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All hospitals to continue providing critical services under SHIF-CS

By ANNE MWALE, (KNA)

The Government has assured Kenyans that no contracted health provider under the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) will deny

members access to dialysis, cancer, or maternity services.

Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Debora Mlongo stated that the ministry is addressing complaints from the public about

some health providers informing patients they would need to pay cash for these services going forward.

“No member will be denied access to dialysis or cancer services. Ma-

ternity services should not be denied at Kenya Essential Package for Health (KEPH) Level 2 and 3 facilities, and actively managed schemes will continue to provide services,” she said.

Speaking in Nakuru during her visit to various health facilities as part of monitoring the rollout and implementation of the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), the Cabinet Secretary indicated

that all public hospitals, from Level 2 to Level 6, have been contracted and are offering services to SHIF-registered beneficiaries.

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Government to set up Huduma Centres in all counties – Muturi

CS for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Justin Muturi, says the Huduma service delivery program has transformed the public service, making it easier for Kenyans to access and manage government services.

BY GLORY MUKHWANA AND MOSES MWAURA

The Government is expanding Huduma Centres to cover all counties, ensuring seamless access to and delivery of government services, Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Justin Muturi, has said.

Muturi stated that the Huduma service delivery program has transformed the public service, making it easier for Kenyans to access



Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Justin Muturi.

and manage government services.

He also praised the collaboration between various ministries, departments, agencies, and counties that have deployed their services across multiple platforms.

Muturi commended Huduma Kenya staff for their commitment to service delivery, which has made Huduma Kenya the trusted face of government.

“As we join the rest of the world in celebrating our

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The Week In numbers

130,000

Housing units at various stages of construction across the country under the affordable housing program

Sh34b

Amount of money The Lake Victoria Water Works Development Agency projects to spend annually to undertake mega water projects in five Western Kenya counties

2b

Cost of the Greenpark Terminus pedestrian underpass network along Uhuru Highway-Haile Selassie intersection roundabout in Nairobi

70m

Number of bags of maize the country produced last year attributed to the national fertilizer subsidy programme and good weather conditions.

100m

Cost of maternity wing the Kilifi County Government at the Malindi Sub-County Hospital

Kenya wins Chicago Marathon

Kenya's Ruth Chepngetich broke the women's marathon world record in Chicago, running 2:09:56 to become the first woman to run under the 2:10 barrier. Also John Korir won the Chicago Men Marathon in 2:02:43, marking a significant personal best for him.

Photo/Courtesy.



All hospitals to continue providing critical services under SHIF-CS

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“As of today, 1,442 private and faith-based health facilities have returned newly signed contracts and are now providing services. To ensure that healthcare services remain accessible during the transition, SHIF has set a deadline for healthcare providers to return signed contracts by Tuesday this week,” she disclosed.

The Cabinet Secretary also stated that the government will reimburse money paid by all dialysis patients covered by the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) and SHIF who were asked to pay in cash at various public and private healthcare facilities.

Dr. Mlongo explained

1,442

Private and faith-based health facilities that have returned newly signed contracts and are now providing services

that, unlike its predecessor, NHIF, SHIF is shifting focus from curative to preventive and promotive healthcare as a key strategy for Universal Health Coverage (UHC), aimed at reducing the burden of preventable diseases. She emphasized that regular check-ups and early detection of illnesses are crucial for maintaining public health, adding that by providing coverage for preventive services, the programme encourages citizens to prioritize their well-being, leading to a healthier population and easing the overall burden on the healthcare system. “This initiative also aims to improve the quality of healthcare services. With a dedicated fund supporting healthcare providers, there is potential for increased investment in medical infrastructure, training, and technology,” she noted.

Government to establish Huduma Centres in all counties, says Muturi

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customers, we, as public servants, must go above and beyond our call of duty in service delivery to mwananchi,” Muturi said.

He emphasized that the role of public service is not just to meet client expectations but to exceed them by ensuring every interaction with citizens is marked by compassion, courtesy, respect, and efficiency, leaving the customer with an unforgettable experience.

The CS made these remarks during his inaugural visit to the Huduma Kenya Secretariat Offices, Huduma Contact and Tele-Counselling Centre, and Huduma Centre at GPO, Nairobi. He emphasized that, in line with Kenya’s Vision 2030 and the economic transformation agenda, Huduma Kenya has an ambitious plan to roll out 290 county Huduma Centres.

Muturi also explained that several Members of Parliament have applied to collaborate with Huduma Kenya to establish Huduma Centres in



Huduma Centre, Laikipia.

their constituencies.

He noted that Huduma Centres have already been established in four counties: Tharaka Nithi, Kajiado, Kiambu, and Laikipia. “To embody the one-stop-shop concept, I have encouraged ministries, departments, agencies, and counties to deploy services across Huduma Centres to ensure equitable and seamless service delivery to citizens,” Muturi added.

The CS further called on ministries, departments, agencies, and counties that do not have staff in

Huduma Centres to take advantage of Huduma Kenya’s universal agents, who will be trained to offer various services on their behalf.

At the same time, he pointed out that National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) services are only available in 15 Huduma Centres, meaning that thousands or even millions of citizens must travel long distances to apply for or renew their driver’s licenses.

Muturi assured Kenyans that the public service will continue to work

closely with MDAs to enhance the availability of government services.

He also urged Kenyans to collect the over 180,000 national identification cards, 47,000 driving licenses, and 54,000 birth certificates awaiting collection at various Huduma Centres across the country.

He at the same time noted that the National Transport Authority and National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) services are open in only 15 Huduma centers.



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY
Tulipe Ushuru, Tujitegemeel

Public Notice

Reminder on the Requirement to Comply with Electronic Tax Invoicing

Further to our Public Notices dated 17th November, 2023 and 27th December, 2023, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to remind the public as follows;

- effective 1st September, 2023, all persons carrying on business, including those not registered for VAT, are required to electronically generate and transmit their invoices to KRA via the electronic Tax Invoice Management System (eTIMS).
- effective 1st January, 2024, business expenditure not supported by an eTIMS generated tax invoice is not deductible for tax purposes.

To facilitate compliance with eTIMS requirements, KRA has availed various solutions including simplified solutions dubbed “eTIMS Lite” for non-VAT registered taxpayers.

KRA reaffirms its commitment to continue supporting and facilitating all businesses to comply with the requirements of the Tax Procedures Act, 2015 including submission to the Commissioner electronic documents related to taxpayers transactional data.

For further information please call our Contact Centre on Tel: (0) 20 4 999 999, 0711 099 999 or Email: callcentre@kra.go.ke www.kra.go.ke

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EQUALIZATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

EXTENSION OF INVITATION TO PROVIDE INPUTS/ COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2028

The Equalization Fund Advisory Board has developed its draft Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2028. This is to extend the invitation to stakeholders for comments and inputs on the draft SP to **Friday October 25, 2024**.

The draft SP as well as the template for submission of the comments is accessible on our website www.equalizationfund.go.ke or by scanning the following QR codes



Submit your comments and inputs using the template by email to strategicplan2024@equalizationfund.go.ke or equalizationfundke@gmail.com no later than **October 25, 2024**



State to empower teachers with better pay, working conditions, and career growth

BY ANNE MWALE AND MEGG NJOKI, KNA

The Government will continue to improve the welfare of teachers by addressing the challenges they face.

Education Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Julius Ogamba, reiterated the State's commitment to addressing teachers' concerns regarding salaries and allowances.

The Cabinet Secretary stated that structures have been established for meaningful engagement with teachers' union officials.

Ogamba praised members of the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) for suspending the work boycott scheduled for August 26, allowing dialogue to take place.

He noted that the strike would have disrupted the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations, which begin this month.

"I commend teachers

for allowing the examinations to proceed without disruption. We are working on solutions to the issues they have raised," Ogamba said.

He disclosed that this year, 1,313,913 candidates will sit for the KPSEA, while 965,501 will take the KCSE examination. Last year, 1,282,574 and 903,260 candidates sat for KPSEA and KCSE exams, respectively.

Speaking in Nakuru, Ogamba acknowledged the crucial role teachers play in the country's development. He added that, as teachers are essential to ensuring quality education, they must be empowered, adequately recruited, remunerated, and, most importantly, motivated.

He emphasized that to carry out successful education reforms, the government is heavily investing in teacher capacity and making the teaching profession more attractive to top high school candidates.

Ogamba, flanked by KNUT Secretary General Mr. Collins Oyuu, highlighted that the success of the Education 2030 Agenda requires sound policies, proper planning, and sufficient, well-trained teachers.

The CS affirmed the State's commitment to providing quality education and improving learning mechanisms to measure progress. He vowed to ensure that teachers and educators are empowered, adequately recruited, well-trained, professionally qualified, motivated, and supported.

Ogamba stressed that the right to education necessitates the recruitment and retention of qualified, motivated teachers who work in safe environments, have access to appropriate tools and resources, and enjoy adequate working conditions and remuneration.

"We are implementing proper incentives, including appropriate remuneration and a clear career



Education Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Julius Ogamba,

progression path. The government is working

I commend teachers for allowing the examinations to proceed without disruption. We are working on solutions to the issues they have raised," - Ogamba

tirelessly to ensure that teachers are empowered through the provision of decent working conditions," Ogamba said.

He added, "Teachers are being well-resourced, and their working environments are being made safe and healthy."

Ogamba further emphasized that achieving the Education 2030 Agenda requires every school in the country to be staffed with qualified teachers.

The Cabinet Secretary commended KNUT leadership for establishing

alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, which have successfully brought industrial peace to the education sector.

KNUT Secretary General, Mr. Oyuu, praised the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms (PWPER) for examining several areas in the sector and making recommendations for reviewing various education-related laws. He said this move indicates that the current administration values, respects, and holds education and educators in high regard.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) is established under the Retirement Benefits Act of 1997 as a body corporate with the core statutory mandate to: regulate and supervise the establishment and management of retirement benefits schemes; protect the interests of members and sponsors of retirement benefits sector; promote the development of the retirement benefits sector; and to advise the Cabinet Secretary on the national policy to be followed with regard to retirement benefits schemes and to implement all Government policies relating thereto.

The Authority seeks to recruit qualified and competent staff to fill the following vacant positions:

No.	Position	RBA Grade	No. of Positions	Job Ref. No.	Terms of Service
1.	Director, Market Conduct and Industry Development	RBA 2	1	D(MCID)/01/10/2024	Five (5) years Contract renewable once subject to satisfactory performance.
2.	Director, Research, Strategy & Planning	RBA 2	1	D(RSP)/02/10/2024	
3.	Assistant Director, Administration	RBA 4	1	AD(ADM)/03/10/2024	Permanent & Pensionable

Details of the positions can be accessed in the Authority's website www.rba.go.ke and the e-recruitment portal <https://recruitment.rba.go.ke/>

All applications should be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer
Retirement Benefits Authority
Rahimtulla Tower
P.O. Box 57733 - 00200
NAIROBI**

Applications must be received not later than **Wednesday 6th November 2024**

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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 – Individual Selection)


Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT DIGITAL ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE & E-GOVRENMENT INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-404988-CS-CQS

ADDENDUM NO 1

S/No.	Area	Previous Requirement	New Requirement
1	Closing Date	Closing Date: 21 st October 2024	The closing date has been extended to 24th October 2024

All other terms and conditions of the Request for Expression of Interest remain the same

**Chief Executive Officer,
The Information and Communications Technology Authority,
P.O Box 27150, Kenyatta Avenue 00100, Nairobi, Kenya.**
Tel.: (+254) 20 667 6999
E-mail: info@ict.go.ke / procurement@ict.go.ke
Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



Milestone for national tree planting initiative as 37 million trees planted

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA,
KNA

The National Tree Planting Initiative has registered tremendous progress in Kisumu, Siaya, and Bungoma counties, with approximately 37 million trees planted since its inception.

Through support from the National Youth Service (NYS), the Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development, which spearheads the initiative in these three counties, aims to plant 500 million trees in the area by the year 2032.

Public Service Cabinet Secretary Justin Muturi stated that the progress made since the program's inception is encouraging and urged the community and all stakeholders to double their efforts to help reach the target.

Speaking at Maseno School in Kisumu County during a tree planting drive to mark Mazingira Day, Muturi emphasized

that climate change is a reality, adding that every effort must be made to green the country to mitigate the adverse effects of this phenomenon.

The CS who was joined by 1,000 students to plant 2,000 trees, underscored the importance of involving educational institutions in achieving the national target of planting 15 billion trees by the end of the initiative in 2032.

challenged the learners to care for the trees and

“I want to assure the community in this part of the country that we will continue to partner with them to ensure this initiative succeeds,” – Muturi

ensure they grow, helping the country build resilience against the effects of climate change being felt across the globe.

“As the Ministry, we are happy with the progress made so far. I want to assure the community that we will continue to partner with them to ensure this initiative succeeds,” he said.

The CS asked members of the community to play an active role and ensure that they plant at least five trees before the end of the day and at the same time inculcate the culture of environmental conservation amongst the youth.

Public Service and Human Capital Development Principal Secretary (PS) Amos Gathecha said through partnership with NYS, each county has received 50, 000 free seedlings for planting since the inception of the initiative.

The NYS, he added, will continue to produce seedlings and actively engage in the tree planting initia-



Maseno School students during the tree planting exercise at the school

tive to ensure that the target set by President Dr William Ruto is realised.

“We are on course to deliver this target. We are doing well but we need to redouble our efforts because time is not on our side,” Gathecha said.

Maseno School head Peter Owino said marking the day at the school was a big milestone towards the school's greening initiative.

The exercise carried out by Form-One students, he said, was deliberate since they still have time at the school to ensure the trees grow.



Public Service Cabinet Secretary Justin Muturi during a tree planting exercise at Maseno School in Kisumu



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL & DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

VACANCY No.1/2024 - PUPILLAGE PROGRAMME 2025

The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Justice is one of the Institutions set out in section 14 of the Advocates Act, CAP. 16 and the Kenya School of Law Pupillage Guidelines 2023, as an Institution in which students of the Kenya School of Law may undertake their Pupillage Programme for a period of six (6) months. The Office seeks to engage seventy (70) highly motivated Kenyans to undertake Pupillage Programme for a period of six (6) months commencing **January 2025**.

The successful pupils shall be selected from applicants who possess the following qualifications:

Qualifications

- A Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Degree from a recognized University.

Requirements

- A copy of the National Identity Card,
- Letter from Kenya School of Law recommending to proceed to pupillage,
- Copies of Academic Certificates and Testimonials.

Personal Attributes

- Demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills in both English and Kiswahili
- Demonstrate a proactive attitude and willingness to learn and to be part of a team handling challenging assignments within timelines, and
- Computer Literate.

Interested and qualified persons are requested to **download and fill the Pupillage Application Form (attached below)**.

Please note:

1. Candidates should NOT attach any documents to the application form. ALL the details requested in the advertisement should be filled on the form.
2. Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted.
3. Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic certificates and letter from Kenya School of Law recommending to proceed to pupillage during interviews.

The completed application form should be emailed to pupillage@ag.go.ke on or before **24th October, 2024**.

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TENDER NOTICE

University of Eldoret invites interested and eligible bidders to submit bids for the tender listed below.

No.	TENDER NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	BID SECURITY	CLOSING & OPENING DATES	TIME
1	UoE/LEC/02/2024 - 2025	Supply and Delivery of Lecture Chairs	Kshs 100,000.00	Tuesday, 29 th October, 2024	11.00 A.M.

Tender requirements, instructions and complete tender documents may be obtained from the Procurement Office during normal working hours (Monday-Friday) from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs. 1000.00 using the paybill option; PayBill Number 222222, Account Number UOETEN-Your Name or be downloaded from the University of Eldoret website www.uoeld.ac.ke or www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Tender requirements and instructions can be downloaded from the University website: www.uoeld.ac.ke/tenders.

Submission of complete tender documents in hard copies in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked with the Tender Name and Tender Reference Number should be addressed and delivered to:

**Vice-Chancellor,
University of Eldoret,
P.O Box 1125-30100, Eldoret.**

Or deposited in the **Tender Box 'A'** at University of Eldoret Administration Block so as to be received on or before **29th October, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. local time**.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders/their representatives who choose to attend, at the Forestry Complex Boardroom.

Late tenders shall not be accepted.

Youth, women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply

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TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTANCY TO UNDERTAKE A CARBON MARKETS ASSESSMENT FOR KENYA

REFERENCE NO. CMA/EOI/001/2024/2025

- The Capital Markets Authority intends to shortlist consultants to provide Consultancy Services to undertake A Carbon Markets Assessment for Kenya in full consistency with the Terms of Reference (TORs) that:
 - Can be found at the following websites: www.cma.or.ke or www.tenders.go.ke or;
 - Can be obtained at the address given below:

Name of Procuring Entity: **Capital Markets Authority**
 Attention to: **Principal Supply Chain Management Officer**
 Telephone number: **+254 20 2264000/ 2264900 / 2264308**
 Email Address: **supplychain@cma.or.ke**
 Postal Address: **P.O. Box 74,800 - 00200**
 Physical Address: **KENYA, Nairobi, Longonot Road, Upperhill, 3rd Floor Embankment Plaza.**

- Capital Markets Authority now invites eligible firms "Consultants" to express their interest in providing the Services required. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the required Services. The shortlisting criteria on required qualifications and experience of the firm(s) are;

- Deep knowledge of carbon finance and global carbon markets.
- Familiarity of the state of carbon finance in Kenya and existing carbon markets regulations.
- Successfully completed a minimum of two related (2) contracts of similar size and scope in the past seven (7) years. The firm is required to provide testimonials/reference letters/contracts to evidence the above.
- Experience conducting carbon markets related consultancies both internationally and locally.
- Previous experience in conducting carbon market assessments, authoring market assessment reports, and developing actionable recommendations.
- Strong understanding of Kenya's capital markets and regulatory framework.
- Relevant academic qualifications and certifications in Carbon Markets.
- Sound financial performance and a robust financial position as evidenced by audited financial statements for the last three financial years.

- The attention of interested Firms is drawn to the following provisions that will be highlighted in the Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued to shortlisted firms;

- The consultant will be expected to have no conflict of interest with other assignments or its own corporate interests and act without any consideration for future work.
- The Consultant shall have no personal or business relationship with the Procuring Entity's senior management or professional staff.
- The Consulting firm or an individual in the firm has not been sanctioned by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority or is not under a suspension or a debarment imposed by any other entity of the Government of Kenya, or any international organization.
- Government-owned enterprises or institutions of Kenya Government, officials, civil servants and employees of public institutions shall not be eligible.

- Consultants may associate/form a consortium 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 Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality Based Selection method set out in the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 and attendant Regulations 2020.

- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900hrs to 1500hrs (Local Time: Nairobi).

Name of Procuring Entity: **Capital Markets Authority**
 Contact Person/Official: **Principal Supply Chain Management Officer**
 Telephone number: **+254 20 2264000/ 2264900/ 2264308**
 Email Address: **supplychain@cma.or.ke**
 Postal Address: **P.O. Box 74,800 - 00200**
 Physical Address: **Kenya, Nairobi, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Embankment Plaza, 5th Floor**

- Expressions of Interest, enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the tender description and number must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by postal mail and must be deposited in the Tender Box provided at The Capital Markets Authority's Office-s, 3rd Floor, Embankment Plaza, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Nairobi, Kenya on or before **Tuesday 5th November 2024, 11:00am EAT** Time and addressed to:

Name of Procuring Entity: **Capital Markets Authority**
 Contact Person/Official: **Chief Executive Officer**
 Telephone number: **+254 20 2264000/ 2264900**
 Postal Address: **P.O. Box 74,800 - 00200**
 Physical Address: **Kenya, Nairobi, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Embankment Plaza, 3rd Floor**

- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Embankment Plaza, Longonot Road, Nairobi. **Late submissions shall not be accepted**



NOTICE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE TEA BOARD OF KENYA DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN (2023-2027)

The Tea Board of Kenya is a State Corporation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development established under Section 3 of the Tea Act 2020 to develop, regulate, and promote the tea industry.

To provide a roadmap for fulfilling its mandate in line with the global and national policies including the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda, the Tea Board of Kenya has developed a draft Strategic Plan for the period 2023-2027.

Guided by Article 10(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, TBK hereby invites members of the Public and the tea industry stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft strategic plan.

TBK draft strategic plan (2023-2027) is available on the website www.teaboard.or.ke and can be accessed for review and feedback through the link: <https://www.teaboard.or.ke/resources/legislation-and-policy/tbk-draft-strategic-plan-2023-2027>

The feedback and comments should be submitted by email to sp@teaboard.or.ke.

The deadline for submitting your feedback is **Tuesday 29th October 2024**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TEA BOARD OF KENYA**



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

RECRUITMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

A. Introduction

Pursuant to Section 73(5) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, Public Finance Management (National Government) Regulations, 2015 Section 174(1) and the guidelines for the establishment of Audit Committees in public entities vide Kenya Gazette Notice VoL.CXVIII No. 40 of 15th April 2016, The Ministry of Education invites applications from qualified and interested persons to fill the following positions of the Audit Committee.

- Chairperson.**
- Three (3) members.**

B. Requirements for Appointment

1. Chairperson

To be appointed as the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, one must have the following:

- A degree from a recognized university;
- Knowledge and experience of not less than Seven (7) years in audit and/or Financial Management/Accounting;
- Be a member of ICPAK or IIA and in good standing;
- Knowledge and experience in Risk Management; and
- Be a person of integrity and in compliance with requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

2. Member

To be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee, one must have the following:

- A degree from a recognized University;
- Work experience of not less than Five (5) years;
- Be a member of a professional body and in good standing;
- Knowledge in public service/government operations and experience in Risk Management; and
- Be a person of integrity and in compliance with requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

All interested applicants who meet the above requirements should submit their applications together with detailed curriculum vitae, copies of academic and professional certificates, copy of Identity card and testimonials in a sealed envelope clearly marked for Chairperson or Member of Audit Committee addressed to:

**The Cabinet Secretary
Ministry of Education
P.O.Box 9583-00200
Nairobi.**

Hand delivery to **Jogoo House 'B' 3rd Floor Mail Office, by 4th November, 2024.**

Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Cards, Academic and Professional Certificates and transcripts, clearance from the National Police Service, HELB, KRA, EACC and clearance from any accredited Credit Reference Bureau during the interview.

Please note that:

- Candidates should not attach original documents to the application;**
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted; and**
- Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.**
- The appointment to the Committee shall be for a period of Three (3) years.**

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BASIC EDUCATION



Data Commissioner urges public to report personal data breaches



Data Commissioner, Immaculate Kassait

BY SITNA OMAR, KNA

The Data Commissioner, Immaculate Kassait, has urged members of the public to safeguard their personal data from misuse by filing complaints with her office in the event of a data breach.

Ms. Kassait stated that the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), established under the Data Protection Act of 2019, is mandated to regulate the processing of personal data, protect individuals' privacy, and establish a legal and institutional framework for data protection.

Personal data includes an individual's name, physical address, email address, and any information that can identify a person.

As a regulatory office, the ODPC oversees investigations into cases of data breaches filed by data subjects—individuals who can be identified by personal data. The office

“Complaints can be filed through official channels, and after investigations are carried out, if we establish that there has been a violation of an individual's rights, we can take the necessary action as an office,” Kassait

establishes the facts surrounding each breach and holds the responsible data processor or controller accountable.

“Complaints can be filed through official channels, and after investigations are carried out, if we establish that there has been a violation of an individual's rights, we can take the necessary action as an office,” she said.

There are various avenues to submit complaints to the ODPC, including the ODPC's website (www.odpc.go.ke), in-person filing, and the office's email address (info@odpc.go.ke).

It is only after an investigation has been completed and a complaint is substantiated that the amount to be compensated to the afflicted party can be reached at a maxi-

mum of Sh500, 000.

The Data Commissioner, speaking at St. Paul Ligisa Secondary School in Karachuonyo before flagging off the ODPC awareness campaign roadshow caravan, said it was important to create awareness among members of the public on the role of ODPC in the lives of Kenyan citizens in terms of data protection.

She also said the public needs to understand their

rights as data subjects, the importance of personal data and the various ways to ensure the safety of their data.

Ms Kassait noted that the obligation of her office is to protect these rights which include access, restricted processing, erasure, right to rectification of data among others.

