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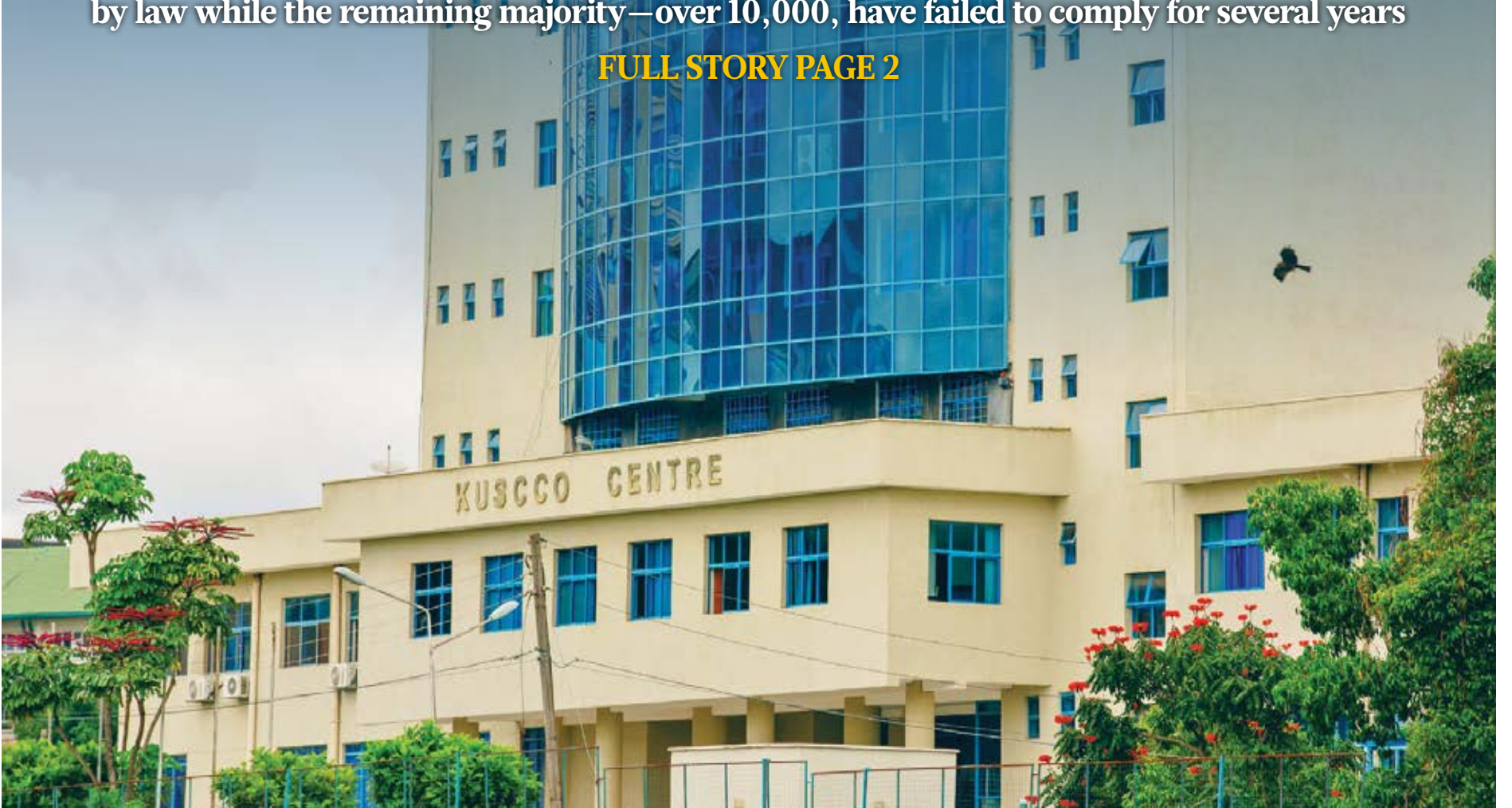
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## Non-compliant saccoes face licence revocation

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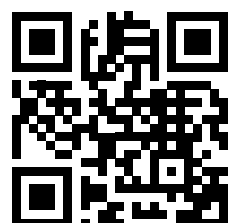
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# Thousands of saccos risk deregistration

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

The Government has issued a stern warning to thousands of Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (Saccos) that have failed to comply with basic accountability requirements, threatening to revoke their licences in what marks a bold reform drive in the sector's history.

Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Development, Wycliffe Oparanya, said that of the 13,000 registered Saccos in Kenya, only 2,700 consistently file annual returns with the Office of the Commissioner for Co-operatives as required by law.

The remaining majority—over 10,000, have failed to comply for several years, raising concerns about transparency, governance, and the safety of members' deposits.

"This situation undermines the principles of accountability and risks eroding public confidence in the cooperative movement. Regulations require all registered



(From L-R) Commissioner for Co-operative Development David Obonyo, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Co-operatives and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Development, Wycliffe Oparanya; and Cooperative Alliance of Kenya (CAK) Chief Executive Daniel Marube are speaking to the media on cooperative reforms. Behind the CS is the County Director of Cooperatives for Nairobi County Dolphine Aremo.

Saccos to file returns with the Commissioner for Cooperatives, and failure to do so will no longer be tolerated," Oparanya said.

Speaking at a three-day forum for cooperative leaders on leadership, ethics, and strate-

gic governance, the CS revealed that within 21 days, a gazette notice will be issued requiring all non-compliant Saccos to submit audited accounts and detailed operational reports.

He warned that failure to

comply within the stipulated period will result in immediate revocation of licenses. "We must enforce regulations to the letter to guarantee prudent financial management. Members' savings cannot be left at risk due to neg-

ligence or deliberate disregard of the law," he emphasized.

The crackdown comes after a committee of experts appointed last year to review the Sacco Societies Act revealed that more than 5,000 Saccos remain unregulated, posing systemic risks to Kenya's financial sector. The report highlighted weak governance structures and poor oversight as major challenges undermining the cooperative movement.

Commissioner for Co-operative Development David Obonyo underscored the importance of governance, noting that no institution can withstand poor leadership.

"Many of the challenges facing our cooperative institutions today stem from weak governance. This forum is timely as it equips leaders with tools to strengthen governance and meet the aspirations of members," he said. Obonyo urged swift enactment of the long-delayed Cooperative Bill and Sacco Amendments Act, stressing that reforms must be finalized this year to safeguard the sector. "This must be our collective legacy—ensuring that these long-awaited reforms are realized," he added.

Cooperative Alliance of Kenya (CAK) Chief Executive Daniel Marube echoed the call for accountability, warning that continuous default in filing

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## NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The National Irrigation Authority invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders:

S/ No.	Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Site visit	Tender Submission Deadline	Target Group
1.	NIA/T/004/2025-2026	Rehabilitation works for Majimoto Irrigation Project, Mogotio Constituency, Baringo County	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Chief's Office, Mogotio Centre	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 12.00 noon local time	GENERAL
2.	NIA/T/005/2025-2026	Rehabilitation and Expansion works for Karona Earth Dam Irrigation Development Project, Moiben Constituency, Uasin Gishu County.	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Chief's Office, Kaplolo, Moiben	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 12.00 noon local time	YOUTH
3.	NIA/T/006/2025-2026	Construction works for Cheminya Dam Irrigation Development Project, Keiyo South Constituency, Elgeyo Marakwet County.	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Chief's Office, Kaptarakwa Centre	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 12.00 noon local time	PWD
4.	NIA/T/007/2025-2026	Construction works for Kinyona Karinga Irrigation Development Project, Kigumo Constituency, Murang'a County.	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Chief's Office, Kinyona	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 12.00 noon local time	GENERAL

Detailed tender document that includes mandatory preliminary requirements, technical and financial evaluation criteria may be viewed and obtained by interested and eligible tenderers free of charge from the Authority's website: <http://www.irrigationauthority.go.ke/tenders> or Gok's public procurement information portal <https://tenders.go.ke/> as from 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Tenderers who intend to submit their tenders **MUST** promptly submit their names and contact details to: [purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke](mailto:purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke) or [ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke](mailto:ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke) for communication of any clarification(s) and addendum (s) during the tendering process.

**Physical Address**  
**Chief Executive Officer/CEO**  
**National Irrigation Authority (NIA)**  
**Unyuyizi House,**  
**Lenana Road, Hurlingham, Nairobi, Kenya**  
**Tel: +254-20-2711380/468, Fax: +254-20-2722821/2711347**  
**E-mail: [purchasing@irrigation.or.ke](mailto:purchasing@irrigation.or.ke)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CEO**  
**NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY**



## KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency established under the Statistics Act CAP 112 to collect, compile, analyze, and disseminate socio-economic statistics needed for planning and policy formulation in Kenya. KNBS invites sealed open National tenders as below: -

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM /SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATES	TENDER SECURITY IN KES.	TARGETED GROUPS
1	KNBS/ONT/10/2025-2026	Provision of preventive maintenance of data centre UPS and air conditioning System	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 am	80,000	Open
2	KNBS/ONT/11/2025-2026	Procurement of next generation firewall	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 am	150,000	Open
3	KNBS/ONT/12/2025-2026	Procurement of services for the development and maintenance of the 2024 School Census dashboard	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 am	300,000	Open

Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document free of charge from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) at <https://treasury.go.ke> and/or Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) website; <https://www.knbs.or.ke> under "Tenders" portal. Those who download the document must immediately forward their particulars (i.e. Name & Contacts of Applicant) to email: [procurement@knbs.or.ke](mailto:procurement@knbs.or.ke) for purposes of registration.

Original completed tender document should be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box on 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Real Towers addressed to: -

**Director General**  
**Kenya National Bureau of Statistics**  
**P. O. Box 30266-00100,**  
**NAIROBI.**

**so as to be received on or before 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00am**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the **KNBS Board Room- Real Towers, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

Any canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Late tenders will not be accepted.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL**  
**KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

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returns risks deregistration. He urged boards and management teams to uphold transparency and seek audit services where lacking.

Marube also announced that cooperative leaders have agreed to operationalize the long-awaited Deposit Protection Fund, a legal provision that had remained dormant for years. The fund, to be managed within CIC Insurance Group, will act as an insurance mechanism to protect members' savings in the event of a Sacco collapse.

"While our focus is on preventing failures, we must also safeguard members against unforeseen circumstances. The Deposit Protection Fund will enhance confidence and ensure that members' hard-earned savings are secure," Marube explained.

On broader reforms, Marube revealed that a 15-member committee representing various cooperative subsectors has been appointed to harmonize the Sacco Bill currently before Parliament with stakeholder proposals. "The team will deliver a unified framework to guide the sector for decades," he said.

The government's reform agenda aims to foster growth through regulation and policy formulation, enhance financial inclusion, and strengthen the cooperative movement's role in Kenya.

# Revenue hits Sh2 trillion mark as KRA maintains growth momentum

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) surpassed the Sh2 trillion mark in cumulative revenue collection by the close of the third quarter of the Financial Year (FY) 2025/26, collecting Sh2.038 trillion as of March 31, 2026, against a target of Sh2.122 trillion.

This represents a performance rate of 96.1 per cent and an 11.4 per cent growth compared to the corresponding period in the previous financial year.

Outgoing KRA Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga said that the performance reflects deliberate institutional reforms aimed at simplifying compliance, deepening digital integration, and embedding tax administration more seamlessly within everyday economic activity through data-driven administration.

Wattanga said that the upward trajectory from Sh1.829 trillion collected over the same period in FY 2024/25 signals resilience of the economy and



Outgoing Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga. FILE PHOTO

resilience in revenue mobilization.

"Revenue collection maintained steady quarter-on-quarter growth across all three quarters, indicating improving compliance consistency and gradual strengthening in economic activity. The consistent growth trend reflects the positive impact of ongoing compliance and facilitation interventions," said Wattanga.

The outgoing commissioner

general highlighted that the revenue growth was supported by performance in both domestic taxes and customs where customs and border control remained a key growth driver, surpassing target with a 100.9 per cent performance rate and delivering Sh733.7 billion, reflecting a 13.3 per cent growth compared to Sh647.6 billion collected in the same period of FY 2024/25.

According to Wattanga, domestic taxes remained the largest contributor to revenue performance, yielding Sh1.301 trillion between July 2025 and March 2026, representing 10.4 per cent growth over the same period last year.

"Agency revenue collected on behalf of other government entities amounted to Sh204.452 billion, registering a performance rate of 101.4 per cent against a target of Sh201.705 billion. This represents a growth of 10.7 per cent compared to the Sh184.650 billion realized in the same period of the previous financial year," Wattanga explained.

He added that the exchequer revenue collected on behalf of the National Treasury amounted to Sh1.834 trillion, reflecting a performance rate of 95.5 per cent against a target of Sh1.921 trillion.

This represents a growth of 11.5 per cent compared to the Sh1.644 trillion collected in the same period in the previous financial year. Wattanga explained that the revenue performance was delivered within a still-constrained macro-economic environment marked by subdued household purchasing power, soft consumer demand, elevated business costs, and continued global trade uncertainty.

This resilience demonstrates continued taxpayer responsiveness, expanding compliance interventions, and improving administrative efficiency despite prevailing economic pressures.



## Call for comments and invitation for public participation on the Draft Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (amendment) Bill, 2026.

The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRRA) has developed the draft Kenya Institute For Public Policy Research And Analysis (Amendment) Bill, 2026. The bill seeks to amend the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis Act, 2006 (no. 15 Of 2006) to align the Act with the Constitution and Mwongozo - The Code Of Governance For State Corporations. The proposed amendments will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Board of the Institute in the discharge and exercise of its functions and powers under the Act.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, KIPPRRA is undertaking public consultations on the draft Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (amendment) bill, 2026 and hereby invites members of the public and stakeholders to submit any representations that they may have on the bill.

To ensure proper consideration and allow sufficient time for consultation, written submissions or comments may be submitted by email to [admin@kippra.or.ke](mailto:admin@kippra.or.ke) and addressed to the attention of the Executive Director, Kenya Institute For Public Policy Research And Analysis, to be received by **4th May, 2026 at 5.00pm**, or dropped at the following address:

**Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis**  
2nd Floor, Bishop Garden Towers,  
Bishop Road,  
Nairobi.

**In addition, KIPPRRA will hold public hearings on the Bill in various regions, on dates and venues to be communicated**

**Dr. Eldah N. Onsomu, PHD**  
Executive Director

**Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis**

**Note:** The draft Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (Amendment) Bill, 2026, can be accessed from the KIPPRRA website: <https://kippra.or.ke/>.



## TENDER NOTICE

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

The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible contractors for the following tenders to be funded through the Development Votes. There shall be mandatory pretender site visit as specified in the table below.

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Pre-Tender Site Visit	Tender Closing Date/ Time/Venue
1.	KeNHA/2948/2026	Dualling of Kimwanga – Kimaeti – Malaba Section of A8 Road	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 am at Kimwanga Trading center.	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11:00 AM  Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Airport South Road, along Mazao Road.

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested tenderers from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP): [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) or the office of the KeNHA Officers, Supply Chain Management Department during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000.00** (One thousand shillings only) in form of a banker's cheque payable to Kenya National Highways Authority.

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

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

**Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management**  
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL

## Homa Bay gets boost as Kabunde runway upgraded

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

The renovated 1.3-kilometre runway at Kabunde Airstrip has officially been opened, marking a major step forward in improving air connectivity for Homa Bay and neighbouring counties.

Speaking during the launch, Renegade Air's Sales and Marketing In-charge, Patrick Oketch, called on residents to support the airline's operations to enable an increase in flight frequencies.

Oketch announced that the airline will initially operate a Dash 8-100



Patrick Oketch, the In-charge of Sales and Marketing at Renegade Air and other officials from both Renegade Air and Homa Bay County government speaks to the press during the official opening of the renovated Kabunde airstrip. PHOTO: SITNA OMAR, KNA

aircraft with a capacity of 37 passengers between Kabunde and Wilson Airport three times a week, on Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays, for the first two weeks.

The aircraft is scheduled to depart Wilson Airport at 1:00 p.m. and arrive at Kabunde at 2:15 p.m., before departing Kabunde at 2:45 p.m. and arriving back in Nairobi at 3:30 p.m.

A Thursday flight will be introduced after the initial two weeks.

"We can now operate at full passenger capacity following the extension and elevation of the runway," added Oketch.

Danish Onyango, the County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Transport and Infrastructure, welcomed the return of Renegade Air, noting that the airline had stepped in previously when no other operator was willing to serve the airstrip.

"We are happy to receive them back after months of renovation," he said.

## NYOTA Fund unlocks opportunities for Kirinyaga youth

BY MUTAI KIPNG'ETICH (KNA)

The beneficiaries of the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Fund in Kirinyaga County have reported remarkable progress in their businesses.

They cited increased job creation, improved livelihoods, and expanded market opportunities following the first phase of disbursement.

During a mentorship forum with Susan Mang'eni, Principal Secretary in the State Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development, beneficiaries, alongside their mentors, shared success stories that underscored the fund's transformative potential at the grassroots level.

Mentor Edward Mugo praised the Kirinyaga cohort for their commitment and prudent use of the funds, describing them as a disciplined and forward-thinking group that has maximized the opportunity to improve their economic standing.

"The Kirinyaga team is among the most promising groups we have worked with. They have shown great responsibility in utilizing the funds, and many of them have already established sustainable startup businesses," Mugo said.

He noted that beyond personal gains, several beneficiaries have gone a step further to create employment opportunities within their communities. Mugo cited a notable example of a beneficiary who ventured into a milk distribution business and has since employed five people



1. Principal Secretary, State Department of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development Susan Mang'eni receives woven basket from NYOTA fund beneficiary. BELOW
2. State Department of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development PS Susan Mang'eni addresses media after a NYOTA beneficiaries mentorship session.

to assist in operations. According to Mugo, the visible progress made by the beneficiaries is a strong indicator that the second disbursement will yield even greater impact.

"With what has already been achieved using the initial funding, we are confident that the next phase of support will accelerate growth, expand businesses, and create even more jobs," he added. One of the beneficiaries, Michelle Moraa, who started a crocheting business, shared how the fund has enabled her access to raw materials and expanded the production capacity.

"The money helped me purchase enough raw materials, and since then

I have been able to meet customer demand more effectively. I have even received more orders," said Moraa.

Moraa revealed plans to establish a physical shop in Kutus town once she receives the second disbursement noting that the town presents a strategic business location due to the presence of Kirinyaga University, which offers a ready and dynamic market for her products.

"I believe setting up a shop in Kutus will boost my visibility and sales. The university community provides a strong customer base for creative products like mine," she 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/Contracts.

RFX No.	Contract name and Descriptions	Bid Security (Kshs)	Tender Closing/Opening Date
1000001556	Provision of Software License Subscription Renewal for Integrated Security Engine and Core Switch Smartnets.(Re-Tender)	Required amount in TDS	5.05.2026 @10.00am.
1000001557	Provision of Privileged Access Management, Multifactor Authentication and Annual Maintenance services for Server Room Fire Suppression System. (Re-Tender)	Required amount in TDS	5.05.2026 @10.00am.

1. Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Youth, Women and Persons with Disability owned firms are encouraged to bid.
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](http://www.rerec.co.ke) under **April, 2026** 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>.  
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](http://www.rerec.co.ke) Procurement-Supplier-registration:[https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal\(bD1lbiZjPTUwM CZkPW1pbg==\)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW\\_ANCHOR-ROS\\_TOP](https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal(bD1lbiZjPTUwM CZkPW1pbg==)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP)
4. Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for 147 days from the date of opening of tenders.
5. 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 of the tender document. Original bid security must be submitted in the tender box before closing date and time indicated in the table above.
6. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
7. 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-guide.pdf>
8. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
9. Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website [www.rerec.co.ke](http://www.rerec.co.ke) and Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke> under the specific tender documents.
10. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline 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.
11. Late tenders will be rejected.
12. 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](mailto: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**

**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](mailto:tenders@rerec.co.ke) and [info@rerec.co.ke](mailto:info@rerec.co.ke)

**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**

# Ministry partners with universities to accelerate digital hubs initiative

BY CHARLES MUOKI (KNA)

The Government has intensified its push to expand digital access and skills development across Kenya, leveraging partnerships with local universities as part of the national digital transformation agenda.

Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo inspected the ongoing assembly of 3,000 digital devices at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT).

He emphasized that the collaboration is designed to build local capacity and expertise, ensuring that Kenyans are equipped to thrive in a rapidly evolving digital economy. Kabogo was accompanied by ICT Authority CEO Jessy Maruti and other senior officials.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that increasing the availability



William Kabogo (in brown coat), Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of ICT and the Digital Economy, inspects digital device assembly at JKUAT.

PHOTO: AUSTIN OTIENO

of devices and strengthening infrastructure will help bridge the digital divide, expand access to technology and create new economic opportunities.

In addition to the JKUAT assembly, Moi University is concurrently producing 7,000 devices, expected to be completed within three weeks.

“These devices will be deployed to digital innovation hubs nationwide, accelerating the rollout of infrastructure and services.”

“This initiative complements the government’s ambitious plan to lay 100,000 kilometers of fibre optic cable across the country. Already, more than 20,000 devices have been installed in over 300 operational hubs,” he said.

The long-term target is 1,450 hubs, according to the CS is ensuring that every ward has at least one facility to support digital access, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

He noted that implementation is being carried out in collaboration with Members of the National Assembly through the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), which is financing the construction of hub facilities.

Kabogo stressed that the partnership enhances local ownership

and guarantees sustainability of the programme.

Earlier in the week, the Cabinet Secretary appeared before a joint sitting of the National Assembly Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation, chaired by John Kiarie, and the NG-CDF Committee, chaired by Musa Sirma, to present progress on the Digital Hubs Project.

He outlined milestones achieved, challenges encountered, and measures being taken to streamline coordination among implementing agencies to fast-track delivery.

Currently, more than 300 hubs are operational, with a time-bound plan to equip and staff 101 completed hubs within two months. Additionally, 199 hubs are under construction across 22 constituencies, to be equipped on a first-completed, first-equipped basis.



## CANCELLATION OF NATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

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

CA invites tenders from interested and competent firms to tender for the following;

No.	Tender Reference	Description of tender	Pre-Bidders Conference/ Closing date and time	Eligibility
1.	CA/SCM/OT/18/2025-2026	Open National Tender for provision of Cellular Mobile Network Infrastructure and Services in the Unserved and Underserved Areas of Kenya- Phase IVB	<b>Online Pre-Bidders Conference:</b> Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10.00 am to 11.30 a.m East African Time <b>Closing Date:</b> Wednesday May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 at 10:30hrs East African Time	Open to all

The tender documents can be accessed and downloaded from the Public Procurement Information Portal <http://www.tenders.go.ke> and the Authority’s website: <http://ca.go.ke/about-us/do-business-with-s/open-tenders/> free of charge.

Further, firms who download the tender documents must arrange to forward their particulars/ contacts to the Head of Procurement, Communications Authority of Kenya, through the email address [tenders@ca.go.ke](mailto:tenders@ca.go.ke) before the closing date for records and for purposes of receiving clarifications and or addendums, if any. Any addendum, which will be issued, will be uploaded in the CA Website

Eligible bidders may also inspect and obtain detailed hard copy of the tender documents from the Supply Chain Management Department 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Wing A at CA Centre along Waiyaki Way, Nairobi, between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays at a non-refundable fee of Kshs 1,000.00

Prices quoted should be inclusive of all taxes and **MUST** be expressed in Kenya shillings. Duly completed tender documents should be enclosed in a plain, sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender name and reference number should be deposited in the tender box on the ground floor of the CA Centre, so as to reach on or before the indicated tender closing dates East African Time.

**Director General/CEO**  
**Communications Authority of Kenya (CA)**  
P.O. Box 14448, Nairobi 00800  
Tel: +254 (020) 4242000/  
Website: [www.ca.go.ke](http://www.ca.go.ke)

Website: [www.ca.go.ke](http://www.ca.go.ke)

Bids shall be opened immediately thereafter at CA Centre ground floor, Atrium in the presence of the bidders’ representative(s) who choose to attend.

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## PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (PSASB)

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under the Ministry of National Treasury and Economic Planning, established by the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act No.18 of 2012. The Board is mandated to provide frameworks and set standards for the development and management of accounting, financial, and internal audit systems for all state organs and public entities.

To enhance institutional capacity to deliver on its mandate, the Board is seeking to recruit qualified and competent individuals to fill the following vacant positions:

S/ No.	Job Ref. No.	Designation	Job Grade	No. of Posts
1.	PSASB/1/2026	Director Accounting Standards	ASB 2	1
2.	PSASB/2/2026	Deputy Director Human Resource and Administration	ASB 3	1
3.	PSASB/3/2026	Assistant Director Internal Audit	ASB 4	1
4.	PSASB/4/2026	Assistant Director Accounting Standards	ASB 4	1
5.	PSASB/5/2026	Assistant Director Internal Audit Standards	ASB 4	1
6.	PSASB/6/2026	Principal Internal Audit Standards Officer	ASB 5	2
7.	PSASB/7/2026	Principal Accounting Standards Officer	ASB 5	4
8.	PSASB/8/2026	Principal Office Administrator	ASB 5	1
9.	PSASB/9/2026	Driver I	ASB 9	1
<b>Total vacancies</b>				<b>13</b>

#### HOW TO APPLY

Detailed job descriptions and specifications for the above positions are available at [www.pasb.go.ke](http://www.pasb.go.ke) under careers.

Qualified and interested applicants who meet the specified criteria should submit their job applications, through our recruitment portal at [jobs.pasb.go.ke](http://jobs.pasb.go.ke)

All applications should be received on or before **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 5.00 pm**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- PSASB is an equal opportunity employer and **DOES NOT** charge any fee at any stage in the recruitment process.
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**PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD**



# Kirinyaga County rolls out digital livestock registration, vaccination



County Veterinary Officers capturing biometric data of a cow using muzzle identification as part of the digital registration exercise in Kirinyaga, Central Kenya.

