to increase both the lifespan and the experiences of these patients," he said.

Dr. Oluga revealed that the government is working with King's College London to transform the Kisumu facility into a regional Centre of Excellence

for sickle cell management, with specialists expected in the country next week to support training, equipment expansion and blood supply systems.

He urged counties to refer patients requiring specialised care to the facility, saying the service would help reduce complications that often leave patients disabled and dependent on lifelong care.

The red cell exchange procedure removes abnormal sickle-shaped red blood cells and replaces them with healthy donor cells, reduc-

ing the risk of stroke and severe pain episodes.

Dr. Brenda Misore, lead paediatrician at Victoria Annex Hospital, which hosts the sickle cell comprehensive care centre, said

"We need a strong blood donor registry because blood is the backbone of these services. Giving blood saves lives"

demand for the service has grown steadily since its introduction.

She said the procedure has transformed the lives of children living with the genetic disorder by reducing hospital visits, improving school attendance and preventing debilitating complications.

"These patients are always in pain. They get strokes and other severe complications. With this service, children are able to come in once every three months, go to school and live a better quality of life," said Dr. Misore.

She warned that stroke remains one of the most devastating complications among children with sickle cell disease in the region, often leading to permanent disability and placing a heavy burden on families.

The paediatrician called for increased newborn screening, public awareness and genetic testing to help families make informed reproductive choices.

She also appealed for increased blood donation, saying the success of the programme depends heavily on a reliable blood supply.

"We need a strong blood donor registry because blood is the backbone of these services. Giving blood saves lives," she said.

For 33-year-old Michelle Omulo, one of the beneficiaries of the programme, the treatment has been life-changing.

Omulo, who has lived with sickle cell disease for three decades and suffered two mild strokes that left her with weakness on her right side, became the first patient at the facility to undergo the red cell exchange procedure.

KNH doctors remove massive 4-kg liver tumor in milestone surgery

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Doctors at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) have successfully removed a massive four-kilogram liver tumor during a complex seven-hour surgery, giving the patient a new lease of life. This life-changing procedure, a right hepatectomy, was the standout achievement of the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgical Camp held at KNH.

It symbolizes hope restored and a second chance for a patient who once faced an uncertain future.

The surgery was undertaken through a collaboration between Kenyatta National Hospital, the Europe-Africa Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, the University of Nairobi, Aga Khan University and visiting specialists from the University of Science and

Technology Hospital in Egypt.

The multidisciplinary surgical team was led by HPB specialists Prof Soriman alongside KNH and UON surgeons Dr K. Ondede - Director Surgical Services, Dr Muia, Dr Kaisha and Dr Nthambi as well as other local invited HPB Surgeons Dr Karan and Dr Misoi.

The anesthesia team Dr Simiyu, Dr Kasuku, Dr Muchiri, Dr Omundi, Mr Kwame and residents Dr Atieno and Dr Monda provided expert support, while the theatre nursing team, led by B. Khandega, C. Tuwei, M. Wambui, S. Njeru, D. Kemuma, P. Nyaga, J. Kinyanjui, and Moraa, ensured seamless care. Technical support came from C. Muthengi and W. Owelle. The three-day camp also delivered 13 highly specialized HPB procedures, including four liver resections,



Doctors at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) pictured after successfully removing a massive 4 kilograms liver tumor during a complex seven-hour right hepatectomy.

one Whipple's procedure, two hepaticojunostomies and six laparoscopic cholecystectomies.

Led by Dr. Gibson Musila, Head of the Department of General Surgery at KNH, the camp went beyond patient care it served as a platform for mentorship and

skills transfer, strengthening local expertise in complex liver, pancreatic and biliary surgeries.

Removing a tumor of this size demands extraordinary surgical precision, meticulous planning, and seamless teamwork.

This achievement reflects

KNH's growing capacity to deliver world-class specialized care closer to home, transforming lives and reaffirming its role as a national referral centre where even the most complex medical challenges are met with skill, innovation, and hope.

Mwache Dam to begin water impoundment in October as construction nears completion



Aerial view of the Mwache Main Dam, currently at an advanced stage of construction, marking a major milestone in the implementation of a long-term solution to address water shortages in Mombasa and the Coast region. PHOTO: CHARI SUCHE

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

The Government has intensified efforts to complete the multi-billion-shilling Mwache Dam Project in Kwale County, with authorities projecting that the facility will begin impounding water by October this year to ease persistent water shortages in Mombasa and neighbouring areas. Speaking during a monthly progress monitoring visit to the project site, Principal Secretary

in the State Department for Water and Sanitation, Julius Korir, said construction works had gathered momentum and were progressing according to the revised timelines following the alignment of financial resources.

Korir said the contractor was operating on a 24-hour schedule to ensure the critical infrastructure project meets its targets ahead of the short rains expected later in the year.

"The construction of this critical facility is moving at an excep-

tional pace, with the contractor working round the clock. Our engineering teams have mapped the critical path over the next six months, putting us on course to begin impounding and storing water as early as October and November," said Korir.

He noted that the government was finalizing a supplementary budget allocation to sustain the project's momentum and avert potential cost escalations associated with delays.

According to the Principal

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Once operational, the treatment plant will process 186,000 cubic metres of water daily, equivalent to 186 million litres, before pumping it to a major storage facility at Mazeras for onward distribution.

Secretary, timely completion of the project remains crucial in ensuring prudent utilization of public funds and development partner support.

Water Secretary and Project Manager Eng. Samwel Alima said the main dam structure had reached approximately 83 per cent completion, with the embankment rising from an initial elevation of 30 metres to 87 metres above ground level.

"We are only left with about 13 metres to attain the final dam height. Once we complete the remaining works and the spill-way section, we shall be ready to impound water during the upcoming short rains," he said.

Alima explained that the Mwache Dam forms part of a broader strategy aimed at addressing chronic water shortages affecting Mombasa County by capturing and storing runoff from seasonal heavy rainfall events.

"The rainfall pattern in this region is characterised by intense rains occurring over short periods, followed by prolonged dry spells. This dam will enable us to harness and store the water, allowing for regulated supply throughout the year," he added.

Beyond the dam structure, the Ministry is implementing a multi-phase water distribution programme to ensure the harvested water reaches consumers across the coastal region.

