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213 hospitals benefit as National Equipment Scheme is expanded

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The National Equipment Service Programme (NESP) rollout has so far delivered specialized medical equipment worth over Sh7.3 billion to 213 health facilities across 43 counties.

The initiative, launched by President William Ruto in August 2025, gained fresh momentum when Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale presided over the signing of a cooperation framework that brings together national referral hospitals, the Social Health Authority, and the Digital Health Agency.

The agreement, signed in Nairobi during a meeting with NESP vendors led by businessman Richard Ngatia, sets out a clear roadmap for coordination, accountability, and the deployment of advanced medical equipment nationwide.

It establishes institutional roles, joint planning, and integrated implementation, ensuring that the programme delivers impact at both national and county levels.

Speaking after the signing, Duale emphasized the urgency



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale, (left) and businessman Richard Ngatia signing a cooperation framework agreement that brings together national referral hospitals, the Social Health Authority, and the Digital Health Agency in Nairobi

of the initiative, noting that the framework was designed to accelerate delivery and ensure that Kenyans benefit from modern healthcare.

“This framework is about

speed, accountability, and results. We are determined to ensure that every Kenyan, regardless of location, has access to quality healthcare powered by modern equipment,” he said.

The CS pointed out that NESP operates under a fee-for-service model managed by the Ministry of Health in partnership with the Council of Governors.

“This approach is intended

to guarantee sustainability while enhancing collaboration between national and county governments,”

“Over its seven-year lifespan, the programme is expected to bridge longstanding gaps in specialized care, particularly at the grassroots level,” said Duale.

By equipping hospitals with dialysis machines, imaging technology, and other advanced tools, the CS disclosed that the initiative is reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for treatment and is improving the efficiency of healthcare delivery.

To reinforce implementation, Duale noted that the cooperation framework introduces a structured coordination mechanism that includes bi-weekly joint reviews, monthly vendor engagements, and a one-month Rapid Results Initiative to fast-track delivery and clear bottlenecks.

“This system is expected to accelerate deployment and ensure that equipment is not only delivered but also installed, operational, and serving patients

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The Institute is seeking to confirm the Grade 10 student enrolment data in every public Senior School by end of First Term 2026 in terms of numbers of learners taking various subjects.

This will inform the second phase of distribution of Grade 10 textbooks in order to ensure that all learners have received textbooks in all subjects on a One - to - One ratio as per Government Policy.

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- Textbooks received per subject

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effectively,” said the CS.

The signing ceremony brought together key figures in the health sector, underscoring the national importance of the programme. Among those present were Dr. Ouma Oluga, Principal Secretary for Medical Services; Isaac Kimani, NESP Coordinator; Khatra Ali, representing the Council of Governors; Anthony Lenayara, CEO of the Digital Health Agency; chief executives of national referral hospitals; and senior Ministry of Health officials. Their collective presence signaled a united front in driving Kenya’s healthcare transformation.

The CS said that by equipping county hospitals with specialized machines, the programme is reducing inequalities in healthcare access and ensuring that Kenyans in rural and marginalized areas benefit from the same quality of care as those in urban centers.

“This initiative has ensured faster diagnoses, better treatment options, and improved outcomes for patients whereas healthcare workers are able to access tools that enhance efficiency and effectiveness,” said Duale.

The CS said that with Sh7.3 billion already invested, the NESP is set to continue expanding its reach over the next seven years adding that as Kenya races toward its Vision 2030 health goals, the NESP stands out.



Affordable Housing Board’s Acting Chief Executive Officer Joseph Kagicha (left) and Huduma Kenya CEO Benjamin Kai Chilumo (Right) display the MoU to establish service desks at Huduma Centres, supporting Kenyans seeking home ownership under the Boma Yangu programme.

Kenyans to access housing services at Huduma Centres

BY JOSEPH NG’ANG’A (KNA)

The Affordable Housing Board will roll out service desks in all Huduma Centre outlets nationwide, creating a one-stop access point for Kenyans seeking to own homes under the Affordable Housing Programme.

This is after the Affordable Housing Board (AHB) and

Huduma Kenya entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at providing more strategic access points for Kenyans seeking to own a home under the Affordable Housing Programme.

The service desk will facilitate the homeownership process, from application and registration on the Boma Yangu platform to payment

and eventual allocation of housing

units upon settlement of the requisite five per cent deposit and subsequent instalments. Speaking during the signing ceremony at Huduma Centre City Square, Nairobi, AHB Acting Chief Executive Officer Joseph Kagicha, said the collaboration is designed to simplify and demystify the home acquisition process.

He noted that the presence of AHB personnel at Huduma

Centres will enable Kenyans to access accurate information on available units, receive guidance on their selections, and be supported through registration and payment procedures.

“We will establish dedicated information desks in every Huduma Centre, clearly branded with the official AHB identity. Our staff will be in official attire and equipped with computers to ensure that every Kenyan can access the information they need to make informed decisions about home ownership,” he said.

Huduma Kenya Chief Executive Officer Ben Kai welcomed the partnership, describing it as a significant step toward deepening access to government services.

He emphasized that Huduma Centres, already synonymous with the delivery of over 5,000 public services, are well-positioned to bridge the information and accessibility gap in the housing sector. “Kenyans trust Huduma Centres as accessible service points across the country. The introduction of AHB desks responds directly to the growing demand for clear, reliable information on affordable housing opportunities,” he said.

The government’s Affordable Housing Programme continues to gather momentum, with projects structured to deliver a mix of social housing, affordable units, and market-rate developments. More than one million Kenyans have already registered interest through the Boma Yangu platform.



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Karatina University invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the under listed tenders.

ITEM	TENDER NO	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING / OPENING DATE	CLOSING / OPENING TIME
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)					
1	KarU/Proc/002/EOI/2026-2030	Medical Service Providers – Hospitals	Open	28 th April, 2026	11:00 Am
REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026– 2028 FINANCIAL YEARS					
2	Various categories for goods, works and services	Registration of suppliers for financial year 2026–2028.	Refer to the instruction to tenderers in the bid document	28th April, 2026	11:00 Am

Interested and eligible contractors may view and download tender documents free of charge from the University’s website www.karu.ac.ke or the PPIP tender portal www.tenders.go.ke Enquiries may be sent via email to procurement@karu.ac.ke.

Completed tender documents should be deposited in the Tender Box placed at the administration Block at Karatina University (Main Campus) on or before the **closing date** and time as indicated above. Late submission will not be accepted.

Sealed tenders must be marked with the tender name and reference number and addressed to:

**The Vice Chancellor, Karatina University
P.O. Box 1957 – 10101, KARATINA**

Tenders will be opened as scheduled above. The opening will take place in the **Conference Hall** at the **Main Campus, Kagochi, Karatina** in the presence of bidders or their representatives who wish to attend.

Further information is available at www.karu.ac.ke.



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APPLICATION FOR TRAINING PROGRAMMES 2026/2027

The Kenya Forestry College (KFC) which is established under Section 17 of the Forest Conservation and Management Act, 2016 is managed by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS). The college was established in 1956 and is registered as a Technical and Vocation Education and Training (TVET) institution. It is the premier college offering courses to equip trainees with high quality technical skills in forestry and the environmental conservation. The college also offers specially tailored short term courses relevant for the conservation sector practitioners including Law Enforcement for County Governments and Community Scouts.

Interested applicants should visit the KFS website www.kenyaforestservice.org and the KFC website www.kfc.ac.ke to view and apply for interested courses. Applications forms are also available on the two websites. Applicants should download the form, fill them appropriately and send them to following address accompanied by copies of relevant academic documents, National Identity Card or Birth Certificate and banking slip for the application fee;

**The Principal
Kenya Forestry College
P.O. BOX 8-20203
LONDIANI.
Telephone No. +254794-976449/ +254731-976449**

**The same can also be scanned and sent to the following email addresses:
collegeadmissions@kenyaforestservice.org or admissionskenyaforestrycollege@gmail.com**

Applicants should ensure they have included their personal telephone contacts and email addresses in the application form.

There will be a non-refundable KES 1,000 application fee which should be paid through e-citizen (kfs.ecitizen.go.ke) and attach the e-citizen Government copy or banking slip.

Students can also apply through Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) and once placed they should confirm their admission on the KFS Website and contact the Principal for their admission letters.

Applications **MUST** be received by **30th April, 2025**.

The training programmes will be offered at the College located in Londiani, Kericho County commencing on the dates indicated in the websites.



New system cuts waiting time for IDs



in everyday life.

He pointed out that the exercise has already covered more than half of the counties, including hard-to-reach areas, where mobile registration has been conducted to ensure no region is left behind, with counties such as Turkana, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo already benefiting from the outreach as similar exercises continue in other parts of the country.

“We are serving every Kenyan equally and we have no reason to discriminate against anyone because our duty is to ensure all eligible citizens receive identification documents,” he added.

The forum was also graced by the Secretary, National Registration Bureau (NRB) Mr. Gilbert Kitiyo and Kericho County Commissioner Jeremiah Mwai Gicheru, alongside other senior national government officials.

BY KIBE MBURU (KNA)

Kenians will now receive national identification cards within a much shorter period following the government's rollout of enhanced digital registration systems, the removal of fees for applicants, and intensified nationwide sensitization and mobilization efforts aimed at improving efficiency and accessibility in the issuance of the critical document.

The move is supported by the rollout of advanced live capture technology across registration centres, where applicants' biometric and personal data is captured and transmitted instantly to headquarters for processing, cutting paperwork, reducing delays and enabling faster, more accurate and efficient issuance of national identification cards.

Speaking to the media after a sensitization forum for National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) held at Kericho Teachers Training College in Kericho Town, Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services Dr. Belio Kipsang said the reforms are already delivering tangible results through improved coordination and digital systems that are making registration faster and more efficient for citizens.

He revealed that more than 1.7 million Kenyans have been registered since the beginning of the current financial year in July, reflecting steady progress in expanding access to identification documents, improving coverage across the country and ensuring more citizens can access essential government services.

He revealed that 8,662

- 1. Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services Dr. Belio R. Kipsang (9th from right), accompanied by the Secretary, National Registration Bureau (NRB) Mr. Gilbert Kitiyo (7th from left), Kericho County Commissioner Jeremiah Mwai Gicheru (next to the PS – left), and members of the National Government Administration Officers (NGAO), after receiving the National Registration Guidelines handbook at Kericho Teachers Training College in Kericho Town.**
- 2. Dr. Kipsang addressing National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs), including chiefs and assistant chiefs, during a sensitization forum on revised National Registration Guidelines at Kericho Teachers Training College in Kericho Town.**

processed national identity cards remain uncollected at government offices, urging local administrators to step up public awareness and mobilization campaigns to ensure that applicants collect their documents and fully benefit from government services.

“Our cards are now delivered within three to seven days and in some cases even the same day, which shows the level of efficiency we have achieved through technology,” he said.

In Kericho County, the Principal Secretary disclosed that more than 40,000 eligible residents have yet to apply for national identity cards despite ongoing registration efforts, urging intensified mobilization to ensure all eligible citizens come forward and access the vital documents needed for government services and civic participation.

The ongoing sensitization exercise for Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs in Kericho County is part of a broader national programme that has already reached National Govern-

ment Administration Officers (NGAOs) from 27 counties, equipping them with the revised National Registration Guidelines to improve service delivery.

Dr. Kipsang pointed out that under the new guidelines, chiefs and assistant chiefs will use their biometrics to confirm applicants' identity, a move that will strengthen verification, reduce delays and bring registration services closer to wananchi while ensuring all eligible residents in Kericho access national identification documents and related government services.

“There are still very many Kenyans, both young and old, who do not have documents and that is why we are continuing with this exercise to ensure no one is left behind,” he explained.

Dr. Kipsang noted that identification documents play a critical role in enabling citizens to access essential services including student loans, scholarships and agricultural support programmes, adding that farmers require IDs to register for subsidized inputs while students need them to apply for higher education funding, making the document essential

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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	Online Pre-Bidders Conference: Thursday 16 th April 2026 at 10.00 am to 11.30 a.m East African Time Closing Date: Wednesday May 6 th , 2026 at 10:30hrs East African Time	Open to All
2.	CA/SCM/DISP/01/2025-2026	Tender for disposal of assets and obsolete Items during the Financial Year 2025/2026	April 29 th , 2026 at 1030hrs 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 which download the tender documents must arrange to forward their particulars/ contacts to the Head of Supply Chain Management, Communications Authority of Kenya, through the email address 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 on the CA Website

Eligible bidders may also inspect and obtain detailed hard copy of the tender documents from the Supply Chain Management Department, 3rd 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 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
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Website: 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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Government now pushes contractors to fast-track Galana Kulalu infrastructure

BY EMMANUEL MASHA (KNA)

The Government has directed contractors working on multi-billion-shilling critical infrastructure components of the Galana Kulalu Food Security Project to fast-track their work to ensure the successful rollout of the country's food security initiative. Officials from the Government Delivery Unit (GDU) and the Coast Regional National Government Development Implementation, Communication and Monitoring Committee (NGD-RICMC) noted that several projects were lagging behind schedule and urged contractors to accelerate their completion.

Particular concern was raised over the Sh2.9 billion Galana Kulalu Electrification project, which is significantly delayed. The contractor was instructed to expedite works, with a stern



Head of Government Delivery Unit Sitali Olando (right) and Coast Regional Commissioner Rhoda Onyancha (centre) lead multi-agency team on an inspection and verification tour of critical infrastructure within the Galana Kulalu Food Security Project. PHOTO BY BENEDICT WASICHE

warning that no further extensions of the contract would be granted.

Led by Coast Regional Commis-

sioner Rhoda Onyancha and GDU Director General Sitali Olando, the inspection team toured key pro-

jects including the Sh1.49 billion Galana Bridge, the electrification project, the Sh2.3 billion Baricho Bridge, and the Sh650 million Baricho Water Works Solarisation Project.

Despite the delays, the team expressed satisfaction with the overall progress and expressed optimism that works on the key enabler projects would be completed soon to enable investors and other stakeholders to work with ease in realizing the full potential of the irrigation venture.

"Overall, we are happy with what we have seen today. We have agreed on the way forward regarding the bottlenecks we witnessed, and I am confident that when we return in two months, the projects will be much further along and nearing completion," Ms Onyancha told journalists after the tour.

The Head of the Government

Delivery Unit, Mr. Sitali Olando, asked government agencies involved in the project to work in collaboration under regional and county commissioners in order to move forward.

He however told contractors to expedite their works, warning that the government would not extend their contracts.

"For those contractors who are not diligent, we continue to remind them that we shall continue pressuring the government agencies to push them to complete their works or lose their contracts," he said.

He said the government had identified investors who would start projects towards the Tana River side of the project.

"This project started in Kilifi County but we have identified investors who will open up at least 100,000 acres towards the Tana River side," Mr. Olando said.

Ministry to review Wildlife Act as institute graduates 499 conservation trainees

BY NELLY MANGA (MYGOV)

The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife has initiated plans to review the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013 to strengthen the training mandate of the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI), with a particular focus on empowering local communities who serve as custodians of Kenya's wildlife resources.

This announcement set the tone for the 23rd graduation ceremony of WRTI, where policy reforms in conservation and education were celebrated alongside the achievements of 499 graduands.

Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife, Rebecca Miano, in her speech read by the Wildlife Principal Secretary Silvia Museiya, emphasized that the review of the Act is designed to ensure training programmes remain responsive to the evolving needs of the wildlife and tourism sectors.

"Kenya's wildlife is a symbol of immense national pride and a key pillar of our economy and sustainable development," she said. "The sustainability of these ecosystems depends on a skilled workforce, and this Institute is central to building that capacity."

Complementing the

Act review is WRTI's full transition to the Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) framework, aligning with national reforms in education.

WRTI Director and CEO Dr. Patrick Omondi, explained that the shift has transformed instruction from theory-heavy to practical, skills-oriented learning.

"This move ensures our graduates are industry-ready, equipped with competencies that directly respond to the needs of the wildlife and tourism sectors," he said. Curricula have been reviewed for relevance, and partnerships with stakeholders continue to strengthen training quality and employability outcomes.

This year, he said, WRTI graduated 499 students 374 with diplomas and 125 with craft certificates, including one posthumous award.

The transition rate stood at 77.63%, a notable improvement. Dr. Omondi pledged to push toward a 100% completion rate by addressing barriers to student success.

Short courses have already begun under the CBET framework, WRTI completed a program for practicing tour guides, enabling them to be certified by the Tourism Regulatory Authority.

The upcoming Recogni-

tion of Prior Learning (RPL) programme will formally certify skills acquired informally in conservancies and tour guiding. "By certifying these competencies, we are enhancing employability, promoting inclusion, and strengthening the overall capacity of the workforce," Dr. Omondi explained.

Policy reforms have also extended to student financing. Through the Tourism Fund, more than Sh15 million has been disbursed via HELB, easing the financial burden on learners. Miano praised this initiative, noting that it ensures equitable access to training opportunities.

Dr. Omondi, however, made a pointed appeal for greater government support to specialized TVET institutions like WRTI. "There is need for equitable access to government funding, including student financing, capitation, and infrastructure development, particularly in the construction of student hostels," he urged.

On the research front, WRTI successfully led the National Wildlife Census 2025, providing critical data to inform policy, conservation strategies, and tourism promotion. Hosting the Second International Wildlife Scientific Conference in Naivasha further reinforced its role as a hub for wildlife science and innovation.

PBO WEEK 2026

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The Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority and partners cordially invite all PBOs, CSOs, the private sector, Government agencies and the public to the annual **PBO WEEK 2026**, to be held on **April 13-18, 2026 at KICC, Nairobi** and in **Eldoret, Garissa, Kisumu, Mombasa and Nakuru**.

Themed **"A NEW DAWN in Action: CELEBRATING Impact, CONNECTING Voices, COLLABORATING for Transformation under the PBO Act"**, the PBO 2026 underscores renewal, reform, opportunity and synergy towards attainment of Kenya's socio-economic transformation and sustainable development agenda. Welcome to yet another unique opportunity of the PBO WEEK as we keep up with the momentum of A NEW DAWN of enhanced collaborations and partnerships.

