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Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning John Mbadi (right) and U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Susan Burns (left) during the signing of the Strategic Objective Agreement (SOAG) for Health at the National Treasury Headquarters in Nairobi.

Kenya, US sign Sh218b deal to strengthen health sector

Senior government officials from Kenya and the USA, led by John Mbadi, CS Treasury and Economic Planning and Susan Burns, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, after signing of the Strategic Objective Agreement (SOAG) for Health at the National Treasury Headquarters in Nairobi.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Kenya and the United States have sealed a Sh218 billion health partnership, ushering in a new era of bilateral cooperation anchored on transparency, accountability and shared responsibility.

The Strategic Objective Agreement (SOAG) for Health, signed at the National Treasury headquarters in Nairobi, commits Sh218 billion in U.S. funding alongside Sh110 billion in Kenyan co-investment, bringing the total investment to Sh328 billion for the strengthening of the country's health sector between 2026 and 2032.

The agreement, witnessed by senior government officials from both countries, marks a significant shift from donor-funded projects managed through third-party agencies to a direct government-to-government (G2G) financing model.

National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi and U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Susan Burns signed the agreement in the presence of Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale, who described the pact as a milestone in Kenya-U.S. relations.

> This product will provide additional financing to enterprises that have already benefited from NYOTA, enabling them to scale up and succeed

Duale said the new arrangement would support key health institutions and programmes, including cancer care services, the Kenya National Public Health Institute, the Digital Health Superhighway, and interventions targeting HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

He noted that channelling funds directly through the Treasury and Parliament would enhance visibility, strengthen oversight, and ensure accountability.

"For many years, U.S.-Kenya health cooperation was implemented through partner agencies. Today, everything is government-to-government," he declared.

Mbadi described the agreement as a landmark in Kenya's health financing journey, pointing out that Kenya is the first country to adopt the new model.

He explained that previous donor frameworks often lacked clarity, complicating planning for both the Treasury and the Ministry of Health.

"Now we have full visibility as the National Treasury, while the implementing ministry also has full accountability. At the click of a button, we can know how much is being spent with the support of our partners," he said, assuring development partners that ongoing public finance reforms would guarantee transparency and prudent management of the funds.

Burns praised the collaboration between the Ministry of Health, the National Treasury, and the Office of the Attorney General, describing the SOAG as the first strategic objective agreement under the new Kenya-US Health Cooperation Framework.

She said the partnership reflects a transition from traditional donor assistance to shared responsibility.

"We are trying to transition to a new model of assistance that is really about shared responsibility and close collaboration," she remarked.

Burns recalled that Kenya and

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the United States have worked together for decades to combat HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, saving more than one million lives through HIV interventions alone.

She added that the new agreement would support Kenya's vision of strengthening health systems, expanding digital health services, improving efficiency and ensuring continued access to quality healthcare.

The SOAG outlines shared priorities, financing arrangements, implementation targets, and performance measures to guide joint interventions while reinforcing mutual accountability.

Key areas of cooperation include reforms at the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA), strengthening the Kenya National Public Health Institute, expanding digital health services, improving supply chain resilience, enhancing institutional capacity and supporting programmes targeting HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.

The framework also seeks to advance Kenya's Universal Health Coverage agenda under Taifa Care, focusing on disease prevention, improved service delivery and building a resilient, self-sustaining healthcare system.

The signing ceremony was attended by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni, and other senior officials.

Two new dams to end water woes for thousands in Tana River County

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

For decades, residents of the remote interior of Tana River County have lived with a harsh reality.

Every dry season, families walked for kilometres in search of water, children missed school, livestock perished, and conflicts over scarce water sources became inevitable.

That cycle may finally be coming to an end in parts of the vast Tana River County, which has historically experienced resource-based tensions between nomadic pastoralist communities and sedentary farmers over access to dwindling water sources and grazing land.

Observers note that climate change and prolonged drought have significantly worsened these seasonal disputes, fuelling recurring cycles of violence.

The national government has completed two earth-fill dams worth nearly Sh190 million in Tana North and Bangale sub-counties, a major investment expected to transform the livelihoods of thousands of pastoralists in one of Kenya's most drought-prone regions.

Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands, and Regional Development Beatrice Askul Moe (C) speaking in Bura sub county during the commissioning of two water projects in the area.

Constructed under the Drought Mitigation and Flood Control Programme through the Coast Development Authority (CDA), the Miidi and Hambaresa earth-fill dams each have a storage capacity of 100,000 cubic metres.

The projects are designed to improve access to water, strengthen climate resilience, and enhance food and nutrition security in vulnerable communities that have long struggled with recurring drought.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sh190m

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Speaking during the commissioning of the projects, Cabinet Secretary for East African Community Affairs, Arid and Semi-Arid (ASALs) and Regional Development Beatrice Askul Moe described the dams as proof that government investments are reaching the country's most marginalized communities.

"What I've come to witness is value for money. The services are reaching the most vulnerable and communities, especially pastoralists who depend on livestock for their upkeep. Seeing such an investment in the heart of Tana River shows that government development is reaching the people who need it most," she said. Moe said the projects in underserved communities would spare families from the hardships that have forced pastoralists to migrate in search of water and pasture. She said during periods of drought pastoralists are forced to walk longer distances in search of water and pasture.

Tana River County Commissioner, Joseph Mwangi, said projects in the area will not only solve the water challenge for the livestock, but will now help the pastoralists to also think about irrigated farming.

Machakos sewerage project nears completion, set to serve thousands

BY ANNE KANGERO (KNA)

A major sewerage project in Machakos County is expected to be fully operational by the end of August 2026. Once completed, the project will channel sewer waste that previously flowed through open drains in Machakos and its surrounding areas—including Muvuti, Kiima Kimwe, Katheka Kai, Mutituni and Mumbuni—into 65 kilometres of underground sewer pipes connected to a modern treatment plant.

The Machakos Sewerage Project in Muvuti, being implemented under the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Programme, is now 90 per cent complete. The project is expected to connect about 150,000 residents of Machakos Town and its environs to a centralized sewer system for the first time.

1. Loice Shuma (left), Machakos County Commissioner, Jackson Ole Chuta (centre) and Engineer David Otieno from TANATHI (right) and members of the County Implementation Coordination Management Committee inspecting Machakos Sewerage Project that is set to benefit 150,000 residents in Machakos and its environs upon completion.
2. The Sh1billion Machakos Sewerage Project which is under the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Programme is at 90 percent complete

During a site visit by the Machakos County Implementation Coordination Management Committee (CICMC), led by Machakos County Commissioner Jackson Ole Chuta, members received a firsthand briefing on the project's progress and inspected the ongoing works.

They were hosted by Eng. David Otieno, Manager for Construction and Residual Operations at Tanathi Water Works Development Agency.

According to Engineer Otieno, construction began in June 2020 with a budget of Sh840 million and the revised contract price now stands at Sh1 billion.

So far the contractor has laid 65km of the sewer line and modern waste water treatment plan across Muvuti, Kimutwa, Kiima Kimwe, Mumbuni, Katheka Kai, Mua, and Mutituni.

The plant itself has the capacity to treat 6,250 cubic meters of wastewater daily and about 3,000 household connections are ongoing in Machakos town and its environs. "The works commenced in June 2020 and we are at 90 per cent to be completed by the end of August 2026," Eng. Otieno told the CICMC team. "We have installed 65km of sewer and a modern wastewater treatment plant. What remains is 3.2km."

Site Agent Eng. Thomas Biwott said the project is in its final phase.

"We are at the tail end now. The remaining works are electrical connections and landscaping," he said.

Kenya, Netherlands in deal to boost food safety, link farmers to premium markets

BY ROP JANET (KNA)

Kenyan smallholder farmers are set to benefit from a joint Kenya-Netherlands initiative aimed at enhancing food safety and linking growers directly to premium domestic and international markets through sustainable horticulture. Dubbed the GreenLinks Project, the three-year initiative is jointly funded by the Dutch government through the Netherlands Enterprise Agency and private sector partners.

It will support 300 small- and medium-scale farmers in Kajiado, Kikuyu and Thika sub-counties to adopt safer production practices, reduce reliance on chemical pesticides, and supply consumers with safe, traceable vegetables.

The project is being implemented by Koppert Biological Systems, Holland Greentech, FutureWater, Latia Agribusiness Solutions and Greenspoon. It combines Dutch agricultural innovations with local expertise to strengthen Kenya's horticulture value chain.

Farmers will receive training in good agricultural practices (GAP), integrated pest management (IPM), post-harvest handling and sustainable production, alongside access to biological crop protection solutions, improved hybrid seed varieties and precision irrigation advisory services. Speaking during the launch in Isinya, Kajiado County, the Agricultural Counselor at the Embassy of the Netherlands in Kenya, Bart Pauwels, said the initiative seeks to address two major challenges facing farmers; safe crop production and reliable market access.

The Agricultural Counsellor at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kenya, Bart Pauwels, making his remarks during the launch of the Greenlinks project in Isinya Kajiado County.

BY THE NUMBERS

300

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"This is one of three projects we are implementing with the private sector to strengthen Kenya's agricultural sector, particularly smallholder farmers. Our goal is to ensure we connect them to sustainable markets, help them increase their yields and gradually transition them to safer production practices," said Pauwels.

He said the project responds to growing consumer demand for vegetables that are safe, traceable and produced using environmentally sustainable methods.

Food safety has become a growing concern in Kenya, with consumers increasingly raising concerns over chemical pesticide residues in vegetables sold in urban markets.

15,000 bags of subsidized fertilizer distributed to Vihiga, Nandi farmers

BY CONVIVIAN KHASOHA AND MAUREEN IMBAYI (KNA)

Hundreds of small-holder farmers in Vihiga and neighbouring Nandi counties are benefiting from the ongoing Presidential Fertilizer Subsidy Programme at the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) Hamisi Depot in Vihiga County, following a steady supply of planting and top-dressing fertilizers for the short rains cropping season.

NCPB Hamisi Depot Manager Dorothy Awuor Odhiambo said the depot recorded a high turnover during the main long rains season, successfully receiving and distributing more than 15,000 bags of subsidized fertilizer to farmers in the region.

Farmers pictured while collecting subsidized fertilizer at the NCPB Hamisi Depot entrance that serves farmers from Vihiga and Nandi counties.

She noted that during the last long rains season, the depot distributed 15,000 bags of planting fertilizer and 10,000 bags of top-dressing fertilizer, underscoring the strong demand for subsidized farm inputs among local farmers.

"The depot opened for the current season on July 1, 2026, with nearly 5,000 bags in stock. We are stocking various fertilizer blends under the subsidy programme, including MAVUNO planting fertilizer and tea fertilizer formulations,"

Odhiambo said.She added that the top-dressing fertilizers currently available at the depot include tea top-dressing fertilizer, urea and maize top-dressing fertilizer.

Odhiambo encouraged farmers to take advantage of the subsidized inputs to boost crop production during the short rains season.

Odhiambo added that farmers have expressed a preference for Mavuno fertilizer due to its effectiveness on maize and beans. The depot expects to serve over 6,000 farmers from Vihiga, Nandi, and Kisumu counties with the subsidized fertilizer priced at Sh 2,500 per 50-kilogram bag.Odhiambo explained that with the short rain season having officially commenced on July 1, 2026 the depot opened with an initial inventory of nearly 5,000 bags, supported by continuous truck deliveries to meet rising demand.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sh2,500

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TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

VACANCIES FOR POST PRIMARY TEACHER ON P&P TO TEACH JUNIOR SCHOOLS - AUGUST, 2026

The Teachers Service Commission invites applications from qualified candidates to fill 20,000 Post Primary teachers posts in Junior Schools to support the implementation of Competency Based Education.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their applications online through the Commission's website, **www.tsc.go.ke** under **"Careers"** or **teachersonline.tsc.go.ke** not later than Midnight of **31st August, 2026.**

To qualify for recruitment, a candidate should meet the following minimum requirements:

i) Be a Kenyan citizen;
ii) Must be a holder of at least a diploma in education with a minimum mean Grade of C+ (plus) and C+ (plus) in two teaching Subjects in KCSE or its equivalent.
iii) Must be a registered teacher with Teachers Service Commission.

NB: For equivalent qualifications, applicants are advised to visit the Teachers Service Commission's website: **www.tsc.go.ke**

GENERAL INFORMATION

i) The Teachers Service Commission's Guidelines for Recruitment of Post Primary Teachers for 2026/2027 Financial Year shall apply.
ii) Manual applications will not be considered.
iii) Be unemployed and has no record of exiting teaching service with the Commission due to disciplinary grounds;
iv) Candidates will be required to present original academic and professional certificates.
v) Selection of Candidates will strictly be on merit and based on the number of vacancies per County.
vi) Successful candidates must not fill more than one application for employment form.
vii) Successful teacher interns will be retained in their current sub counties/ stations.
viii) Successful candidates shall be required to teach various learning areas under Junior School Curriculum. Visit the Commission's website (**www.tsc.go.ke**) for more information.
ix) The application portal will be opened **Tuesday, 18th August 2026** and closed on **Monday, 31st August, 2026 midnight.**

The Teachers Service Commission is an equal opportunity employer as per the constitutional provisions and law and persons with disabilities (PWDs) are encouraged to apply.