BY DAVID WANDETO  
(KNA)

The Kirinyaga County Government has stepped up efforts to modernize livestock management through a digital registration exercise using muzzle identification, alongside a mass vaccination campaign against foot and mouth disease (FMD) targeting more than 80,000 cattle.

The initiative, led by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary and Fisheries, aims to establish a reliable and tamper-proof livestock database to enhance animal tracking, planning, and delivery of veterinary services. It also seeks to strengthen disease surveillance and response systems.

The digital registration exercise has already covered over 11,000 cattle, with veterinary teams deployed across villages providing door-to-door services to farmers. The integration of vaccination with registration is expected to establish a robust foundation for data-driven livestock management and improve productivity in the dairy sector.

Under the new system, each animal is identified using its unique muzzle pattern, comparable to human fingerprints. The technology offers a highly accurate and secure method of identification, overcoming long-standing challenges associated with conventional methods such as ear tagging, branding, collars, and visual identification, which are prone to tampering, loss, or duplication. Governor Anne Waiguru said the ini-

tiative is part of the county government's broader strategy to transform the dairy sector into a key driver of economic growth and household income improvement.

"The county has been implementing targeted interventions to enhance dairy productivity, including providing Artificial Insemination services to more than 150 households to encourage the adoption of improved dairy breeds," Waiguru said.

She added that the adoption of better breeds has required additional investments in livestock nutrition, prompting the county to increase access to quality animal feeds and fodder to support higher milk production.

The governor observed that average milk yields per cow have risen from 2.5 litres to about 7.8 litres per day, and the county is working to raise production above 12 litres per cow per day through continued investment in genetics, nutrition, and animal health.

Additionally, the county has strengthened dairy cooperatives by providing equipment such as milk coolers, pasteurizers, yoghurt processing machines, and backup generators to support value addition and improve farmers' earnings.

During an inspection of the exercise in Kiaritha, County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary and Fisheries, Dr. John Gachara, emphasized collaboration with the national government to eliminate FMD in Kirinyaga. "We are conducting our annual

vaccination programme, aiming to make Kirinyaga an FMD-free zone," Dr. Gachara said.

He highlighted that integrating digital registration with vaccination improves livestock management by enabling accurate tracking of animals and their health records.

"Through the muzzle identification system, we can capture critical information, including ownership details, production records, and medical history. This allows timely interventions, better advisory services, and efficient planning of veterinary operations," he said.

Dr. Gachara explained that the vaccination programme is heavily subsidized, with the government covering Sh150 per animal to make the service affordable and encourage widespread participation.

Director of Livestock, Dr. Catherine Mulonzi, noted that the digital approach marks a major shift toward modern livestock management, enhancing efficiency in service delivery and resource allocation.

She explained that combining vaccination with registration ensures real-time data collection, enabling the county to make informed decisions on disease control, vaccine distribution, and deployment of veterinary personnel.

"Traditional identification methods have limitations, including susceptibility to fraud, high costs, and potential harm to animals. This system addresses those challenges while improving traceability and farm management," Dr. Mulonzi said.



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**\*Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**

**\*Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

# Department hands over site for Sh1.2 billion Affordable Housing project in Suneka

BY MERCY OSONGO (KNA)

The State Department for Housing and Urban Development (SDHUD) has handed over a site for the construction of affordable housing units worth Sh1.2 billion in Suneka town, Bonchari Constituency in Kisii County, under the Affordable Housing Programme.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, the department's Western Rift region team leader, Nyaigoti Mogeni, said the residential development will comprise 500 housing units of different categories, including social housing units, affordable units, and market-rate units for middle-income earners.

"This project is designed with resident's well-being in mind and will also have essential amenities such as ample parking, reliable water supply, electricity infrastructure, solid waste management and a club house," noted Mogeni.



He noted the project will benefit the residents through job creation with the contractors employing local workers including masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians and even unskilled workers.

Mogeni also pointed out that the contractor will source the construction materials locally upon certification, to ensure they meet the required quality standards.

He added the project will be a testing site where they will push for the workers to get formal recognition

for skills acquired through hands-on work.

In addition, he urged the residents to register through the Boma Yangu platform or dial \*832# USSD to qualify for the affordable houses as long as they are able to pay a 5 percent deposit of the value of the house and make subsequent payments for the house they acquire.

Mogeni assured the residents that they will constantly monitor the project together with the county's implementation team to ensure it is delivered on

**State Department for Housing and Urban Development Western Rift region team Lead Nyaigoti Mogeni (left) during the site handover ceremony for the Suneka Affordable Housing project in Suneka town, Bonchari Constituency in Kisii County.**

time and to the expected quality.

Lauding the county government for readily providing land for the construction of affordable houses, he urged the local Housing department to consider allocating land for the housing project in Kitutu Chache North, the only constituency which had a construction site not identified.

Representing the main contractor- Lavasa Construction Company Limited, the Director Vijay PS pledged to work together with the relevant stakeholders to ensure the

project is completed to the required standards. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Housing and Urban Development Grace Nyarango affirmed that the allocated land for the project belonged to the county government and they will work closely with the contractor to ensure the timely completion of the project.

Nyarango noted that Suneka town is a vibrant economic hub particularly known for its open-air market where a variety of goods are sold to the locals and neighbouring regions.



## KENYA REINSURANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

### INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following items as detailed in the respective tender documents:

TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	TENDER SECURITY (KSHS.)	TENDER SUBMISSION FORMAT	TENDER SUBMISSION DATE
KRC/2026/2707/086	PROVISION OF DIGITAL AND CREATIVE CONSULTANCY SERVICES	Kshs.100,000	COMBINED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:00AM
KRC/2026/2706/087	PROVISION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANCY SERVICES	Kshs.100,000	SEPARATE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS.	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:00AM
KRC/2026/2725/095	PROVISION OF CCTV CONTROL ROOM AND INCIDENT DESK MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR YEAR 2026 - 2027	Kshs 150,000.00	COMBINED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:00AM
KRC/2026/2729/096	REPAIR, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF DIESEL GENERATOR SETS FOR KENYA RE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS FOR YEAR 2026 - 2027	Kshs 150,000.00	COMBINED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:00AM
KRC/2026/2727/097	PROVISION OF CLEANING WORKS (COMMON AREAS) IN ALL KENYA REINSURANCE CORPORATION COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND GARDENING SERVICES	N/A	COMBINED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:00AM (RESERVED FOR WOMEN)
KRC/2026/2730/094	PROVISION OF ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICE CONTRACT FOR KENYA RE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES	Kshs 150,000.00	COMBINED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:00AM

Prospective bidders may download the tender documents from the Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited website [www.kenyare.co.ke](http://www.kenyare.co.ke) free of charge or Public Procurement Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke). Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly bearing the correct tender number and name should be deposited in the tender Box located on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of Reinsurance Plaza Aga Khan Walk Nairobi or be sent to:

**Managing Director  
Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited  
Reinsurance Plaza, Nairobi Aga Khan Walk  
P. O. Box 30271 - 00100  
NAIROBI**

To be received before or on **28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10:00 am** as detailed in the invitation to tender. Tenders will be opened the same day and time in the Corporation's Boardroom in the presence of bidders or their representative who choose to attend. Tenders that are delivered after the submission deadline will be rejected.

Prices quoted **MUST** be expressed in Kenya Shillings or as detailed in the invitation to tender inclusive of Kenyan Government taxes (VAT, WITHHOLDING TAX) and should remain valid for a period of **120 days** from the closing date of the tender.

Bidders who download the tender documents from the Corporation website or the Public Procurement Portal **MUST** forward their particulars immediately via email to [procurement@kenyare.co.ke](mailto:procurement@kenyare.co.ke). This is for record and any further tender clarifications and addendum where necessary. The particulars should include: Name of Firm, Postal Address, Telephone Number, Email Address, Tender Number and Tender Name. The said e-mail may be used for clarification.

Any canvassing or giving of false information will lead to automatic disqualification.



**The Commission on Administrative Justice  
(Office of the Ombudsman)  
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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

<b>RFP:</b>	<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION</b>
<b>Reference No:</b>	<b>CAJ/RFP/01/2025-2026</b>

The Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) invites Proposals from interested, qualified Firms to provide Consultancy Services for the procurement of Recruitment and Selection Services.

Detailed RFP Document can be downloaded **FREE OF CHARGE** from the websites [www.ombudsman.go.ke](http://www.ombudsman.go.ke) or the Public Procurement Information Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke). Each copy of technical and financial proposal shall be paginated serially, prior to submission.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes, must be expressed in Kenya shillings and shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the closing date of the Proposal. All bids must be accompanied by a Tender security of Kenya shillings thirteen Thousand Kenya Shilling (**Ksh.13,000.00**) from a reputable financial institution, Insurance company or a banker's cheque payable to the Commission on Administrative Justice, and must be valid for **120 days** after bid submission deadline

Proposals must be received on or before **22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026 at 12.00 noon**. Technical Proposals will be opened immediately thereafter at the **CAJ boardroom, 1st floor, West End Towers, Waiyaki Way**.

Bidders who download the tender document from the website will be required to register the Tender at the Commission's Head Office before the submission date, to facilitate communication in case of clarification.

Proposals **MUST** be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the **Tender Number and Name** and be deposited in the Tender Box provided at **CAJ offices, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, West End Towers, Waiyaki Way, Nairobi**. The Proposals shall be addressed to:

**Commission Secretary,  
Commission on Administrative Justice  
P.O Box 20414 - 00200, NAIROBI.**

Consultants will be selected under the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** Method as described in this RFP Document, in accordance with the policies established in the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act [PPADA], 2015.

**Ag. COMMISSION SECRETARY/CEO**





# National Environment Management Authority

Popo Road, off Mombasa Road P.O.BOX 67839-00200, Nairobi, Kenya,  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE NAIVASHA-KISUMU STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY (SGR) PHASE 2B.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act CAP 387, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC)**, proposes to construct the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) phase 2B, a railway line of approximately 262.384km from Naivasha to Kisumu.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Mitigation Measures/Controls
<b>Vegetation Clearance/ Clearance of urban and farm trees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment and tools brought in for reuse from other project sites should be screened and cleaned of alien / invasive propagules to avoid introduction in the project area</li> <li>Borrow sites should be inspected for invasive and colonizer propagules</li> <li>Restrict vegetation clearing to demarcated project site boundaries.</li> <li>Establishment of woodlots on affected farms to help restore tree cover.</li> <li>Limiting clearing to the smallest area necessary for the project to reduce habitat loss and soil exposure.</li> <li>Implement tree planting programs to replace cleared trees.</li> <li>Work with farmers to promote agro forestry initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Disturbance of indigenous forests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Align project elements (e.g. access roads, utility corridors) along disturbed or degraded areas.</li> <li>Establish and maintain buffer zones around high-value conservation areas, riparian zones, and wetlands.</li> <li>Safely relocate fauna from the project area in coordination with wildlife authorities, especially for species with limited mobility or breeding grounds.</li> <li>Involve local communities in forest protection, replanting, and monitoring initiatives.</li> <li>Provide support for non-forest-based income activities (e.g., beekeeping, agroforestry, eco-tourism) to reduce pressure on forest resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Loss of pasture for livestock and wildlife</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate wildlife corridors and livestock crossings (underpasses and overpasses) to ensure safe and uninterrupted movement to pasture areas.</li> <li>Ensure transparent and timely disclosure of all relevant project information, particularly concerning activities that may affect local communities' rights, land use, and livelihoods.</li> <li>Provide advance notice to local farmers, allowing sufficient time for the harvesting of grass</li> </ul>
<b>Oil Spillage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a site-specific SPCC plan.</li> <li>Store oil and fuel in tanks or containers with bunds or drip trays capable.</li> <li>Regularly inspect construction machinery for leaks in hydraulic systems, fuel tanks, and lubrication lines.</li> <li>Ensure that all construction equipment is well-maintained to prevent accidental leaks.</li> </ul>
<b>Blasting and rock excavation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blasting should be carried out in accordance with a site-specific Blast Management Plan (BMP).</li> <li>Establishment of blast exclusion zones with proper signage and fencing to restrict access during detonation.</li> <li>Implementing dust suppression strategies, such as water spraying and wind barriers, should be implemented before and after blasting.</li> </ul>
<b>Poor disposal of excavated materials and equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate excavated materials into reusable and non-reusable/spoiled materials.</li> <li>Use inert excavated materials for backfilling, slope stabilization, or forming embankments.</li> <li>Transport non-reusable materials to approved dumping sites.</li> <li>Salvage metals, rubber parts, and electronics for recycling through licensed waste handlers.</li> </ul>
<b>Soil Erosion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct geotechnical and hydrological assessments to identify erosion-prone zones.</li> <li>Develop erosion susceptibility maps to inform alignment design, cut-and-fill balances, and drainage planning.</li> <li>Schedule earthworks during dry seasons to minimize rainfall-induced erosion.</li> <li>Replant native grasses, shrubs, or fast-growing groundcover species as soon as construction is complete in each section.</li> </ul>
<b>Slope Destabilization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize the number of cut-and-fill earthworks by optimizing rail alignment and grading plans.</li> <li>Install subsurface and surface drainage (e.g., French drains, interceptor ditches, and weep holes in retaining walls) to prevent water accumulation that weakens soil.</li> </ul>
<b>Climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize vegetation clearance by optimizing the construction corridor and integrating natural landscape features into the design where possible.</li> <li>Implement carbon offset measures, such as reforestation or afforestation programs.</li> <li>Incorporate climate resilience and low-carbon strategies into regional development planning to ensure that induced growth does not exacerbate environmental degradation</li> </ul>
<b>Dust Emission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear only the areas required for immediate work to reduce the amount of exposed, dust-prone soil.</li> <li>Apply water to lose soil prior to and during earthworks (excavation, grading, backfilling) to suppress dust at the source.</li> <li>Regularly spray water or non-toxic dust suppressants on access and haul roads, especially during dry or windy conditions.</li> <li>Minimize drop heights when loading or unloading fine materials like sand or ballast, and use enclosed conveyors or hoppers when available.</li> </ul>
<b>Hydrology and water quality degradation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install geotextile silt fences or sediment traps around exposed soils, stockpiles, and drainage paths to intercept suspended solids.</li> <li>Construct temporary settling basins to capture and treat stormwater runoff from construction areas before discharge into natural water bodies</li> <li>Treat wastewater from concrete batching, equipment washing, or drilling using sediment traps or pH neutralization before discharge.</li> <li>Prohibit direct discharge of untreated wastewater or sewage into rivers, lakes, wetlands, or ground-water.</li> <li>Maintain buffer zones (e.g., 30 meters) along rivers and streams to act as natural filters.</li> <li>Avoid construction in or near wetlands; where unavoidable, apply wetland restoration and compensation measures.</li> </ul>
<b>Solid Waste Generation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritize options of waste reduction, reuse and recycling.</li> <li>Soil emanating from excavations will be reused for landscaping followed by revegetation of the landscaped areas.</li> <li>Contract a NEMA certified waste collection firm to collect solid waste for disposal</li> </ul>
<b>Noise and vibrations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan high-noise activities during daytime hours (e.g. 08:00–17:00) to minimize impact on nearby communities</li> <li>Use new or well-maintained machinery designed with noise-reducing features (e.g. mufflers, silencers, acoustic enclosures).</li> <li>Erect movable noise barriers (e.g. acoustic curtains, sound-insulating panels) around high-noise equipment like generators and compressors.</li> <li>Implement traffic management plans to reduce vehicle idling and control speeds on site to reduce noise and vibration from transport.</li> </ul>

<b>Disruption of Public Utilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate with utility service providers and local authorities to map existing underground and overhead infrastructure accurately.</li> <li>Integrated comprehensive surveys and utility mapping, coupled with robust monitoring frameworks.</li> <li>Prepare detailed relocation plans approved by utility providers and schedule works during off-peak hours or planned outages.</li> <li>Install protective barriers, sleeves, or around utilities that are close to excavation or piling activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Poor site management and control leading to accidents and incidences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominate persons with defined responsibility for EHS</li> <li>Through relevant training, ensure everyone on site is aware of their responsibilities and liabilities with respect to the environment.</li> <li>Through site induction, make staff and visitors aware of Project environmental issues and environmental standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Road Accidents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any abnormal loads for the project must be transported in line with the traffic rules, including public notification and use of escort cars.</li> <li>Sensitize project staff on risks of over speeding while on site</li> <li>Erect warning signs for approaching drivers at the points of entry to the project site</li> </ul>
<b>Disputes over employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a grievance management system to manage grievances arising from the local labour force</li> <li>Develop local labour recruitment plans, including disclosure of opportunities and partnership building with local support agencies / institutions.</li> </ul>
<b>Air Emissions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employ advanced engine technologies with Diesel Particulate Filters (DPFs), and selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems to reduce NO and PM emissions.</li> <li>Application of water sprays, chemical suppressants, and use of covered conveyors or enclosed handling facilities to reduce particulate matter during material transport and transfer operations.</li> <li>Continuous ambient air quality monitoring near sensitive receptors and rail yard boundaries should be conducted to inform adaptive management</li> </ul>
<b>Solid Waste Generation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a comprehensive Waste Management Plan (WMP) encompassing waste minimization, segregation, and recycling strategies;</li> <li>Training of staff and public awareness campaigns to reduce littering and promote responsible waste disposal;</li> <li>Engagement with licensed waste handlers for safe disposal of hazardous wastes such as oils, solvents, and batteries in compliance with local regulations and international best practices.</li> </ul>
<b>Wildlife and Live-stock accidents due to breached fence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct wildlife movement and behavior studies to identify high-crossing zones and optimize the placement of underpasses.</li> <li>Utilize fencing materials that balance strength, flexibility, and visibility to reduce damage by animals and humans.</li> <li>Design underpasses with appropriate dimensions, lighting, and natural substrate to encourage regular animal use.</li> <li>Engage local communities and stakeholders in awareness programs to minimize human interference with fencing infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>Noise and Vibration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use ballast mats, under-sleeper pads, or floating slab track systems to absorb and dissipate vibration energy before it transmits to the ground.</li> <li>Set speed limits in vibration-sensitive zones to significantly reduce both the amplitude and frequency of vibration.</li> <li>Maintain appropriate setback distances between the railway and residential or sensitive land uses to prevent significant impacts.</li> <li>Conduct noise and vibration monitoring to establish baseline levels and assess the effectiveness of mitigation measures as per EMCA (Noise and Excessive Vibration Pollution) (Control) Regulations, 2009.</li> <li>Workers performing in noisy working environment shall be provided with suitable ear protectors based on the expected noise levels</li> </ul>
<b>Climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of low-emission locomotives, including electrified rail systems or hybrid alternatives to diesel engines.</li> <li>Energy-efficient station infrastructure, powered by renewable energy sources (e.g., solar PV systems).</li> <li>Afforestation or reforestation programs to offset unavoidable emissions and enhance carbon sequestration.</li> <li>Integration of climate risk assessments into infrastructure design to ensure climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability to climate variability.</li> </ul>
<b>Flooding/ water ponding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate appropriately sized and strategically placed culverts, box drains, or small bridges along the embankment to allow unimpeded flow of water.</li> <li>Ensure drainage structures are designed to handle peak flows based on historical flood data and climate change projections.</li> <li>Consider vegetative stabilization techniques to improve slope integrity and absorb runoff.</li> <li>Implement a maintenance schedule to inspect drainage structures for blockages or sedimentation and monitor embankment stability, especially during and after heavy rainfall.</li> </ul>
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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE KISUMU – MALABA STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY PHASE 2C

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act CAP 387, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC)**, proposes to construct the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), Phase 2C, a track of approximately 107km from Kisumu to Malaba aimed at improving the regional connectivity from Mombasa to Malaba and Kampala with potential links to South Sudan, Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Mitigation Measures/Controls
<b>Vegetation Clearance/ Clearance of urban and farm trees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment and tools brought in for reuse from other project sites should be screened and cleaned of alien / invasive propagules to avoid introduction in the project area</li> <li>Borrow sites should be inspected for invasive and colonizer propagules</li> <li>Restrict vegetation clearing to demarcated project site boundaries.</li> <li>Establishment of woodlots on affected farms to help restore tree cover.</li> <li>Limiting clearing to the smallest area necessary for the project to reduce habitat loss and soil exposure.</li> <li>Implement tree planting programs to replace cleared trees.</li> <li>Work with farmers to promote agro forestry initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Disturbance of indigenous forests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Align project elements (e.g. access roads, utility corridors) along disturbed or degraded areas.</li> <li>Establish and maintain buffer zones around high-value conservation areas, riparian zones, and wetlands.</li> <li>Safely relocate fauna from the project area in coordination with wildlife authorities, especially for species with limited mobility or breeding grounds.</li> <li>Involve local communities in forest protection, replanting, and monitoring initiatives.</li> <li>Provide support for non-forest-based income activities (e.g., beekeeping, agroforestry, eco-tourism) to reduce pressure on forest resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Loss of pasture for livestock and wildlife</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate wildlife corridors and livestock crossings (underpasses and overpasses) to ensure safe and uninterrupted movement to pasture areas.</li> <li>Ensure transparent and timely disclosure of all relevant project information, particularly concerning activities that may affect local communities' rights, land use, and livelihoods.</li> <li>Provide advance notice to local farmers, allowing sufficient time for the harvesting of grass</li> </ul>
<b>Oil Spillage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a site-specific SPCC plan.</li> <li>Store oil and fuel in tanks or containers with bunds or drip trays capable.</li> <li>Regularly inspect construction machinery for leaks in hydraulic systems, fuel tanks, and lubrication lines.</li> <li>Ensure that all construction equipment is well-maintained to prevent accidental leaks.</li> </ul>
<b>Blasting and rock excavation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blasting should be carried out in accordance with a site-specific Blast Management Plan (BMP).</li> <li>Establishment of blast exclusion zones with proper signage and fencing to restrict access during detonation.</li> <li>Implementing dust suppression strategies, such as water spraying and wind barriers, should be implemented before and after blasting.</li> </ul>
<b>Poor disposal of excavated materials and equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate excavated materials into reusable and non-reusable/spoiled materials.</li> <li>Use inert excavated materials for backfilling, slope stabilization, or forming embankments.</li> <li>Transport non-reusable materials to approved dumping sites.</li> <li>Salvage metals, rubber parts, and electronics for recycling through licensed waste handlers.</li> </ul>
<b>Soil Erosion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct geotechnical and hydrological assessments to identify erosion-prone zones.</li> <li>Develop erosion susceptibility maps to inform alignment design, cut-and-fill balances, and drainage planning.</li> <li>Schedule earthworks during dry seasons to minimize rainfall-induced erosion.</li> <li>Replant native grasses, shrubs, or fast-growing groundcover species as soon as construction is complete in each section.</li> </ul>
<b>Slope Destabilization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize the number of cut-and-fill earthworks by optimizing rail alignment and grading plans.</li> <li>Install subsurface and surface drainage (e.g., French drains, interceptor ditches, and weep holes in retaining walls) to prevent water accumulation that weakens soil.</li> </ul>
<b>Climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize vegetation clearance by optimizing the construction corridor and integrating natural landscape features into the design where possible.</li> <li>Implement carbon offset measures, such as reforestation or afforestation programs.</li> <li>Incorporate climate resilience and low-carbon strategies into regional development planning to ensure that induced growth does not exacerbate environmental degradation</li> </ul>
<b>Dust Emission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear only the areas required for immediate work to reduce the amount of exposed, dust-prone soil.</li> <li>Apply water to lose soil prior to and during earthworks (excavation, grading, backfilling) to suppress dust at the source.</li> <li>Regularly spray water or non-toxic dust suppressants on access and haul roads, especially during dry or windy conditions.</li> <li>Minimize drop heights when loading or unloading fine materials like sand or ballast, and use enclosed conveyors or hoppers when available.</li> </ul>
<b>Hydrology and water quality degradation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install geotextile silt fences or sediment traps around exposed soils, stockpiles, and drainage paths to intercept suspended solids.</li> <li>Construct temporary settling basins to capture and treat stormwater runoff from construction areas before discharge into natural water bodies</li> <li>Treat wastewater from concrete batching, equipment washing, or drilling using sediment traps or pH neutralization before discharge.</li> <li>Prohibit direct discharge of untreated wastewater or sewage into rivers, lakes, wetlands, or ground-water.</li> <li>Maintain buffer zones (e.g., 30 meters) along rivers and streams to act as natural filters.</li> <li>Avoid construction in or near wetlands; where unavoidable, apply wetland restoration and compensation measures.</li> </ul>
<b>Solid Waste Generation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritize options of waste reduction, reuse and recycling.</li> <li>Soil emanating from excavations will be reused for landscaping followed by revegetation of the landscaped areas.</li> <li>Contract a NEMA certified waste collection firm to collect solid waste for disposal</li> </ul>
<b>Noise and vibrations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan high-noise activities during daytime hours (e.g. 08:00–17:00) to minimize impact on nearby communities</li> <li>Use new or well-maintained machinery designed with noise-reducing features (e.g. mufflers, silencers, acoustic enclosures).</li> <li>Erect movable noise barriers (e.g. acoustic curtains, sound-insulating panels) around high-noise equipment like generators and compressors.</li> <li>Implement traffic management plans to reduce vehicle idling and control speeds on site to reduce noise and vibration from transport.</li> </ul>

<b>Disruption of Public Utilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate with utility service providers and local authorities to map existing underground and overhead infrastructure accurately.</li> <li>Integrated comprehensive surveys and utility mapping, coupled with robust monitoring frameworks.</li> <li>Prepare detailed relocation plans approved by utility providers and schedule works during off-peak hours or planned outages.</li> <li>Install protective barriers, sleeves, or around utilities that are close to excavation or piling activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Poor site management and control leading to accidents and incidences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominate persons with defined responsibility for EHS</li> <li>Through relevant training, ensure everyone on site is aware of their responsibilities and liabilities with respect to the environment.</li> <li>Through site induction, make staff and visitors aware of Project environmental issues and environmental standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Road Accidents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any abnormal loads for the project must be transported in line with the traffic rules, including public notification and use of escort cars.</li> <li>Sensitize project staff on risks of over speeding while on site</li> <li>Erect warning signs for approaching drivers at the points of entry to the project site</li> </ul>
<b>Disputes over employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a grievance management system to manage grievances arising from the local labour force</li> <li>Develop local labour recruitment plans, including disclosure of opportunities and partnership building with local support agencies / institutions.</li> </ul>
<b>Air Emissions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employ advanced engine technologies with Diesel Particulate Filters (DPFs), and selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems to reduce NO and PM emissions.</li> <li>Application of water sprays, chemical suppressants, and use of covered conveyors or enclosed handling facilities to reduce particulate matter during material transport and transfer operations.</li> <li>Continuous ambient air quality monitoring near sensitive receptors and rail yard boundaries should be conducted to inform adaptive management</li> </ul>
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<b>Wildlife and Live-stock accidents due to breached fence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct wildlife movement and behavior studies to identify high-crossing zones and optimize the placement of underpasses.</li> <li>Utilize fencing materials that balance strength, flexibility, and visibility to reduce damage by animals and humans.</li> <li>Design underpasses with appropriate dimensions, lighting, and natural substrate to encourage regular animal use.</li> <li>Engage local communities and stakeholders in awareness programs to minimize human interference with fencing infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>Noise and Vibration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use ballast mats, under-sleeper pads, or floating slab track systems to absorb and dissipate vibration energy before it transmits to the ground.</li> <li>Set speed limits in vibration-sensitive zones to significantly reduce both the amplitude and frequency of vibration.</li> <li>Maintain appropriate setback distances between the railway and residential or sensitive land uses to prevent significant impacts.</li> <li>Conduct noise and vibration monitoring to establish baseline levels and assess the effectiveness of mitigation measures as per EMCA (Noise and Excessive Vibration Pollution) (Control) Regulations, 2009.</li> <li>Workers performing in noisy working environment shall be provided with suitable ear protectors based on the expected noise levels</li> </ul>
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# 263 JSS teachers in Kitui trained to boost STEM instruction

BY DENSON MUTUTO  
(KNA)

A total of 263 Junior Secondary School teachers in Kitui County have undergone training in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) to enhance their capacity to effectively handle Junior Secondary learners.