The second phase entails construction of a water treatment plant located approximately half a kilometre downstream from the dam site. Alima said the contract had already been signed, with the contractor expected to commence work within weeks.

Once operational, the treatment plant will process 186,000 cubic metres of water daily, equivalent to 186 million litres, before pumping it to a major storage facility at Mazeras for onward distribution.

"The water treatment component will abstract 186,000 cubic metres per day from the dam.

MTRH performs procedure to treat severe liver disease

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER (KNA)

The Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) has successfully performed Kenya's first Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS) procedure, marking a major milestone in the advancement of specialized healthcare services in the country.

The minimally invasive procedure was performed by MTRH Interventional Radiologists on a patient with advanced liver disease and life-threatening complications arising from portal hypertension, a condition characterized by increased blood pressure in the vein that carries blood from the digestive organs to the liver.

TIPS is a highly specialized interventional radiology procedure that creates a new pathway for blood flow through the liver,

reducing pressure in the portal vein and preventing serious complications such as recurrent internal bleeding and fluid accumulation associated with liver cirrhosis.

The achievement was made possible through the recent establishment of an advanced angiographic suite at MTRH, coupled with years of specialist training, mentorship, and collaboration under the AMPATH Radiology Partnership.

The angiographic suite enables specialists to perform complex image-guided procedures using minimally invasive techniques, reducing the need for conventional surgery and improving patient outcomes.

Dr. Cornelius Kipchirchir, Consultant Interventional Radiologist at MTRH praised the milestone, noting it offers hope to patients who previously



A team of medical specialists from MTRH and Ampath performed the first ever Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS) procedure, marking a major milestone in the advancement of specialized healthcare services in the country. PHOTO: EKUWAM SYLVESTER

had limited treatment options and highlights the potential to expand access to advanced interventional radiology services in the region.

"Successfully performing Kenya's first TIPS procedure is a significant achievement and demonstrates that highly specialized interventions can be safely and effectively delivered locally," he said.

Dr. Daniel Chepsiror, Consultant Interventional Radiologist at MTRH, described the procedure as a landmark achievement for the specialty.

"The availability of our angiographic suite has opened new possibilities for advanced patient care. Performing the TIPS procedure allowed us to apply specialized skills acquired over many years and represents the beginning of a broader range of high-end interventional radiology procedures that will benefit patients across the region," he noted.

MTRH Chief Executive Officer Dr. Philip Kirwa lauded the

achievement as a demonstration of the Hospital's commitment to innovation, specialized healthcare, and strategic partnerships.

He indicated the breakthrough reflects the transformative impact of strategic partnerships, investment in advanced medical technology, and sustained capacity building of their specialists.

"The successful performance of Kenya's first TIPS procedure at MTRH demonstrates that highly specialized, life-saving interventions can now be delivered locally, reducing the need for patients to seek treatment abroad while improving access to quality healthcare within Kenya and the region," alluded the CEO.

He underscored that, as they continue to strengthen interventional radiology services, they are positioning MTRH as a regional centre of excellence for minimally invasive procedures that offer better clinical outcomes, shorter hospital stays, faster recovery, and improved quality of life for patients.

KALRO trains experts from six countries to boost rice production

BY MUTAI KIPNG'ETICH
(KNA)

The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) Mwea, in partnership with the Korea Program on International Agriculture (KOPIA) Kenya Centre, has trained researchers, seed growers, and extension officers from six African countries on quality rice seed production and processing as part of efforts to enhance food security and boost rice productivity in the region.

The training brought together participants from Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe and focused on technologies, innovations, management practices, and regulatory requirements necessary for certified rice seed production.

Speaking during the training, Kirinyaga County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture Dr. John Gachara underscored the importance of international collaborations in fostering agricultural innovation and knowledge exchange.

The participants were also taken through practical sessions at the certified rice seed processing facility at Kirogo Farm in Mwea, where they gained hands-on experience in seed processing and quality assurance procedures. KALRO Deputy Director General for Crops, Dr. Alice



Researchers, seed growers, and extension officers from six African countries seen undergoing training in KALRO Mwea to enhance quality rice seed production and processing.

Murage, commended KOPIA and other development partners for supporting capacity building initiatives, aimed at strengthening rice production systems across Africa.

She urged participants to utilize the knowledge acquired during the training to improve rice seed systems, increase productivity and contribute to regional food security.

Dr. Ruth Musila, Centre Director at KALRO Mwea, emphasized the critical role of quality seed in transforming rice production and reducing reliance on imports.

"We can double our rice production, while reducing imports through the adoption of improved varieties and

quality seed systems," Dr. Musila said.

The Director noted that Kenya has diverse rice-growing ecologies including upland, irrigated and rain-fed lowland systems.

She explained that while 80 per cent of the country's rice is currently produced under irrigation, KALRO is also developing varieties suited

for upland and rain-fed conditions. Among the improved varieties being promoted are Komboka, Mkombozi and the recently released Tongil varieties, which were developed through collaboration between Kenyan and South Korean breeders.

"The Tongil varieties can yield between six and seven tonnes per hectare and are resistant to major rice diseases, making them suitable for increasing production and farmer incomes," she added.

KOPIA Kenya Centre Director Dr. Ji Gang identified poor post-harvest handling as one of the biggest challenges facing rice farmers, particularly the practice of drying rice on roadsides.

The Tongil varieties can yield between six and seven tonnes per hectare and are resistant to major rice diseases

Government to bring immigration services closer to citizens through Huduma Centres

BY CALEB WANENE (PCO)

Thousands of Kenyans seeking passports, eCitizen support, and other immigration services may soon access them closer to home as the Government intensifies efforts to decentralize key services through Huduma Centres across the country.

This initiative gained momentum following a high-level consultative meeting between the Director General of Immigration Services, Evelyn Chelugut and the Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr. Jane

Kere Imbunya. The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration to expand access to immigration services nationwide.

The officials reviewed progress and follow-up actions from earlier discussions on the partial integration of services offered by Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) at Huduma Centres.