Accompanied by her Deputy Commissioner Oscar Otieno and Edmond Odera from Kisumu

ODPC regional office, she stressed the importance of strengthening issues pertaining to consent, citing that data has gone beyond data protection.

The commissioner warned artificial intelligence users to be wary in their operations and ensure they use data ethically adding, “Whether by default or by design, always safeguard data belonging to the data subject.”



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

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids Goods (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT (KDEAP)
Contract Title:	PROCUREMENT OF FIREWALL LICENSES FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS
Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-441845-GO-RFB
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-402012-CS-QCBS

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for firewall licenses for a period of 3 years. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for procurement of firewall licenses to be delivered at the ICT Authority headquarters within a period of 2 months.
- Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 Edition ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from The Information and Communications Technology Authority, Supply Chain Department, or through procurement@ict.go.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below.
- The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Kshs. 1,000.00. The method of payment will be in cash at the cash office located at 12th Floor, Telposta Towers. The document will be sent by mail, courier or hand delivered.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **28th November 2024 at 1000hrs East African Time**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **28th November 2024 at 1000hrs**.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Kenya Shillings 500,000.00 in the form of a bank guarantee from a reputable commercial bank regulated by the Central Bank of Kenya or insurance guarantee from an insurance firm approved by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- The address(es) referred to above is (are):

Stanley Kamanguya, OGW
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AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF SUGAR PACKERS

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Crops Act No 16 of 2013, the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) intends to register all sugar packers for purposes of enhancing traceability and the monitoring of sugar quality at the retail shelves. All sugar packers are therefore required to submit their details by filling in **Form (9) (Application for Registration of Sugar Repackaging)** which is available on the AFA website www.afa.go.ke and submit the same to AFA – Sugar Directorate Sukari Plaza off, Waiyaki Way with effect from the date of this notice.

This Form should be accompanied by:

- Trademark Registration Certificate
- Sample of the Brand
- Certificate of incorporation or Business name
- Valid Tax Compliance Certificate
- ID or Passport of Directors
- Weight to be repackaged (Kgs or grams)
- KeBs approval and Compliance to other labelling requirements.

DR. BRUNO LINYURI, OGW
DIRECTOR GENERAL

KRA reports huge increase in VAT revenue due to eTIMS application

BY CHARI SUCHE AND ANDREW HINGA, KNA

The introduction of electronic tax invoicing (eTIMS) has begun to bear fruit, resulting in increased revenue from Value Added Tax (VAT) collections.

Kenya Revenue Authority Commissioner of Domestic Taxes Rispah Simiyu noted that during the last financial year, 2023/2024, VAT collection

registered a growth of 15.3 percent, compared to the 13.4 percent growth recorded in the previous year, 2022/2023. She attributed this performance to electronic tax invoicing.

VAT collection stood at Sh314.157 billion, against a target of Sh307.823 billion, surpassing the target by Sh6.334 billion.

Simiyu disclosed this information in her presentation at the Institute of

Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) 12th Annual Tax Convention held in Mombasa.

She noted that electronic tax invoicing contributed to tax base expansion due to its features, which enhance the visibility of taxpayer transactions, especially for those operating in the informal sector. It also improves tax compliance management and en-

forcement by providing tax invoice data to verify declarations. “KRA assures taxpayers that we are addressing the challenges affecting eTIMS implementation and on-line service uptake to make the system more user-friendly and responsive to customer needs,” Simiyu said. She added that among the solutions earmarked for adoption to make the system more

effective, are the development of simplified solutions that include those with offline functionality and diverse and flexible solutions to help taxpayers comply in their own environment.

Other strategies, she said, included stakeholder-engagement by sector and taxpayer type, public awareness, and a decentralization of eTIMS support services.



Kenya Revenue Authority Commissioner of Domestic Taxes Rispah Simiyu



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 and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	DEVELOPMENT OF A DIGITAL SERVICES EXPORT STRATEGY
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-422440-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 Development of a Digital Services Export Strategy. The assignment is expected to take Nine (9) 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 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 consulting firm with core business in providing consulting services in telecoms, e-commerce, digital trade advisory and research or related services for a period of at least five (5) years.
 - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two (2) assignments in reviewing and advising on laws, regulations and policy environments concerning the Digital Economy, e-Commerce, Digital Trade or ICT sector in the last five (5) years. Details of the assignments (name and address of the client, scope, value, and period) should be provided.
 - Technical and managerial capability of the consulting firm:** The firm shall demonstrate having the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment (attach company profile).

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 associate 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 **31st October 2024 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 **Development of a Digital Services Export Strategy; Contract No. KE-ICTA-422440-CS-QCBS**

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Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



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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 and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR E-SERVICE DELIVERY, MANUAL RECORDS AND GOVERNANCE REQUIREMENTS
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-402012-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 Assessment Study for E-Service Delivery, Manual records and Governance Requirements. The assignment is expected to take four (4) 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 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 consulting firm in the field of E-Services Development or related field for a period of at least ten (10) years.
 - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate having been involved in successfully executed and completed at least two (2) projects of similar nature both in scope and complexity in a similar operating environment in the last ten (10) years, where value of the works designed or supervised was at least USD 1 million for each assignment. The firm must provide details of the assignment, name and address of the client, scope, value, and period shall be provided.
 - Technical and managerial capability of the consulting firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity including relevant equipment, tools, software etc. and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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Fish feed distribution to boost fish productivity in lake region



Busia County Governor Dr. Paul Otuoma (C) and Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Ali Hassan Joho addressing a press conference at the Works Building, Nairobi.

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA
The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs will support the diversification of fishing methods in the Lake Region. Cabinet Secretary Hassan Joho announced that the ministry will distribute fish feed worth Sh2.5 million in Busia County, a move intended to boost fish productivity through a fish cage project.

Speaking during a press briefing at Public Works House in Nairobi, the CS reiterated that the ministry has been discussing how people can diversify into other forms of fish production, particularly in the lake region. This initiative addresses the challenges fishermen face, including insecurity, harassment, and loss of lives in deep waters.

Joho noted that meetings were held with the private sector and stakeholders, including researchers, feed manufacturers, and critical agencies, to plan the way forward and brainstorm the requirements to sustain the caged fishing investment.

He highlighted that residents of the lake areas have diversified their means of ensuring there is enough fish catch to sustain their livelihoods by introducing caged fishing.

"The researchers have in-

formed the Ministry about the need for collaboration, which requires ministry institutions to work together with community-based organizations (CBOs), cooperatives, and county governments in rural areas on designing cages that can withstand extreme weather and upwelling to reduce fish loss," he said, adding that mitigations can be implemented, such as training fish farmers.

Joho noted that the trajectory of the business, if it is continuous within a year or two, the country will have the capacity to export fish, hence creating a huge market that will contrib-

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ute to food security, job creation and wealth creation that leads to economic progression and lowers the cost of food.

He added that the meeting also targeted mobilizing the private sector to contribute to business growth, thus it committed Sh2.5 million worth of fish feed while the Ministry will provide 1.5 million fingerlings to the affected people after being guided on how to place the cages.

At the same time, the CS announced a discounted price for the affected people with the aim of getting them back on track, while the Busia County Governor Paul Otuoma committed not only to provide resources but also to work with the ministry for coordination.

"The proposed designs for the learning site construction in Bumbe are being done in consultation with the county government and the stakeholders, whereas Sh550 million has been set aside for the project," he said, adding that construction is expected to take seven months starting January 2025 and hoped that by August it would be handed over to the county for the benefit of the people.

Governor Otuoma acknowledged the stakeholders for agreeing to partner with Busia County in mitigating the natural calamity that has befallen the farmers.

He noted that the Blue Economy is one of the major anchor flagship projects for both county and national governments, adding that the challenges being faced should be overcome, through researchers giving solutions.

Otuoma said that the government will allocate resources that support the farmers to curb the existing challenges since the sector plays a major role in job creation and food production.

Kenya on track to meet the European Union deforestation regulation

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA
The Government has assured coffee growers, value chain actors, operators, and buyers that Kenya is on track to meet the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) compliance. Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja explained that the European Union Parliament passed legislative measures on May 3, 2023, aimed at reducing EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation.

"The EUDR mandates that certain commodities, including coffee, linked to deforestation must not be placed on or exported to the EU market after December 30, 2024," Dr. Karanja said.

He disclosed that the EU accounts for 55 per cent of Kenya's coffee exports, making compliance with these regulations essential to the success of Kenya's coffee sector.

"A Cabinet Memo is being prepared to keep the Cabinet informed on Kenya's progress towards EUDR compliance," said Dr. Karanja, adding that a Multi-Agency Technical Committee of experts has been formed to evaluate Kenya's readiness and develop a comprehensive compliance framework. The CS explained that ground-truthing tests have been conducted to assess the status of compliance and the government's request for EU technical support to verify compliance has been approved by the European Commission.

"Although there have been

unconfirmed reports suggesting a potential extension of the EUDR compliance deadline to December 2025, the government remains steadfast in adhering to its current schedule. Early compliance is critical to securing Kenya's position in the EU market and maintaining trust with our trading partners," Dr. Karanja said.

He highlighted that the ministry emphasizes the need for compliance with the Data Protection Act, 2019 and unauthorized entities are strictly prohibited from collecting, analyzing, or storing grower information under the guise of assisting with compliance.

"The ministry clarifies that the Due Diligence Statement, as required by the EUDR, will be issued by the competent government agencies. Meanwhile, all grower data will be securely managed under the Kenya Integrated Agricultural Management Information System (KIAMIS) by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development," Dr. Karanja said.

The EC through a statement on their website indicates that given feedback received from international partners about their state of preparation, they have proposed to give concerned parties additional time to prepare. The statement indicates that if approved by the European Parliament and the Council, additional time would make the law applicable on 30th December 2025 for large companies and 30th June 2026 for micro- and small enterprises.



Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given for public information that the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) will hold a public meeting to consider representations and objections with regard to applications for air service licences, particulars of which were published in the Kenya Gazette Notice **No.12032 of Friday, 20th September, 2024.**

The meeting will take place on **Thursday, 17th October, 2024 starting from 9.00 a.m. East African Time (+3GMT)** in the Auditorium at the **KCAA Headquarters.**

Emile N. Arao
DIRECTOR GENERAL



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR LAND COMMERCIALIZATION INITIATIVE KIAMBERE FARM (PHASE II)

TENDER NO. MOALD/SDA/LCI/EOI/02/2024-2025

1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Kenya through the Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy (ASTGS 2019 – 2029) seeks to transform underutilized land into productive commercial agricultural land. The objective is to have underutilized public land leased and operated by the private sector for commercial agriculture projects through the LCI. The initiative is designed to address food insecurity by implementing interventions which enhance food production, increase farmers' incomes, create jobs, and promote value addition along key value chains.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE LCI

- To make available underutilized public agricultural land for leasing to commercial agribusinesses
- To attract private investment, both local and foreign, to support commercial agribusiness on the available land.
- To contribute to national food production and reduce food deficits through increased agricultural production.
- To facilitate growth in national employment opportunities through new investor attraction and expansion of agricultural value chains

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INVESTORS UNDER THE LCI

The Government of Kenya seeks interested and qualified commercial agribusinesses and investors with demonstrated technical and financial capacity to undertake farming, (agri-)forestry and other agriculture-related activities on land sites identified under the LCI. Key enterprises, value chains and agricultural commodities targeted are food crops, industrial crops, fruits, livestock, fisheries, and (agro-) forestry. To qualify, agribusinesses and investors must demonstrate experience with implementing and operating large commercial agricultural and/or related projects and operations in other developing economies both within and without. These projects and operations should contribute to food security and local income opportunities including through participation of and employment opportunities for local communities. They should demonstrate experience with sustainable green technologies and efficient use of power and water.

4. SITE DESCRIPTION:

This EOI is for:

- Kiambere – 2,000 acres.** The TARDA-owned site near the Kiambere Dam, part of the "7 forks" dam complex on the Tana River in Kenya, has been under ownership since the dam's construction began in 1984. From 1996 to 2005, a 350-acre irrigated farming project took place, including mangoes, bananas, citrus, tomatoes, onions, and various other crops. The Government of Kenya aims to select a private operator who can restart agricultural production and/or forestry activities

5. QUALIFICATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Interested commercial agribusinesses and investors, alone or in consortiums, should express their interest by providing information/documents in support of their competence, ability and suitability as follows:

- Valid Tax compliance certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) or the tax authorities of their tax jurisdiction.
- Copy of Business Registration/Certificate of incorporation
- Valid trading license/Business permit
- CR12 for limited companies, detailing the list of Directors and shareholding & copies of Identification Cards (ID) for the listed Directors.
- Valid PIN Certificate with VAT obligation.
- 3 years certified audited accounts, 2021,2022 and 2023.
- Companies should provide evidence of experience in conducting relevant agricultural projects and operations of large, medium or small-scale and nature as envisaged by the LCI (during the last five years). Experience with a government-led agriculture initiative, like LCI, is not needed.
- Companies need to indicate whether the company is interested in part of the parcel(s) or the whole parcel, and provide an indication of the size of the parcel they are interested in. The smallest leasable parcel for the Kiambere Farm is 100 acres
- Provide list and qualifications of at least five (3) personnel with capacity to undertake the assignment.
- Describe the potential use of the parcel (in half a page) for food crops, industrial crops, fruits, livestock, fisheries, and (agro-) forestry.

Interested bidders should submit their response in one original and copy. This Request for EOI is also available in the Government of Kenya Tender Portal www.tenders.go.ke and in the Ministry's website www.kilimo.go.ke

Firms that wish to participate in the EOI should forward their particulars/contacts to the Head of Supply Chain Management Services, State Department for Agriculture, through email address: tenders@kilimo.go.ke to receive further clarifications or addendum where necessary.

6. EOI SUBMISSION

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) MUST be submitted both physically and via email. For physical submission of EOIs:

Completed Expression of Interest (EOI) documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked **"EOI FOR LAND COMMERCIALIZATION INITIATIVE (LCI) KIAMBERE FARM PHASE II, TENDER NO. MOALD/SDA/LCI/EOI/02/2024-2025"**

The completed tender documents should be posted to reach the address shown below on or before **30th October, 2024 at 11:00 am** or placed in the Tender Box situated at the Main Reception, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road on or before the said date and time.

Expressions of Interest can be submitted to:

The Principal Secretary
State Department for Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Kilimo House, Cathedral Road,
P.O. BOX 30028-00100
NAIROBI Email: tenders@kilimo.go.ke , Website: <https://kilimo.go.ke/>

The tenders will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of the candidates or their designated representatives who choose to attend at Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, ASCU Boardroom Upper Floor.

For email submission of EOIs: Expressions of Interest can be submitted to tenders@kilimo.go.ke

All e-mail submissions must be titled as **"EOI FOR [Insert preferred site for leasing-LAND COMMERCIALIZATION INITIATIVE]"**

More Information Visit: <https://www.invest.go.ke/> for more information on the Land Commercialization Initiative and sites on offer. For inquiries, please contact us via: tenders@kilimo.go.ke



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR LAND COMMERCIALIZATION INITIATIVE MASINGA FARM

TENDER NO. MOALD/SDA/LCI/EOI/01/2024-2025

1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Kenya through the Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy (ASTGS 2019 – 2029) seeks to transform underutilized land into productive commercial agricultural land. The objective is to have underutilized public land leased and operated by the private sector for commercial agriculture projects through the LCI. The initiative is designed to address food insecurity by implementing interventions which enhance food production, increase farmers' incomes, create jobs, and promote value addition along key value chains.

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4. SITE DESCRIPTION:

This EOI is for:

- Masinga – 500 acres, with the potential for expansion. The Masinga farm, under the ownership of the Tana and Athi River Development Authority (TARDA), is situated adjacent to the Masinga dam reservoir, which forms part of the 7 Forks hydroelectric power generation complex. The Government of Kenya seeks to engage a private operator capable of establishing an outgrower scheme, fostering local food production and processing, or initiating agricultural production and/or forestry activities. The farm had conducive soil quality and a favorable climate for cultivating various vegetables such as French beans, okra, and eggplants, with irrigation being a necessity to ensure optimal yields. Key features of the site include its proximity to the dam and reservoir, its adjacency to a significant power plant, the presence of vertisols (black cotton soils), and excellent access roads.

5. QUALIFICATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

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- Provide list and qualifications of at least five (3) personnel with capacity to undertake the assignment.
- Describe the potential use of the parcel (in half a page) for food crops, industrial crops, fruits, livestock, fisheries, and (agro-) forestry.

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Kenya proposes to establish One-Stop Border Post in West Pokot County

BY ANTHONY MELLY AND
AGNETA CHEBET,
(KNA)

A proposal has been advanced for the establishment of a one-stop border post at the border between Kenya and Uganda in West Pokot County to further boost trade between the two countries.

A meeting convened in the Konyao area of Kapchok Ward in West Pokot County, composed of government officials from Kenya and the Kenyan High Commissioner to Uganda, Joash Maangi, underscored the necessity of implementing one-stop border posts at the border between West Pokot and Uganda.

Maangi pointed out that the initiative would greatly improve the efficiency of cross-border transactions, thereby minimizing wait times and streamlining customs processes. He emphasized that establishing a one-stop border post on the border of Kenya in West Pokot County with Uganda could foster better trade relationships and

economic cooperation between the two countries, while also facilitating the efficient movement of goods and individuals across their shared border.

Ambassador Maangi stated that the government is charting a roadmap that supports the growth, sustainability, and well-being of border communities to foster a more integrated and prosperous future for them. He further noted the need to prioritize trade and investment to bolster Kenya's economic development, emphasizing the importance of focusing on commercial ties between countries.

Maangi also pointed out that trade between Kenya and Uganda has been on the rise, thanks to the introduction of one-stop border posts between the two countries.

Uganda exports like coffee, fish, and agricultural products to Kenya and imports machinery, fuel, and manufactured items from Kenya.

He said Kenya is enhancing its standing in the global marketplace, to attract foreign investment, and create mutually ben-

eficial relationships with other nations.

The ambassador said while security remains vital, the heart of the government's efforts is commerce with an aim to enhance economic growth, create jobs, and foster sustainable development.

"The government aims to open up market economies that will create employment for people in every corner of Kenya," Maangi said.

In his remarks West Pokot Deputy Governor Robert Komolle reiterated the necessity for the Kenyan government to establish one-stop border posts.

He pointed out that there are no one-stop border posts at the border between West Pokot and Uganda on the Kenyan side, especially in the North Pokot Sub-County.

He lauded the government of Uganda for its progress in enhancing border infrastructure, which promotes more efficient movement of goods and people across its borders.

The Deputy stated that it is essential to create



Kenyan High Commissioner to Uganda, Joash Maangi (on the left), along with West Pokot Deputy governor Robert Komolle (wearing a black cap), engaged in discussions at the Alakas One-Stop Border Post



Kenyan High Commissioner to Uganda, Joash Maangi.

trans-human routes and establish a one-stop border point at the border of Kenya and Uganda, emphasizing that the initiative will greatly improve trade among neighbouring communities across the borders.

He said there is a need to establish alternative livelihoods for pastoralists to improve their income sta-

bility by diversifying their income sources.

The implementation of one-stop border posts would not only improve the living standards of pastoral communities but also foster overall economic growth in the region, he said.

In 2019 there was a discussion in Morotto in Uganda that centered on the development of key infrastructure, particularly the construction of the roads connecting Nakapipirit, Alakas, Konyao, and Kapenguria, Komolle said, noting that a construction of roads would enhance connectivity, improve access to markets, and further support economic activities in the

region.

Member of the County Assembly John Bosco Giratum of Alale Ward expressed optimism regarding the economic revitalisation of Pokot North, an area that has long faced challenges of underdevelopment.

He expressed hope from potential development initiatives which the government aims to improve in the ward including infrastructure to enhance access to markets.

West Pokot County Commissioner Abdullahi Khalif reiterated the state's commitment to ensuring security throughout the region, calling for a peaceful environment within the county.

Government boosting cyber diplomacy efforts

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI
(PCO)

There is a need to strengthen Kenya's institutions to detect and counter false information powered by the evolving digital space and technologies.

Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Dr. Margaret Ndung'u acknowledged the importance of adopting cyber diplomacy to tackle these cyber threats at the internal and external levels of governance.

She said Kenya's cyber diplomacy efforts should be focused on navigating complexities in cybersecurity matters and ensuring global cooperation to protect national interests and promote secure technological advancements.

Speaking during the opening ceremony of the Smart Government Summit, Dr. Ndung'u said, "We are now facing rising threats from misinformation and disin-

formation; this situation is made worse by digital platforms and technologies like generative AI.

These challenges undermine democratic processes, erode public trust and weaken our social construct," the CS stated.

To combat this, the CS said there is a need to strengthen the country's institutions' ability to detect and counter false information by deploying AI-powered fact-checking tools and launching public awareness campaigns.

The CS advocated for the establishment of enabling policies and coordinated strategies to enhance the skills of public servants and the capacity of public service.

CS Ndung'u underscored the significance of collaboration to ensure success of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

She reiterated that the success of BETA depends on breaking down silos across sectors and foster-



Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Dr. Margaret Ndung'u speaking during the official opening ceremony of the Smart Government Summit, Nairobi. Photo by Eric Bosire.

ing partnerships between government, the private sector, academia, and civil society.

"The progress we have made in venture capital investments and digital sectors highlights the power of public-private collabora-

tion," she said.

The CS appreciated the country's tremendous progress in rolling out initiatives such as the Digital Superhighway, the National Optic Fibre Backbone Infrastructure (NOFBI), and Digital Village Smart Hubs.

"These advances are positioning Kenya as a leader in the digital economy. However, the true smartness of governance is not just about technology; it is about the government's ability to deliver services to the last mile, ensuring that every citizen, regardless of location, has access to vital services," the CS remarked.

Further, she announced that H.E. President William Ruto recently launched the Trust Summit, a critical initiative focused on strengthening democratic institutions and ensuring that the government has the space to deliver services effectively.

Notably, the Trust Summit will address both internal and external threats to governance while restoring trust between the government and the citizens.

She said it is paramount to promote cross-sector collaboration and ensure that all citizens benefit from digital skills.

"Kenya's ICT Masterplan 2022-2032 provides a roadmap for this, by en-

hancing digital infrastructure and integrating digital learning into our education system.

"These efforts will ensure that future generations are prepared for the demands of a tech-driven economy. It is also vital that we up-skill our current workforce to harness emerging technologies, while being mindful of the ethical considerations," the CS said.

CS Ndung'u highlighted the importance of the Smart Government Summit in bringing together forward-thinking leaders, innovators, and public servants who are focused on the intersection of digital transformation, economic inclusivity, and smart governance to reshape the future of governance.

"This summit also provides an opportunity to reflect on the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships, such as the Open Government Partnership (OGP), in promoting transparency and inclusivity in governance," she said.

New Sh2b pedestrian underpass network to enhance safety

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI, (KNA)

The Government is constructing the Greenpark Terminus pedestrian underpass network along the Uhuru Highway-Haile Selassie intersection roundabout in Nairobi to address pedestrian-traffic conflicts and reduce time delays.

Engineer Jared Makori from the Kenya National Highway Authority (KENHA) stated that the

project, which is being constructed at a cost of Sh2,017,116,059 and funded by the government through the Road Maintenance Levy Fund, will enhance the safety of all road users and provide a secure environment for business activities.

“The 32 percent completion of the underpass works is expected to enhance economic sector performance and improve social service delivery in Nairobi’s Central Business

District,” he said.

Moreover, Eng. Makori disclosed that over 21,000 pedestrians use the Uhuru Highway-Haile Selassie intersection roundabout daily, while the number of pedestrians crossing the road during peak hours totals 8,500.

Other benefits of the underpass include reduced travel times, which will lead to faster and more efficient transport services, improved logistics, promotion of sustainable


transportation and development, and job creation during construction.

Eng. Makori made these remarks during the National Government Development Regional/County Implementation Coordination and Management Committee (NGD-RICMC) meeting held at the Regional Commissioner’s Boardroom in Nyayo House. The committee later visited the underpass site to check on the project’s progress.

The project, whose construction is being undertaken by the China Road and Bridge Corporation (Kenya), commenced on March 13, 2024, and is expected to be completed by March 13, 2025.