CAUTION:
The recruitment exercise is free of charge. The Teachers Service Commission forewarns applicants against fraudsters who might extort money from unsuspecting persons purporting to assist in recruitment.

REPORTING OF FRAUD

Any fraudulent activity should be reported to the nearest TSC office or Teachers Service Commission headquarters through the following telephone lines: Director Staffing (0202892193) and Deputy Director- Staffing (0202892131) or write to the Commission through the email address **dirstaffing@tsc.go.ke**

Further, any such fraudulent activity should be reported to the nearest police station.

Details on available vacancies per county and sub-county is in the Teachers Service Commission's website: **www.tsc.go.ke**

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TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

VACANCIES FOR CHIEF PRINCIPAL, SENIOR PRINCIPAL, PRINCIPAL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, SENIOR LECTURER, SENIOR MASTER, SECONDARY TEACHER, SENIOR HEADTEACHER, HEADTEACHER, DEPUTY HEAD-TEACHER, SENIOR TEACHER, SENIOR CURRICULUM SUPPORT OFFICER AND CURRICULUM SUPPORT OFFICER

The Teachers Service Commission is a Constitutional Commission established under Article 237 (1) of the Constitution.

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission invites applications from suitably qualified teachers and Curriculum Support Officers for the posts shown below in line with the Career Progression Guidelines for Teachers, and Curriculum Support Officers.

S/No.	Advert No.	Designation	Grade	T-Scale	Total Vacancies
1	78/2026	Chief Principal – Regular	D5	15	54
2	79 /2026	Chief Principal – TTC	D5	15	7
3	80/2026	Senior Principal - Regular	D4	14	148
4	81 /2026	Senior Principal – TTC	D4	14	7
5	82/2026	Principal – Regular	D3	13	770
6	83 /2026	Principal – TTC	D3	13	7
7	84/2026	Principal – SNE	D3	13	6
8	85/2026	Deputy Principal II - Regular	D2	12	891
9	86/2026	Senior Lecturer I	D2	12	15
10	87/2026	Senior Master I	D2	12	2
11	88/2026	Curriculum Support Officer I	D1	11	34
12	89/2026	Curriculum Support Officer I - SNE	D1	11	7
13	90/2026	Deputy Principal III - Regular	D1	11	1,068
14	91/2026	Deputy Principal III – SNE	D1	11	5
15	92/2026	Senior Headteacher - Regular	D1	11	199
16	93/2026	Senior Headteacher - SNE	D1	11	5
17	94/2026	Senior Lecturer II	D1	11	34
18	95/2026	Senior Master II	D1	11	272
19	96/2026	Curriculum Support Officer II (Regular & SNE)	C5	10	69
20	97/2026	Deputy Headteacher I	C5	10	1,865
21	98/2026	Deputy Headteacher I - SNE	C5	10	20
22	99/2026	Senior Lecturer III	C5	10	44
23	100/2026	Senior Master III	C5	10	1,665
24	101/2026	Deputy Headteacher II - Regular	C4	9	3,075
25	102/2026	Deputy Headteacher II - SNE	C4	9	20
26	103/2026	Senior Lecturer IV	C4	9	51
27	104/2026	Senior Master IV (Regular & SNE)	C4	9	5,956
28	105/2026	Secondary Teacher I	C3	8	20
29	106/2026	Senior Teacher I (Regular & SNE)	C3	8	4,210
30	107/2026	Senior Teacher II (Regular & SNE)	C2	7	13,490
		TOTAL			**34,016**

Interested candidates, who meet the required qualifications, should submit their applications online through the TSC portal – **www.teachersonline.go.ke** to be received latest **Monday 10th August 2026 midnight.**

Note

- Successful candidates shall be posted to schools where vacancies are available.
- Manual applications shall not be considered.
- Teachers Service Commission is an equal opportunity employer and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE

KENYA VISION 2030

Kiambu Polytechnic graduates secure training in Germany

BY POLYNE WAKIYU AND GRACE NAISHOO (KNA)

Thirty-one graduates from Kiambu National Polytechnic are set to begin vocational training and employment opportunities in Bavaria, Germany, after successfully completing the inaugural Talent Gateway Programme, a labour mobility initiative funded by the German government.

The graduates, comprising 20 hospitality trainees under the DEHOGA programme and 11 landscaping trainees, underwent intensive training in technical skills, German language, intercultural communication and workplace readiness to prepare them for life and work in Germany. Speaking during the graduation ceremony, Principal Secretary for Diaspora Affairs Roseline Njogu congratulated the graduates and urged them to serve as good ambassadors for Kenya. "As you leave for Germany, remember that you are carrying the Kenyan flag with you. Uphold integrity, professionalism and hard work because you will represent not only yourselves but also your families and your country," she said.

The Principal Secretary for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Dr Esther Muoria, said the programme demonstrates the government's commitment to equipping young Kenyans with globally competitive skills and creating opportunities through international partnerships.

Principal Secretary for Diaspora Affairs Roseline Njogu (Left), awards a certificate to a graduand from Kiambu National Polytechnic.

She noted that the Talent Gateway Programme is a model that will be expanded to other TVET institutions to enable more graduates to access structured labour mobility opportunities abroad.

Chief Principal of Kiambu National Polytechnic, Sammy Waititu, described the graduation as a historic achievement for the institution, saying the first cohort had set a strong foundation for future participants.

"This programme has equipped our graduates with technical knowledge, language skills and the confidence to thrive in an international working environment. We are proud of what they have achieved and wish them success in Germany," he said.

Catherine Karanja, who is in charge of the Hotels and Restaurants programme, said the hospitality trainees had undergone rigorous practical training to meet the standards expected by employers in Bavaria.

"Our graduates are leaving with the right technical skills, discipline and customer service experience needed to succeed in Germany's hospitality industry. They are ready to compete at the highest level." She said,

The Talent Gateway Programme equips Kenyan TVET graduates with technical, language, cultural and workplace skills required to access safe, fair and structured vocational training opportunities in Germany.

Health committee throws weight behind KEMRI's Sh500m funding request

BY ARON KINYAMASYO AND MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA)

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health has expressed support for the Kenya Medical Research Institute's (KEMRI) request for an additional Sh500 million to complete the construction of a modern biomedical research complex.

KEMRI considers the facility, located at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), critical to strengthening the country's disease surveillance systems, research capacity and emergency preparedness. The committee, chaired by Seme Member of Parliament Dr James Nyikal, made the commitment during an oversight visit to assess the progress of the Exchequer-funded project.

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health Chairperson, Dr. James Nyikal, addresses the media in Nairobi after undertaking a fact-finding visit to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Multi-Phase Laboratories, Training and office facility, currently under construction at the Kenyatta National Hospital Complex. He is flanked by other members of the Committee (Back), KEMRI Director General and Ag. Vice Chancellor Prof. Elijah Songok (Left), and KEMRI's Board of Directors, Dr Abdullahi Ali Ibrahim (Right).

KEMRI said the additional funding is needed to complete the facility and make it fully operational.

Speaking after the fact-finding visit of the institute, Dr. Nyikal reported that the Committee appreciated the progress made on the facility and recognized the need to ensure its completion, so that it can enhance the country's capacity in health research, innovation and training.

"The Committee has seen the value of this investment and appreciates the progress achieved so far. We will support efforts to secure the additional funding required to complete the project because it is vital to the country's health research agenda," he emphasised. Endebes Member of Parliament, Dr. Robert Pukose, who is the Vice-Chairperson of the National Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee, assured KEMRI that the Budget Committee would give due consideration to the Institute's request during the budget allocation process. Dr. Pukose noted that investing in research infrastructure would strengthen Kenya's capacity to search and training.

Digital tablets to improve health data collection in Kisumu

BY ROBERT OJWANG' (KNA)

Kisumu County has rolled out digital tablets to Community Health Assistants (CHAs) in a move aimed at improving primary healthcare service delivery, enhancing the quality of health data, and strengthening community-based health services.

Speaking during the launch, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health, Dr. Gregory Ganda, described the initiative as a major milestone in the county's efforts to modernize healthcare through digital technology.

"Digital health is not just about having computers in hospitals. It is about getting the right information to the right person at the right time," said Dr. Ganda.

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Mudavadi flags off landmark programme to safeguard natural resources in Kenya

1. Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi plants a tree seedling during the official launch of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) at the University of Eldoret in Uasin Gishu County.
2. Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi addresses delegates during the official launch of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) at the University of Eldoret in Uasin Gishu County.

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER AND NELSON OBWANA (KNA)

The Government has officially launched the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP), a Sh34.1 billion (USD 262 million) initiative that will run for eight years to strengthen climate resilience, restore degraded ecosystems, improve food security, and enhance livelihoods for more than two million Kenyans.

The programme, jointly funded by the Government of Kenya and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will benefit 407,176 households across 10 counties in western Kenya through investments in climate-smart agriculture, natural resource conservation, and sustainable rural development.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi presided over the national launch at the University of Eldoret under the theme, "Building Climate-Resilient Livelihoods Through Inclusive and Sustainable Development."

Mudavadi described the programme as a major milestone in Kenya's efforts to combat climate change while accelerating socio-economic transformation through the sustainable management of natural resources.

He said the initiative would enable counties endowed with rich agricultural potential, biodiversity, and water resources to better respond to the growing challenges of climate change, environmental degradation, food insecurity, and rural poverty.

"Implementing this programme demonstrates our determination as a nation to turn these challenges into opportunities by restoring our environment, improving livelihoods and strengthening our resilience. It will contribute to our socio-economic transformation journey and secure a better future for present and future generations," Mudavadi said. The Prime Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Mlongo Barasa, Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Paul Ronoh, Environment Principal Secretary Dr. Eng. Festus Ngeno, Treasury Principal Secretary Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Gender Principal Secretary Anne Wang'ombe, Trade Principal Secretary Regina Ombam, Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim and other senior national and county government officials.

The programme will be implemented in Elgeyo Marakwet, West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Kakamega, Kericho, Kisumu, Homa Bay and Migori counties, which continue to experience increasing climate-related shocks affecting agriculture, water resources and livelihoods.

According to Mudavadi, the focus on western Kenya reflects the urgent need to address environmental degradation and strengthen resilience in one of the country's most productive agricultural regions.

He noted that Kenya is richly endowed with forests, wetlands, rivers, fertile agricultural land and other natural resources that form the backbone of food production, water security, biodiversity conservation and the rural economy.

FEATURE: CONSERVATION

Water hyacinth offers livelihoods to lake communities despite health risks

BY REGINA JOY AND DAVIS LANGAT (KNA)

Along the shores of Lake Victoria in Kochia, Homa Bay County, the water appears calm, its surface blanketed by thick mats of water hyacinth. To many outsiders, the invasive weed symbolizes environmental degradation. But to the communities living along the lake, it represents something far more complex—a source of livelihood that is increasingly intertwined with growing health risks driven by climate change.

For generations, Lake Victoria has sustained thousands of families through fishing and related activities. Today, however, changing weather patterns, flooding, and the rapid spread of water hyacinth are reshaping both livelihoods and public health.

"This lake helps us survive. Widows, orphans, and even schoolchildren depend on it for their livelihoods," says Calvin Mingo, a resident of Kochia. "But the benefits have come with challenges."

For many residents, water hyacinth is not simply an invasive plant. Beneath its dense cover

Residents harvest small fish nyapus (juvenile fingerlings of the African sharptooth catfish) from beneath water hyacinth on Lake Victoria in Kochia, Homa Bay County. The fish are sold to fishermen who uses them as a bait for Nile perch and tilapia species. This activity provides income to local households despite the growing health risks associated with prolonged exposure to lake waters.Photo: Regina Joy

thrives nyapus, a small fish species that has become an important source of income.

"When there is water hyacinth, people are not jobless," says Peter Oyoma, who harvests nyapos from beneath the floating vegetation. "We sell it to fishermen and traders in Uganda, Busia, Usenge, and even Tanzania. It has a ready market."

The small fish are mainly used as bait for larger commercial species such as Nile perch and tilapia. Their trade provides seasonal income that helps families pay school fees, buy food and meet household expenses.

"When the water hyacinth drifts away, many people suffer," Oyoma adds. "This thing gives people money."

Yet earning that income comes at a cost. Harvesters spend long hours wading through stagnant lake water, often barefoot and without gloves or protective clothing. Health experts warn that prolonged exposure has increased the risk of water-borne and neglected tropical diseases, with climate change worsening the situation.

"Most of our patients are fisherfolk who stay in the water for long periods," says Molly Ochar, a nurse and outreach coordinator working with beach communities. "That prolonged contact is why we see many neglected tropical diseases."

According to Ochar, medical outreach programmes frequently diagnose bilharzia (schistosomiasis), intestinal worm infections, elephantiasis, river blindness and trachoma.

"These diseases thrive in contaminated or stagnant water," she explains. "When sanitation is poor and flooding washes waste into the lake, the same water is used for drinking, cooking and washing."

The health consequences are severe. Children suffer anaemia, malnutrition and delayed growth as parasitic worms deprive them of essential nutrients. Adults endure chronic pain, swollen limbs and declining physical strength, reducing their ability to earn a living.

"These conditions don't kill immediately," Ochar says. "But they slowly destroy productivity and dignity."

Beyond physical illness, the uncertainty created by climate change is taking a psychological toll on fishing communities.