KEY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **PBO Regulations & Annual PBO Sector Report 2024/2025 Launch | Monday, April 13, 2026 | 9:00AM-1:00PM | KICC, Aberdare-Lenana**
- **Exhibition | April 13-15, 2026 | 9:00AM-5:00PM | KICC Courtyard**
- **Thematic Forums | April 14 & 15, 2026 | 9:00AM-12:00PM | KICC, Aberdare**
- **Regional Activities | April 13-18, 2026 | Eldoret | Garissa | Kisumu | Mombasa | Nakuru**

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National Commission for Science,
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THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (NACOSTI) BOARD The Science, Technology, and Innovation Act, CAP. 511

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5(8) and (11) of the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, CAP. 511, the **Selection Panel** invited applications from suitably qualified persons for nomination for appointment to the positions of **Chairperson** (1 Position) and **Members** (3 Positions) of the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) Board. The advertisement was placed on **24th February 2026**, and closed on **16th March 2026** at 5:00 p.m. [EAT].

A total of **eighty-seven (87)** applications were received for both Chairperson and Member positions. Of these, eleven (11) were received after the stipulated 5:00 p.m. [EAT] deadline on 16th March, 2026, and were therefore not considered for long-listing, leaving seventy-six (76) applications that were eligible to proceed to long-listing. These were categorised as follows: **six (6)** for the position of Chairperson, **sixty-four (64)** for the position of Member. **Six (6)** applicants did not state the position applied for.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act, CAP. 411C, and the applicants' consent granted at the point of application, the Selection Panel hereby publishes the long-list and short-list of applicants as follows:

(A) LIST OF APPLICANTS (LONG LIST)

The following applicants submitted their applications within the prescribed deadline and were recorded during the long-listing exercise. Long-listing is an administrative process involving the opening of sealed applications and the recording of applicant details.

(i) CHAIRPERSON POSITION					
No.	Name	Nationality	Gender	County	PWD Status
1.	Dr. Vincent Agala Dudi Choka	Kenyan	Male	Vihiga	Not Stated
2.	Dr. Festus Murithi Meme	Kenyan	Male	Meru	Yes
3.	Prof. Gideon Howard Nzioka Nyamasyo	Kenyan	Male	Makueni	No
4.	Prof. Vasey N. Mwaja	Kenyan	Male	Meru	No
5.	Dr. Evans Makori Ombongi	Kenyan	Male	Kisii	No
6.	Prof. Kennedy Otieno Awuor	Kenyan	Male	Homabay	No

(ii) MEMBERS' POSITION					
No.	Name	Nationality	Gender	County	PWD Status
1	Mugai Wanjiku Irene	Not Stated	Not Stated	Not Stated	Not Stated
2	Lydia Nyawira Mburia	Kenyan	Female	Makueni	No
3	Gesembe Sammy Ogaro	Kenyan	Male	Kisii	No
4	David Kamau Mwangi	Not Stated	Not Stated	Not Stated	Not Stated
5	Josphat Mutuku Kioko	Kenyan	Not Stated	Not Stated	Not Stated
6	Okeyo Erick Otieno	Kenyan	Male	Homabay	Not Stated
7	Erick Sharanya Nandoya	Kenyan	Male	Not Stated	Not Stated
8	Omondi Fredrick Olwal	Kenyan	Not Stated	Kisumu	Not Stated
9	Kennedy Adongo	Kenyan	Not Stated	Not Stated	Not Stated
10	Caroline Wanja Theuri	Kenyan	Not stated	Not Stated	Not Stated
11	Michael Ngumbu Muthui	Kenyan	Male	Kitui	Not Stated
12	Thomas Odol Ojwang	Kenyan	Male	Siaya	Not Stated
13	Evans Misiko Wambasi	Kenyan	Male	Bungoma	Not Stated
14	Paul Gathii Wanjiru	Kenyan	Male	Muranga	Not Stated
15	Enock Kuyoni Topisia	Kenyan	Male	Narok	Not Stated
16	Nicholas Kibiwott Chirchir	Kenyan	Male	Not Stated	Not Stated
17	Nicasio Karani Migwi Nduku	Kenyan	Male	Kirinyaga	Not Stated
18	Dorothy Joseph Atieno Lensa	Kenyan	Female	Siaya	Yes
19	Mohamed Bakari Mwazecha	Kenyan	Male	Kwale	Not Stated
20	Mercy Mukite Muchuma	Kenyan	Female	Bungoma	Not Stated
21	Stephen Ngigi Mburu	Kenyan	Male	Nyamira	Not Stated
22	Mary Mutete Mwanzia	Kenyan	Female	Machakos	Not Stated
23	Felix Gabriel Okhonjo	Kenyan	Male	Busia	Not Stated
24	Cheruiyot Korir Alfred	Kenyan	Male	Kericho	Not Stated
25	Chetambe Lipesa Benard	Kenyan	Male	Bungoma	Not Stated
26	Mwende Mbilo	Kenyan	Female	Bungoma	Not Stated
27	Edward K. Boor	Kenyan	Male	Nandi	Not Stated
28	Vincent Agala Daudi Chokaa	Kenyan	Male	Vihiga	Not Stated
29	Gideon Obota Ochola	Kenyan	Male	Siaya	Not Stated
30	James Kinyanjui Njenga	Kenyan	Male	Not Stated	Not Stated
31	Abdikarim Mohamed Abdi	Kenyan	Male	Mandera	Not Stated
32	Bornes Chelangat Mosonik	Kenyan	Female	Kericho	No
33	Shad Langat Koros	Kenyan	Male	Nakuru	No
34	Joel Odhigo Onditi	Kenyan	Male	Kisumu	No
35	David Kiplagat Kimeli	Kenyan	Male	Elgeyo-Marakwet	No
36	Grace Wambui Waturu	Kenyan	Female	Kiambu	No
37	Judith Alice Makwali	Kenyan	Female	Kakamega	Yes
38	Mugambi George Kaberia M'Nchebere	Kenyan	Male	Meru	No
39	Moses Abednego Ollengo	Kenyan	Male	Busia	No
40	David Miruka Onyango	Kenyan	Male	Kisumu	No
41	Davis Kodi Mwachiro	Kenyan	Not Stated	Kwale	Not Stated
42	Margaret Maimba	Kenyan	Female	Nyandarua	Not Stated
43	Metha Llyod Kaburu	Kenyan	Male	Tharaka Nithi	No
44	Alfred Ogalo Mango	Kenyan	Male	Kisumu	No
45	Julius Yiega	Kenyan	Male	Kajiado	Yes
46	Mary Nekesa Musungu	Kenyan	Female	Bungoma	No
47	Thomas Katua Ngui	Kenyan	Male	Machakos	No
48	Festus Murithi Meme	Kenyan	Male	Meru	Yes
49	Josephine Kibaru	Kenyan	Female	Embu	No

(ii) MEMBERS' POSITION

No.	Name	Nationality	Gender	County	PWD Status
50	Sammy Muttai	Kenyan	Male	Trans Nzoia	No
51	Michael Nyongesa Walekhwa	Kenyan	Male	Bungoma	Not Stated
52	Davidson Mghanga Mwaisaka	Kenyan	Male	Taita Taveta	No
53	Wesley Cheruiyot Koech	Kenyan	Male	Kericho	No
54	Mary Nafula Mutoro	Kenyan	Female	Bungoma	No
55	Bixa Okech Ogola	Kenyan	Male	Siaya	No
56	Tom Muchiru Kahigu	Kenyan	Male	Nyandarua	No
57	Hussein Molu Abkallo	Kenyan	Male	Isiolo	No
58	Ezra Kipchirchir Ronoh	Kenyan	Male	Baringo	Not Stated
59	Mohamed Hassan Dube	Kenyan	Male	Tana River	Not Stated
60	Mercy Gacheri Munjuri	Kenyan	Female	Meru	No
61	Ngina Margaret Kairu	Kenyan	Female	Nyeri	Not Stated
62	Evans Makori Ombongi	Kenyan	Male	Kisii	No
63	Kennedy Otieno Awuor	Kenyan	Male	Homa Bay	No
64	Maureen Victoria Auka	Kenyan	Female	Nairobi	No

(B) SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Following the criteria-based short-listing exercise, the Selection Panel shortlisted candidates for the positions of Chairperson and Members as indicated below.

(i) CHAIRPERSON					
Interview Date: Wednesday, 15th April 2026					
No.	Name	Nationality	Gender	County	PWD Status
1	Dr. Vincent Agala Dudi Choka	Kenyan	Male	Vihiga	Not Stated
2	Dr. Festus Murithi Meme	Kenyan	Male	Meru	Yes
3	Prof. Gideon Howard Nzioka Nyamasyo	Kenyan	Male	Makueni	No
4	Prof. Vasey N. Mwaja	Kenyan	Male	Meru	No

(ii) MEMBER					
Interview Dates: Thursday 16th, Friday 17th, Monday 20th, and Tuesday 21st April 2026					
No.	Name	Nationality	Gender	County	PWD Status
1	Gesembe Sammy Ogaro	Kenyan	Male	Kisii	No
2	Thomas Odol Ojwang	Kenyan	Male	Siaya	Not Stated
3	Paul Gathii Wanjiru	Kenyan	Male	Muranga	Not Stated
4	Enock Kuyoni Topisia	Kenyan	Male	Narok	Not Stated
5	Nicasio Karani Migwi Nduku	Kenyan	Male	Kirinyaga	Not Stated
6	Mary Mutete Mwanzia	Kenyan	Female	Machakos	Not Stated
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12	Mugambi George Kaberia M'Nchebere	Kenyan	Male	Meru	No
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17	Josephine Kibaru	Kenyan	Female	Embu	No
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19	Michael N. Walekhwa	Kenyan	Male	Bungoma	Not Stated
20	Davidson Mghanga Mwaisaka	Kenyan	Male	Taita Taveta	No
21	Tom Kahigu	Kenyan	Male	Nyandarua	No
22	Hussein Molu Abkallo	Kenyan	Male	Isiolo	No
23	Maureen Victoria Auka	Kenyan	Female	Nairobi	No

INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

The Selection Panel informs the shortlisted candidates that the interviews will be conducted on the dates indicated above. Candidates should be at the venue at least **thirty (30) minutes** before their scheduled time. Shortlisted candidates should bring originals of the following documents during the interview:

- National Identity Card or Passport;
- Academic and professional certificates and transcripts;
- Any other supporting documents and testimonials;
- Valid and current clearances from the following bodies:
 - Kenya Revenue Authority;
 - Higher Education Loans Board;
 - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
 - Any of the Registered Credit Reference Bureaus;
 - Directorate of Criminal Investigations (Certificate of Good Conduct);
- Letter of recognition of qualifications from the Commission for University Education (CUE) for any degree obtained from foreign universities; and
- An affidavit to verify names appearing differently in submitted documents, where applicable.

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PROF. FLORENCE M'MOGI OLUBAYO, PhD
CHAIRPERSON

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Kenya confirms readiness for 2027 AFCON after settling hosting fee

BY MICHAEL OMONDI
(KNA)

The Government has fully met its financial obligations to the Confederation of African Football (CAF) as Kenya moves steadily toward co-hosting the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports, Salim Mvurya, confirmed that the Government has remitted the required USD 30 million hosting fee to CAF, reaffirming Kenya's credibility, readiness, and steadfast commitment to delivering a successful continental tournament.

He revealed that the Government has constituted a restructured multi-agency local organizing committee, bringing together key players from both the public and private sectors across all critical areas of delivery.

"This multi-sectoral approach is deliberate,

ensuring that our institutional capacity is fully aligned with the scale, complexity, and urgency of preparations required to host a tournament of AFCON's magnitude," the CS affirmed.

Following the CAF inspection report, Mvurya reported that Kenya will embark on accelerated implementation of all infrastructure and operational compliance requirements including the fast-tracked construction and upgrading of match venues, training facilities, transport and logistics systems, as well as safety, security, and broadcast standards.

"This is a routine but critical process in the hosting cycle, and Kenya is addressing each recommendation with precision, urgency, and accountability," he said.

The CS noted that this milestone reflects the commitment of the President to position the

country as a premier destination of global sporting events and leverage sports as a catalyst for economic growth, youth empowerment, job creation, and international prestige.

"As the Pamoja AFCON co-hosting countries, we remain fully committed to delivering a world-class AFCON 2027 that will not only meet but exceed continental and global expectations," Mvurya said.

He said the co-hosting countries will convene next month to deliberate on the establishment of a harmonized framework to support the implementation of visa facilitation mechanisms to enable ease of movement for teams, officials, fans, and stakeholders across the borders, coordinated tax exemptions, customs facilitation measures, and streamlined clearance procedures for all goods, services, and activities directly related to AFCON.



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Country:	Kenya
Project Name:	Lake Victoria Basin Development Project (LVBDP)
Grant No.:	E5920
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Reference No.:	KeNHA/2946/2026

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- The period of the services is six (6) months and the estimated number of person-months of key professional personnel is forty-eight (48).
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Kenya Revenue Authority simplifies tax filing with WhatsApp platform



Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga (Center) during the launch of the WhatsApp-based tax filing solution.

BY CELESTINE LOMOLIJAH (KNA)

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has launched an innovative WhatsApp-based tax filing solution designed to simplify compliance, enhance the taxpayer experience, and boost revenue collection. The new platform enables taxpayers to file their returns via the widely used messaging application, marking a significant milestone in the Authority's ongoing digital transformation and customer-centric reforms.

Speaking during a press briefing, KRA Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga said the solution is designed to make tax filing more accessible, efficient, and user friendly.

"This initiative reflects our commitment to providing simplified, efficient, and inclusive tax solutions that drive domestic revenue growth," said Wattanga.

The WhatsApp filing solution introduces a streamlined process that reduces the number of steps required to file returns from eight to three, significantly easing the burden on taxpayers.

The platform also offers real-time assistance, enabling users to receive instant support while filing their returns.

KRA noted that the move is part of a phased filing approach intended to ease congestion on its systems, particularly during peak filing periods, while encouraging timely compliance among taxpayers.

In addition to the

WhatsApp platform, the Authority has rolled out several system enhancements targeting different categories of taxpayers.

For individuals earning employment income, KRA has introduced prefilled and simplified returns.

These returns automatically incorporate data from employer Pay As You Earn (PAYE) submissions, including gross pay, taxable income, and deductions such as the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) and the Affordable Housing Levy (AHL). The prefilled system is expected to improve accuracy and reduce errors associated with manual data entry, thereby enhancing compliance levels.

Employers have also benefited from system upgrades, including the rollout of a simplified PAYE return that enables accurate capture of all applicable exemptions and reliefs within payroll systems. For taxpayers with additional sources of income, the Authority has introduced prefilled annual returns covering basic information and withholding taxes. This development is aimed at easing the filing process and ensuring that taxpayers can declare their income more comprehensively.

KRA has expanded flexibility in expense claims, allowing taxpayers to declare valid non-electronic Tax Invoice Management System (eTIMS) business expense invoices, provided they are supported by appropriate documentation.

Additionally, the Authority has introduced an enhanced Taxpayer

Dashboard that provides improved visibility of transactions related to invoices, imports, and exports. The dashboard is expected to empower taxpayers with better insights into their tax obligations and compliance status.

Wattanga emphasized that the reforms are part of a broader strategy to modernize tax administration in Kenya and align it with global best practices.

"We are committed to leveraging technology to deliver seamless and efficient services to taxpayers while strengthening compliance and revenue mobilization," he said.

He added that the Authority will continue to provide instant support through WhatsApp for taxpayers who may encounter challenges during the filing process, further enhancing convenience and accessibility.

The Commissioner General reminded taxpayers of the statutory deadline for filing annual income tax returns.

"The deadline for filing returns and paying any balance of tax for income earned in 2025 is June 30, 2026. We urge all individuals and businesses to file their returns on time and pay any taxes due to avoid penalties," he said.

KRA is calling on all taxpayers to embrace the new system and take advantage of the simplified processes to meet their tax obligations.

The Authority expressed confidence that the introduction of the WhatsApp filing solution, will significantly improve the overall taxpayer experience.



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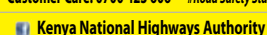
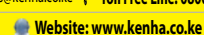
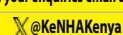
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New roadside rest stops aim to curb driver fatigue, boost road safety in Kenya



Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport Davis Chirchir, (left) outlines the government's strategic plan to integrate Roadside Stations (RSS) into Kenya's national transport infrastructure to enhance motorist wellness and cargo security.

BY HELLEN LUNALO
(KNA)

The Ministry of Transport and the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) have approved a new network of nationwide roadside rest stations. The project aims to enhance road safety and promote motorists' well-being by providing designated areas where drivers can manage fatigue.

The announcement was made during the first-ever Regional Highway Safety Investors Conference in Mombasa.

Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir noted that the government is fast-tracking Road Side Stations (RSS) to bring the nation's transport network up to modern standards, identifying roadside stations as a priority project essential to the government's broader mission of modernizing transport infrastructure.

According to the CS, the project represents more than just rest stops. It is a strategic redesign of infrastructure. By blending highway safety with multifaceted transport capabilities, the stations are expected to transform the efficiency of both passenger travel and commercial transport operations.

The CS underscored

the strategic importance of the 840-kilometer Northern Corridor, identifying it as the primary target for the rollout.

"As a critical link between the port of Mombasa and landlocked neighbors like Uganda, Rwanda, and the DRC, the route is essential for regional trade integration," the CS noted.

He explained that the planned stations would function as multi-purpose, focused on driver well-being and cargo security as the government aims to create a more secure and efficient environment for the entire logistics chain.

To this modernization, the government is seeking partners to develop a high-tech transport ecosystem which will include everything from ICT-enabled trade systems and smart traffic monitoring to integrated logistics hubs and emergency response units situated along the nation's busiest routes.

Supported by KeNHA, the CS championed the project as a practical intervention to save

lives. He emphasized that by making it easier for drivers to take mandatory breaks, the state can significantly reduce the number of crashes caused by exhaustion.

He described the RSS project as a revolutionary initiative, an integrated hub system designed to protect drivers and goods while simultaneously driving regional economic development and operational efficiency.