Eng. Makori informed the NGD-RICMC committee, chaired by Nairobi Regional Commissioner Katee Mwanza and attended by Nairobi County Commissioner David Wanyonyi, Director of Delivery Services for Nai-

robi and Central Regions Mr. Jonah Orumoi, and department heads, that the project, adjacent to the Nairobi Expressway, will have four underpasses with a total length of 176 meters, all without stairs. Regional Commissioner Mwanza urged departmental heads and other public officers, who are responsible for implementing government projects, to ensure they are completed within the stipulated time frame.



THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS FUND) REGULATIONS, 2024

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) was established under Article 157 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and is given effect by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act, 2013. The mandate of the ODPP is to institute and undertake prosecution of criminal matters, in all courts other than court-martial, and all other aspects incidental thereto.

The ODPP has deployed several measures in the fight against graft and other transnational organized and complex crimes. The ODPP is not only determined to prosecute suspects but also to recover stolen funds and proceeds of crime for the benefit of the Kenyan people. The proceeds of crime that have been unlawfully acquired will be traced, recovered, confiscated, and restored through plea bargaining, diversion, deferred agreements, compensation, and restitution.

The ODPP has now proposed the establishment of a Fund to be called the Public Prosecutions Fund, which will receive these proceeds of crime and use them for supporting the criminal justice system in Kenya and in particular the objectives highlighted in the paragraph below.

Public Prosecutions Fund will have the objective of supporting and facilitating the tracing, forfeiture or recovery of assets, supporting and facilitating other government agencies collaborating or assisting the Office in tracing, forfeiture or recovery of assets, facilitating the preservation of assets in the custody of the investigating agency, supporting the development and operationalization of a centralized case management and information system among other related activities.

Accordingly, an Inter-Agency Taskforce composed of officers drawn from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General and the National Treasury has now finalized preparing the draft Public Finance Management (Public Prosecution Fund) Regulations, 2024.

The Public Finance Management (Public Prosecutions Fund) Regulations, 2024 have been posted to the National Treasury website <http://www.treasury.go.ke>.

Now, pursuant to Section 4 (a) and 5 (3) (a) and (b) of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the National Treasury & Economic Planning invites members of the public to submit any comments, inputs or memoranda they may have on the said draft Public Finance Management (Public Prosecution Fund) Regulations, 2024 in the format provided on the website.


The comments, inputs or memoranda thereof from the general public may be forwarded to the Principal Secretary, National Treasury, P. O. Box 30007-00100, Nairobi or hand-delivered to the Office of the Principal Secretary, National Treasury Building, Nairobi, or emailed to ps@treasury.go.ke and copied to jona.wala@treasury.go.ke to be received by **22nd October, 2024 at 5.00 p.m.** The comments inputs or memoranda from the general public once received will be considered public record and may be shared with the legislative arm of the Government. Comments are most helpful if they indicate the specific regulation or group of regulations to which they relate, contain a clear rationale and where applicable provide a suggestion for alternative wording. Comments must be submitted in English (see format for Template for Comments). The Regulations may be modified in light of comments received before being published in the final form.



There shall be in-person meetings for public consultations on the above Public Finance Management (Public Prosecution Fund) Regulations, 2024 as per the schedule below: -

Stakeholder	Dates for meeting	Time for meeting
1. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	23rd October, 2024	10.00 am
2. Witness Protection Agency	23rd October, 2024	10.00 am
3. Asset Recovery Agency	23rd October, 2024	10.00 am
4. Office of the Inspector General	23rd October, 2024	10.00 am
5. Office of Attorney General and Department of Justice	23rd October, 2024	10.00 am
6. Members of the Public	23rd October, 2024	10.00 am

The invitation letters for the meetings shall be hand-delivered to the registered stakeholders before the date of the meeting. The venue of the meeting will be at **The National Treasury 5th floor AGDs Board room** as indicated in the invitation letter.

Hon. CPA John Mbadi Ng'ongo, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY/NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING



INVITATION TO TENDER

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NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	KGN-PROP-002-2024	Tender for Leasing of KenGen Properties in Lamu and Garissa <i>There shall be Mandatory Site Visits as detailed in the tender document</i>	Open National	5 th November 2024 at 10.00am

Interested firms may obtain further information from the office of the General Manager - Supply Chain, Tel: **(254) (020) 3666230**, Email: tenders@kengen.co.ke on normal working days beginning on the date of advert. Bidders who are unable to download the tender documents from the website may collect them from any KenGen Supply Chain Office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **KShs.1, 000.00** paid via **Mpesa, pay bill no. 400200** and **account no. 01120069076000**, then share the MPesa message to KenGen Finance office staff for receipt and issuance of official receipt.

The document can also be viewed and downloaded from the website www.kengen.co.ke, on E-procurement <https://eprocurement.kengen.co.ke:50001/irj/portal> and on PPIP portal <https://tenders.go.ke>

Bidders are advised to refer to the website and on e-procurement regularly for any additional information /clarifications/addenda. Downloaded copies are FREE.

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS:

- Tender documents must be submitted online through KenGen E-Procurement web portal found on the KenGen website (www.kengen.co.ke)
- Bidders who are interested in this tender **MUST** ensure that they are registered in the E-Procurement Portal. Please ensure compliance to the following:
 - For suppliers registering for the first time ensure the **“Public Procurement”** checkbox is ticked so that the login details are sent to suppliers automatically.
 - All documents **Must** be uploaded to the SRM System through the <https://eprocurement.kengen.co.ke:50001/irj/portal> found at www.kengen.co.ke
 - Prices to be entered under item of the RFX shall be similar to be prices in the price schedule.

Note: Those Bidder who have submitted their bids and wish to amend them further should not click on **WITHDRAW** but click on **EDIT** to enable them amend their bid response and make appropriate changes.

Bidders who require any form of assistance on how to bid via the system are advised to download a manual from the website or may contact eprocurement@kengen.co.ke

Tender Security:
Electronic Tender Securities are acceptable subject to:

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- Submission of the e-security to the address indicated below in plain sealed envelope clearly labelled.
- Such E-Security can be verified by use of a Quick Response (QR) code
- Such E-Security can be verified via the issuing institution’s online portal.


Where a non-electronic security is submitted, the hard copy of the Original Tender Security in the form and amount specified must be delivered in plain sealed envelope clearly labelled with the tender number and tender description before the closing date and Time to the following address:
**General Manager - Supply Chain,
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC,
9th Floor, KenGen Pension Plaza II,
Kolobot Road, Parklands,
P.O. Box 47936, 00100 NAIROBI**

Tenders will be opened **online** soon after the closing time in the presence of the candidates’ representatives who choose to attend at KenGen Pension Plaza II, Tender opening room, 6th floor.

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GENERAL MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN



County commissions Sh100-million development projects in Narok town

BY ANN SALATON, KNA

The Narok County Government has commissioned projects worth Sh100 million in Narok Town Ward, implemented in the 2022/2023 financial year. The projects include the construction of classrooms, water projects, dispensaries, a slaughterhouse, livestock markets, and the renovation of roads in various parts of the county.

Speaking during the launch of a water project and an Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) center at Emayian Primary School, Governor Patrick Ntutu stated that the implementation of these projects commenced shortly after he took office in 2022.

“We began this journey with the late Member of County Assembly (MCA) Lucas Kudate, who passed away last year. The initiative started with public participation to identify

development priorities, which were then integrated into the county’s development plan for 2022-2027,” he said.

Governor Ntutu noted that the key priorities established by the Narok Town Development Committee included expanding structures in schools, as the number of school-going children has increased.

“We have built classrooms at Empopongi, Oleleshwa, and Emayian Primary Schools. An ECDE center was

“The water source has been connected to local homesteads to ensure accessible clean water for both residents and livestock,” - Ntutu

established in the Nkama area to address the long distances children walk to access public schools, exposing them to the risks of wildlife encounters, harsh weather, and defilement,” he said.

He reiterated that a modern administration block, featuring ten offices, was built at Pulunga Primary School, providing teachers with ample workspace and standardized facilities to carry out their mandate.

At Oleleshwa and Nkairamram Primary School, the governor said the county government put up a fence around the school to boost the safety and security of the learners.

On water projects, the county government has established boreholes and water pans at various sites that include Emayian Primary School, township slaughter house, Katakala Secondary School and Ololii Village.



Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu commissions a water borehole at Emayian Primary school within Narok township ward



A new administration block commissioned at Pulunga Primary school within Narok township ward

“The water source has been connected to local homesteads to ensure accessible clean water for both residents and live-

stock,” he said.

Two major dispensaries, Oleleshwa and Narasirasa, were built to address the long distances

residents used to trek to look for health services.

Also built is a modern sanitation block at the busy ODM market and Ewaso Nyiro market.

Governor Ntutu called on the residents to participate in public participation forums once called upon so that they can prioritise the projects they wished implemented.

“These projects were prioritised by wananchi, we want you to volunteer again when we call you for public participation to air your views on the projects you want to be implemented,” he said.



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OPEN NATIONAL TENDERS

Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital invites sealed tenders from interested eligible bidders as per the instructions provided here under.


No	Reference	Description Of Tenders	Closing Date	Eligibility
1.	KUTRRH/TNDR/G/002/SB/2024-2025	Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Scan Boxes and Accessories	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Open
2.	KUTRRH/TND/G/003/SDRI/2024-2025	Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Rehabilitative Items	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Open
3.	KUTRRH/TNDR/G/004/SDCL/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Cath-Lab Consumables	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Open
4.	KUTRRH/TNDR/S/005/RMSUP/2024-2026	Tender for the Provision of Repair and Maintenance Services for Utility Pumps	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Open
5.	KUTRRH/TNDR/G/006/SDP/2024-2026	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Pharmaceuticals	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Open
6.	KUTRRH/TNDR/G/008/PLRS/2024-2026	Tender for Provision of Laboratory Referral Services	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Open
7.	KUTRRH/TNDR/G/009/SU/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Staff Uniforms (Reserved for Youth, Women and Persons with Disability)	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Reserved
8.	KUTRRH/TNDR/G/010/GOS/2024-2026	Tender for Supply and delivery of General Office Stationery (Reserved for Youth, Women and Persons with Disability)	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Reserved
9.	KUTRRH/TNDR/G/011/ICT/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Desktops (Reserved for Youth, Women and Persons with Disability)	29/10/2024 at 10.00am	Reserved

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information from our website: www.kutrrh.go.ke. All tenders **Must** be submitted On or before the **STIPULATED RESPECTIVE DATES ABOVE at 10:00am.**

Bidders seeking clarification **MUST** strictly do so through the emails provided – procurement@kutrrh.go.ke. Any addendum issued will be sent to all the bidders and posted on the website (bidders are encouraged to keep visiting the website www.kutrrh.go.ke from time to time).


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INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) NOTICE


The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) herewith invites sealed tenders as follows:

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	KEMSA/OIT04/2024-2026	Supply of Health Products (Parenteral Formulations I) - Open To All	4 th November 2024 10:00am
2.	KEMSA/ONT10/2024-2026	Supply of Health Technologies (Wound Dressings & Tubes) - Reserved Disadvantaged Groups	5 th November, 2024 10:00am
3.	KEMSA/OIT05/2024-2026	Supply of Health Products (Liquid Dosage Forms, Inhalation Products and Topical formulations) - Open To All	6 th November, 2024 10:00am
4.	KEMSA/OIT06/2024-2026	Supply of Health Products (Parenteral Formulations II) - Open To All	7 th November, 2024 10:00am
5.	KEMSA/OIT07/2024-2026	Supply of Health Products (Solid Dosage Forms III) - Open To All	8 th November, 2024 10:00am
6.	KEMSA/GOK-MOH/OIT02/2024-2025	Supply of Family Planning Commodities - Open To All	8 th November, 2024 10:00am
7.	KEMSA/ONT09/2024-2026	Supply of Health Technologies (Airway Guedel, Alcohol Preinjection Swabs & Autoclaving Tape) - Reserved Disadvantaged Groups	12 th November, 2024 10:00am
8.	KEMSA/ONT11/2024-2026	Supply of Health Technologies (Zinc Oxide Strapping, Bed Sheets, Blankets Cellular & Tubes) - Reserved Disadvantaged Groups	13 th November, 2024 10:00am
9.	KEMSA/OIT03/2024-2026	Supply of Dental Items – Open To All	14 th November, 2024 10:00am

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be obtained from KEMSA Website: <http://www.kemsa.co.ke/tenders> and PPIP Portal: <https://tenders.go.ke>.



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KAM launches procurement study to promote access for locally processed goods

BY MANU MUMBA AND CYNTHIA WANJIRU, KNA

The Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) has launched a procurement study to promote market access for locally produced goods and build a resilient economy. KAM commissioned the study to fulfill its core mandate of policy advocacy and trade promotion.

Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana stated that the manufacturing industry is a key economic sector, accounting for about 7.6 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the country. In a speech read on his behalf by the Industrialization Secretary of the State Department for Industry, Prof. Erastus

Gatebe, Mukhwana revealed that the manufacturing sector contributes at least 18 percent of the total taxes in Kenya annually.

“Despite this contribution to the economy, the sector faces challenges such as competition from imported goods and the illegal dumping of products in the market,” the PS lamented. Nevertheless, he pointed out that the government has implemented reforms to support initiatives like the procurement system. Some of these reforms, according to the PS, include the local content policy, which promotes national agenda participation and enhances the international competitiveness of

Kenyan firms at both the county and national levels.

“The government has also enacted a public procurement regulation which strengthens the regulatory and the institutional framework of public procurement,” Dr. Mukhwana added.

In terms of access to public procurement opportunities, the PS disclosed that the government has set aside 30 percent of opportunities for women and people who are abled differently.

He at the same time said that the elements of the master role of locally produced goods within the study create a preferable environment for investment and expansion



Industrialization Secretary, State Department for Industry Prof. Erastus Gatebe reading a speech by Industry Principal Secretary, Dr. Juma Mukhwana during the launch of a procurement study by the Kenya Association of Manufacturers in Nairobi.

of the economy. “In turn, the manufacturing sector will benefit from increased sourcing of locally produced goods thereby increasing the country’s economic and social growth,” Dr. Mukhwana noted. The PS commended KAM for developing the study as it would help to address various challenges

in the manufacturing sector and assured stakeholders of the government’s commitment to supporting the sector.

KAM Acting CEO Tobias Alando revealed that the study would create a platform for engagement with policy makers on issues around procurement.

Alando announced that

KAM has an ambitious program to employ one to three million people by 2030 in a bid to grow the country’s GDP.

“The only way we can create more employment is through functional industries. This is through selling locally produced goods to the export market,” he maintained.

New figures now show expanding energy infrastructure and reduced costs in Kenya

BY DAVID KORIR AND VIVIENE SIMWA

The Government has increased power connections to homes by over 774,000 consumers, rising from 8.9 million homes in 2022 to 9.7 million in 2024. Power generation has also increased by over 240 megawatts, from 3,076 megawatts in 2022 to 3,243 megawatts in 2024, representing a 5.4 percent increase.

At the same time, power distribution lines have expanded by over 2,600 kilometers over the past two years, reflecting a growth of 3.2 percent. Similarly, the country has significantly reduced the demurrage costs of petroleum products landing at the port of Mombasa, from a high of Sh3.5 billion (\$27 million) paid in 2021/2022 to Sh1.2 billion (\$8.9 million) in 2023/2024. This reduction is attributed to enhanced capacity to manage the process.

Demurrage costs are the charges payable to the owners of chartered ships for failing to load or discharge the ship within the stipulated timelines. The gradual reduction in demurrage costs in FY 2022/2023 was pegged at Sh2.4 billion (approximately \$18.34 million).

This has been a significant benefit for the



Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Mr. Opiyo Wandayi.

country, as it implies cost savings on the final prices of petroleum products. This information was revealed during a joint press briefing between the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum, Mr. Opiyo Wandayi, and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management, Mr. Eliud Owalo. The two shared the information after the

negotiation and validation of the Ministry’s Performance Contract (PC) for the 2024-2025 Financial Year held at the KAWI Complex, Nairobi South C. They noted that considerable strides have been made in the infrastructure sector in which both the Energy and Petroleum State Departments are clustered.

During the period under

review, the country increased the flow rate of Kenya Pipeline Company’s Line Five by 37 per cent from 950 m³/h previously registered to 1,300 m³/h.

In the present financial year, the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum targets to strengthen policy

guidelines and laws to enhance the development of energy and petroleum operations to accelerate completion of projects and actualize the government’s Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

While the Ministry targets to enhance Energy Generation that is clean, sustainable and affordable, it also aims to make it competitive, reliable and secure.

Additionally, there are plans to provide reliable and quality electricity supply and to enhance customer satisfaction, and growth of sales revenue, through its 20-year power generation and transmission master plan that has been developed among other interventions.

In the area of Petroleum, the ministry committed to enhance exploration and investment in petroleum blocs for the development of petroleum resources.

In this aspect, the State Department will promote petroleum potential through participation in the East African Petro-

leum Conference Exhibition of 2025; increase flow rate for Kenya Petroleum Corporation per hour in Line Five by 37 per cent from 950 m³/hour in 2022 to 1,300 M³/hours in 2024.

Other commitments include reconstituting and publishing the Petroleum Bloc Map, ensuring the security of supply and distribution of competitively priced petroleum products and development of new infrastructure for clean cooking gas in 60 public learning institutions to promote the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in households and learning institutions.

This activity will include the construction of infrastructure for clean cooking gas in 40 public learning institutions, completion of development of LPG infrastructure in the pilot 20 learning institutions started in FY 2023/2024 and the distribution of 60,000 six-kilogramme gas cylinders and associated accessories to households by the National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOCK).

CS Wandayi said scheduled monitoring of these activities as well as the implementation of the performance contract during the 2024/2025 financial year will enable the country to achieve its development objectives.

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The Government has increased power connections to homes by over 774,000 consumers, rising from 8.9 million homes in 2022 to 9.7 million in 2024.

Affordable housing projects stimulate growth in MSMEs and Juakali sector in Kenya



Affordable Housing, Juakali, KNA.

BY ROBERT OJWANG' KNA

The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the Juakali sector through its ongoing affordable housing projects, which aim to deliver dignified homes and provide employment opportunities for the youth.

Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development, Alice Wahome, highlighted that the decentralized implementation of affordable housing across the country has significantly stimulated growth in the MSME sector.

She noted that since the launch of the program, approximately 130,000 housing units are at various stages of construction.

Wahome emphasized that these developments have provided far-reaching benefits, particularly for young people, by creating job opportunities, enhancing skills acquisition, and fostering economic empowerment.

"The Affordable Housing Projects across the country have prioritized the procurement of goods and services from MSMEs and the Juakali sector, which largely comprises youth," CS Wahome stated during World Habitat Day 2024 in Kisumu County.

She explained that youth entrepreneurs have been contracted to provide services such as the construction and supply of steel doors, windows, balustrades, curtain rods, and landscaping.

Wahome further underscored the need to involve youth in urban development to promote the establishment of green, productive, inclusive, and resilient cities that offer creativity and opportunities for all Kenyans.

The theme for this year's celebration, "Engaging Youth to Create a Better Urban Future," aligns with the government's vision to leverage the creativity and potential of young people amidst rapid urbanization.

Wahome acknowledged that, like many other cities globally, Kenya's urban

areas face challenges that require innovative solutions led by youth.

"The issue of informal settlements, which lack proper housing, highlights the need for active youth participation in urban planning and development. Combined with the high rate of rural-to-urban migration among young people seeking better prospects, there is a pressing need to adopt creative strategies that generate jobs and enhance infrastructure," she said.

The CS commended various youth-led startups, particularly in informal settlements, for spearheading innovative initiatives in waste management, urban agriculture, and community health, which she described as crucial to sustainable urban development.

"Such grassroots efforts affirm the transformative role that youth engagement can play in shaping a sustainable urban future," she remarked.

CS Wahome reiterated the government's commitment to fostering partnerships that amplify youth voices in urban governance.

"We are developing platforms for a new generation of young urban planners, entrepreneurs, and community leaders to be at the core of policymaking. We envision cities where youth are not just residents but co-creators of urban spaces that reflect their aspirations and needs," she stated.

She also announced that the recently launched government's ClimateWorX Initiative, aims to build climate resilience while supporting economic empowerment among unemployed youth in both urban areas and nationwide.

During the initial phase of the program, over 20,000 youths in Nairobi County have been engaged to restore 45 kilometers of the Nairobi River Basin. The initiative is set to expand to Kisumu, Mombasa, Eldoret, and Nakuru Cities before being rolled out countrywide.

"This reflects our dedication to addressing environmental challenges while simultaneously tackling youth unemployment," CS Wahome concluded.



INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY: Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites sealed bids for the following tenders
CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION as follows;

RFX No.	Tender Description	Bid Security	Closing/ Opening Date
1000001204	Supply of Concrete Stay-blocks Locally Manufactured	Required, Amounts in the TDS	01.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001205	Supply of Double Cut Outs & Fuses Youth Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	07.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001202	Supply of Pole Signs & Accessories Persons with Disability Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	06.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001201	Supply of Overhead Line Fittings & Accessories Women Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	06.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001200	Crossarms, Stayrods, and Bolts & Nuts Women and Youth Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	30.10.2024 @10.00am.
1000001199	Supply of Crossarms, Stayrods and Bolts & Nuts Locally Manufactured	Required, Amounts in the TDS	31.10.2024 @10.00am.
1000001198	Supply of Conductors, Staywires and Binding Persons with Disability Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	01.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001197	Supply of Conductors and Staywires Women Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	31.10.2024 @10.00am.
1000001196	Supply of Conductors and Staywires Youth Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	31.10.2024 @10.00am.
1000001195	Supply of Conductors, Cables, Staywires Ex-Stock	Required, Amounts in the TDS	01.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001194	Supply of Light Duty Concrete Poles Fittings Locally Manufactured	Required, Amounts in the TDS	05.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001193	Supply of Shackle LV, Stay & PIN Insulators Youth Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	07.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001192	Supply of PIN 11Kv & 33Kv Insulators Locally Manufactured	Required, Amounts in the TDS	07.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001191	Supply of Treated Wooden Poles Persons with Disability Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	05.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001190	Supply of Treated Wooden Poles Women Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	04.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001189	Supply of Treated Wooden Poles Youth Category Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	04.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001188	Supply of Treated Wooden Poles Ex-Stock	Required, Amounts in the TDS	05.11.2024 @10.00am.
1000001187	Supply of Concrete Poles Locally Manufactured	Required, Amounts in the TDS	30.10.2024 @10.00am.

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document.
- Tenderers will be allowed to tender for one or more lots.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday] at the address given below.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under October, 2024 tender documents, through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>. Tender documents obtained electronically will be **free of charge**.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- All Tenders must be accompanied by bank tender security of amount as specified in the TDS or tender securing Declaration Forms as specified in the TDS. Original bid security must be submitted in the tender box before closing date and time indicated in the table above.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the SRM portal; <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> with scanned documents uploaded to the collaboration folder on or before closing/opening date and time as indicated above. A guide on tender submission labelled (Quick bidding reference) can be found in the REREC website <https://www.rerec.co.ke/Supplier-Bidding-Quick-reference-pdf>
- Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
- Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under the specific tender documents.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The addresses referred to above are:
Address for obtaining further information on tender documents
For hand Courier, Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road.). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke
Address for Submission of Tenders: Online only through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>
Address for Opening of Tenders: Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Online system
Designation: **Chief Executive Officer**

A. Address for Submission of Tenders.

- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
- Postal Address: 34585 - 00100 Nairobi
- Physical address for hand Courier Delivery; South C, Office Popo Road, Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor; e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke and info@rerec.co.ke

B. Address for Opening of Tenders.

- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
- Physical address for the location: Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor.

Dr. ROSE N. MKALAMA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Nakuru County's new initiative to boost MSMEs

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND MEGGY NJOKI, (KNA)

Nakuru County is partnering with three European development agencies to empower youth and women with practical skills and entrepreneurship training.

The mentorship program in the MSME sector is a pathway to economic growth, food security, and poverty alleviation, said Stephen Muiruri, the County Executive Com-

mittee Member (CECM) for Trade, Tourism, and Cooperatives.

He explained that the program, which will be implemented across all 11 sub-counties, is a collaboration between the County Government of Nakuru, the Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV-Kenya), the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SlovakAid), and the German Agency for International Cooper-

ation (GIZ).

The CECM noted that the skills development and job creation initiative, targeting at least 2,000 youth and women, also seeks to catalyze the growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and create wealth by providing technical skills and training opportunities.

In addition to training, Mr. Muiruri stated that the program will also facilitate access to markets

and finance for young entrepreneurs, catalyze supply chain linkages, create digital solutions, and enhance compliance with standards.