"The biggest challenge is not knowing what to do," says Everline Akoth. "You wake up worried about food, school fees and sickness."

Health workers say persistent illness, declining incomes and food insecurity are contributing to anxiety and depression, especially among fishermen who continue working despite deteriorating health.

"When the body is affected, the mind is affected too," Ochar says. "We do counselling because many people feel ashamed or hopeless."

The World Health Organization has warned that climate change is increasing the spread of water-borne and vector-borne diseases while also undermining mental health, particularly in communities whose livelihoods depend directly on natural ecosystems.

KenGen secures fifth investor as Olkaria Green Energy Park attracts billions

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI AND ORPAH GESARE (KNA)

Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) has onboarded its fifth investor at the Green Energy Park in the geothermal-rich Olkaria fields in Naivasha, ushering in a new portfolio of investments worth billions of shillings.

The multi-billion-shilling investments reflect growing confidence in the company's capacity to power industrial production sustainably by harnessing clean energy sources, particularly geothermal power.

This comes after KenGen announced a new strategy aimed at generating 5,500MW of electricity from green energy sources to meet rising demand driven by increased investments across the country.

The move is further fuelled by strong investor confidence, which has seen more companies establish operations in Kenya to tap into sustainable, reliable and clean energy, especially geothermal power.

KenGen has also embarked on a multi-billion-shilling investment plan to double its geothermal power generation capacity from the current 754MW to 1,500MW by 2034 through public-private partnerships.

KenGen CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga, (right) welcomes the Director of Maxim Agri and Samakgro limited Joachim Wersterveld, who is the fifth investor seeking to establish a fish feed production facility at its green energy park in Olkaria Naivasha in a Sh. 2.6B investment.
PHOTO: ERASTUS GICHOHI

With electricity demand reaching a record peak of 2,550MW, the highest ever recorded in the country, the company is now seeking to accelerate the exploration and development of additional power sources, particularly geothermal energy.

According to KenGen CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga, the company seeks to tap more green power by rehabilitating old power stations and exploring new geothermal fields at the power-rich rift valley areas. He said the company will pump an extra 63MW from rehabilitation of its old Olkaria 1 power plant and tap extra megawatts from its Olkaria fields, Eburru, Suswa, and Longonot that hold huge potential in green energy production.

Speaking during the signing ceremony with the new investor in Olkaria Naivasha, Njenga said the company had on boarded its fifth investor, Maxim Agri and Samakgro limited in Sh2.6b fish feed production facility at its green energy park in Olkaria Naivasha.

BY THE NUMBERS

5,500

This comes after KenGen announced a new strategy aimed at generating 5,500MW of electricity from green energy sources to meet rising demand driven by increased investments across the country.

KFS expands conservation capacity with resource centre

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI AND SHARON NJERU

The Kenya Forest Service (KFS) has opened a Sh75 million GreenZones Development Support Project II Resource Centre at its headquarters in Nairobi, bolstering efforts to enhance forest conservation, institutional development, and environmental sustainability.

The facility, funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB), was officially commissioned by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Alex Lemarkoko, during a ceremony attended by government officials, development partners, and faith leaders.

Lemarkoko said the resource centre comes at a critical time as KFS undergoes significant transformation through increased staffing, enhanced ranger training, and expanded responsibilities in forest management and restoration. "Kenya Forest Service is undergoing a unique period of growth and transformation," said Lemarkoko, noting that the institution's workforce has expanded from about 3,000 to more than 6,000 employees.

He said the growth in staffing has been accompanied by enhanced ranger training and the recruitment of technical officers and cadets to strengthen the country's capacity for managing and conserving forest resources.

The CCF said KFS is leading efforts to achieve Kenya's national target of attaining 30 per cent tree cover by 2032 through expansion of tree nurseries and production of quality seedlings.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE WAQF COMMISSION

INVITATION OF VIEWS ON SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES

1. The Selection Panel for the Waqf Commission advertised eight vacancies for members of the Waqf Commission in the Daily Nation, the Star Newspaper and the Kenya Gazettte.
2. At the close of the advertisement on 26th June, 2026, a total of one hundred and forty eight (148) applications were received.
3. The Selection Panel reviewed the applications and shortlisted the following candidates.

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF MEMBER OF THE WAQF COMMISSION

S/No	NAME	HOME COUNTY
1	ABDI IBRAHIM ABDI	WAJIR
2	ABDULRAHMAN MANSWAB MAHSEN	MOMBASA
3	ABUBAKAR ZUBEIR ATHMAN	LAMU
4	AHMED AHMED OMAR	KILIFI
5	ALI ABDULLAH IBRAHIM	MACHAKOS
6	ASMAN WILLIAM SHARIFF	TRANS NZOIA
7	AYDAROOS MUHSIN SAYYID ALI	LAMU
8	BAJABER AHMED SAID SALIMU	KITUI
9	CHUI KHADIJAH GATIE	TANA RIVER
10	DIRIYE AHMED MOHAMED	WAJIR
11	DR. JADEED MOZA ALLY	MOMBASA
12	DUGOW MUSA IBRAHIM	WAJIR
13	GODANA ABDU DAE	LAMU
14	HACHE HASSAN ISSACK	MANDERA
15	HAJI RAMLA ABDULLAHI ISSACK	MANDERA
16	HAMADI YAYE SHOSI	KILIFI
17	KASMANI ASIYA SALEEM	MOMBASA
18	MABRUK KHAMIS RIZIK	KILIFI
19	MAHAMUD MAHAT ABDI	WAJIR
20	MOHAMED ABDISALAM SHEIKH	GARISSA
21	MUHAMED TALIB BWANA	MOMBASA
22	MUHUMED MOHAMUD SHEIKH	WAJIR
23	MUTUBWA HASSAN MOHAMED	KITUI
24	MWALIMU ABUU MOHAMED	LAMU
25	DR. MWAMBURI ADAM HAMISI	TAITA TAVETA
26	MWATSEFU JUMA MWARIKA	KWALE
27	DR. OMAR RASHID ALI	WAJIR
28	DR. OMARI HASSAN KINYUA	EMBU
29	RAMADHAN ODHIAMBO ABDUL	HOMA BAY
30	DR. SALIM ISLAM MOHAMED	MOMBASA
31	SHEIKH ISMAIL MUSA HAJIMALA	KISUMU
32	SHEIKH. ISSACK NABILA IBRAHIM	WAJIR
33	SUMBA HASSAN RAJAB	MOMBASA
34	SWALEH FEISAL HUSSEIN	EMBU
35	ZAINABU ZUWENA	NAIROBI

4. The Selection Panel invites the muslim community to submit, in writing, within 14 days from the date of this notice, any information of interest in respect of any shortlisted candidates, through the following channels:

Delivered to :

THE CHAIRPERSON
SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE WAQF COMMISSION
20TH FLOOR, CBK PENSIONS TOWERS HARAMBEE AVENUE
P. O. BOX 40112-00100
NAIROBI

Or

Emailed to: **waqf.recruitment2026@ag.go.ke**

5. Hard copy submissions should be sealed and marked 'confidential' .
6. The Selection Panel may interview any person who has submitted information on a candidate.

MOHAMED ALAWI HUSSUN
THE CHAIRPERSON
SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE WAQF COMMISSION

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MODULE II PROGRAMMES

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Tom Mboya University (TMU) is a premier, internationally recognized public university in Kenya, distinguished for excellence in teaching, research, and innovation. The University was awarded a Charter in 2022, making it a fully fledged public university.

TMU offers training at the Postgraduate, Undergraduate, and Diploma levels while actively promoting research and innovation. To enhance efficiency and convenience, the University has developed and implemented a fully digitized, paperless student application process, covering every stage from application to registration.

Admission is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of spaces in the respective programmes.

Prospective students are therefore encouraged to submit their applications online for the programmes listed below.

S/NO	PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY	DURATION/MODE OF STUDY
		CMG ARGWINGS KODHEK FACULTY OF LAW	
1.	Bachelor of Laws (LL. B)	Minimum requirements: Mean Grade of C+, and a B Plain in English or Kiswahili **Alternative requirements:** 3 Principals and a subsidiary at A levels and a credit pass in English **OR** a C plain with a Diploma Credit Pass from an institution accredited by the Council of Legal Education **OR** a degree from an institution recognized by the Commission for University Education with a minimum grade B (plain) in English at the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education or equivalent qualification.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
		FACULTY OF BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES	
1	Bachelor of Science (Physics, with IT)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and Mean Grade of C in both Physics/Physical Sciences and Mathematics at KCSE or its equivalent	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
2	Bachelor of Science (Basic Science, with IT)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and Mean Grade of C in Mathematics and Physics/Physical Sciences or Chemistry or Biology	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
3	Bachelor of Science (Industrial Chemistry, with IT	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E at least a Grade B- (B minus) in Chemistry, or physical Science and at least C+ (C Plus) in Physics and Mathematics at KCSE **or its equivalent.**	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
4	Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science, with IT)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and at least a Grade B- (B Minus) in Biology or Geography and a C+ (C Plus) in Chemistry and English or Kiswahili.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
5	Bachelor of Science (Actuarial Science, with IT)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and must have passed Mathematics with a minimum grade of B at K.C.S.E., or an Equivalent qualification.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
7	Bachelor of Science (Applied Statistics, with IT)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and passed Mathematics in the KCSE with a minimum Grade of B-.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
8	Bachelor of Science (Mathematics and Computer Science)	KCSE mean Grade of C+ (C Plus) and at least C+ in Mathematics and pass in Physics and Chemistry.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
10	Bachelor of Science (Mathematical Sciences)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and a passed Mathematics in the KCSE with a minimum Grade of B-.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
11	Bachelor of Science (Agribusiness Management, with IT)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and have at least C+ in Biology/Biological Sciences or B- Agriculture and C (Plain) in Mathematics or B (Plain) Business Studies/Commerce at KCSE.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
12	Bachelor of Science (Agronomy, with IT)	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and at least C+ in Biology/Biological Sciences or Agriculture; C (Plain) in Chemistry/ Physical Sciences and C- in Mathematics or Physics.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
14	Bachelor of Science (Horticulture, with IT)	(KCSE): Mean Grade of C+ or Grade C Plain with a Diploma in a relevant field.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
15	Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, with IT	Aggregate Grade of C+ (C Plus) at K.C.S.E and have at least C+ in Biology/Biological Sciences or B- Agriculture and C (Plain) in Mathematics or B (Plain) Business Studies/Commerce at KCSE.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
16	Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science	Be a holder of KCSE with a minimum aggregate of C+ (plus) for undergraduate programmes. Other admissible requirements may any of the following, be a holder of; KCE Division II with at least a CREDIT in Biology or Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Mathematics/Physics/Physical Sciences KACE with two (2) principal passes in Biology, Chemistry, Physics Mathematics and a subsidiary pass	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
17	Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Engineering	a) Be a holder of Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum aggregate of C+; **OR**	5 years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
17	Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Engineering	b) Be a holder of Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum of two principal passes and one subsidiary pass; **OR** c) Be a holder of a diploma or professional certificate in a relevant discipline from an institution recognized by the Senate of the University; **OR** d) Be a holder of any other qualification accepted by the Senate of the University as equivalent to any of the above. Candidates who hold any of the qualifications (c) or (d) above may, at the discretion of the Senate, be exempted from some courses.	5 years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
18	Bachelor of Science in Computing	KCSE mean Grade of C+ (C Plus) and at least C+ in Mathematics and pass in Physics and Chemistry.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
19	Diploma in Community Health Practice And Systems	A Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education with a mean grade of C- or its equivalent.	2 years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
20	Professional Certificate in Integrated Environmental Impact Assessment/Environmental Audit	First Degree or Equivalent in the following: - Environmental Studies - Biological Sciences - Chemistry - Engineering (Civil, Agriculture, Water) - Process/Chemical - Geography - Earth Sciences - Biophysical Sciences - Natural Sciences - Environmental Socio-cultural Studies - Environmental Law	6 weeks 210 Hours Face to Face/ Online (Blended)
		FACULTY OF EDUCATION	
1	Bachelor of Education (French, with IT)	Minimum Mean Grade of C+ (Plus) and Mean of C+ (Plus) in the two teaching subjects	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
2	Bachelor of Education (Home Science, with IT)	Minimum Mean Grade of C+ (Plus) and Mean of C+ (Plus) in the two teaching subjects	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
		FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS	
1	Bachelor of Arts (Business Studies, with IT)	(i) Be a holder of Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum aggregate of C+; **OR** (ii) Be a holder of Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum of two principal passes and one subsidiary pass; **OR** (iii) Be a holder of C- with a diploma or professional certificate in a relevant discipline from an institution recognized by the Senate of the University.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
2	Bachelor of Business Administration with IT	(i) Be a holder of Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum aggregate of C+; **OR** (ii) Be a holder of Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum of two principal passes and one subsidiary pass; **OR** (iii) Be a holder of C- with a diploma or professional certificate in a relevant discipline from an institution recognized by the Senate of the University.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
3	Bachelor of Economics with IT	Be a holder of KCSE with a minimum aggregate of with Grade C in Mathematics **OR** KCE Division II with at least a CREDIT in any relevant subject **OR** KACE with two (2) principal passes and a subsidiary pass **OR** Any other qualification accepted by the University Senate as equivalent.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
4	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Economics, with IT	KCSE with Grade B (Minus) in Mathematics **OR** KCE Division II with at least a CREDIT in Mathematics **OR** KACE with two (2) Principal Passes and a subsidiary pass **OR** Any other qualification accepted by the University Senate as equivalent.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
5	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Business Studies	Be a holder of KCSE with a minimum aggregate of C+ (plus) for undergraduate programmes with KCSE with Grade C in Mathematics **OR** KCE Division II with at least a CREDIT in any relevant subject **OR** KACE with two (2) principal passes and a subsidiary pass	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
6	Bachelor of Commerce	(i) Be a holder of Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum aggregate of C+; **OR**	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)