Representing the maritime and logistics sector, the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and other summit stakeholders emphasized that efficient logistics are the backbone of regional commerce. They noted that enhancing transport corridors is essential for reducing operational business expenses and sharpening Kenya's competitive edge in the global marketplace.

Furthermore, the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) has announced that once the rest stations are operational, commercial and public service vehicle (PSV) drivers will be mandated to make regular stops.

These measures are part of a broader reform package that includes compulsory medical check-ups for drivers and rigorous vehicle inspections, all aimed at bolstering safety on major transit arteries.

Commercial PSV drivers will be mandated to make regular stops

Kenya and Tanzania launch cross-border inoculation to curb deadly animal disease

BY DIANA MENETO (KNA)

A joint Kenya-Tanzania cross-border vaccination exercise targeting Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) has been launched at the Namanga border in Kajiado County, marking a significant step toward controlling transboundary animal diseases. The initiative, known as the Pastoralism and Livestock Development Adaptation to Climate Change in Eastern Africa

Programme (PLACE), aims to promote sustainable, climate-resilient pastoral systems by addressing the environmental, economic, and social challenges facing pastoral communities.

The programme is being implemented under the EU-PLACE Project by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD), in collaboration with the Directorate of Vet-

erinary Services (Kenya) and the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (Tanzania), with support from the County Government of Kajiado. The exercise follows the development of a joint cross-border vaccination calendar between Kenya and Tanzania, aimed at harmonizing disease control efforts. Targeting goats and sheep, the campaign seeks to curb the spread of PPR, a highly contagious viral disease that affects small ruminants.



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Early detection gaps leave livestock farmers exposed to disease outbreaks

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A
(KNA)

Livestock diseases continue to pose a significant threat to farmers' livelihoods, food security, and public health in Kenya. Diseases such as Foot-and-Mouth, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), and parasitic infections reduce productivity, restrict market access, and, in some cases, can spread from animals to humans, causing zoonotic outbreaks.

However, many small-scale livestock producers and pastoralist farmers lack access to affordable and reliable diagnostic tools necessary for early detection, limiting their ability to respond effectively.

In response to this challenge, a high-level workshop on improving livestock disease detection was convened in Nairobi, bringing together government officials, veterinarians, researchers, development partners, private sector actors and farmer representatives.

The meeting focused on practical solutions to make disease detection more accessible, affordable, and effective for livestock keepers across Kenya.

State Department for Livestock Development Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke said that Kenya needs to strengthen its animal health systems by paying close attention to one of the most important pillars of veterinary service delivery, that is diagnostic capacity.

"Strong veterinary diagnostics are central to early disease detection, outbreak response, surveillance, food safety, and trade assurance. Without timely and reliable diagnostics, our ability to prevent and control disease is significantly weakened," said Mueke. The PS commended



the ongoing efforts to strengthen Kenya's veterinary laboratory network, improve disease reporting systems, and expand the use of innovation and technology in animal health service delivery.

"The transformation we seek in the animal industry sector cannot be achieved by government alone. It will require strong partnerships, sustained investment, scientific innovation, and collective commitment. I therefore urge all stakeholders present today to continue supporting the animal health sector through collaboration, innovation, and strategic investment," Mweke said.

Director of Veterinary Services Dr. Allan Azegele said that early and accurate disease detection is critical not only for protecting livestock productivity, but also for safeguarding human health and ensuring food security.

"By strengthening diagnostics, we can respond faster to outbreaks, reduce

misuse of drugs, and guide targeted vaccination campaigns," Dr. Azegele said.

The workshop was co-organized by the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) and the Transforming Animal Health Solutions and Services for Low- and Middle-Income Countries (TAHSSL) platform, operated by GALVmed, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), and Clinglobal.

Its timing is significant as Kenya steps up efforts to control livestock diseases and align with regional and global priorities, including the eradication of PPR by 2030 and the strengthening of One Health approaches that link animal and human health systems, he said.

"We are committed to partnering with governments, research institutions, and the private sector to ensure that small-scale pro-

Director of Veterinary Services Dr. Allan Azegele speaking during a high-level workshop on improving livestock disease detection which was convened in Nairobi.

ducers have access to the tools they need to manage animal diseases effectively," GALVmed's Head of Research and Development Dr Karelle De Luca said.

Discussions focused on closing the gap between

laboratory capacity and the realities faced by farmers, particularly in smallholder and pastoralist systems.

Through plenary sessions and roundtable discussions, participants identified priority diagnostic needs, explored innovative delivery models, and co-developed a roadmap to make reliable disease testing a routine part of Kenya's livestock health programs.

The workshop underscored the importance of partnerships with stakeholders agreeing that stronger collaboration between government, research institutions, the private sector, and communities is essential to build an effective disease detection and surveillance system.

"Diagnostics are the eyes of the surveillance system. By aligning efforts from county-level disease reporters to national laboratories, we can build a system that controls disease," Musa Mulongo, the Program Coordinator for the Transforming Animal Health Solutions and Services (TAHSSL) said.

Government accelerates drive to electrify all Kenyan homes by 2030

BY MUTAI KIPNG'ETICH
(KNA)

The Government has intensified efforts to connect all households in Kenya to electricity by 2030, in a bold plan aimed at boosting economic growth and improving livelihoods nationwide."

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki said the

national electrification programme has already made significant strides, with 10.3 million households currently connected to power out of a total of 15.6 million households nationwide.

He noted that 1.4 million of these connections have been achieved between 2023 and now, reflecting the government's renewed push to expand access to

electricity. Speaking during an inspection tour of the Kiaumbui Last Mile Electrification Project in Gichugu Constituency, Kirinyaga County, the Deputy President said the government was keen on ensuring that the remaining households are connected within the next four years.



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Young Kenyans turn to chess for new livelihood opportunities

BY ESTHER MBUTHIA (KNA)

For many years, chess has often been seen as a game reserved for the elite, foreigners, or affluent communities. In Kenya, it is commonly associated with wealthy families or the Indian community, leaving many young people from rural or modest backgrounds to believe it is beyond their reach.

However, Jane Wangari, a young woman from Kamune sub-location in Mathioya Sub-County, Murang'a County, has challenged that perception and is steadily changing the narrative. Through determination, discipline, and the guidance of a dedicated mentor, she has risen through the ranks to become one of the country's most promising chess talents.

Jane first gained national attention after qualifying to represent Kenya at the 20th edition of the African Individual Chess Championship held in Cairo, Egypt, from May 12 to 21 last year.

Although financial constraints prevented her from making the trip, her achievement marked a significant milestone, proving that talent in chess is not confined to social class.

"The only difference between the rich and the poor in chess is opportunity," Jane says. "When I qualified, my family and friends were not in a position to raise the money needed for travel, but I believe I will

still get another chance."

Her journey into chess began in an unlikely way. At the age of 14, Jane jokingly added the nickname "Talented" to her name, although she had not yet discovered what her talent was. As the firstborn in a family of five, she grew up in a humble household and attended Kamune Day Secondary School, where she describes herself as an average student academically.

"My strength was never really in academics," she admits with a smile. "But I always felt there was something I could do well."

Her turning point came in Form Two, when a new teacher, Joseph Kimani, was posted to her school by the Teachers Service Commission. Unknown to many at the time, Kimani carried with him not only teaching skills but also a deep passion for chess.

Kimani had been introduced to chess during his time as a student at Kenyatta University, where he developed his skills under the guidance of a trainer who instilled discipline and resilience.

After graduation, he was posted to Brethren Day School in Laikipia East, where he attempted to introduce chess, but his efforts were unsuccessful as students preferred music.

A subsequent transfer to Tigithi Secondary School near Nanyuki Town did not yield better results. Despite the presence of a chessboard, administrative challenges made it difficult for him to establish a chess programme.

Frustrated but determined,



Chess player Jane Wangari (centre) poses with fellow player Stephen Gachuhi, (left) and their trainer, Josephat Kimani, (second right) Founder and Director of Chess Masters Club. PHOTO: ESTHER MBUTHIA

Kimani sought a transfer back to Murang'a County, hoping to join established institutions like Murang'a High School or Kahuhia Girls High School, where he believed chess would thrive. Instead, he was posted to Kamune Day Secondary School, a relatively unknown institution. Initially disappointed, he even considered declining the transfer.

However, a conversation with the then County Director of Education, Mr Ng'ang'a, changed his perspective. He was advised that while established schools already had structured clubs, Kamune offered him a blank slate to build both chess and music programmes from scratch.

"When I arrived, I realised this was an opportunity," Kimani recalls. "I could shape something new."

It was in this environment that Jane's destiny began to unfold. When Kimani introduced chess at the school,

Jane joined half-heartedly and later dropped out.

But Kimani, drawing from his own experiences, did not give up on her or other students who showed even the slightest interest.

"I used gentle encouragement to keep them engaged," he says. "I knew that once they understood the game, they would love it."

Jane eventually returned to the game, and this time, she embraced it fully. Her dedication began to pay off. Through rigorous training and participation in competitions, she steadily improved her skills.

In 2025, her efforts bore fruit when she won the Mount Kenya Region tournament and went on to triumph at the national level in her category.

This victory earned her a place in the Kenyan team for the continental championship in Egypt.

Although she was unable to travel due to financial challenges, the experience strengthened her resolve rather than discouraging her.

"I know I will still compete internationally," she says confidently. "This is just the beginning."

Jane completed her secondary education in 2025 but did

not attain grades required for university admission. Undeterred, she now plans to pursue a course in tourism and hospitality at a college, even as she continues to build her career in chess.

Today, Jane is not only a player but also a trainer. She works alongside her mentor to teach chess at various schools across Kamacharia Division and beyond, including areas as far as Kenol in Maragua Sub County.

Kimani, recognising the growing interest in the game, established the Chess Masters Club, where he serves as Founder and Director. Jane plays a key leadership role as the principal trainer, mentoring young learners and helping expand the club's reach.

On March 14 this year, the club facilitated the participation of 77 players in the 56th Mount Kenya Regional Championships held at Bishop Gatimu Ngandu Girls High School in Nyeri County.

All participants qualified for the national championships scheduled for April at Mang'u High School.

Jane takes pride in the achievements of her trainees, including her own siblings.

Relief for farmers as West Pokot launches massive seed distribution

BY ANTHONY MELLY (KNA)

Farmers in West Pokot County have received a major boost after the county government launched the distribution of certified maize seeds and crop seedlings.

The aim is to increase food production and strengthen household food security.

The county government rolled out over 700 bales of certified maize seeds equivalent to 184,560 kilograms comprising DH04 and 6213 varieties sourced from Kenya Seed Company. Additionally, farmers will benefit from 1,000 avocado seedlings and 3,000 coffee seedlings from the county nursery. Speaking during the launch, West Pokot



West Pokot Governor Simon Kachapin (second from left) hands over an avocado tree seedling to farmer before flagging off a consignment of 1,000 avocado seedlings and 3,000 coffee seedlings from the county nursery. PHOTO: ANTHONY MELLY

Governor Simon Kachapin said the program is designed to ensure farmers plant on time using quality seeds to boost yields and reduce the risk of food shortages.

"Agriculture remains the backbone of our economy. When we support farmers, we are securing food and income for families across the county," he said.

He noted that many farmers face challenges at the onset of planting seasons due to the high cost of certified seeds and unpredictable rainfall, forcing some to delay planting or use recycled seed.

The distribution is being conducted at ward level to ensure accessibility, particularly for

vulnerable households that may otherwise struggle to access farm inputs.

Beyond maize production, the county is also promoting crop diversification through the establishment of a fruit tree nursery at Aramaket village in Kapenguria ward. The facility currently host over 400,000 avocado seedlings, 160,000 mango seedlings, 174,000 coffee seedlings, and 7,400 macadamia seedlings targeting at least 10,000 farmers.

Governor Kachapin emphasized the need for proper farming practices, urging farmers to prepare their land early, plant at the right spacing, weed on time, and follow guidance from agriculture extension officers.

New borehole brings relief to Igembe North residents

BY KAMANJA MAERIA (KNA)

For years, water in many parts of Igembe North was not just a basic need but a daily struggle that shaped how families lived, how children learned and how women spent most of their time.

That reality is now beginning to change at Mwerongundu Primary School, where residents are celebrating a successful borehole drilling project launched after World Water Day celebrations were held at the school grounds by Igembe North MP Julius Taitumu.

The event, held under the theme “Water and Gender,” highlighted a long-standing reality in the constituency a region with no permanent river flowing through it, women and children have carried the heaviest burden of water scarcity.

At the centre of this transformation is Mwerongundu Primary School, where the newly accessed water is expected to serve not only learners but also nearby communities including Kaulune village and Lukununu.

Headteacher Kawira Ntarangwi said the borehole will ease a heavy financial burden the school has carried for years.

She explained that the school had been forced to buy water at great cost, sometimes spending Sh3,000 on water that could not even last two days.

The shortage affected everything from cleaning and cooking to providing drinking water for children and water for livestock kept around the institution.

“With a reliable water source



Igembe North residents celebrate the drilling of a borehole at Mwerongundu Primary School grounds.

PHOTO: LENA KANARIO

now available, the school is now looking beyond survival and into growth,” said the headteacher.

According to the headteacher, the school plans to establish a model farm using the water, an initiative expected to support school feeding by producing crops for a balanced diet while also equipping learners with practical farming skills they can transfer to their homes and communities.

Residents say the water crisis in Igembe North has always been more than an inconvenience because it has deeply affected women and girls.

For many homes, women woke up each day not knowing whether they would find enough water to cook, clean, bathe children or sustain the household.

Teresa Nthama a resident of the area said many families had endured years of hardship and that the intervention had brought visible relief.

She noted that women had often been forced to spend long hours looking for water, leaving them with little time for farming, caregiving or other productive work.

The arrival of water, she said, would now allow families to farm and improve food security at home.

Another resident added that many households had depended on expensive water delivered by lorries, an option that was often unreliable and unaffordable for ordinary families.

In many homes, the absence

of water has also strained family roles and daily routines.

Mutuma Mbero, a resident of Lukununu, said women were often forced to leave home for long hours in search of water, leaving men behind to care for children and manage households under difficult circumstances.

He said the situation had deeply affected family life, productivity and the wellbeing of children.

His remarks reflected the wider message of this year’s World Water Day theme, that lack of water is not gender neutral because it steals time, energy, dignity and opportunity, especially from women and girls.

Girls in particular are among the biggest victims of water shortages in rural communities,

often arriving late to school, missing class or being drawn into household water duties at the expense of education.

Residents now say the new borehole could significantly reduce time wasted on water searches, allowing more time for school, farming, caregiving and income-generating activities.

The successful drilling did not come easy. Residents said water finally came out on Sunday evening after a week of hard work and sleepless nights by the contractor, who had to push through difficult drilling conditions in search of the water source.

Sources at the site said an alternative drilling machine had to be brought in after the initial efforts were slowed by the deep water table, underlining the technical challenge of finding underground water in the dry constituency.

Speaking during the event, Igembe North MP Julius Taitumu said the constituency has for years faced a major challenge with underground water, with many people believing the area was too dry to support reliable water projects.

He said the successful drilling at Mwerongundu had proven that water can indeed be found in Igembe North, provided proper equipment and expertise are used.

The borehole, drilled to a depth of over 320 metres, is expected to serve about 1,500 learners in both the primary and secondary school sections as well as surrounding households.

Taitumu said the success of the project should encourage more investment in water infrastructure across the constituency, adding that each ward should ideally have at least two boreholes to reduce the suffering residents have endured for years.

The law maker said access to water would not only improve life at school and in homes but also increase productivity across the community.

According to local leaders and residents, plans are underway to distribute the water to neighbouring villages, with expectations that it could reach Kaulune and extend as far as Lukununu.

Residents believe that if the county government steps in to support piping and wider distribution, many more families could benefit.

Locals pointed out that while the national government can facilitate such projects, the distribution of water in rural areas largely falls under the mandate of the county government.

That cooperation, they say, will determine whether this borehole becomes a school-based relief point or the beginning of a broader water transformation in the area.

As the project gains praise on the ground, some residents used the occasion to hit back at critics who had doubted whether such a breakthrough was possible.

The successful drilling comes just one week after the Cabinet Secretary for Water and Irrigation Eng. Eric Muriithi Mugaa marked World Water Day at Mwerongundu Primary School, bringing national attention to the constituency’s water crisis.

Mwala water project to end Ukambani water shortage

BY CHARLES MATACHO (PCO)

The Government has confirmed its dedication to completing the Mwala Cluster Water Project in Machakos County, with construction now 93 percent complete and on track for commissioning within the next two months.

Speaking during an inspection tour, Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng Eric Muriithi Mugaa said water scarcity remains one of the biggest challenges facing the Ukambani region, underscoring the urgent need for sustainable interventions.

The CS said the project reflects the Government’s commitment to ending perennial water shortages through strategic investments in water infrastructure under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

“We are committed to ensuring every Kenyan has access to clean and safe water. This project is a key step towards ending the persistent water shortages in



Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng Eric Muriithi Mugaa, leading the team, (in a black cap) accompanied by Tanathi CEO Sammy Naporos and Mwala MP Vincent Musyoka during the inspection of ongoing Mwala Cluster Water Project in Machakos County.

Ukambani,” said the CS.

He emphasised the importance of collaboration with county governments, noting that water is a devolved function that requires strong partnerships to ensure efficient service delivery and long-term sustainability.

The CS noted that the project involves transmission of water over a distance of more than 100 kilometres, highlighting its scale and significance in addressing long-standing water challenges in the region.

The project aims to deliver

approximately 6,600 cubic metres per day of potable water, substantially enhancing water availability and supporting socio-economic development in Mwala and the wider Ukambani region.

The Sh 1.7 billion project is expected to benefit approximately 150,000 residents by improving access to reliable and safe water for households, institutions and businesses.

Accompanied by Tanathi Water Works Development Agency CEO Sammy Naporos and Mwala MP Vincent Musyoka, the CS called for timely completion of the remaining works to ensure the project delivers its intended impact.