He emphasized that through targeted interventions such as capacity building, technical assistance, and customized financial products, entrepreneurs will be positioned to procure the tools and equipment necessary to successfully navigate the complexities


of the modern business environment.

The CECM was happy that the initiative would serve as an important step to inclusive trade, economic empowerment, and sustainable job creation for both women and youth in the MSME sector within Nakuru County.

Noting that the collaborative effort will better position the MSME sector as a pathway for economic growth, food security, and poverty alleviation in

Nakuru, Muiruri said the county will deliberately offer practical skills and entrepreneurship training mentorship through partnerships with various industry titans as well as extending start-up capital to make the initiative a success.

"This initiative emerges as a strategic lifeline, propelling enterprises forward and unlocking the county's untapped potential," the CECM added.



INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY: Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites sealed bids for the following tenders
CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION as follows;

RFX No.	Tender Description	Tender Security Amount (Kshs)	Closing/Opening Date
1000001206	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning Of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lighting And Solar Street Lights In Kilifi, Turkana, Nairobi And Kiambu Counties.	Lot 1:350,000.00 Lot 2:350,000.00 Lot 3:350,000.00 Lot 4:350,000.00	11.11.2024 @10.00am
1000001207	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning Of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lighting In Nairobi, Busia And Migori Counties.	Lot 1:350,000.00 Lot 2:350,000.00 Lot 3:350,000.00 Lot 4:350,000.00	12.11.2024 @10.00am
1000001208	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning Of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lighting Systems, In Uasin Gishu, Siaya, Kitui And Makeni, Counties.	Lot 1:550,000.00 Lot 2:600,000.00	13.11.2024 @10.00am
1000001209	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning Of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lighting In Vihiga, Narok And Siaya Counties.	Lot 1:700,000.00 Lot 2:1,000,000.00 Lot 3:550,000.00	14.11.2024 @10.00am


1. Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
2. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday at the address given below.
3. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>
4. Tenderers who are not yet registered with REREC must register their companies in order to participate in the tender using link below that can be found from the website www.rerec.co.ke Procurement Supplier registration: [https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal\(bd1lbiZjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==\)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP](https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal(bd1lbiZjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP)
5. All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security in the amounts prescribed above and in the tender documents. Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road,) on or before the date and time indicated in the schedule of tenders above.
6. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
7. Completed tenders must be delivered to Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation electronically through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> on or before the date and time indicated in the schedule of tenders above.
8. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
9. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and times specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
10. Any addendum to these tenders shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.
11. Late tenders will be rejected.
12. The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road).
Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke

Address for Submission of Tenders:
Online Through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>
Address for Opening of Tenders.
Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, online opening system

Dr. ROSE N. MKALAMA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER






KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY

SENSITIZATION AND TRAINING OF YOUTH, WOMEN & PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITY (PWDs) ON 30% AGPO-ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is a State Corporation within the State Department of Infrastructure under the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development and established through the Kenya Roads Act, 2007.

Pursuant to our approved performance contract for the F/Y 2024-2025, KeRRA intends to hold sensitization workshops and training of Youth, Women & Persons Living with Disability (PWDs) On 30% AGPO-Access to Government Procurement Opportunities. This exercise is scheduled to be held in Six (6) venues across Kenya starting from **11th November, 2024, 8AM-12.00 Noon** at the venues and dates indicated below:

No	VENUE	REGIONS	TRAINING FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP-CONTRACTORS		
			DATE	TIME	
1	Embu (Kenya School of Government)	1) Embu 2) Meru 3) Isiolo 4) Tharaka-Nithi	5) Marsabit 6) Kirinyaga 7) Laikipia	11 th November, 2024	8AM-12.00 NOON
2	Nakuru (Merica Hotel along Kenyatta Avenue - Nakuru Town)	1) Nyandarua 2) Nakuru 3) Narok 4) Samburu	5) Kericho 6) Bomet	14 th November, 2024	8AM-12.00 NOON
3	Kisumu (Tom Mboya Labour College)	1) Kisumu 2) Kisii 3) Siaya 4) Homabay 5) Nyamira	6) Migori 7) Busia 8) Kakamega 9) Vihiga	19 th November, 2024	8AM-12.00 NOON
4	Eldoret (Rift Valley Technical Training Institute)	1) Trans-Nzoia 2) Uasin-Gishu 3) Baringo 4) Elgeiyo-Marakwet 5) Nandi	6) Turkana 7) Bungoma 8) West-Pokot	21 st November, 2024	8AM-12.00 NOON
5	Nairobi (Amphitheatre, Barabara Plaza, Airport South Roads, Opp. KCAA, JKIA)	1) Nairobi 2) Kiambu 3) Muranga 4) Makeni 5) Kajiado	6) Nyeri 7) Wajir 8) Mandera 8) Machakos	26 th November, 2024	8AM-12.00 NOON
6	Mombasa (Mombasa Beach Hotel)	1) Kilifi 2) Mombasa 3) Kwale 4) Lamu 5) Garissa	6) Tana-River 7) Kitui 8) Taita-Taveta	28 th November, 2024	8AM-12.00 NOON

This exercise aims to enhance awareness, build capacity, increase transparency and promote access to procurement opportunities for the Special Groups of Youth, Women and Persons living with Disability.

This invitation is extended to all Interested and eligible Suppliers, Contractors, Consultants and Service providers under the **'Special Groups'** category of Youth, Women and Persons living with Disability.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL



NCIC launches Amani Clubs to promote peace and cohesion in schools

BY DAVIS LANGAT
(KNA)

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) has embarked on a program to instill the spirit of cohesion and peace-building among pupils in schools.

NCIC Commissioner Philip Okundi stated that the commission is engaging schools to set up forums called Amani Clubs to promote peace-building and conflict resolution. Eng. Okundi mentioned that the initiative will involve learners in all counties, aiming to instill the spirit of cohesion early in life.

He explained that Amani Clubs used to exist in schools but have since faded away. "It is time to revive these clubs in the institutions," he added.

The NCIC commissioner spoke in Homa Bay Town when he met with education and security officials

to discuss ways to establish the forum.

He noted that so far, schools in 32 counties have already embraced the initiative and are actively participating in the clubs.

Eng. Okundi stated that the revival of Amani Clubs is expected to address issues such as the Gen Z protests.

According to Eng.

Students should be integrated and empowered to resolve conflicts and differences in an orderly and non-violent way both within schools and the larger community," - Nyambu

Okundi, the protests could have been mitigated through participatory conversation.

NCIC Deputy Director in charge of public outreach Kilian Nyambu described the Amani clubs as a platform where learners will be molded to be responsible citizens.

"Students should be integrated and empowered to resolve conflicts and differences in an orderly and non-violent way both within schools and the larger community," Mr Nyambu said.

He said learners need to understand that as much as there is conflict in life, there is always a way of solving conflict without resorting to violence.

Homa Bay County Education Director Eunice Khaemba said the clubs will provide a platform for learners to interrogate issues affecting them.

She explained that most problems raised by learners can be traced to



NCIC Commissioner Philip Okundi briefing the media after the launch of Amani clubs

homes, saying that most learners do not get an opportunity to engage in conversations about issues affecting them. "Some of our children have committed suicide for lack of forums to express themselves," Ms Khaemba said.

She said the club will solve most of the issues being raised by the young generation.

Homa Bay Deputy County Commissioner Charles Mwayaya said what students will discuss in the clubs should be rep-

licated in homes and villages.

He explained that the club will encourage people to promote peace as the same message will be passed by national government administrators during public barazas.

How clean water initiatives are changing lives in Kilifi County

BY JACKSON MSANZU
(KNA)

At the heart of Garashi Village in Kilifi County, water projects have breathed new life into women who once bore the brunt of climate change.

For many years, women walked long distances under the scorching sun to fetch scarce, contaminated water from shared water pans, coexisting with domestic and wild animals.

This daily, exhausting routine left them vulnerable to numerous health and social challenges.

However, a turning point came when the Islamic Relief Organization initiated water projects that have since transformed the lives of more than 10,000 women.

These projects, which include the construction of boreholes, the installation of water tanks, and solar-powered pumps, have provided the community with easy access to clean water, opening new avenues for development and making women central pillars of their families' success.

Janet Chanzera, a beneficiary and leader of

women's self-help groups in the Garashi location, recounted the struggles women and girls faced before these projects were implemented.

She explained that women and girls were a disadvantaged group in the village. The lack of water exposed them to numerous problems including school dropout among girls, with which many fell prey to early pregnancies as men exploited their vulnerability.

"Our children, especially the girls, could not attend school because there was no water at home so they had to go and search for water," Chanzera explained.

"On their way to fetch water, men would pretend to help them but would take advantage of them, leading to early pregnancies. Now, thanks to these projects, the girls are in school, and child pregnancies have drastically reduced," she added.

The provision of clean water has also improved hygiene and eradicated waterborne diseases, significantly raising health standards in the village.

"Our children often suffered from diseases like

cholera," Chanzera said.

"If you went to the Garashi dispensary, you'd see children vomiting from drinking dirty water. But now, with access to clean water, those diseases have greatly reduced," she said.

Beyond addressing domestic water needs, the Islamic Relief Organization also drilled a borehole for irrigation, enabling women to engage in food production in an area that has long struggled with insufficient rainfall.

This newfound access to water has created economic opportunities, from small-scale farming to the establishment of small businesses.

Kitchen gardening, in particular, has flourished, allowing families to grow vegetables for both consumption and sale, thereby improving nutrition and generating income.

The organization also empowered the women through training sessions on smart farming techniques, helping them maximize the benefits of available water.

These initiatives fostered unity among the women, leading to the formation of over 20 self-help groups.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

PRESS RELEASE

STATUS UPDATE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION DEFORESTATION REGULATIONS (EUDR) COMPLIANCE BY KENYA

The European Union Parliament passed legislative measures on May 3, 2023, aimed at reducing EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation. The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) mandates that certain commodities, including coffee, linked to deforestation must not be placed on or exported to the EU market after December 30, 2024. The EU accounts for 55% of Kenya's coffee exports, making compliance with these regulations essential to the success of Kenya's coffee subsector.

In light of this, the Government of Kenya reassures all coffee growers, value chain actors, operators, and buyers that Kenya is on track to meet the EUDR compliance deadline through the following measures:

- **Cabinet Memo:** A cabinet memo is being prepared to keep the cabinet informed on Kenya's progress towards EUDR compliance.
- **Multi-Agency Technical Committee:** A committee of experts has been formed to evaluate Kenya's readiness and develop a comprehensive compliance framework.
- **Ground-Truthing Tests:** have been conducted to assess the current status of compliance.
- **EU Technical support:** has been requested and approved by the European Commission (EU) to verify compliance.

Although there have been unconfirmed reports suggesting a potential extension of the EUDR compliance deadline to December 2025, the Government remains steadfast in adhering to its current schedule. Early compliance is critical to securing Kenya's position in the EU market and maintaining trust with our trading partners.

Additionally, the Ministry emphasizes the need for compliance with the Data Protection Act, 2019. Unauthorized entities are strictly prohibited from collecting, analyzing, or storing grower information under the guise of assisting with compliance. The Ministry clarifies that the Due Diligence Statement, as required by the EUDR, will be issued by the competent government agencies. Meanwhile, all grower data will be securely managed under the Kenya Integrated Agricultural Management Information System (KIAMIS) by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

Dr. Andrew Karanja, PhD.
CABINET SECRETARY



Tax authorities urged to embrace technology and collaboration to enhance revenue collection

BY MYGOV REPORTER

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi has urged tax administrations to harness rapid technological advancements to facilitate trade and enhance domestic resource mobilization.

He called for a re-evaluation of traditional tax frameworks to implement global solutions that ensure equitable contributions from all sectors to the national tax base.

Speaking during the KRA Summit 2024, Mudavadi said, "Innovation, including digital taxation platforms that simplify compliance and blockchain technologies that enhance trade transparency, provides vital tools for revenue generation and efficient trade management."

"Additionally, electronic invoicing systems can integrate the informal economy into the formal tax base, broadening the scope for domestic resource mobilization," he stated.

He highlighted the need for investment in capacity building and technical training for public servants to fully leverage these technologies.

"Data analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning enable tax authorities to identify



Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs speaking during the KRA Summit 2024.

trends, improve compliance and risk profiling, and forecast revenue with greater accuracy," he added.

Addressing delegates during the event, John Mbadi, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury and Economic Planning, underscored that embracing technology is essential for addressing the modern challenges faced by tax administrations.

"Only through innovation can we enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our revenue mobilization efforts," the CS asserted.

CS Mbadi pointed out that despite ongoing efforts to improve revenue

collection, tax malpractices hinder the country's ability to secure necessary financial resources for structural transformation and sustainable growth.

"Illicit financial flows, including money laundering, tax evasion, and corruption, pose significant challenges, particularly in developing countries," he said.

He urged tax experts to prioritize the development of international policies that empower tax administrations to combat these issues effectively.

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner General, Mr. Humphrey Wattanga, noted that KRA

is exploring technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, AI, and Blockchain to enhance its role in international trade and streamline tax processes.

"KRA recognizes the transformative power of technology in taxpayer services and operational efficiency. Our ongoing policy reforms and modernization efforts, including implementing Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), AI, and machine learning, will be pivotal for enhancing revenue mobilization through improved efficiency and compliance. APIs will facilitate seamless data exchange between KRA and taxpayers, streamlining tax filing and payment processes," he stated.

Mr. Wattanga stated that integrating APIs, AI, and machine learning will not only boost tax collection but also foster trust and transparency within the tax system. He urged tax administrations to adopt a collaborative approach to enhance their capacity to detect, deter, and address tax evasion while fostering accountability in the global financial system.

He noted that by

working together, countries can ensure that everyone pays their fair share of taxes.


The KRA Summit, which is held annually, is part of KRA's stakeholder engagement initiatives, providing a platform for collaboration with continental and global partners to develop practical solutions to various economic and tax challenges.

The annual conference unites key actors and stake-

holders from around the world in the field of taxation, focusing on enhancing tax administration.

This year's Summit, which included both physical and virtual audiences, attracted delegates from within and outside Africa.

It provided a platform for tax experts, policymakers, and economists to discuss the status and future opportunities in tax and customs administration.




INVITATION TO TENDER



Nuclear Power and Energy Agency invites tenders from interested bidders for;

No.	Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Commencement Date	Tender Closing Date
1	NuPEA/OT/DHRA/001/24-25	Provision of Medical Scheme Fund Management and Administration Services	16 th October 2024	30 th October 2024

Tender document detailing the requirements of the above Tender may be obtained from the Nuclear Power and Energy Agency website (www.nuclear.co.ke) and www.tenders.go.ke from the date shown above.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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/MIA/0036/2024-2025	Proposed Rehabilitation of Pavements, Airfield Ground Lighting at Moi International Airport	There shall be a site visit on 23/10/2024 at Moi International Airport at 10:00 am	31/10/2024 at 11:00 am

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 URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY

Transforming Urban Mobility



REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES

This is to bring to the attention of the general public that KURA invites eligible firms to apply for Registration for Suppliers of Various Goods, Works and Services for Financial Year 2024-2025 and 2024-2026

Bidders are required to fill the registration form uploaded on **KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY'S** website: www.kura.go.ke and present them to the Headquarters and/or preferred KURA Regional Office.

Registration shall be continuous throughout the Financial Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 with the register being updated biannually.

TENDER NOTICE

This is to bring to the attention of the general public that an invitation for the following tenders has been uploaded on the **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT INFORMATION PORTAL** and **KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE**.


No.	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME
1	KURA/RMLF/HQ/387/2024-2025	MAINTENANCE OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEM (ITS) FIELD EQUIPMENT
2	KURA/RMLF/HQ/388/2024-2025	ROAD MARKING OF UPPER HILL AREA ROADS

Bidders are requested to visit KURA's Website at www.kura.go.ke/tenders. (Registration of suppliers) or www.tenders.go.ke. For more information

Deputy Director - (SCM)
For: **DIRECTOR GENERAL**



Kenya Urban Roads Authority



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**MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IMMIGRATION AND
CITIZEN SERVICES CIVIL REGISTRATION SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF REGISTRATION MATERIALS

Civil Registration Services wishes to inform the General Public of the loss of Birth Certificates which occurred in Mutomo Registration Office.

Serial numbers of the lost Birth certificates are as listed below.

S/no	Description	Serial Numbers	No. of Books
1.	Birth Certificate booklet	1502001-1502100	9 books of hundred leaflets each
2.	Birth Certificate booklet	1502101-1502200	
3.	Birth Certificate booklet	1502201-1502300	
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Consequently, the Department hereby cautions the general public that the said Birth Certificates have been **Cancelled** thereby rendering them invalid.

Any person(s) who may have been issued with any Certificate bearing any of the above serial numbers is advised to return it/them to the Secretary, Civil Registration Services, 4th floor, Hass plaza, lower hill.

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Ag. SECRETARY- CIVIL REGISTRATION SERVICES



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT**
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

TENDER NOTICE

**SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF
REFRIGERATED BULK MILK COOLERS AND ACCESSORIES**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development through the State Department for Livestock Development invites sealed tenders for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Refrigerated Bulk Milk Coolers and accessories, to various counties in Kenya as follows:

No	Name of Project	Tender No	Category	Opening/ Closing Date and Time	Bid Security Amount
1	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 100 (No), 1,000 Litres Capacity Refrigerated Bulk Milk Coolers and Accessories.	MOALD/SDLD/DLP/OOL/2024-2025	Open (Local Manufacturers only)	30/10/2024 11.00am.	4,500,000.00
2	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 100 (No) 2,000 Litres Capacity Refrigerated Bulk Milk Coolers and Accessories.	MOALD/SDLD/ DLP/002/2024-2025	Open	30/10/2024 11.00am.	6,000,000.00
3	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 25 (No) 5,000 Litres Capacity Refrigerated Bulk Milk Coolers and Accessories.	MOALD/SDLD/ DLP/003/2024-2025	Open	30/10/2024 11.00am.	3,000,000.00
4	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 5 (No). 10,000 Litres Capacity Refrigerated Bulk Milk Coolers and Accessories.	MOALD/SDLD/ DLP/004/2024-2025	Open	30/10/2024 11.00am.	1,000,000.00

- Tendering will be conducted under Open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
- Eligible Qualified tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours [9.00.a.m to 5.00.p.m.] at the address given below
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website (<http://kilimo.go.ke> or www.tenders.go.ke). Tenderers who download the tender document **must** forward their particulars giving full contact addresses of the tenderer (email, telephone number and postal address immediately to procurement@kilimo.go.ke) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- This tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the document submitted.
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a "Tender Security" as specified indicated for each Tender, in Kenya Shillings:
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **Wednesday ,30th October,2024 at 11.00. a.m. EAT] Electronic Tenders [will not] be permitted.**
- Bulk tenders that do not fit in the tender box should be registered at office of the Head of Supply Chain Management Services located at 2nd floor Kilimo House
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The addresses referred to above are:
 - Address for obtaining further information and for purchasing tender documents**
Name of Procuring Entity: **State Department for Livestock Development**
Physical address for hand Courier Delivery to the office:
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P. O. Box 34188-00100
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Head of Supply Chain Management Services:- procurementlivestock@kilimo.go.ke
 - Address for Submission of Tenders.**
Name of Procuring Entity: **State Department for Livestock Development**
Postal Address:
P.O. Box 34188-00100
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Physical address for hand Courier Delivery to the office or Tender Box (Nairobi, Cathedral Road, Kilimo House, Ground Floor)
 - Address for Opening of Tenders.**
 - Name of Procuring Entity: State Department for Livestock Development
 - Physical address for the location Nairobi (Cathedral Road, Kilimo House, 2nd Floor, Room 2-26).

Head, Supply Chain Management Services
For: Principal Secretary, State Department for Livestock Development



**COMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY OF KENYA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, e-commerce, cyber security, broadcasting and postal/courier services. The CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as protecting interests of users of ICT services.

In furtherance of its mandate of safeguarding consumer health and safety, upholding public interest, and securing telecommunications networks, the Authority type approves all ICT terminal equipment meant for use in the country to ensure that it conforms to both national and locally recognized international standards.

In addition, the Authority facilitates trade in ICT through clearance of permits for type-approved imported equipment through the Kenya Trade Network Agency (Ken Trade) National Single Window System (TradeNet System/Trade Facilitation Platform).

To ensure conformity with the law, the Authority wishes to remind all stakeholders, including manufacturers, vendors, importers, service providers, and the general public, that any equipment intended for connection to the Public Switched Telecommunication Network (PSTN) within Kenya must undergo the Type Approval process before it can be sold, distributed, or used in the country.

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How fish farming is boosting economic development in Migori

BY GEOFFREY MAKOKHA
AND GEORGE AGIMBA, KNA

Fish farming in Migori County and the larger Nyanza region has been a major livelihood activity that contributes to the socio-economic development of the area. However, communities living along the lake shores have begun to engage in serious fishing, which has long been focused solely on areas around Lake Victoria.

The introduction of fishponds in the country in the 1960s, through a rural farming initiative campaign dubbed “Eat More Fish,” triggered a gradual increase in the adoption of fish farming among inland residents in Nyanza and the country at large.

In Migori County alone, fishing activities have largely been carried out in Nyatike Sub-County, the only area that borders Lake Victoria to the south. The limited access to the lake in the county has forced many aspiring fish farmers to embrace pond fish farming.

Peter Sambusa, a resident of Kuria West Sub-County, states that fish farming has generated significant wealth for him since he started the venture five years ago. Although he began fish farming in the late 1990s, interventions from the national and county governments, in collaboration with development partners like the Agricultural Business Development



Samora Mwamba, a fish farmer from Suna West Sub County standing at one of his fish ponds. Mwamba who has eight ponds says that the ponds have the capacity to produce 500 kgs of fish every six to eight months.

Programme (ABDP), enabled him to enhance his fish production in 2019.

His aquaculture farm has six ponds stocked with between 9,000 and 13,000 fingerlings, consisting of mudfish and tilapia, which are harvested every six to eight months. Sambusa generates up to Sh120,000 per harvest. The proceeds from his ponds have encouraged him to diversify into other income-generating activities, such as beekeeping, vegetable farming, and poultry farming.

“Aquaculture has given

me so much income that I am now able to diversify to other enterprises to fully utilise the potential of my farm,” Sambusa said during an interview at his farm.

He said that at first, fish farming for him was just for fun, to keep himself busy, as he utilised his swampy piece of land located at a nearby water stream.

He was encouraged by support from the national, county governments and development partners to redouble his efforts in fish farming.



Peter Sambusa, a fish farmer and resident of Kuria West Sub County. Sambusa's aquaculture farm has six ponds stocked with between nine to 13 thousand fish stock

Sambusa added that fish farmers in the region have been empowered economically by both levels of governments through ABDP which provides farmers' groups

with equipment like feed formulation machines, predator nets and pond liners to improve their fishponds. The farmer acknowledged support from partners who pro-

vide for them improved fingerlings, market links and aquaculture training, which has boosted fish production in the area.

Advanced and improved fish farming technologies to modernize fishponds, inland reservoir ponds, dams, and fish cage farming, are some of the revolutionary farming mechanisms that continue to attract residents to venture into aquaculture.

According to Sambusa, well-established markets from locals, the changing eating habits with an appetite for fish from the Kuria community, and the establishment of the Rio Fish Market Limited firm, have provided a marketing platform for fish farmers.

Fredrick Otieno, a resident of Rongo Sub County, says that the introduction of fishponds on his farm has enabled him to increase his income from fish sales.

Otieno, who has one fishpond measuring 300 meters square disclosed his intention of increasing fishponds to reap more from the promising venture.

He admitted that the proceeds from fish will enable him to increase his daily farming as well as allow him to increase his sugarcane acreage, a farming venture he has diversified as well.

Otieno, who started the fish venture in early 2020, said well-established cooperatives, farmers' groups, supportive institutions like ABDP and the two levels of governments' goodwill, have provided them with the necessary skills and market linkages which have made the venture a lucrative business idea.

New maternity facilities to reduce child mortality rates in Kilifi

BY EMMANUEL MASHA,
KNA

Kilifi The Kilifi County Government has embarked on the construction of maternity wings, complete with surgical theaters, in its health facilities. Governor Gideon Mung'aro launched a 22-bed maternity wing that will also house two surgical theaters at the Malindi Sub-County Hospital. This project is expected to cost Sh100 million, loaned to the county government by the Government of Italy through the Italian Development Cooperation.