Their goal is to create a more efficient, citizen-centered service delivery model. They explored operational frameworks to enhance the availability of critical immigration services including passport applications, eCitizen assistance, and consular



Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya (Left) and Director General of Immigration Services, Evelyn Chelugut (Right) shake hands after a meeting in Nairobi.

support through the Huduma network. This effort aligns with the Government's broader agenda of bringing services closer to citizens by reducing bureaucratic barriers, cutting travel costs, and improving efficiency in public service delivery. Huduma Centres were established as one-stop service hubs, enabling Kenyans to access multiple government services without the need to travel to different offices.

The expansion of immigration services at the county level has been a longstanding public demand due to congestion at central immigration offices in Nairobi.

BRIEFS

Major boost for sports as Mandera stadium project takes off

BY ADAN MOHAMED

The long-awaited construction of Mandera's modern 10,000-seater stadium is set to commence after the County Government officially handed over the project site to the Ministry of Defence, paving the way for the implementation of one of the region's largest sports infrastructure projects. The project, pledged by President William Ruto during his NYOTA Programme visit to Mandera, is expected to transform the county's sporting landscape by providing a modern facility for athletes, young people, and the wider community.

The official handover ceremony was led by County Secretary, Billow Issack and County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Social Development, Mohamed Omar, alongside officials from the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) and the appointed contractor. Construction is expected to begin once the contractor completes mobilization.

Once completed, the facility will feature a 10,000-seater stadium, a VIP pavilion, modern changing rooms, a standard football pitch, athletics running track, carbo-paved parking areas, a borehole, and a canopy covering the stadium.

Speaking during the handover, County Secretary Billow Issack described the project as a major milestone for Mandera's development agenda, noting that the facility will create opportunities for young people while promoting sports and talent development.

"This is a transformative project for the people of Mandera. The county government remains committed to working closely with the national government, KDF, and the contractor to ensure the successful delivery of the stadium within the expected timelines," said Issack.

He noted that the stadium will provide a platform for nurturing local talent, hosting sporting events, and inspiring young people to pursue careers in sports.

Charity donates 300 wheelchairs to PWDs

BY HOPE MWANZIA

Home Mobility Kenya has partnered with the County Government of Kitui to help bridge the mobility gap facing persons with disabilities (PWDs) across the region.

As part of efforts to improve mobility among persons with disabilities, Home Mobility Kenya has donated 300 wheelchairs, along with other assistive mobility devices.

The much-needed initiative launch was presided over by Kitui County CECM for National Gender Equality, Disability and Social Services Phoebe Mutemi alongside Michael Panther, Founder of Hope Mobility Kenya.

The event also marked the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County Government of Kitui and Hope Mobility Kenya to improve inclusion and mobility for PWDs. Sharing his personal journey, Michael Panther said he became

disabled at age 10 due to illness during the South Sudan war. After a 2-year search for treatment, he reached Kijabe Hospital. The struggle took him to Machakos School for Disability Care, then to Nairobi and the US.

"The struggle gave me a passion to start Hope Mobility Kenya which endeavours to breathe hope to the disabled, because it's through hope that I got," he said.

Jack Muthui, Director of Hope Mobility Kenya, said the MoU will run for three years and will help provide services to People with Disabilities in Kitui County.

Devices provided under the launch included wheelchairs, crutches, sunscreens for albinos, walking frames and walking sticks to those in need to walk.

He added that Hope Mobility Kenya will also conduct artisan trainings to maintain the wheelchairs for better, long-term service.



President William Ruto (centre), SRC Chairperson Sammy Chepkwony (left) and SRC Vice Chairperson Dr Gilda Odera (right) and other officials at the National Productivity Conference.

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PRODUCTIVITY

SRC signals transition to performance-based pay in the Public Service

The Agency says future salaries in Public Service must be tied directly to employee productivity, a transition designed to reward efficiency and ensure taxpayers get value for money

The Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) has signalled a major shift from automatic career progression and salary increments in the Public Service to performance-based pay in bid to raise productivity.

SRC, in a communique released after the first National Productivity Conference held from June 17-19, 2026, in Nairobi, said the transition will tie compensation and career progression directly to productivity.

“This conference resolves that all public sector compensation systems shall progressively transition from automatic salary progression and career progression to productivity and performance-based remuneration (variable pay), for Ministries Departments and Agencies at National and County Governments,” SRC said.

The Commission noted that implementation of the new framework is expected to increase annual labour productivity from the current 1.38 per cent to at least 20 per cent by June 2027.

Currently, career progression and salary increments in the Public Service remain largely automatic, driven by Schemes of Service rather than measurable performance.

Normally, employees move up the ranks based on years of service or academic qualifications, with pay increases following a pre-determined path regardless of output.

SRC noted that the system has created a culture where pay rises have been prioritised over productivity, leaving little reward for innovation, efficiency or accountability.

The result has been low productivity and a fast-rising wage bill that stands at about 41 per cent of revenue generated, according to SRC, which is above the statutory target of 35 per



A panel discussion titled, "Wage Determination and Management for a High-Performing Public Service: Linking Compensation to Productivity" at the SRC Conference last week.

cent set under the Public Finance Management Act.

President William Ruto, who was the Chief Guest at the conference, backed the new proposal, adding that the Government seeks to restore merit at the heart of Public Service.

“Recruitment and promotion must be fair, transparent and based on demonstrated results. We will reward performers and innovators, and hold non performers accountable,” President Ruto said.

He called for adoption of technology, including artificial intelligence, to boost productivity in the Public Service.

“Technology will multiply our efforts, but culture will sustain them. Kenya will not be a spectator in the age of artificial intelligence; we will be co creators, using technology to transform service delivery, boost productivity, and strengthen national competitiveness,” he said.

“We have too many people who have no jobs, and we cannot continue being mediocre. We have the human capital and the

INFOBOX

Why the Conference:

- The Conference was convened under the theme: ‘Productivity for fiscal sustainability and efficient service delivery.’
- Significant milestones have been achieved in implementing the productivity mandate, yet systemic challenges persist in integrating productivity metrics, recognising productivity, and linking remuneration to performance outcomes.
- A significant proportion of national resources are being consumed by the public wage bill, which crowded out investment in development and delivery of essential services.
- The public wage bill, as of the financial year 2024/2025, has reached 40.64 per cent of ordinary revenue, rendering it fiscally unsustainable.

resources to change this nation, and we must change it with all we have,” he added.