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S/NO	PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY	DURATION/MODE OF STUDY
6	Bachelor of Commerce	(ii) Be a holder of Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum of two principal passes and one subsidiary pass; **OR** (iii) Be a holder of C- with a diploma or professional certificate in a relevant discipline from an institution recognized by the Senate of the University.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
7	Bachelor of Science in Employment and Labour Studies	(i) Be a holder of Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum aggregate of C+; **OR** (ii) Be a holder of Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum of two principal passes and one subsidiary pass; **OR** (iii) Be a holder of a diploma or professional certificate in a relevant discipline from an institution recognized by the Senate of the University; **OR** (iv) Be a holder of any other qualification accepted by the Senate of the University as equivalent to any of the above. Candidates who hold any of the qualifications (iii) or (iv) above may, at the discretion of the Senate, be exempted from some courses.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
8	Bachelor of Science in Finanacial Economics	KCSE with Grade B (Minus) in Mathematics **OR** KCE Division II with at least a CREDIT in Mathematics **OR** KACE with two (2) Principal Passes and a subsidiary pass **OR** Any other qualification accepted by the University Senate as equivalent.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
9	Bachelor of Land and Estate Management	KCSE with a minimum aggregate of C+ (plus) for undergraduate programmes. **Other Admission Requirements** Be a holder of KCE Division II, **OR** Be a holder of KACE, **OR** Be a holder of any other qualification accepted by the University Senate as equivalent	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
10	Bachelor of Science in Marketing	(i) Be a holder of Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum aggregate of C+; **OR** (ii) Be a holder of Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (or equivalent examination) certificate with a minimum of two principal passes and one subsidiary pass; **OR** (iii) Be a holder of C- with a diploma or professional certificate in a relevant discipline from an institution recognized by the Senate of the University.	4 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
11	Diploma in Project Planning and Management	A Mean Grade of C- (Minus) at KCSE; or a Certificate in the relevant field	2 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
12	Diploma in Human Resource Management	A Mean Grade of C- (Minus) at KCSE; or a Certificate in the relevant field	2 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
13	Diploma in Business Administration	A Mean Grade of C- (Minus) at KCSE; or a Certificate in the relevant field	2 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
14	Diploma in Community Development	• A mean grade of C- (Minus) at KCSE or its equivalent; **OR** • A mean grade of D+ (Plus) at KCSE with at least a Certificate in a social science course or a related field from a recognized institution.	2 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
15	Diploma in Criminology	• A mean grade of C- (Minus) at KCSE or its equivalent; **OR** • A mean grade of D+ (Plus) at KCSE with at least a Certificate in a social science course or a related field from a recognized institution.	2 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)
16.	Diploma in Public Administration and Management	• A minimum mean grade of C- (Minus) at KCSE, KCE Division II, or an equivalent qualification; **OR** • A relevant certificate in project management, social development, social work, community development or a related field from a recognized institution.	2 Years Parallel (Day/Evening/ Weekend)

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

S/NO	PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY	DURATION
	FACULTY OF BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES		
	Masters		
1.	Master of Science in Applied Statistics	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Applied Statistics or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
2.	Master of Science in Actuarial Science	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Actuarial Science or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
3.	Master of Science in Applied Mathematics	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in which Mathematics was taken as a major subject. - At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of Education with Mathematics as a major subject - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
4.	Master of Science in Agri-Business Management	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Agribusiness Management or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
5.	Master of Science in Agricultural Extension	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Extension or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent	2 years
6.	Master of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Zoology or in a related field from an institution recognised by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
7.	Master of Science in Applied Parasitology & Vector Biology	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Zoology or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
8.	Master Science in Molecular Microbiology & Biotechnology	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Zoology or in a related field from an institution recognised by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
9.	Master of Science in Pure Mathematics	- Atleast an upper second class honors Bachelor of science degree in which Mathematics was taken as a major subject. - Atleast an upper second class honors Bachelor of Education with Mathematics as a major subject - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
10.	Master of Science in Chemistry	- Atleast an upper second class honors Bachelor of science degree in Chemistry as a single subject or in combination with other science disciplines. - Atleast an upper second class honors Bachelor of Education with Chemistry as a major subject - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
11.	Master of Science in Physics	- Atleast an upper second class honors Bachelor of science degree in which Physics was taken as a major subject. - Atleast an upper second class honors Bachelor of Education with Physics as a major subject - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
12.	Master of Science in Botany	- Atleast an upper second class honors Bachelor of science degree in Botany or in a related plant sciences from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
13.	Master of Science in Agronomy	- Atleast an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Agriculture or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
14.	Master of Science in Environmental Sciences	- Atleast an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Enviromental Science or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
15.	Master of Science in Applied Statistics	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Applied Statistics or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
16.	Master of Science in Actuarial Science	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Actuarial Science or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
17.	Master of Science in Applied Mathematics	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in which Mathematics was taken as a major subject. - At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of Education with Mathematics as a major subject - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
18.	Master of Science in Agri-Business Management	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Agribusiness Management or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
19.	Master of Science in Agricultural Extension	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Extension or in a related field from an institution recognized by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent	2 years
20.	Master of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology	- At least an upper second class honours Bachelor of science degree in Zoology or in a related field from an institution recognised by the University Senate - any other qualification that may be considered by the university senate as equivalent.	2 years
	Doctor of Philosophy		
21.	Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Parasitology & Vector Biology	- Masters degree with specialties in biological or Biomedical sciences. - Any other qualification considered by the University Senate as equivalent	3 years
22.	Doctor of Philosophy in Actuarial Science	- Masters degree in Actuarial Science. - Any other qualification considered by the University Senate as equivalent	3 years

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S/NO	PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY	DURATION/MODE OF STUDY
23.	Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Statistics	- Masters degree in Applied Statistics. - Any other qualification considered by the University Senate as equivalent	3 years
24.	Doctor of Philosophy in Pure Mathematics	- Masters degree in Pure Mathematics. - Any other qualification considered by the University Senate as equivalent	3 years
25.	Doctor of Philosophy in Cell and Molecular Biology	- Masters degree with specialties in biological or Biomedical sciences. - Any other qualification considered by the University Senate as equivalent	3 years
FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS			
Masters			
26.	Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology	At least an upper second class honours degree in Social Science or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
27.	Master of Arts in Economics	At least an upper second class honours degree in Economics, Education or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
28.	Master of Arts in History	At least an upper second class honours degree in History or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
29.	Master of Arts in Geography	At least an upper second class honours degree in Geography or Arts in the same field or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
30.	Master of Arts in Literature	At least an upper second class honours degree in Education, Literature or Arts in the same field or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
31.	Master of Arts in Project Planning & Management	At least an upper second class honours degree in Project planningandManagement,SocialScienceoranyotherqualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
32.	Master of Arts in Linguistics	At least an upper second class honours degree in Education, languages or Arts in the same field or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
33.	Master of Arts in Kiswahili	At least an upper second class honours degree in Kiswahili or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
34.	Master of Business Administration (Finance, Human Resource Management, Supply Chain Management, Entrepreneurship, Marketing) options	At least an upper second class honours degree in any of the following fields (Finance, Human Resource Management, Supply Chain Management, Entrepreneurship, Marketing or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
35.	Master of Arts in Sociology	At least an upper second class honours degree in Sociology or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
36.	Masters of Arts in Criminology	At least an upper second class honours degree in Criminology or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
37.	Masters of Arts in Anthropology	At least an upper second class honours degree in Anthropology or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
38.	Masters of Arts in Development Studies	At least an upper second class honours degree in social science or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy			
39.	Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies	A Master's degree in Religion or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
40.	Doctor of Philosophy Literature	A Master's degree in Literature or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
41.	Doctor of Philosophy in Kiswahili	A Master's degree in Kiswahili or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
42.	Doctor of Philosophy in Guidance & Counselling	A Master's degree in social science or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	3 years
43.	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration	A Master's degree in any of the following Fields (Finance, Human Resource Management, Supply Chain Management, Entrepreneurship, Marketing or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
44.	Doctor of Philosophy in Project planning and Management	A Master's degree in project Planning and Management or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
45.	Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology	A Master's degree in sociology or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
46.	Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology	A Master's degree in Anthropology or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
47.	Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology	A Master's degree in Criminology or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant Master's degree	3 years
48.	Doctor of Philosophy in Economics	A Master's degree in Economics or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	3 years

S/NO	PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY	DURATION/MODE OF STUDY
49.	Doctor of Philosophy in History	A Master's degree in history or any other qualifications considered by University Senate as equivalent to a relevant degree	3 years
FACULTY OF EDUCATION			
Masters			
50.	Master of Education in Planning & Economics of Education	Bachelor of Education	2 years
51.	Master of Education in Guidance & Counselling	Bachelor of Education	2 years
52.	Master of Education in Educational Psychology	Bachelor of Education	2 years
53.	Master of Education in Special Needs Education	Bachelor of Education(SNE)	2 years
54.	Master of Education in Curriculum Studies	Bachelor of Education	2 years
55.	Master of Education in Educational Technology	Bachelor of Education	2 years
56.	Master of Education in Pedagogy	Bachelor of Education	2 years
57.	Master of Education in Educational Administration	Bachelor of Education	2 years
58.	Master of Education in Educational Management	Bachelor of Education	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy			
59.	Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration	Masters of Education in Educational Administration	3 years
60.	Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy in Education	Masters of Education in Philosophy in Education	3 years
61.	Doctor of Philosophy in Planning & Economics of Education	Masters of Education in Planning & Economics of Education	3 years
62.	Doctor of Philosophy in Special Needs Education	Masters of Education in Special Needs Education	3 years
63.	Doctor of Philosophy in Pedagogy	Masters of Education in Pedagogy	3 years
64.	Doctor of Philosophy in Early Childhood Education	Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education	3 years
65.	Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology	Masters of Education in Educational Psychology	3 years
66.	Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum Studies	Masters of Education in Curriculum Studies	3 years
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The application should be complete and submitted **NOT LATER THAN 20THAUGUST 2026.** New students will be advised on orientation programme scheduled for the week beginning **31ST AUGUST 2026** in preparation for the academic year that begins on **1ST SEPTEMBER 2026.**

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Ruto hails Thwake Dam as game-changer for food security in Lower Eastern Kenya

Thwake Dam, pictured, is expected to secure food production, protect millions of people from drought alongside powering new industries in Lower Eastern Kenya.

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI (KNA)

President William Ruto has championed the Thwake Multipurpose Dam as a cornerstone of his Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), describing irrigation as the most transformative intervention in Kenya's agricultural sector.

He said the Thwake Dam will serve as a lifeline, securing food production, protecting millions from drought, powering new industries, and transforming Lower Eastern Kenya from a region defined by scarcity into a hub of opportunity.

Across the sun-scorched plains of Makueni, Kitui, and Machakos counties, families have long endured arduous journeys in search of water, while farmers have watched their crops wither under erratic rainfall and communities have lived under the constant threat of drought.

Supported by the Government of Kenya and the African Development Bank (AfDB), the project is among the country's largest water infrastructure investments.

Once completed, the Thwake Dam—an 80.5-metre-high concrete structure designed to hold 688 million cubic metres of water—will be the largest reservoir in Kenya and one of the biggest in Africa.

"Water is life," President Ruto has repeatedly emphasized, linking the Thwake project directly to the government's agenda of expanding irrigation and strengthening resilience against climate-related shocks.

President Ruto has argued that irrigation is "the ultimate solution in guaranteeing food security in our country," a statement that resonates deeply in a region where rainfall has too often dictated fortune and failure.

Thwake is expected to supply 150,000 cubic metres of treated water daily to about 1.3 million people across Makueni, Kitui, and Konza Techno City in Machakos.

For households, this means clean water closer to home, less time spent walking long distances, and more time for school, work, and enterprise. Women and children, who have carried the heaviest burden of water collection, stand to gain immediate relief.

Phase four of the programme will irrigate 40,000 hectares, roughly 100,000 acres, opening the door to repeated planting seasons, higher yields, and stronger local markets.

"We must move from rain-fed agriculture to irrigation-fed agriculture," Ruto said, underscoring his belief that Thwake is the missing link between fertile soils and actual productivity.

The dam's potential stretches beyond agriculture, plans include a hydropower component with an installed capacity of 20 megawatts, sanitation and wastewater systems, and industrial water supply.

For Konza Techno City, Kenya's flagship smart city project, Thwake is indispensable. Its long-term expansion depends on dependable water systems, and the dam is set to deliver exactly that. In this way, Thwake bridges rural development with national modernization, tying the fate of smallholder farmers to the ambitions of a digital economy.

BY THE NUMBERS

1.3 million

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Government unveils coffee revival drive in North Rift

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER (KNA)

The Government has intensified efforts to revive Kenya's coffee sector with the launch of the Coffee Revitalisation Programme in the North Rift region, targeting increased production and expansion into new coffee-growing areas.