Mung'aro stated that his administration is building two theaters in every hospital and health center: one for expectant women and the other for ordinary

patients, aiming to reduce maternal and child deaths in the county.

“We lose many mothers because, when they come to the hospital requiring emergency surgery, they are forced to queue with other patients,” he said.

According to the Kenya Demographic Health Survey (KDHS) of 2022, about 532 expectant mothers die from pregnancy-related complications for every 100,000 live births in Kilifi County. This rate is slightly higher than the national average of 530 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births and far surpasses the global average of 223 per 100,000 live births.

Many factors have been attributed to this sorry state of affairs in the coastal county, with teen-

age pregnancies, limited access to quality maternal and newborn health services as well as postpartum haemorrhage topping the list. The governor at the same time announced that an eight-bed intensive care unit (ICU) being constructed at Sh50 million next to the site of the proposed maternity wing would be commissioned soon. The facility is being constructed by the Coast Development Authority through the Malindi Integrated Social and Health Development Programme, also being funded by the Italian Government through a loan.

On the chaotic transition from the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to the new Social Health Authority, Mr



Kilifi Governor Gideon Mung'aro and Italy's Deputy Ambassador to Kenya Lorenza Gambacorta carry out the ground breaking ceremony of maternity wing.

Mung'aro said that his administration had decided that no patient would be affected by the challenges.

“Of course, there are many challenges, but we have decided that the patient will not be af-

ected in any way. If you are registered, you will be treated and go home. We will handle the rest with the national government later,” he said. Mr Mung'aro lauded the cordial relationship between

the government and its Italian counterpart, which he said had enabled his county to secure the loan.

Deputy Italian Ambassador to Kenya Lorenza Gambacorta said her government is supporting the Kenyan government plan to provide better quality healthcare services especially for women and children, where women will not have to wait for normal theatre facilities.

“We are committed to supporting the Kenya government's plan to provide quality health care services especially for women and children so that pregnant women will not have to wait in the queue for normal theatre but will have a specialized place for the service,” she said.

Kenyan youth learn valuable lessons at WorldSkills competition in France

BY JAMES MOMANYI (PCO)

Eight Kenyan youngsters made their maiden participation in the WorldSkills Competition held at the Eurexpo in Lyon, France, showcasing the nation's commitment to vocational training and skills development. The event attracted 1,400 competitors from over 60 countries, highlighting the best in technical and vocational skills across various disciplines.

WorldSkills is often referred to as the "Olympics of Skills" and serves as a vital platform for young professionals to demonstrate their expertise in fields such as construction, information technology, hospitality, and engineering. There are currently 89 member countries, 12 of which are from Africa. The African member countries are Kenya, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, DR Congo, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Ghana, and Uganda.

WorldSkills International is further organized into continental regional bodies such as WorldSkills Africa, WorldSkills Asia, WorldSkills Americas, and WorldSkills Europe. Kenya was represented by eight competitors who participated in seven skill areas. They included Claude Chemoiwa and Albert Ngigi in Mechatronics; Mathew Kigen in Welding; Robert Maina in Cooking; Victoria Miriti in Restaurant Service; Michele Nanjala in Water Technology; Rosemary Kagwe in CNC Turning; and Lamex Odanga in Mechanical CAD. Four medals were awarded in each skill: Gold, Silver, Bronze, and the Medallion



for Excellence.

While none of the competitors won a medal in the seven skill areas, the youngsters, along with the skill experts and officials, gained vital lessons that will adequately guide and prepare the country for future competitions. Leading up to the competition, Kenyan competitors underwent rigorous training and preparation coordinated by WorldSkills Kenya. These efforts included mentorship programs, workshops, and simulations aimed at refining the participants' skills and building their confidence.

WorldSkills Kenya CEO, Dr. Kipkirui Langat, who is also the Director General of the TVET Authority, observed that while none of the African countries made it to the medal list, there are benefits associated with participating in the competition.

"We are very proud of the members of WorldSkills Team Kenya 2024, the competitors, skill experts, and officials for their hard work and perseverance, which has culminated in their participation in the 47th WorldSkills Compe-

“My message to fellow young people is to embrace every opportunity to participate in competitions like WorldSkills. They not only test your skills and knowledge but also build confidence and open doors for future career opportunities. Do not be afraid to challenge yourself,” - Chemoiwa

tion. Our young talented individuals represent our future skilled trade and technology workforce. We know that the skills and experience our team gained in Lyon will better position the country when we participate in future competitions,” Dr. Langat said.

These sentiments were

echoed by some of the competitors and skills experts who attended the event. According to Claude Chemoiwa, who competed in Mechatronics, his participation in the WorldSkills Competition was an incredible experience.

“It provided a unique opportunity to showcase my skills in Mechatronics and learn from talented competitors from around the world. Our performance, alongside my colleague Albert Ngigi, was commendable because we scored 659 points compared to 746 scored by the top competitor.

“Comparatively, we had significantly less equipment to practice with and only a few months to prepare, compared to others who had three to four years of experience. Given these circumstances, I believe we did quite well and effectively showcased our skills to the best of our knowledge and ability,” Chemoiwa said.

“My message to fellow young people is to embrace every opportunity to participate in competitions like WorldSkills. They not only test your skills and knowledge but also build confidence and open doors for future career opportunities. Do not be afraid to challenge yourself,” he added.

Victoria Miriti, who competed in Restaurant Service and was ranked best among the Kenyan competitors, stated that participating in the WorldSkills Competition was an unforgettable experience that tested her skills, resilience, and passion for her craft.

Communities urged to adopt nature-based solutions to preserve aquatic ecosystems

BY SADIK HASSAN, KNA

Fisherfolk and communities living along the coastline have been urged to embrace nature-based solutions for the conservation of aquatic resources amid the overexploitation of fisheries.

Fisheries and Blue Economy Secretary Rodrick Kundu stated that challenges in aquatic ecosystems stem primarily from catchments, particularly concerning pollution and the adverse impacts of climate change. He noted that these challenges have undermined the productivity of fisheries resources, affecting the livelihoods of millions across the continent.

“When the livelihood of the average person is threatened, it also becomes a national security issue. The population in Africa is increasing, and many young people graduating from school or college find themselves without options. As a result, they turn to lakes and other wetlands for economic reasons,” Mr. Kundu stated.

He emphasized that this situation has exacerbated the overexploitation of aquatic resources. However, he mentioned that Kenya has embraced the concept of blue growth.

Mr Kundu was speaking in Mombasa during the closing ceremony of the Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity in the African Blue Economy project organised by the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) where he said the project had faced challenges including the Covid-19 pandemic and the need for no-cost extension for the remaining objectives to be achieved.

The project has supported Kenya in developing its master plans and strengthening regulatory frameworks for sustainable coastal marine tourism, mining, and oil and gas exploration to minimise the impact on aquatic biodiversity.

It also supported the formulation of a Memorandum of Understanding for Kenya and Tanzania for joint management of the transboundary marine conservation area in the Indian Ocean shared between the two countries.

The country also got support to develop harmonised strategies for Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania for the management of the transboundary Lake Victoria.

“We have also had capacity building, especially on matters of nature-based solutions in the mangrove environment at the coastal areas especially in the southern part of Kenya. We are now having communities enjoying the fruits of this support,” stated Mr Kundu.

He observed that communities have embraced the initiative to conserve the environment so that they can benefit from what is accruing from those resources.

“We are having so many young people now who have moved away from the fisheries which are under threat. They are now in the mangrove environment doing eco-tourism, getting income through carbon credit and also supporting the profits from the carbon credits to improve the infrastructure in the villages,” he said.

The country, he divulged, is upscaling that project to the whole coastline up to the border with Somalia.

He urged young people to take advantage of the approach to reduce pressure on the fisheries since most fishermen lack equipment that can take them to deeper waters.

“You’ll find along the shoreline the fisheries are overexploited and the catches are diminishing,” he stated.

The government recognised the Blue Economy as a sector that can contribute to the National Development Agenda as espoused in its visionary documents.



CS Miano unveils comprehensive plan to address wildlife challenges

BY MABEL KEYA – SHIKUKU (KNA) AND LISPER MACHOKA (PCO)

The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is revamping research and training in wildlife to ensure that policies are informed by scientific research, leading to better management of the sector.

The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for the Ministry, Ms. Rebecca Wanjiku Miano, stated that the Revised Wildlife Strategic Plan 2023-2027 represents a significant milestone that will help address issues in the wildlife sector.

“With proper research, we will be able to plan ahead, particularly in projecting the future growth of our wildlife species, especially rare species, and establish the reasons for their extinction while finding solutions,” Miano said.

She made these remarks at the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) in Naivasha during the launch of the revised Strategic Plan (2023-2027).

The plan aims to entrench the use of scientific research to promote sustainable wildlife conservation and address the numerous challenges facing the sector, including droughts, flooding, and reduced wildlife popula-

tions.

The CS noted that this launch follows the recent unveiling of the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) plan. She emphasized that the Ministry is prepared to implement both plans and that capacity building for the sector will be prioritized to meet its wildlife conservation agenda.

“To this end, we have rolled out training and a new curriculum for the period 2024 to 2033, aimed at improving the strategic plan by providing better information, ideas, and agendas, among other benefits,” Miano stated.

She also observed that one of the goals in the reviewed strategic plan is providing leadership and coordination in wildlife research and provision of scientific data and information. Under this goal, clear strategies aimed at bridging the science-management and policy link have been put in place.

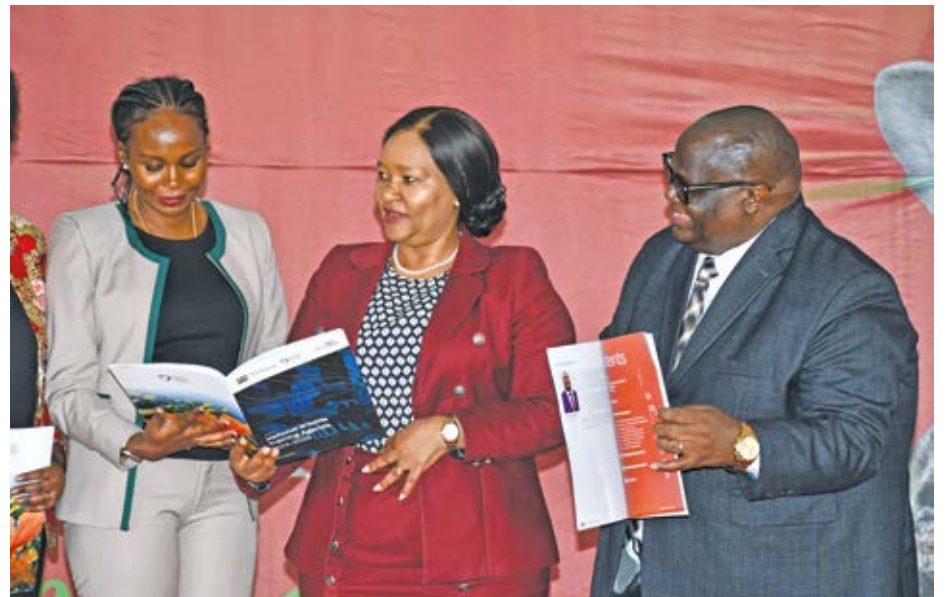
This agenda aims to refocus wildlife research in the country to ensure it is responsive to the needs of the country,” – Miano

These, she said, include periodic synthesis and drafting of policy briefs and management reports to ensure wildlife and their habitats are sustainably conserved and managed through evidence-based decision-making processes as envisaged in the National Wildlife Strategy 2030.

“This agenda aims to refocus wildlife research in the country to ensure it is responsive to the needs of the country,” the CS noted.

She praised the strategic plan in particular, saying it has well thought out strategies aimed at providing scientific data and information in addressing emerging challenges in the wildlife sector such as the institute seeking partnerships to enhance research in climate change and carbon financing opportunities.

Further, the revised strategic plan will develop forensic tools and techniques to aid in prosecution of wildlife crimes, establish invasive species status and methods of control, establish restoration initiatives of degraded wildlife habitats, research on socio-economic and human dimensions on wildlife resource management, identify and pilot nature-based mitigation strategies on human-



Cabinet Secretary (CS) Ms. Rebecca Wanjiku Miano (centre), with the Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department of Wildlife Ms. Silvia Museiya Kihoro (left)



CS Rebecca Miano (left) being gifted by Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) Board Chairman Dr. David Nkedianye (former Kajiado Governor).

wildlife coexistence, and establishing drivers of bush meat off-take among others.

The CS further added that the strategy will enable Kenya to uphold its commitment to international wildlife protocols and conventions, reinforcing our leadership in global conservation efforts, as clear strategies

have been included in the reviewed Strategic Plan to implement the agenda.

Miano assured the WRTI Institute of the full support of her Ministry together with her partners in the implementation process and called upon development partners to join the government in meeting the financial gap.

The Principal Secretary

(PS) in the State Department of Wildlife Ms. Silvia Museiya Kihoro on her part noted that there was a worrying trend where the country is losing small wildlife species such as Roan antelope in Ruma National Park and called for concerted efforts in reversing this trend.

She raised concerns over the rising cases of bush meat within the national wildlife corridors and noted that the Strategic Plan 2023-2027 will address these challenges among other hurdles facing the wildlife sector.

WRTI Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Director Dr. Patrick Omondi revealed that the implementation of the strategic plan requires Sh13 billion for the next four years of its implementation and added that the institute has mapped key priority projects that will be addressed through the implementation of the plan.

SIDA funded project aims to enhance women's skills in Blue Economy sector

BY SADIK HASSAN, (KNA)

African Union (AU) member states have been advised to ensure that women play a pivotal role in the Blue Economy sector through skills enhancement.

Zintle Lushaba, Director of Mabuyi Development Planners in South Africa, stated that conserving aquatic biodiversity is crucial to addressing gender equality issues, as gender disparities have long persisted in Africa.

“Women are often ignored or excluded from certain development programs that uplift them. Gender equality in aquatic biodiversity is essential because women possess indigenous knowledge in this sector, which is vital for their empowerment and the attainment of sus-

tainable development goals,” Lushaba emphasized.

She made these remarks during the third technical and steering committee meeting of the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) on the Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity in the African Blue Economy project, funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) in Mombasa.

The project aims to increase marine biodiversity protection and encourage the responsible use of biodiversity resources in Africa.

Since its inception in 2021, the project has made significant strides in uplifting women. Gender analysis of existing legislation, status core analysis, and skills upliftment initiatives for women have been conducted.



Blue Economy and Fisheries Secretary Rodrick Kundu gives a keynote address during the 3rd project steering committee meeting conserving aquatic biodiversity in Africa Blue Economy, Mombasa

“A lot of women in our countries lack skills in this sector. It is therefore imperative that they are provided with opportunities to acquire skills so they can play

even more important roles and earn a livelihood from this sector,” Lushaba said.

She further called for infrastructure development in the sector and for raising awareness to increase youth involvement.

AU-IBAR Gender Policy Strategy Expert Stephanie Achieng noted that the project has supported 55 AU member states.

She stated that the project also supports Marine Spatial Plans (MSPs), climate change mitigation and Gender Inclusivity in AU member states. All of the project's objectives are linked to the Africa Blue Economy Strategy developed in 2019 by AU and AU Agenda 2063.

“We are supporting AU member states to mainstream and integrate gender considerations in aquatic biodiversity conservation and environmental management,” Achieng said.

Blue Economy, she noted is a new framework, especially in Africa and it is not well understood. It has various thematic sectors like fisheries, tourism, mining, oil and deep sea exploitation among others.

“We have that holistic approach to the implementation of the Blue Economy. As much as our focus is on fisheries we try as much to link to the other sectors so that we have a coordinated cohesive approach to implementation of this particular framework,” she said.

The AU-IBAR builds the capacity of local governments, youths and women to tackle threats facing aquatic ecosystems.

It was attended by representatives from the Swedish Embassy to the AU and the FAO Regional Office for Africa.

Permanent Secretary-level representatives from AU Member States including Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, South Africa, and Kenya also attended the meeting.

Nakuru County's new initiative to boost MSMEs through skills training



youths in a training session.

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND MEGGY NJOKI, KNA

Nakuru County is partnering with three European development agencies to empower youth and women with practical skills and entrepreneurship training.

The mentorship program in the MSME sector is a pathway to economic growth, food security, and poverty alleviation, said Stephen Muiruri, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Trade, Tourism, and Cooperatives.

He explained that the program, which will be implemented across all 11 sub-counties, is a collaboration between the County Government of Nakuru, the Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV-Kenya), the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SlovakAid), and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ).

The CECM noted that the skills development and job creation initiative, targeting at least 2,000 youth

and women, also seeks to catalyze the growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and create wealth by providing technical skills and training opportunities.

In addition to training, Mr. Muiruri stated that the program will also facilitate access to markets and finance for young entrepreneurs, catalyze supply chain linkages, create digital solutions, and enhance compliance with standards.

He emphasized that through targeted interventions such as capacity building, technical assistance, and customized financial products, entrepreneurs will be positioned to procure the tools and equipment necessary to successfully navigate the complexities of the modern business environment. The CECM was happy that the initiative would serve as an important step to inclusive trade, economic empowerment, and sustainable job creation for both women and youth in the MSME sector within

Nakuru County.

Noting that the collaborative effort will better position the MSME sector as a pathway for economic growth, food security, and poverty alleviation in Nakuru, Muiruri said the county will deliberately offer practical skills and entrepreneurship training mentorship through partnerships with various industry titans as well as extending start-up capital to make the initiative a success.

"This initiative emerges as a strategic lifeline, propelling enterprises forward and unlocking the county's untapped potential," the CECM added.

The GIZ representative Luis Bosch said the collaboration will foster an enabling environment to stimulate an inclusive and equitable economic growth of business startups in Nakuru County, in addition to catalyzing dignified and fulfilling work opportunities for the youth, fostering intra-county trade, and contributing to economic growth and poverty alle-

viation.

SlovakAid representative Suzana Wisconsina said the programme will help in proactively designing targeted instruments to integrate young persons in all aspects of the economic transformation adding that the Agency will factor in technical perspectives as well as curricular exchange initiatives as a way to develop international understanding between youth entrepreneurs and their peers from different countries.

By fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and equipping individuals with the skills to thrive in a competitive market, Wisconsina explained that the initiative lays the groundwork for long-term economic resilience and prosperity among the youths.

According to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, there are over 7.4 million MSMEs employing approximately 14.9 million individuals, contributing approximately 40 per cent of the GDP.

State to integrate peace building with development in northern Kenya

BY IRENE GALGALO (PCO)

The Government is seeking to promote peace and harness the vast economic potential of the Northern Kenya region. It aims to integrate peacebuilding into the financing of development projects in Northern Kenya to create stability in the area.

Speaking during a roundtable forum on "Peace-Positive Investment Opportunities in Northern Kenya," the Principal Secretary for Devolution, Teresa Mbaika, stated that the discussion centered on investment and how it can be used to foster peace in the northern frontier.

"The government is committed to integrating peace initiatives into its development agenda. We do this by ensuring that every step toward economic growth is accompanied by conscious efforts to maintain and enhance stability," said PS Mbaika.

She called for the alignment of investment opportunities with peacebuilding efforts to create mutual benefits for both investors and local communities. Northern Kenya is ripe for investments in agriculture, renewable energy, and infrastructure.

"These sectors not only present significant potential for financial returns but also contribute to social stability and peace," PS Mbaika explained, calling for investments that prioritize local engagement and community-driven development.

PS Mbaika also mentioned that the government will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Interpeace, the organizers of the forum, to create a framework for "peace-positive" investments and to guide collaborative efforts, address conflicts, and promote sustainable development.

"By joining forces, we will address the complex dynamics of conflict, promote sustainable development,

and integrate peacebuilding into our investment strategies.

"The government is here to collaborate and to facilitate connections and to ensure that our shared vision for a thriving Northern Kenya becomes a reality," the PS affirmed.

PS Mbaika urged all stakeholders to partner and promote peace to help transform Northern Kenya.

Amina Mohammed, representing the Interpeace Governing Board, said that initiatives such as "Finance for Peace" by Interpeace have played a pivotal role in strengthening the capacity of local communities to manage conflicts and promote social cohesion.

These efforts, she said, have reshaped community relationships, reduced violence, and nurtured trust among diverse stakeholders.

"As we navigate towards inclusive investment strategies, the concept of Peace Finance becomes paramount. By integrating peace efforts into our investment frameworks, we can mitigate risks, enhance returns and contribute significantly to a peaceful and prosperous Northern Kenya," she said.

German Embassy First Secretary Michael C. Pietsch said Germany was partnering with Interpeace to develop a Peace Finance Impact Framework and Peace Finance Standards. He urged all the partners to tap innovative financing solutions for peace and strengthen the private sector.

During the event, results of an early-stage feasibility study conducted by Interpeace's Finance for Peace team on 'Entry-Points for Peace Positive Investments in Northern Kenya's Frontier Markets' were presented.

The pre-feasibility study conducted in the counties of Elgeyo Marakwet, Mandera and Marsabit provided the first step analysis required to map a potential pipeline of investment approaches.

Kenya, Ethiopia enhance cross-border trade through infrastructure

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A,
(KNA)

Kenya and Ethiopia are developing transport and logistics infrastructure and creating simplified procedures to reduce the costs of cross-border trade. The two countries are removing internal barriers to enhance trade.

State Department for Trade Principal Secretary (PS) Alfred K'Ombudo stated that the Moyale One Stop Border Post (OSBP) is key to achieving enhanced cross-border trade between the two countries.

"On May 16, 2023, Kenya and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) signed a sub-delegation agreement for the Moyale One Stop Border Post upgrade, which is set to run until December 2024," said K'Ombudo.

The PS explained that significant progress has been made at the border post in infrastructure and ICT, including the equipping of testing facilities, partitioning and equip-



Trade and Industry Principal Secretary, Alfred K' Ombudo speaks at his Telposta towers Offices. Photo: Norah Bochere.

ping medical laboratories, providing public amenities, implementing smart gates for customs, and piloting the electronic Certificate of Origin System.

"Training sessions have also been organized for our border officials, covering critical areas such as the electronic Single Window System, resolution of non-tariff barriers, and sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

We have even engaged a local short-term expert to ensure the successful coordination of this multifaceted project," K'Ombudo said.

The PS explained that they have involved the local community in the project design and implementation under the auspices of the Cross-Border Management Unit which draws membership from the local administration, small-scale cross border traders and border agencies.

Speaking when he hosted a trade mission to review the implementation status of projects under the COMESA European Development Fund (EDF)

Programme in Kenya, K'Ombudo said that the government is seeking to increase private sector participation in regional and global value chains, focusing on improving the investment and business climate through the Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme, (RE-CAMP).

"The impact of the COMESA European Development Fund (EDF 11) Programme on Kenya's cross-border trade landscape has been remarkable. I am proud to report that despite being the last COMESA member state to sign the sub-delegation agreement, we have exceeded expectations and are nearing completion of the initiatives undertaken in record time," said K'Ombudo.

The PS highlighted that through the partnerships, Kenya has been a beneficiary of other programmes including the Eastern Africa Platform of Non-State Actors in Fisheries and Aquaculture (EARFISH) project, and the Simplified Trade Regime under the

Small-Scale Cross Border Trade Programme.

He said that the government expects that these developments will create a seamless cross-border trading experience at the Kenya-Ethiopia border, particularly for small-scale traders.

"Our ultimate goal is to generate more income opportunities for Kenyans, especially our youth and women, in alignment with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda," the PS said.

He explained that Kenyan exports to Ethiopia include palm oil, metal and steel products, food products like yeast and other food preparations while Ethiopia exports to Kenya include hides and skins, cosmetic products among others.

EU delegation to Zambia and COMESA-Programme Manager Christine Haziyo reaffirmed the EU's unwavering commitment to supporting COMESA achieve its ultimate goal of facilitating the free movement of goods, services and people across the region.

KMTC sets up an examination centre for health practitioners seeking jobs abroad

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA,
KNA

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has partnered with other stakeholders to establish an examination center for health practitioners seeking jobs abroad.

This is the second such facility in Africa, following the first one established in South Africa, and it will reduce the costs incurred by medical practitioners when taking the mandatory examinations.