The project, which draws water from River Ndarugu, includes construction of an intake weir, a 5-kilometre raw water pipeline, connection to Gatanyaga Water Treatment Plant, modern treatment facilities, and storage tanks at Muthei Hill, Syathani and Kyuluni, as well as installation of a pumping station to enhance distribution.

Narok to gain global access with Sh1.4b Maasai Mara airport



Narok County Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu addressing the public when he revealed that plans are underway to upgrade the Narok International Airport, which will reduce aircraft landings in the Maasai Mara, support conservation, create jobs, and boost foreign exchange earnings.

BY EMILY KADZO (KNA)

Narok County is poised to become a direct gateway to the world-renowned Maasai Mara following the ongoing construction of a Sh1.4 billion international airport, a project expected to significantly transform the region's economy.

Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu said the flagship infrastructure project, jointly funded by the

county and national governments, will enhance accessibility and connectivity to the Maasai Mara, one of the world's leading tourism destinations.

Currently, air travel to the reserve relies on small aircraft operating from Wilson Airport in Nairobi to various airstrips within the park. The new international airport is expected to streamline travel by allowing direct access to Narok, reducing transit time for

both domestic and international tourists.

Speaking at Rongena Narok West High School, where he delivered a school bus, Ntutu noted that the project received strong backing from President William Ruto during a previous economic forum held in the county.

"The international airport will not only enhance tourism but also support conservation efforts by reducing frequent aircraft land-

ings and take-offs within the Maasai Mara Reserve," said Ntutu.

He added that the project is expected to create employment opportunities for local residents and increase foreign exchange earnings through increased tourist arrivals. The airport will feature modern infrastructure, including a runway, terminal building, hangars, and a flight school. Additional facilities such as catering units, VIP lounges, retail shops, and security offices will also be incorporated to meet international standards.

Both the county and national governments have contributed Sh700 million each towards the project, underscoring a collaborative approach to driving regional development.

Beyond tourism, the governor highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen healthcare services within the county. He revealed that the county government has set aside Sh200 million to upgrade Sogoo Health Centre into a Level Four hospital to serve residents of the newly established Narok Amalo Sub-County.

Sogoo Trading Centre has been designated as the sub-county headquarters, with plans underway to construct a major administrative complex to house the Deputy County Commissioner's office and other government departments.

Ntutu noted that the upgraded hospital will reduce the need for residents to seek specialized medical services in neighbouring Bomet County, particularly at Longisa and Tenwek hospitals.

"The population here is growing, and we must ensure access to quality healthcare. The new hospital will bring essential

services closer to the people," he said. The facility will include a maternity wing, dialysis centre, modern laboratory, male and female wards, a pediatric unit, and a morgue. It is expected to benefit residents from Sogoo, Melelo, Sagamian, Ilmotiok, and Ololulunga wards.

The governor reiterated that the project will be completed within one year and will play a key role in improving livelihoods and service delivery.

He emphasised that the creation of the new administrative unit will enhance access to government services and improve opportunities for residents to benefit from public sector employment, including recruitment into institutions such as the National Police Service and the Teachers Service Commission.

Ntutu also pointed to ongoing national government initiatives aimed at boosting local economies, including the development of modern markets such as Suswa and Ntulele, which are expected to support small-scale traders and spur business growth.

Additionally, he cited improvements in infrastructure, including road construction, electricity connectivity, and water supply, as key drivers of economic transformation in the region.

Looking ahead, the governor expressed optimism about the planned extension of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Phase 2B from Naivasha to Kisumu, noting that it will include a station in Narok.

He said the railway project will enhance the movement of goods and passengers, facilitate agricultural trade, and create employment opportunities, further strengthening the county's economic outlook.

Ntutu observed that the combined impact of infrastructure development, healthcare improvements, and investment in trade facilities will position Narok County as a key economic hub in the region.

Railway project will enhance the movement of goods and passengers, facilitate agricultural trade

New bill seeks to boost livestock quality, safety

BY MERCY OSONGO (KNA)

A new bill aims to strengthen Kenya's livestock sector by opening up premium markets for livestock products. If passed, the Animal Identification and Traceability (ANITRAC) Bill, 2026, will provide farmers with a modern, data-driven system for animal identification, registration, and traceability, while also facilitating disease surveillance to help eradicate livestock diseases. The bill, currently undergoing public participation, also seeks to improve the quality and safety of animals and animal products.

It seeks to increase producer access to credit and animal insurance facilities using animals as collateral.

Domiciled at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, the implementation of the proposed bill will be coordi-

nated by the Cabinet Secretary, Director of Veterinary Services, county governments and the County Director of Veterinary Services.

The Cabinet Secretary will mobilise resources, provide policy direction and formulate the National Animal Identification and Traceability Strategy while the Director of Veterinary Services will act as the competent authority for applying animal identification and traceability guidelines and ratified treaties and conventions, and standards on animal identification and traceability under the act.

On the other hand, county governments will be expected to develop county policies on animal identification and traceability, implement strategy on animal identification and traceability, mobilise resources for the implementation of the act, and oversee integration of the



Stakeholders from Kisii, Nyamira, Migori and Homabay counties pose for a photo during a public participation exercise on the proposed Animal Identification and Traceability (ANITRAC) Bill 2026 in Kisii town.

county systems into the National ANITRAC System.

According to the bill, the proposed establishment of the ANITRAC system will support the application of identification devices on animals individually or in batches, electronic transcription of identification codes

using readers, and use of transmission devices to upload information to the central database. The ANITRAC system will have a central database- the animal identification and traceability database, which shall capture prescribed animal identification information. The Kenya National

Livestock Research Agenda (2025-2035) by the Ministry of Agriculture indicates that the country's livestock sub-sector contributes to 42 per cent of the agricultural gross domestic product (GDP), and 12 per cent to the national GDP while accounting for over 30 per cent of the total marketed agricultural products.

Currently, Kenya is required to comply with sanitary and phyto-sanitary (SPS) standards while exporting meat and live animals to the Middle East, European Union, and the United States.

Speaking during a public participation exercise for stakeholders from Kisii, Nyamira, Migori and Homabay counties in Kisii town, Senior Deputy Director for Livestock Policy, Research and Regulations at the State Department for Livestock Development, Dr William Akwimbi, said the bill will enable farmers to leverage new technologies to identify and register livestock as well as enhance access of the livestock to international markets.



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa flags off coffee and avocado seedlings to farmers at the Trans Nzoia County Commissioner's residence.

State boosts tree planting with coffee and avocado seedlings in Trans Nzoia County

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA (KNA)

The Government has intensified efforts to achieve the 15-billion-tree target by distributing high-quality coffee and avocado seedlings to farmers in Trans Nzoia County. Speaking in Kitale after overseeing the distribution exercise, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Dr. Deborah Barasa chal-

lenged Kenyans to take advantage of the current heavy rains to help the government achieve the 15 Billion tree cover target by 2032. Dr. Barasa said the programme that aims to restore 10.6 million hectares of degraded land and increase the country's tree cover from 12 to over 30 percent has been progressing very well. She emphasized that every Kenyan had a role to play towards the achievement of the target.

"If learning institutions, farmers, households and all government departments were to go out in full gear during this planting season, an estimate of 533 million trees will have been planted by the end of it," she said.

She said among efforts being made by the government to realize the goal is the strategic distribution of assorted high quality seedlings specifically coffee and avocado to farmers, either through cooperatives or individually.

She revealed that since July 2025, Trans Nzoia County has received a total of 157,250 coffee and 28,570 avocado seedlings from the national government.

"Since the inception of this distribution, we have witnessed a transformative shift in the rural economy which has resulted to diversification of income, empowerment of youth and women and strengthening of cooperatives being some of the positive impacts," she said.

In an effort to enable farmers to fetch more from the local and international market, Dr. Barasa said the government was out to ensure value addition to coffee and avocado by opening up more processing and packaging factories in the country.

"To our farmers, the government has provided the seedlings, but the hard work of nurturing them lays with you. To the cooperatives, let us remain transparent and professional in our management to ensure farmers get the best returns from their investment," she advised.

Shift focus from theory to action in health research, higher learning centres told

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

Institutions of higher learning have been challenged to realign their research priorities toward addressing pressing health issues affecting communities, as the country grapples with rising cases of serious ailments. Experts say the focus should shift from theoretical research to delivering practical, sustainable solutions—particularly in the health sector—to improve the quality of life for Kenyans.

Speaking at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) during a two-day Scientific, Technological and Industrialization conference, the Director Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Archer Arina said universities must work closely with healthcare professionals to drive impactful research. Arina noted that such collaboration could unlock solutions to diseases such as cancer and other life-threatening conditions, reducing the need for Kenyans to seek expensive treatment abroad.

He emphasized that researchers are well-positioned to guide government policy on key health concerns, including nutrition and disease preven-



Archer Arina, Director of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) addresses journalists and stakeholders during a two-day scientific, technological and industrialization conference at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology (JKUAT).

tion, adding that funding has been made available to support such initiatives. He pointed out that local financial institutions are increasingly willing to invest in university research and help translate findings into viable products and services.

His sentiments were echoed by Dr James Micah Osando, Council Chair at JKUAT, who said the university has committed internal funds and secured donor support to sustain ongoing research projects.



Tender Notice

Kenya Revenue Authority invites bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders:

No.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
1.	KRA/HQS/NCB-059/2025-2026: Acquisition of Office Space for Kenya Revenue Authority in Kisii Town, Kisii County for a period of Four (4) Years	OPEN	16 th April, 2026 11:00AM VENUE: VIRTUAL	28 th April, 2026 11.00 AM TIMES TOWER
2.	KRA/HQS/NCB-060/2025-2026: Renewal of SAP Enterprise Support Licenses and SAP Hub Learning Subscription for a period of Two (2) Years	OPEN	16 th April, 2026 11:00AM VENUE: VIRTUAL	28 th April, 2026 11.00 AM TIMES TOWER
3.	KRA/HQS/NCB-061/2025-2026: Proposed Refurbishment of KESRA – Mombasa Campus Students' Accommodation	OPEN	PRE-BID & SITE VISIT 17 th April, 2026 11:00AM VENUE: KESRA MOMBASA	30 th April, 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 and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) www.tenders.go.ke

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

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) is a 100% state-owned corporation incorporated on 2nd December 2008 under the Company's Act, Cap 486 as a State Corporation pursuant to the Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2004 on Energy. The Mandate of the Company is to plan, design, construct, own, operate, and maintain Kenya's high-voltage electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors, to ensure a stable, reliable power supply, facilitate power trade, and expand electricity access across the country for socio-economic development.

KETRACO's Vision is to provide a Stable Power Grid that will Transform Lives in the Region and Beyond, while its Mission is to provide a stable electricity grid and facilitate power trade for sustainable socio-economic development by planning, constructing, and maintaining high-voltage transmission lines and regional interconnectors.

The Company invites applications from suitable individuals to fill the following position:

No	Vacancy	Reference No.	Terms of Services	No. of Post
1.	General Manager, Internal Audit (KET 2)	KETRACO/5/1C/40/237 (04/2026)	Contract	1

Detailed Job descriptions, specifications, application instructions and other requirements are posted on our website www.ketraco.co.ke.

The Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution – Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED, THE MINORITIES AND FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.** Any form of canvassing and giving false information shall lead to automatic disqualification. **Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted.**

Interested candidates fulfilling the required qualifications should submit their application clearly indicating the position applied for and vacancy Reference No. as the subject heading via the **joblink** posted on KETRACO website. The applications should be addressed to:-

**Ag. Managing Director
Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited,
P.O. Box 34942-00100 Nairobi.**

Hard copies **SHALL NOT** be considered.

NOTE: This position is open to **KENYAN Citizens ONLY.**

This position is a five (5) year contract renewable once, subject to performance. The successful candidates for the position will be offered competitive remuneration package in accordance with the Company guidelines. Candidates who meet the above requirements should submit their applications by **27th April 2026 at 5.00pm.**

New initiative targets youth, girls to boost fish production

BY BRIAN ONDENG (KNA)

The Aquaculture Consortium (TAC) in Kenya, in collaboration with the Norwegian Agency for Cooperation, has launched youth-led initiatives in the aquaculture sector aimed at bridging Kenya's annual fish deficit of 450,000 metric tons. Speaking during the launch in Kisumu, TAC CEO Felix Osok said the Young Fish and the Girls in Aquaculture initiative will not only attract but also support students and out-of-school girls to embrace and exploit opportunities in a sector with an estimated potential of USD 1 billion.

Osok disclosed that the consortium has also launched additional initiatives of digitization and financing in the aquaculture sector that will see the use of artificial intelligence and improved access to financing in the sector to act as a catalyst in the Kenyan Blue economy and aquaculture ecosystem.

"Our focus is to move Kenya from a fish deficit to a fish powerhouse on the continent. We want to draw lessons and experience from Norway which has transformed their fishing sector to become the 2nd highest contributor to its GDP and is also a global leader in the aquaculture sector" said Osok.

He observed that Kenya fisheries sector is characterised by a fragmented ecosystem and structural challenges which can only be addressed through collaboration, adoption of technology and addressing the under investment of the small-scale fish farmers who contribute 80 percent of the food basket.



The Aquaculture consortium CEO Mr. Felix Osok addressing the media during the launch of youth led initiatives to bridge fish deficit in the country. He is flanked by Kisumu County Education Director Rosemary Birenge and Blue Economy regional coordinator Samson Kidera.

"We have a lot of players in the sector who each wants to do everything from fingerling and fish production to marketing and innovation of digital tools, resulting into a fragmented ecosystem. We need to talk to each other and share knowledge hence the digital platforms which will also bring our young ones on board and also focus on funding the small-scale farmers who contribute more to the food basket," Osok added.

Blue Economy Principal Secretary Ms Betsy Njagi, in a speech read by the Blue Economy and Fisheries Nyanza and Western Regional Coordinator, Mr Samson Kidera, observed that the fisheries sector is a growing pillar in

Kenya's economy contributing to 0.7 percent of the GDP with the growth expected to rise to 1percent in 2027. Njagi stated that despite producing 168MT of fish valued at Sh39.6 billion in 2024, the production remains relatively low compared to other countries on the continent which has necessitated the review of fisheries policy to address structural and investment challenges that have hindered the growth of aquaculture in the country.

The PS expressed gratitude to the government of Norway for her collaboration towards supporting the growth of aquaculture sector in the country. Through the Norwegian Agency for Exchange

Cooperation, the government of Norway has sent girls from Norway aquaculture sector to Kenya who will mentor girls from Kenya to venture into aquaculture and also link them to institutions and the private sector in Norway for support.

Kidera said the government has adopted a collaborative approach to bridge the fish deficit gaps as envisioned in the Revised 2025 Fisheries Policy which will soon be rolled out.

Kidera revealed the government has encouraged insurance products to de-risk the aquaculture sector and approved the investment of over Sh30 billion to unlock the sector in the country.

Concern over surge in HIV cases among young people

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

The National Syndemic Diseases Control Council (NSDCC) has expressed concern over a surge in HIV infections among young people, with new data indicating that those aged 15 to 34 account for the majority of new cases.

Speaking during the inaugural cultural week at Tom Mboya University, NSDCC Regional Coordinator, Steven Oyugi revealed that 58 percent of all new HIV infections in Kenya in 2025 were recorded within this age group.

Oyugi noted that efforts to curb new infections are yet to achieve desired results, citing data indicating that more than 19,000 Kenyans were newly infected with HIV in 2025.

"At the same time, around 21,000 people lost their lives due to HIV-related complications last year," he said.

Oyugi added that approximately 104,000 people in Homa Bay County are currently living with HIV.

The cultural festival that brought together students, health officials, and community stakeholders was organized collaboratively by the NSDCC and Tom Mboya University, marking the institution's first-ever cultural festival.

Oyugi emphasized the importance of cultural platforms in addressing public health challenges, noting that culture can be a powerful tool for influencing behaviour change among young people.

"When you talk about response to syndemic diseases, particularly HIV and AIDS, behaviour plays a key role. Achieving the right behavioral change is critical in containing HIV as a public health challenge," he stressed.

The coordinator pointed out that the majority of students at the university fall within the 15-34 age bracket, making them a critical target group in the fight against HIV.

He further noted that deliberate efforts to target young people are essential in reducing infection rates and improving awareness.

Condom advocate San Ringara underscored the need to intensify HIV sensitization among youth. He observed that many young people lack critical information needed to protect themselves from infection.

Ringara called for sustained awareness campaigns and encouraged young people to embrace safe practices, while also maintaining cultural values that support responsible behaviour.

Bungoma school to benefit from Sh75m M-PESA Foundation facelift

BY DOUGLAS MUDAMBO AND JOSHUA KWEMOI (KNA)

The M-PESA Foundation has unveiled a Sh75 million project to rebuild Mapera Primary School in Ndal, Tongaren Sub-County, Bungoma County, in a bid to enhance access to quality education.

The project, unveiled during a groundbreaking ceremony attended by Foundation Trustee Michael Joseph, will see the replacement of old and inadequate structures with modern learning facilities.

Speaking at the event, Bungoma County Governor Kenneth Lusaka said the investment will transform the learning environment by providing modern classrooms, science laboratories, and a digital learning centre.

"The project represents more than infrastructure development; it restores hope, dignity, and the promise of a brighter future



Governor Kenneth Lusaka (far left) in a cap and Michael Joseph, Mpesa Foundation Trustee, (far right), pictured during the unveiling of a Sh75 million project to rebuild Mapera Primary School in Tongaren Sub-County, Bungoma County. The project is funded by M-PESA Foundation.

for children in Tongaren," said Lusaka.

Joseph noted that Mapera Primary School was selected due to the urgent need to improve learning conditions in the area. He

said the foundation is committed to enhancing academic performance through the construction of an ICT hub, equipping laboratories, and promoting digital literacy.

Murang'a Gakoigo Stadium project to commence following Sh900m funding

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

The Government has set aside Sh900 million for the construction of a modern Gakoigo Stadium in the Samar area of Murang'a, a move aimed at boosting sports development and nurturing local talent.

Principal Secretary for the State Department for Sports, Elijah Mwangi has noted that the facility is expected to be completed within nine months and will play a central role in reviving sporting activities in Murang'a County and its environs.