The 263 JSS tutors, who are also departmental heads (HODs) of STEM subjects in their respective

schools, are drawn from both government and private institutions across the county.

The Ministry of Education, through Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTE) organized the training with the aim of equipping the tutors with necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement the CBE framework.

Following the training, the JSS tutors will be able



Kitui County Director of Education Dr. Issack Hassan addressing the media when he presided over the official opening of a training workshop for JSS tutors at Mulango Girls Secondary School in Kitui County. PHOTO: DENSON MUTUTO

to effectively handle the senior school learners who specialize in one of the three pathways which include Arts and Sports science, social sciences, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Speaking at Mulango Girls when he officially launched the training, Kitui County Director of Education Dr. Issack Hassan said the workshop would equip the JSS tutors with knowledge on Innovation, critical

thinking, communication, technology, digital skills as well problem-solving skills which is very necessary as they handle the senior school learners.

“Since not all learners are academically gifted, the CBC curriculum also supports talents and different abilities to allow growth in sports, arts and technical skills meant to prepare the students on self-employment,” the County Education boss added.

# Kenya, Morocco pledge closer cooperation in trade and development



Prime Cabinet Secretary (CS) and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi (Right) with his counterpart the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco Nasser Bourita sign the agreed minutes, MoUs and joint communique during the Inaugural Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) between the Republic of Kenya and the Kingdom of Morocco in Nairobi.

BY NICHOLAS OCHIENG  
AND NYAWIRA GITHINJI  
(KNA)

Kenya and the Kingdom of Morocco have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation following high-level talks focused on deepening political, economic, and development ties between the two nations.

Speaking during the Ministerial Session of the inaugural Kenya-Morocco Joint Commission for Cooperation in Nairobi, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi noted that the meeting marked a significant step in advancing relations from traditional cooperation to a more structured strategic partnership.

Mudavadi observed that the Joint Commission reflects a deliberate decision by the two governments to institutionalize engagement and expand collaboration across key sectors.

“This Joint Commission convenes at a defining moment in Kenya-Morocco relations. It reflects a shared political choice by our two governments to elevate our engagement from cordial cooperation to a structured strategic partnership anchored in clear priorities, institutional follow-through and measurable impact,” he reiterated, reaffirming Kenya’s commitment to strengthening ties with the North African nation.

The Prime CS while welcoming the Moroccan delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Morocco Nasser Bourita, reaffirmed that Kenya and Morocco have maintained cordial diplomatic relations for nearly six decades that is founded on mutual respect and a shared commitment to Africa’s development.

Importantly, Mudavadi disclosed that the inaugural commission would see the signing of 11 bilateral cooperation instruments covering key sectors including agriculture, justice,

health, fisheries and aquaculture, gender equality and women empowerment, cultural cooperation, higher education, scholarships, sports, immigration and wildlife conservation.

“These instruments will serve to translate our shared commitments into practical and impactful cooperation,” stated the Prime CS.

He added that the agreements come at a time when global economic and geopolitical shifts are pushing African countries to build stronger partnerships that support resilient development and sustainable growth.

On the other hand, Mudavadi said Kenya views Morocco as a strategic partner in advancing trade, investment and industrial development, particularly in sectors where Morocco has demonstrated comparative strength such as renewable energy, automotive manufacturing, agro-processing, pharmaceuticals and infrastructure development.



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### Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCR)

Country	Republic of Kenya
Employer	State Department for Water and Sanitation
Name of Project	Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCR)
Contract title	Supply and Delivery of Motor Cycles under Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP) in Mwache, Kwale County
Credit No	IDA 5543KE
Project ID No	P145559
RFB No	KE-MOWI-CRWSCR-005-2025-2026-GO-RFB
Date of Issue	14th April, 2026

- The Government of Kenya (hereinafter called “**Borrower**”) through Ministry of Water and Sanitation, State Department for Water and Sanitation; has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCR), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply and Delivery of Motor Cycles for Livelihood Restoration Program at Mwache, Kwale County. 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.
- The State Department for Water & Sanitation now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Contract No. **KE-MOWI-CRWSCR-005-2025-2026-GO-RFB; Supply and Delivery of 347 No. Electric Motor Cycles for LRP in Mwache, Kwale County.**
- 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” Procurement in Investment Projects Financing” dated September 2025 Seventh Edition (“**Procurement Regulations**”), and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from **The Project Manager; Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCR), Project Manager** - E-mail: [procurement@kwscrp.org](mailto:procurement@kwscrp.org) and inspect the bidding document during office hours i.e. 0800 to 1700 hours East African Time at the address given below.
- The bidding document in English may be downloaded freely from the website below or state portal for [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) or [www.water.go.ke](http://www.water.go.ke)
- Bids clearly Marked Supply and Delivery of Motor Cycles for LRP in Mwache, Kwale County RFB Reference No.: **KE-MOWI-CRWSCR-005-2025-2026-GO-RFB** must be delivered and placed in the Tender Box located at Maji House 5th Floor Reception, to The Project Manager, Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCR), on Ngong Road on or before **5th May, 2026 at 11:00 AM EAT**. Electronic Bidding will **NOT** be permitted and 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 same place at Maji House 4th Floor Board Room 449.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** issued by a reputable financial institution in Kenya and valid for 30 days beyond the Tender Validity period in form of a Bank Guarantee of **Kenya Shillings Eight Hundred Thousand Shillings (Kshs. 800,000)** or an equivalent amount freely convertible currency.
- 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 addresses referred to above are:  
**Address for obtaining further information**  
**The Project Manager**  
Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCR)  
P. O. Box 49720-00100, Nairobi, Kenya  
**Telephone: 020 2713878**  
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Name of Procuring Entity: State Department for Water and Sanitation,  
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Courier Delivery: Maji House, Community Area, Ngong Road.  
For Bulky tenders: Maji House, Community Area, Ngong Road Room  
Number 513, 5th Floor  
Attn: Head, Supply Chain Management Services  
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# Smallholder farmers in Migori tipped on using state equipment to reduce losses

BY MAKOKHA KHAOYA (KNA)

Small-scale farmers in Migori have been urged to make use of government agricultural facilities and equipment to help reduce post-harvest losses.

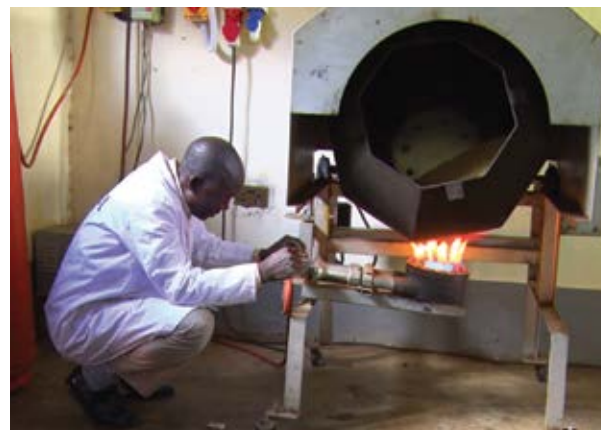
Kenya Industrial Research Development Institute (KIRDI) Migori

Official Neil Okumu, called upon to utilise the Migori-KIRDI facility and its installed equipment to safeguard their produce and minimise post-harvest losses.

The facility, located on the outskirts of Migori town, has a cereal dryer, for drying soyabeans, groundnuts, sunflower,

millet, and sorghum, a mixer for animal, poultry, and fish feeds and other post-harvest equipment.

Ms. Okumu, who trained a farmer's group from Suna East Sub-County, encouraged other farmers to visit the facility to learn about value chain addition and market linkages to increase profits and grow their busi-



A Kenya Industrial Research Development Institute (KIRDI) official lighting up a dryer at the Migori KIRDI office; for drying soyabeans, groundnuts, sunflower, millet, sorghum and other cereals.

nesses. She said that the continuous food research by KIRDI will equip farmers with skills and knowledge on how to improve their production through different value chains to promote the agricultural sector and make Kenya food secure.

"We are encouraging small-scale farmers, groups and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) to always seek advice from KIRDI on areas of food research, processing, market links and business compliance to safeguard food security," the official said.

# State begins major housing project for prison officers

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

The Government has begun construction of 3,000 housing units for prison officers, in a move aimed at improving their welfare and addressing long-standing accommodation challenges in correctional facilities across the country.

For many years, the Kenya Prisons Service has grappled with inadequate and poor housing conditions, forcing some officers, particularly new recruits, to seek accommodation outside prison facilities. This situation has not only strained officers financially but also affected their efficiency and morale while carrying out their duties.

The new housing initiative is part of a broader programme that seeks to construct a total of 28,000 housing units for prison officers in phases over the coming years. The project is being implemented through a partnership between the State Department for Correctional Services and the Ministry of Housing, with billions of shillings expected to be invested.

According to the Principal Secretary for Correctional Services, Salome Beacco, the first phase of the project has already commenced and targets the delivery of 3,000 housing units. She noted that the programme is designed to ensure prison officers have access to decent and secure housing within or near their workplaces.

Beacco emphasized that improving living conditions for prison



Salome Beacco, Principal Secretary for Correctional Services, (left), plants a tree at Naivasha Medium Prison during an exercise where she announced plans to construct 3,000 housing units for prison officers.

officers is a key priority for the government, as it directly contributes to enhanced service delivery within correctional institutions. She added that the initiative will also cater to newly recruited officers who often face difficulties securing accommodation.

In addition to the housing programme, the government is also working on improving the remuneration of prison officers. Beacco revealed that plans are underway to implement salary increments as recommended by the Maraga Taskforce, a move that has long been advocated for within the service.

At the same time, the State Department for Correctional Services has intensified efforts to decongest prisons. Through the President's power of mercy, 4,950 petty offenders have already been released. This initiative is part of

broader reforms aimed at reducing overcrowding in correctional facilities.

Further measures include the adoption of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and crime prevention programmes. These initiatives are intended to reduce the number of offenders entering the prison system while promoting rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

The department has also expanded community outreach programmes targeting schools, churches, colleges, and local communities. These engagements are focused on educating young people about the consequences of crime and encouraging positive behavior. According to Beacco, the programmes are already yielding results, with a noticeable decline in the number of youths being sent to prison.



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### INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA ON:

1. THE DRAFT KENYA DEPOSIT INSURANCE (CONTRIBUTION BY INSTITUTIONS) REGULATIONS, 2026;
2. PROPOSED REVISED COVERAGE LIMIT; AND;
3. DRAFT KENYA DEPOSIT INSURANCE GUIDELINES (TRUST ACCOUNT), 2026

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) is a statutory body established under the Kenya Deposit Insurance Act, 2012. The Corporation's mandate is to provide a deposit insurance scheme for customers of member institutions and to promote the stability of the financial system.

In compliance with Article 118 of the Constitution of Kenya and the Statutory Instruments Act, KDIC has developed the Draft Kenya Deposit Insurance (Contribution by Institutions) Regulations, 2026, proposed Coverage Limit and Draft Kenya Deposit Insurance Guidelines (Trust Account), 2026.

- I. The Draft Kenya Deposit Insurance (Contribution by Institutions) Regulations, 2026 seek to provide a framework for assessing and computing contributions based on the risk profile of an institution to promote sound risk management practices.
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  - (a) opening, operating and managing trust accounts;
  - (b) managing records, informing and providing relevant report for the protection of depositors of trust related accounts; and
  - (c) instituting claims for repayments of deposits for trust accounts in the event of failure of an institution.
- III. The review of the Coverage Limit aims to adjust the maximum guaranteed amount payable to a depositor in the unfortunate event of a bank failure.

#### 2. SCHEDULE FOR TOWN HALL MEETINGS

KDIC invites members of the public, depositors and stakeholders in the financial sector to attend public participation forums (Town Halls) in the following locations:

Town	Date	Venue	Time
Nakuru	16th April 2026	Bantana Hotel	9:00AM-1:00PM
Nairobi	7th May 2026	Nairobi University -Manu Chandaria Hall	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Mombasa	22nd May 2026	Tononoka Social Hall	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Kisumu	4th June 2026	Tom Mboya Labour College	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Isiolo	12th June 2026	Isiolo Social Hall	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Garissa	26th June 2026	Garissa University	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Nyeri	9th July 2026	Nyeri Culture Center	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### 3. ACCESS TO THE DRAFT REGULATIONS, DRAFT GUIDELINES AND PROPOSED COVERAGE LIMIT

The draft Kenya Deposit Insurance (Contribution by Institutions) Regulations, 2026, Draft Legal Notice on the Coverage Limit, draft Kenya Deposit Insurance (Trust Accounts) Guidelines, 2026, and the Template for Submission of Comments on the three drafts can be downloaded from the KDIC official website ([www.kdic.go.ke](http://www.kdic.go.ke)).

#### 4. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Interested parties who are unable to attend the town halls may submit written memoranda or comments via:

- (a) Email: [stakeholder.engagement@kdic.go.ke](mailto:stakeholder.engagement@kdic.go.ke)
- (b) Online: Via the KDIC feedback portal
- (c) Post/Hand Delivery:

**Chief Executive Officer,  
Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation,  
UAP Old Mutual Tower, 17th Floor, Upper Hill Road,  
P.O Box 45983-00100 Nairobi.**

#### 5. DEADLINE

All submissions must be received no later than **31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 5:00 PM.**

**HELLEN CHEPKWONY (Mrs)  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**





# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

## STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES YEAR 2026

Applications are invited for Diploma, Certificate and Artisan courses offered at Training Institutes in the State Department for Livestock Development. The application letter should be addressed to the principal of the preferred institute to reach them by 22nd May, 2026. For Artisan courses at the DTI – Naivasha, applications should reach by 24th April, 2026. Application requirements are as follows: Application fee of Kshs. 1,000 (non-refundable) to be paid using payment details at the address section of each institute, telephone number and e-mail address, copies of academic certificates, national ID, secondary school leaving certificate, birth certificate and two recent passport size photographs. Applications for meat inspection course can be done throughout the year.

DIPLOMA COURSES				
S/N	COURSE	INSTITUTE(S)	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT	DURATION AND FEES
1	Diploma in Animal Health and Production	AHITI -Kabete AHITI -Ndomba AHITI -Nyahururu	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade C ii) Biology or Biological Sciences C iii) Chemistry or Physical Sciences C- iv) Mathematics or Agriculture or Physics C-;  OR B) Certificate in Animal Health and Production/Certificate in Animal Health & Range Management  OR C) Credit Certificate in 2 years: Dairy Science & Technology/Agriculture/Range Management /Wildlife Health/Animal Production/Animal Husbandry/Dairy Technology For (C) above an applicant must possess at least D+ in Biology in KCSE;  D) Diploma in Biomedical Discipline recognized by KVB  OR E) i) KCE/EACE Division II ii) Credit in Biology or Biological Sciences, Chemistry or Physical Sciences iii) Credit in either Mathematics, Physics or Agriculture.  OR F) i) KACE with principal pass in Biology ii) A subsidiary pass in Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics.	2 1/2 years (5 Semesters) Kshs. 210,300
2	Upgrading course to Diploma in Animal Health and Production	AHITI-Nyahururu AHITI - Ndomba LTI - Wajir	A) 2 years Certificate in Animal Health and Production/Animal Health and Range Management from an institution recognized by KVB;  OR B) Upgrading certificate to Animal Health	1 year (3 Semesters) Kshs. 111,300
3	Diploma in Animal Health and Range Management	AHITI-Kabete LTI - Wajir	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade C ii) Biology or Biological Sciences C iii) Chemistry or Physical Science C- iv) Mathematics or Agriculture C-  OR B) Certificate in Animal Health and Production/Certificate in Animal Health & Range Management  OR C) Credit Certificate in 2 years Dairy Science & Technology/Agriculture/Range Management /Wildlife Health/Animal Production/Animal Husbandry For (C) above an applicant must possess at least D+ in Biology in KCSE	2 1/2 years (5 Semesters) Kshs. 210,300
4	Diploma in Leather Technology	AHITI-Kabete	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade C- ii) Chemistry C- iii) Any other one science subject C-  OR B) Certificate in Leather Technology  OR C) Certificate in Footwear Design & Technology	2 1/2 years (5 Semesters) Ksh. 211,450
5	Diploma in Dairy Production and Processing	Dairy Training Institute Naivasha	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade C- ii) Biology or Biological Sciences C- iii) Any other one science subject C-  OR B) Certificate in: Dairy Science & Technology/Dairy Management/Dairy Production and Management/Dairy Technology and Management/Agriculture - Credit and above	2 1/2 years (5 Semesters) Kshs. 203,550
CERTIFICATE COURSES				
1.	Certificate in Animal Health and Production	AHITI-Ndomba AHITI-Kabete AHITI-Nyahururu	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade C- ii) Biology or Biological Sciences C-  OR B) Credit in 1-year Certificate in: Agriculture/Dairy Production Management/Range Management/Wildlife Health/Animal Science /Animal Husbandry/Animal Production/Leather Technology For (B) above an applicant must possess at least D+ in Biology in KCSE	2 years (4 Semesters) Kshs. 136,700

CERTIFICATE COURSES				
2.	Certificate in Animal Health and Range Management	Livestock Training Institute - Wajir AHITI-Kabete	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade C- ii) Biology or Biological Sciences C-  OR B) Credit in 1- year Certificate in: Agriculture/Dairy Production Management/Range Mgt/Wildlife Health/Animal Science /Animal Husbandry/Animal Production/Leather Technology For (B) above an applicant must possess at least D+ in Biology or Biological Sciences in KCSE	2 years (4 Semesters) Kshs. 136,700
CERTIFICATE COURSES				
3.	Upgrading Certificate course in Animal Health	AHITI-Kabete	i) Certificate in Animal Husbandry/Production, Range management or Wildlife Health ii) An applicant must possess at least D+ in Biology or Biological Sciences in KCSE	1 Year (2 semesters) Kshs. 84,300
4.	Certificate in Dairy Production and Management	Dairy Training Institute - Naivasha Livestock Training Institute - Wajir Livestock Training Institute - Mogo-tio	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade D+ ii) Biology or Biological Sciences D  OR B) Credit and above in artisan course in Dairy Farm Management For (A) above, candidates who wish to pursue Animal Health must possess D+ in Biology or Biological Sciences	1 Year (2 semesters) Kshs. 76,300
5.	Certificate in Dairy Technology & Management	Dairy Training Institute Naivasha	A) i) KCSE Mean Grade D+ ii) Biology or Biological Sciences D  OR B) Credit and above in artisan Course in Dairy Plant Technician or Dairy Plant Management	1 Year (2 semesters) Kshs. 76,300
6.	Meat Inspection Course	Meat Training Institute - Athi River	BSc. Or Diploma or Certificate in Animal Health and Production or Animal Health Range Management	6 months Kshs. 77,500 January & July intakes
7.	Abattoir Instructors Course	Meat Training Institute - Athi River	Meat Inspection Certificate	10 weeks Kshs. 45,000
8.	Meat Grading Course	Meat Training Institute - Athi River	Abattoir Instructors Course	20 weeks Kshs. 45,000
9.	Certificate in Footwear Design & Technology	AHITI - Kabete	i) KCSE Mean Grade D+ ii) Chemistry D+	1 Year (2 semesters) Kshs.93,950
10.	Certificate in Apiculture Course	National Bee-keeping Institute - Lenana	A) KCSE Mean Grade D plain OR B) KCE Division IV OR C) One-year certificate in any agriculture related course OR D) Artisan Certificate in Apiculture OR E) Equivalent qualifications as determined by Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA)	1 year (2 semesters) Kshs.98,300
11.	Certificate in Range Management Course		A) i) KCSE Mean grade D+ ii) Biology or Biological Sciences D  OR B) Credit and above in artisan courses in areas of natural resources management, livestock farm management, animal husbandry, dairy management and general agriculture. For (A) above, candidates who wish to pursue Animal Health must possess D+ in Biology or Biological Sciences	1 year (2 semesters) Kshs.98,300
ARTISAN COURSES				
1.	Artisan Course in Dairy Farm Management	Dairy Training Institute Naivasha	KCSE or KCE certificate	6 Months Kshs. 47,800
2.	Artisan Course in Dairy Plant Management	Dairy Training Institute Naivasha	KCSE or KCE certificate	6 Months Kshs. 47,800



# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

## STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES YEAR 2026

#### CONTACT ADDRESS FOR EACH INSTITUTE

<p><b>1. AHITI - Kabete</b> P.O. Box 29040-00625 Kangemi Tel: +254 769702555 Email: <a href="mailto:ahitikabete@kilimo.go.ke">ahitikabete@kilimo.go.ke</a> Payment details: Bankers' Cheque to Principal Secretary Livestock Development OR Dial *222# Service code CCNFF</p>	<p><b>2. AHITI - Ndomba</b> P.O. Box 32 -10300 Kerugoya Tel: +254 0202096540 Email: <a href="mailto:ahitindomba@kilimo.go.ke">ahitindomba@kilimo.go.ke</a> Website: <a href="http://ndomba.ahiti.go.ke">ndomba.ahiti.go.ke</a> Payment details: Bankers' cheque to Principal AHITI - Ndomba OR Paybill 222222 A/C. No. SCFPP - Your Name</p>	<p><b>3. AHITI - Nyahururu</b> P.O. Box 1-20300 Nyahururu Tel: + 254 701821444 Email: <a href="mailto:principalnyahururu@kilimo.go.ke">principalnyahururu@kilimo.go.ke</a> Payment details: Bankers' cheque to Principal AHITI - Nyahururu OR Dial: *222# Code: STDLV Reference - Applicant name</p>	<p><b>4. Dairy Training Institute-Naivasha</b> P.O. Box 449 Naivasha Tel: +254 050-50176 / +254 726933410 Email: <a href="mailto:infodtinaivasha@kilimo.go.ke">infodtinaivasha@kilimo.go.ke</a> Payment details: Bankers' cheque to: State Department for Livestock Naivasha (KCB) (Acc/NO:1147482071) OR 1. Dial *222# 2. On the Main Menu, Select Option One-- 'Make Payment' 3. On the Make Payment Page Select Option 2 "Enter the service code": DTIFE3 4. Enter the reference (Your Name) 5. Enter the amount and Confirm 6. Wait for an STK Push to enter your MPESA PIN or a text message with payment instructions</p>	<p><b>5. Livestock Training Institute - Wajir</b> P.O. Box 339-70200 Wajir Tel: +254719127120/+254 721259255 Email: <a href="mailto:ltiwajir@kilimo.go.ke">ltiwajir@kilimo.go.ke</a>/ <a href="mailto:ltiwajir@gmail.com">ltiwajir@gmail.com</a> Payment details: Bankers' cheque to Principal Livestock Training Institute - Wajir</p>	<p><b>6. National Beekeeping Institute - Lenana</b> P.O. Box 34188 -00100 Nairobi Tel: +254707770268 Email: <a href="mailto:beekeepinginstitute@kilimo.go.ke">beekeepinginstitute@kilimo.go.ke</a> Payment details: Paybill: 222222 A/C. No. NBSCB - first name</p>	<p><b>7. Meat Training Institute - Athi River</b> P. O. Box 55-00204 Athi River Tel: +254 739934687 Email: <a href="mailto:mti@kilimo.go.ke">mti@kilimo.go.ke</a> Payment details: Bankers' cheque to Principal Meat Training Institute</p>	<p><b>8. Livestock Training Institute - Mogotio</b> P.O. Box 115 Mogotio Tel: +254 758903200 Email: <a href="mailto:ltimogotio@gmail.com">ltimogotio@gmail.com</a> Payment details: Bankers' cheque to Principal Livestock Training Institute - Mogotio Acc. No:1147677344 KCB - Edama Ravine branch</p>
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# MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

## STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

### CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

The Ministry of Interior and National Administration through a Multi-Agency Committee and in consultation with the Government Chemist Department has developed the draft National Forensic Science Bill 2026. The Bill seeks to enable reforms in Forensic Laboratory services as well as Forensic Science practice in Kenya.