KMTC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Kelly Oluoch stated that this development, which is part of the institution's 2023-2027 strategic plan, is a significant relief for medical practitioners seeking employment outside the country.

He added that the examination center will unlock opportunities in the United States of America

(USA), Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, where KMTC-trained health personnel are in high demand.

"This facility will enable our graduates and other health practitioners to sit for the examinations here in the country, further cutting costs associated with traveling to South Africa for the same purpose," he said. Dr. Oluoch also noted that KMTC has reviewed its curriculum to better prepare students for opportunities abroad, as the government aims to address rising unemployment in the country.

He mentioned that this initiative has led the institution, which has 86 campuses and 66,296 students, to introduce foreign languages as part of its training program.

"We have introduced French, German, Arabic and Amharic languages in our curriculum to make it easy for our students who

are keen on working outside the country," he said.

Speaking in Kisumu during an awards ceremony for the college, Dr Oluoch said KMTC has strengthened the training programs to meet the demand for a competent health workforce locally and globally.

"We are cognizant of the fact that our graduates are in high demand. Since we produce enough for the local economy and international market, our goal is to become a globally competitive institution in training human resources for health," he said.

To achieve this, the institution he said has introduced research, innovation and consultancy services to address the demands of the sector.

The expanded mandate, he said, will see the institution leverage on technology to offer solutions to the various challenges facing the health sector.



KMTC Board Chairman Joseah Cheruiyot (right) and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (left in uniform) addressing the media in Kisumu.

"Already we have partnered with the Ministry of Health to register Kenyans in Kisumu and Homa Bay Counties for the Social Health Authority to ensure a smooth rollout," he said.

Dr Oluoch said the institution is keen on leveraging technology to expand training opportunities and offer solutions to health sector challenges.

"With the increased student population, we may not have all the resources

to manage our physical causes. That is why we are taking advantage of digital space to enhance access to our programmes," he said. KMTC Board Chairman Joseah Cheruiyot lauded the government for allocating resources to the institution to roll out the initiatives.

Through support, the college said it employed an additional 607 this financial year adding that focus was on enhancing the

quality of the programmes to meet the demands of the market.

"I want to thank the government for the support we have received. We're not for this we could not have managed to roll out these ventures," he said.

Lecturers and non-teaching staff who have shown exemplary performance were awarded in different categories.

One year in office – Mwaura’s personal appraisal as Govt Spokesman

BY ISAAC MWAURA

Last week, the country celebrated Mazingira Day to demonstrate our commitment to taking care of our planet earth, as the GOD given home for mankind. That suggestion by Nobel Laureate Wangari Muta Maathai that each one of us plants a number of trees equal to their age, remains a true mazingira challenge for all of us.

In the same vein, when one is given a role or responsibility, it’s an opportunity to serve GOD and country in the best way that one is able to, notwithstanding the pre-existing limitations and underpinnings that set the stage for either success or failure.

My office was set up following our appointment on 4th October 2023, via a presidential order that also included the first batch of ambassadors under the Kenya Kwanza administration. My deputies and I had been assigned the role of articulating government agenda to the public in a rapidly evolving communication space that I must dare say is way ahead of the traditional means of communication.

While it has always been the prerogative of the conveyor of the message to look for an appropriate channel to broadcast his message to a wider audience, this role is now shared by everyone who has something

to say about themselves, especially through social media. In fact, I would dare say that the new media has turned both the boundaries of communication and sovereignty on its head as it is now not only borderless but un-corporate.

It’s individual relational, away from our African ethos of Ubuntu of ‘I am because we are’. This coupled with a very liberal constitution of Kenya 2010 that lays emphasis on individual/human rights as being more real than corporate rights; to a large extent it negates the structural underpinnings of modern day, traditional norms within the media.

Within this broad context, the executive order number 2 of 2023 that was released on 2nd November placed my office right at the centre of the executive office of the president both as an office and an institution. President Ruto had given me matching orders on 19th October 2023 at State House Nairobi to go perform all that pertains to the mandate of the office. This is the same day that he launched the Social Health Authority (SHA) acts as well.

Moving a function from a ministry to the presidency



wasn’t easy. We had to set up

the OGS-NGCC

from scratch, with no office space, equipment and staff. It was a herculean task that we had to accomplish. Getting to build a complement of staff from only 3 appointments, with an establishment of only 7 was a huge undertaking. Refashioning the office to be the real National Government Communication Centre within the presidency has been a journey. It’s been literally a tale of flying the plane as you build it. I had to make sure that we got a new structure approved, and this literally takes a lot of time in government. In the meantime, as a leader, I had to cobble up a team to do our bidding, with literally neither infrastructure nor any form or orientation.

As of now, we have a wonderful staff of 46, drawn from contract staff, mainstream civil servants, Interns and volunteers. Having them to gel into functionality isn’t easy, as it mimics courtship, yet

this is literally an arranged, or if you like a forced marriage of sorts. It has to work. We had to use our personal media equipment such as cameras since the procurement process and budgets in government take long before they are settled. It should be noted that our office was set up 13 months after the KK government came into power, and in the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2023/24.

In spite of the above, we have been able to revive the weekly press briefings, and have conducted 74 of them so far. This is unprecedented. We have also issued another 25 press statements and/or explainers on various matters of public interest. Our pressers are done every Thursday at 11:00 am at KICC.

We have also issued some of them from the counties during our projects publicity tours or crises, in places such as Wajir, Lamu, Nakuru, Machakos (Konza), Kisumu, Mombasa, Homa Bay, and recently in Kirinyaga.

At the same time, we have had radio and TV conferences with several media stations in places such as Mombasa, Nakuru and with the KBC. This is in addition to hundreds of both TV and radio interviews that we do on a weekly basis. My office has been responding to media queries, both local and international, on various emerging issues.

We have the daunting task of communicating on

behalf of the government during a crisis. In fact, government communication is crisis communication in action. Within one year, my office has had to deal with various crises, beginning with the El Nino rains that claimed many lives, and the New University Funding Model (NFM). It was closely followed by the March, April, May (MAM) rains, after the Embakasi fire inferno. Soon, we had to deal with the Genz protests for almost 2 months from June to the 3rd week of July. This to us was the most daunting task as we had to do over 80 online media campaigns to help counter misinformation and disinformation. We then moved to the Endarasha, Adani and the SHA rolled out crises.

We have also endeavored to speak to the hearts of Kenyans to love and protect their country through 2 key national values and principles of patriotism and nationhood, under a campaign dubbed Uzalendo Initiative. We have held the campaign in several primary and secondary schools to rally the young people into this cause. In addition, we have put in place measures to promote inclusive communication in order to ensure that government information is user friendly to Kenyans with disabilities.

Despite the notion that the reading culture has deteriorated in recent times, my office has been pushing for various articles and publications such as opinions,

and features in newspapers, magazines and pull outs. We have also produced two trackers of THE BETA PLAN, 23 county development reports and 3 office quarterly reports, above several other documents. The written word is primary, and out of this we have developed and incorporated new ways of content consumption such as infographics, animations and most popularly, short videos that have been received very well, far and wide by the constantly evolving audience in emergent platforms.

We have also learnt that when others speak for you, there is more credibility and we have thus developed over 26 weekly narratives to help guide those who speak on behalf of the government in both mainstream and social media, and in ground activities and formal set ups.

In complimenting this, we are also finding value in having the beneficiaries of government programs also telling their own story, and using their voices to speak up for the government.

We have also conducted town halls and used spaces such as X to exercise participatory communication in the spirit and principle of Bottom up.

As we finalize on our 5-year strategic plan, we do believe that OGS-NGCC has the capacity to revolutionize matters of communication.

The genius of both political and government communication is creative repetition!

Kenyans to continue enjoying cheaper power as the country faces reduced rains

BY MYGOV REPORTER

Consumers of electricity in Kenya will continue enjoying the benefits of cheaper hydroelectric power (HEP) following KenGen’s move to implement a robust water management program to ensure steady generation of power as rains subside.

The energy generator says the strategic management of its large dams in the Eastern Region plays a critical role in regulating water levels, ensuring a consistent flow of the River Tana, adding that without these interventions, the river could face severe depletion resulting from reduced rainfalls, affecting communities, agriculture, and wildlife dependent on its waters.

“Kenyans should be happy to know that hydro generation has remained strong, helping to stabilize the cost of power because of Seven Forks Hydroelec-

tric Complex, which, as we have said before, shields communities downstream from flooding during heavy rains by holding the bulk of the water.

“Additionally, as we enter the reduced rainy season, those who depend on water from the river should not be worried since we will be able to ensure steady flow of water from our dams,” KenGen Managing Director and CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga said.

According to the latest reports from KenGen, all the major dams are at full capacity despite notably low inflows into the system, with only 1.89 cubic meters per second entering Masinga Dam and 5.37 cubic meters per second recorded at the River Thiba.

Eng. Njenga reiterated that the company’s strategic management of these reservoirs has prevented severe water shortages in the River Tana and helped cushion Kenyans against erratic water

supply during the dry period.

The CEO noted that KenGen’s diversified energy mix, which includes significant geothermal capacity, has been key in maintaining grid stability and powering the country during this time of reduced hydropower output.

“We are working around the clock to ensure that Kenyans continue to receive a reliable supply of power and that the water resources entrusted to us are managed sustainably,” Eng. Njenga said.

“Our hydropower plants, particularly those in the Seven Forks, are doing much more than generating power; they are regulating the flow of the River Tana and ensuring water availability for millions of people.

“At the same time, our geothermal plants in Olkaria and Eburru are providing steady baseload power, offsetting the low hydropower generation and ensuring



KenGen Managing Director and CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga.

grid stability,” he said.

KenGen’s geothermal plants, which are not dependent on rainfall, currently provide a consistent source of power to the national grid, helping to buffer against the effects of erratic weather patterns.

Geothermal energy, which now contributes nearly 40 per cent of power consumed by Kenyans, is part of Kenya’s broader strategy to address the impacts of climate change by reducing the country’s reliance on hydroelectric power, which is vulnerable to droughts.

By leveraging geothermal energy, KenGen is not only meeting demand but also supporting Kenya’s climate action goals through clean and renewable energy gen-

eration, he said.

“Our long-term strategy is to build resilience against climate change impacts by increasing our geothermal capacity and investing in more sustainable energy solutions,” Eng. Njenga added.

“This approach is in line with Kenya’s commitment to climate action under the Paris Agreement and the country’s Vision 2030 development agenda,” he said.

KenGen remains committed to its mandate of sustainable energy production while safeguarding critical water resources for current and future generations.

The company continues to innovate in water and energy management, including exploring ways to enhance its geothermal capacity and investing in additional renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

Through these efforts, KenGen is positioning itself as a key player in Kenya’s transition to a low-carbon economy and a leader in sustainable development.

“We urge all stakeholders, including policymakers, environmental agencies, and the public, to support water conservation efforts and the sustainable management of hydropower and geothermal resources,” Eng. Njenga said.

Kwale County's moment of pride and transformation as it plays host to this year's Mashujaa Day fete

BY MYGOV REPORTER

Kwale County is gearing up for an unforgettable milestone this October as it hosts the Mashujaa Day national celebrations for the very first time.

The choice to host Mashujaa Day in Kwale marks the first time a major national celebration, presided over by the President William Ruto, has taken place in the South Coast.

"It is more than a celebration; it is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the county's potential and the projects that are rapidly transforming the region," said Majuma Karisa Charo, a college student in the county.

Kwale County was selected to host the Mashujaa Day 2024 celebrations with the theme of 'Affordable Housing'. As a key pillar of the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), affordable housing is focused on increasing homeownership and reducing the housing deficit across Kenya.

Kwale is making significant progress with major infrastructure projects, including the near-completion of Kwale Stadium which stands as a powerful example of how Government policies are creating real, tangible benefits for everyday Kenyans – from job creation to stimulating the industrial sector through building and construction.

The primary event will be held at the Kwale Stadium, which is currently undergoing a massive facelift to accommodate the expected 12,000 guests, including national dignitaries, local residents, and tourists.



Principal Secretary, Internal Security and National Administration, Dr. Raymond Omollo (left) accompanied by Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani inspect the county's preparedness to host Mashujaa Day celebrations.

According to the Principal Secretary, Internal Security and National Administration, Dr. Raymond Omollo, the renovations at the stadium are progressing swiftly, with construction works nearing completion.

The stadium, which previously had only two terraces, will feature expanded seating and modern amenities to host the Mashujaa Day event.

"Contractors have been working around the clock to ensure that the stadium will be ready for the big day. Once completed, the facility will stand as a lasting legacy for Kwale, with potential to host sporting events, including Kenya Premier League matches—a significant upgrade that was unimaginable before this project

began," Dr. Omollo added.

Alongside the stadium, the President will also preside over a luncheon at the County Commissioner's residence, which is being transformed into a mini state lodge.

A spot-check at the residence revealed that most of the works has been done including landscaping, security, and road construction to ensure the venue is fit for the ceremony.

The Mashujaa Day celebrations are more than just an opportunity for the county to host a prestigious event; they are also sparking a flurry of development projects that will leave Kwale better equipped for future growth.

Key among these is the improvement of the county's road network. Roads leading to the Kwale Stadium and other key areas are being upgraded by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA).

"You see, these infrastructure improvements are expected to have a long-lasting impact on the county's economy by making it easier for people and goods to move around, further boosting trade and tourism," said John Ngugi, a resident of Kwale town.

Meanwhile, the Diani Airport, one of the key transport

hubs in the county, is also undergoing a significant upgrade.

In preparation for the influx of dignitaries and visitors, the airport and the surrounding roads are being refurbished.

Dr. Omollo believes that, had it not been for the Mashujaa Day event, this vital infrastructure might not have received the attention it is now getting.

With the national spotlight on Kwale, local businesses are already experiencing a boost.

The hospitality industry, in particular, is thriving as visitors and officials involved in the preparations seek accommodation in the county's hotels.

Kwale's hotel owners have been advised to upgrade their facilities to ensure they can meet the high standards expected during the Mashujaa Day celebrations.

As Dr. Omollo noted, the preparations have also created numerous job opportunities for local residents.

Hundreds of workers have been hired to help with the renovations at the stadium, the mini state lodge, and other construction sites.

"You see all those young men and women in Kwale who were previously idling around are now earning a living by working on these projects, and the positive effects are already being felt in their households. This is truly a game-changer," Dr. Omollo explained.

Additionally, the celebrations have attracted a variety of temporary business opportunities, from catering to logistics, as entrepreneurs position themselves to capitalize on the influx of visitors.

"Together with my able team, we are ready and willing to supply eateries like snacks and water at Kwale Stadium on the big day," said Khadija Mohammed, a water vendor in Kwale town.

With such a high-profile event on the horizon, security has become a top priority.



TENDER NOTICE

The Geothermal Development Company Limited (GDC) invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT	CLOSING DATE
GDC/DEM/OT/007/2024:2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Lubricants	Open to All	Ksh 200,000.00	05.11.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/SS/OT/020/2024:2025	Tender for Provision of Security Services and Equipment Through Framework Contract for a Period of two (2) Years for GDC Nairobi Office & Suswa Geothermal Project (Re-Tender)	Open to All	Ksh 500,000.00	06.11.2024 at 11.00am

There will be a Mandatory site visit will at GDC Offices and Operational Sites for Tender Ref: GDC/SS/OT/020/2024-2025 as follows;

- I. **Kawi House, South C on Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 10.00am.** Bidders are required to assemble at Kawi house, ground floor at 9.00am.
- II. **Suswa Geothermal Project on Thursday 24th October 2024 at 10.00am.** Bidders are required to assemble at Mara gateway hotel at 10.00am.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender document from the office of Manager, Supply Chain at Kawi House, South C off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road between 9.00am and 4.00pm during week days.

A complete set of the tender documents may be obtained by interested firms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs.1000 payable to our accounts office in cash or by banker's cheque. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the website www.gdc.co.ke or PIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to procurement@gdc.co.ke for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.

The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with **Tender No.** and **Tender reference name;** shall be addressed to:

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and deposited in the tender box at Ground Floor GDC office Kawi House, South C Off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road on or before the dates specified above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at Kawi House, South C GDC Board Room Ground Floor.

Late tenders will not be accepted.

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NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.3/OT/05/24-25	Supply of Insulators Lot 1 (Local Manufacturers Only)	Thursday 17.10.2024	Thursday 07.11.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
		Supply of Insulators Lot 2 (Local Bidders Only)		
2.	KP1/9A.3/OT/07/24-25	Supply of Project Materials for Construction of Proposed Construction of Bomani 132/33kV Substation (Local Bidders Only)	Thursday 17.10.2024	Thursday 07.11.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.3/OT/06/24-25	Supply of Switchgears, Isolators and Instrument Transformers	Friday 18.10.2024	Tuesday 05.11.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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Let's join hands in the crucial fight against FGM- PS

BY JAMES ODERO (PCO)

State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary Anne Wang'ombe, has called for coordinated effort- through education and targeted awareness creation campaigns in communities- to eliminate harmful cultural practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and child marriage that violate the rights of young girls and women.

Through the joint efforts, communities and their cultural leaders will be sensitized on more impactful ways to carry out societal dialogues, focusing on the sexual and reproductive health needs of women and girls, with the aim of rooting out the retrogressive practices.

The PS, speaking in Kajiado during the commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child, said that FGM limits the opportunities for women and girls to enjoy their full human rights and realize their potential hence the need for concerted effort to end it.

"Female Genital Mutilation is rooted in power inequalities and imbalances that limit opportunities for girls and women to realize their rights and full potential. The practice also violates their rights to health, security and physical integrity; their right



State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary Anne Wang'ombe (left) presents a certificate to an anti-FGM activist.

to be free from torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment", said PS Wang'ombe.

In recent years, the country has made significant progress in the fight against Female Genital Mutilation by supporting community-led initiatives where girls are empowered to speak out while men and boys, through male engagement initiatives, are encouraged to support them, leading to shifting of perspectives about the practice.

Official data by the Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS) 2022 reported the prevalence of FGM in the country at fifteen percent accounting for 14.8 percent of women between the ages of 15 and

49 and 9 percent for girls between 15 and 19 years respectively undergoing the cut.

However, PS Wang'ombe emphasized that the interventions would not yield much impact without the involvement of parents, elders, community leaders and the entire community as allies and partners in the fight to end Female Genital Mutilation.

The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated globally every year in the month of October to promote the empowerment of girls, recognize their rights and address their unique challenges across the world. This year's celebration was marked under the theme 'Girls' Vision for the Future'.

Ruiru Affordable Housing Project transforming locals' livelihoods

BY ROSE CHEPKOECH (OGS)

Ruiru's Affordable Housing Program (AHP) project with a total of 1,050 units has created a vibrant ecosystem of jobs creation and business opportunities for the local residents.

Started on 19th January 2023, the three separate flats' project, encompassing 13-floors each, is at 49 percent completion status and provides for a social status of a gated community to the targeted beneficiaries.

Government Spokesperson Dr Isaac Mwaura noted that the project being implemented under a public-private partnership (PPP) arrangement is ahead of schedule and is expected to deliver the 1,050 units, ranging from studios to three-bedroom apartments by next year.

Dr Mwaura said that the project that benefits over 300 people working at the site has a contract sum of Ksh107,000,000 for the Jua Kali artisans and other Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise players' economic empowerment.

He said that the project exemplifies the government's commitment to tackling the housing problem in the country while simultaneously generating employment for the youth.

"The PPP collabora-

tion ensures a sustainable approach to housing development and is being applied across all the housing projects under the AHP," he clarified.

The housing projects, the Spokesperson added, were not only constructing homes but also beyond the construction workforce, local vendors, including "Mama Mbogas" have found a steady stream of customers among the construction workers, illustrating a ripple effect of economic activity that accrues from the entire program.

"Here in the Central region over 2,000 workers are being engaged daily, which fluctuates to about 900 ongoing, depending on project needs," Dr. Mwaura explains.

He notes that these individuals are directly benefiting from the project by feeding their families and sending their children to school.

Maureen Wanjiku is one of the many beneficiaries of the Ruiru Affordable Housing project after facing difficulties in securing employment, she seized an opportunity at the project.

Wanjiku has found a renewed purpose through her involvement in the project balancing between manual labour and food sales.

"This project has kept

us all busy. No one sleeps hungry or goes idle," she says, full of pride with the AHP as she reflects on the sense of the empowered community that the program has fostered.

"I have equipped myself with new skills and crafts," Wanjiku shares, her experience with gratitude saying the occupation had allowed her to pay off her school fees and graduate from a local college, reigniting her dream of bettering her future.

Paul Andashe, a former hairdresser, who has transitioned into plumbing through this initiative, said, "It has helped me sustain my life as I also learn more skills and use of technology."

Edwin Ochieng, who leads a team of 150 jua kali artisans, expresses appreciation for the opportunity to work on such a large-scale project.

His team, composed of local tradespeople, is proud of the impact their work had made on the community. "This project has lifted us," he affirms, noting that many families can now put food on the table and afford to send their children to school after putting money into their pockets.

Grace Molenje started her journey cooking tea for the workers and has since managed to support her children's education.

Government Recognises Women as Powerful Agents in Peace Building

BY MANU MUMBA (KNA)

The Government has commended the role women play in conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction for the prosperity of the country.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi said the global security landscape is evolving, a need that requires states to ensure women's voices shape responses to emerging threats, especially those related to climate security where women in vulnerable communities bear the greatest burden.

Mudavadi, speaking at the 24th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 and Regional Symposium on Women, Peace and Security, said since the adoption of UNSCR 1325, the number of women included in peace processes has increased, with their

voices being heard in decision-making processes.

He at the same time stressed that UNSCR 1325 is not just a resolution for women but a call for a more inclusive and peaceful world.

"We must renew our commitments to implementing the women, peace and security agenda by ensuring that women's voices are central to peace processes and that they have the resources and support they need to lead," the Prime Cabinet Secretary added.

The CS said all stakeholders must uphold accountability and establish robust mechanisms for tracking progress and measuring impacts.

Mudavadi noted that in Africa, women have played critical roles in mediating conflicts, advocating for peace and rebuilding communities.

"The legacy of African

women in peace building is a testament to the power of resilience, courage and leadership and therefore, we must ensure that their leadership is recognized and institutionalized," the Prime CS said.

He stated countries worldwide have developed National Action Plans (NAPS) to implement UNSCR 1325 and raise awareness on the unique challenges women face in conflict and post conflict settings.

Mudavadi announced that the development of Kenya's third National Action Plan (NAP3) is underway and called for collaborations from partners and donors to ensure that its drafting and implementation is effective.

"Women are powerful agents of change and their leadership in peace processes lead to more lasting and inclusive outcomes for communities and nations," she said.

CS-Oparanya routes for the Cooperative Bill to streamline sector and enhance growth

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

The Cooperative Bill, 2024, currently under review in Parliament, will address longstanding governance and management challenges bedeviling the cooperative sector.

Cooperatives and MSMEs Development Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya says the proposed bill, now undergoing its second reading in Parliament, will replace the Cooperative Act, 2004 and introduce measures to curb the mismanagement of members' funds which has for years wrecked a section of saccos.

Oparanya noted that the bill, which is expected to be enacted by the end of the year, includes a provision to introduce term limits for cooperative society directors who will only be allowed to serve for three years, renewable only once.

This move, he said, is intended to tackle issues arising from long-serving directors who have been accused of misappropriating members' funds, amounting to billions of shillings over the years.

Additionally, Oparanya said the government has established a loan verification committee chaired by the Commissioner of Cooperatives to monitor borrowing by cooperative management teams to prevent unnecessary debt accumulation.

"Cooperatives have been plagued by poor management and misuse of members' savings, and this bill aims to address these issues once it becomes law," Oparanya said.

The CS said despite the government's efforts to alleviate cooperative debts through waivers totaling billions of shillings, many societies continue to struggle

with rising debts that have left tens of members in limbo.

Oparanya criticized some Sacco directors for misusing loans, which has left many societies facing unmanageable debt, while others have been forced to shut down, noting that the government waiver system is unstable.

For instance, he pointed out that debt in the coffee sector has increased from Sh6 billion to Sh7 billion in a matter of months, with some management teams borrowing funds for personal use.

In addition, the CS said Sh4 billion has already been paid to offset some of the runaway debts in the sugar sector even as other verification exercises by the established committee continue with its work to check their authenticity before more payments.