He observed that the project is part of the government's broader plan to invest in sports infrastructure and provide young people with opportunities to develop and showcase their talents.

The PS spoke at Samar village during the official handover of the stadium site to the contractor, marking the commencement of construction works.

He expressed confidence that the project will usher in a new era for sports in the county.

"This facility is now with the contractor. Within one year, this stadium will be operational and give a new dawn for sports in Murang'a County," he remarked.

Mwangi added that beyond sports development, the project is expected to boost the local economy through the creation of employment opportunities and increased demand for construction materials and related services. Local businesses are also likely to benefit from the influx of workers and activities during the construction period.

The site handover ceremony was presided over by Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary



Sports Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi together with other leaders flagging off the start of the construction of Gakoigo modern stadium at Samar, Maragua constituency. PHOTO: BERNARD MUNYAO

Alice Wahome, alongside Nominated Senator Veronica Maina and Maragua MP Mary Wamaua, among other national and county government leaders.

The leaders lauded the project, terming it a significant milestone in improving infrastructure in the region. Once complete, Gakoigo stadium will feature a standard FIFA-compliant football pitch, an eight-lane athletics track, a VIP pavilion, modern terraces, changing rooms and state-of-the-art spectator stands.

The facility is expected to meet international standards, enabling it to host major sporting events and competitions.

Mwangi emphasized that the construction of the stadium is among the government's key infrastructural priorities aimed at supporting the growth of sports across the country.

He noted that Murang'a has great potential in producing talented athletes and players, hence the need for proper facilities to nurture and develop that poten-

tial. He clarified that the initially proposed site for the stadium at Gakoigo grounds was found unsuitable following a comprehensive technical evaluation by sports department officials.

The assessment cited limitations such as inadequate land size, poor ground orientation and an unfavorable gradient.

However, the PS assured residents that the existing ground will not be abandoned, instead, it will be renovated and upgraded to serve as a training facility and

host middle-tier competitions in the region.

"The old ground will be rehabilitated and be used as a training ground for teams. The facility will also have the capacity to host middle-tier competitions for teams and tournaments in the region," he explained.

The new stadium is expected to not only uplift sports standards but also inspire a new generation of athletes, positioning Murang'a as a key hub for sports development in the country.

Eldoret-Iten Water Fund hits critical milestone with Government support

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Government has reiterated its dedication to sustainable water management and climate resilience as the Eldoret-Iten Water Fund moves into a pivotal phase on its path to becoming an independent trust. Speaking during the 4th Project Steering Committee hybrid meeting, Principal Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Festus Ngeno, said the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded project has made significant progress three years into implementation.

The PS noted that the initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, is now focused on establishing strong governance and legal structures, alongside

mobilizing a USD 3 million endowment fund to ensure long-term sustainability.

"The Eldoret-Iten Water Fund is transitioning into a fully-fledged Water Fund Trust that will guarantee continuity and impact for generations," said Dr. Ngeno.

The project recently received a one-year no-cost extension through the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on behalf of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), allowing stakeholders to consolidate gains and strengthen institutional frameworks.

Dr. Ngeno highlighted several milestones achieved under the programme, including the planting of 1.7 million trees with an 80 percent survival rate across forests, riparian zones, wetlands, and farms. The project has also



Principal Secretary for Environment and Climate Change Dr. Festus Ngeno speaking during the Eldoret-Iten Water Project 4th Steering Committee hybrid meeting.

supported clean energy adoption through the installation of over 500 improved cookstoves, helping reduce pressure on forest resources.

In addition, youth empowerment and livelihood diversification have been central to

the initiative. Over 800 modern beehives have been produced by trained youth, while others have embraced drone technology for watershed monitoring across Kenya and the wider East African region.

"These achievements reflect

innovation, community ownership, and measurable impact in watershed restoration," he said.


The Principal Secretary noted that the Water Fund model is gaining traction as a scalable solution for ecosystem restoration across Africa.

He cited the success of the Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Fund, established under GEF 6, which covers the Aberdare and Mount Kenya ecosystems, and the ongoing Eldoret-Iten Water Fund under GEF 7, which focuses on the Cherangany, Elgeyo, and North Mau landscapes.

Plans are also underway to launch a new Water Fund under GEF 8 targeting the Yala and Nyando river basins.


Dr. Ngeno commended partners including The Nature Conservancy and IFAD for advancing the model, noting that collaboration between public and private sectors has been key to its success.

As the project moves into its next phase, the government is prioritizing the expansion of restoration efforts and farmer support.



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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

The public and all bidders are hereby notified that the following tenders have been cancelled:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY
MNP/CONST/001/2025-2026	Tender For Completion of the Administration Block	OPEN
MNP/CONST/002/2025-2026	Tender For Construction of A Bus park	YOUTH
MNP/CONST/003/2025-2026	Tender For Construction of A Perimeter Wall	OPEN
MNP/CONST/004/2025-2026	Tender For the Completion of Moyale Technical Training Institute	OPEN

Reasons for cancellation


Compilance to the National Treasury Guidelines on the use eletrconic Government Procurement.

Bidders who submitted tenders are informed that:

Any bid securities submitted will be returned in accordance with the law and No bidder shall be entitled to compensation for cost incurred in preparing their bids.

The procuring entity will re-advertise the tenders on a later date.

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VACANCIES ADVERTISEMENT

The Kenya School of Technical, Vocational, Education and Training (KSTVET) is a State Corporation under the Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational, Education and Training.

The KSTVET Council seeks to fill the following vacant positions on a five (5) year contract terms:



S/ NO	POSITION	GRADE	VACANCY REF. NO.	NO. OF POSTS
1	Director, KSTVET Moiben Regional Campus	KST 2 (CSG/JG-5/S)	ADVERT NO. 01 KSTVET/ADM/02/2026	1
2	Director, Academic and Student Affairs	KST 2 (CSG/JG-5/S)	ADVERT NO. 02 KSTVET/ADM/02/2026	1
3	Director, Admissions, Assessment and Certification	KST 2 (CSG/JG-5/S)	ADVERT NO. 03 KSTVET/ADM/02/2026	1
4	Director, Research, Innovation and Extension Services	KST 2 (CSG/JG-5/S)	ADVERT NO. 04 KSTVET/ADM/02/2026	1
5	Director, Corporate Services	KST 2 (CSG/JG-5/S)	ADVERT NO. 05 KSTVET/ADM/02/2026	1

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates are advised to visit KSTVET Website: www.kstvet.ac.ke and apply as guided. Applications should be received not later than **Tuesday, 28th April 2026 before 5:00 p.m. (EAT)**

Kenya School of TVET is an equal opportunity employer; persons with disabilities and people from marginalized groups with requisite qualification are encouraged to apply.

**Dr. Edwin Tarno, PhD, HSC
CEO/COUNCIL SECRETARY**








OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF POLITICAL PARTIES
ORPP
Strengthening Political Parties

NOTICE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is established under Section 33 of the Political Parties Act, Cap. 7D (PPA) as a State Office within the meaning of Article 260 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The mandate of the ORPP is to; register and regulate political parties as well as administer the Political Parties Fund.

In line with Section 5 (2) (a) of the PPA the Registrar of Political Parties is in the process of provisionally registering the following proposed political parties: -


Names	Colours	Party Symbol	Slogan	Founding members
National Forum Party (NFP)	Green, Black, Red	 Aspire Mark <i>Tuko One, Tuko True</i>	Tuko One, Tuko True	1. James Munene Thuku 2. Elizaphan Mwangi Kamau 3. Chiboli Clare Muhele
Clean Alliance Party of Kenya (CAP-K)	Green, White, Yellow, Dark Blue	 Sweeping Brush	Sauti ya Haki	1. Margret Nekesa Barasa 2. Andrew Kimani Kamau 3. Ezekiel Nyameino Bosire
New Face Party of Kenya (Face)	Brown, Black, White	 Bluetooth	Sauti ya Mwananchi, Nguzo ya Taifa	1. Delvine Moraa John 2. Anguche Elvis Kongoti 3. Tarasila Kawiria M'Liburu
Mwongozo Mpya Party (MMP)	Olive Green, Burnt Orange, Black	 Phoenix	Sote Pamoja	1. Macharia Njeru 2. Fatuma Ali Saman 3. Vincent Kibet Kiptoo 4. Annabel Njoki Mwangi 5. Hellen Keis 6. Steve Owuor Odera

Particulars of the above-listed proposed political parties have been provided on the ORPP website, www.orpp.or.ke.

Any objections may be presented from the date of publication of this notice in writing or in person within **seven (7) days** to:



**Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP),
Lion Place, Fourth Floor off Waiyaki way at Karuna Close,
P.O. Box 1131-00606, Nairobi.
Email: info@orpp.or.ke / registration@orpp.or.ke**

**J.C. Lorionokou
Registrar of Political Parties**



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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE JUDICIARY

TENDER NOTICE

The Judiciary invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders;

S.N	Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Security Amount (Kshs)	Eligibility	Tender closing/ Opening Date
1.	JUD/OT/044/2025-2026	Supply and delivery of Judiciary Mobile Court Truck	500,000.00	OPEN	20th April, 2026 at 1000hrs
2.	JUD/OT/045/2025-2026	Supply, Delivery, Testing, Installation and Commissioning of Passive Network Equipment and Structured Cabling under framework contract for a period of two (2) years	100,000.00 per Cluster	OPEN	20th April, 2026 at 1000hrs
3.	JUD/OT/046/2025-2026	Supply and Delivery of ICT Equipment (Desktop Type I, Desktop (All-In-One), Tiny Pc, Ipad, Macbook Pro, Projector & Projector Screens, Laptop Type 4, Ups, Laptop Screen Extenders) Under Framework Contract for a Period of Two (2) Years	100,000.00 Per Lot	OPEN	20th April, 2026 at 1200hrs
4.	JUD/OT/047/2025-2026	Supply, Delivery, Testing and Commissioning of Active Network Devices (Switches, Access Points and IP-Phones) Under Framework Contract for a Period of Two (2) Years	100,000.00 Per Lot	OPEN	20th April, 2026 at 1200hrs

Tendering is open to all qualified and interested tenderers who may view and obtain tender documents from the Judiciary's website www.judiciary.go.ke and from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) website www.tenders.go.ke. Any request for clarifications must be made in writing at **least five (5) days** prior to the tender closing dates. All clarifications and addenda will be posted on the Judiciary and on the Public Procurement Information Portal websites.

Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings, and shall be net inclusive of all taxes, delivery costs and public procurement capacity building levy (PPCBL) of 0.03% of the quoted amount that shall remain valid for One Hundred and Twenty (120) days from the tender closing date. Tenders must be accompanied with a tender security valid for **150 days** from tender closing date in the form of a guarantee issued by Financial Institutions approved and licensed by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) or by Insurance Companies registered and licensed by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) **addressed and payable to the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary.**

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the tender number and name and deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Main gate, Supreme Court entrance, City Hall Way, Nairobi and addressed to:


**THE CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY
ATT: DIRECTORATE OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
P.O BOX 30041-00100, NAIROBI, KENYA**

To be received on or before tender closing dates.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers representatives who choose to attend at **Supreme Court Building 2nd Floor, Room No.74** or as will be advised.

Late tenders shall be rejected.

**HON. WINFRIDAH B. MOKAYA, CBS
CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY**



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NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	KGNTURK-007-2026	Tender for Construction of Clinic at Turkwel Power Station. There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	YOUTH	27th April, 2026 at 2.00 p.m.
2	KGNYHD-040-2026	Tender for Design Manufacture Supply & Installation of New Kiambere Power Plant Elevator. There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	PWD	28th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
3	KGNGDD-100-2026	Tender for Supply of Portable Diesel Driven Welding Set and Tools for Rig KGN 1	Citizen Contractors	28th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
4	KGNBDD-012-2026	Request for Proposal for consultancy services for development of Strategy environmental scanning framework	Citizen Contractors	28th April, 2026 at 2.00 p.m.
5	KGNBDD-013-2026	Request for Proposal for consultancy services for Testing of Strategy Models and Model Drivers	Citizen Contractors	28th April, 2026 at 2.00 p.m.
6	KGNICT-015-2026	Tender for Renewal of 20MB WAN link to Ngong Wind	Citizen Contractors	29th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
7	KGNKIP-013-2026	Tender for drilling of a Water Borehole and Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of a Reverse Osmosis water treatment Plant. There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	Citizen Contractors	28th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
8	KGNADM-009-2026	Tender for Provision of Motor Vehicle Body Repairs and Upholstery Services (Framework Agreement for Three (3) Years)	Citizen Contractors	27th April, 2026 at 2.00 p.m.
9	KGNICT-016-2026	Tender for Provision of an Internet Solution for DR Site. There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	Open National	29th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
10	KGNBDD-013-2026	Tender for Rehabilitation of Access Road for Marsabit Wind Site Project (Retender) . There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	Open National	28th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
11	KGNBDD-014-2026	Tender for Installation Of 100M Meteorological Mast. There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	Open National	28th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
12	KGNOLK-082-2026	Tender for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 11KV Outdoor Circuit Breaker (Re-Tender) .	Open National	27th April, 2026 at 2.00 p.m.
13	KGNOPS-017-2026	Tender for The Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Servicing, and Provision of Spare Parts for Air Conditioning (AC) Systems for KenGen Power Plants (Framework Agreement for Three (3) Years) There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	Open National	29th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
14	KGNOPS-018-2026	Tender for Supply Installation Commissioning and Maintenance Services of Battery Chargers for KenGen Power Plants. (Framework Agreement for Three (3) Years) There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	Open National	29th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
15	KGNOPS-019-2026	Tender for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of Batteries for KenGen Power Plants. (Framework Agreement for Three (3) Years) There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit as indicated in the tender document	Open National	29th April, 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

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

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

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

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS:

- Tender documents must be submitted online through KenGen E-Procurement web portal found on the KenGen website (**www.kengen.co.ke**)
- Bidders who are interested in this tender **MUST** ensure that they are registered in the E-Procurement Portal. Please ensure compliance to the following;

- For suppliers registering for the first time ensure the **"Public Procurement"** checkbox is ticked so that the login details are sent to suppliers automatically.
- All documents must be uploaded to the SRM System through the **https://eprocurement.kengen.co.ke:50001/irj/portal** found at **www.kengen.co.ke**
- Prices to be entered under item of the RFx shall be similar to be prices in the price schedule.

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

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

Tender Security:**Electronic Tender Securities are acceptable subject to:**

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

Where a non-electronic security is submitted, the hard copy of the Original Tender Security in the form and amount specified must be delivered in plain sealed envelope clearly labelled with the tender number and tender description before the closing date and Time to the following address:

**General Manager, Supply Chain,
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC,
9th Floor, KenGen Pension Plaza II,
Kolobot Road, Parklands,
P.O. Box 47936, 00100
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Tenders will be opened **online** soon after the closing time in the presence of the candidates' representatives who choose to attend at KenGen Pension Plaza II, Tender opening room, 6th floor.

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GENERAL MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN

Leaders back fertiliser subsidy as farmers thrive in Elgeyo Marakwet

BY MANYUANDA ONGANYI (MYGOV)

Government's fertiliser subsidy programme is reshaping farming in Elgeyo Marakwet, where fertile soils and a favourable climate make the region ideal for high-value crops such as fruits and nuts.

Governor Wisley Rotich joined Principal Secretaries Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh Paul for Agriculture, Dr. Chris Kiptoo for the National Treasury, and Eng. John Tanui for ICT and the Digital

Economy in Kapkayo, Soy South Ward, Keiyo South, to meet farmers and witness the impact of the initiative.

Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh praised the programme's early results, noting that farmers are already reporting higher yields and lower costs.

"We are seeing enhanced productivity, increased harvests, and reduced production costs. This programme is not only improving livelihoods but also strengthening food security and resilience

against climate and market shocks," he said.

Governor Rotich emphasized that agriculture must be positioned as a pillar of inclusive development. "Unlocking the potential of this land will significantly raise incomes and drive sustained economic growth across the county. When farmers thrive, communities prosper," he told the gathering.

Dr. Chris Kiptoo highlighted the financial dimension, pointing out that improved productiv-

ity translates into stronger household incomes and greater participation in local markets. "Better harvests mean more money in farmers' pockets and stronger local economies. This is how we build resilience and reduce poverty," he explained.

Eng. John Tanui added that ICT and digital tools will play a growing role in connecting farmers to markets, innovation, and information. "Technology is the bridge that will link farmers to opportunities

beyond their villages. It will ensure they remain competitive in a modern economy," he said.

Farmers in Kapkayo expressed optimism, noting that the subsidy has reduced costs and given them confidence to expand cultivation. With access to affordable fertiliser, households are now able to make the most of their fertile land, diversifying into crops with high market value.

The leaders agreed that the synergy between affordable inputs, sup-

portive policy, and modern technology is laying the foundation for a new era of agribusiness in Elgeyo Marakwet. As the delegation departed, the message was clear: government is not only listening but investing in the future of farmers.

With fertile land, committed farmers, and sustained support, Elgeyo Marakwet is poised to become a model of agricultural transformation building resilience, securing food supplies, and driving rural prosperity.



NATIONAL OPEN TENDER ADDENDUM NO 2 OF 7TH APRIL 2026

Reference is made to the publication of the National Open Tender in the Government Advertising Agency's MyGov Edition of 17th March 2026, Addendum No. 1 published on 31st March 2026, and Clarification No. 1 issued on 2nd April 2026 and published on the Procuring Entity's website.

In response to requests for clarification from participating firms, and in accordance with Clause 7.1 of the Instructions to Tenderers (ITT), the Procuring Entity, the National Irrigation Authority (the Authority), hereby issues clarifications to the Tender Name and Tender Number.

Further, in accordance with Clause 8 of the ITT and pursuant to Sections 74 and 75 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, the Procuring Entity has amended the scope of works as detailed in the Bills of Quantities and accordingly extends the tender submission deadline, as indicated in the table below.