Speaking during the regional launch for West Pokot, Nandi, Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo-Marakwet counties at the Rift Valley Technical Training Institute (RVTTI) in Eldoret, Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSME Development Wycliffe Oparanya said the initiative follows the national launch by President William Ruto two weeks ago and marks the start of a nationwide county rollout.

Oparanya said the Government aims to increase Kenya's annual coffee production from the current 50,000 metric tonnes to 150,000 metric tonnes by 2029/2030, describing the target as critical to restoring the country's position among the world's leading coffee producers.

He noted that Kenya was once Africa's second-largest coffee producer after Ethiopia but has since dropped to fifth place due to poor management of coffee cooperatives and inadequate government support, which led many farmers to abandon the crop.

The CS said the government is addressing the challenges through comprehensive reforms, including amendments to the Cooperative Act currently under discussion in Parliament. He expressed optimism that the revised law would be enacted by September, providing stronger governance for cooperatives across the country.

To support the revival programme, Oparanya said the government allocated Sh500 million to the coffee sector last year and has increased the allocation to Sh1 billion this financial year to finance sector reforms and farmer support.

He said the Coffee Revitalization Programme adopts a whole-of-government approach, bringing together county commissioners, county governments, Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (KPCU), the Coffee Research Institute, the Nairobi Coffee Exchange and other stakeholders to coordinate implementation at the county level.

County steering committees have been tasked with profiling coffee farmers, mapping acreage under coffee, identifying suitable varieties, monitoring production and regularly submitting progress reports to the national government.

"The information from the counties will enable us to know where seedlings, machinery and other interventions are required so that support reaches farmers in good time," said Oparanya.

The CS highlighted key reforms already implemented in the coffee sector, including reducing payment periods from more than a month to five days after coffee sales. He added that once the new law takes effect, farmers will receive 80 per cent of their earnings directly through the Direct Settlement System (DSS), while 20 per cent will go to their cooperatives.

Oparanya also announced that the government has already released Sh4 billion to facilitate the waiver of historic coffee cooperative debts and is seeking an additional Sh2.8 billion through a supplementary budget to complete the exercise.

He said the government intends to prevent future indebtedness by strengthening access to affordable financing under the Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund (CCARF).

To reduce production costs, the CS said the government, through KPCU, will establish strategic coffee milling plants instead of requiring cooperatives to purchase expensive milling equipment. Eldoret is among the towns earmarked to host a government-supported coffee mill alongside Kakamega and several centres in the Mt Kenya region.

The ministry is also negotiating with manufacturers to enable farmers to acquire coffee pulping machines at subsidized prices.

Oparanya commended Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii for embracing coffee farming, saying the county has demonstrated strong commitment to expanding the crop compared to many other regions.

He urged political leaders to lead by example by investing in coffee farming, noting that the crop has enormous potential to create jobs, increase household incomes and stimulate economic growth.

The Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSMEs Development Wycliffe Oparanya speaking during the regional launch Of Coffee Revitalization Programme for West Pokot, Nandi, Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo-Marakwet counties at the Rift Valley Technical Training Institute (RVTTI) in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

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13,000-seater Kwale Stadium opens doors for local athletes

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

The opening of the modern Kwale Stadium by President William Ruto during the Mashujaa Day celebrations held in Kwale County two years ago has created new sporting opportunities for youths and elevated the county's profile as a key sports destination in Kenya.

The state-of-the-art facility, the first of its kind in the Coast region, has a seating capacity of about 13,000 spectators and was constructed through a partnership between the National Government and the Kwale County Government.

Kwale County Governor, Fatuma Achani, said the Stadium has become a preferred venue for national football clubs and major league competitions due to its world-class standards.

"The Stadium meets FIFA standards and has enabled Kwale County to host major sporting events, including the 2026 Mozzart Bet Cup and Kenya Premier League matches.

Renowned clubs such as Bandari FC, Ulinzi Stars, Tusker FC, Kenya Police FC and Bidco United have all utilized the facility," said Achani.

The Governor noted that the County government has complemented the investment by constructing 24 sports grounds across the County to promote talent development and steer young people away from drug and substance abuse.

Kwale Stadium has continued to attract sporting activities from across the country.

The Director in the State Department for East African Community Affairs, Musa Okwemba, addressing stakeholders at Busia Vocational Training Centre grounds.

Busia Jumuiya Market set to boost cross-border trade

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND RODGERS OMONDI (KNA)

Preparations for the establishment of the Busia Jumuiya Cross-Border Market are at an advanced stage, with the national government expressing confidence that the facility will transform Busia into a regional commercial hub and boost cross-border trade within the East African Community (EAC).

The announcement was made during a sensitisation forum for cross-border traders on the EAC trade regime held in Busia.

In a speech delivered on her behalf by the Director in the State Department for EAC, Musa Okwemba, Principal Secretary for East African Community Affairs Dr Carolyne Karugu said the government was implementing a directive to establish Jumuiya markets at Kenya's border points to facilitate trade among EAC member states.

"I am pleased to note that preparations for the commencement of the Busia Jumuiya Cross-Border Market are at an advanced stage. This project will significantly transform Busia into a regional commercial hub. The Busia Jumuiya Market will serve as the pilot centre.

These markets will support MSMEs to undertake cross-border trade in modern and well-equipped facilities," the statement read.

"The deployed officers are assisting in coordinating implementation of EAC commitments, facilitating resolution of cross-border trade challenges, improving inter-agency coordination, and ensuring businesses benefit fully from regional integration," she said.

Dr. Karugu further highlighted several trade facilitation instruments developed by the EAC to ease cross-border business for traders.

Among them are the EAC Simplified Guide for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which provides practical information on import and export procedures, customs requirements, duties and taxes, border procedures, and available support services.

She also cited the EAC Simplified Trade Regime (STR), the annual EAC MSMEs Trade Fair, One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs), and ongoing efforts to eliminate non-tariff trade barriers across the region.

Busia County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Olekachuna Omuse, welcomed the sensitization forum, saying it would help traders better understand the opportunities available under the simplified trade regime while encouraging the use of official border crossing points.

"We need to reduce the porous borders by enabling our traders to understand the Simplified Trade Regime, which will encourage them to embrace official crossing points rather than porous borders. This will be achieved through capacity building. There is also a need to establish an information centre at the border so that all traders receive the same information, reducing misinformation that often causes unnecessary suffering while conducting business in neighbouring countries," he said.

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Omuse also highlighted ongoing investments aimed at promoting value addition and expanding trade in Busia County.

"We are among the 12 counties selected to host an Export Processing Zone and the County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP). These projects will promote consumption of locally produced goods through value addition. The projects are about 90 per cent complete through investments by both the county and national governments. We need our traders to position themselves so they can benefit from government funding and opportunities in value addition," he added.

Despite welcoming the government's initiatives, traders used the forum to raise concerns over challenges that continue to affect cross-border trade.

Kenya International Freight and Warehousing Association (KIFWA) Busia Liaison Office Secretary General, Peter Ojera, said inadequate infrastructure and congestion at the Busia One Stop Border Post have increased the cost of doing business.

Daycare programme helps young mothers return to school in Murang'a

BY PURITY MUGO (KNA)

A daycare programme established at a vocational training centre in Mathioya Constituency, Murang'a County, is enabling young mothers to return to school by providing safe childcare services as they pursue skills training.

The initiative, introduced by the 360 Climate Institute, is helping teenage mothers rebuild their lives after pregnancies interrupted their education. It allows them to balance motherhood and learning without compromising the well-being of their children.

At the heart of the programme is the "Cha Mama" Daycare Baby Crèche, where trained caregivers look after infants and toddlers from morning to evening as their mothers attend classes. The arrangement enables learners to concentrate on their studies while remaining close enough to breastfeed and check on their children during breaks.

The programme was established in response to the growing number of young women who wished to resume their education but lacked reliable childcare support.

For many beneficiaries, the initiative has become a pathway to restoring confidence, acquiring employable skills and securing a better future for themselves and their children.

Jane Njeri, a beneficiary from Nyandarua County, said the programme had enabled her to continue pursuing a catering course after giving birth.

She explained that she enrolled at the institution while pregnant and took maternity leave before returning to complete her training with the support of the daycare facility.

Nancy Gakii, a caregiver at the 360 Climate Institute's "Cha Mama" Daycare Baby Crèche in Mathioya, Murang'a County, looks after one of the children as young mothers attend vocational training classes. The initiative enables beneficiaries to balance motherhood with education and skills development.

"I first learnt about this school online, applied and joined to study catering. At the time I was pregnant," she said.

Njeri noted that balancing exclusive breastfeeding with coursework has not been easy but said the daycare has made it possible for her to continue learning without neglecting her child.

She expressed gratitude to the institution for creating an environment that allows young mothers to pursue education while fulfilling their parental responsibilities.

Another beneficiary, Jane Wanjiru, has progressed from being one of the programme's first students to becoming a trainer at the institution.

She described the initiative as a turning point that transformed what once seemed like the end of her education into an opportunity for personal and professional growth.

"I am a trainer and a beneficiary of the daycare centre. I would not be able to work without the daycare because it helps me juggle work and motherhood," she said.

Wanjiru encouraged other young mothers who had abandoned education after becoming pregnant to take advantage of similar opportunities and work towards rebuilding their futures.

The success of the programme has also been attributed to caregivers such as Nancy Gakii, who ensures children are well-fed, safe and cared for throughout the day.

Her work enables mothers to attend lessons with confidence, knowing their children are receiving proper care in a secure environment.

The initiative has received positive support from members of the local community, who say it is helping reduce the stigma often associated with teenage motherhood.

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Resident Susan Wangui said many parents are unable to care for their daughters' children during the day because they also have to work to support their families.

"We have girls who dropped out of school after getting pregnant and sometimes, as parents, we cannot help with childcare because we also have to work the whole day," she said.

Joseph Gikungu welcomed the programme, saying it restores hope to young mothers who would otherwise struggle to return to school.

"Allowing young mothers to come to school with their children makes me happy because it gives them hope," he said.

According to the Chief Executive Officer of the 360 Climate Institute, Daniel Irungu, the initiative was launched in 2024 after the organisation identified a growing need among young mothers seeking vocational training.

"We realised there was a gap in society when we saw many young mothers who wanted skills but had no one to take care of their young children," he said.

Irungu said early parenthood should not mark the end of a young woman's education or career aspirations, adding that access to skills training can help young mothers achieve financial independence.

The institute's founder and Board Chairperson, Hannah Muriithi, said the idea was inspired by the determination shown by young mothers who wanted to learn but were held back by childcare responsibilities.

Committee formed to review obsolete laws, purge illegal provisions

BY DOUGLAS NAMUNANE AND IRENE ATHO (PCO)

A multi-sectoral committee has been established to review several statutory provisions contained in the 2010 Constitution that have become obsolete or have been declared unconstitutional by courts.

The committee, chaired by Kenya Law Reform Commission Chairperson Christine Agimba, will review and evaluate statutory provisions and legislation that have been declared unconstitutional, invalid, or inconsistent by courts of competent jurisdiction.

While unveiling the committee at her office in Nairobi, Attorney General Dorcas Oduor said the team would undertake a comprehensive review anchored on four key pillars. These include examining judicial jurisprudence, assessing statutory provisions and subsidiary legislation declared unconstitutional, invalid, or inconsistent by courts, and recommending necessary reforms.

Other areas of focus will include purging the statute books by identifying and recommending the repeal of obsolete, redundant, or spent laws that no longer serve any practical, legal, or administrative purpose, as well as addressing legislative gaps. "This committee is not just another administrative task force. It is envisioned as a seminal inter-institutional engine room designed to modernize Kenya's legal architecture, protect constitutionalism and ensure our laws serve the contemporary public interest," Oduor stated.

A multi-sectoral Committee Chaired by the Kenya Law Reforms Commission Chairperson Ms. Christine Agimba (Front row, second right) during the official launch. The Attorney General Dorcas Oduor (Fourth from Left, seated row) presided over the launch at her offices.

She also announced that the Committee will analyze the structural and policy gaps that have emerged over time due to constitutional, judicial and institutional developments.

The committee was tasked to harmonize the framework, formulate concrete legislative policy and administrative interventions including proposals for repeal, amendment, consolidation or fresh enactment to align the Country's laws with contemporary governance standards.

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"We are gathered here to address a persistent governance gap in our legal system and that gap is the presence of statutes and statutory provisions on our laws and on our law books that have been invalidated by courts but remain unamended, unrepealed or unaligned", she emphasized.

The Attorney General explained that if any statute or a section of it that is declared unconstitutional under Article 24 by either the High Court, Court of Appeal or the Supreme, it becomes null and void to the extent of its inconsistency.She, however, pointed out that such decisions do not automatically clean up the physical text of the laws of Kenya. "Dozens of provisions struck down by the judiciary remain intact in our legislative text, because follow up legislative action was never completed," Oduor reiterated.

FEATURE: INFORMAL TRAINING

Government certification programme unlocks opportunities for skilled artisans

BY MABEL KEYA AND JOHN OCHIENG (KNA)

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) was formally introduced in Kenya in 2024 following Cabinet approval of the national RPL policy and the subsequent launch of the RPL Policy Framework.