KISIP2's interventions as Kenya joins world in marking Habitat Day

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Ms Alice Wahome has lauded the interventions made in slums by the Sccond Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2) in improving the lives of informal settlement dwellers through infrastructure upgrades and provision of piped water.

Speaking during a visit to the public booth run by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development during this year's UN-World Habitat Day marked in Kisumu, Ms Wahome particularly pointed out KISIP2's slum upgrading works in Kisumu, Eldoret and other parts of the country as a milestone and a game changer for urban development and youth empowerment in those areas.

"While addressing dimensions of urban development, we must build cities that are not only green, productive and inclusive, but true centers of creativity and opportunities for every Kenyan," she added during the celebrations which were

also attended by the Kisumu County Deputy Governor Dr. Mathews Owili and Kenya's Permanent Representative to the UN-Habitat Ms. Grace Okara among other state officials.

KISIP2 is a project being spearheaded by the Government of Kenya through the State Department for Housing and Urban Development in collaboration with county governments, and is co-funded by the Government of Kenya, the World Bank, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the European Union (EU).

It is being implemented in 33 counties which are, Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Tana River, Lamu, Taita Taveta, Wajir, Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Machakos, Makueni, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Kiambu, Turkana, West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Baringo, Nakuru, Kajiado, Kakamega, Bungoma, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Migori, Nyamira, Nairobi, Embu, Marsabit and Laikipia.

Already, implementation of infrastructure upgrading works in informal settlements is on-going

in five counties, namely Kakamega, Nakuru, Kilifi, Kisumu and Nairobi.

Before the UN Habitat Day celebrations, the KISIP 2 Task Team Leader at the World Bank (TTL) Ms Beatriz Eraso Puig while touring some informal settlements during the Joint Implementation Support Mission said that the interventions by the Project will be a big game-changer in the selected counties.

In line with the Mid-Term Plans of Kenya's Vision 2030, UN-Habitat continues to focus on providing support to human settlements and sustainable urbanization priorities within the context of several frameworks including President William Ruto's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which focuses on provision of affordable housing.

According to the United Nations, the Global Action Plan on Informal Settlement and slum transformation is a collaborative initiative aimed at accelerating the implementation of the new Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.



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INVITATION TO TENDER

- Lake Victoria North Water Works Development Agency has received financing from the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds towards the cost of Construction of the following Project.

#	Tender name & Number	Pre-bid Meeting and Site visit	Bid Bond amount from Bank	Closing Date
1.	Tender No. LVNWWDA/GK/BGM/MOSO/NGO/2024-2026/03 Tender Name : Construction Works for Mosongo-Chebai- Top Suwerwa Water Supply and Sanitation Project	On 22 nd October 2024 at Tenden Centre Chief's Camp	Ksh 12 million	6 th November 2024 at 1200HRS

- The scope of works for the project includes but not limited to the following
 - Construction of Chepkaitit River Raw Water Intake with a capacity of 4,500m³
 - Construction of Chepkaitit gravity raw water transmission pipeline of OD280 HDPE 0.875 km long.
 - Construction of River Mosongo Intake of Capacity 3,000m³
 - Construction of Mosongo gravity Raw water main of OD 225 HDPE 13.8km long
 - Construction of 7,500m³/day conventional water treatment plant, including pumping and electromechanical works
 - Construction of treated water rising main of OD280 HDPE 7.1km Long
 - Construction of treated water gravity transmission main of OD280 to OD160 HDPE 16km Long
 - Construction of treated water gravity distribution mains of OD225 to OD110 HDPE 34.6km Long
 - Construction of a total 300m³ and 500m³ reinforced concrete tanks at Namba Yatoi, Tenden, Kipkamen, Benon and Kamendi Centers.
 - Tendering will be conducted under open National Competitive Bidding method using a standardized tender document and is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers registered in at least Category NCA 3 for Water Works by the National Construction Authority. Qualified and interested Tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents during office hours (08:00 to 17:00 hours), except during lunch break starting 13:00 to 14:00 Hours East African Time at the address given below.
 - Complete sets of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of KES. 1,000.00. The method of payment will be cash deposit into the Agency's Revenue Account at Kenya Commercial Bank, Kakamega Branch Account No.1103686909) or by banker's cheque from a reputable bank in Kenya. Bidders will be issued with a receipt on submission of bank deposit slips. The bidding documents will be collected from the address below upon production of a purchase receipt.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the Agency's website <https://lvnwwda.go.ke> or the Public Procurement Information Portal website www.tenders.go.ke.
- Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to : procurement@lvnwwda.go.ke or info@lvnwwda.go.ke to facilitate any further clarifications or addenda and for record purposes.
 - All Tenders must be accompanied by bid security as specified in the table above from a reputable bank approved by the Central Bank of Kenya. The tender security shall be as prescribed in the bidding document and valid for 150 days from the tender submission deadline.
 - Tenderers shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
 - MANDATORY** site visits and pretender meetings shall take place as specified above. Interested bidders are required to send one competent and officially authorized representative per firm for each tender.
 - Completed tenders should be deposited in the tender box at the Agency's procurement offices in Kakamega, delivered to the address below on, or before the dates stated above. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
 - Tenders shall be opened immediately after the date and time specified above or any date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
 - NOTE** that Opening of tenders will be in line with the PPRA Guidelines as stipulated in Circular No.02/2020 which can be accessed from their website www.ppra.go.ke
 - Late tenders will be rejected.
 - The address referred to above for inspection, submission and opening of tenders and obtaining further information is:

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National Transport and Safety Authority

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

REVALIDATION OF VARIOUS OPERATOR LICENCES

Pursuant to Section 23(1) and 24(c) of the Traffic Act Cap 403, the National Transport and Safety Authority is mandated to licence and regulate motor vehicle and motorcycle dealers.

Through this Public Notice, the Authority informs all tow truck owners, motor vehicle dealers (new and second hand) and repairers of motor vehicles of a Multi-Agency licence revalidation exercise scheduled from 11th to 22nd November 2024.

All operators are therefore directed to complete and submit an online licence revalidation form available on the NTSA Website (www.ntsago.ke) on or before **Wednesday 6th November 2024**. As part of exercise, the Multi-Agency team will conduct physical inspection of the operators premises to verify the information submitted through the online revalidation form.

The accuracy of the information provided will be of utmost importance to avoid any inconveniences.

For enquiries and details on the revalidation exercise, visit the nearest NTSA office or NTSA Huduma Centre Help Desk.

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THE NEXUS BETWEEN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT, PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

1. Background

In Kenya, Performance Management in public institutions can be traced back to the 90s through introduction of reforms in the public sector under the Structural Adjustment Programmes. However, it's not until 2004 when Performance Management was institutionalized in the Public Service through the Economic Recovery Strategy for Wealth and Employment Creation (ERSWEC 2003-2007) blueprint. The ERS, as the blue print was popularly known, required among others, placement of managers of public institutions on Performance Contracts, Kenya's flagship tool of Performance Management.

The objective of the public sector reforms is to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery within the public sector. These reforms are aimed at improving performance in the public sector and ultimately service delivery to the citizens. These reforms include Strategic Planning, Annual Work Planning, Performance Contracting, Staff Performance Appraisal System (SPAS), Rapid Results Initiatives (RRIs), Program-based Budgeting, Citizens' Service Delivery Charters, Public Service Day, Service Delivery Innovations, Performance-Based Rewards and Sanctions and Business Process Re-engineering, among others.

Introduction of these reform initiatives contributed to robust economic growth, which increased from a mere 0.6% in 2002 to 7.1% in 2007. Although real GDP growth declined from 2008 affected by the prevailing political as well as socio-economic and global factors, it still averaged at approximately 5.6% in 2023. It has therefore become evident that efficiency and effectiveness in the Public Service, supported by a robust Performance Management framework has had a significant positive impact not only on improved service delivery but also on the performance of the economy.

2. Performance Management

Performance management (PM) is the systematic process by which an agency involves its employees, as individuals and members of a group, in improving organizational effectiveness in the accomplishment of its mandate. The rationale for Performance Management is to provide a framework which links national development planning, the budgeting process and delivery of targeted results in order to ensure maximum benefit from the use of national resources. It enhances the capacity of the public service to deliver services



By Eliud Owalo FIHRM FESK EGH

more efficiently and effectively, measure the institutional and employee performance, and ultimately the achievement of targeted results by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

3. Performance Contracting

Performance Contracting is the flagship Performance Management tool which the Government of Kenya adopted since 2004. Its institutionalization in MDAs is predicated on the need to ensure accountability for results and transparency in the management of public resources. Performance Contracting is undertaken annually, in tandem with the Government's Financial Year. The annual undertaking comprises the following key milestones which take place chronologically during a contract period: Review of Performance Contracting Guidelines; Identification of Performance Targets; Negotiation of Performance Contracts (PCs); Vetting (Quality Assurance) of PCs; Signing of PCs; Implementations of PCs; Submission of Quarterly and Annual Performance Reports; Mid-Year Performance Assessment; Annual Performance Evaluation, Moderation and Ranking of Performance of Previous FY; Release of Performance Evaluation Results; and Deployment of Performance Rewards and Sanctions.

The indicators and targets in Performance Contracts are informed by the priorities of Government as stipulated in national planning instruments such as

the Kenya Vision 2030, the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2023-2027, the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), organizational Strategic Plans, Annual Work Plans, Sector Performance Standards and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs), among others. The annual Contracts are cascaded to all Departments, Sections, and ultimately to all cadres of employees in MDAs in order to entrench accountability for results and a performance-oriented culture in the public service.

4. Performance Evaluation

Performance evaluation is a process which involves a systematic approach to assess the performance of an institution or individual employee against a set of performance standards and targets. Upon the vetting and signing of annual Performance Contracts, MDAs are required to implement the same. Assessment of the progress in achieving the performance targets is monitored through Quarterly Performance Reports which are prepared by MDAs. Analysis of these reports is carried out through the online Government Performance Contracting Information System (GPCIS). Feedback is then provided to MDAs in order to inform the implementation process. Performance monitoring for Ministries is undertaken by the Public Service Performance Management Unit (PSPMU) in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management, while monitoring of performance contracts for state corporations and tertiary institutions is carried out by the Inspectorate of State Corporations and the Ministry of Education respectively.

At the end of every Financial Year, all MDAs undertake a self-evaluation of their performance for each performance indicator against the set performance targets. After this, the Public Service Performance Management Unit (PSPMU) undertakes moderation of the results for all institutions placed on Performance Contracts and prepares the Annual Performance Evaluation Report which is released formally by H.E. the President. In undertaking the moderation, PSPMU verifies correctness of the reported achievements by the MDAs through formal reports and in some instances, physical verification.

5. The Nexus between Performance Management, Performance Contracting and Performance Evaluation

A successful Government Performance Management framework is anchored on appropriate Performance Measurement System and Performance Measurement Methodology. On its part, a standard Performance Contracting framework comprises three key systems namely Performance Information System, Performance Evaluation System and Performance Incentives/ Sanctions System.

Performance Management is the broad strategic framework for the management of public resources in a dynamic and diverse public sector environment. Performance Management involves the alignment of human resource management practices with the goals of the organization to ensure that the performance and development of employees are both enhanced. The goal is to maximize organizational performance through a process of continuous improvement, which entails conducting performance reviews that focus on the future rather than the past.

Performance Contracting on the other hand, is a specific tool which translates the broad strategic goals of an organization into measurable performance indicators and commensurate targets for a specific period of time, often within a Financial Year. Performance Evaluation then is the tool used to confirm whether Performance Management and by extension Performance Contracting is achieving the intended results, in the short, medium and long term. It is undertaken to assess the extent of achievement of the set (and agreed upon) performance targets. Performance evaluation therefore is an integral part of both Performance Management and Performance Contracting.

From the foregoing, it is clear that a successful Performance Management regime cannot thrive in the absence of an objective implementation tool and an assessment framework. Therefore, Performance Contracts are used to implement the Performance Management framework while Performance Evaluation provides feedback on their effectiveness. The three are inter-connected and cannot therefore be implemented in isolation.

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SERIES 3: PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS OF FOUR ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES

MINISTRY OF GENDER, CULTURE, THE ARTS AND HERITAGE

ACHIEVEMENTS

Sanitary Towels Distributed in Public Schools

18.3 million sanitary towels were distributed to school going girls in all public schools.

2.29 million girls benefitted from this programme with 23,492 public schools covered.

Grant Support

KShs 2.4 billion in loans was disbursed to Women Groups in 2024 through Women Enterprise Fund (WEF), a 34% increase from KShs 1.795 billion in 2022.

KShs 2.554 billion was disbursed to women's groups for Socio-Economic Empowerment through National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) representing a 47% increase in 2024 from KShs 1.74 billion in 2022.

KShs 1.263 billion was disbursed to women's groups for Value Addition through NGAAF in 2024, a 16.4% increase from KShs 1.085 billion in 2022.

Bursaries, Scholarships and Grants

50,342 students received bursaries and scholarships through NGAAF in 2024 indicating a 6.8% increase in the number of student beneficiaries from 47,158 in 2022.

Number of women trained on entrepreneurship/financial literacy through WEF increased to 125,555 in 2024 up from 124,383 in 2022.

Reduction In Prevalence of

Gender-based Violence

Trained 175 Police Officers deployed at gender desks in police stations to enhance their capacity in handling GBV cases to ensure survivors get justice.

Accelerated the elimination of GBV, FGM and other harmful practices by implementing Generation Equality Forum commitments in 15 counties.

Reduction in Prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation

Empowered 13,000 survivors of FGM by building their capacity on financial literacy, access to affirmative action funds.

Created awareness on FGM by sensitizing 21,000 resource persons to influence elimination of FGM in the communities

Operationalized Anti-FGM steering committees in 22 hotspot counties and 44 sub-counties.

Supported cultural elders to denounce and make declarations against FGM and promoted cultural shifts away from FGM in five counties of Bungoma, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Migori, Meru and Laikipia.

COMMITMENTS

1. Reduce Gender Based Violence, FGM and other harmful cultural practices by instituting policy, legal and institutional framework by:

- Finalizing the Review of the National Policy on Prevention and Response to GBV
- Developing the Legal Framework on Gender Based Violence



AT A GLANCE

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- Protection Centres
- Developing the Multi-Sectoral County Action Plans for the Elimination of GBV and FGM
- Developing the Framework for Regulating Operations of GBV Toll Free Helplines

- Developing Kenya National Action Plan III (2025-2029)

2. Social economic empowerment by:

- Reviewing the Women Economic Empowerment Strategy (2020-2025)
- Finalizing the National Care Policy
- Finalizing the National Policy on Women Economic Empowerment

3. Promotion and preservation of creative arts, culture and heritage by:

- Promoting 400 youth in music and dance
- Supporting 400 musicians to produce their music at Permanent Presidential Music Commission Studio
- Holding the National Symposium of Kenyan Music

4. Management of archival records by:

- Acquiring and preserving 7,000 archival records
- Providing researchers with access to 9,000 archival records
- Digitisation 55,000 records on Microfilm

5. Promotion of development of competitive products by women and girls across the country by:

- Launching of the Ushanga Value-Added Products Garissa, Elgeyo Marakwet and Laikipia Counties
- Linking 1,000 women and girls in beadwork to global markets of Ushanga products
- Undertaking Round Table Forum with stakeholders in the 10 Counties implementing the Ushanga Kenya Initiative

MINISTRY OF ICT AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

COMMITMENTS

1. Development of Digital Hubs to support digital work programmes which focus on training youths by:

- Establish 100 Digital Hubs through Konza Technopolis
- Supervise (monitor progress, identification and approval of sites) development of additional 100 digital Hubs in partnership with the National Assembly.
- Partnering with the Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development on the establishment of Huduma-Jitume in Huduma Centres (Huduma-Jitume)

2. Create employment through promotion of local digital content

- Operationalize digital hubs (develop enrollment criteria, enroll, develop curriculum, identify trainers) in collaboration with the private sector
- Train 200,000 youth on digital work

- Create 10,000 Digital Jobs
- Establish a Regional Competence Center for digital skilling

3. Facilitate digital inclusivity through expansion of the ICT and Telecommunications Infrastructure

- Process and approve the hosting of at least five (5) MDACs ICT Applications and Systems to Konza Data Centre
- Undertake quarterly inspection of the implementation of 2,500km of optic fiber cable
- Install and commission network infrastructure for 120 last mile sites
- Develop high-level and low-level designs for 240 last mile sites for public institutions (MDAs, Hospitals, Schools and Digital Hubs) at the Sub-County level

4. Digitization and Automation of Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and Counties (MDACs) on the deployment of ICT infrastructure and systems



- for provision of 80% of Citizen facing Government Services Online
- Develop systems for Whole of Government Migration to Paperless Government Services through:
- Implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP),

- National Integrated Unified Communication System (NIUCS) and
- Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS)
- Promote the development of ICT and mass media skills

- Produce and Disseminate 25,000 news items to the public
- Produce and upload 24 monthly online editions of "Mawasiliano" Bulletin and County Focus on the Kenya News Agency (KNA) website



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ACHIEVEMENTS

ENERGY

Increased Power Generation

- Increased Power Generation by 5.44% from 3,076 Megawatts in 2022 to 3,243 Megawatts in 2024

Increased Power Transmission

- Increased power transmission lines by 22% from 7,846 Kilometers in 2022 to 9,577 Kilometers in 2024
- Increased power distribution lines by 3.2% from 82,210 Kilometers in 2022 to 84,853 Kilometers in 2024

Increased Customer Connectivity

- Number of KPLC customers increased by 8.7% from 8,919,584 in 2022 to 9,693,954 in 2024

PETROLEUM

Enhanced Capacity

- Reduced demurrage cost from 2,227,411.7 Dollars in 2022 to 496,382.5 Dollars in 2024
- Increased Incremental flow rate for Kenya Petroleum Corporation per hour in Line 5 by 37% from 950 M3/Hours in 2022 to 1,300 M3/Hours in 2024

COMMITMENTS

- Strengthen the Policy, Legal and Institutional framework for energy development and accelerate the speed of completion of projects
 - Review the National Energy Policy 2018
- Enhance energy generation mix that is clean, sustainable, affordable, competitive, reliable and secure
 - Four (4) Institutional Biogas plants constructed
 - 207 Domestic Biogas plants constructed
 - 45 Domestic Biogas Plants commenced during the FY 2022/23 completed
 - Conduct geotechnical studies of geothermal fields
- Increase customer connection in support of universal access to

electricity

- Technical validation of Electricity Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Projects under implementation undertaken
- Power Generation and Transmission Masterplan (2025-2045) developed
- Cabinet Memo on Ownership of Last Mile Connectivity Project Assets developed and submitted to Cabinet for approval

4. Improve reliability and quality of electricity supply to enhance customer satisfaction and sales revenue growth facilitative of the country's prosperity trajectory

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5. Enhance exploration and investment in petroleum blocks for development of petroleum resources

- Promote petroleum potential through the EAPCE '25
- Reconstitute and publish Petroleum Exploration Block Map

6. Ensure security of supply and distribution of competitively priced petroleum products, and promote use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in households and public learning institutions

- New Infrastructure for Clean Cooking Gas in 40 Public Learning Institutions developed
- Completion of development of LPG infrastructure in the pilot 20 Public Learning Institutions
- NOCK to distribute 60,000 6 Kg cylinders and associated accessories to households

Key Achievements Aligned with the BETA Agenda

THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

1. Accelerated Economic Growth

- Economy grew by 5.6% in 2023 up from 4.9% in 2022, and 5.0% in Q1 of 2024 a demonstration of resilience.
- Growth momentum is expected to continue in 2024 mainly supported by (i) Robust services sector and recovery of industry; and (ii) strong agricultural productivity aided by Government policy interventions, adequate rainfall and improvement in global commodity prices.

2. Enabled Price Stability by:

- Implementing a tight monetary policy stance that supported the easing in inflation. This has eased food and energy prices.
- Stabilising the exchange rate at Ksh. 129.3 in August 2024 from Ksh 160.8 in January 2024
- Inflation eased by 5.6% from a high of 9.2% in September 2022 to 3.6% as of September 2024, which is below the 5.0% midpoint of the Government target range.
- Eased monetary policy via the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) by lowering the Central Bank Rate (CBR) from 13% in 2022 to 12.00 % as of October 2024

3. Enhanced Revenue collection & lowered fiscal deficit by:

- Increasing revenue collected by 22.7% from 2.2 trillion in June 2022 to 2.7 trillion in June 2024.
- Ensuring a 1. % Reduction in Fiscal deficit (including grants) from 6.2% of GDP in 2022 to 5.2% of GDP in 2024.

4. Stability, efficiency, and growth in financial markets:

- Implemented a modern Central Securities Depository (CSD) system (DhowCSD).
- The efficiency introduced by the DhowCSD has led to an increase in the investor base by 112% from 44,844 accounts as at go-live July 31, 2023, to 95,178 accounts as at August 31, 2024.
- The investor categories include retail investors, encompassing both local and diaspora participants, as well as institutional investors, both domestic and international

5. Instituted a Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs:

- Increased lending to MSMEs by 61.5% from Kshs. 3.9 billion in 2022 to Kshs. 6.3 billion in 2024, recording a KShs. 2.4 billion improvements.
- The number of MSMEs facilitated with Credit Guarantee increased to 4,121 MSMEs as of August distributed across 46 counties and 12 sectors of the economy, compared to 2,190 MSMEs as of September 2022 demonstrating a higher apppe-



tite by banks to lend to viable MSMEs.

- 20% of the Credit was advanced to enterprises owned by women, youth and Persons with Disability.

Mandera County has not benefited from the guarantee due to poor distribution of Financial Intermediaries (FIs) in the County. The Scheme Leverages private sector funds through Financial Intermediaries.

6. Increased Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) by:

- Increasing the value of cumulative PPPs by 3.3% from Kshs. 136.2 billion in 2022 to 140.7 billion in 2024.
- Increasing the total number of PPPs in implementation by 250% from two (2) PPPs in 2022 to five (7) PPPs in 2024. The five projects are (i) Road Annuity Programme Lot 15; (ii) Road Annuity Programme Lot 18; (iii) 35 Megawatt Sosian Menengai Geothermal Power Plant, (iv) 35-Megawatt Quantum Menengai Geothermal Power Plant and (v) Kenya Defence Forces Residential Accommodation.

7. Financing Locally-led Climate Action Program to Deliver locally-led climate resilience actions and strengthen country and national governments' capacity to manage climate risks.

- The target was to reach 210 Rural Wards benefitting from Program-funded functioning resilience investments in the agriculture, environment, water, and other prioritized sectors.
- The program reached 699 rural wards as of August 2024 against a target of 210. The Impact of Climate Change on Poverty Reduction and Shared Growth was Mitigated by this intervention

8. Supported Implementation of the Fourth Medium Term (MTP IV) Plan by:

- Formulating priority policies, programmes and projects for implementation during the

five-year medium-term period - Launch & dissemination of MTP IV (MTP IV - aligned to Five (5) BETA sectors and 10 value chains - launched by H.E. the President on 21st March 2024; and later disseminated to 46 counties)

- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting on implementation of MTP IV through the release of the National Indicator Handbook for MTP IV that includes key performance indicators for the priority value chains.

KEY COMMITMENTS ALIGNED WITH THE BETA AGENDA:

1. Enhance resource mobilisation, financial sector strength and fiscal discipline by:-

- Promoting the MSME Sector by: Supporting access to finance by smallholder farmers and agribusiness MSMEs through: -
 - Conducting business development services to 490 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and 17,000 smallholder farmers (30%)

- Disbursement of Kshs. 1.9 billion to Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) for onward lending to PFIs which will then lend to qualified MSMEs (40%).

Strengthening the economic and regulatory environment through:-

- Finalization of development of Credit Guarantee Policy (20%)

- Registration of Kenya Credit Guarantee Company with Registrar of Companies (10%).
- Mobilising external resources amounting to Kshs 355,500 million.
- Mobilising domestic resources amounting to Kshs. 413,200 million.
- Preparing and publishing the FY 2024/25 Annual Borrowing Plan.
- Developing and disseminating the External Resources Handbook for the FY 2024/2025.
- Developing National Climate Fi-



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Key Achievements Aligned with the BETA Agenda

- nance Strategy
- Developing the Green Climate Fund Country Programme
- Facilitating signing of Project Agreements for 5 PPP Projects
- Submitting PFM (Project Facilitation Fund (PFF) Regulations to the Cabinet for approval.
- Mobilising Kshs. 50 billion through PPPs.
- Enhancing National and Sectoral Development Planning by:-
 - a) Developing Draft Economic Planning Policy and Draft Economic Planning Bill
 - b) Developing Draft Framework for Post- 2030 Long-Term Development Plan.