S/ No.	Tender No.	Tender Name	Revised tender name and number	Revised Tender Submission Deadline	Amendment No. 1	Target Group
1.	NIA/T/002/2025-2026	Tender for Construction and extension works for Block 1-1 & 1-2 in Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project, Migori County	N/A	21 st April 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	Bills of quantities	General
2.	NIA/T/003/2024-2025	Tender for Construction and extension works for Block 1-1 & 1-2 in Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project, Migori County	Tender for Construction And Extension Works For Block 4-1, 4-2 & 4-3 In Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project, Migori County NIA/T/003/2025-2026	21 st April 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	Name and Number of the Tender document and Bill of quantities	AGPO

Detailed revised tender document that includes amended scope of works 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 Public Procurement Information Portal: <https://tenders.go.ke/> as from 7th April 2026

Please incorporate the changes in preparation and submission of your tender's. The other details, terms and conditions remain the same.

Physical Address
Chief Executive Officer/CEO
National Irrigation Authority (NIA)
 Irrigation House, Lenana Road, Hurlingham, Nairobi, Kenya
 Tel:+254 711061000

E-mail: purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke; ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CEO
NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY



NATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE REQUEST FOR BIDS - WORKS

COUNTRY	KENYA
NAME OF PROJECT	KISUMU WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT - AID ON DELIVERY PROJECT
CONTRACT TITLE	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 500M³ ELEVATED PRESSED STEEL TANK
RFB REFERENCE NO.	KWSC/RBW/003/2025-2026

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the German Development Bank toward the cost of the Kisumu Water Supply Improvement – Aid on Delivery Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Works as detailed below.

2. Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company Limited now invites sealed Bids from eligible Contractors for works as indicated in the table below:

No	RFB Reference No.	Tender Description	Quantity	Closing Date
1	KWSC/RBW/003/2025 - 2026	Proposed Construction of 500M ³ Elevated Pressed Steel Tank	1	22 nd April 2026 at 11:00 am

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding using a Request for Bids (RFB) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company Limited, KIWASCO Headquarters, Tom Mboya Estate, along Nyerere Road and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours excluding weekends and public holidays at the address below.

5. The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from the company's website www.kiwasco.co.ke or from Public Procurement Information Portal's website <https://tenders.go.ke>. Bidders who download the bidding documents must notify the Purchaser by email to procurement@kiwasco.co.ke with full contact details that they intend to participate before closing date. This will facilitate issuance of notifications by the Purchaser, to all bidders where necessary. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly to check any additional information, clarifications or addenda.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before the closing date and time indicated above. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **Wednesday, 22nd April 2026, at 1100 hours East African Time (EAT)**.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Bank Guarantee as shown below of **Kshs. 280,000.00**

8. 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.

9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

A. Attention: The Managing Director,
Company: Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company Limited
Address: 3210 - 40100
Town: Kisumu
Street: Tom Mboya Estate, Nyerere Road
Tel.: 057 517000
Email: info@kiwasco.co.ke
Website: www.kiwasco.co.ke

B. Address for Submission of Tenders
The Managing Director
Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company Limited
P.O Box 3210 - 40100 Kisumu
KIWASCO Headquarters, Tom Mboya Estate, along Nyerere Road

C. Address for Opening of Tenders
KIWASCO Boardroom
KIWASCO Headquarters, Tom Mboya Estate, along Nyerere Road



Kenya's digital dashboard ushers in new era of governance

BY NYABONYI MOTURI
(MYGOV)

The Government has introduced the National Government Dashboard System (NGDS), a digital platform designed to transform how public programmes and projects are monitored, coordinated and reported.

The system marks a decisive shift away from fragmented manual reporting methods such as spreadsheets and email updates, replacing them with a centralized, real-time platform that gives government leaders a clearer view of progress, risks, bottlenecks and results.

Initially focused on 51 priority programmes and projects, NGDS is already reshaping the way Ministries, Departments, and Agencies share information.

By consolidating updates into one system, oversight institutions and technical teams can now work from a single source of truth.

The platform also includes public-facing features that allow citizens to track projects, provide feedback, and hold institutions accountable, strengthening transparency and trust in government.

According to the system objectives, NGDS is more than just a dashboard. It is envisioned as a whole-of-government performance and delivery platform that will expand to cover service charters, performance contracts, and predictive analytics.

This evolution is expected to enable evidence-based policy planning, faster identification of risks, and improved service delivery across sectors.

The system's public-facing features are particularly significant that will open up project visibility and inviting citizen feedback.

NGDS strengthens accountability and ensures that government programmes remain aligned with public needs. Analysts note that this transparency could help bridge the gap between citizens and institutions, fostering a culture of trust and engagement.

As Kenya positions itself as a leader in digital governance in Africa, NGDS stands as a symbol of innovation and transparency.

It is not only a tool for monitoring projects but also a foundation for a more responsive and trustworthy public sector, NGDS is not just a dashboard; it is the future of governance.

The dashboard was developed in-house by a multi-agency ICT team led by Mary Kerema, Secretary for ICT, Digital Economy and Emerging Technologies, showcasing Kenya's growing capacity for homegrown innovation.



MANAGING DIRECTOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - JOB GRADE KET 1

The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) is a 100% state-owned corporation incorporated on 2nd December 2008 under the Company's Act, Cap 486 as a State Corporation pursuant to the Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2004 on Energy. The Mandate of the Company is to plan, design, construct, own, operate and maintain high voltage electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors.

KETRACO's Vision is to provide a Stable Power Grid that will Transform Lives in the Region and Beyond, while its Mission is to provide a stable electricity grid and facilitate power trade for sustainable socio-economic development by planning, constructing, and maintaining high-voltage transmission lines and regional interconnectors.

To this effect the Company invites applications from suitable individuals to fill the position of:-

JOB TITLE	MANAGING DIRECTOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - JOB GRADE KET 1
JOB REFERENCE	KETRACO/5/1C/40/74/ (04/2026)
REPORTS TO	BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Job Purpose

The Managing Director & CEO shall be responsible for leading in planning, designing, constructing, owning, operating and maintaining high voltage electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors.

The job is also responsible to the Board of Directors for strategic direction and implementation of the Company's strategic goals, vision, mission and strategic objectives, mobilization and management of its resources, directing and providing leadership, in order for the Company to achieve its mandate as stated in Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2004 on Energy, Energy Act No. 1 of 2019 and as established under the State Corporations Act, Cap 446.

1. Key Responsibilities

- 1.1. Providing leadership to Senior Management and Staff;
- 1.2. Overseeing planning, designing, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of high voltage electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors;
- 1.3. Ensuring promotion of national and regional power trade for socio-economic development;
- 1.4. Providing overall leadership and administration of operations of the Company under the guidance of the Board;
- 1.5. Overseeing implementation of all Government Directives, Administrative Circulars and Executive Orders issued and relevant to the Company's mandate;
- 1.6. Ensuring compliance in formulation, development and implementation of corporate objectives, strategies, policies and plans;
- 1.7. Forging strategic linkages within the business environment with Regulators, Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Development Partners and other stakeholders nationally and internationally;
- 1.8. Ensuring adherence to ethical and legal guidelines to promote good corporate governance practices;
- 1.9. Ensuring prudent use of Company finances and assets;
- 1.10. Overseeing procurement of goods, works, services, inventory management and disposal of assets in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations;
- 1.11. Mobilizing resources to support implementation of the Company's Strategic Plan through the Exchequer, Development Finance Institutions, Public-Private Partnerships (PPP's) and other alternative sources;
- 1.12. Overseeing implementation of alternative sources of revenue and business opportunities in the Company;
- 1.13. Advising the Board of Directors on business opportunities to enhance the Company's growth and sustainability;
- 1.14. Managing corporate change through adaptation of new policies and strategies to conform with changing business environment that will ensure continued performance and business continuity;
- 1.15. Establishing and implementing human resource policies and organizational structure that is transparent, equitable and ensures that clear succession plan is put in place;
- 1.16. Overseeing management of the Company's human resource planning, performance management, capacity building and staff welfare;
- 1.17. Managing corporate intrinsic and extrinsic financial, commercial and technical risks identification mechanisms and placement of monitoring and mitigation measures;
- 1.18. Overseeing execution of all business processes within the set policies, procedures, guidelines and standards to achieve the Company's mandate;
- 1.19. Advising the Board on policy, strategic, technical, financial and administrative matters, in line with the Company's mandate;
- 1.20. Overseeing matters of compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements;
- 1.21. Overseeing corruption prevention strategies through implementation of existing policies and submitting reports to Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC);
- 1.22. Promoting harmony and cohesiveness within the Company and with other partners;
- 1.23. Serving as a link between the Board and Management;
- 1.24. Ensuring execution and communication of the Boards strategies, decisions and policies;
- 1.25. Overseeing implementation of corporate plans and strategies in line with the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Company's business philosophy, mission, vision and core values and as approved by the Board of Directors;
- 1.26. Ensuring effective management of corporate risks, quality assurance and establishing proper internal controls;
- 1.27. Overseeing implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), research and innovation policies and strategies to support the Company's mandate;
- 1.28. Providing oversight in quality assurance for the Company.
- 1.29. Promoting a positive corporate image.
- 1.30. Coordinating the day-to-day operations of the Company to ensure that various functions operate harmoniously in conformity with operational plans and performance targets;
- 1.31. Developing and ensuring implementation of Strategic Plan, business strategies and tariff revenue requirements that align with short-term and long-term objectives of the Company;
- 1.32. Maintaining knowledge of the markets and industry of the Company so as to exploit changing opportunities for business and investment;
- 1.33. Leading and motivating a multidisciplinary team to advance employee engagement and develop a high performing team;
- 1.34. Ensuring that all board papers are accurately written, relevant and submitted to the Board within the stipulated timelines;

- 1.35. Preparing the annual budget, procurement plan, work plan and performance contract;
- 1.36. Ensuring that the Company keeps accurate financial and accounting records that comply with relevant laws;
- 1.37. Serving as the official spokesperson of the Company.

2. Qualifications

- 2.1. Academic qualifications
 - 2.1.1. Master's degree in a relevant field from a recognised institution
 - 2.1.2. Bachelor's Degree in a relevant field from a university recognized in Kenya

2.2. Professional Qualifications / Membership to professional bodies

- 2.2.1. Membership to a professional body where applicable and in good standing;
- 2.2.2. Leadership/Strategic Management course lasting not less than four (4) weeks from a recognised institution;
- 2.2.3. Knowledge/proficiency in office automation applications.

3. Work Experience.

- 3.1. The job holder requires a minimum of fifteen (15) years relevant work experience with at least ten (10) years of which must be at a senior management position.

4. Functional Skills, Behavioral Competencies/Attributes:

- 4.1. Communication skills;
- 4.2. Problem solving skills;
- 4.3. Analytical skills;
- 4.4. Critical thinking;
- 4.5. Decision making skills;
- 4.6. Entrepreneurial skills;
- 4.7. Negotiation and mediation skills;
- 4.8. Corporate governance and leadership skills;
- 4.9. Interpersonal skills;
- 4.10. Team player;

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION;

Applicants **MUST** provide the following documents on application;

- i. A Signed application letter;
- ii. A detailed Curriculum Vitae indicating current and previous employers, positions held, level of education, current and expected salary, notice period required to take up appointment and names of at least three professional referees;
- iii. Copies of academic and professional certificates
- iv. Copy of National Identification Card or Passport

In addition to the above;

- i. Candidates should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application.
- ii. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- iii. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
- iv. Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates during interview.
- v. It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- vi. The Company is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 – Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED AND THE MINORITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**
- vii. Successful candidate will be expected to present the following clearance certificates: -
 - a) Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations
 - b) Valid Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
 - c) Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA);
 - d) Current Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC); and
 - e) Current Report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

TERMS OF SERVICE AND REMUNERATION

- i. The appointment to the position is on contract terms of three (3) years renewable once, subject to satisfactory performance and mutual agreement,
- ii. The successful candidate will be offered competitive remuneration package in accordance with the Company Policies & guidelines

Candidates who meet the above requirements should submit their application to the **Chairman of the Board** via link (<https://www.ketraco.co.ke/about-us/careers>) clearly Titled and Referenced, **"APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO, REF: KETRACO/5/1C/40/74/ (04/2026)" by 27th April 2026 at 5:00PM (EAT).**

Hard copies **SHALL NOT** be considered.

Kenya prepares to host Africa's Second Urban Forum

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A
(MYGOV)

The Government in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC) will host the Second Africa Urban Forum (AUF2) from April 8-10, 2026 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi.

The forum will convene under the theme: "Adequate Housing for All, advancing Socio-economic and Environmental Transformation towards the Realization of Agenda 2063".

The timing is particularly poignant as Kenya continues to grapple with heavy rains that have exposed the fragility of urban centers. Flooding across various counties have left a trail of lost lives, property and damaged infrastructure as urban centres work to build resilience to withstand climate shocks.

The Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP), a World Bank project launched in 2018, is designed to support the Kenya Urban Programme (KenUP) through the strengthening of urban institutions and infrastructure across 45 counties.

Today, the programme's impact is visible in the improved livelihoods of

millions who now benefit from better connectivity, enhanced security and robust socio-economic infrastructure.

Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Alice Wahome, underscored the significance of the programme ahead of the forum.

"KUSP is not just about infrastructure; it is about dignity, safety, and opportunity for millions of Kenyans. As we welcome Africa to Nairobi, we are proud to present a model of how urban centers can thrive even under the pressures of climate change," she said.

Wahome said by 2050, nearly two-thirds of Africans are expected to live in urban areas presenting both unprecedented opportunities for economic transformation and urgent challenges related to housing access, infrastructure, climate resilience and inclusive urban planning.

Under KUSP, municipalities have constructed 246 kilometers of stormwater drainage systems that act as a shield for local communities.

In Malindi, the Barani and Shella drainage upgrades have transformed the Central Business District

(CBD) from a flood-prone zone into a resilient commercial hub.

Similarly, in Tana River's Hola Municipality and along the integrated road networks of Wote in Makueni, these systems have significantly reduced soil erosion and infrastructure damage.

These localized interventions have offered a lifeline previously swampy or flood prone areas as climate-resilient development offers defense for urban centres.

The commitment to safety extends into the night through a massive investment in urban lighting. Through installation of over 5,000 streetlights and 113 high-mast floodlights, KUSP has extended the night economy while providing a sense of security for women and vulnerable groups in various urban communities across the country. Traders in the municipalities of Thika, Ruiru, and Limuru now operate longer hours under the glow of new lighting installations, while Kikuyu's CBD has embraced sustainability by deploying dozens of solar-powered streetlights.

These brightly lit streets and roads have spurred business growth in municipalities while also leading to tangible reduction in crime across these urban centers.



Traders in the refurbished Kibuye market in Kisumu.

In towns like Kapsabet and Eldoret, the presence of high-mast lighting has turned formerly 'no-go' zones into vibrant late-night markets where locals can trade safely long after sunset.

The programme's reach also extends to the foundations of how people move within their towns. Through the development of Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) infrastructure and better road networks, KUSP has prioritized the human element of urban planning.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites sealed bids for the following tenders

CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION as follows;

RFX No.	Contract name and Description	Bid Security (Kshs)	Tender Closing/Opening Date
1000001555	RENOVATION OF RAHAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL & DISPENSARY AND REHABILITATION OF RAYA COMMUNITY BOREHOLE	Lot 1- Ksh 250,000	28.04.2026
		Lot 2-Ksh 70,000	

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday] at the address given below.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under 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>. Tender documents obtained electronically will be free of charge.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- All Tenders **must** be accompanied by bank tender security of amount as specified in the TDS. Original bid security must be submitted in the tender box before closing date and time.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **28/04/2026 at 10.00am**.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the SRM portal; <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> with scanned documents uploaded to the collaboration folder on or before closing/opening date and time as indicated above. A guide on tender submission labelled (**Quick bidding reference**) can be found in the REREC website <https://www.rerec.co.ke/Supplier-Bidding-Quick-reference-guide.pdf>
- Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
- Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under the specific tender documents.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The addresses referred to are:

a. 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

b. Address for Submission of Tenders: Online Through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>

c. Address for Opening of Tenders
Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, **online system**

Designation: **Chief Executive Officer**

A. Address for Submission of Tenders.

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

B. Address for Opening of Tenders.

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

DR. ROSE N. MKALAMA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BASIC EDUCATION

KENYA PRIMARY EDUCATION EQUITY IN LEARNING (KPEEL) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Country	Kenya
Name of Project	Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) Program
Credit No	IDA Credit No-6138-KE
Assignment Title	Supply and Delivery of Laptops for Data Management Towards KEMIS under Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) Program.
Reference No	MOE/KPEEL/RFB/01/2025-2026

- The Government of Kenya, with support from the World Bank, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), and the LEGO Foundation, is implementing the Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) Program. The Program intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payment under the contract for Supply and Delivery of Laptops for Data Management towards Kenya Education Management Information Systems under Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) Program in the Ministry of Education.
- 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" July 2016 and revised in September 2025 (7th Edition) ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Guide lines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Head, Supply Chain Management Services, State Department for Basic Education through ppo@education.go.ke and inspect the bidding documents during office hours [0800 to 1700 hours] at the address given below.
- The bidding document in English may be downloaded from our website. www.education.go.ke
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **28th April 2026 at 11.00 a.m.** Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **28th April 2026 at 11.00 a.m**
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **One Million Kenya Shillings Only (Kshs 1,000,000)** issued by a commercial bank regulated by central bank of Kenya.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- The address(es) referred to above is (are):

The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education
State Department for Basic Education,
Postal Address: P.O. Box 30040, Nairobi, Kenya Code: 00100
City: Nairobi Zip code: +254
Tel: (0)20 318581 Ext.30413
Fax: 254-020-318581
Email: ppo@education.go.ke

KENYA RAILWAYS

EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Railways (KR) is a Government-Owned Enterprise established under the Government-Owned Enterprises Act No. 25 of 2025. The Corporation's Vision is to be a provider of world-class rail services, while its Mission is to develop a safe, reliable, and sustainable integrated rail network.

Kenya's railway system comprises the Meter Gauge Railway (MGR) (Mombasa - Malaba with branch lines to Nanyuki and Kisumu) and the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) (Mombasa - Naivasha), with ongoing extension to Kisumu and Malaba.