Stakeholders and All members of the Public are called upon to participate in the process by preparing and submitting memoranda via email, to: [nationalforensicsciencebill@gmail.com](mailto:nationalforensicsciencebill@gmail.com) and to WhatsApp Number: +254140967773 to be received on or before the **15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. The Draft National Forensic Science Bill 2026 is posted on the Ministry of Interior and National Administration website ([www.interior.go.ke](http://www.interior.go.ke)) and comments, inputs or memoranda from the general public should be forwarded or delivered to the Principal Secretary, Internal Security and National Administration, Harambee House, Nairobi using the template provided on the Ministry's website.

In addition, the Ministry of Interior and National Administration will be conducting public participation forums across the country as per the schedule set out below. Members of the public are invited to come and give their comments, inputs and memoranda on The Draft National Forensic Science Bill 2026.

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
INTERNAL SECURITY AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

**P O BOX 30510 - 00100.  
HARAMBEE HOUSE,  
NAIROBI.**

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

S/No	Counties	Regions to Visit	Venue	Date
1.	Nairobi City	Nairobi City	• County Hall, Nairobi	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
2.	Kiambu		• Makadara Hall	
3.	Kajiado		• Dagoreti Hall	
4.	Kisumu	Kisumu	Ofafa Hall	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
5.	Siaya			
6.	Nyamira			
7.	Migori			
8.	Kisii			
9.	Homabay			
10.	Kakamega	Kakamega	Kakamega County Social Hall	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
11.	Vihiga			
12.	Bungoma			
13.	Busia			
14.	West Pokot	Kapenguria	County commissioner's Boardroom	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
15.	Trans Nzoia			
16.	Turkana			
17.	Nandi	Eldoret	County Municipal Hall Eldoret	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
18.	Elgeyo Marakwet			
19.	Uasin Gishu			
20.	Kericho	Nakuru	Regional Commissioner's Hall	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
21.	Narok			
22.	Bomet			
23.	Nakuru			
24.	Baringo			
25.	Nyandarua	Nyeri	Regional Training Centre Ruring'u	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
26.	Nyeri			
27.	Muranga			
28.	Laikipia			
29.	Marsabit	Isiolo	Isiolo Police Canteen	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
30.	Samburu			
31.	Meru			
32.	Isiolo			
33.	Embu,	Embu	Talent Academy Embu	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
34.	Tharaka Nithi,			
35.	Kirinyaga			
36.	Mandera	Garissa	Government Guest House Garissa Town	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
37.	Wajir			
38.	Garissa			
39.	Tana River			
40.	Makueni	Machakos	Machakos Teachers training college	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
41.	Kitui			
42.	Machakos			
43.	Taita Taveta	Mombasa	Kenya school of Government	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
44.	Kwale			
45.	Mombasa			
46.	Kilifi	Kilifi	Malindi	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 9.00am
47.	Lamu			

# Narok steps up TB detection with advanced diagnostic equipment



A health technician conducting TB screening using modern diagnostic equipment at a public facility in Kenya.

BY EMILY KADZO (KNA)

The fight against tuberculosis (TB) at Narok County Referral Hospital has received a significant boost following the acquisition of advanced diagnostic tools to facilitate easier and faster diagnosis. According to the County TB and Leprosy Coordinator (CTLC) for Narok County, Mr. Micah Cheburet, although the burden of TB, TB/HIV, and drug-resistant TB (DR-TB) remains high, it is not all doom and gloom.

He stated that the health personnel in the devolved unit now have an edge in the hard-to-treat form of tuberculosis following adoption of advanced lung disease diagnostic equipment obtained through support from the national government and development

partners.

According to the World Health Organizations, Kenya is one of the 30 countries globally with the majority (at least 80 per cent) of TB cases.

Mr. Cheburet explained that due to deployment of advanced diagnostic equipment, 1,556 cases of drug-susceptible tuberculosis and 11 cases of drug-resistant tuberculosis had been diagnosed in Narok last year and patients put on treatment.

“Currently in Narok for every 100,000 people, we have a 146 prevalence of tuberculosis cases. Factors that are fueling the rising prevalence in this region range from poor and crowded housing conditions in manyattas, migratory nature of pastoralists and misdiagnosis of the condition,” states the coordinator.

In an interview with Kenya News Agency at

the Narok County Referral Hospital, Mr. Cheburet singled out misconceptions about the disease, over reliance on traditional herbalists, failure to seek early treatment and growing HIV/Aids burden as drivers of new tuberculosis cases in the devolved unit.

The TB and Leprosy Coordinator indicated that the use of ultra-portable digital chest X-ray machines with Artificial Intelligence (AI) had enhanced efficiency and accuracy in TB screening, besides enabling a larger number of people to be screened.

“The use of X-ray with a Computer Aided Detection (CAD) is a game changer in the fight against TB and is of great help in finding missing cases,” stated the coordinator.

The advanced diagnostic equipment are stationed at public health

facilities in Narok Town, Kilgoris, Ololunga and Nairegia Enkare.

“We expect the new equipment to support active case finding strategies and strengthen surveillance efforts aligned with national TB control priorities within the regions. The new equipment builds on earlier county investments in portable digital X-ray technology that have significantly improved TB case finding, reduced diagnostic delays and eased congestion at referral hospitals. By enabling same-day screening and results, the AI-supported system enhances timely linkage to care and improves treatment outcomes,” explained the coordinator.

# New water project ends thirst woes in Kwale villages

BY MYGOV REPORTER

Access to clean and affordable water has improved for residents of Kwa Kalinga and surrounding villages in Kwale County after the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) completed a key water supply project.

For years, communities endured severe water shortages, forcing women and children to walk long distances in search of water, often at the expense of education and economic activities.

“I am Elizabeth Ngoro from Kwa Kalinga village. We thank NDMA and the Kwale County Government for bringing us this clean water project,” she said. “Before this project, we walked long distances

to Taru to fetch water. Even when water reached Egu, it was unreliable. Children missed school because of water shortages,” she added.

The Taru-Roka-Egu-Kwa Kalinga Water Pipeline Extension Project has significantly eased the burden, with water now accessible within proximity to households.

“A 20-litre container now costs only five shillings. Women can now engage in small businesses because water is closer. We used to feel left behind, but now things have changed,” Ngoro noted. Her sentiments were echoed by John Kalinga, who highlighted the financial relief brought by the project. “Women suffered walking long distances to fetch water, and even

we men struggled financially. We used to spend up to Sh400 buying six jerrycans of water. Now we can use that money for development. This project has changed our lives,” he said.

NDMA Chief Executive Officer Lt. Col (Rtd) Hared Adan said the project is a major drought resilience intervention targeting long-standing water challenges in the area.

“The total cost of this project is Sh 24,038,063, fully funded under the Dry-land Climate Action for Community Drought Resilience programme with support from the European Union,” he said.

Adan noted that the project includes a 7.7-kilometre pipeline linking Taru, Roka, Egu, and Kwa Kalinga.



## TENDER NOTICE

Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company Limited wishes to invite open tenders from eligible bidders for supply of various goods, services and works for the financial year July 2026– June 2027.

The tender documents with detailed information may be obtained from Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company Limited website [www.gatangawater.co.ke](http://www.gatangawater.co.ke). The documents are provided **free of charge**.

Applicants who download the tender documents shall email their names, contact details and the tender number to [info@gatangawater.co.ke](mailto:info@gatangawater.co.ke)

Complete tender documents **MUST** be sealed in plain envelopes clearly marked with the tender number and name and be addressed to:

**MANAGING DIRECTOR  
GATANGA WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LTD  
P O BOX 6133 – 01000  
THIKA**

And deposited in the tender box at the Head Office in Mabanda so as to be received on or before **10:00 am of 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**. Tender applications will be immediately opened thereafter, at the company's Boardroom in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

**J.Kairu  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**



## JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Our client a state Corporation within the Water Sector under the Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation with a view to enhance efficiency and service delivery, intends to recruit dynamic, innovative and experienced individuals to fill the following vacancies within its establishment.

#	Position	Job Grade	No
1	Director Bulk Water Services	2	1
2	Deputy Director Operations and Maintenance	3	1
3	Deputy Director Water Works Infrastructure Development	3	1
4	Assistant Director Operation and Maintenance	4	2
5	Assistant Director Water Works Infrastructure Development	4	1
6	Assistant Director Supply Chain Management	4	1
7	Assistant Director Human Resource Management Development	4	1
8	Principal Process Engineer	5	2
9	Principal Planning Officer	5	1
10	Principal Environmental Officer	5	1

#	Position	Job Grade	No
11	Principal Sociologist	5	1
12	Principal Administrative Officer	5	1
13	Principal Accountant	5	1
14	Biochemist I	7	2
15	Engineer I (Water)	7	2
16	Electromechanical Engineer I	7	2
17	Health and Safety Officer I	7	1
18	Sociologist I	7	1
19	Communications Officer I	7	1
20	Financial Accountant I	7	1
21	Engineering Technician II (2 Civil and 1 Electromechanical)	8	3
22	Technician III (2 Civil and 1 Electromechanical)	9	3
23	Driver I	9	2

### How to apply:

Interested Applicants should submit applications including copies of academic and professional certificates, testimonials and Curriculum Vitae, including details of their current position, remuneration and three (3) referees. Detailed information on the job descriptions and job qualifications and other requirements can be accessed on website: <https://shorturl.at/SKgKF>

Hard and/or soft copies of the applications should be delivered and registered at the Recruiting Consultant Office indicated below or emailed to: [applyjobs@cdl.africa](mailto:applyjobs@cdl.africa). on or before **5<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 5:00 p.m.** Late applications will be rejected.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Successful candidates **MUST** satisfy the requirements of Leadership and Integrity set out in Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and shall be required to present the following documents before employment.

- Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (TCC);
- Certificate of clearance from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB);
- Certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI);
- Dully filled and stamped Self-Declaration/Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC); and
- Clearance certificate from approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

The institution is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and gender equality, marginalized community, and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) are encouraged to apply.

**Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.**

## CDA begins construction of long-awaited Mjanaheri-Ngomeni road

BY EMMANUEL MASHA (KNA)

The Coast Development Authority (CDA) has commenced the construction of the long-awaited Mjanaheri-Ngomeni Road, a crucial link to key security and economic installations, including an international space centre in Kilifi County.

Dr. Mwansiti Bendera, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Mombasa-based state corporation, said the 12-kilometre road is being developed alongside health and educational facilities under the Malindi Integrated Social Health Development Project II (MISHDP II).

MISHDP II is being implemented by CDA through a concessional loan of €6.39 million (about Sh 966 million) from the Government of Italy.

Dr. Bendera noted that the road project that is expected to cost approximately Sh560 million, will unlock new opportunities for investment and growth in Kilifi County.

“Construction of the Mjanaheri-Ngomeni road is one of the flagship activities under this programme. It will open up Ngomeni and its surroundings to development activities that will benefit both local communities and national interests,” she said during a verification tour of ongoing projects under Phase Two of MISHDP in Magarini Sub County, Kilifi County.

Ngomeni, a fishing village in Magarini Sub-County, hosts the Italian Space Agency, which also accommodates the Kenya Space Agency. The area is further home to a Kenya Navy base, a fish landing site, and a market managed by the Ngomeni Beach Management Unit (BMU). It is also known for sand harvesting, thanks to its extensive sand dunes.

“Once completed, the road will transform this area in terms of business and accessibility. It will benefit the fishing community, enhance trade, and improve access to basic facilities.” Beyond Ngomeni, the entire Magarini Sub-County will experience increased economic activity,” Dr. Bendera added. Mr. Kassim Bwana, chairman of the road project committee, welcomed the development, noting that poor road conditions had long hindered transport and access to essential services.

“Since independence, we have faced transport challenges due to the poor state of this road. Expectant mothers have delivered on their way to health facilities, and fish traders have struggled to move their goods to Malindi,” he said.

# Simple, low-cost tool boosts neonatal jaundice detection in western Kenya

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

A low-cost, easy-to-use diagnostic tool is transforming how neonatal jaundice is detected and managed in western Kenya, offering renewed hope in reducing infant mortality linked to the condition.

At Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH), clinicians are deploying the Bili Ruler—a handheld, non-invasive device to screen newborns for jaundice, a condition that remains among the leading causes of neonatal mortality globally.

The innovation is being implemented under the Pregnancy Risk, Infant Surveillance and Measurement Alliance (PRISMA) Study, a multi-site research initiative assessing maternal and infant health outcomes.

Early results from the JOOTRH site and surrounding facilities suggest the device could significantly reduce preventable deaths through timely diagnosis and referral.

Neonatal jaundice, marked by yellowing of the skin and eyes, can lead to severe complications including brain damage or death if not detected early.

In resource-limited settings, diagnosis has traditionally relied



Kevin Kasadhe (right) demonstrates how the Bili Ruler works to a nurse at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital. The device is touted as a game changer in reversing neonatal deaths attributed to jaundice. PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

on Total Serum Bilirubin (TSB) testing, which requires blood samples and laboratory infrastructure often unavailable in lower-level health facilities.

The Bili Ruler, also known as an icterometer, offers a practical alternative.

Health workers apply gentle pressure on a newborn’s nose and compare the skin colour against calibrated indicators on the device to estimate bilirubin levels. “Our goal is to reduce jaun-

dice-related deaths through early screening and prompt referral,” said Kevin Kasadhe, a Clinical Research Nurse and Trainer affiliated with the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and the Cambridge Centre for Global Health Research.

According to Kasadhe, jaundice ranks among the top ten causes of neonatal mortality, yet remains highly treatable when detected early. “This tool allows us to intervene before complica-

tions set in,” he added. Since its rollout in January 2025, he said, the PRISMA platform has enrolled over 2,700 participants, with 930 infants included in the Bili Ruler sub-study.

Researchers involved in the study, he said, report zero deaths linked to jaundice among identified cases, a milestone they attribute to early detection and timely clinical intervention.

The programme spans six health facilities across Kisumu and Siaya counties, including Kisumu County Referral Hospital, Lumumba Sub-County Hospital, Koyo Health Center, Siaya County Referral Hospital and Tingwangi Health Facility.

Kasadhe noted that at a cost of about Sh1,200 per unit, the Bili Ruler presents a sustainable option for wider adoption, particularly in under-resourced settings.

He added that the device could also be deployed at community level, enabling frontline health workers to screen infants born outside hospital settings.

Infants in the study, he said, are monitored at critical intervals within 24 hours of birth, on day three, and at one week.

Cases with elevated bilirubin levels are referred for specialised care, including phototherapy.

## Film Commission roots for the creative economy as Kenya’s economic frontier

BY LEAH AUGO (MYGOV)

As Kenya prepares to host the 14th edition of Kalasha International Film and Television Market, Festival and Awards, the country stands at a defining moment, where art meets enterprise, where culture meets commerce and where Kenya meets the world.

The Kenya Film Commission (KFC), which hosts the Kalasha Film Festival on behalf of the country, says this year’s edition is particularly significant since it comes at a time when the global creative economy is no longer peripheral, but a central tool of economic development.

The KFC CEO Timothy Owase says countries across the world are increasingly recognizing that intellectual property, story-telling, and cultural expression are among the most valuable commodities of the 21st century. Kenya must not only take note; we must lead.

“Kalasha is our industry’s heartbeat. It convenes filmmakers, broadcasters, distributors, investors, policymakers, and audiences into one ecosystem. The Market segment unlocks business opportunities; co-productions, distribution deals, and investment pipelines. The festival showcases the depth and diversity

of African storytelling, while the Awards recognize excellence and inspire higher standards across the industry,” Owase said in a press statement to the media.

But beyond the glamour and recognition, Owase said, Kalasha is an economic engine. Every film produced creates jobs for writers, directors, actors, technicians, caterers, transport providers, digital marketers. It stimulates tourism, drives technology adoption, and builds global visibility for Kenya as a creative hub.

The CEO said that for too long, the creative sector has been viewed as a cultural luxury rather than an economic necessity, a narrative which must change.

He said the creative economy is a job creator particularly for the youth, who are Kenya’s greatest demographic asset and a revenue generator through exports of film, music, and digital content.

Owase added that the creative economy is a soft power tool which shapes how the world sees Kenya besides also being a cultural anchor which preserves and projects our identity in a rapidly globalizing world

“In an era where traditional industries are being disrupted, creativity is proving to be one of the most resilient and scalable sectors through which digital platforms have democratized



distribution, enabling Kenyan stories to reach global audiences instantly. and the question is no longer whether we have the talent, we do, the question is whether we will build the structures to monetize it effectively,” Mr. Owase said.

He told African countries to pay attention to the Kalasha festival because the creative economy is not just for artists. It is for Governments, to create enabling policies, incentives, and infrastructure.

He also told the private sector to invest in content, platforms, and talent development and called on financial institutions to innovate financing models tailored to creative enterprises.

The CEO told the academia to align training with industry needs and urged the public to support local content and recognize its value.

“Kalasha is where these conversations converge into action. Kenya is uniquely positioned. We are a regional leader in innovation,

cultural cross-roads, and a country with compelling stories rooted in rich heritage and contemporary dynamism. With the right investment and policy alignment, we can become Africa’s premier creative economy hub,” Owase said.

“At the Kenya Film Commission, we are committed to driving this transformation, facilitating production, promoting Kenyan content globally, and building partnerships that unlock value across the sector and as we approach the 14th Kalasha edition, I invite all stakeholders to engage, not as spectators, but as participants in shaping Kenya’s future”, the CEO added.

He urged Kenyans to attend the market, watch the films, support the creators, invest in the industry, advocate for policy reform because the creative economy is not just about storytelling, it is about nation building and the story of Kenya’s future is one we must all help write.

# Leaders, citizens tackle key issues at Jami Imara forum



Public Standards PS Mary Muthoni at Jami Imara Mashinani forum in Kirinyaga County.

BY MYGOV WRITER

The 15th Kirinyaga Jami Imara Mashinani (JIM) Citizen Engagement forum was successfully held at Kiamutugu Boys High School, attracting 20 Senior Government officials and over 2,200 citizens.

The forum, whose

overall moderator is PS Mary Muthoni from the State Department of Public Health and Professional Standards, handled key social and public health issues such as tobacco control, mental health awareness, gender-based violence, probation services and prevention of drug and

substance abuse.

Citizens also engaged officials on development matters, including road infrastructure, access to healthcare services and agricultural challenges especially in coffee, tea, and macadamia farming.

Government representatives responded directly,

providing updates on ongoing and planned projects.

Participants welcomed the forum and praised its impact in improving access to Government information, strengthening trust and giving citizens a direct voice in governance.

JIM, as it is popularly known, is a national citizen engagement forum that brings together top Government officials and citizens.

The officials include Cabinet Secretaries, Prin-

icipal Secretaries, Board Chairpersons and Directors, Commissioners, Chief Executive Officers and Managing Directors of State Agencies and Parastatals JIM model engages citizens at the grassroots through a town hall approach. What makes it unique is its immediate feedback system.

During the sessions, wananchi are given the opportunity to directly ask Government officials questions and raise issues affecting them as they get

immediate feedback.

PS Muthoni in the Executive Team is supported by Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) Chairperson Winfrida Ngumi, who is the Treasurer and Organizing Secretary, as well as the Convenor and Director of Konza Technopolis, Mr Peter Mucendu.

Others are Executive member Kieru Wambui and Lead Secretariat Dr Andrew Kimani, who also serves as the CEO of the Transport Licensing Appeals Board.



## DIGITAL HEALTH AGENCY (DHA)

OUR MISSION:

*"To build and sustain a secure, inclusive, and innovative digital health ecosystem by implementing a comprehensive and integrated system that enhances healthcare delivery and access."*

### VACANT POSITIONS IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIGITIZATION FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE PROJECT

The Digital Health Agency (DHA) is a government entity mandated to lead the digitalization of the public health sector in Kenya. The Agency is a body established under Part II of the Digital Health Act of 2023; with the mandate to develop, operationalize and maintain a secure, compressive and integrated health system through management of the core digital health systems and infrastructure. The Agency is undertaking an elaborate process to digitize its health eco-system; a key enabler towards realization of Universal Health Coverage.

The State Department for Medical Services and DHA (as an implementing agent) entered into an agreement with Safaricom Consortium under the Healthcare Information Technology Digitalization for Universal Healthcare Project and has set up a Project Management Office to oversee implementation of the project.

To strengthen system utilization and provide on-the-ground support to health facilities, the project seeks to recruit qualified and motivated County Digital Health Support Officers who will be deployed at county level.

The project seeks to recruit qualified and competent persons to fill vacant positions in the Project Management Office on a two-year (2) contract (renewable) as detailed below.

S/N	Position	Grade	No. of Vacancies
1	Project County Support Officer	DUH 6	47
2	Project County Assistant Support Officer	DUH 7	23
<b>Total</b>			<b>70</b>

**Please Note:**

- (i) Applicants should STRICTLY submit application for ONE post only
- (ii) Candidates should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application. Details of academic and professional certificates not obtained by closure of the advert should not be included.
- (iii) Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
- (iv) The DHA is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution - Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenyans diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men, women, youth, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED AND THE MINORITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**
- (v) Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates and transcripts during interviews.
- (vi) It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- (vii) Serving officers shall be required to produce the original letter of appointment to their current substantive post during the interview.
- (viii) Beware of fraudsters soliciting for bribes from the public while masquerading as staff of the DHA.

The Digital Health Agency (DHA) does not charge any fee for job applications, shortlisting, interviews or appointments.

**How to Apply:**

The details of the post and mode of application can be accessed on the DHA website.

Interested and qualified candidates should visit the portal accessible through the DHA website: <https://dha.go.ke/opportunities/careers>. Online mode of application is as indicated below:

Candidates are requested to submit their applications online, by completing the application process available on the DHA website. The portal application process includes attaching scanned copies of curriculum vitae, relevant supporting certificates and testimonials and fill the prescribed employment form.

Application must be received by **28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 East African.**

**Please note that only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**



### REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

<b>Country:</b>	Kenya
<b>Project:</b>	WATER AND SANITATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
<b>Credit No.:</b>	IDA-60300
<b>Ref:</b>	KE-NWWDA-541055-CW-RFB
<b>RFB Title:</b>	Equipping of Exploratory Boreholes Project-Lot 1- Sarman - Tarbaj Water Supply County
<b>Contract No.</b>	KE. KE-NWWDA-541055-CW-RFB

1. The Northern Water Works Development Agency has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water and Sanitation Development Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Equipping of Exploratory Boreholes Project-Lot 1- Sarman - Tarbaj Water Supply, Contract No. KE-NWWDA-541055-CW-RFB.**
2. The Northern Water Works Development Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Equipping of **Exploratory Boreholes Project-Lot 1- Sarman - Tarbaj Water Supply, Contract No. KE-NWWDA-541055-CW-RFB, as detailed below:**, , 160/140 OD, PN10-16, and associated civil works
  - Borehole Equipping with Solar.
  - HDPE Rising Main 40KM , 160/140 OD, PN10-16, and associated civil works
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procurement using a Request for Bids as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations" for IPF Borrower and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Northern Water Works Development Agency, Procurement office (A3 Ground floor), email [info@nwwda.go.ke](mailto:info@nwwda.go.ke) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below
5. The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from our website [www.nwwda.go.ke](http://www.nwwda.go.ke) or [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) - Public Procurement Information Portal Addendum/Clarifications will also be posted in the NWWDA website immediately they become available
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before the **12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11.00 am**. 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 choose to attend at the address below at **Conference Room, at 11.30 am on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**
7. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security (Unconditional Bank guarantee) of **Kshs. 2,000,000.00** (Two Million only)
8. The address referred to above is:

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Northern Water Works Development Agency**  
 Maji House, Kismayu Road  
 P.O. Box 495 – 70100, GARISSA, KENYA  
 Fax: +254-46-2103598  
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# Germany turns to Kenya as KMTC physiotherapy placements grow



**ABC Director Armin Rupp explains the professional recognition process and job placement opportunities available in the German healthcare market.**

**BY HELLEN LUNALO (KNA)**

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) graduates have outpaced competitors to secure the largest share of recent medical placements in Germany. These strides reflect the institution's success in preparing students for the demanding standards of the European job market. Since the current recruitment cycle began last year, eighty-four KMTC physiotherapy graduates have been placed in German healthcare facilities with data from the specialized recruitment agency African Business Community (ABC) confirming that KMTC remains a primary source for Germany's growing physiotherapy needs.

Leading the pack, KMTC secured more placements than its peers combined in comparison as JKUAT alumni landed twenty-seven roles, while Moi University and Masinde Muliro University rounded out the recruitment numbers, with Moi recording seven placements.

Speaking at the school during an event on preparing students for overseas healthcare careers, ABC CEO Kelly Oluoch revealed that the data was only for the first half of the year and that the agency was currently fast tracking one hundred and fifty-nine more graduates ensuring that they are ready for placement in the immediate future to meet the rising demand.

By aligning health capabilities with strict international standards, the partnership between ABC and KMTC ensures graduates are fully equipped for global roles. The program streamlines the transition into the international workforce by providing a comprehensive support package, including specialized German language training, professional certification recognition, and dedicated job placement services.

On his part ABC Director Armin Rupp observed that while KMTC alumni have long established careers in the United Kingdom, Australia, the United States, and various hubs across Asia and Europe, the initiative represents the College's initial entry into the German healthcare market. Although the institution has a proven track record of international success, this partnership marks a significant first in organizing an avenue specifically intended for Germany.

"Germany represents a premier opportunity for these professionals as they present an aging population and a rising prevalence of chronic conditions therefore creating a critical and growing need for specialized rehabilita-

tion services that our graduates are perfectly positioned to provide," he stated.

KMTC has scaled up its efforts to establish international partnerships, specifically aimed at creating new career avenues for its students. Graduates like Michelle Wairimu have already begun to tap into these opportunities, describing the chance to work in a global setting as a transformative experience.

"I never imagined my training would open doors for me globally and the opportunity to work in Europe has really grown me both personally and professionally. While KMTC provided me with a solid foundation, practicing here has truly elevated my skills to an international level," she stated.