Dr Gilda Odera, the Vice Chairperson, SRC, noted that productivity is not about doing more with less, but creating more value with what we have.

“When institutions embrace accountability, innovation and performance, every resource works harder, every service improves, and every citizen benefits. The true measure of our success will not be the quality of our discussions, but the actions we take and the results we deliver after this conference.”

Further, the conference resolved that by June 2027, the Government shall have developed, enacted, reviewed and operationalised all necessary policy, legislative, institutional and administrative frameworks required to mainstream productivity as a core pillar of public sector planning, budgeting, performance management, remuneration, service delivery and accountability systems.

Another key resolution was that the Government shall re-

engineer the existing Performance Contracting Framework and increase the weighting of productivity indicators from the current 3 per cent to at least 50 per cent by June 2028 with the objective of institutionalising a productivity-driven Public Service service, accelerating labour productivity growth, improving service delivery outcomes, strengthening fiscal sustainability and enhancing citizen satisfaction.

All public institutions agreed to strengthen human capital development, organisational culture transformation and change management interventions to improve compliance with constitutional values and principles from the current performance index of 46.5 per cent to at least 75 per cent by June 2028.

Improving productivity, it was noted, must be accompanied by enhanced domestic revenue generation at both the National and County Government levels, and prudent utilisation of public resources, with a view to increasing the revenue-to-GDP ratio from the current 14.6 per cent to 20 per cent by June 2028.

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Entrenching culture in economic growth



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COUNTY OF FIRSTS

Beauty and brawn that define Baringo

The county is one of the most captivating across the country thanks to its lakes, gorges, wildlife reserves, rugged escarpments and many other natural wonders



Tucked in the Great Rift Valley, Baringo County is a land of many firsts, striking contrasts and natural wonder.

The county’s beauty is undeniable; what with the shimmering waters of Lake Baringo, a freshwater habitat that is home to hippos, crocodiles and hundreds of bird species.

Then there is Lake Bogoria, where geysers and hot springs bubble against a backdrop of flamingos attracting hundreds of tourists every year.

The rugged Tugen Hills rise dramatically from the floor of the Great Rift Valley to offer panoramic views, their slopes etched with history and natural splendor.

Stretching across Baringo County, the hills not only offer a breathtaking sight, but are also a repository of archaeological treasures that tell the story of human evolution.

The discovery of Orrorin tugenensis, an early human ancestor dating back about 6.2 million years in 2000 in areas around Tugen Hills put Baringo on the map. Christened “Millennium Man”, the fossils provided earliest evidence of human lineage.

Baringo County is also home

to major geothermal exploration sites namely Paka Hills, Korosi and Silali. According to the Geothermal Development Corporation (GDC), both are part of the expansive Baringo-Silali Geothermal Project, a flagship development that promises to increase Kenya’s energy production by up to 5,000MW.

Initial exploration by GDC has confirmed viable steam wells, with Silali alone capable of producing up to 22MW from a single well while Korosi has an estimated geothermal potential of more than 600MW.

The broader plan envisions 100MW each from Silali, Paka and Korosi totaling at least 300MW in the first phase.

Away from geothermal sites, the daring cliff divers of Cheploch Gorge showcase human courage against nature’s grandeur. Further, wildlife thrives in Lake Kamnarok Reserve, where elephants, buffaloes and antelopes roam freely.

For decades, however, Baringo’s beauty had been overshadowed by insecurity, with banditry and cattle rustling making life precarious for residents and deterring visitors.

But the turning point came when the Government intensified

Flamingos at Lake Baringo. The birds are a breathtaking spectacle, adding vibrant colour that attracts tourists in the region. Below: The rolling Tugen Hills.

security in the North Rift through Operation Maliza Uhalifu, a multi-agency security exercise.

Boniface Kimani, the Deputy County Commissioner Baringo, said the Government deployed security personnel in volatile areas in the region, restoring calm that had long been affected by banditry and cattle rustling.

FACTS & FIGURES

5,000

The MW that can be tapped from Baringo geothermal wells.



“We welcome everyone to every part of Baringo, from Kabarnet to Marigat and Chemolingot,” he said.

In Chemolingot, one of the sub county’s that had been worst hit by insecurity, communities that had lived under constant threat are now experiencing calm.

Schools that had been closed reopened, allowing children to resume their education. Families once displaced by violence returned to their homes, rebuilding lives and livelihoods.

The Government’s approach to security has not been limited to policing. It has emphasized community cooperation, encouraging residents to surrender illegal firearms and work alongside security agencies.

The partnership has been crucial in ensuring that peace is not temporary but sustainable.

Hundreds of illegal guns were handed in under a recent national amnesty programme, a clear sign of changing attitudes.

With security restored, development projects are flourishing in Tiaty. These include the construction of student villages under the Affordable Housing Programme at KMTC Chemolingot Campus.

The Government has further opened a Civil Registration Office in Chemolingot, a milestone that ensures residents can now access vital services such as birth certificates, national identity cards and marriage registrations without travelling long distances.

This move is part of a broader effort to bring Government services closer to the people, reinforcing the peace dividend by making citizens feel included and supported.

The Government is also working to open a Huduma Centre in Chemolingot, a move that will further anchor peace with development by bringing essential public services closer to the people of Tiaty. ■

DEVELOPMENT AGENDA



CULTURE

Koskei champions culture as pillar of unity and peace

Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service asks Kenyans to embrace culture, noting it is a powerful tool for fostering national cohesion

The Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei has called for unity as he underscored the power of culture in building peaceful, cohesive communities.



Culture and education are the pillars of a peaceful society,” Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei.

Speaking at Chepo Laleiyo Cultural Festival in Tiaty Constituency, Baringo County, Mr Koskei said as a nation, we must choose which of our cultures will help us to build the country and shun those that are retrogressive.

Speaking before an audience of community members, local leaders, Cabinet Secretaries and Principal Secretaries in Churo/Amaya Ward, Mr Koskei commended the Tugen, Pokot, and Ilchamus communities for their unwavering commitment to peaceful coexistence.