The RPL programme is a government initiative that assesses and accredits the practical skills, knowledge, and experience of Jua Kali artisans, mechanics, and other informal sector workers. The system enables individuals to obtain nationally recognized certification for competencies acquired through work experience or informal training, without the need to undergo traditional classroom-based learning.

The programme was designed to support millions of workers in the informal sector by providing official recognition of their real-world skills and expertise. For artisans in the Jua Kali industry and other skilled workers, this certification creates pathways to formal employment, career advancement, and further education and training opportunities.

Assessment and certification are conducted by institutions accredited by the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) and relevant government agencies, including the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA).

Brian Ouma refurbishing an old motor-cycle at his garage in Mamboleo area in Kisumu.

Through RPL, individuals can obtain an official government-recognized certificate for skills they already possess, even if they have never attended a formal college or training institution. This allows experienced workers to leverage their practical expertise to access better employment opportunities and improve their livelihoods.

To date, the Kenyan government has certified more than 60,000 skilled workers who previously lacked formal academic qualifications. As a result, many are now better positioned to secure employment, compete for contracts, and participate in government procurement opportunities.

We now devolve into the story of three such young artisans to now qualify to be certified as people having mastered enough skills in the field of motorcycle mechanics.

The metallic sound of hammers striking steel echoes through the busy streets of Mamboleo estate in Kisumu County. The smell of engine oil fills the air as mechanics move from one motorcycle to another, their hands blackened by grease but their faces bright with determination.

In one corner of Lake View Auto Garage, an old motorcycle that many would consider scrap slowly comes back to life.

For 31-year-old Brian Ouma, every damaged motorcycle tells a story. Where others see a machine destined for the scrapyard, he sees opportunity.

"I always believed that an old motorcycle still has value if someone has the skills and patience to rebuild it," he says while tightening a bolt on a refurbished engine.

Brian started the garage in 2020 after spending nearly seven years working as an apprentice. Growing up in Manyatta estate, he watched his parents struggle to provide for the family. Unable to continue with college because of financial difficulties, he decided to learn motorcycle mechanics from a workshop in the neighborhood.

"It wasn't easy in the beginning," he recalls. "Sometimes I worked for an entire day and earned almost nothing. But I knew that if I became skilled, one day I would own my own garage."

Today, Brian works alongside two fellow mechanics, Kevin Onyango and Peter Ochieng, restoring motorcycles that have been involved in accidents or abandoned because owners considered them too expensive to repair.

The team buys damaged motorcycles, repairs engines, replaces worn-out parts, repaints the frames and sells them at affordable prices. They also repair customers' motorcycles, perform routine servicing and offer spare parts.

Their workshop receives an average of 10 to 15 customers each day, ranging from boda boda riders and delivery operators to private motorcycle owners.

On a good day, the garage generates between Sh15,000 and Sh25,000 in revenue. After paying for spare parts, rent, electricity and workers' wages, Brian says the business makes a daily profit of approximately Sh5,000 to Sh8,000.

"The profit depends on the type of repairs," he explains. "Some days are slow, but when we rebuild and sell a motorcycle, the returns are much better."

Makueni distributes 385 bicycles to Community Health Promoters

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI (KNA)

The Makueni County Government has launched a major initiative to strengthen community healthcare by distributing 385 bicycles to Community Health Promoters (CHPs) and introducing free ambulance services to improve access to healthcare across the county.

Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. flagged off the bicycles at the Mother and Child Hospital in Wote, stating that the Sh6 million investment will enhance the mobility of CHPs, enabling them to reach more households and deliver essential health services more efficiently.

The bicycles were distributed across five wards, with Ivingoni/Nzambani receiving 239, Kikumbulyu South and Kikumbulyu North receiving 49 each, while Masongaleni and Thange received 24 bicycles apiece.

Governor Mutula said the bicycles were procured after residents highlighted transportation challenges facing Community Health Promoters during public participation forums held in the previous financial year.

He noted that CHPs are often the first point of contact for patients at the community level, particularly in remote areas, where they are required to walk long distances while carrying medical kits weighing up to 20 kilogrammes.

"The work these Community Health Promoters do is enormous. They are the first contact within our communities and often travel across difficult terrain to reach households. These bicycles will ease their burden and improve service delivery," he said.

Makueni County Governor Mutula Kilonzo (right) inspects bicycles before flagging them off for Community Health Promoters during the launch of the programme at the Mother and Child Hospital in Wote, Makueni County. PHOTO: PATRICK NYAKUNDI/KNA

The Governor said improved mobility would enable CHPs to meet their monthly target of visiting at least 33 households while enhancing disease surveillance, maternal and child healthcare, health education and follow-up of patients. He encouraged the remaining 26 wards in the county to prioritise the purchase of bicycles in the next budget cycle to ensure all Community Health Promoters benefit from the programme.

Mutula announced that the county government, working with a development partner, plans to procure an additional 1,000 bicycles during the current financial year to further strengthen community health services. During the event, the Governor also officially launched free ambulance services for patients referred by clinicians as well as those requiring emergency medical attention within and outside the county.

The free ambulance programme, which began on July 1, 2026, has already facilitated the transportation of 265 patients to health facilities where they received specialised treatment.

Public hospitals receive 71 modern operating theatres

President Willam Ruto (R) inspecting a modern operating theatre under the National Equipment Service Programme.

BY ABDI MOHAMED (MYGOV)

Public hospitals across Kenya have received 71 modern operating theatres under the National Equipment Service Programme, significantly strengthening the country's surgical capacity and improving access to quality healthcare services.

The installations, undertaken by Sunview Medipro International in partnership with the government, targeted Level 5 and Level 6 referral hospitals as well as selected sub-county hospitals, particularly those serving high-population areas and providing critical maternal healthcare services.

Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), the country's largest referral hospital, received the biggest share in June 2026, with 15 fully equipped operating theatres.

Other major beneficiaries include Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (six theatres), Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret (five), Machakos Teaching and Referral Hospital (five), Kilifi County Referral Hospital (five), Wajir County Referral Hospital (two), Malindi County Referral Hospital (two), Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital (one), and county hospitals in Siaya, Bungoma, Isiolo, Kisii and Meru, each receiving one theatre.

Hospitals providing essential maternal healthcare services were also prioritized to enhance emergency obstetric care and reduce delays in life-saving surgical interventions.

Kitengela Sub-County Hospital in Kajiado County received one.

Speaking during the installation at Kitengela Sub-County Hospital, Medical Superintendent Dr. Veronica Abuto described the new theatre as a major milestone for the facility, which serves patients from Kajiado, Machakos and Nairobi Counties.

She said the hospital records more than 500 deliveries every month, many of which require emergency surgical interventions, including caesarean sections.

"All along we had one operating theatre in place. With the new theatre, we are going to address the issues of maternal health, making sure that our mothers go back home healthy and with healthy babies," Dr. Abuto said.

Beyond referral hospitals, Sunview Medipro International has also equipped several sub-county hospitals, some of which previously operated without any theatre facilities. Beneficiary counties include Embu, Meru, Bungoma, Mombasa, Kisumu, Baringo, Nakuru, Uasin Gishu, Kitui, Kisii, Tharaka Nithi, Narok, Kilifi and Kirinyaga.

The newly installed theatres are equipped with advanced surgical technology, including operating lights, operating tables, anaesthesia machines, patient monitors, syringe pumps, infusion pumps and other essential theatre accessories designed to support safe and efficient surgical procedures.

The installations form part of the National Equipment Service Program (NESP), which seeks to modernize healthcare infrastructure and improve access to specialized medical services across the country.

Kenya, EU partnership on digital transformation

BY EUGINE OTIENO

Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Stephen Isaboke (Left) and Principal Secretary for ICT and Digital Economy, Eng John Tanui (Right)

Ms. Milou Vanmulken, Digitalisation Leader to European Union Delegation to Kenya.

Kenya and the European Union have committed to work closely on artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and digital infrastructure to support the country's ambitious digital transformation agenda.

The commitment was made during a high-level meeting between Principal Secretaries for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Stephen Isaboke and ICT and Digital Economy, Eng John Tanui and a delegation from the EU-funded Global Gateway ICT Standards (GIST) Project.

Speaking at the event, Principal Secretary Eng Tanui said Kenya has made significant strides in digitising government services and digital infrastructure, creating an urgent need for robust standards to underpin the country's next phase of growth.

"We have embarked on a very ambitious plan of building a digital country and a digital government. Standards are becoming increasingly important because they provide the foundation for interoperability, security and trust across our digital ecosystem," he said.

Eng Tanui noted that the Government has developed key frameworks, including the Government Enterprise Architecture and the Government Interoperability Framework, to guide digital transformation in the country.

He said collaboration with European standards organisations would help Kenya strengthen these frameworks while ensuring locally developed digital products meet international requirements.

"As Kenya positions itself as a regional digital leader and begins exporting digital solutions across Africa, it is critical that our products and services comply with internationally recognised standards so they can access global markets, including the European Union," he said.

Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Isaboke said Kenya is entering a crucial phase of implementing flagship digital projects, making the partnership timely.

"The ground is now ripe for many of these initiatives. We are closing one phase of our digital transformation journey, and this is the right moment to ensure standards underpin everything we are building," he said.

He pointed to the country's rapid digitisation of government services, noting that thousands of public services are now accessible online and require globally recognised standards to improve interoperability, efficiency and user experience.

The EU delegation said the partnership seeks to strengthen cooperation on ICT standardisation while promoting trusted, human-centred digital technologies that support innovation, trade and sustainable development.

The EU delegation Digitalisation Lead to Kenya, Milou Vanmulken, said ICT standards play a critical role in removing technical barriers to trade, enhancing interoperability and supporting stronger economic relations between Kenya and Europe.

"We see this as an opportunity to expand our strategic partnership with Kenya by identifying priority areas where closer collaboration on ICT standards can benefit both our economies and deepen our digital cooperation," she said.

The GIST Project, funded by the European Commission and implemented by the three European Standardisation Organisations, will establish a long-term technical cooperation framework with Kenya through the deployment of resident standards experts based in Nairobi until 2028.

The experts said they will support Kenyan institutions to adopt international best practices while facilitating greater participation in global standards development processes.

The project has identified AI, digital identity, e-government interoperability and cybersecurity as initial priority areas, while remaining flexible to accommodate Kenya's emerging priorities.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TANATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE FOR THE BULK WATER SUPPLY UNDER MWALA CLUSTER WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Notice is hereby given to the general public, stakeholders, and all interested parties that Tanathi Water Works Development Agency (TAWWDA) intends to undertake public participation meetings regarding the proposed bulk water supply under the Mwala Cluster Water Supply Project proposed to serve the towns of Oldonyo Sapuk, Mbiuni, Kivandini, Mwala, Makutano, and Masii.

The purpose of these meetings is to inform stakeholders about the project and the adoption of bulk water supply by the Agency, receive comments, views, and recommendations from the public, and ensure inclusive participation in accordance with the principles of public participation as required under the laws of Kenya. Members of the public, community leaders, institutions, and other interested stakeholders are invited to attend the public participation meetings which will be held as follows:

Meeting Schedule:

S. No	Location	Date	Time
1	Mbiuni	12th August 2026	10 am
2	Mwala	13th August 2026	10 am
3	Masii	14th August 2026	10 am

The public is encouraged to attend and provide views, comments, or written submissions regarding the project and the adoption of bulk water supply by the Agency. Written comments may also be submitted through the contact below before the finalization of the project documentation.

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KOITALEEL SAMOEI UNIVERISTY COLLEGE

(A CONSTITUENT COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI)

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS TUESDAY JULY 28, 2026

Koitaleel Samoei University College (KSUC) is a Constituent College of the University of Nairobi and the first public University in Nandi County. Founded in the Year 2018 vide Legal Notice No. 177.

In pursuits of its mission and mandate the University College invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following under listed vacancies:

a) Academic Positions

S / NO.	DESIGNATION	DEPARTMENT	SCALE	NO. OF POST	ADVERT REF. NO.
1.	Senior Lecturer in Physical Education and Sports	Sports Science in School of Education (SOE)	13A	1	KSUC/AC/01/07/2026
2.	Senior Lecturer in Kiswahili	Literature, Languages and Linguistics - (SOE)	13A	1	KSUC/AC/02/07/2026
3.	Lecturer in Applied Mathematics	Science and Technology	12A	1	KSUC/AC/03/07/2026
4.	Lecturer in Statistics	Science and Technology	12A	1	KSUC/AC/04/07/2026
5.	Lecturer in Geography	Humanities and Social Sciences - (SOE)	12A	1	KSUC/AC/05/07/2026
6.	Lecturer in History		12A	1	KSUC/AC/06/07/2026
7.	Lecturer in Literature		12A	1	KSUC/AC/07/07/2026
8.	Lecturer in Kiswahili		12A	1	KSUC/AC/08/07/2026

b) Administrative Positions

S/NO.	DESIGNATION	SCALE	NO. OF POST	ADVERT REF. NO.
1.	Deputy Director Finance and Accounts	14	1	KSUC/ADM/05/07/2026
2.	Assistant Director, Finance and Accounts	13	1	KSUC/ADM/06/07/2026
4.	Counsellor II	EF	1	KSUC/ADM/07/07/2026
5.	Pharmaceutical Technologist II	CD	1	KSUC/ADM/08/07/2026
6.	Driver II	IV	1	KSUC/ADM/09/07/2026

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New biometric system to cut police clearance processing time to 24 hours

BY SHARON NJERU AND ZIPPORAH ODIONYI (KNA)

The Government has launched a new multi-biometric identification system (MBIS) expected to reduce the processing time for police clearance certificates to within 24 hours.