Germany's healthcare sector is facing a critical deficit of over twenty thousand physiotherapists thereby fueling an urgent demand for international talent. KMTC graduates have become preferred candidates in this market, earning a reputation for their strong practical expertise and quick adaptability to complex medical environments.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reports a global need for more physiotherapists. In Germany, where over twenty percent of its citizens are over sixty five years, the aging population has created a major shortage of workers to provide essential rehabilitation care.

**I never imagined my training would open doors for me globally**



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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

### KENYA LIVESTOCK COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT (KeLCoP)

#### SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

#### INVITATION TO BID

**14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

No.	Tender number	Tender Description	Date and time of submission
1.	MOA&LD /SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/017/2025-2026	Construction of Feed Storage Facilities In Marsabit Samburu Elgeyo Marakwet Baringo Nakuru And Siaya Counties	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1100 hours
2.	MOA&LD /SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/018/2025-2026	Construction of livestock sale yards in Bungoma county and Busia Counties	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1100 hours
3.	MOA&LD /SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/019/2025-2026	Construction of slaughter houses in Samburu, Bungoma and Nakuru Counties	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1100 hours
4.	MOA&LD /SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/020/2025-2026	Construction of water pans in Marsabit and Nakuru Counties	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1100 hours
5.	MOA&LD /SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/021/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of boreholes in Bungoma, Busia Trans Nzoia, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Samburu, Marsabit Counties	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1100 hours

- The Government of Kenya (GoK) through the National Treasury has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of the financing to the procurements activities above. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) under the State Department for Livestock Development.
- The Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) is a six-year project jointly funded by: Government of Kenya (GoK), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Heifer International, and Participating Financial Institutions (PFI) and Beneficiary communities. The Project came into force on 05 March 2021 with a Completion date of 31 March 2027 and Loan Closing date of 30 September 2027. The Project Goal is to contribute to the Government's agriculture transformation Agenda of increasing rural small-scale farmers' incomes, food and nutrition security. The development objective is to increase incomes of 110,000 poor livestock and pastoralist households, especially youth and women, in an environmentally friendly manner, in selected project areas of the 10 participating counties. The Project areas are Semi-Arid counties (Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo), Arid counties (Marsabit and Samburu).and other areas are Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega, Siaya, Nakuru and Trans Nzoia.
- The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for the above mentioned procurement activities. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the bidding documents.
- This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the procurement.
- Bidding will be conducted using the methods, the evaluation procedure which are described in the bidding documents, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement) and Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015. The bidding process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
- Bidding documents may be viewed and obtained electronically for **free** from the [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke), [www.ppip.go.ke](http://www.ppip.go.ke), [www.kelcop.or.ke](http://www.kelcop.or.ke) websites. Tenderers who download the documents must forward their particulars immediately to [pmcu.kelcop@gmail.com](mailto:pmcu.kelcop@gmail.com) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- All interested bidders are required to **continually check every Tuesday** the mentioned websites for any bid addendums or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.
- Bidding documents obtained electronically will be **free of charge**.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – no later than time and date specified to:

**Project Coordinator,  
Project Management and Coordination Unit (PMCU),  
Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP),  
Nakuru-Ravine Road, Opposite KEMSA Nakuru Regional office  
P.O. Box 12261-20100 Nakuru, Kenya**

- Bidders shall be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance and will be returned unopened at the written request and cost of the bidder.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid Security (as required and where applicable) in the manner and amount specified in the bid data sheet in the form of unconditional bank guarantee.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified or any deadline date and time specified later. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Please note that electronic bids shall not be accepted.

**Yours sincerely,  
Project Coordinator  
Project Management and Coordination unit, (PMCU)  
Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP),  
P.O. Box 12261-20100 Nakuru, Kenya  
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E-mail: [pmcu.kelcop@gmail.com](mailto:pmcu.kelcop@gmail.com)**

**For: Principal Secretary, State Department for Livestock Development**



## FEATURE: FOOD SECURITY

# New Hope for drylands as pearl millet flourishes in Kiboko fields

BY WILLIAM INGANGA (KNA)

Under the scorching sun of Kiboko—where parched soils often crack before yielding—an understated transformation is unfolding. At the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, rows of pearl millet now stand in demonstration plots, their grain heads swaying in the dryland breeze, quietly signaling resilience and renewed hope in an unforgiving landscape.

A couple of farmers, scientists, and seed companies gathered here for a field tour that may well shape the future of farming in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands. Among them was Kyaati Yambu, a Primary School teacher from Mtito Andei, who had travelled over 70 kilometers not for a lesson in English but for a lesson in survival.

"I devote most of my free time to farming," Yambu says with quiet conviction. Though he teaches during the day, his heart and increasingly his livelihood lies in the soil.

For over 20 years, Yambu has worked as a contracted farmer with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), growing green grams, cowpeas, and sorghum. His 40-acre farm has sustained him well, particularly through green grams, which fetch up to Sh130 per kilo and yield as much as 35 bags per season.

But on this day in Kiboko, something new caught his eye. "When I came here, I was very much pleased to see a variety of crops mostly the pearl millet," he says. "I hope I'll get some seeds and that will get me money in my pocket." For Yambu, pearl millet is not just another crop, it is an opportunity.

Pearl millet is not new to Africa. For generations, it was a staple crop across dry land communities. But over time, it faded from prominence pushed aside by maize and other cereals, and challenged by labor-intensive processing and vulnerability to bird damage.

Now, in the face of climate change, it is making a return. "Among the cereals, this is one of the most drought-tolerant crops," explains Dr. Lilian Gichuru, a Seed Systems Specialist at CIMMYT adding: "In this environment, within just two and a half to three months,



**Research Associate at CIMMYT Molly Okoth with farmers Leonard Mbwiko and Kyaati Yambu, in a Pearl Millet field at the Kiboko site.**

PHOTO: WILLIAM INGANGA/KNA

it is ready for harvest."

That speed and resilience makes pearl millet a powerful alternative in regions where rainfall is increasingly unpredictable. But this is not the pearl millet of the past.

At Kiboko, researchers are introducing hybrid varieties sourced from global partners in India, Brazil, and Europe. These are being tested under Kenyan conditions to evaluate yield, adaptability, and market potential.

"This is a first of many activities showcasing hybrid technology," Dr. Gichuru says. "We are moving from traditional open-pollinated varieties to hybrids that can significantly improve productivity."

The goal is clear: faster results, higher yields, and crops that can withstand the pressures of a changing climate. The field tour at Kiboko was not just about observation, it was about connection.

Scientists from KALRO and CIMMYT walked side by side with farmers and private seed companies, bridging the often-wide gap between research and real-world application. "We are bringing different partners together to evaluate these materials also to entice seed companies to take them into their production portfolios," explains Dr. Gichuru.

This is where innovation meets scale. By involving private sector players early, CIMMYT hopes to accelerate the journey from experimen-

tal plots to farmers' fields. Already, about five seed companies have shown interest in co-testing and potentially commercializing the varieties.

"This is about market-driven selection," Dr. Gichuru states and adds: "We don't want to take products forward that farmers and companies don't actually want."

For farmers like Yambu, and his fellow attendee Leonard Mbwiko, the stakes are deeply personal. Mbwiko, a retired special needs teacher who once taught visually impaired students at Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind, now spends his time farming a 10-acre plot in Mtito Andei.

"Braille was my staff," he says with a smile, reflecting on his teaching days. Today, his tools are seeds and soil. Like Yambu, he grows green grams and sorghum, selling his produce through KALRO. His yields about 10 bags of green grams and 15 bags of sorghum per season which is not only attractive but also reliable.

Yet he, too, sees promise in pearl millet. "I was introduced to it here," he says. "I believe it can be grown in my area again," he says. His words carry both hope and history. There was a time when pearl millet thrived in regions like Mtito Andei. But its decline tells a broader story not just of agriculture, but of social change.

"In the past, children who did not attend school helped protect millet crops by scaring birds away," Mbwiko explains. "Now, with more children in school, that is no longer possible." The result? Farmers gradually abandoned the crop. But new hybrid varieties are changing that equation. Mbwiko notes, "That makes

a big difference," he states.

He is already planning his next move: reaching out to KALRO to access seeds for planting.

Walking through the Kiboko plots, the diversity is striking. "This field has 28 pearl millet varieties," explains Molly Okoth, a research associate at CIMMYT. "We are testing them for yield and traits like panicle length, dual-purpose use, and water efficiency."

These trials, she says, are not limited to Kenya. Similar evaluations are ongoing across East and Southern Africa in Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe ensuring that the best performing varieties can be scaled across regions with similar climates. The focus is not just on survival, but on productivity. "We want farmers to start seeing pearl millet as a hybrid crop," Okoth says noting: "Because these hybrids can produce much more than what farmers are currently getting."

Higher yields mean more food—and more income. Pearl millet's potential extends beyond the plate. "It has space in food, in brewing, and even in animal feed. Some varieties are excellent for forage, you can see the crop is mature, but the leaves are still green," explains Dr. Gichuru.

This "stay-green" characteristic is particularly valuable for livestock farmers, offering a dual-purpose solution in regions where feed shortages are common.

Still, challenges remain. Processing millet can be labor-intensive, particularly when it comes to threshing. But here, too, innovation is catching up. "Partners in mechanization are developing equipment to ease this work,"

Dr. Gichuru notes stating that with hybrid uniformity, mechanical harvesting becomes more viable."

In other words, the crop is advancing not just in the field, but along the entire value chain. Back in the fields, Yambu walks slowly between the plots, listening to scientists' explanations, observing, calculating, imagining and even taking notes. For him, the decision is already taking shape.

"Now I have something else to add onto my crops," he says. "That is pearl millet." It is a simple statement but one that captures a much larger shift.

Across Kenya's dry lands, farmers are searching for crops that can withstand the realities of climate change while still delivering income. Pearl millet, long overlooked, is emerging as a strong contender. But its success will depend on more than just science.

It will require collaboration—between researchers, farmers, seed companies, and policymakers. It will also require investment in seed systems, mechanization, and market development. And above all, it will require trust from farmers willing to try something new. At Kiboko, that trust is beginning to take root.

As the sun dips lower and the field tour draws to a close, the message is clear: the future of farming in Kenya's dry lands may not lie in reinventing the wheel but in rediscovering and reimagining crops that have always belonged. Pearl millet is one of them. Time will tell if it will stay.

# Kenya ramps up certified seed production to cut food imports



Kenya Seed Company Chairperson Purity Ngirici signs (left) signs a performance contract for her company with Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe in Malindi. PHOTO: MARTIN MWANGOLO

BY MARTIN MWANGOLO AND  
EMMANUEL MASHA (KNA)

The Government will boost food security and reduce reliance on imports following a major increase in certified seed production, with authorities assuring farmers of adequate and high-quality supplies. Kenya Seed Company Chairperson Purity Ngirici said that the state

agency had recorded remarkable increase, producing 45 million kilograms of certified seeds in the first three quarters of the 2025/2026 season.

“In the 2025/2026 season, we have produced 45 million kilograms of seeds and we are still increasing. We are confident that we may hit 50 million kilograms before June,” she said. Ngirici noted that the surge was

informed by past shortages that left many farmers dissatisfied. “Farmers were complaining when supplies were low. That is why we decided to scale up production and also ensure they access all necessary farm inputs,” she explained. She assured farmers that the increased output will eliminate counterfeit seeds in the market. “We want to guarantee farmers that there will be no

fake seeds. All seeds distributed through Kenya Seed and Simlaw Seeds are certified and meet quality standards,” she added.

The meeting was presided over by Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe, who praised the agency’s performance, terming it a major milestone in the country’s agricultural sector. “This is a commendable effort. Increasing production to such

levels shows what can be achieved with commitment and proper coordination,” Kagwe said.

He stressed the importance of synergy among agricultural institutions, noting that collaboration between agencies such as Kenya Seed Company, ADC farms and the National Cereals and Produce Board is key to efficient service delivery. “We cannot work in isolation. These institutions must complement each other if we are to achieve food security,” he stated.

Kagwe revealed that more than seven million farmers have already been registered to benefit from government support through provision of seeds and fertilizers aimed at increasing productivity. He disclosed that his ministry is planning broader consultations with lawmakers to strengthen policy direction. “Soon, I will convene a meeting with Members of Parliament and Senators to develop strategies that will enhance food security and ultimately reduce, and even stop, food imports into Kenya,” he said.

The CS noted that Kenya currently spends close to Sh500 billion annually on food imports, a cost he said can be significantly reduced through improved local production.

During the meeting, state agencies under the ministry signed performance contracts, signaling renewed commitment to accountability and results.

Kagwe also challenged the media to prioritize agricultural reporting. “Journalists should give agriculture the attention it deserves. It is a critical sector that directly impacts the lives of Kenyans,” he said.

## Beekeeping project launched in Homa Bay under LBDA-Hive Limited partnership

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA) has partnered with The Hive Limited to implement a beekeeping project targeting more than 600 farmers in Homa Bay County.

The deal, signed at LBDA headquarters in Kisumu, seeks to support beekeepers operating within Wire Forest under the Wire Forest Management Association (WIFOMA), with a focus on boosting production, improving incomes and enhancing environmental conservation.

LBDA Managing Director Wycliffe Ochiaga said the authority will spearhead the initiative by coordinating partners, providing infrastructure and ensuring farmers have access to reliable

markets. “As you are aware, our mandate is to promote and coordinate socio-economic development within the Lake Victoria catchment area. One of our roles in this arrangement is to coordinate development partners to support bee farmers,” said Ochiaga. He said LBDA will invest close to Sh. 4 million in the project, largely to support infrastructure, including the provision of 600 modern beehives.

“As an organisation, we are going to support infrastructure by availing 600 beehives to this group. We will procure them from The Hive Limited because they are the experts in developing this kind of infrastructure,” he said.

Ochiaga noted that the authority will also provide a ready market for the produce through



LBDA MD Wycliffe Ochiaga (in blue suit) presents a beehive to one of the beneficiaries during the launch of the project in Kisumu

PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

its refinery plant in Ndhiwa, which will off-take honey and other bee products.

“We have a refinery plant in Ndhiwa and we are going to off-take the honey and other products. The Hive company will also be an off-taker. So, there is enough market for the produce,” he said. He said the partnership is anchored on a three-year

renewable Memorandum of Understanding, which will allow for assessment of the project’s sustainability and the durability of the infrastructure.

“We have signed an MOU of three years, renewable. This period will help us assess whether the infrastructure will still be stable,” he said. The MD added that the project will serve as a

pilot, with plans to scale it up to other parts of the region once it proves successful.

“In Homa Bay we have already identified farmers. We are working towards identifying some in Kisumu, in the western counties and also parts of Rift Valley. This is an ongoing exercise,” he said. Ochiaga further linked the initiative to national environmental conservation efforts, noting that apiculture thrives in well-preserved ecosystems.

“Another thing that we do is conservation of natural resources, where the greening programme comes in. There is a national campaign to plant 15 billion trees, and 30 per cent of these are expected to be fruit trees,” he said.

He explained that fruit trees play a crucial role in supporting bee forage and sustaining production. “For beekeeping, fruit trees provide critical raw materials for bees. We are developing tree nurseries at our offices and regional centres, and working with communities to build their capacity to support this effort,” he added.

# Kenya leather industry poised for major growth under Italy–Kenya collaboration

BY GLORIA GICHERU (PCO)

The Kenya leather industry is poised for major transformation after the Association of Italian Manufacturers (ASSOMAC) and the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) entered into a new partnership aimed at strengthening the value chain.

The deal, announced during a visit to the Kenanie Leather Industrial Park (KLIP), is expected to inject world-class technology, machinery and expertise into Kenya's leather sector, positioning the country as a regional hub for leather processing and manufacturing.

KLDC Acting CEO Jimmy Odhiambo said that leather is one of Kenya's most underutilized resources despite the country ranking third in Africa for livestock population.

For decades, Odhiambo said that the industry has been dominated by raw hides and skins exports, leaving local manufacturers unable to compete globally.

"The leather value chain from livestock rearing, tanning, and processing to the production of footwear and leather goods has immense potential to create jobs, reduce imports, and boost exports," said the Ag CEO.

However, Odhiambo noted that the sector has been constrained by outdated technology, limited investment, and environmental challenges. The partnership with ASSOMAC, which represents over 130 specialized Italian companies supplying machinery to global fashion brands, is seen as a game changer.

Italy is globally recognized as a benchmark in leather processing, and its expertise could help Kenya



ASSOMAC President Mauro Bergozza, left, Krystal Midega of the Italian Trade Agency second left, ASSOMAC Director General Agostino Apolito second right, and KLIP Site Engineer Gibert far right, during a tour of the Kenanie Leather Industrial Park.

bridge the gap between raw material abundance and high-value finished products.

Located just 50 kilometers from Nairobi, KLIP is designed as a one-stop shop for the leather value chain. It already boasts tanneries, warehouses, ICT infrastructure, power and water supply, and a common effluent treatment plant to ensure environmentally sustainable production.

Odhiambo described the park as a flagship project that will transform Kenya into a regional hub for leather manufacturing.

He emphasized that the park offers investors affordable labour,

modern infrastructure, and environmental safeguards, making it an attractive destination for both local and international players.

He said that the park is expected to create over 100,000 jobs, expand local production, and reduce reliance on imports, this is not only economic growth but also a stronger presence in international markets

ASSOMAC President Mauro Bergozza, who led the Italian delegation, highlighted the opportunities for collaboration across the leather value chain.

He noted that Italian technology and integrated supply chain

models could help Kenya establish sustainable and competitive production ecosystems.

"This project promotes the development of a structured manufacturing system in which Italian technology and machinery play a leading role, representing a genuine strategic asset for the global leather industry," Bergozza

**The leather value chain from livestock rearing, tanning, and processing to the production has immense potential**

said. He added that the partnership would strengthen Kenya's ability to produce high-quality leather goods for international markets.

The delegation also visited the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI), where discussions focused on modernizing equipment and enhancing research capacity.

Acting Director Dr. Kelvin Khisa underscored the importance of collaboration in areas such as leather testing, waste recycling, human health, and skills transfer.

KIRDI plays a vital role in supporting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with modern leather processing technologies. By working with ASSOMAC, the institute hopes to introduce cleaner and more efficient tanning methods, reduce waste, and empower small-scale leather investors. The partnership was formalized through a strategic agreement signed between ASSOMAC and the Kenya Association of Manufacturers during the Kenya International Investment Conference. The agreement aligns with Kenya's leather master plan and aims to strengthen industrial relations between Italy and Kenya.

By leveraging Italian expertise, Kenya hopes to build a structured manufacturing system that can compete globally.

The collaboration is expected to promote sustainable production, enhance skills transfer, and open new opportunities for Kenyan companies in international markets.

With the Kenanie Leather Industrial Park as the centerpiece, Kenya's leather industry is entering a new era.

## County, New KCC partner to boost nutrition for pre-primary learners

BY RENNISH OKONG'O (KNA)

Young learners in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centres in Elgeyo Marakwet County will receive free milk under a proposed partnership between the County Government and the New Kenya Co-operative Creameries (New KCC). The initiative, which targets Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) learners, is aimed at improving child nutrition, boost school enrolment, and enhance retention rates across the county.

Speaking during a courtesy call at Governor Wisley Rotich in Iten, New KCC Managing Director Joseph Choge underscored the importance of the collaboration, noting that the

county has been a key supplier of milk to KCC milk processing plant in Eldoret.

"We have had milk from this county that has sustained our milk factory in Eldoret, and we have now come here to explore how to collaborate with the County Government in the school feeding programme," said Choge.

He emphasized the nutritional value of milk, adding: "We have to give pre-school children milk for proper nutrition. This will help them grow into healthy adults." Choge assured that the programme would be implemented equitably across the region. "We will ensure that milk is distributed to children in every corner of the county," he stated.



New KCC Managing Director Joseph Choge (right, front row) and Elgeyo Marakwet County Governor Wisley Rotich, (middle, front row) during the director's visit to the county's headquarters in Iten.

Governor Rotich confirmed the county's commitment to the programme, revealing that discussions had already been initiated to formalize the partnership. "We have discussed a possible partnership on delivering milk under our school feeding programme

to our ECDE learners," said the governor.

He noted that the programme is expected to have far reaching socio-economic benefits, including improved health outcomes for children and increased school retention. In addition to support-

ing learners, the partnership is also poised to benefit local dairy farmers. Under the agreement, New KCC will collect milk from county cooling plants for processing, with farmers guaranteed prompt and consistent payments.

# Kenya strengthens health systems to curb emerging zoonotic threats

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The One Health approach, which integrates human, animal, and environmental health, remains central to Kenya's strategy for addressing emerging disease threats, particularly zoonotic diseases such as Rift Valley fever, anthrax, and brucellosis. Building on this foundation, Kenya is strengthening prevention-focused health systems following the One Health Summit held in Lyon, France, from April 5 to 7, 2026.

The summit placed emphasis on sustainable financing, workforce capacity, and translating global commitments into practical action.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muriuki, said the summit provided critical direction for managing climate-related health risks and zoonotic diseases, especially as Kenya advances its Universal Health Coverage agenda.

"Managing climate-related health risks and preventing zoonotic diseases requires sustainable domestic financing alongside proactive global partnerships. The commitments negotiated at the One Health Summit in France are vital as we advance our Universal Health Coverage goals," she said.

Muriuki noted that the global frameworks discussed in Lyon will directly influence how Kenya's institutions allocate resources toward prevention and resilience.

"The global frameworks discussed in Lyon directly impact how our institutions, such as the Social Health Authority, can pre-emptively allocate resources



Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muriuki, speaking during a past event.

and build resilient safety nets, shifting our national focus from crisis response to long-term prevention," she added.

Muriuki noted that effective implementation, however, will depend on strengthening the health workforce and ensuring investments reach the grassroots.

"We cannot operationalize the 'One Health' approach without recognizing the backbone of our healthcare system. The integrated surveillance strategies championed in France rely entirely on strengthening our Human Resources for Health," said the PS. She underscored the need for investments that support county-level systems and frontline health workers.

"For Kenya, the summit's

true importance lies in ensuring global policies translate into real investments that equip our county-level infrastructure and our community health promoters to detect and manage emerging threats right at the grassroots level," Muriuki noted.

She observed that Kenya is also positioning itself to play a leading role in advancing regional health security, building on its status as a hub for surveillance and emergency response through institutions such as the Africa CDC Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre and the WHO Regional Emergency Hub.

The outcomes of the Lyon summit are expected to inform engagements at the upcoming Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi,

where global commitments will be translated into actionable programmes across the continent.

"The One Health Summit in Lyon sets the critical policy groundwork that will be directly actionable when global leaders convene in Nairobi for the Africa Forward Summit this May," the Principal Secretary said.

She reaffirmed Kenya's readiness to lead in implementing prevention strategies at the regional level.

"Kenya remains a committed partner and regional leader in advancing a unified, self-sustaining health security system. We are ready to lead the charge in translating these global prevention strategies into concrete, continental action," she said.

## CA moves to calm fears over mobile device directive

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

The Communications Authority of Kenya has moved to ease public concerns over a new mobile device directive as well as fears of possible internet restrictions ahead of the upcoming election cycle.

In recent days, concerns had been growing among Kenyans following a directive requiring all new mobile devices entering the country to adopt USB type-C charging ports.

For many, the announcement sparked confusion with some fearing they would be forced to discard existing chargers or that their devices could soon become obsolete.

Speaking during a community event in Kambirwa, CA Chairman Charles Karondo reassured the public that the directive is not as disruptive as it may have seemed.

He clarified that the new rule strictly applies to future imports and will not affect devices already in use or those that have already been purchased and are on their way into the country.

According to Karondo, the intention is not to inconvenience consumers but to gradually align Kenya with global technology standards.

"This should not be misunderstood as a ban," he said, emphasising that the transition to USB type-C is meant to reduce confusion caused by multiple charger types and improve user convenience over time.

The Authority has already notified international manufacturers exporting devices to Kenya, signaling a shift that will see only USB type-C-enabled devices approved for entry into the market moving forward.

However, beyond the device directive, Karondo used the opportunity to address another pressing concern, online freedom during the election period.

Amid growing fears fueled by examples in neighboring countries such as Uganda and Tanzania, where internet shutdowns have occurred during elections, the CA Chair firmly stated that Kenya will not follow that path.

He assured Kenyans that internet access will remain uninterrupted underscoring the country's commitment to protecting freedom of expression within the boundaries of the law.

At the same time, He noted that the authority is not turning a blind eye to the risks posed by digital platforms.

## Government to tighten protection of Kenya's natural heritage

BY EMILY KADZO (KNA)

The Government is stepping up efforts to protect Kenya's natural heritage, with Defence CS Soipan Tuya saying key policies are under review.

Tuya called on Kenyans to take a leading role in environmental conservation by embracing tree planting as a patriotic duty to safeguard the country's future.

The Cabinet Secretary said Kenya is making remarkable progress in its quest to plant 15 billion trees by 2032 an initiative aimed at combating the effects of climate change and restoring degraded ecosystems.

"To combat climate change, the government is targeting the planting of 15 billion trees by 2032 to increase our forest cover. I urge all Kenyans, institutions and communities to support this noble cause by planting at least one fruit tree. This not only promotes environmental conservation but also enhances food and nutritional security," Tuya noted.

Speaking at Ilkujuka Junior



Soipan Tuya, Cabinet Secretary for Defence, (second left), pictured while planting a tree. She said that the government is reviewing policies aimed at protecting the country's rich natural heritage from exploitation.

School in Loita Ward, Narok County, during a tree planting exercise the Cabinet Secretary emphasized that Greening Kenya means transforming the world into a better place for generations to come.

"The journey to restore our forests with indigenous trees

may be long and demanding, but it is a necessary investment for our country's posterity. The generations after us will depend on the actions we take today," she said.

Tuya added that every Kenyan has a responsibility to support biodiversity by providing habitats

for wildlife through tree planting.

Planting trees remains one of the most effective ways to restore and expand forest cover, protect fragile ecosystems and preserve biological diversity," she noted.