He noted that the festival stood as a living testament to what communities can achieve when united by a common identity and shared values. “Culture is the living expression of a people’s history, identity and values,” he said. Mr Koskei emphasized that cultural celebrations like Chepo Laleiyo are not mere festivities but essential platforms for preserving indigenous knowledge, promoting intercommunity dialogue, and

fostering the kind of social cohesion that underpins national development. “Culture and education are the pillars of a peaceful society,” Koskei said, echoing the festival’s theme. He called on leaders at all levels to invest in initiatives that strengthen cultural identity while equipping younger generations with the skills to drive progress.

Mr Koskei was accompanied by Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage Hannah Cheptumo and Culture and Heritage Principal Secretary Ummi Bashir.

Also in attendance were Principal Secretaries Eng. John Tanui (ICT), Fikirini Jacobs (Youth) and Kello Harsama (Petroleum), reflecting the broad



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei at Chepo Laleiyo Cultural Festival in Tiaty Constituency, Baringo County. Below: Dancers at the event.



Government interest in promoting culture as a development enabler.

The Chepo Laleiyo Cultural Festival serves as a powerful platform for preserving indigenous knowledge and promoting intercommunity dialogue.

The festival was held as a celebration of peace in the region, which has seen the market in Chemolingot, Tiaty Constituency, bursts into life. As peace prevails, families are diversifying income sources, combining livestock production with small-scale farming and retail businesses.

Youth groups are venturing into transport and trade, while women’s cooperatives are flourishing through beadwork and value addition of products like honey, with a kilo of the sweetener going for Sh800.

Mr Albert Rioba, the Assistant County Commissioner in Chemolingot, underscored the importance of peace in unlocking Tiaty’s economic potential.

“We want people to know that Tiaty is safe. The Government disarmament exercise was successful and has been fully supported by the people,” he said, noting that Nginyang Market, which had been closed due to insecurity, is soon set to reopen.

He noted that the reopening of Nginyang Market will not only restore a vital trading hub, but also symbolise the region’s resilience and renewed confidence. ■

Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei (sixth left), ICT PS Eng. John Tanui (fifth left) and Tiaty MP William Kamket (third right) and other leaders at Chepo Laleiyo Cultural Festival in Tiaty Constituency, Baringo County.



ENVIRONMENT

Kenya Yearbook attends cultural festival, donates books to boost reading culture

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) made a vibrant mark in Baringo County as it joined leaders and residents of Churo/Amaya Ward, Tiaty Constituency, for the 2nd edition of the Chepo Laleiyo Cultural Festival on June 20, 2026.

Led by Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto, KYEB produced a special AgendaKenya newspaper for the event and donated books for schools in the region.

The annual festival, which has grown into a celebrated occasion in the region's calendar, brought together the Tugen, Pokot and Ilchamus communities in celebrating culture.

Held under the theme "Culture and education: Pillars of a peaceful society," the celebrations featured an array of cultural performances, including traditional music, dance and colourful displays that showcased the rich diversity and deep-rooted traditions of the three communities.

At the forum, KYEB also exhibited its publications including Kenya Yearbook, AgendaKenya and Kenya at the Olympics; 60 years of medalling.

Ms Kimeto said KYEB remains committed to documenting Kenya's history, progress and transformation through its publications as she donated publications to schools in the region.

The publications were received on behalf of learning institutions in Tiaty Constituency by the Tiaty Sub-County Quality Assurance and Standards Officer, Mr Julius Rionotukei, and the Principal of Orus Secondary School, Mr Bernard Kunusia. ■



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto with Head of Public Service Felix Koskei (left) and ICT PS Eng John Tanui (right) at KYEB stand during Chepo Laleiyo Cultural in Tiaty Constituency.



Left: KYEB officer Julie Nyawira distributes 'AgendaKenya' newspaper to residents in Tiaty Constituency, Baringo County.

HUDUMA CORNER

Joy as State breaks ground for new Huduma Centre in Ikolomani

Ikolomani Constituency marked a historic milestone on June 18, 2026, with the groundbreaking of a new Huduma Centre at the CDF grounds, promising citizens easier access to vital Government services.

Hundreds of residents gathered under the midday sun to witness the start of a development expected to end long journeys and extra costs previously incurred to access services outside the constituency.

The ceremony was led by Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr Jane Kere Imbunya, Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo and Ikolomani MP Bernard Shinali.

Mr Shinali hailed the project as a turning point for Ikolomani, noting that the facility will enhance convenience, improve service delivery, and strengthen citizen access to public services.

Huduma Centres are one-stop Government service hubs across Kenya, providing citizens with quick access to essential services such as national IDs, passports, driving licences, NHIF, NSSF, KRA PINs, and business registrations.

Over 60,000 customers served daily nationwide at the centres, with the Government extending working time at some outlets to boost service delivery. ■



PS for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr Jane Kere Imbunya breaks ground for the construction of Huduma Centre in Ikolomani. With him are Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo and Ikolomani MP Bernard Shinali.

DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

CULTURE

Chemusik Cultural Group puts Tiaty

Comprising of 100 members, group represents the resilience of the Pokot culture as they sing and drum their way into preserving traditions and passing them on to future generations

Dressed in traditional Pokot regalia, the dancers erupt into motion, their bodies leaping high into the air in unison with each jump punctuated by the thunder of drums, the jingling of beads strapped on their legs and the shrill ululations of women.

The men, tall and muscular, spring upward with sticks raised, their feet pounding the earth as dust swirls around them. Their jumps are not random, they rise and fall in rhythm, a display of strength and stamina that leaves everyone awestruck.

Similarly, the women join in with graceful hops, their beaded necklaces bouncing against their chests as they sing in unison.

These are the members of Chemusik Cultural Group, based in Chemolingot, Tiaty Constituency. It is not wrong to call them the embodiment of Pokot heritage; the guardians of the community's traditions and storytelling through dance.

Each of their leaps, chants and the beats of drums carries



Members of Chemusik Cultural Group perform a dance at Chemusik Primary School in Chemolingot, Tiaty, in May 2026.

the weight of generations, transforming ordinary gatherings into vibrant cultural showcases that attract visitors from within the country and across the borders.

For the visitors, the Chemusik dancers offer a vivid window into Pokot life; a celebration of culture and traditions that bridge the past and present.

Everline Kokai, the chairperson of Chemusik Cultural Group, explained that the outfit brings together 100 members, 40 of whom are men.

"Our main goal is to protect and preserve our culture and ensure that it passes from one generation to another," she said, her voice carrying the conviction of someone deeply rooted in

tradition.