The system will cut clearance processing time from up to 14 days to as little as one day, while enhancing investigators' ability to identify suspects and manage criminal records.

Launched at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) headquarters along Kiambu Road in Nairobi, the system integrates fingerprint, palm-print and facial recognition technologies into a single secure and scalable platform.

Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen said the new system marks a major shift from traditional policing to a modern, science- and technology-driven criminal justice system. He noted that the system will increase the capacity of the biometric database from two million to 10 million records, while raising daily fingerprint searches from about 4,500 to 20,000. "The next step is the Multi-Biometric Identification System (MBIS)," Murkomen said, adding that the technology would enable faster identification, verification and intelligence sharing.

Mohamed Amin Director, Directorate of Criminal Investigations, (Left), Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary, Kipchumba Murkomen (Second Left), Inspector General of the National Police Service, Douglas Kanja, (Far right) during the launch of the Multi-Biometric Identification System Version 5 and handover of the ANAB accreditation certificate at DCI Headquarters in Nairobi.

Equally, the CS disclosed that the Government is working towards integrating the system with the National Registration Bureau, the Judiciary, Immigration and Interpol, subject to the necessary legislative and policy interventions.

The integration, he emphasised, would strengthen real-time intelligence sharing, improve cross-border cooperation, and make it harder for habitual offenders to evade detection.

Murkomen also announced plans to extend biometric enrolment services to police stations across the country, bringing the technology closer to members of the public and speeding up investigations. The launch coincided with the handover of the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation certificate to the Forensic Evidence Management Unit (FEMU), a milestone that officials said strengthens the integrity and credibility of forensic evidence used in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

The accreditation makes the FEMU at the National Police Service Forensic Laboratory Africa's first internationally accredited forensic evidence management unit, according to officials at the ceremony.

Also speaking at the event, Inspector General (IG) of the National Police Service, Douglas Kanja, highlighted that the two milestones represented significant progress in the transformation of the country's policing and criminal justice system.

He explained that the forensic laboratory had evolved into a critical component of modern criminal investigations by providing scientific and technical support to the National Police Service and other law enforcement agencies.

Tana River County commences hospital equipment upgrades

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The Tana River County Government has commenced a hospital equipment upgrade programme aimed at enhancing the quality of healthcare delivery across the county.

Hola and Ngao referral hospitals have become the first health facilities in the vast county to receive modern surgical and clinical equipment to improve the provision of quality healthcare services.

The two county referral hospitals received the equipment under the National Equipment Service Programme (NESP), a collaborative initiative between the Ministry of Health, the Council of Governors and the Social Health Authority (SHA).

NESP is a Sh200 billion healthcare initiative designed to supply public hospitals with modern diagnostic and treatment machines such as CT scanners, dialysis units, digital X-rays).

Unlike older lease models, it operates on a Fee-For-Service (FFS) model where vendors handle installation and maintenance, and are paid only for actual services used.

Area Governor, Maj. (Rtd) Dhadho Godhana, commissioned the state-of-the-art operating theater at the Hola county referral hospital.

"We are not just acquiring medical equipment but are investing in the health and wellbeing of our people by laying the foundation for improved service delivery," he said.

During the commissioning Godhana was accompanied by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health, Medical Services, and Sanitation, Kofa Jara, and Director of Health Services, Dr. Nicholas Mwenda.

1. **Some of the surgical equipment acquired by the Tana River County Government: Hola and Ngao referral hospitals have acquired the latest surgical equipment.**

2 **Tana River Governor, Dhadho Godhana, (Below), says his administration is committed to building a stronger and more resilient healthcare system.**

Governor Godhana says the fully equipped Hola and Ngao theatres features a modern anesthesia machine, patient monitors, an adjustable operating table, LED surgical lights, an electrosurgical (diathermy) unit, infusion pumps, a surgical suction system, and other essential theatre equipment to support safe and efficient surgical procedures.

He disclosed that health facilities in Madogo, Bura, and Bangale towns are also set to receive the essential medical equipment under the NESP programme.

"The new operating theatres will significantly expand access to safe, quality surgical care, reduce referrals outside the county, ease the financial burden on patients and families, and bring lifesaving healthcare services closer to the people," he said.

The county boss said health was critical to the wellbeing of the people and boosting socio-economic progress noting that investing in modern equipment will significantly enhance medical service delivery across the county.

He said the development is significant as residents will no longer have to travel outside the county for surgical and critical care services as they can now receive adequate treatments in Tana River.

Godhana said his administration will continue to prioritize the issues affecting the health sector in a bid to strengthen healthcare delivery.

The County Health Management Team (CHMT) recently noted that achieving quality healthcare requires stronger health systems, more qualified staff, automation of services, and strict adherence to professional standards.

Tana River residents have for long complained of gaps in outreach services, staff absenteeism and delays in diagnostic services.

Godhana also announced key upgrades to Hola County Referral Hospital, including improvements to the maternity wing, High Dependency Unit (HDU), Emergency Room (ER), ambulance services, and other critical facilities.

He confirmed that construction of a 450-bed modern Level 5 Hospital at Komor Jilla will begin soon and is expected to be completed by 2027.

A 2025 health report indicates that Tana River County is among regions with a high maternal mortality rate with approximately 265 deaths per 100,000 live births driven by severe postpartum hemorrhage, sepsis, hypertension and significant health infrastructure gaps.

Godhana acknowledged that Tana River continues to face significant maternal and newborn health challenges requiring urgent and deliberate interventions.

He confirmed that the county government has prioritized phased recruitment to address critical human resource gaps in health facilities, particularly in specialist cadres.

"We are implementing county policies to improve skilled birth attendance and access to quality healthcare to reduce the burden of maternal and newborn deaths," he said.

He further underscored the county's commitment to strengthening referral systems, improving facility readiness and enhancing accountability in service delivery.

Education receives biggest budget allocation since independence

BY ARON KINYAMASYO (KNA)

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba addresses graduates at the 59th Kenyatta University Graduation Ceremony..

The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening Kenya's education sector through increased funding, research, innovation and digital transformation.

The allocation comes amid calls for public universities to diversify their income streams to enhance long-term financial sustainability.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba said the education sector has received a record Sh784.5 billion allocation in the 2026/27 financial year, the highest since Independence, reflecting the Government's commitment to making education a key pillar of national development.

Speaking during the 59th graduation ceremony of Kenyatta University, Ogamba said the allocation, representing nearly 30 per cent of the national budget, will finance capitation, scholarships, student loans and implementation of collective bargaining agreements to maintain industrial harmony in learning institutions. "The Government remains committed to building a competitive, inclusive and financially sustainable tertiary education system where no qualified Kenyan is left behind," he said. The Cabinet Secretary, however, challenged universities to reduce reliance on the Exchequer by strengthening resource mobilization through research grants, innovation, strategic partnerships and alumni support.

"The era when universities depended almost entirely on government funding is behind us. Institutions must diversify their sources of income to protect their independence and secure their future," he said.

Ogamba said the Government was promoting commercialization of university research to ensure innovations contribute to job creation, enterprise development and economic growth.

He added that investment in digital learning infrastructure and the responsible use of artificial intelligence will remain central to reforms aimed at preparing graduates for a rapidly evolving global economy.

The Cabinet Secretary urged universities to involve students in ongoing reforms affecting higher education, including funding models, curriculum reviews, technical and vocational education and integration of emerging technologies.

Referring to the graduation theme, "Youth Engagement for Co-Creation of Inclusive Education," Ogamba said young people should not be viewed merely as recipients of education but as partners in shaping an inclusive education system.

He called for equal opportunities for learners from marginalized communities, persons with disabilities, refugee populations and disadvantaged households.

Addressing the graduates, Ogamba encouraged them to become innovators and entrepreneurs capable of creating employment opportunities instead of waiting for jobs.

Institute boosts wildlife conservation through drone technology training

BY LINDSEY OCHIENG AND ABDI MOHAMED (MYGOV)

The Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) has intensified efforts to strengthen wildlife conservation in Kenya by training researchers and conservation practitioners on the use of drone technology in wildlife research, monitoring and management.

Through its inaugural five-day Drone Technology for Wildlife Conservation Short Course, the Institute equipped participants with skills to collect, process and analyse scientific data using drones to support evidence-based conservation and decision-making.

The training covered drone operations, flight planning, aerial data collection, photogrammetry, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), wildlife image analysis, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computer vision.

The initiative is expected to enhance the capacity of conservation professionals to conduct wildlife surveys, habitat mapping, ecological monitoring, and other research activities, particularly in vast and hard-to-access landscapes.

WRTI Director and CEO Dr Patrick Omondi said emerging technologies are increasingly providing new opportunities to improve the quality, efficiency and accuracy of wildlife research.

"Drone technology is revolutionising conservation practice across the world," Dr Omondi said.

He noted that drones can complement conventional wildlife research methods by enabling scientists to collect high-resolution information, cover extensive and inaccessible areas and monitor environmental changes over time.

The technology can also support wildlife censuses, habitat mapping, surveillance and responses to human-wildlife conflict while reducing some of the logistical challenges and costs associated with conventional aerial surveys.

Dr Omondi said strengthening local expertise in emerging technologies would enhance the Institute's capacity to generate credible scientific information to inform conservation planning, management and policy.

The Institute has played a central role in national wildlife censuses and the development of the National Wildlife Database, initiatives aimed at strengthening the availability and use of wildlife data for conservation planning and decision-making.

The drone training programme was implemented in partnership with the University of Bristol, Mara Elephant Project (MEP) and the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), bringing together expertise in wildlife research, aerospace engineering, conservation practice and aviation regulation.

WRTI Head of Research Permitting and Compliance Dr Vincent Obanda said the conservation sector has yet to fully exploit the scientific potential of drone technology.

He said advances in drone technology and sensors are creating opportunities for wider application in wildlife censuses, species identification, habitat mapping and ecological monitoring.

Dr Obanda noted that effective application of the technology requires more than drone piloting skills, with researchers also needing competencies in scientific survey design, GIS, photogrammetry, data science and computer vision.

The course was therefore designed to bridge these skills by taking participants through the entire process, from designing and conducting drone surveys to processing imagery and converting the information collected into scientific data.

The Mara Elephant Project shared practical experience from its drone programme, which has been operational since 2012 and has supported wildlife monitoring, habitat assessment, aerial mapping, research and management of human-elephant conflict.

MEP Research and Conservation Specialist Dr Blair Costelloe said drones provide conservation teams with an important tool for collecting information that may otherwise be difficult, costly or time-consuming to obtain from the ground.

"They help us see more, understand more and respond faster," she said.

The training also placed emphasis on responsible and lawful use of drones, including compliance with aviation regulations, protection of privacy, wildlife welfare and ethical research practices.

KCAA's participation ensured that participants were exposed to Kenya's regulatory requirements governing drone operations and the importance of integrating aviation safety into conservation applications.

The Institute plans to build on the inaugural programme and position itself as a regional hub for multidisciplinary training in drone technology and other emerging conservation technologies.

Dr Omondi said WRTI envisages developing the initiative into an annual flagship programme bringing together researchers, conservation practitioners, regulators, innovators and technology experts to build capacity, exchange knowledge and develop partnerships that can accelerate technology-driven wildlife conservation.

Kenya commits to safer roads at United Nations global meeting

BY LINDSEY OCHIENG (MYGOV)

Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to improving road safety, pledging stronger enforcement, safer infrastructure and sustained public education to reduce fatalities and injuries on the country's roads.

Speaking at the 2026 High-Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on Improving Global Road Safety in New York, National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) Director-General Eng Nashon Kondiwa said road safety remains one of Kenya's foremost public health and development challenges.

"Over the last five years, Kenya has continued to record approximately 4,000 to 5,000 road fatalities annually, with more than 20,000 people injured. We recognize that the burden of road traffic injuries remains unacceptably high," Eng Kondiwa told delegates.

He noted that vulnerable road users, particularly pedestrians and motorcyclists, account for the majority of fatalities, contributing well over half of all deaths on Kenyan roads.

"Road crashes are not only a transport issue, but an economic and social development issue. Kenya estimates that road traffic crashes cost the economy 5% of GDP annually, through lost productivity, healthcare costs, emergency response, property damage and long-term disability," he said.

To address the challenge, Kenya has adopted a Safe System Approach anchored on three pillars: engineering, enforcement, and education.

On engineering, Eng Kondiwa said the government is investing in safer road infrastructure, with emphasis on non-motorised transport facilities, road safety audits, safer school zones and adoption of international road safety assessment standards.

On enforcement, he highlighted the strengthening of evidence-based enforcement through technology-enabled traffic management, improved driver and vehicle regulation and enhanced compliance monitoring.

"We are modernising driver licensing, vehicle inspection and digital enforcement systems to improve accountability," Eng Kondiwa explained.

Education, he added, remains central to Kenya's strategy. The country has intensified nationwide road safety campaigns targeting schools, public transport operators, employers, communities and vulnerable road users.