She highlighted the National Assembly's role in enacting legislation that promotes environmental sustainability, citing the Kenya Forest Policy (2014), Land Act (2012), Forest Conservation and Management Act (2016), and the National Climate Change Response Strategy all of which provide frameworks to guide tree planting and forest protection efforts.

"Environmental conservation is crucial for protecting biodiversity, maintaining ecosystem stability and ensuring sustainable resource management," added the Cabinet Secretary.

Under President William Ruto's Jaza Miti initiative, Kenya aims to achieve 30 per cent forest cover by 2032, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and rehabilitate degraded landscapes.



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1.	FRC/ONT/ILS/006/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of AML/CFT Supervisory System, Training, Renewal of ICT Licenses and ICT Equipment	Open National Tender	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 12.00 Noon

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Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend, at the **Old Mutual Tower, Upper Hill, Nairobi, 13<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 12.00 Noon**.

**Director General/CEO**  
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**SUPPORT CENTRES FOR 2026 KUCCPS APPLICATIONS**

Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) has rolled out a national campaign to mobilise and support Form Four leavers applying for programmes offered in universities and colleges for the 2026/2027 Placement Cycle. Applicants who require assistance or career guidance should visit any of the following institutions, where KUCCPS officers have been deployed to assist, from **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

S/ No.	Institution	County
1.	Alupe University	Busia
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3.	Chuka University	Tharaka Nithi
4.	Dedan Kimathi University of Technology	Nyeri
5.	Egerton University	Nakuru
6.	Garissa University	Garissa
7.	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology	Siaya
8.	Kabarnet University College	Baringo
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13.	Kisii University	Kisii
14.	Koitalel Samoei University College	Nandi
15.	Laikipia University	Laikipia
16.	Machakos University	Machakos
17.	Makueni University College	Makueni
18.	Mama Ngina University College	Kiambu
19.	Masaai Mara University	Narok
20.	Maseno University	Kisumu
21.	Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology	Kakamega
22.	Meru University of Science and Technology	Meru
23.	Moi University	Uasin Gishu
24.	Murang'a University of Technology	Murang'a
25.	Nyandarua University College	Nyandarua
26.	Pwani University	Kilifi
27.	Rongo University	Migori
28.	South Eastern Kenya University	Kitui
29.	Taita Taveta University	Taita Taveta
30.	Technical University of Mombasa	Mombasa
31.	Tharaka University	Tharaka Nithi
32.	Tom Mboya University	Homabay
33.	Turkana University College	Turkana
34.	University of Eldoret	Uasin Gishu
35.	University of Embu	Embu
36.	University of Kabianga	Kericho
37.	Africa Nazarene University	Kajiado
38.	Catholic University of Eastern Africa	Nairobi
39.	Daystar University (Main Campus, Athi River)	Machakos
40.	Kabarak University	Nakuru
41.	KCA University	Nairobi
42.	Mount Kenya University (Main Campus, Thika)	Kiambu
43.	Uzima University	Kisumu
44.	Zetech University (Mang'u Campus)	Kiambu

S/ No.	Institution	County
45.	Belgut Technical and Vocational College	Kericho
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47.	Emmurua Dikirr Technical and Vocational College	Narok
48.	Endebess Technical Training College	Trans Nzoia
49.	Garsen Technical and Vocational College	Tana River
50.	Isiolo Technical and Vocational College	Isiolo
51.	Kaelo Technical and Vocational College	Meru
52.	Kapcherop Technical and Vocational College	Elgeiyo Marakwet
53.	Kinango Technical and Vocational College	Kwale
54.	Kipsoen Technical and Vocational College	Elgeiyo Marakwet
55.	Kitale National Polytechnic	Trans Nzoia
56.	Kiteilakapel Technical and Vocational College	West Pokot
57.	Laisamis Technical Training Institute	Marsabit
58.	Lamu East Technical and Vocational College	Lamu
59.	Lunga Lunga Technical and Vocational College	Kwale
60.	Mabera Technical Training Institute	Migori
61.	Mandera Technical Training Institute	Mandera
62.	Maralal Technical and Vocational College	Samburu
63.	Masai Technical and Vocational College	Kajiado
64.	Mawego National Polytechnic	Homabay
65.	Michuki National Polytechnic	Murang'a
66.	Nachu Technical and Vocational College	Kiambu
67.	Nyamira National Polytechnic	Nyamira
68.	Shamberere Technical Training Institute	Kakamega
69.	St. Joseph Technical Institute for the Deaf - Nyang'oma	Siaya
70.	Taveta Technical and Vocational College	Taita Taveta
71.	Total Technical Training Institute	Nakuru
72.	Wajir Technical and Vocational College	Wajir

Throughout the application period, support services will also be available at all **Huduma Centres and KUCCPS offices located at Ground Floor, ACK Garden House, Community Area in Nairobi**.

The application deadline is **May 6, 2026**.

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- Fill out the online claim form with accurate information and ensure that you attach all the necessary documents as outlined in the claims process section.
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The portal will be open for submission from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026. NOTE:**

- A policyholder or claimant who does not make a claim for compensation within **two (2) years** from the date of publication of this notice shall not be entitled to claim any compensation.
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**Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.**

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# KUSP driving Kenya's urban transformation

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A (MYGOV)

The Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) is emerging as a powerful engine of change in the country's urban landscape, strengthening governance and service delivery in towns and cities across the nation.

Its impact was prominently highlighted during the Second Africa Urban Forum (AUF2), held in Nairobi, where President Dr. William Ruto presided over the official opening and reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to positioning urban centres as catalysts for economic growth, innovation and social inclusion.

The forum brought together African leaders, policymakers, urban planners, and development partners to deliberate on the future of urbanisation across the continent. Central to the discussions was the delivery of adequate housing and the advancement of sustainable, inclusive cities.

President Ruto, in a fireside chat with fellow Heads of State and Government, emphasized the government's Affordable Housing Programme as

a cornerstone of Kenya's development agenda.

He described access to decent and affordable housing as a fundamental component of human dignity, noting ongoing efforts to upgrade informal settlements and enhance the quality of life for urban residents.

"The Affordable Housing Programme is a central pillar of Kenya's development agenda, aimed at addressing the national housing deficit while supporting job creation and stimulating economic activity," said President Ruto.

Additionally, he underscored the importance of access to decent and affordable housing as a fundamental component of human dignity, noting ongoing efforts to upgrade informal settlements and enhance the quality of life for urban residents through improved infrastructure and essential services.

President Ruto emphasised the need for integrated urban planning approaches that align with national development priorities and broader continental frameworks.

While the Affordable



President William Ruto (centre) flanked by UN-Habitat Executive Director Anacláudia Rossbach (left) and AUC Chairperson, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf during the official opening of the 2nd Africa Urban Forum in Nairobi.

Housing Programme addresses the national housing deficit, KUSP and the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP) Phase II are ensuring that the benefits reach ordinary Kenyans.

KUSP focuses on strengthening urban governance, enabling counties to plan and manage their towns more effectively.

By building institutional capacity, the programme ensures that local governments can deliver services sustainably, regulate construction, and integrate climate resilience into urban planning.

KISIP Phase II complements this by directly upgrading informal settlements. Roads, drainage systems, water supply, and sanitation facilities are being improved, while residents gain tenure security.

For families living in these settlements, the changes are transformative: children walk to school on paved roads, households access clean water, and communities enjoy safer, healthier environments.

Together, KUSP and KISIP are turning neglected spaces into liveable communities, bridging the gap between policy and

people's daily realities.

Deliberations at AUF2 reflected a shared urgency among stakeholders to translate policy frameworks into measurable outcomes.

Calls were made for stronger urban governance systems and more effective implementation mechanisms.

Participants also explored innovative financing models to support large-scale housing and infrastructure development, alongside strategies to embed climate resilience into urban planning.

The forum underscored the importance

of partnerships between governments, the private sector, and development institutions in addressing the complex challenges of rapid urban growth.

Kenya's experience with KUSP and KISIP was cited as a model of how national leadership, donor support, and community participation can converge to deliver tangible improvements.

By hosting AUF2, Kenya reinforced its strategic role in shaping Africa's urban development agenda.

President Ruto's emphasis on integrated planning and inclusive development resonated with participants, who acknowledged the need for coordinated, action-oriented responses to harness the opportunities presented by urbanisation.

For ordinary Kenyans, the impact of these programmes is already visible. In settlements upgraded under KISIP, families enjoy cleaner surroundings and improved infrastructure.

Under KUSP, counties are better equipped to manage waste, plan for growth, and deliver essential services. These incremental changes collectively represent a profound shift in how urban spaces serve their residents.



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For the purposes of Section 12B of the Income Tax Act, the **Market Interest Rate is 8%**. This rate shall be applicable for the three months of **April, May and June 2026**.

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No.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
1.	KRA/HQS/NCB-054/2025-2026: Framework Contract for The Supply and Delivery of Various Stationery for a Period of Three (3) years	Reserved for AGPO (Women, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs))	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026 11:00AM VENUE: VIRTUAL	30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026 11.00 AM TIMES TOWER
2.	KRA/HQS/NCB-062/2025-2026: Proposed Installation of Pedestrian Barriers at KRA Times Tower	OPEN	MANDATORY SITE VISIT 20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026 11:00AM VENUE: TIMES TOWER PREBID 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2026 11:00 AM VIRTUAL	30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026 11.00 AM TIMES TOWER
3.	KRA/HQS/NCB-063/2025-2026: Supply and Delivery of Colour and Black-and-White Printers	OPEN	23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2026 11:00AM VENUE: VIRTUAL	6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026 11.00 AM TIMES TOWER

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be obtained from the Kenya Revenue Authority website [www.kra.go.ke](http://www.kra.go.ke) and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke)

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# State inaugurates Ateker Leaders Council in Lodwar to curb cross-border insecurity

BY HAMISI JUMA (MYGOV)

The Government has inaugurated the Ateker Leaders Council - Kenya Chapter, a platform designed to strengthen peace, cooperation and development among communities that share language, culture and history across Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia.

The launch, held in Lodwar, Turkana County, brought together leaders from the Turkana, Teso, and other Ateker groups, marking a significant step toward addressing cross-border insecurity and fostering dialogue in a region long troubled by conflict.

Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration, Dr. Raymond Omollo, presided over the ceremony, describing the council as a community-driven initiative rooted in shared identity.

“We are bound together by language, culture, and a shared way of life. Our forefathers moved freely across these lands, united by trust and tradition,” he said.

He emphasized that sustainable peace must be anchored within communities themselves, urging leaders to take ownership of the process.

“Peace cannot be imported. It must begin

within our communities. When elders speak, communities listen and when leaders come together, people follow,” said Dr Omollo.

The Ateker Council is expected to provide a structured mechanism for tackling insecurity, particularly cattle rustling and banditry, while promoting inclusive development.

Dr. Omollo reminded leaders that no institution can succeed without grassroots involvement.

“Leadership now requires you to go back to the communities, engage them, and ensure they are part of this process,” he said.

The launch also came amid heightened government security operations in northern Kenya. Dr. Omollo used the occasion to issue a stern warning against criminal gangs and political violence, declaring that perpetrators would face decisive action.

“Criminal gangs and political goonism are a national challenge and will not be tolerated. Any individual or leader who engages in or facilitates such acts will be held accountable in accordance with the law,” he said.

He highlighted the devastating impact of armed groups on pastoralist communities and confirmed that disarmament operations had been intensified to remove illegal firearms from circulation.

“We have recorded sig-

nificant recoveries of illegal firearms, and the operation will continue for as long as the threat persists,” he noted.

While acknowledging concerns raised by local leaders about the conduct of the mop-up exercise, Dr. Omollo assured residents that the government remained responsive but uncompromising on public safety.

“We have engaged local leadership on concerns raised and will address them, but the objective remains clear, ensuring that firearms are not in the hands of criminals,” he said.

The Principal Secretary also stressed the importance of impartiality among law enforcement agencies and accountability through the justice system.

“Law enforcement agencies must act impartially, and the justice system must ensure that those apprehended are prosecuted based on evidence,” he said.

Beyond security, Dr. Omollo linked peace to inclusive development, pointing to ongoing government investments in hospitals, schools, housing and infrastructure in Turkana and other marginalized regions.

“At the heart of lasting peace is inclusive development. We must invest in hospitals, schools, and livelihoods to ensure that our people benefit



Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration, Dr. Raymond Omollo, after presiding over the inauguration of Ateker Leaders Council in Lodwar, a community-driven initiative rooted in shared identity.

from national progress. No region should be left behind. Turkana is part of Kenya, and development here is being prioritised just as it is across the country,” he affirmed.

On civic participation, he reported progress in the issuance of national

identification documents and voter registration in border counties.

He noted that restrictive vetting processes that had historically disadvantaged these communities had been removed, allowing citizens to participate more fully in national processes.

“For the first time, border counties are no longer subjected to restrictive vetting processes. We have made it easier for citizens to obtain identification documents and participate fully,” he said, commending Turkana County for leading in registration efforts.


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1.	KEBS/1029/0250/2025-26 RENOVATION OF FOOD LAB AND CONSTRUCTION OF GAS CAGE AND LINES	15842	RESERVED FOR WOMEN (AGPO)	TUESDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:05AM
2.	KEBS/1029/0304/2025-26 CONSTRUCTION OF A GO DOWN FOR SEIZED GOODS	16986	OPEN TENDER	THURSDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:05AM
3.	KEBS/1029/0252/2025-26 CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER	16034	RESERVED FOR YOUTH (AGPO)	TUESDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 10:05AM
4.	KEBS/1029/0322/2025-26 SUPPLY, IMPLEMENTATION AND COMMISSIONING OF MANAGED INTERNET SERVICES AT KEBS HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL OFFICES	17508	OPEN TENDER	TUESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 AT 10:00AM

Tendering will be conducted under Open National Competitive method using a standardized tender document.

All interested bidders are required to register on the Electronic Government Procurement System at ([egpkenya URL](https://egpkenya.go.ke)): <https://egpkenya.go.ke> to be able to access the tenders.


Completed tenders shall be submitted through the e-GP System as per the requirements contained in the Tender Document.

Bidders who may experience challenges in accessing and uploading tenders on e-GP platform should contact the e-GP Help Desk at the National Treasury, Harambee Avenue, for assistance.

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## JOB VACANCY

### COMMISSIONER GENERAL

Kenya Revenue Authority (“the Authority”) is established by the Kenya Revenue Authority Act, Chapter 469 of the Laws of Kenya with the mandate of collecting revenue on behalf of the Government of Kenya.

The Authority also plays crucial roles in support of the country’s development agenda as outlined in various Government of Kenya policy documents and programs including Vision 2030, Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTPIV) 2023-2028 and the Government’s core pillars, namely: Agriculture and Food Security, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) and Financing, Housing, Health Access and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Creative Economy.

The Authority’s agenda as defined in its 9<sup>th</sup> Corporate Plan seeks to unravel untapped revenue sources through unlocking and tapping the full revenue potential through technology transformation, service excellence and integrity.

### JOB PROFILE

In pursuit of the goals above, KRA seeks to recruit the Commissioner General who, as Chief Executive Officer, will lead the institution through its transformative journey. The Commissioner General as the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Authority, the management of its funds and property and for providing leadership to the Authority’s staff. He/she will ensure that the Authority operates in line with its Vision “An agile tax and customs revenue agency facilitating voluntary compliance for all”.

The Commissioner General is the Accounting Officer of the Authority and is a member of the Kenya Revenue Authority Board.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

The job will involve the following responsibilities

- i. Efficient and prudent Management of funds and property of the Authority;
- ii. Provide leadership in identifying Key Result Areas, and rally staff towards delivery of the Authority’s goals;
- iii. Promote revenue collection activities in line with Government of Kenya targets;
- iv. Foster a conducive environment that encourages compliance with Tax and Customs legislation;
- v. Promote tax administration practices that facilitate trade and business growth;
- vi. Building and sustaining sound working relationships with Government agencies, taxpayers and other stakeholders;
- vii. As Chief spokesperson for the Authority, promote a positive image of the institution;
- viii. Serving as the Authority’s ambassador on Tax and Customs matters at both regional and international levels;
- ix. Ensure there is effective communication between management and the board; and between different levels of management and staff;
- x. Maintain a conducive work environment to attract, retain and motivate employees and foster a corporate culture that promotes ethical practices and good corporate governance;
- xi. Facilitate the preparation of budgets, operational proposals, annual plans, and corporate policies, for discussion by the board and promptly implement decisions and resolutions adopted by the board;
- xii. Consistently strive to achieve the financial, revenue targets and other operating goals of the Authority;
- xiii. Spearhead the Authority’s digital transformation agenda;
- xiv. Perform such other functions as the board may assign from time to time.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- i. Be a Kenyan Citizen;
- ii. First Degree from a reputable accredited University.
- iii. Masters’ Degree in Finance, Business, Economics, Law or in a relevant field.
- iv. At least fifteen (15) years working experience of which ten (10) must be at senior leadership level in large public or private entities
- v. Demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and The Leadership and Integrity Act and
- vi. Knowledge of Fiscal and Tax Policy and Administration shall confer an added advantage.

### KEY COMPETENCIES

- i. Ability to conceive, communicate and implement initiatives with broad strategic impact;
- ii. Serve as transformation catalyst and possess the ability to drive innovation and manage change;
- iii. Ability to effect positive culture change in the organisation;
- iv. Be performance driven with ability to optimize results through teams,
- v. Demonstrate ability to liaise with top level officials in government, public and private sectors;
- vi. Have ability to withstand pressure, stand by principle and be resilient;
- vii. Have strong ability to persuade and influence others;
- viii. Possess high standards of integrity and ability to instil the same among teams,
- ix. Demonstrate strong problem-solving decision skills and;
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## JOB VACANCY

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates interested in the above position must submit the following:
  - a. Application letter;
  - b. Curriculum Vitae;
  - c. Names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three(3) Referees;
  - d. Certified copies of Certificates and National Identity Card;
  - e. Current and valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority;
  - f. Current and valid Clearance Certificate from Higher Educations Loans Board;
  - g. Current and valid acknowledged application to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
  - h. Current and valid clearance certificate from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations; and
  - i. Current clearance from a recognized Credit Reference Bureau.
  - j. If you are a member of a professional body you should be in good standing.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be required to present originals of the documents listed above during the interviews.
3. Successful applicants will be required to undergo integrity and security background vetting in accordance with KRA and Government procedures.
4. Candidates applying for the position are deemed to have consented to having their names and other relevant details publicised in accordance with legal requirements on public participation.
5. Canvassing in any manner will lead to automatic disqualification

### PACKAGE DETAILS

A contract of employment with an attractive and competitive package will be offered to the successful candidate. The position is on three (3) year contract, renewable once based on performance.

#### Note:

1. Holders of academic qualifications from foreign Institutions must attach a letter from The Commission for University Education (CUE) recognizing the Academic qualification certificate as a qualification recognized in Kenya. Degrees from foreign institutions submitted with the application without a letter from CUE will not be considered.
2. Applicants with non-academic qualifications who wish to include them as equivalent to a degree should present a Certificate of Qualifications Equivalence (CoQE) by the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA).
3. Candidates are advised to complete the candidates information form found at <https://www.kra.go.ke/candidate-profile> and attach it to the application.

The applications should be addressed to:

**The Chairman  
Kenya Revenue Authority, Times Tower building  
30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
P. O. Box 48240 -00100 NAIROBI**

Interested candidates should send applications by email to the address below:

**Chairman@kra.go.ke**

All applications must be received on or before **5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**.

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## State unveils plan to raise green leaf earnings to Sh100 per kilo

BY SAMUEL WAITITU (KNA)

The Government is in the process of implementing a raft of measures in the tea industry in a bid to double smallholder farmers' earnings to Sh100 per kilogram of green leaf by 2027.

The measures according to Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mutahi Kagwe are part of the comprehensive reform programme also referred to as 10-point plan aimed at improving tea quality, stabilizing prices and ensuring fair returns to farmers.

Speaking at Rukuriri Tea Factory in Embu while releasing the 2025 Kenya Tea Industry Performance Report, Kagwe said the Ministry had finalized Greenleaf quality guidelines and created awareness of the same to all stakeholders and players in the tea value chain in order to enhance the quality of the tea.

This, he said, will aid in bridging the price gaps between the East and West Tea Blocks where teas from the East of the Rift often fetch better premiums compared to those from the West that is largely attributable to plucking standards.

He insisted on maintenance of the "two leaves and bud" standard across the country to eliminate price disparities from the East and West Blocks where the



**Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mutahi Kagwe ( second right) on a tour of operations at Rukuriri Tea Factory in Embu County.**

latter has for long adopted a volume approach over quality thus hurting their prices.

Kagwe said the Tea Board of Kenya had commenced implementation of Strategic Tea Quality Improvement Programme (STQIP) to upgrade factories that have consistently been producing lower-quality tea.

The programme uses an annual tasting competition to rank all factories and then select 15-lowest ranked ones for capacity building to bring them at par with the rest.

To ensure conformity of Kenyan tea with market requirements, CS Kagwe said they were establishing a state-of-the-art laboratory in Mombasa to enable

validation of the quality of made tea through scientific analysis.

He added that the lab will also perform microbial analysis and analysis of heavy metal contaminants, pesticide residues and emerging contaminants to ensure conformity with market demands. "The facility is designed to ensure that Kenyan tea meets the stringent safety and quality standards of global markets," he stated. The Lab also represents a shift from the traditional mouth-testing grading system to scientific.

Another key intervention he said they were implementing was modernization of factories whereby the State had provided Sh. 3.7 billion

loan facility at a concessionary rate of 5 percent interest to help facilities upgrade machinery and also diversify into other high value products such as orthodox tea production.

He said the upgrade will help reduce over-reliance on the volatile CTC (Crush, Tear, Curl) tea production by venturing into products like orthodox tea that command higher prices in the market especially in Europe.

To mitigate against higher costs of production, the CS said factories have signed new management agreements that will see a reduction of management fees from 2.5 to 1.5 percent that will be a direct win for farmers' pockets.

## Kenya to lead global push against land degradation at 2026 UNCCD ceremony

BY MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA) AND RACHEL MOTURI (PCO)

Kenya is proud to host the global observance of World Desertification and Drought Day 2026 under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), a significant recognition of the country's leadership in advancing global efforts to combat land degradation and strengthen resilience against drought.

This annual observance, marked on 17th June under the theme 'Rangelands: Recognize. Respect.



**Principal Secretary (PS) for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno (Left) and his counterpart the Principal Secretary for the Blue Economy and Fisheries Betsy Njagi during a High-Level Partnership Resource Mobilization Meeting in Nairobi.**

Restore', goes beyond the ceremony by serving as a strategic platform to raise

awareness, shape policy dialogue, and mobilize action on the growing challenges of desertification, land

degradation, and climate impacts. Speaking during a High-Level Partnership Resource Mobilization Meeting in preparation of the event which will take place alongside the 11th edition of 'Our Ocean Conference', Environment and Climate Change Principal Secretary (PS), Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno highlighted the strong link between land restoration and a resilient blue economy.

Ng'eno emphasized the need to align financial and in-kind contributions from development partners and the private sector to ensure the successful delivery of the global observance.

### BRIEFS

#### Sikri College for the Disabled upgraded to National Polytechnic

BY DAVIS LANG'AT (KNA)

Residents of Kasipul Constituency have welcomed the upgrading of Sikri Technical and Vocational College for the Blind and Deaf to a National Polytechnic, a move expected to enhance inclusive education for learners with disabilities.

College Principal Evans Oyoo said the new status will allow the institution to design its own curriculum tailored to the unique needs of its students. He noted that the current curriculum does not adequately cater for learners with disabilities, especially those with multiple conditions.

Oyoo explained that some students at the institution are deaf, blind, and speech-impaired, making it difficult for them to cope with conventional training approaches. He

emphasized the need for a flexible and adaptive curriculum that considers their specific learning challenges.

"For instance, a visually impaired student cannot effectively handle linear programming in its current format. This clearly shows the need to review and adapt the curriculum to suit such learners," he said.

He added that the institution had previously sought government approval to customize its curriculum but was unable to do so without national polytechnic status. The college later submitted a formal request to the Ministry of Education seeking elevation.

"President William Ruto approved the upgrade of this college to a national polytechnic, which now gives us the mandate to develop suitable training programmes," Oyoo said.

#### Government now plans to rehabilitate iconic shrine

BY FLORENCE KINYUA (KNA)

The Government, through the Department of Culture and National Heritage, is planning to rehabilitate the Mukurwe wa Nyagathanga shrine in Murang'a County.

The site widely believed to be the cradle of the Agikuyu community has remained neglected and in a deplorable state for many years and the initiative aims to restore and upgrade the historic site.

Speaking during the inaugural Gaturi sports and cultural festival in Gaturi, Kiharu constituency, Principal Secretary, State Department for Sports Elijah Mwangi said the rehabilitation is part of broader efforts to preserve cultural heritage and strengthen historical sites across the country.

"We have had discussions with the community around this site and the county government who are the custodians so that we can embark on rehabilitation and restoration of this cultural site which holds profound historical value" he said

"This restoration is aimed at preserving our cultural heritage and safeguarding historical sites that hold great importance to our communities," he added

The PS also revealed that the national museums of Kenya had embraced the restoration idea so as to make the site a viable tourist attraction.

"We will put up the right infrastructure by renovating the weather-beaten buildings and also ensure that the locals get a space to exhibit the Agikuyu artifacts and offer guidance to those who visit the site"

Mwangi emphasized the need for communities to value and protect their culture, warning that traditional practices and talents risk fading away if not nurtured.

"If we do not actively promote our traditions, including music and cultural practices, they may disappear completely," he cautioned

Allan Kamau, Agikuyu Elder, welcomed the move, noting that the site remains central to the identity and traditions of the community.

**President William Ruto launches the upgrade of Gusii Stadium on Sunday.**



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# President steers growth of Gusii as BETA transformation gains speed

From roads to markets, President William Ruto initiates dozens of projects in the region, creating numerous opportunities for ordinary citizens

President William Ruto has initiated and commissioned various projects in the Gusii region during his ongoing development tour, with the initiatives aimed at strengthening infrastructure, expanding access to essential services and improving the quality of life for residents of Kisii and Nyamira Counties.