Through dances and songs, the group ensures that younger generations remain connected to their identity.

Members meet regularly to practice, transforming the open field at Chemusik Primary School and other community spaces into vibrant rehearsal grounds.

They sing varied songs, from sacred chants sang during religious events to work songs sung while herding cattle or harvesting honey.

Their courtship songs also bring a playful energy, with young men and women mostly exchanging verses in call-and-response.

Heroic songs, meanwhile, are rich with history, recounting various deeds, battles won and

lessons learned, ensuring that oral traditions remain alive for younger generations.

Then there are wedding and community feast songs, which are performed with infectious energy, accompanied by ululations that pierce the air and the thunder of drums.

Chemusik Group has turned their cultural performances into income-generating activities, showcasing their artistry at community events, national celebrations and even private functions where visitors are eager to experience authentic Pokot traditions.

Their performances, therefore, not only entertain but also provide livelihoods, with proceeds helping

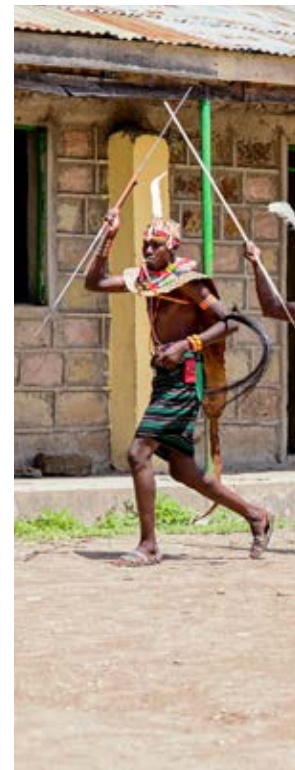
members support their families, educate their children and invest back into the group.

Kokai noted that they also engage in other economic activities including honey production and bead making.

"Most of our members keep bees to produce honey, which we process and sell at Chemolingot and in markets in Nakuru and Marigat," she said.

The honey is harvested in two seasons, from May to June as well as August to November, when the acacia trees and wild blossoms are in full bloom.

During these months, the air in Tiaty is thick with the hum of bees, and hives tucked into rocky outcrops or suspended from tall



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto (second right) with members of Chemusik Cultural Group in Chemolingot, Tiaty, in May 2026.

EDUCATION

on the spotlight



Members of Chemusik Cultural Group during a dance in Chemolingot, Tiaty in May 2026.

trees overflow with golden nectar.

Members of the group prepare for the harvest with care, using traditional methods passed down through generations to ensure both safety and sustainability.

For the beadwork, members buy the beads and congregate at one spot to make them, with the group selling their wares at Chemolingot market and various functions.

John Kamama, a Senior Chief in Chemolingot, lauded the group for attracting visitors in the region through their cultural activities.

“This group is one of the best cultural exports from here in Tiaty. Through them, we have been able to receive visitors including from abroad who come, witness and take part in their activities enabling them to earn some income,” he said.

As Tiaty Constituency today holds its Cultural Festival, the Chemusik Cultural Group will be one of the main attractions, drawing crowds eager to witness the spectacle of Pokot traditions, dance, song and storytelling that date many years back. ■



The North Rift TVET in Tiaty Constituency constructed in 2022 to enhance youth skills.

North Rift Technical College powers youth skills

Located on the Marigat-Chemolingot Road, the North Rift Technical and Vocational College opened its doors in 2022, marking a new chapter in skills development for Tiaty.

The institution has quickly become a hub for training young people in practical courses that connect them to Kenya’s growing digital and technical economy.

With modern facilities and a focus on hands-on learning, the college is equipping learners from Tiaty and beyond with the tools to thrive in industries ranging from ICT, engineering to hospitality.

It is fully accredited by the Technical Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) and the Ministry of Education to provide training in Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in various courses at Diploma, Craft and Artisan levels. The college sits on 116 acres, with its strategic location making it accessible to students from remote areas, therefore, bridging educational gaps and fostering opportunities in historically underserved communities.

The institution offers the following courses; Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Building and civil Engineering, Business Studies and Hospitality.

With its rising student population, the institution has brought economic boom in Chemolingot as Tiaty rises as part of the bottom-up transformation. ■

Baringo County: National Leaders

Baringo County is located in the Rift Valley. It borders Turkana to the North, West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet to the West, Laikipia to the South East and Samburu to the East. Covering an area of approximately 11,075km², the county is endowed with diverse landscapes ranging from semi-arid lowlands to highland areas with moderate temperatures and varied rainfall patterns. Kabarnet serves as the county headquarters and is a key administrative and commercial hub. Agriculture and livestock keeping remain the backbone of the local economy, with residents engaged in mixed farming and pastoralism. The county is also rich in tourism attractions like Lakes Baringo and Bogoria, famous for hot springs and flamingos.

H.E. Hanna Cheptumo CS Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage

Eng. John Tanui, PS ICT & Digital Economy

Hon. Nixon Korir, PS Lands & Physical Planning

Hon. William Kamket, MP Tiaty

Hon. Joseph Kipkoros Makilap, MP Baringo North

County leaders

Hon. Cheburet Kiprono Chemitei, Senator

H.E. Benjamin Cheboi, Governor

Hon. Florence Jematia, Woman Representative

Hon. Reuben Kiborek, MP Mogotio

Hon. Musa Sirma, MP Eldama Ravine

Hon. Charles Kamuren, MP Baringo South

Hon. Joshua Kandie, MP Baringo Central

DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

BOTTOM-UP AGENDA

State steps up efforts to put culture at the heart of Kenya's economic growth

From community festivals and cultural hubs to enhancement of budgetary allocations, the Government is intensifying initiatives that place culture at the centre of growth

The arts and culture sector plays a vital role in Kenya's economic development by providing employment, fostering national identity and generating revenue through tourism, creative industries and international events.

The sector sustains millions of households in both rural and urban communities by linking traditional practices with economic opportunities.

The Government has intensified efforts to modernise the sector, underscoring its central role in promoting unity, preserving heritage and positioning Kenya as a cultural hub in Africa and across the globe.

This rejuvenation is evident in budgetary allocations and targeted initiatives unveiled over the past years, ranging from the revival of national cultural festivals to the construction of modern sports facilities and the support of creative arts programmes.