The Corporation invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals to fill the following positions:

S/N	Positions/ Designation	Grade	No. of posts	Job Reference No.	Note
1	Rail Safety Manager	RG3	1	KRBR155	Re-advertisement
2	Passenger Services Manager	RG3	1	KRBR158	Re-advertisement
3	Sales & Marketing Manager	RG3	1	KRBR159	Re-advertisement
4	QMS & Risk Co-ordination Manager	RG3	1	KRBR161	Re-advertisement
5	Signaling, Electrical & Communication Manager	RG3	1	KRBR163	Re-advertisement
6	Technical Audit Manager	RG3	1	KRBR164	Re-advertisement
7	Stores & Inventory Manager	RG3	1	KRBR170	New
8	Train Operations Manager	RG3	1	KRBR171	New
9	Accounts Manager	RG3	1	KRBR172	New

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS

Applicants **MUST** provide the following documents on application: -

1. A Signed application letter;
2. A detailed Curriculum Vitae indicating current and previous employers, positions held, level of education, current and expected salary, notice period required to take up appointment and names of at least three professional referees;
3. Copies of academic and professional certificates; and
4. Copy of National Identification Card or Passport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE:

1. Candidates should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application;
2. Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted;
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REVISION OF HERITAGE FACILITIES ADMISSION FEES

Notice is hereby given to the general public that pursuant to Legal Notice No. 79 of 2025 National Museums and Heritage (Admissions Fees) Regulations, 2025, National Museums of Kenya will be implementing its revised heritage facilities admission fees with effect from 7th May, 2026 as per the table below:

Category	Kenya and East African Citizens (KSH)	Residents and Rest of Africa (USD)	Foreigners - Outside Africa (USD)
Nairobi National Museum			
Adult	350	9	18
Child	200	6	9
Snake Park			
Adult	350	6	18
Child	200	3	9
Combined Ticket -Nairobi National Museum/Snake Park			
Adult	600	15	25
Child	300	10	15
Nairobi Gallery			
Adult	300		14
Child	200		7
Karen Blixen Museum & Fort Jesus			
Adult	550	9	17
Child	300	6	8
Combined Ticket -Fort Jesus Museum & Butterfly House			
Adult	650	12	19
Child	400	7	9
Meru, Malindi, Kabarnet, Kapenguria, Gede Ruins, Butterfly House, Mnarani Ruins, Mtwapa Heritage Site, Kariandusi, Orlorgesale, Koobi Fora, Thimlich Ohinga, Jumba Ruins, Takwa Ruins, Jomo Kenyatta House Maralal, Jomo Kenyatta House Lodwar & Jomo Kenyatta Prison Lokitaung			
Adult	200	6	8
Child	100	3	4
Lamu Fort, Lamu Museum, Swahili House & German Post Office			
Adult	200	6	10
Child	100	3	4
Combined Package for Lamu Museum, Lamu Fort, Swahili House and German Post Office			
Adult	750	24	40
Child	400	12	16
Tambach, Kakapel, Pate, Nyeri, Shimoni, Songhor, Fort Ternan and Siyu Fort			
Adult	100	3	4
Child	50	2	2

NB: The Heritage Admission Fees for Museums, Sites and Monuments under the following categories will remain the same until further notice:

Kenyans & East Africans Citizens

- Hyrax Hill
- Rabai

Residents & Rest of Africa

- Hyrax Hill
- Nairobi Gallery
- Rabai

Foreigners (Outside Africa)

- Hyrax Hill
- Rabai

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Interior Ministry links infrastructure push to security gains



Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration Dr. Raymond Omollo.

BY HAMISI JUMA (MYGOV)

The Ministry of Internal Security and National Administration has said that the ongoing infrastructure projects

across Western and Nyanza regions are not only about development but also about strengthening national security.

Principal Secretary for Internal Security and

National Administration Dr. Raymond Omollo noted that the review of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013 and the commissioning of new roads, markets, and

public facilities are part of a deliberate strategy to close spaces where insecurity thrives.

“Where roads do not reach, governance struggles to follow. Where communities are isolated, criminal networks find room to operate. These investments are as much about closing spaces that breed insecurity as they are about opening opportunity,” Dr. Omollo told reporters.

Dr. Omollo highlighted the newly built Mundere Okando-Sio Port-Nangina road in Budalangi, saying it will provide families year-round access to markets, schools, and health facilities. Beyond convenience, he stressed, such roads enhance the mobility of security agencies.

“A road that allows a fishing family to reach a market more quickly is the same road that allows a County Commissioner to respond to an incident or a police unit to deploy where it is needed,” he said.

The PS pointed to several projects commissioned by President William Ruto during his Western Region Development Tour. These include: Busia Stadium and the Kenya Medical Training

College’s Teso Campus, which expand youth opportunities and reduce marginalisation.

In Narok, the laying of the foundation stone for the SGR Naivasha-Kisumu line was described as transformative for both trade and security. Faster rail access, Dr. Omollo said, will allow rapid deployment of security resources and reduce vulnerabilities along the corridor.

In Kisumu and the wider Nyanza region, landing sites in Asat and Nyandiwa and the development of Usenge Pier are being formalised to strengthen the blue economy.

Dr. Omollo explained that unregulated landing sites have historically been entry points for contraband and trafficking networks.

“By bringing these sites under structured governance, the state reduces the vulnerabilities that bad actors exploit,” he said.

The PS added that alongside infrastructure, the government is empowering chiefs, assistant chiefs, and county commissioners with resources and digital tools to extend state presence to the grassroots.

“Through these officers,

the government has enhanced security coordination, disaster response, and implementation of national programmes at the community level. The visibility of government and the trust it builds is itself a deterrent to instability,” he said.

Dr. Omollo emphasised that the interventions across Busia, Bungoma, Vihiga, Kakamega, Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay, Migori, Kisii, and Nyamira are coordinated and multi-sectoral.

“It is not piecemeal development. It is the deliberate closing of the gaps that insecurity requires to survive: the gaps in infrastructure, in services, in economic opportunity, and in the reach of the state,” he said.

He concluded by stressing that security is not achieved by enforcement alone but by building conditions for safe and dignified lives.

“We remain focused on sustaining this momentum, deepening service delivery, empowering our administrative structures, and ensuring that every Kenyan lives not just under government, but within its protection,” Dr. Omollo said.

Government scales up bamboo planting to address flooding in Budalang’i

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND RODGERS OMONDI (KNA)

Government has stepped up efforts to restore riparian areas along River Nzoia in Bunyala Sub-County, Busia County, as part of a broader strategy to curb persistent flooding and reduce human-wildlife conflict.

Speaking during the launch of a bamboo planting campaign in Budalang’i, Wildlife Conservation Secretary John Chumo said the initiative is aimed at rehabilitating degraded riverbanks and protecting communities living in flood-prone areas.

Chumo noted that continued human activities along riparian and wetland areas have disrupted natural ecosystems, forcing wildlife such as crocodiles, hippos, and snakes into human settlements.

“Encroachment of riparian land has led to destruction of wildlife habitats, increasing cases of human-wildlife conflict. These animals are now a threat to residents and their livelihoods,” he said.

He revealed that the government has spent approximately Sh1 billion yearly over the past three years to compensate victims of human-wildlife conflict, with Busia County receiving about Sh15 million. He,

however, emphasised the need to focus on preventive measures.

“In cases of loss of life, compensation cannot replace what has been lost. That is why we must invest in long-term solutions such as restoration of ecosystems,” he added.

Chumo urged residents to embrace bamboo farming, noting that the crop has both environmental and economic benefits.

“Bamboo not only helps in controlling floods and soil erosion but also provides income through its value chain. We want communities to benefit economically as they conserve the environment,” he said.

Wildlife Research and Training Institute Director Dr Patrick Omondi said a total of 10,000 bamboo seedlings has been planted in partnership with local communities and community-based organisations.

“Scaling bamboo restoration in flood prone areas like Budalang’i is not optional, it is essential. Bamboo has a unique capacity to address multiple challenges at once. Its strong and extensive root system helps to firmly hold soil along riverbanks, significantly reducing erosion and preventing the collapse of river edges during heavy rains,” he said.

Omondi added that bamboo grows rapidly, making it one of the most



Wildlife Conservation Secretary John Chumo and Wildlife Research and Training Institute Director Dr. Patrick Omondi leads the bamboo growing campaign in Budalang’i. A total of 10000 bamboo seedling were planted.

effective plants for quick restoration of degraded land.

“Within a short period, bamboo can regenerate and create a protective buffer along riparian zones. This not only reduces the speed and impact of floodwaters but also helps in restoring the natural ecosystem that supports both wildlife and human livelihoods,” he explained.

He highlighted bamboo’s role in climate change mitigation.

“Bamboo has a high carbon sequestration potential, meaning it absorbs large amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. This makes it an

important tool in addressing climate change while at the same time improving environmental resilience in vulnerable areas,” he said.

Omondi also noted that beyond environmental benefits, bamboo presents economic opportunities for local communities.

“There is a growing market for bamboo products, including construction materials, furniture, and handicrafts. By integrating bamboo into agroforestry systems, communities can diversify their income sources while conserving the environment,” he added.

He revealed that the institute will conduct an assess-

ment on human-wildlife coexistence in the area to guide future interventions.

“We will be deploying a team to assess the extent of human-wildlife conflict, document incidents, and engage the community. The findings will help us design targeted mitigation measures that promote coexistence and reduce risks,” he said.

Busia County Commissioner Stephen Orinde said the initiative aligns with the government’s national target of planting 15 billion trees by 2032.

“The county has a target of 7.5 million trees, and we have so far achieved 8.3 percent. Local adminis-

trators are working closely with communities to scale up tree planting efforts,” he said.

He noted that bamboo planting complements other government interventions, including the construction of dykes, which have helped reduce flooding in Budalang’i.

Orinde urged residents to remain vigilant during the rainy season and to move from high-risk areas early to avoid disasters.

“It is always better to prevent disasters than to respond to them. Communities must take early precautions and work closely with local authorities,” he said.

Police and Prison Officers onboarded into SHA Usalama Cover

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Government has onboarded 138,283 officers and their dependents from the National Police Service (NPS) and Kenya Prisons Service (KPS) into the Social Health Authority (SHA), expanding access to comprehensive healthcare under the newly launched Usalama Cover.

The milestone was announced during the launch of the Usalama Cover under the Public Officers Medical Scheme Fund (POMSF), where Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale described the move as a major step in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and strengthening ongoing health sector reforms.

He noted that Kenya's UHC agenda is now delivering measurable results, with over 30 million Kenyans registered under



Government officials during the rollout of Usalama Cover onboarding NPS and KPS officers to SHA.

SHA and healthcare facilities submitting claims worth KSh 166.4 billion, of which more than KSh 125 billion has already been disbursed across public, faith-based and private providers.

The CS highlighted the successful transition of more than 400,000 teachers and their families to the Mwalimu Cover, adding that the same efficiency driven by digital systems and strong institutional

coordination is now being extended to uniformed officers.

He acknowledged longstanding challenges faced by officers under previous insurance arrangements, including delayed care,

co-payments and administrative barriers, noting that the Usalama Cover marks a shift toward dignity, fairness and reliable access to care.

The scheme provides a comprehensive benefits package covering the full continuum of care from primary healthcare to specialised treatment alongside advanced services such as overseas referrals where necessary, fertility treatment including IVF, and a Last Expense Benefit to support families.

Duale emphasised that the Government's zero co-payment policy places responsibility on the system rather than patients, warning that any facility demanding out-of-pocket payments for covered services will face sanctions. He added that enhanced digital infrastructure, led by the Digital Health Agency (DHA), will strengthen

efficiency, accountability and fraud prevention through real-time verification and monitoring of claims.

Healthcare providers were urged to uphold high standards of integrity as the programme rolls out, supported by strengthened oversight mechanisms to safeguard public funds.

Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen said the achievement reflects sustained government commitment and coordinated efforts across institutions, including the Ministries of Health and Interior, the National Police Service and the Social Health Authority.

A nationwide sensitization campaign will accompany the rollout to ensure officers understand their benefits and can effectively access services under the scheme.

Kenya Film Commission pushes for bold investment in Film and Creative sectors

BY LEAH AUGO (MYGOV)

Across Africa, the creative industries are stepping into the spotlight as powerful engines of cultural preservation, economic growth and social cohesion.

From film and television to animation, gaming, and digital content, these sectors are no longer viewed merely as sources of entertainment.

Instead, they are increasingly recognized as vital tools for shaping identity, telling authentic stories, and driving economic transformation.

At the heart of this movement is the Kenya Film Commission (KFC), which has been urging African governments to invest strategically in screen and creative industries as a way of unlocking the continent's immense cultural and economic potential.

Speaking on the theme "Preserving Cultural Heritage Through Screen Storytelling", KFC Chief Executive Officer Timothy Owase emphasized that Africa's cultural heritage is among the richest in the world.

With thousands of languages, traditions, histories, and artistic expressions, the continent holds a treasure trove of narratives waiting to be shared.

Owase explained that film and digital storytelling

serve as modern archives, capturing indigenous knowledge and reimagining history for both local and global audiences.

Unlike oral traditions that risk fading with time, screen content embeds culture into living media that resonates with younger generations and diaspora communities alike.

Owase described film not only as a cultural vessel but also as an economic engine. He pointed out that Africa's audio-visual industries already employ around five million people and contribute approximately five billion dollars to the continent's GDP.

According to UNESCO, with supportive policies and investment, the sector could generate over 20 million jobs and contribute up to 20 billion dollars annually.

The numbers, Owase argued, reveal the untapped potential of creative industries as drivers of sustainable growth.

Nigeria's Nollywood, producing around 2,500 films annually, it is the second-largest film industry in the world by output.

Together with music, Nollywood contributed about 1.4 billion dollars to Nigeria's GDP in 2023, a 27.5 percent increase over three years.

Owase noted that across Africa, film, music, fashion, gaming, and digital content could collectively exceed

10 billion dollars annually, especially as infrastructure and distribution networks improve.

Beyond economics, Owase stressed the social impact of storytelling. Films and series that explore issues such as governance, migration, gender, or conflict spark dialogue and create shared cultural references across diverse communities.

When African stories are told by Africans, societies experience greater self-recognition, dignity, and unity.

Digital distribution further strengthens diaspora connections, reinforcing cultural belonging while promoting Africa's soft power and international influence.

Owase urged African governments to prioritize creative industries, particularly for the continent's youthful population.

Africa's young people are digitally savvy, creatively inclined, and eager to engage with storytelling and technology.

By investing in these sectors, governments can provide employment pathways aligned with youth skills while also tapping into global demand for authentic African content.

International streaming platforms are increasingly seeking African stories, creating export opportunities that diversify economies beyond extractive industries and agriculture.

To fully unlock this potential, Owase outlined several strategic steps. He called on governments to develop or update national film and creative industry policies, ensuring clear legal frameworks for production, distribution, and monetization.

He emphasized the importance of establishing film commissions in every country to coordinate incentives, protect rights, and drive industry development.

Currently, only 44 percent of African nations have film commissions, and just 55 percent have formal film policies, leaving much of the sector informal and under-supported.

Commenting on modernizing copyright laws and enforcement as a priority, Owase argued that creators must receive fair compensation and retain ownership of their work to ensure sustainability and attract investment.

Public awareness campaigns against piracy, coupled with promotion of legal content consumption, would further strengthen the industry.

He also highlighted the need for investment in skills and infrastructure—film schools, technical institutes, digital media academies, studios, post-production facilities, and reliable internet access are all essential for building a thriving creative ecosystem.

Kenya Tourism hits record Sh500 billion as visitor numbers surge past 7.9 Million

BY BEN MWENDWA (PCO)

International arrivals grow 9% above the global average as domestic tourism anchors sustained demand and drives broad-based sector growth.

Kenya's tourism sector has solidified its position as a cornerstone of the national economy, generating an unprecedented Ksh 500 billion in earnings. According to the latest Tourism Sector Performance Report released by the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, the country welcomed 7.9 million visitors, marking a robust growth trajectory that significantly outpaced global averages.

Speaking when she released the report, Tourism Cabinet Secretary confirmed Kenya's tourism sector has officially moved from recovery into a high-growth phase. While the world saw an average growth of 4%, Kenya surged ahead at 9%, proving that the Magical Kenya brand is resonating deeper than ever before. Furthermore, the sector's resilience is largely attributed to a dual-pronged success in both international and domestic markets. With 5.2 million domestic visits, local tourism has become the sector's most reliable stabilizer.

These significant achieve-

ments have been driven by President William Samoei Ruto who has been the Tourism lead Ambassador supporting the sector's recovery and expansion linking the surge in performance to reforms such as the transition to the Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) system, which streamlined visitor entry. Moreover, the Magical Kenya, "Origin of Wonder" branding has effectively diversified the tourism portfolio, balancing leisure travel which is 46% with business and social visits.

In the report, the United States maintained its status as the leading source market, though regional African markets contributed a substantial 47% of total international arrivals.

According to Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano, this milestone is a clear signal of global confidence in Kenya as a destination. "Achieving KES 500 billion in tourism earnings and welcoming 7.9 million visitors reflects the strength of our recovery, the resilience of our sector, and the growing appeal of Kenya in both regional and international markets," she said.

Miano said beyond the numbers, this growth translates into jobs, investment, and income for communities across the country.

State rolls out 2 million bags of subsidized fertilizer to growers

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Government has begun distributing two million bags of subsidized fertilizer, providing relief to over six million farmers across the country. Under the National Fertilizer Subsidy Programme, Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Dr. Paul Ronoh, said the consignment will be delivered to 354 National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) depots nationwide, as well as to cooperative societies and certified Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) depots, making it accessible to farmers.

He said the delay had been occasioned by the Middle East conflict which forced vessels to take longer routes through South Africa to reach Mombasa. The PS assured farmers that fertilizer will reach their nearest depots within this week, enabling them to redeem supplies and continue with food production.

He noted that several depots in the North Rift region had already received the fertilizer and that the arrival of the large consignment will further boost farming activities.