From the upgrade of Gusii Stadium to the construction of Nyamira University and the commissioning of Kegogi ESP market in Kisii, the tour underscores the Government's broad commitment to developing the country under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The Sh1 billion upgrade of the Gusii Stadium launched last Sunday will see the construction of a FIFA standard pitch, a VIP pavilion and covered terraces and expansion of the facility to a 14,000-seater capacity.

During its construction phase, the stadium is expected to create hundreds of jobs for locals in various sectors, including masonry, carpentry and plumbing as well as supply of construction materials.

"We are committed to transforming the region through programmes and projects that address key challenges, uplift lives, expand opportunities and drive sustainable development for all," said President Ruto.

Yesterday, the President laid the foundation stones for the Ikongea ESP Market and KMTC Nyamira,



President William Ruto (third left) and Sports CS Salim Mvurya (second left) among other leaders at Gusii Stadium when he initiated the upgrade of the facility at a cost of Sh1 billion on Sunday.



**We are committed to transforming the region through projects that address key challenges, uplift lives, expand opportunities and drive sustainable development for all," President William Ruto.**

inspected the construction of a tuition block at Nyamira University, conducted the ground breaking of the Nyamira last mile water supply project and Bobaracho-Manyasi-Tinga Road and commissioned the Kegogi ESP Markets.

During the tour, the President is also expected to lay the foundation stones for the Mogonga ESP Market, Nyamache KMTC, Kisii University hostels and Keroka TTI, inspect



President William Ruto greets Broadcasting PS Stephen Isaboke, who together with other Senior Government officials welcomed him in Kisii on Sunday.

the Masimba Market, launch the last mile electricity connectivity in Ibeno, break ground for the Keumbu-Ibeno Road and inspect the ongoing construction of Kisii Cancer Centre, among others.

Accompanying the President are the Governor for Kisii, Simba Arati, Cabinet Secretaries Salim Mvurya (Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports) and Migosi Ogamba (Education).

Also in attendance are Principal Secretaries Stephen Isaboke (Broadcasting and Telecommunications), Patrick Mariru (Defence), Raymond

Omollo (Interior) and Elijah Mwangi (Sports) and MPs Silvanus Osoro (Majority Whip), Alpha Miruka, Japheth Nyakundi, MP Zaheer Jhanda and Women Representatives Dorice Donya Aburi and Jerusa Momanyi.

The projects are being implemented under the BETA framework. BETA covers the five areas namely Agriculture and Food Security, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Affordable Housing, Healthcare and the Digital and Creative Economy.

Under Agriculture and Food Security, the Government has

prioritised enhancing productivity by supporting farmers with essential inputs like fertiliser and seeds, providing access to financing and improving irrigation through the construction of small dams across the country.

The flagship Fertiliser Subsidy Programme, delivered through the E-voucher system, has reduced the cost of a bag of fertiliser from Sh7,000 to Sh2,500. Through the programme, the Government has disbursed 24 million bags of fertiliser distributed to registered farmers nationwide, helping to boost maize production from 40 million bags annually to over 60 million. Taifa Care anchors the Universal Health Coverage pillar, through which the Government has introduced a new healthcare financing model where payments to facilities are based on the actual number of patients served.

Under the model, primary healthcare services are currently fully funded by the Government, expanding access to affordable and quality care for citizens, with some 30 million people registered by the Social Health Authority.

Through Enhanced Comprehensive Essential Benefits, citizens are accessing increased cancer care package from, Sh400,000 to Sh800,000; dialysis from Sh6,000 to Sh10,000 per session and ICU from Sh4,000 to Sh28,000 per day.

The Affordable Housing and Markets Programme not only upholds the constitutional right to shelter, but also drives economic growth through large-scale job creation.

And with social housing units available from as little as Sh3,800 per month, the initiative is turning homeownership into a reality for low-income earners.

The pillar has become a major source of employment, having already created over 300,000 jobs across the country at the more than 70 sites where the projects are being implemented. ■



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**Inset: President William Ruto (right) and Kisii Governor Simba Arati (centre) during the launch of the Shabana FC bus.**

# Shabana FC's new bus crowns its rise

**President William Ruto hands the team a bus and other goodies that put them in good stead to compete in the league**

President William Ruto's gifting of Sh27 million bus to Shabana FC last week marked a significant milestone for the Kisii-based football club.

The handover of the brand new bus, conducted at Gusii Stadium during the President's ongoing development tour of Kisii and Nyamira Counties, saw the Club also receive Sh20 million to aid in match venue arrangements.

The bus is expected to ease the team's travels for the Kenya Premier League fixtures, reducing players' fatigue, therefore, boosting their morale.

President Ruto further launched Sh1 billion refurbishment of Gusii Stadium to feature a FIFA standard pitch, an eight-lane track and accommodate 14,000 people.

The stadium is the home ground for Shabana FC, with the upgrade expected to boost the team's fortune as it would have a modern venue to play its matches.

"The Government is committed to strengthening sports and development by improving facilities and supporting local teams to compete at higher levels," he said.

The Government's broader agenda in sports extends to development of infrastructure, including the construction of new stadiums and the establishment of sports academies to nurture talent and provide modern facilities for athletes, as well as make Kenya and international sporting hub.

For Shabana FC, the bus represents a symbol of recognition

and renewed confidence in the club's role in Kenya's football.

From humble beginnings in Gusii region, Shabana FC has gone full circle, becoming a symbol of grit, passion and perseverance in Kenya's modern day football.

The team is a proof that grassroots spirit can power a return of a club to the top tier football.

Shabana FC dates back to 1980, where it began as an informal youth side known as Olympic. This small collection of talented players from the Gusii region might have remained a footnote in local football lore were it not for the intervention of a businessman, Mr Dogo Khan.

Mr Khan, whose love for football was matched by his business acumen, stepped in transforming a neighbourhood pastime into a structured club. He renamed the team Shabana FC, a name inspired by his hardware business, thereby planting the seed for what would become one of Kenya's most beloved and passionately followed football clubs.

The club's ascent to the Kenyan football elite began in earnest in 1985 with their debut in the Kenyan Premier League. During that season, they finished the League in the tenth place, a respectable position that laid the groundwork for future success. Building on that

experience, Shabana improved significantly the following year, climbing to 8<sup>th</sup> place in the 1986 season. However, it was in 1987 that the "Glamour Boys," as they came to be known, truly made their mark on the national stage. That year, they delivered a stunning performance to finish third in the Premier League, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the country's two dominant powerhouses, Gor Mahia and AFC Leopards.

Following the golden era, Shabana experienced a prolonged absence from the top tier, enduring 17 years outside the Premier League, a painful absence that tested the loyalty and patience of a passionate fanbase. That drought finally came to a dramatic end with the club's historic comeback in 2023. Under the guidance of interim head coach Andrew Ongwae, the club has focused on re-establishing its top-flight credentials.

While the modern league presents a different challenge from the era of their 1980s heyday, the club's spirit remains undiminished.

Shabana FC is currently fifth place in the KPL table with 43 points having played 27 out of 34 matches in the 2025/2026 season behind Gor, AFC, Police FC and Homeboyz. ■



**Shabana FC players (in blue) during their match against Gucha FC at Gusii Stadium on Sunday. Shabana won 1-0.**

DEVELOPMENT

MSMES

Thousands of small businesses and young people in Kisii and Nyamira Counties have benefited from the Government's initiatives under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) pillar of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

From access to affordable credit through the Hustler Fund to the construction of modern markets, these interventions are unlocking opportunities and creating jobs at the grassroots.

The MSME pillar is a lifeline for traders, artisans and youth entrepreneurs, positioning them at the heart of the country's economic revival

The National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) programme is one of the flagship initiatives under the MSMEs pillar.

President William Ruto in January 2026 disbursed Sh220.5 million to 8,820 young entrepreneurs from Kisii, Nyamira and Migori counties under the NYOTA business start-up capital.

Of the 8,820 youth, 3,150 were from Kisii County, with each beneficiary receiving Sh25,000 out of a total Sh50,000. Sh22,000 was deposited into their NYOTA Pochi la Biashara wallets, while an additional Sh3,000 was credited to their Haba na Haba savings accounts with the National Social Security Fund (NSSF).

The beneficiaries has successfully completed a mandatory four-day business skills training programme.

"We identified young people from every ward in the three counties, irrespective of their education, political persuasion, or community and ensure that everyone benefits from this project," President Ruto said.

Kisii Governor Simba Arati lauded the initiative for supporting the youth to establish and grow their businesses, urging beneficiaries to use the funds prudently.

To complement the National Government efforts, Mr Arati announced a waiver on business fees for NYOTA-supported beneficiaries to ease their entry into business.

Nyamira Governor Amos Nyaribo, similarly, waived trade licence fees for five years for NYOTA entrepreneurs.

Josephat Nyagaka, 24, one of the beneficiaries of NYOTA grant, said it has eased the challenges he previously faced in running his mobile phone accessories shop.

Before receiving the funding, Nyagaka said he was forced to make frequent trips to other dealers to source phone accessories for his



President William Ruto (centre), his deputy Prof Kithure Kindiki (left) and Kisii Governor Simba Arati (third left) during the launch of Nyambara Modern Market in Kisii County. He was also accompanied by Broadcasting PS Stephen Isaboke (fifth right) and other leaders. INSET: President Ruto with a beneficiary of NYOTA project in Kisii County.



# NYOTA project, markets offer traders lifeline

Initiatives breath life into local economy as traders get financing and safer spaces to grow their businesses



**We identified young people from every ward in the three counties, irrespective of their education, political persuasion," President William Ruto.**

clients, a task that was costly and physically demanding.

Nyagaka said he used the Sh22,000 he received to stock mobile phone accessories, including chargers, cables and power banks.

Broadcasting Principal Secretary Isaboke, who visited his shop, lauded his enthusiasm and self-drive, noting that NYOTA aims to uplift the youth.

Before the beneficiaries were handed the grant, at least 29,000 of them in Kisii underwent verification.

"The response has been overwhelming. We have recorded 804,000 registrations nationwide, with Kisii County accounting for

about 29,979 applicants," said PS Isaboke, as he encouraged the youth to register via the USSD code \*254#.

NYOTA is a Sh5 billion, five-year World Bank funded programme that seeks to create employment opportunities, boost income generation and promote a savings culture among young.

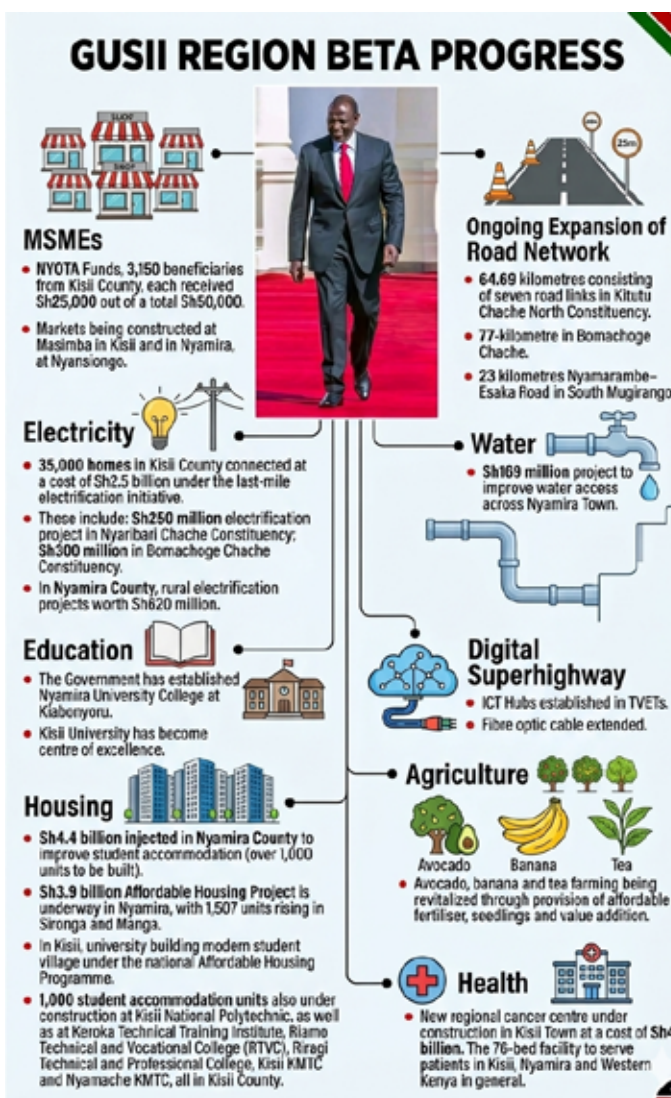
Nationally, NYOTA Project targets about 820,000 vulnerable youth across all 1,450 wards, 70 from each. Under the programme, at least 90,000 youth will gain on-the-job experience through placements with employers and artisans, while 20,000 will benefit from recognition of prior learning.

Across the two counties, the Government is also upgrading market infrastructure, with several modern facilities under construction to transform trading environments for thousands.

In Kisii, under the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) programme, the Government is constructing markets in Etago (Sh169 million), Motonto and Ramasha clustered under one project (Sh140 million) and Egetuki and Masimba clustered as one project (Sh 110 million).

In Nyamira County, a market is under construction in Nyansiongo. The projects include modern stalls, CCTV surveillance, Wi-Fi connectivity and an ICT unit to support digital trading and communication. ■

- Reporting Kenya News Agency and Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board



INFRASTRUCTURE

# Gusii counties get upgrade of electricity, road networks

The Government's push to modernise transport infrastructure has gained momentum across the country, with the improved road and rail networks opening up trade routes, easing travel and connecting communities to new opportunities.

This is part of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which prioritises lowering the cost of doing business, enhancing regional integration and ensuring that every corner of the country benefits from reliable, modern infrastructure.

In Gusii region, the Government is expanding the road network, from Kitutu Chache North to Bomachoge Chache and South Mugirango.

Mr Walter Nyariki, the Resident Engineer overseeing multiple road projects in Kisii, reported significant milestones on a flagship network of seven links in Kitutu Chache North Constituency, covering 64.69 kilometres once complete.

According to Eng. Nyariki, approximately 39 kilometres of tarmac has been laid, translating to over 63 per cent progress despite only a small portion of the contract time having elapsed.

"The contract includes both upgrading and a 36-month maintenance period after completion to ensure durability and quality," he noted. The project is valued at Sh4.32 billion.

In Bomachoge Chache, a 77-kilometre road network has recorded notable progress, with 61 kilometres already completed. The works, which faced liquidity challenges after starting between 2017 and 2018, are now back on track and expected to be finished before December 2027.

Similarly, in South Mugirango, the Nyamarambe-Esaka Road project spanning 23 kilometres has seen five to six kilometres of tarmac laid, with completion also projected before December 2027.

Eng. Nyariki underscored the economic benefits already being realised, noting that improved roads have spurred market centres, reduced travel time and lowered vehicle operating costs.

"Kisii is largely an agricultural region, with subsistence and commercial farming, including tea and coffee. Improved roads mean produce reach markets faster, significantly reducing post-harvest losses," he explained.

And as road network is expanded, residents of Kisii and Nyamira counties are set to experience smoother, faster travel once the extension of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) to Kisumu and then Malaba is complete.

President William Ruto, who launched the project in Kisumu, said it will transform the Western region.

The passenger trains will run at speeds of up to 120 kilometres per hour, while freight trains will move at 80 kilometres per hour, dramatically cutting travel time.

The train's crossing stations will be located at Ikonge Centre in North Mugirango Constituency, Nyamira County, as well as Ngorengore, Mulot North, Bomet West, Sotik North, Asawo, Kapsarok, Ahero South and East Kolwa.

The Government is further rolling out electrification projects worth billions across Kisii and Nyamira counties.

Energy Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi disclosed that 35,000 homes in Kisii County



President William Ruto in Bonchari, Kisii County, in 2024 with a beneficiary of the last mile power connectivity project. The Government launched Sh300 million Last Mile Electricity Connectivity Project in Bomachoge Chache Constituency in July, 2025. PHOTO/KNA



**We are committed to improving the lives of all Kenyans, especially those in rural areas," Energy Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi.**

have been connected under the last-mile electrification at a cost of Sh2.5 billion. In February, Mr Wandayi launched Sh250 million electrification exercise in Nyaribari Chache Constituency.

Further, Sh300 million Last Mile Connectivity Project was also launched in Bomachoge Chache Constituency, with the CS describing electricity as a basic need and key input in economic development.

"We are committed to improving the lives of all Kenyans, especially those in rural areas," he said, adding that the entire constituency will be fully connected within two years.

Suneka Airport in Kisii County is also getting an upgrade, with the expansion expected to unlock enhanced regional access to drive trade, agribusiness and private investment throughout the county.

In Nyamira County, the

Government commissioned rural electrification projects worth Sh620 million, addressing a gap that had left many households and businesses without power.

In the water sector, the Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency has awarded a Sh169 million tender for rehabilitation and last-mile connectivity to improve water access across Nyamira Town.

An initial allocation of Sh150 million will kick-start the solarisation, with the full project estimated at between Sh300 million and Sh400 million. ■

- Reporting by Mercy Osong'o and Deborah Bochere (KNA) and Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board



Nyamira Governor Amos Nyaribo inspects a county road under construction as he improves the road network in the region. PHOTO/KNA

DEVELOPMENT

DIGITAL SUPERHIGHWAY

# ICT hubs, fibre network bring new

The facilities, together with the fibre network and free public Wi-Fi spots are driving, Government's digital agenda and bridging connectivity gaps

The Government's Digital Superhighway agenda has gathered pace in Kisii and Nyamira counties, with installed fibre optic cable network, free Wi-Fi and Jitume Centres enhancing service delivery and equipping the youth with skills necessary to survive in the modern world.

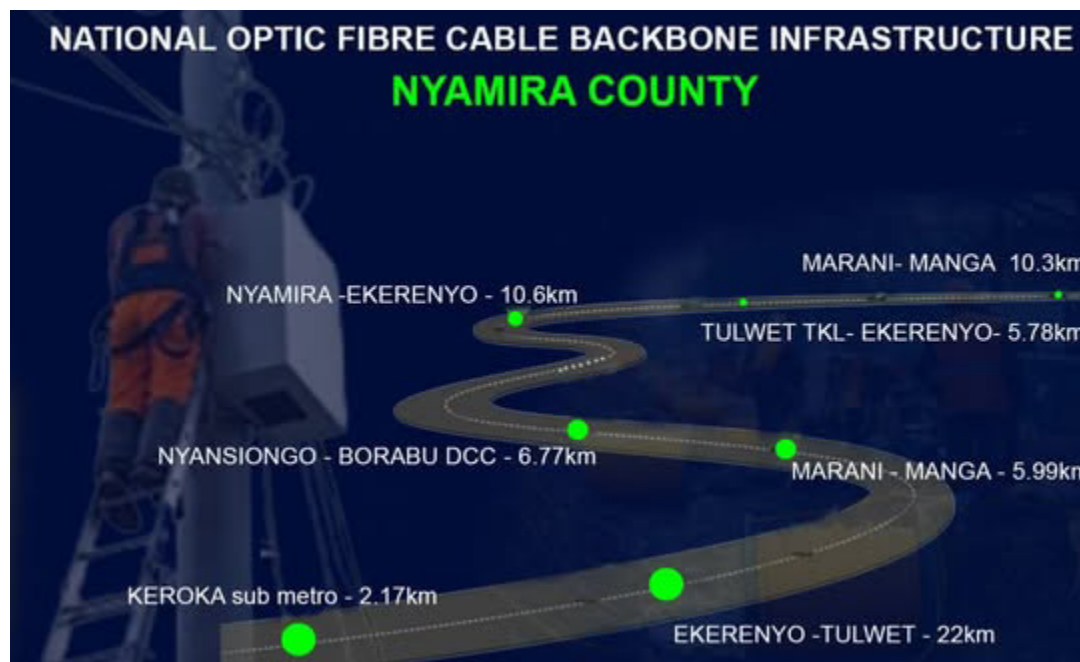
The Digital Superhighway is the essential nervous system of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), linking initiatives and citizens across the country in ways that were not possible a few years ago.

The roll-out of fibre-optic cable and public Wi-Fi hotspots has helped to bridge the digital divide, while digital skilling initiatives such as Ajira and Jitume have trained over 1.8 million youth, opening doors to online employment and entrepreneurship.

Nationally, more than 316 digital hubs have been established out of the planned 1,450, ensuring that every ward will eventually host a centre where young people can access computers, internet connectivity and skills training.

In Kisii and Nyamira counties, these national initiatives are creating real opportunities for young people to earn a living without leaving their homes.

The Government has established



32 free public Wi-Fi hotspots in the two regions, including at Nyansiongo and Nyakoe markets.

The laid-out fibre network stands at 140.56km in the two regions. And the number of digital hubs stands at 28. The Kisii National Polytechnic Jitume centre showcases the Government's commitment to

digital transformation.

The facility, equipped with 100 computers, runs four shifts of 100 learners daily, ensuring that hundreds of youth gain essential ICT skills each day.

Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke in January said that at

least 300,000 youths nationally, including those in Kisii County that have benefited from training at the polytechnic hub, have been able to secure digital jobs over the past three years.

"This facility is one of several standard digital hubs at various stages of development across Kisii



County," Mr Isaboke said.

Beyond freelancing, trained youth are accessing opportunities in business Process Outsourcing and digital marketing, fields that offer stable incomes and career progression.

In Kitutu Masaba Constituency, Nyamira County, a digital hub launched at Kitutu Masaba Technical Training Institute has empowered youths to leverage on internet access to explore online jobs and business opportunities.

Kitutu Masaba MP Clive Gisairo during a recent official opening ceremony of the facility, said that the 100 computers offered would enable the youth to study, network and access job and business opportunities online without having to leave the country.

## REVITALISATION OF NYAMIRA, KISII THROUGH BETA



**Digital Economy & Innovation**

Fibre optic expansion and ICT hubs are equipping young people with digital skills and jobs



**Manufacturing & Value Addition**

Revitalisation of avocado and tea value addition ongoing to boost incomes



**Sports, Culture & Tourism**

Region boasts of great cultural sites like rainmaker caves



**Agriculture**

It is the backbone of the region, with farmers growing tea, maize and avocados and keeping dairy cattle



**Trade & Markets**

Expansion of modern markets across the county has supported small-scale traders and integrate urban hubs

# tidings to youth



**Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke (right) engages students at the Kisii National Polytechnic digital hub.**

“The job-seeking landscape is shifting from physically delivering hard copies of qualifications to applying online. Many roles now require a laptop and internet connectivity to perform tasks effectively,” Mr Gisairo said. “Youth need computer skills to sustain their livelihoods independently, without relying on handouts.”

Additionally, the creative economy has received a major boost with the Government fast-tracking Studio Mashinani projects to empower talented youth.

PS Isaboke said the initiative aligns with the Digital Superhighway and creative economy pillar of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

“The digital space is one of the best platforms to absorb the youth and the facilities at the studio will give them a place to produce, record and monetise creative content, thereby transforming talent while earning income,” he pointed out during a visit to inspect the project located at the Kenya News Agency offices in Kisii Town last year. The Kisii-based studio offers state-of-the-art audio and video production spaces where young people can create content for social media, television and other platforms.

The Government aims to turn such spaces into hubs for employment creation in the creative sector, what Mr Isaboke described as part of the intellectual property economy. ■

## PICTURESPEAK



**Soapstone artisans craft artefacts at Nyabigege Shopping Centre in Tabaka ward, Kisii County. The region produces some of the best artefacts.**

# Nyamira University takes shape



**Artistic impression of Nyamira University, which is under construction at Kiabonyoru.**

Nyamira County is set to get its own university college, with construction underway in Kiabonyoru Ward.

Defence CS Soipan Tuya presided over the groundbreaking in October 2025, with the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) providing technical support.

CS Tuya said that President William Ruto’s promise to establish a university in Nyamira County will be achieved in a record time.

“The close collaboration among stakeholders, including Kisii University Council, the Ministry of Education, the County Government of Nyamira, and Kiabonyoru community members, demonstrates remarkable commitment to this project,” CS Tuya told residents.

“I have admired your persistent request for an institution of higher learning, and that determination has finally paid off,” she added. She assured that the Ministry of Defence is fully equipped to support the project, with KDF providing technical expertise to ensure world-class, ultramodern structures are completed on schedule.

“This is truly a historic moment. The groundbreaking of Nyamira University College, a constituent college of Kisii

University, marks not just the start of construction but the realisation of a shared vision to bring quality higher education closer to the people of Nyamira and the larger Gusii region,” she said.

The first phase of the construction entails the following: a tuition block of eight lecture rooms, two multi-purpose halls, a theatre hall, three offices, a laboratory and ablution block.

The university is one of the major development projects that have excited the people of the region because of the direct benefit they will accrue from the multi million project.

It will start by offering career courses in Business Management and Administration and ICT, and as the construction progresses put up elaborate and adequately equipped labs to enrol students in science course.

Residents are equally grateful and excited of the development because their businesses will flourish and it will create job opportunities. The infrastructure development, especially the road between Nyaramba to Kiabonyoru area where the university is located, heading to Borabu sub county will improve the transport network, enabling farmers to deliver their products to markets. ■



**Education CS Julius Ogamba (left) and his Defence counterpart Soipan Tuya (second left) with other officials during the launch of Nyamira University in October 2025.**

DEVELOPMENT

PROFILE

# CS Ogamba steers education reforms

The education sector is undergoing transformation under the stewardship of Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos Ogamba, whose tenure has been defined by decisive reforms aimed at expanding access, improving quality and aligning education with the demands of a modern, skills-driven economy.

A central pillar of this transformation is the successful implementation of the Competency-Based Education (CBE) curriculum. The transition from Grade 9 to Grade 10 following the pioneer Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (KJSEA), recorded a 91.87 per cent success rate, with 1.01 million learners out of 1.1 million placed to senior schools nationwide.