In the financial year 2026/2027, the Government has allocated Sh45.6 billion for Sports, Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Of



Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Gender, Culture and Children Services Hanna Wendot Cheptumo.

INFOBOX

Legislations and measures to promote culture:

- Copyright Act (2001)** which protects intellectual property rights of creators, including authors, artists and craftsmen, by providing legal rights and remedies for reproduction and distribution of their works.
- Films and Stage Plays Act (2012)** which regulates the production, distribution and exhibition of films and stage plays. It sets standards for content, censorship and licensing within the film and theater industry.
- Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions Act (2016)**, which is a landmark Kenyan law enacted to safeguard the intellectual property, cultural identity and traditional heritage of indigenous and local communities.
- County Cultural Databases** established county-level cultural databases to document, preserve, and promote local heritage across Kenya's diverse communities.

the money, Sh25.2 billion goes to the Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund and Sh14.3 billion to the Tourism Fund to harness national talent and promote Kenya as a regional cultural hub.

These allocations are expected to stimulate jobs, community development and foreign exchange

earnings.

The Ministry of Gender, Culture and Children Services, headed by Cabinet Secretary Hanna Wendot Cheptumo, and Principal Secretaries Anne Wang'ombe (Gender and Affirmative Action) and Ummi Bashir (Culture, The Arts and Heritage), has been at the forefront of ensuring that culture



Principal Secretary Gender and Affirmative Action, Anne Wang'ombe.



Principal Secretary Children Welfare Services, Carren Agengo.

is not only preserved but also harnessed for economic growth.

Targeted interventions include the establishment of community cultural centres, investment in youth training programmes and support for artists through grants and cooperative societies under initiatives like Ushanga.

Ms Cheptumo has emphasized the development of citizen-focused projects that strengthen national priorities while reinforcing cultural identity. These include the promotion of local languages, the integration of traditional knowledge into education and programmes that encourage innovation in music, film and performance.

The Ministry last year launched a nationwide Cultural Revitalisation Campaign. The three-year initiative aims at protecting Kenya's intangible heritage such as oral traditions, indigenous art forms and community rituals.

The campaign represents a broad Government and community initiative aimed at strengthening the country's cultural foundations while unlocking economic potential.

Among other things, it targets to monetise indigenous assets through turning traditional knowledge, crafts and cultural expressions into viable economic



Principal Secretary Culture, The Arts and Heritage, Ummi Bashir.

opportunities for communities; second, it seeks to ensure Kenya's diverse traditions, languages and practices are safeguarded for future generations; third it protects the marginalised communities and safeguards for minority groups, ensuring inclusivity in cultural development and fourth, it integrates with the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), linking heritage to sustainable economic growth.

Ms Cheptumo noted that the campaign aligns with national strategies to safeguard culture as losing traditions poses severe threats to identity, cohesion and economic opportunities tied to tourism and creative industries.

According to PS Bashir, the Government is committed in promoting culture and heritage in the country to ensure that the different traditions aspects are not eroded. ■

Tiaty benefits as Government expands Digital

Across the rolling hills and open plains of Baringo County, a new chapter of digital transformation is quietly unfolding.

Fibre optic cables are being laid and Jitume Centres are coming up, including in far-flung areas like Tiaty, where digital connectivity was once a far-fetched idea.

The county, and its various sub regions, are steadily plugging into the Digital Superhighway as the Government intensifies connectivity across the country.

At the centre of Baringo's digital shift is the growing reach of internet connectivity. Eng John Tanui, the Principal Secretary for

ICT and the Digital Economy, noted recently that over 54 public institutions across the county are now linked to the national fibre optic network.

The expansion is enabling schools, health facilities and Government offices to access faster, more reliable digital services, laying the groundwork for improved education, healthcare and public administration.

These institutions include Government offices, health facilities, police stations and training centres as the Government also establishes public Wi-Fi hotspots which stand at 11 across the county, creating a growing digital backbone for service

delivery.

As at December 2025, more than 294 kilometres of fibre optic cable had been installed across the county, linking key towns such as Kabarnet, Eldama Ravine, Mogotio, Koibatek and Kabartonjo.

Major backbone routes like Iten-Kabarnet, Rongai-Mogotio, and Kabarnet-Kabartonjo are up and running, allowing high-speed data to flow into the region.

Eng. Tanui noted some areas such as Tiaty East, Tiaty Central, Baringo West, Kolowa and Mukutani are ready for connection, with Government having laid out concrete plans to expand connectivity.

In Baringo South (Marigat), fibre has already been installed, with activation ongoing as the area goes live.

Under the digital skilling programme, the Government has established 10 Jitume Digital Skills Programme and Community Innovation Hubs (CIHs) in the county.

In Tiaty, the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) has put up a digital hub at Chemolingot that is in the final stages of completion.

The facility is among the 287 targeted to be established across the country in a partnership between the Ministry of

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME

Student village boost at KMTC Chemolingot Campus

Government is constructing a four-storey hostel at the facility, a project that is creating jobs and promises to transform healthcare provision in the area



On average we are employing 80 to 100 people per day. About 10 to 15 are women and they are getting empowered through this project,” Mr Ben Bwire, site supervisor.

The Government’s Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) is one of the five pillars of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which is designed to address the country’s housing deficit while driving inclusive economic growth.

Through AHP, the Government is building safe, decent and quality homes across counties, targeting low and middle-income earners, who have traditionally been locked out of formal housing markets.

Similarly, under the programme, the Government is constructing modern markets for traders and small businesses across counties, ensuring that AHP delivers not just homes, but also vibrant economic ecosystems.

The AHP initiative also encompasses student accommodation, with the Government investing in student villages at institutions like the Kenya Medical Training Colleges (KMTC) and universities to ease housing challenges for learners.

The KMTC Chemolingot Campus in Tiaty Constituency is one of the institutions where the Government is building a student village under the AHP.

The massive 340-capacity building is

Workers at the KMTC Chemolingot Campus (below) student village construction site.



coming up in earnest, promising to transform student life in Chemolingot.

The project is symbolic as it also represents the Government’s commitment to bringing modern infrastructure to historically underserved areas, bridging regional disparities and fostering equity.