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- Submitting consolidated financial statement for National and



- County Governments to the Auditor General.
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 - a) developing a model on TSA
 - b) taking inventory of all Government bank accounts.
- Undertaking Public Financial Management Reforms through coordinating implementation of PFMR Reforms Strategy 2023 - 2028 at national and county

- levels.
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- Coordinating the implementation of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and PFM (Public Investment Manage-

ment) Regulations by:-

- a) Coordinating activation of Ministerial Monitoring and Evaluation Committees (MMECs)
- b) Publishing the First Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) and
- c) Establishing a National Repository of programmes and projects.

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- Upgrading the e-Citizen Payment Gateway and automated revenue settlement process through the Government Unified Payment Gateway (GUPG)
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5. Integrate Environmental Sustainability and Address Cross-Cutting Social Issues in planning

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- On-boarding digitised citizen-facing services onto the e-citizen platform

State lauds KISIP2s interventions as world marks Habitat Day

BY PETER GITONGA,
(KNA)

Five kilometers East of Lodwar Town, Turkana Central Constituency in Turkana County sits an oasis –the Napuu aquifer.

Studies have shown that Napuu and another aquifer in Lotikipi have a potential of over 230 billion cubic meters of water which can adequately satisfy water needs in the area.

Since Turkana County experiences extremely high temperatures and low rainfall throughout the year, this favours little crop farming, making the region food insecure.

In 2016, KVDA pioneered desert reclamation at Napuu by establishing a 150-acre thriving farm thanks to four boreholes at Napuu aquifer which irrigate the farm through a center pivot technology.

This was part of the wider government efforts to put one million acres of land under irrigation and create alternative sources of livelihood as it aims to increase food production and contribute to the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The farm acts as a



KVDA MD Sammy Naporos inspecting a sunflower in Napuu farm, Turkana County.
Photo Caption By Kibor

demonstration plot to encourage locals to embrace crop farming through capacity building and it also acts as farmland for the locals for food security and sustainable livelihoods in the area.

KVDA Managing Director Sammy Naporos said to operationalize the project, the Authority installed a 250kW solar grid

at Napuu II farm to ensure its sustainability and run the centre pivot irrigation system.

“The overall goal of the irrigation scheme is to demonstrate that no one should die from hunger in Turkana because there is huge agricultural potential for food security. The project is also aimed at boosting the socio-eco-

nomic well-being of the local community,” he stated.

He said there is great potential in using solar-powered aquifer water for irrigation under center pivot technology.

“The project has mitigated food insecurity, alleviated poverty, mitigated climate change and provided employment

for youth and women. The local community also enjoys water supply for human and livestock consumption,” the MD said.

The farm is lush with maize, sorghum, green grams, cowpeas, vegetables, watermelons and we have introduced fodder grass for livestock which are harvested for subsistence and the surplus is sold in Lodwar, Kakuma, Lokichar, Kitale, Eldoret and even in Nairobi.

Last season the farm yielded 3,000 tons of an array of crops valued at Sh60 million with more than 4,800 people benefiting from the farm directly.

“The project is practicable and sustainable as it relies on renewable green solar energy for pumping and running the entire centre pivot system. The project has an excellent return on investment especially if high valued crops are grown,” Mr Naporos said.

The MD said they have introduced horticulture farming including the cultivation of mangoes and pawpaws.

“We have also built the capacity of the youth and women to be engaged

in gainful employment through agro-based incomes because of dry land agricultural activities and trained 1,500 smallholder farmers on modern farming methods,” Mr Naporos said.

Ms Paulina Abon’g, the farm’s chairlady, said the project initiated in 2016 has changed the locals’ mindset from being traditional pastoralist to agro-pastoralists.

“The locals’ mindset is now changing, and it is encouraging to see them practice crop farming. To some extent the hunger pangs that characterize the region have been mitigated in some way and if such projects could be replicated across the county, we would be food sufficient.”

Peter Ejore, one of the locals of Napuu village, said the irrigation scheme has the potential to feed all residents in Turkana if it is expanded.

“We have been trained well by KVDA on how to plant and harvest crops. The farm should be utilized properly and expanded to allow more locals practice crop farming to fight hunger, poverty and climate change,” observed Ejore.

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The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery led by Eliud Owalo during a Performance Contracting exercise with officials from the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy led by CS Margaret Ndung'u and ICT PS Eng. John Tanui.

PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING

State pushes to attain Bottom-up Agenda as Ministers set targets

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TANA RIVER COUNTY

315,943

Population of Tana River County



Kenya honours young environmentalists at first Mazingira Day celebrations

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The Ngong wind power station. The Energy and Petroleum ministry has committed to increase customer connection in support of universal access to electricity and distribute 60,000 6kg cylinders households.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Government distributes **8.6 MILLION BAGS OF FERTILISER** to farmers across the country boosting crop production.
- State distributes **SH54.9 BILLION** to **22 MILLION INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS** of the Hustler Fund.
- Government is in the process of constructing **19 VALUE ADDITION CENTRES** across the country whose main objective is to grow manufacturing and investments through agro-industries.
- Some **103,000 NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS** completed and launched or under construction in **40 COUNTIES**.
- **Diaspora remittance collection** grew from **SH400 BILLION IN 2022** to **SH607 BILLION IN 2024**.
- **Paddy rice production** increased to **229,064 TONNES IN 2024** from **192,299 tonnes in 2022**.
- Some **9,188 YOUTH TRAINED** for online jobs from **752** in 2022.
- The number of **HUDUMA CENTRES** increase to **57 IN 2024** from **52 IN 2022**.
- Kenya selected to **HOST AFCON IN 2027** alongside Uganda and Tanzania. This includes hosting the Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) in 2025.

The PC review is also emphasising inclusivity in procurement through implementation of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, which mandates that marginalised groups, including Youth, Women, and Persons with Disabilities, gain better access to government contracts, thereby creating job opportunities and stimulating local economies.

The Performance Management Unit in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management plays a vital role in overseeing and adapting these PC indicators, ensuring that the Government's commitment to efficiency and accountability evolves to meet the needs of its citizens.

PC is a cornerstone for enhancing financial accountability and resource management, monitored through six key indicators: Absorption of Allocated Funds, Absorption of Externally Mobilised Funds, Appropriation-in-Aid (A-in-A), Pending Bills Ratio, Project Completion Rate and Revenue Collection.

Under this system, MDAs are required to fully utilise 100 per cent of their allocated funds, whether sourced from Government budgets or generated internally, on programmes and projects approved by Parliament.

This approach aims to create a strong link between planning, budgeting and performance. If an MDA fails to effectively use its allocated funds, it must provide an explanation and demonstrate how it will improve in the next financial year.

Those that do not meet expectations risk losing their unspent funds, which can be redirected to more pressing needs.

Transparency is key, as MDAs are required to disclose all sources of external funding to ensure efficient management and accountability.

The Government introduced PC in 2003 by setting up a Performance Contract Steering Committee in August, and by issuing Legal Notice No. 93, the State Corporations (Performance Contracting) Regulations (2004).

The exercise, which is in its 21st Cycle, entails review of PC guidelines, identification of performance targets, pre-negotiations, consultations, hearings, negotiations of performance targets, vetting of Performance Contracts, signing of Performance Contracts, implementation and execution of the contracts and monitoring and reporting mid-year at the end of the financial year, according to the Ministry of Public Service, Performance and Delivery Management.

PC helps to improve public service delivery in the Public Service by ensuring that top-level managers are accountable for their performance and those below them perform.

For the local mwananchi, besides accessing timely public services, PC helps in timely payments to businesses, completed projects that improve infrastructure, and better-funded public services, all of which contribute to a better quality of life.

As the Government continues on this transformative path, PC stands out as a beacon of hope for a more equitable and prosperous future, where public resources are managed with precision and purpose. ■

GOVERNMENT DELIVERY

Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff validates milestones and targets for 17 Ministries

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"Our goal is to ensure the Government development agenda anchored on BETA is achieved. Ministries are setting their targets for this fiscal year, which we are validating so that later the Cabinet Secretaries will sign the contracts with the President," he said during the validation exercise with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information,

Communications and the Digital Economy.

The ICT Ministry committed to establish 100 digital hubs through Konza Technopolis, train 200,000 youth on digital skills, partner with the Ministry of Public Service to establishment of Huduma-Jitume in Huduma Centres and install 1,000km of optic fibre cable.

Similarly, the Ministry of Gender, Culture, The Arts and Heritage committed to support 400 musicians to produce their music at Permanent Presidential Music Commission Studio, launch of the Ushanga Value-Added Products in Garissa, Elgeyo Marakwet and Laikipia counties while Energy and Petroleum ministry committed to increase customer connection in support of universal access to electricity, distribute 60,000 6kg cylinders and associated accessories to households through National Oil Corporation and strengthen the policy, legal and institutional framework for energy development.

On the other hand, the Ministry of Labour committed to support over 1.6 million people under the Inua Jamii initiative and rehabilitate street families in 12 counties.

The Ministry of Sports committed to identify, nurture and monetise 3,290 talents across sports and creative under the Talanta Hela Initiative, present 35 national teams to participate in various international sports competitions and complete the construction of 10 stadia.

Ms Wanjau said the PC initiative seeks to significantly enhance the lives of ordinary citizens by ensuring that public funds allocated to Ministries are used efficiently and transparently.

"We are reviewing the progress and milestones achieved, focusing on the implementation of Cabinet decisions, the effective use of donor funds, and the roll-out of the E-Citizen platforms by ministries," she said.

TELLING THE STORY

Ministry commits to review Kenya Yearbook legal status

The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy has committed to review the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board Legal Notice to anchor the institution in law to enable it execute its mandate.

The review of the KYEB legal status is one of the Ministry's PC targets this financial year under the policy and legal frameworks indicator.

Other laws and policies the Ministry undertakes to review or develop are the Postal Corporation of Kenya Act, Kenya Broadcasting

Corporation (KBC) Act, National Cloud Policy, National ICT Policy, 2019 and Emerging and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technologies Strategy. Dr Margaret Ndung'u, the ICT Cabinet Secretary, said the Ministry is seeking to create an environment that will enable a competitive and sustainable growth in the ICT, Public Communications and Digital Economy sectors.

"What we have been lacking as a Ministry is a Monitoring and Evaluation Unit. We will set it up so that we get data on our programmes for decision making," Dr Ndung'u said during a meeting with Deputy

Chief of Staff in charge of Performance and Delivery Eliud Owalo to validate the Ministry's performance targets and milestones for this financial year.

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Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lilian Kimeto with the Acting Inspector General of the Inspectorate of State Corporations (ISC), Mr James Mungai Warui, during a meeting in Nairobi where the Ministry of Information, Communications and Digital Economy validated its performance targets.

Huduma Kenya focuses on service excellence as it marks Customer Service Week



Huduma Kenya 2024 Customer Service Week celebrations were officially launched by the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development Justin Muturi, who was accompanied by Principal Secretary Amos Gathecha at the Huduma Centre, GPO Nairobi.

The event themed "Above and Beyond," aligned with Huduma Kenya's Service Calendar theme for the quarter, emphasising the organisation's commitment to customer service excellence.

"As public servants, we must go above and beyond our call of duty in our service delivery to wananchi. Our role is not just to meet expectations but to exceed them, ensuring that

every interaction with our citizens is marked with compassion, courtesy, respect and efficiency," said Mr Muturi.

Huduma Kenya organised various activities across its 57 Huduma Centres and the Huduma Contact and Tele-Counselling Centre to appreciate customers and recognise staff who have performed exceptionally.

These activities aimed to reinforce the Huduma culture and inspire staff to continue delivering above and beyond service. The HCTC is set to handle more citizen queries and provide comprehensive support. Kenyans are encouraged to dial 1919 for information and free counseling services, reducing the need for in-person visits. ■



CS Public Service, Justin Muturi (second right) and PS Amos Gathecha (centre) cut a cake in celebration of Customer Service Week.

ENVIRONMENT

New crop of environmentalists emerge giving boost to climate change fight



Young conservationists are using their skills, including in art and craft, to encourage climate action

As climate change effects that include frequent droughts and heavy rains continue to ravage the country, a crop of young environmentalists is emerging, giving hope that the fight against the phenomenon remains sustainable.

David Jackson, 17, a Form Four student, is among the new crop of young environmentalists who are taking the conservation journey to new heights.

He was among the winners of the inaugural First Lady Mazingira Award (FLAMA), which honoured young individuals contributing to climate action.

Jackson's interest in the environment began when he was in Class Seven in 2018.

Inspired by the changing climate around him, he decided to use his artistic skills to raise awareness about the importance of environmental protection.

One of his artworks, adopted as the official logo for FLAMA, beautifully captures the spirit of climate action and sustainability.

The award was presented to Jackson on Mazingira Day on October 10, 2024, a public holiday dedicated to environmental conservation.



Some 10 other participants were honoured for their efforts in environmental conservation during the awards ceremony at State House Nairobi.

"This award has inspired me to push for climate action even further. Art requires practice, and so does environmental stewardship," said Jackson of the award in which over 1,000 schools participated.

First Lady Rachel Ruto praised the initiative for giving young people the tools to actively protect their surroundings.

"Our youth are key to securing our environmental future," she noted, highlighting the importance of integrating environmental education into Kenya's school system.

And as the environmentalists were awarded in Nairobi, Kenya's marked Madaraka Day

across the country by planting trees.

But Madaraka Day, which is marked every year on October 10, is more than just a day of planting trees; it's a rallying call for every citizen to join the fight against the climate crisis.

This year, the day was marked by clean-up drives and tree-planting campaigns. In Nairobi, Environment Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale led a major clean-up effort at the Nairobi Arboretum, part of the Climate WorX Mtaani initiative.

"Each tree we plant contributes to the health of our environment," Duale said, underscoring the Government's ambitious goal of planting 15 billion trees by 2032.

As Kenya rallies up climate action, the Meteorological Department projects that the

INFOBOX

THE EFFECTS CLIMATE CHANGE

- There is increasing frequency and severity of droughts, particularly in the northern and eastern regions, leading to water scarcity, crop failures, and food insecurity.
- More frequent and intense floods, especially in coastal and highland areas, causing displacement, infrastructure damage, and public health risks.
- Coastal erosion and saltwater intrusion into freshwater sources, threatening coastal communities and ecosystems.
- Shifts in rainfall patterns and rising temperatures affecting crop yields and livestock productivity.
- Loss of biodiversity due to habitat destruction, climate-induced stress, and invasive species.
- Kenya, like many countries in Africa, is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Its diverse ecosystems, ranging from coastal regions to arid highlands, make it susceptible to various climate-related challenges.
- Kenya has made progress in addressing climate change and is committed to building resilience and sustainability.
- By strengthening its adaptation efforts, investing in renewable energy, and promoting sustainable development, Kenya can create a more resilient future for its people and ecosystems.

country would continue to experience climate patterns marked by higher temperatures, erratic rainfall and water scarcity due to climate change.

These adverse weather events would result in socioeconomic impacts such as food insecurity, health risks, displacement of communities, economic disruptions and damage to infrastructure, said the Department in its State of the Climate Kenya report released last Friday.

According to the agency, rainfall distribution is expected to be poor over most parts of the country in the coming months with prolonged dry spells and cases of isolated storms.

The weatherman notes that 2023 was the warmest year on record for Kenya, with the presence of El Niño releasing oceanic heat into the atmosphere, contributing to increased global temperatures "and exacerbating anthropogenic global warming." ■

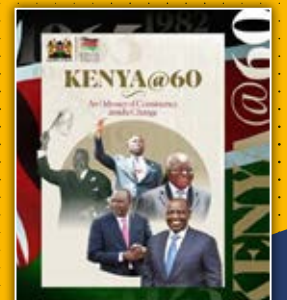
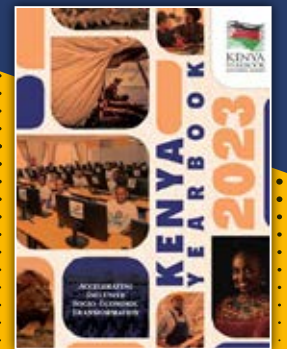


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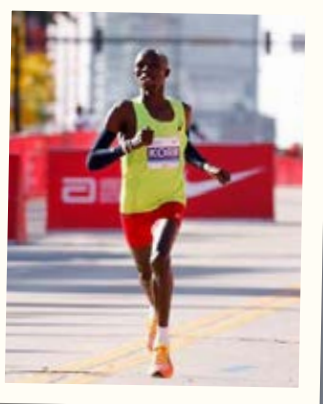
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President William Ruto (front row third left) when he met NBA Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer Mark Tatum (front row second right) at State House Nairobi. He was accompanied by five-time NBA champion Derek Fisher. Also present was Sports CS Kipchumba Murkomen (second right).



Top: Ruth Chepngetich breaks the Chicago Marathon women's record when she clocked 2:09:56 on Sunday. Right: John Korir wins the men's race, his first-ever major achievement.



Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir (left) with Roberto Natali, the Italian Ambassador to Kenya, having a discussion on enhancing the mutual interests and cooperation in the transport sector.



Trade Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya (left) when he met President Paul Kagame of Rwanda (centre) during the Second Edition of AfCFTA Business Forum held in Kigali Rwanda. He represented President William Ruto at the event.



Genome Editing, game changer for healthier and better harvests

BY **WANGARI NDIRANGU,**
(KNA)

Kenya has embraced genome editing (GE) technology to meet the food security needs in the country.

Coupled with climatic changes resulting in low food productivity due to diseases, the new technology which is currently under research will be instrumental in addressing the challenges the country is facing.

According to Kenyan scientists conducting the trials, genome editing can reduce the time of research by two to five years compared to conventional breeding technologies which take up to 10 years.

Genome editing is a modern biotechnology that allows scientists to make precise genetic changes to plants or animals.

Speaking during the opening of genome editing science communication training, Director General Dr. Eliud Kireger said in a region where food security is a constant challenge, technology could be pivotal in ensuring that millions have access to adequate nutrition.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Deputy Director



Mary Sarange from Busia selecting her preferred sorghum varieties during a farmer participatory sorghum variety selection event at KARLO/ CIMMYT Research Fields in Kibos, Kisumu

Dr. Felister Makini, the DG said the training is crucial to sensitize stakeholders to harness the benefits of genome editing and bridge the gap between scientific innovation and public awareness.

Dr. Kireger recognized the collaboration between the and the National Biosafety Authority (NBA), whose commitment to ensuring that genome editing is effectively implemented in Kenya is integral to the success of this program.

Currently the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has approved four genome edited products for research.

Eric Korir, Principal Bi-

osafety Officer at the NBA said the products include gene edited maize which is resistant to Maize Lethal Necrosis Diseases (MLND) that was approved in 2022 for research by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO).

The other product is gene edited nitrogen fixing bacteria (bio fertilizer) used as a seed treatment for cereal crops in 2022 whose bacteria has been edited to enhance its ability to convert nitrogen for the plant and is being done by Agtech Consulting Limited.

The last two gene edited sorghum varieties are, one

which is resistant to striga weed, and another variety resistant to herbicides, that were approved in 2023. The technology is being carried out by researchers from Kenyatta University.

Korir said, "Today, we find ourselves at the intersection of cutting-edge science and the future of sustainable development and therefore genome editing holds the promise of addressing some of Kenya's most pressing challenges, be it in enhancing agricultural productivity, improving health outcomes, or conserving our rich biodiversity".

He added that with the ability to precisely alter genetic material, technology presents opportunities to improve crop resilience to climate change, develop treatments for genetic disorders, and even mitigate the spread of diseases like malaria.

"As the NBA, our mission is to ensure that advances in biotechnology are applied responsibly and safely and therefore this training is part of that larger mission of building our capacity in-country stakeholders to ensure that we can make informed decisions about the use and regulation of genome editing," Korir said.

BRIEFS

NACADA crackdown in Nzoia nets notorious chang'aa brewer

The National Authority for Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) has deployed a multi-pronged strategy to combat the sale and use of drugs and illicit brews in Trans Nzoia. During the exercise, NACADA personnel and national government officials arrested two people with 70 litres of brew. Participating in Kitale ASK in Trans Nzoia County, NACADA did this by undertaking a roadshow and enforcement activities within the county.

The Authority's stand at the show played host to the Trans Nzoia County Commissioner and other dignitaries, symbolizing the premium placed on the campaign against alcohol and drug abuse.

The NACADA enforcement team swung into action following a complaint about a chang'aa manufacturer within Moi's bridge town.

On a different site near Nabiswa Primary School, another two suspects

were arrested with 25 litres of illicit brew.

All culprits were booked at Moi's Bridge Police Station and were processed to be arraigned in Eldoret Law Courts for plea taking.

In the same week, the NACADA enforcement officers led a team drawn from the National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) and the National Police Service to raid a chang'aa manufacturer within Matisi in Trans Nzoia West and arrested a brewer.

They confiscated 185 litres of intoxicating drink and destroyed a whopping 1600 litres of another illicit brew known as Kangara.

A subsequent raid in four homesteads within the area identified as notorious brewing sites found another 1,200 litres of Kangara.

The culprits were booked at Matisi Police Station and arraigned in Kitale law courts.

By MyGov Reporter

50 elephants set for new home in Aberdares by translocation

The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has begun the translocation of elephants from Mwea National Reserve in Embu County to Aberdares National Park. Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary (CS) Rebecca Miano stated that the target is to relocate 50 elephants to decongest the reserve.

While commissioning the exercise, CS Miano noted that the population of the elephants had grown to 156, exceeding the reserve's capacity of about 50. She explained that the overpopulation had overstretched the reserve, leading some elephants to stray into neighboring farms in search of pasture.

"The move has been necessitated by the need to decongest the reserve to address the rising cases of human-wildlife conflict in this area," she said.

Area residents turned out in large numbers to witness the rare spectacle of guiding the elephants from a helicopter into a "wake-up box" for final

transportation to their new home.

At the same time, she reported that plans are underway to compensate victims of human-wildlife conflict. "We are currently collecting data from victims to facilitate compensation as soon as possible," CS Miano said.

Embu County Governor Cecily Mbarire praised the initiative, stating that residents have long suffered from crop destruction and the fear of impending attacks. Mbarire called on the Ministry to assist the county in reviving the sanctuary that has been dormant for decades, despite being home to other wildlife, including giraffes, buffaloes, zebras, and antelopes.

"We would like the reserve to be placed under the management of KWS to help us revive and market it as a preferred tourist destination," she said.

By Samuel Waititu, KNA

Migori launches reusable sanitary towel plant to empower vulnerable school girls

BY **GEOFFREY MAKOKHA,**
KNA

The Migori Woman Representative's office, in partnership with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), has launched a reusable sanitary towel manufacturing plant in Migori town.

Speaking during the launch of the plant, Woman Representative Fatuma Muhammed stated that the goal is to assist vulnerable school-going children in accessing sanitary towels with ease.

She noted that the plant would also produce school uniforms for vulnerable children within the county.

The legislator mentioned that the national government has been running a program to supply sanitary

towels to school-going girls but claimed that, since the 2022 elections, the government has only been able to provide the towels once in her county, as far as she is aware.

Fatuma acknowledged that many vulnerable girls have been suffering in silence due to the lack of this essential item, and she emphasized that the establishment of the reusable manufacturing plant would address this challenge and restore their dignity.

She also disclosed that reusable towels can last up to six years if properly maintained, adding that parents and guardians of vulnerable school-going girls would be able to reduce the costs of buying disposable ones.



Fatuma Muhammed

The manufacturing plant has already employed 60 people, mainly women, disabled individuals, and young people from Migori County, to empower them economically.

Fatuma thanked TIKA for

supporting Migori County to ensure that vulnerable school-going girls are comfortable and able to better their education standards.

TIKA Coordinator Yasmin Cansuz said that the partnership with the Migori Women Representative's office was basically for social protection of the vulnerable school-going girls in terms of their dignity. She noted that the manufacturing plant would help the vulnerable girls pursue their education without worrying about their basic needs of sanitary towels and uniforms.

She disclosed that the agency has done more than 200 projects across the country to empower rural communities for social and economic development and promote decent living.