At the junior school level, the transition from Grade 6 to Grade 7 stands at an impressive 99 per cent, with 4.96 million learners out of 5.01 million candidates who sat for the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) between 2022 and 2025

FACTS & FIGURES

## 2024

### The year when he took office as the Cabinet Secretary, Education

successfully progressing.

Under CS Ogamba's leadership, the Government has recruited over 100,000 teachers, significantly improving the teacher-to-learner ratio from 1:45 in 2022 to 1:29 and is on course to recruit an additional 40,000 teachers by 2027, with the aim of achieving the UNESCO-recommended ratio of one teacher for every 25 learners.

At the same time, the Ministry has prioritised the availability of learning materials, ensuring the provision of core textbooks.

Infrastructure development has rapidly proceeded with the

construction of 23,000 classrooms across the country, creating space for more than 900,000 learners, easing congestion and supporting seamless transitions. In addition, the CS has secured resources for the construction of over 1,200 laboratories for senior schools, strengthening STEM education.

In Nyamira County, a Sh1.5 billion infrastructure enhancement project, co-funded by the Kuwait Fund, is on-going to benefit 68 schools – 45 secondary and 23 primary – through improved facilities. The ongoing establishment of Nyamira University College, in partnership with the Kenya Defence Forces, is also set to expand access to higher education in the region.

The Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector has also experienced growth, with the recruitment of 3,300 trainers, representing a 47 per cent increase from 2022 levels.

In addition, the rationalisation of TVET programme fees has made technical training more



affordable and inclusive, opening doors for learners from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. This has contributed to a sharp rise in enrolment by 142 per cent from 297,000 in 2022 to 718,000 in 2025, signaling a national shift towards practical, job-oriented skills development.

University funding has nearly doubled from Sh45 billion in the 2022/23 financial year to Sh82 billion in 2025/26, while allocations to the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the National

Education Fund (NEF) have more than doubled from Sh17 billion to Sh41 billion.

Efforts to broaden access have also been realised through The Open University of Kenya, a flagship initiative in flexible and distance learning that currently enrolls over 5,063 students across 30 programmes and is projected to reach 100,000 learners by 2027.

The cumulative impact of these reforms is already evident with improved transition and enrolment rates at all levels of education. ■

## Kisii County Leadership: National

Kisii County shares common borders with Nyamira County to the north-east, Narok County to the south, and Homa Bay and Migori counties to the west. The county covers an area of 1,302 square kilometres and has a population of 1.15 million, according to the 2009 Census, making it one of the most densely populated counties in the country. The county exhibits a highland equatorial climate. Average annual rainfall stands at 1,500mm, with long rains falling between March and June and short rains between September and November. Maximum temperatures range between 21°C and 30°C, while minimum temperatures range between 15°C and 20°C. The county is characterised by hilly topography, with notable



Mr Julius Ogamba, Cabinet Secretary, Education



Mr Stephen Isaboke, PS Broadcasting and Telecommunication



Mr James Ongwae, Chair Universal Service Advisory, CA



Prof Nathan Ogechi, Vice Chancellor Kisii University



Prof Elijah Omwenga, Vice Chancellor, OUK



Prof Rosebella Maranga, Vice Chancellor Multimedia University



Prof Dickson Nyariki, Vice Chancellor, Muranga University



Prof Ratemo Michieka, Chancellor Tharaka Nithi University



Dr Jared Kangwana, Chancellor, TUK



Mr Joash Maangi, Kenya's Ambassador to Belgium and European of Government Union



Justice Charles Nyachae, Chairman, Kenya School and Government Council



Hon. Zaheer Jhanda, MP Nyaribari Chache

## County



H.E. Simba Arati, Governor



H.E. Elijah Obebo, Deputy Governor



Hon. (Dr) Philip Nyanumba, Speaker

## Parliament



Hon. Silvanus Osoro, MP South Mugirango, Chief Whip



Hon. Japheth Nyakundi, MP Kitutu Chache North



Hon. Richard Onyonga, Senator



Hon. Dorice Donya, Woman Representative



Hon. Esther Okenyuri, Nominated Senator



Hon. Zaheer Jhanda, MP Nyaribari Chache



Hon. Obadiah Barongo, MP Bomachoge Borabu



Hon. Charles Onchoke, MP Bonchari



Hon. Alfa Miruka, MP Bomachoge Chache



Hon. Dan Manduku, MP Nyaribari Masaba



Hon. Innocent Obiri, MP Bobasi



Hon. Anthony Kibagendi, MP Kitutu Chache South

features including Nyamasibi (2,170m), Sameta (1,970m), and Kiong'anyo (1,710m) hills. Permanent rivers such as Kuja, Mogusii and Riana flow westwards into Lake Victoria. Agriculture is the main economic activity, supported by red volcanic soils rich in organic matter.

PROFILE

# PS Isaboke advances broadcasting, telecoms sectors

Ten months into his tenure, Mr Stephen Isaboke, the Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, is emerging as a central figure in the transformation of Kenya's information, broadcasting and telecommunications sector.

With over 25 years of experience steering global corporate giants like MultiChoice Group, Shell, Unilever and Sara Lee, Mr Isaboke joined the Public Service with a distinctly private-sector orientation.

His approach, defined by strategy and execution, is actively reshaping Government operations, fostering a results-driven culture.

Mr Isaboke's vision encompasses enabling access to digital services, strengthening communication systems and catalysing economic participation through technology under the digital superhighway pillar of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Beyond supporting the installing of Digital Superhighway infrastructure like ICT hubs and fibre optic cable, the State Department is advancing regulatory reforms, including reviewing the Kenya Information and Communications Act and implementing a robust National Broadband Strategy to cut down on data costs.

These efforts support the overarching Government goal of digitising over 5,000 public services and generating a million

FACTS & FIGURES

## 2025

The year when he took office as the PS, Broadcasting & Telecommunication.

digital jobs by 2027. In tandem with these modern reforms, Mr Isaboke has turned his attention to revitalising legacy institutions like the Postal Corporation of Kenya.

Once viewed as an institution on its death bed, it is currently undergoing a radical operational restructuring to align with the booming e-commerce sector. Parcel volumes are on the rise, a logistical renaissance heavily supported by the impending National Addressing System, which aims to assign unique digital addresses nationwide to streamline delivery efficiency and emergency response times.

Under his watch, the Universal Service Fund run by the Communication Authority of Kenya, is advancing initiatives that have pushed 4G coverage to approximately 97 per cent of the population.

Simultaneously, he is breathing life back



into community media, notably championing the installation of transmitter at Oleleshwa Hills in Kajiado. The inclusive agenda extends to the creative sector through the modernisation of the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation and the Kenya News Agency, alongside the expansion of Studio Mashinani.

Through the professional music recording hubs in Nairobi, Kitui, Machakos, Mombasa, Siaya, Kisii and Kisumu, the Government is decentralising the creative economy and allowing artists to transform raw talent into sustainable livelihoods without having to migrate to Nairobi.

Across the borders, Mr Isaboke is aggressively positioning Kenya as a heavyweight in the global digital ecosystem. His advocacy during the 2025 World Summit on the Information Society successfully secured the rights for Kenya to host the prestigious Global Internet Governance Forum in 2026, while his engagements at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona

underscored Kenya's commitment to aligning its National AI Strategy with cutting-edge global standards.

Regionally, his strategic manoeuvres within the Pan African Postal Union secured Kenya the hosting rights for the Eastern Africa Regional Digital Hub and re-election to the Administrative Council for the 2026-2030 term. Domestically, his leadership style blends strict administrative oversight with active field engagement, from collaborating with universities like Kisii to align infrastructure with emerging workforce needs, to participating in national tree-planting drives.

Institutionally, his demand for excellence is reflected in the State Department securing an unmodified audit opinion in December 2025.

Mr Isaboke remains a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and a member of the Institute of Directors Kenya, while also serving as the Goodwill Ambassador for Shabana Football Club. ■

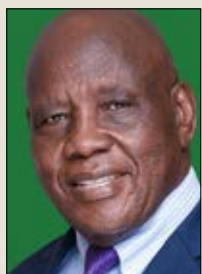
### Nyamira County Leadership : National

Nyamira County is situated south of the equator, east of Lake Victoria and approximately 305.8 kilometres west of Nairobi. The county covers an estimated area of 897.3 square kilometres and has a population of 605,576, according to the 2019 Census. It borders Kisii County to the west and south, Kericho County to the north, and Bomet County to the east. The county experiences a cool, temperate climate due to its highland location, with temperatures ranging between 14°C and 28°C. Rainfall is well distributed throughout the year, averaging between 1,250mm and 2,000mm annually, supporting intensive agricultural activity. The county



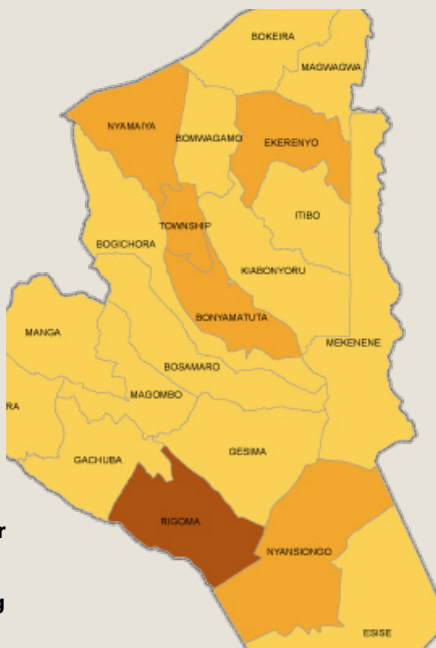
Mr Shadrack Mose, Solicitor General

headquarters is Nyamira Town, a growing commercial centre that serves as a key link between the Gusii region and the larger South Rift economic zone. Agriculture is the backbone of Nyamira's economy, with residents practising mixed farming across the fertile highlands. The county is a major producer of tea and coffee,



Mr Walter Nyambati, Chairman Geothermal Development Company

alongside food crops such as maize, bananas, and vegetables. The dairy sub-sector is also significant, with annual milk production standing at 22.4 million litres. Beyond agriculture, Nyamira boasts tourism potential in attractions such as the Keera Waterfall and Manga Hills, alongside mineral deposits of kaolin, which present opportunities



for mining and industrial processing. The county is the source of River Kuja. It originates in the high-altitude Kiabonyoru Hills within Nyamira

County, flowing through Kisii and Migori counties before draining into Lake Victoria.

### County



H.E. Amos Kimwoni Nyaribo, Governor



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Hon. Patrick Osero, MP Borabu



Hon. Clive Gisairo, MP Kitutu Masaba



Hon. Irene Mayaka, Nominated MP

## DEVELOPMENT

## PROFILE

# Mose firms up Government's legal agenda

Since assuming office on March 20, 2023, Mr Shadrack Moses, the Solicitor General, has served as a Principal Assistant to the Attorney General.

He provides critical support in steering the country's legal agenda by ensuring the AG's directives are effectively implemented across Government Departments, while coordinating the delivery of legal opinions, policy guidance and representation in court.

His impact extends deeply into the realm of Public Private

Partnerships (PPPs), where as a member of the PPP Committee, he acts as a key legal architect for projects. His mandate under the Office of the Solicitor General ensures that every PPP initiative, from initial idea to final handover is legally sound, financially viable and aligned with the national budget framework.

A former MP for Kitutu Masaba Constituency from 2017 to 2022, Mr Mose has carved a niche in arbitration, where he has handled arbitral proceedings domestically,



regionally and internationally under ICSID Rules, UNCITRAL Rules, the CIARB London Rules, CIARB Kenya Rules, NCIA Rules and under the New York Convention.

He has successfully led Kenya's defence team in the following International Commercial Arbitrations and Investor-State

## FACTS &amp; FIGURES

2022

The year when he took office as the Solicitor General.

Arbitrations involving the Republic of Kenya:

a. An arbitration claim under the auspices of the International Court of Arbitration/International Chamber of Commerce Rules, where Kenya submitted a strong and arguable defence.

The claim was \$115,211,667

(Sh12.9 billion) for compensation and damages. This matter was successfully settled between the Parties.

b. An arbitration claim under the auspices of UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, for an order for GoK to compensate claimants for breaches of sums of Sh260.8 billion. GoK successfully defended the claim having it dismissed, with costs awarded by the Tribunal.

c. An international arbitration claim under the auspices of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), where the claim against GoK for the sum of \$2.4 billion (Sh312 billion).

The Government successfully defended the claim having it dismissed, with costs awarded by the Tribunal. ■

## HEALTH

# Hope as State builds Sh4bn Kisii Cancer Centre

For four years, Fortune Moraa has lived with cervical cancer; a diagnosis that came without warning.

Now 49 and a mother of three, Moraa recalls that before the sudden bleeding began, she had not experienced any noticeable symptoms, a reality that reflects the silent nature of many cancers.

What followed was a long, costly and emotionally draining journey. From a Level IV hospital in her home county of Kisii, she was referred to a cancer centre in Nairobi. The distance, the expense and the uncertainty became part of her daily struggle.

Moraa spends at least Sh5,000 on transport to and from Nairobi for a single chemotherapy session, which costs about Sh15,000 per session. The Social Health Authority (SHA) covers a portion.

Sometimes, she says, long queues at the health facility force her to sleep in the cold because travelling back on the same day is impossible.

Her story is not unique. Across Kenya, approximately 45,000 new cancer cases are diagnosed every year, with at least 29,000 deaths recorded annually.

Medical Services PS, Dr Ouma Oluga, notes that cervical cancer, one of the most common, is slow-growing and can exist without symptoms for between 10 and 20 years following an initial HPV infection. Many people ignore early warning signs, often dismissing them as normal body discomforts.

But for patients like Moraa in the region, relief is finally on the way. The Government is fast-tracking the completion of a new

regional cancer centre in Kisii Town at a cost of Sh4 billion.

The 76-bed facility is expected to serve patients in Kisii, Nyamira and Western Kenya in general, offering comprehensive care for cervical, breast, colorectal and oesophageal cancers, the most common in the country.

Kisii Cancer Centre is part of a broader Government push to decentralise cancer care as part of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). Existing facilities in Mombasa, Nakuru and Garissa are also being upgraded into regional comprehensive cancer management centres.

Kenya currently has six fully-fledged cancer centres, but the cost of travelling to the few facilities adds to the burden of treatment, overwhelming patients.

Dr Oluga explains that the Government has signed MoUs with pharmaceutical companies to reduce the cost of cancer medicine for over 100,000 Kenyans currently undergoing treatment. The move has already reduced the cost of breast cancer medicine from approximately Sh120,000 to Sh38,000. Partnerships with companies like Pfizer and Roche, alongside the operationalisation of cancer centres, will also reduce what SHA pays for Kenyans seeking treatment overseas.

Under new Social Health Authority (SHA) guidelines effective from 2024 and updated through 2025 and 2026, the cost of chemotherapy is capped at Sh5,000 per session, while radiotherapy is set at a standard tariff of Sh3,600 per session.

Even with these interventions, a combination of radiotherapy, chemotherapy,



Dr Ouma Oluga (second right), the Medical Services PS, and his Broadcasting counterpart Stephen Isaboke (third left) assess progress of the ongoing construction of a cancer centre in Kisii County. PHOTO/KISII PRESS CLUB

and surgery can cost an average of over Sh333,000 annually, with some specialised treatments exceeding Sh3 million. The Kisii facility, Dr Oluga says, will significantly reduce this burden.

Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke describes the Kisii project as a key component of the Government's Universal Health Coverage agenda. He notes that the Government is leveraging technology to strengthen specialised healthcare services, improve patient survival rates, enhance diagnostic precision and make care more personalised and accessible, as per the BETA promise.

The Kisii facility will be equipped with modern technology not only for treatment but also for research and training.

Similarly, the County Governments have stepped up efforts to boost healthcare. In Nyamira, Governor Amos Nyaribo recently

commissioned the construction of an ultra-modern maternity complex costing Sh60 million in Nyamusii Sub County, with the devolved unit implementing the project in partnership with M-Pesa Foundation.

The current facility, long overwhelmed by demand, is too small and under-equipped, a situation that has slowed services and endangered the lives of expectant women and newborns.

The project will deliver a fully equipped theatre, delivery and sterilising equipment, an 11-bed antenatal ward, a 22-bed newborn unit with a nine-bed kangaroo room, a consultation room, and medical gas supply to ensure critical areas are self-sufficient.

With about 21,000 women of reproductive age in the county set to benefit, the facility represents a deliberate effort by the county government to bring quality maternal healthcare closer to the people. ■

# Housing initiatives create jobs

Ongoing Affordable Housing Projects in Kisii and Nyamira counties promise to deliver decent housing, even as they create jobs for tens of youth locally and more than 400,000 nationally.

In Nyamira County, the Government has injected over Sh4.4 billion to improve student accommodation and deliver affordable housing to residents.

The student housing initiative, led by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, will see 580 accommodation units built at Kenya Medical Training College Nyamira, while Borabu, Gitwebe and Kitutu Masaba Technical Training Institutes (TTIs) will each get 340 units.

Nyamira County Director for Housing and Urban Development Boaz Mireri said the projects will finally resolve the persistent accommodation challenges that have faced the institutions.

The new facilities, he said, will give students safe, modern spaces that make learning both conducive and enjoyable.

“Students are the backbone of our nation’s future, providing them with decent accommodation is a

crucial step towards empowering them academically and socially,” he said. Away from the hostels, a Sh3.9 billion Affordable Housing Project is underway in Nyamira, with 1,507 units rising in Sironga and Manga.

The State Department for Housing and Urban Development handed over the sites to the contractor, Padaa Enterprise Limited, marking the official start of construction.

Mr Mstafa Mohamed from Padaa said the firm will work on the project for about 18 months and will offer job opportunities to locals.

He encouraged local suppliers to provide quality materials in bulk, adding that locals would be given priority as long as they meet the required skills and integrity standards. Ms Peris Agwata, a resident, welcomed the housing project, noting that it has a great potential to spur economic growth.

“This project has brought opportunities to our area, which has been dormant for years because of its wetland conditions, making it unfit for agriculture or habitation,” she said. And in Kisii, the region’s university officially handed over a site for the construction of a

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Affordable Housing Project in Nyaribari Masaba, Kisii County. Below: Workers at affordable housing site in Kisii.



modern student village under the national Affordable Housing Programme.

The development is expected to significantly ease the long-standing accommodation shortage at the institution and improve the overall quality of student life.

The university currently has more than 24,000 students, but only about 500 are accommodated within existing on-campus hostels.

The project, funded through the exchequer and the Affordable Housing Fund, will deliver 1,680 bed spaces.

Kisii University Vice Chancellor

Nathan Ogechi expressed gratitude to the National Government for extending the affordable housing initiative to public universities.

“Beyond addressing housing shortages, the student village is also expected to enhance the university’s appeal to international students, supporting our internationalisation agenda and the vision of inclusivity,” Prof Ogechi said.

The village will consist of multiple buildings with amenities tailored to support comfortable, dignified and modern student living.

The facilities will include

reliable water supply, internet connectivity and other essential services often lacking in off-campus accommodation.

Once completed, the Kisii University student village is expected to transform student accommodation, reduce pressure on surrounding neighbourhoods, and set a new standard for campus housing aligned with national development priorities under the Affordable Housing Programme.

Similar modern student villages are under construction at Kisii National Polytechnic, with over 1,000 beds, as well as at Keroka Technical Training Institute, Riamo Technical and Vocational College (RTVC), Riragi Technical and Professional College, Kisii KMTTC, and Nyamache KMTTC, all within Kisii County. ■

- Reporting by Deborah Bochere & Alfred Misheba (KNA) and Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board

# Avocado, tea farmers harvest from initiatives

Agriculture remains the backbone of Kisii and Nyamira counties, with hundreds of residents benefiting from crops like maize, bananas, tea and avocado.

Under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), agriculture has become a powerful driver of inclusive growth, job creation and food security.

With the Government distributing affordable fertiliser, avocado seedlings and enhancing tea reforms as well as value addition, smallholder farmers are being equipped to produce more, earn better incomes and contribute to national food security.

In Nyamira County, the Nyansiongo Tea Factory stands out. Established in 1974, the factory launched the Matunua Satellite Factory for production of orthodox teas. This is a bold diversification

strategy aimed at tapping premium global markets while reducing the carbon footprint of its operations.

“We are embracing technology that emits less carbon, such as co-firing briquettes with firewood, and building compact wetlands to recycle wastewater,” Daniel Macharia, the Factory Manager, said. The factory supports over 18,000 smallholder farmers, supplying them with climate-smart tea clones from its nurseries to boost resilience against erratic weather.

Besides promoting sustainable farming and greener processing, the initiative supports the adoption of new tea varieties developed by the Tea Research Foundation of Kenya.

Further, Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) is promoting regenerative agriculture, energy-efficient processing and solarisation



Jeremiah Mbaka inspects his avocado fruits on his farm in Iwera Sub location, Bokimonge ward, Kisii county. PHOTO/KNA

across 17 factories in the region.

Tea production in Nyamira as well as Kisii has been on an upward trend. In 2022, Nyamira produced 161 million kilos of tea and in 2023, 167 million kilos, according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics. Tea production in Kisii, on the other hand, averages 80 million kilos annually.

The organisation of farmers into cooperatives has further helped them eliminate exploitation by brokers.

Geticha Hass Avocado Cooperative Society is one of the outfits promoting avocado growing in Kisii. Chairman James Onyango said the Sacco has 150 registered members from eight wards, who

contribute registration and share capital. Through the society, farmers sign formal, three-month contracts with buyers, ensuring accountability and price stability.

James Okenye, a member, said his income has grown substantially, earning Sh110 per kilo from the previous Sh60-Sh80, having harvested 1,100 kilos from his 400 trees. However, farmers face a growing threat from pests like perseia mites, which cause leaf yellowing and premature fruit drop.

Mr Richard Ogendo, Sub County Agricultural Officer, said the Government’s encourages formation of cooperatives for better market access and extension services. He highlighted ongoing efforts to train farmers on pest control, soil fertility and the use of certified seedlings. ■

- By Chris Mahandara and Jane Naitore (KNA)

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# Kenya Yearbook tells the story



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto (right) with Mr Edwin Manoti from State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications at the Gusii Stadium, where KYEB distributed its 'Agenda Kenya' newspaper.



The public with Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board's 'AgendaKenya' newspaper at Gusii Stadium in Kisii. KYEB produced the paper for grassroots messaging of the Government's development agenda of the region.



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) staff led by CEO Lilian Kimeto (third right) had the honour of hosting legendary athletics heroes, Dr. Col. Paul Tergat, SOYA Founder and IOC Member (second right), and Haile Gebrselassie, the Gentleman of Athletics, from Ethiopia (fourth right). The legends toured KYEB's offices at SHA Building in Nairobi where they were presented with copies of "Kenya at the Olympics: A 60-Year Journey of Medalling," a publication that celebrates six decades of Kenya's champions on the world stage. Kenya Yearbook is committed to telling authentic stories of all sectors contributing to our economy.

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The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) today joins the people of Kisii and Nyamira Counties in celebrating the ongoing transformative development in the regions as part of the Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Through strategic investments in agriculture, healthcare, MSMEs and infrastructure, national policies are translating into tangible improvements in the lives of residents across the two counties.

As the State Corporation mandated to document and amplify Government programmes and national milestones, KYEB remains committed to telling the story of Kenya's progress region by region, sector by sector.

This special focus on Gusii region highlights how BETA's people-centred approach is delivering real change at the community level.

Agriculture remains the mainstay of Kisii and Nyamira counties, with tea, coffee, bananas and dairy farming forming the backbone of household incomes. Under BETA, the Government has implemented far-reaching reforms to revitalise these subsectors, ensuring farmers receive fair returns for their labour and produce.

The restructuring of cooperative

societies in the region has streamlined management, improved governance and enhanced transparency in payments. Farmers who previously endured months of delayed payments are now receiving timely compensation, restoring confidence in the cooperative movement.

Complementing these reforms, the Government has expanded access to subsidised fertiliser, enabling smallholder farmers to boost yields and reduce production costs.

Nationally, the Government has registered over 29 million Kenyans under the Social Health Authority (SHA), ensuring households can access healthcare without the burden of catastrophic medical costs.

This achievement is supported by 107,831 Community Health Promoters (CHPs) who deliver preventive services at the household level. In Kisii and Nyamira, CHPs are playing a vital role in early disease detection, maternal and child health, and health education, strengthening the foundation of community health.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) form the bedrock of Kenya's economy and

in Kisii and Nyamira, they are the lifblood of livelihoods, providing employment and driving local economic activity. Under BETA, the Government has prioritised the MSME sector through targeted interventions that

unlock access to finance, markets and capacity-building opportunities.

A flagship initiative in this effort is the NYOTA programme, which is transforming how MSMEs access to credit. The region in January hosted President William Ruto, at Gusii Stadium, where he oversaw the disbursement of over Sh220 million to 8,820 young Kenyans from Kisii, Nyamira, and Migori Counties.

Through the programme, small businesses are being onboarded onto a structured credit rating system that enables them to build a formal credit history, unlocking financing from financial institutions that was previously out of reach.

Infrastructure development is unlocking economic potential across Kisii and Nyamira. The Government has prioritised road upgrades to improve connectivity, reduce travel times and enhance

access to markets. Tarmacking of key roads is facilitating the movement of agricultural produce, reducing post-harvest losses and attracting investment into the region.

The expansion of digital infrastructure is also bridging the connectivity gap, with fibre-optic networks and public Wi-Fi hotspots enabling MSMEs to access online services, e-commerce platforms and digital financial tools.

Youth skilling programmes such as Ajira and Jitume have trained over 1.8 million young people nationally, equipping them with digital skills that complement the growth of the MSME sector.

KYEB remains steadfast in its mission to document and share the successes achieved under BETA. Through our publications, including the Kenya Yearbook, AgendaKenya newspaper, and other specialised editions, we provide a reliable record of progress that shapes the nation's development story.

This special focus on Kisii and Nyamira is part of our broader effort to showcase how national policies are translating into real change at the community level.

As we celebrate these milestones, KYEB reaffirms its commitment to chronicling the transformation unfolding across every corner of Kenya. ■



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