"We have no doubt that our farmers will get enough fertilizer in all the stores. They can now move comfortably to their farms and continue farming," the PS said as he flagged off the consignment



1. **Principal Secretary for Agriculture Dr. Kiprono Ronoh (L) supervises the packaging of fertilizer after offloading at the Port of Mombasa.**

2. **Fertiliser being offloaded from a vessel at the Port of Mombasa.**

PHOTOS: ANDREW HINGA/ KNA



at the Port of Mombasa. Dr Ronoh directed NCPB to open depots on weekends and public holidays to ensure steady supply.

The State Department for Agriculture has also engaged transporters and the Kenya Railway Corporation, through the Ministry of Roads and Transport, to ensure the consignment is delivered faster and more

efficiently. Dr Ronoh noted that the government has put in place a robust plan for next year's fertilizer subsidy to cushion farmers against any disruptions beyond its control.

"Most farmers have diversified and are now planting different types of crops, especially cash crops. We have seen farmers planting coffee, avocados, macada-

mia, and other crops apart from maize and vegetables, which will help transform the economy. If we engage farmers effectively, this economy will change," he said. He warned unscrupulous dealers and collaborators selling government-subsidized fertilizer above the approved price of Sh2,500 that they will be arrested and charged.

KVDA launches 3.5 million seedlings campaign to fight climate change

BY EKWAM SYLVESTER (KNA)

The Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) has launched an environmental rehabilitation programme along the degraded hanging valleys of Kerio Valley region.

Speaking during an inspecting of Kimwarer Tree Nursery, KVDA Ag. Managing Director Moses Kipchumba, who was accompanied by

Board Chairperson Mark Chesergon, said the Authority targets to raise over 3.5 million assorted fruit and tree seedlings this financial year in its 16 nurseries across the seven counties to distribute to farmers along in Kerio Valley for planting especially during this long rain season.

He added that the tree growing campaign is also in support of the Presidential Directive to grow 15 billion trees by 2032. KVDA has



Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) Ag. Managing Director Moses Kipchumba (right) and Board Chairperson Mark Chesergon during an interview on the ambitious tree planting campaign to fight climate change and support livelihoods.

planted over one million assorted fruit and tree seedlings against a target of 1.5 million seedlings for this financial year.

He said KVDA is working together with other partners like the Kaptagat Integrated

Conservation Programme (KICP) to accelerate interventions to mitigate the impacts of degraded lands by distributing assorted fruit and tree seedlings, while sensitizing the communities on environmental conservation.

BRIEFS

Government to release school capitation ahead of second term

BY AHMED ELMAWI (PCO)

The Government plans to release capitation funds to schools ahead of the second term later this month. Basic Education Principal Secretary, Amb. (Prof.) Julius Bitok, said the Ministry will also prioritise textbook payments and distribution, particularly for Grade 10 learners.

"The release of capitation before 27th April will enable schools to operate smoothly, while the distribution of Grade 10 textbooks guarantees that learners have the resources they need to succeed," he said.

He said the Ministry will also set aside funds for generation and printing of textbooks for technical and applied subjects to support the proper teaching and realization of Competency Based Education (CBE) pathways.

The PS, who was speaking during an Education Day tour in Makeni County, said consultations were ongoing with the national treasury and the Teachers Service Commission on the future of Junior Schools (JS) teachers.

He was responding to local leaders concerns about the future of the JS teachers after the Environment and Labour Relations court ruled against the current terms of engagement.

The PS also revealed that the government is engaging stakeholders and private enterprises on the ideal consolidation of public and privately-funded scholarships to optimize the number and genuineness of beneficiaries. "By aligning public and private scholarships, the government aims to expand access while ensuring support reaches genuinely deserving beneficiaries," he said.

Mombasa celebrates World Theatre Day, with vibrant performances

BY RAMADHAN NASSIB (KNA)

The Little Theatre Club in Mombasa marked World Theatre Day with vibrant performances, a community walk, and renewed calls for investment in the arts as a strategic tool to promote youth employment, cultural preservation, moral education, and economic development along Kenya's Coast.

The event, held in partnership with the County Government of Mombasa, brought together artists, county officials, and political leaders who emphasised theatre's critical role in community development and sustainable livelihoods.

Collins Mangicho, Acting Chairperson of the Little Theatre Club, highlighted the group's extensive outreach and the significance of the day.

"We have staged performances everywhere in the Coast region. We have been to Kwale, Kilifi, and various spaces in Mombasa. Today, the main aim is to celebrate theatre.

People should know the mandate and purpose of theatre in the community, what role it plays to ensure theatre becomes sustainable," he said.

He added that artists under the club have developed their natural skills and urged continued support: "Artists are the mirror of society. We are going to support and nurture those talents" County Chief Officer Goshi Juma Ali, for sports, youth and culture reaffirmed the county's commitment to support artists. "The County Government of Mombasa encourages young people to fully participate in these matters, which are very much related to employment, disseminating messages to citizens, and also giving our youth good morals as they face challenges," Ali stated. "There are many disasters and many destructive dangers right now; without using various methods to keep our youth on the right path, we might lose our young people and the coming generation," he added.

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Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke (seated) at the Safaricom De(co)de 4.0 innovation event in Nairobi last week.



DIGITAL SUPERHIGHWAY

Ministry advances digital agenda

State keen to expand access to digital tools, local assembly of gadgets and foster international collaboration to position Kenya as a global digital hub

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Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) on April 1, 2026, dispatched 26 copies of 'Kenya at the Olympics: A 60-year Journey of Medalling' to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece.

The copies, signed by Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto, will now be available at the university's library for students and staff. The book is part of KYEB's sector specific publication, celebrating Kenya's six-decade journey on the Olympic stage.

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WAJIR COUNTY

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Population as per the 2019 Census.



State cushion Kenyans against effects of Middle East conflict

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TECHNOLOGY

Ministry supports innovation, device assembly and collaborations to drive digital agenda

State keen to expand access to digital tools, local assembly of gadgets and foster international collaboration to position Kenya as a digital hub

The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy has intensified efforts to advance the digital agenda, with the institution supporting innovation, infrastructure development and continental collaboration as it steers the country into an innovation-driven future.

The three areas are crucial for the country to bridge the digital divide, grow the digital economy and remain competitive globally in line with the Digital Superhighway pillar of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo is leading efforts to advance the digital agenda, with the CS on Saturday engaging in bilateral talks with officials from Thailand during the Thailand-Kenya Business Matching and Digital Partnership 2026 forum in Nairobi.

"We explored key areas of cooperation, including ICT development particularly at the ward level, trade and investment promotion, tourism, the creative economy and agriculture," CS Kabogo said.

He noted that the forum brought together 14 ICT companies from Thailand and over 50 ICT companies from Kenya for strategic matching and collaboration.

Such forums foster strategic partnerships that accelerate technology transfer, joint ventures and innovation tailored to local needs.

Kenyan firms are, therefore, expected to benefit from knowledge exchange and expanded opportunities as they collaborate with their Thai counterparts.

CS Kabogo said the two sides agreed to reactivate the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) through which Kenya's ICT sector is expected to benefit.

Mr Kabogo had earlier joined African Ministers and partners in the adoption of the Algiers Declaration on African Telecommunications Sovereignty and Integrated Connectivity (2026-2030).

"The declaration sets out a shared commitment to deliver meaningful and



Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo and an official from Thailand during the Thailand-Kenya Business Matching and Digital Partnership 2026 held in Nairobi last week.

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1.8m

The number of youth trained in digital skills across the country.

affordable connectivity for all, with priority to rural and underserved communities and build integrated continental infrastructure, linking terrestrial, submarine and satellite networks," he said in Algiers, Algeria.

He observed that the Ministers further agreed to strengthen local digital infrastructure, including data centres, internet exchange points, cloud capabilities, cybersecurity and protect critical telecommunications infrastructure.

Kenya stands to gain from this initiative, as it aligns national priorities with continental commitments to digital sovereignty.

The focus on building integrated infrastructure, from submarine cables to satellite networks which Kenya is already doing, enhances the country's role as a gateway for global data services, while



ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui (centre) at Moi University when he visited the institution's device assembly plant. He said the facility is important for the Jitume Digital Hubs programme as it assembles gadgets that accelerate the roll out of the labs across the country.

investments in data centres, internet exchange points and cloud capabilities improve reliability and security.

Eng. John Tanui, the Principal Secretary ICT and Digital Economy, noted that Kenya

has made strong investments in submarine cables - from TEAMS to SEACOM, and hosts a growing network of over 19 data centres locally, what positions it as a global digital hub.

"This infrastructure places the country as a reliable gateway for global data and digital services in Africa," he said.

Adding, "With what is happening in the Middle East and with the kind of digital infrastructure we have, we believe Kenya can be a global alternative for anyone who wants to safeguard their data."

The growing data sector, said the PS, will create premium jobs locally and attract global investments as Kenya also advances electronics manufacturing, including smartphones and consumer devices, a key pillar of industrial growth.

One of the electronic device assembly plant is MU Technologies at Moi University.

The plant, together with the one at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, according to Eng. Tanui, who visited it last week, is important for the Jitume Digital Hubs programme as they assemble gadgets that accelerate the roll out of the facilities across the country.

"The hubs in turn expand access to digital skills, online work, innovation and digital services, especially for young people," he said.

The Ministry is working with private sector players like Safaricom to boost innovations that include intelligent systems.

At Safaricom's De(co)de 4.0, which is a developers' innovation summit, Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke, who was the Chief Guest, said the impressive innovations showcased at the event demonstrate that Kenya is no longer a pioneer in mobile technology but has cemented its place in the space.

He said Kenya is currently building intelligent, globally relevant digital systems.

The PS noted that as it advances the digital superhighway through the expansion of fibre optic cable, installation of free public WiFi and establishment of digital hubs, the Government believes that innovative technologies must be accessible to all.

"Artificial Intelligence must be democratised, made accessible, inclusive and beneficial to all Kenyans. Through our digital transformation agenda, we are committed to creating an ecosystem where AI drives economic growth, job creation, improved public service delivery and innovation across every sector."

The technologies unveiled at the summit include Sarah the Robot, My OneApp and there were demonstrations of automated and robotic systems.

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook sends publication on the country's Olympic journey to Green university

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) on April 1, 2026, dispatched 26 copies of *Kenya at the Olympics: A 60-year Journey of Medalling* to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece.

The copies, signed by Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto, will now be available at the university's library for students and staff.

This publication is part of the Kenya Yearbook's sector-specific publication, celebrating Kenya's six-decade journey on the Olympic stage, preserving history while inspiring today's Olympians.

According to Ms Kimeto, the move is about sharing knowledge, exchanging culture and strengthening Kenya's

presence in global academic spaces.

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki was founded in 1925 and opened in 1926. It is Greece's largest university and the country's second oldest.

Today, it serves about 64,000



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undergraduate students and 10,000 postgraduate and PhD students, with around 2,048 teaching staff. Its central library is one of the biggest in the Balkans.

Other works under KYEB's sector-specific series include *Kick Off*, which tells the story of Kenyan football, *The Journey of Women Trailblazers*, which documents the achievements of Kenyan women, and *Towards Food Security Vol 1*, which looks at how technology and innovation are changing farming, among others.

KYEB remains dedicated to telling Kenya's story accurately, authentically, and proudly through its various. The institution is mandated to document Government achievements in partnership with the people.



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto with the Olympics publication sent to Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Huduma Centres bring affordable housing services closer to you

Kenyans can now access affordable housing services at Huduma Centres following the launch of the Affordable Housing Desk at Huduma Centre City Square.

The initiative advances the Affordable Housing Programme, a flagship project of President William Ruto's administration and a key pillar of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) by devolving housing services nationwide, bridging the housing gap and bringing dignified home ownership closer to citizens.

Delivering remarks on behalf of Dr Jane Imbunya, Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development,

HUDUMA CORNER

Dr Jacob Mbiyiwe, Secretary for Human Resource Service,



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emphasized that strong partnerships and robust systems are vital in ensuring Kenyans access services seamlessly and achieve dignified home ownership.

The Affordable Housing Desk was officially launched by the Ag. Chief Executive Officer of the Affordable Housing Board, Mr Joseph Kagicha, in collaboration with Huduma Kenya Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ben Kai Chilumo.

Citizens are encouraged to visit the nearest Huduma Centre to access information, apply for housing opportunities and take the next step towards dignified home ownership.

Through the programme, the Government has created about 500,000 jobs to the youth.



Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo (right) and Affordable Housing Board Ag. CEO Joseph Kagicha, among other officials, during the launch of Affordable Housing Desk at Huduma Centre City Square in Nairobi.

ECONOMY

State cushions Kenyans against effects of Middle East conflict

Government is implementing targeted interventions including subsidies aimed at stabilising prices, protecting livelihoods, and ensuring continuity in crucial sectors

Across the globe, the conflict in the Middle East is disrupting economies. Supply chains are breaking; fuel prices are climbing up and countries from Europe to Africa and Asia are counting losses. The effects are real; ships are being rerouted, goods are delayed and prices of basic commodities are going up. Kenya, like everyone else, is feeling the pinch.

To ensure that Kenyans are not deeply affected by the effects of the conflict, President William Ruto said the Ministries of Energy, Agriculture, Trade, The National Treasury, the Central Bank and private sector players are working round the clock to put in place mitigation measures in the areas that could be highly affected.

When it comes to fuel, the nation's transport and manufacturing sectors would be highly affected if any serious disruption happens. To ease the pressure, the Government's G-to-G fuel deal has become a safe haven and is expected to keep the country's supply steady.

"Rising international oil prices are already affecting consumers globally. However, the Government-to-Government fuel procurement arrangement has cushioned Kenyans from immediate shocks," President Ruto said in a statement.

For ordinary Kenyans, this means they can still commute, move their goods and buy various commodities affordably.

Among those who were expected to be worst hit are farmers, as Kenya brings in most of its fertiliser from overseas. According to Principal Secretary for Industry, Dr Juma Mukhwana, the country consumes nearly 10 million tonnes of fertiliser for its 13 million farmers.

However, President Ruto said Kenya has enough fertiliser to take the country through the rainy season until September. This means that farmers can still plant, the nation can still be fed and the food prices will remain steady.

Kenya is known for its quality tea. When



President William Ruto (centre) with International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials led by the Director of the African Department Abebe Selassie at State House, Nairobi. Mr Selassie expressed satisfaction with Kenya's management of the economy and fiscal consolidation. The meeting discussed the war in the Gulf, the repercussions on African and global economies, and the options to minimise the effects on citizens and countries.



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the conflict hit shipping lines, farmers worried about their biggest earner. But the sector has done well, with numbers even rising compared to last year.

"The latest data indicates that we exported 81 per cent of tea offered for auction this month, compared to 75 per cent in March 2025," said President Ruto.



A car is fuelled at a petrol station. Some areas across the country have experienced fuel shortage in the past weeks.

According to the President, the country found new markets enabling it to overcome the disruption in Iran market. That means farmers can still earn from their produce, the thousands of workers in the tea sector can keep their jobs, and Kenya can keep earning foreign income that keeps the shilling and reserves stable.

And to cushion Kenyans from high fuel prices, Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi said in the next pricing cycle of April 14 to May 15, 2026, the Government will utilise the Sh17 billion Fuel Stabilisation Fund and change

VAT application on petroleum products from ad valorem to specific to keep prices affordable for consumers.

On a positive note, the situation has brought more business to the Port of Lamu. According to the President, the port recently handled over 4,000 high-value cars headed to Gulf markets.

This means jobs for clearing agents, truck drivers, security guards and warehouse workers. It also means more taxes for the Government to provide services and development.

INFOBOX

EFFECTS OF MIDDLE EAST CRISIS ON ECONOMIES

a) Energy Prices

Oil and gas costs have surged due to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, where about 25 per cent of global oil shipments pass. Observers warn of scenarios where oil prices could reach \$150-\$200 per barrel if blockades continue.

Kenya, as other countries across the world, is a net importer of fuel, therefore, it faces higher transport, electricity and production costs, what is likely to worsen inflation.

b) Food and Fertiliser

The war has disrupted fertiliser and petrochemical exports, raising costs for farmers. Food prices are climbing, especially for wheat and grains, as supply chains are affected. This threatens food security in vulnerable countries already battling climate shocks.

c) Trade and supply chains

Blockages in Middle East shipping routes affect imports of plastics, chemicals and manufactured goods.

Ports and logistics hub across the world are facing delays and higher costs, reducing competitiveness.

d) Financial and currency volatility

Rising global uncertainty has triggered capital flight from emerging markets, weakening African currencies. Countries like Ethiopia and Nigeria, according to analysts, are experiencing stronger inflationary pressures, while Kenya's private equity market remains resilient but exposed to volatility.

e) Remittances and security

Many Kenyan and other African migrant workers in the Middle East face job insecurity, reducing remittance flows back home. Heightened geopolitical tensions also raise security and diplomatic challenges for African states.

f) Tourism and investment slowdown

The war has created global uncertainty and security concerns, which discourages international travel and investment. Countries that rely heavily on tourism, such as Kenya, face reduced visitor numbers and lower foreign exchange earnings.

PICTURESPEAK



Dr Andrew Toro, the Director of Curative and Nursing Services Directorate at the Ministry of Health with Dr Monicah Bitok during the launch of a national plan to tackle poor vision in Kenya known as SPECS 2030 in Nairobi. The plan was launched in collaboration with the World Health Organization with the Government describing it as a critical step in addressing an overlooked public health crisis.



Harambee Stars celebrate after beating Caribbean team Grenada to finish third in their FIFA Series group at Amahoro Stadium in Kigali, Rwanda on March 31, 2026.



An aerial view of Lichota Airstrip in Suna West Constituency, Migori County. The airstrip is undergoing expansion and modernisation at a cost of Sh280 million, a strategic investment aimed at enhancing regional connectivity, including links with neighboring Tanzania and boosting tourism to the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

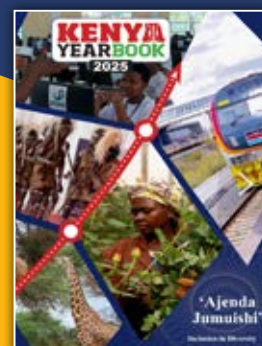


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