The construction site is a beehive of activity with engineers, masons and suppliers working tirelessly to bring the vision to life.

Ben Bwire, the site supervisor at the Chemolingot student village project, said the hostel will be the first five-storey building in the area. “We have the ground floor and four other floors on top. It comprises of 85 units that will serve 340 students,” he said.

The facility, which is expected to be completed by May 2027, will host other amenities including a modern supermarket - the first in Chemolingot, a food area and shops. The construction of facility has come with a boost to the local economy as residents access jobs and there is increased demand for goods and services.

“On average we are employing 80 to 100 people per day. About 10 to 15 are women and they are getting empowered through this project,” Bwire said.

Further, the project has absorbed 11 interns in the built-environment from the first cohort of the national programme.

Amery Kiptoo, the Clerk of Works, is among

the first beneficiaries at the construction site. He noted that progress of the project currently stands at about 10 per cent as it continues to transform lives.

Edwin Kipchabus, a civil engineer at the site, said that he is witnessing the ongoing transformation of the region under BETA.

“As a young man, I am happy to see fellow youth working here and creating positive impact. The ongoing transformation is real, as the youth, we must embrace it,” he said.

Located next to the Chemolingot Sub-County Hospital, a Level 4 primary care facility, the student village is expected to deliver wide-ranging benefits that go beyond providing accommodation.

At its completion, the project will ease the housing burden for learners, ensuring that they have safe, decent and affordable spaces to live while pursuing their studies.

For students, this means reduced stress in finding housing, improved welfare and a stronger sense of community, all of which contribute to better academic focus and performance.

For the health sector, the KMTC Chemolingot Student Village represents a direct investment in strengthening Kenya’s healthcare workforce.

Through provision of safe, affordable and modern accommodation for 340 students, the Government is enabling more young people to enroll in medical training programmes, especially those who come from far areas. This increase in enrollment will translate into a larger pool of nurses, clinical officers and other health professionals who will eventually serve in hospitals, clinics and community health centres in the area. ■

Superhighway project in once marginalised areas

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Information, Communications and the Digital Economy and MPs.

Paul Todopong, the Personal Assistant to Tiaty MP William Kamket, noted that the upcoming digital hub will be a game-changer for the constituency.

He explained that the facility will serve as a training ground for the youth in the larger Tiaty Constituency, equipping them with practical digital skills that will open doors to online jobs, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Across Baringo, institutions like Eldama Ravine Technical Training Institute, Baringo

Technical College, North Rift TVC in Tiaty and Mochongoi TVC in Baringo South, are training between 50 and 100 learners daily, offering practical skills that connect rural youth to the digital economy.

The county is also benefiting from the national Digital Superhighway Project (DSH). Under DSH Phase I, 20 last-mile sites across Eldama Ravine, Mogotio, Baringo Central and Kabartonjo are already up and running.

The digital transformation in Tiaty and Baringo County at large mirrors what is happening across the country as the Government intensifies the connectivity initiative. ■



The Digital Hub constructed by the Tiaty Constituency NG-CDF. The project is in the final stages of completion.

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Across the world, cultural festivals have proven to be powerful drivers of social cohesion, economic revitalisation and national identity.

They bring together diverse communities, fostering unity and shared purpose. In Kenya, a country rich with over 40 languages and numerous ethnic communities, events like the Tiaty Cultural Festival reaffirm the shared heritage that binds Kenyans together.

The Government recognises the immense value of the arts and cultural industries as a catalyst for economic transformation.

It is for this reason that it has intensified efforts to modernise the sector, underscoring its central role in promoting unity, preserving heritage and positioning Kenya as a cultural hub in Africa and across the globe.

The rejuvenation of the arts and culture sector is evident in budgetary allocations and the targeted initiatives unveiled over the past years, ranging from the revival of national cultural festivals to the construction of modern sports facilities and the support of creative arts programmes.

In the financial year 2026/2027 Budget tabled last week in

Parliament, the Government allocated Sh45.6 billion for Sports, Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Of the money, Sh25.2 billion goes to the Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund and Sh14.3 billion to the Tourism Fund to harness national talent and promote Kenya as a regional cultural hub.

The fifth pillar of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) emphasizes transforming the creative sector into a sustainable industry that supports decent livelihoods. Therefore, festivals like this are vital to preserve and promote indigenous knowledge, traditional music, dance and cuisine, which are not only sources of national pride but also engines of economic activity.

At the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB), we have always been dedicated to chronicling the nation's journey, and culture is central to this narrative.

Our publications, including the flagship 'Kenya Yearbook', 'AgendaKenya' newspaper and other sector-specific publications, extensively cover the rich cultures of our nation.

These publications tell stories from the counties and by the counties, bridging information gaps and ensuring that every community



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sees itself reflected in the national narrative.

Therefore, this is the reason that we as KYEB, today join the people of Tiaty Constituency for their Cultural Festival at Chemolingot Grounds on Baringo County. This event is not merely a celebration of heritage; it is a powerful testament to the role of culture in driving Kenya's development agenda and fostering inclusive growth under BETA.

The activities being undertaken during this Cultural Festival align seamlessly with the principles of BETA. The Youth Empowerment Sessions and Community Sensitisation of citizens at the grassroots level, are a core tenet of

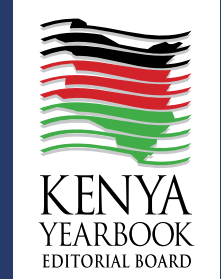
the BETA framework.

Through the offering of a platform for Cultural Exhibitions and Troupe Performances, the festival stimulates the creative economy, opening markets for local artisans, performers and businesses. This approach ensures that economic growth is inclusive and felt by all.

As KYEB, by covering events like this, we preserve these moments for future generations and showcase how culture is a driving force for achieving the aspirations of our nation.

The focus on Registration Services, issuance of National Identity Cards, SHA registration and Voter Registration, underscore how culture can be a vehicle for civic engagement, ensuring that all citizens are integrated into the national fabric and can access government services.

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board congratulates the people of Tiaty Constituency for organising this monumental event. We are honoured to be part of a celebration that truly embodies the spirit of Kenya, a nation united in diversity and marching forward together as we appreciate that cultural identity is a source of resilience and a platform for shared progress. ■



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