"We are embedding road safety education into learning institutions while promoting behavioural change among all road users," he said.

Eng Kondiwa also pointed to the implementation of the National Road Safety Action Plan, aligned to the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety, as a key pillar of Kenya's approach.

He welcomed the adoption of the Progress Declaration at the high-level meeting as an important international milestone.

"Kenya remains fully committed to delivering safer roads through stronger partnerships, smarter technologies, safer infrastructure, effective enforcement and sustained public education," he said.

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NuPEA NUCLEAR POWER & ENERGY AGENCY

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS, CONTRACTORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CONSULTANTS NOTICE

Nuclear Power and Energy Agency invites prospective Suppliers, Contractors, Service Providers and Consultants who would wish to provide Goods, Works and Services for the financial years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

No.	Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Commencement Date	Tender Closing Date	Eligibility
1	NuPEA/REG/DSCM/001/26-27	Registration of Suppliers, Contractors, Service Providers and Consultants for Supply / Provision of Goods, Works and Services for a Period of Two (2) Years	29th July 2026	12th August 2026	As indicated in the Registration Document

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

ONLINE SENSITIZATION ON REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS, CONTRACTORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CONSULTANTS NOTICE

The Nuclear Power and Energy Agency (NuPEA) invites you to a virtual training session on our new ERP Supplier Registration Module.

- Date: **Thursday, 30th July 2026**
- Time: **2:30 PM -3:30 PM**
- Venue: **Online (Virtual)**
- Link: **https://meet.google.com/gif-rdby-aic**

CANCELLATION NOTICE

No.	Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Commencement Date	Tender Closing Date	Eligibility
1	NuPEA/REG/DSCM/001/25-26	Registration of Suppliers, Contractors, Service Providers and Consultants for Supply / Provision of Goods, Works and Services for a Period of Two (2) Years	20th May 2026	10th June 2026	As indicated in the Registration Document

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KENYA INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED PHASE 2 WORKS FOR THE PROPOSED RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION LABORATORIES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PLOT L.R. NO. 209/5811 DUNGA ROAD, SOUTH B NAIROBI

The Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI) invite sealed Technical and Financial bids from eligible contractors who must be registered with National Construction Authority for the construction of the proposed phase 2 works for the Proposed Research, Technology and Innovation Laboratories and Related Infrastructure. Applications are invited for: -

Tender Number	Tender Name	NCA Category	Tender Closing Date	Time
KIRDI 01/2026/2027	Tender for LPG & Compressed Air System, Vacuum System, Kitchen & Laundry Equipment.	2 and above (Mechanical Works)	14th August 2026	11.00 AM
KIRDI 02/2026/2027	Tender for Boiler (Steam and Hot Water Generation) and Incinerator Installation.	2 and above (Mechanical Works)	14th August 2026	11.00 AM
KIRDI 03/2026/2027	Tender for Waterproofing Works.	6 and above (Building Works)	14th August 2026	11.00 AM

The Technical and Financial tender documents detailing the requirements can be viewed and downloaded from the websites **www.kirdi.go.ke** and on the Public Procurement Information portal **www.tenders.go.ke** at no cost. Bidders who download the tender document from these websites will be required to email their detailed contact information to **directorkirdi@gmail.com** or **directorgeneral@kirdi.go.ke** for recording/further clarifications and addendum. Note that failure to email the contact information will lead to disqualification at the preliminary stage.

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked should be addressed and delivered to:

The Director General
Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute
P. O. Box 30650 - 00100 NAIROBI

or deposited in the tender box at the **KIRDI South "C" Block D** reception so as to be received not later than the dates indicated

The applications will be opened the same day at **11.00 A.M in Block E Board Room.** Applicants or their representatives who wish to witness the opening are invited to attend.

AG. DIRECTOR GENERAL
KIRDI.

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KENYA INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

REPLACEMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS

Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI) is a State Corporation, established under the KIRDI Act 2022 and operates under the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry. Its mandate is to undertake research, development and innovation in industrial and allied technologies and disseminate research findings to support industrial development. The Institute is expected to play a leading role in supporting the industrialization process in line with Kenya's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

To achieve the mandate, the Institute is seeking to recruit suitable, self-driven, result oriented, highly motivated and qualified personnel to fill the following vacant positions:

S/No.	JOB	TERMS	POST	JOB REF
1.	Corporation Secretary/ Director, Legal Services – Job Grade KIRDI 2	5- Year Contract Renewable Once	1	LS/001/2026
2.	Deputy Director – Human Resource Management - Job Grade KIRDI 3	Permanent & Pensionable	1	HRM/001/2026

Detailed Job description and requirements for the above positions are available in our website **www.kirdi.go.ke.**

All applications quoting the Job Reference Number on the envelope or email subject should be sent to the address below attaching curriculum vitae, a copy of ID/Passport, scanned copies of academic certificates, testimonials, a filled employment form and any other relevant supporting documents.

All applications should reach the Director-General's office on or before **Tuesday, 18th August 2026 latest by 5.00 p.m. (East African Time).**

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NB:

1. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.
2. Applicants living with disability and those from marginalized areas and minority communities are encouraged to apply.
3. KIRDI is an equal opportunity employer.

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New coffee mill ends Nandi farmers' reliance on costly distant processors

BY SAMMY MWIBANDA (KNA)

The Nandi Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Union milling plant at Chebonet in Songhor-Soba Ward has emerged as the centrepiece of the coffee revival programme in Nandi County. The facility is transforming the fortunes of thousands of smallholder farmers through value addition, improved marketing and strengthened cooperative development.

Strategically located in Tinderet Sub-County, the modern milling plant has ended decades of reliance on distant processors, enabling farmers to process their coffee closer to home while retaining more value within the county's economy.

The Sh60 million investment has strengthened the entire coffee value chain, from production and aggregation to milling, grading and marketing.

The establishment of the mill is part of the county government's broader strategy to develop a farmer-owned coffee industry anchored on strong cooperative societies rather than individual marketing arrangements.

The facility serves as the processing hub for the Nandi Coffee Cooperative Union, handling coffee from dozens of primary cooperative societies spread across the county. County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr Benard Lagat says the milling plant has fundamentally transformed the structure of the coffee industry in Nandi.

"The Chebonet Coffee Mill is more than a processing facility. It is an economic empowerment project owned by farmers through their cooperative union. By processing our coffee locally, we retain value within Nandi, improve traceability, strengthen quality assurance and connect farmers directly to better-paying markets," said Dr Lagat.

A view of Nandi Coffee Cooperative Mill. The facility has been at the centre of transformation of the coffee sector in the County.

He said the facility receives coffee from primary cooperative societies spread across Tinderet, Aldai, Chesumei, Mosop, Nandi Hills and other coffee-growing parts of the county, making it the principal processing centre for Nandi coffee.

According to Dr Lagat, the mill was designed to support the rapid expansion of coffee farming that has seen thousands of farmers rehabilitate old plantations while many others establish new coffee fields following improved prices at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange.

The catchment area has continued expanding as more cooperative societies join the Nandi Coffee Cooperative Union, whose membership has grown from only 18 primary societies a few years ago to well over 100 organized societies today.

The CECM stated that the growth has been accompanied by a massive increase in coffee production. During the current marketing season, Nandi marketed more than 2.2 million kilogrammes of clean coffee valued at approximately Sh1.9 billion, placing the county among Kenya's leading coffee-producing regions.

The Chebonet mill has played a critical role in this remarkable turnaround by ensuring that coffee is processed within the county before being marketed at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange.

> "We are preparing for the future because coffee acreage continues to expand every season

Previously, farmers incurred significant transport costs while taking parchment coffee to processors outside the county, reducing their earnings and delaying payments. The local milling facility has greatly reduced these costs while improving efficiency and transparency.

The plant is equipped to undertake cleaning, grading, milling and preparation of export-quality coffee. Recent investments, including the installation of a modern weighbridge, have further enhanced accountability in coffee handling by ensuring accurate weighing and improved logistics for large deliveries from cooperative societies.

Dr Lagat noted that the county government continues to invest in additional infrastructure and equipment to increase the plant's operational capacity as coffee production rises.

"We are preparing for the future because coffee acreage continues to expand every season. The milling plant has adequate room for expansion, and we are progressively investing in equipment that will ensure farmers continue receiving efficient services as volumes increase," he said.

The county government has complemented the investment with aggressive distribution of certified coffee seedlings, extension services, farmer training and support for cooperative governance.More than eight million coffee seedlings have been distributed across the county in recent years as part of an ambitious programme to restore Nandi's position among Kenya's premier coffee-growing counties. Transporters now deliver coffee to a nearby processing facility instead of travelling long distances, creating savings on fuel and logistics costs.

Local youth have secured employment opportunities in coffee aggregation, transportation, milling operations, quality control and warehouse management.

Government restocks Igembe North herds after bandit attacks

BY KAMANJA MAERIA (KNA)

Residents of Igembe North are rebuilding their livelihoods following the Government's livestock restocking programme, aimed at compensating families that lost cattle to bandit attacks and restoring economic stability in the region.

The exercise, coordinated by the National Government in collaboration with local leaders and security agencies, has seen hundreds of cattle distributed to verified beneficiaries to help revive livestock farming, improve household incomes and enhance food security.

Speaking at Mea Primary School during the exercise, Igembe North Officer Commanding Police Division (OCPD) Jerald Okari Marando said the distribution had progressed peacefully, despite isolated attempts by some individuals to acquire livestock fraudulently.

Marando said 175 cows were distributed on the first day, bringing the total number of cattle issued under the programme to 207. The initiative targets families whose livestock was stolen by bandits between 2023 and 2026.

He said the Government plans to distribute about 600 cattle under the programme and urged residents who are yet to benefit to remain patient as more animals are expected.

The OCPD warned that adequate security personnel had been deployed to oversee the exercise and ensure that only verified beneficiaries receive the livestock.

Residents of Igembe North driving cattle that they received from the government under livestock restocking programme that is aimed at helping families affected by cattle rustling rebuild their livelihoods.

"We will not allow anyone to interfere with this process. Security officers are on the ground to ensure transparency and fairness so that genuine victims benefit from the programme," he said.

Igembe North National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Manager Ronald Mugambi commended the government for intervening to restore the livelihoods of families that had suffered devastating losses due to years of cattle rustling and banditry.

Mugambi urged beneficiaries to retain the animals for breeding and dairy production instead of selling them, noting that the programme is intended to rebuild herds, increase milk production, improve household incomes and enhance long-term food security.

Beneficiaries welcomed the initiative, saying it had restored hope after years of hardship.

Stephen Kamendo from Amwathi Ward thanked the government for the livestock donation and appealed to residents yet to receive cattle to remain patient, expressing confidence that additional livestock would be distributed.

Joshua Muriki, a resident of Mea, recalled the anguish of watching bandits drive away their livestock, saying many families had been left without their primary source of income and food.

He said the restocking programme had given affected households an opportunity to rebuild their lives and regain economic independence.

FEATURE: SATISFYING GROWING DEMAND

Inside Kenya's ambitious plan to double rice output and tame imports

BY MABEL KEYA AND TONAEE BRYANE (KNA)

Data from the Ministry of Agriculture shows that Kenya imports between 740,000 and 900,000 metric tonnes of rice annually to meet growing demand.

The country consumes more than one million metric tonnes of rice each year, but local farms produce only between 150,000 and 230,000 metric tonnes, accounting for just 14 to 20 per cent of national consumption. This shortfall has forced Kenya to rely heavily on imports, mainly from Pakistan, India and Tanzania.

Through the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), the government aims to increase local rice production, reduce the high cost of imports and enhance food security. The strategy involves shifting from rain-fed agriculture to irrigation by rehabilitating 78,341 acres in existing schemes and opening up an additional 27,500 acres to double rice production.

For decades, the Kano Plains in Kisumu, a region prone to flooding, have been trapped in a punishing economic paradox. While the waters of River Nyando provide ideal conditions for intensive rice cultivation, local farming communities have remained locked in a cycle of poverty.

Farmers had little choice but to sell their paddy at throw-away prices to middlemen because they lacked access to proper milling facilities.

They spent months working under the scorching sun, only to deliver their raw paddy to outdated and unreliable village hulling machines that crushed, fractured and contaminated the grain. The poor quality of processed rice further worsened their struggles, forcing many farmers to sell their produce to middlemen, who often transported it to Uganda for milling.

However, a towering industrial landmark has changed the whole story and now they are smiling all the way to the bank! Courtesy of the county government of Kisumu.

The newly commissioned, Sh30 million automated Ahero Rice Mill has brought a high-tech mechanical revolution to the region, acting as the primary engine driving smallholder farming into a highly lucrative, modern commercial industry.

Before the introduction of this multi-million shilling facility, the journey from harvest to market was a financial nightmare. Traditional milling methods across the plains relied on basic, single-pass machinery that lacked the

1. **The automated Ahero Rice Mill in Kisumu County has transformed rice processing by reducing post-harvest losses and improving farmers' access to quality markets.**
2. **Farmers at Ahero Irrigation Scheme have embraced the Komboka rice variety, which has improved productivity due to its resilience against flooding and high milling recovery in at a time.**

capability to clean, de-stone, or properly polish the grain.

This structural inefficiency meant that up to thirty percent of a farmer's total harvest value was completely lost due to poor post-harvest handling and broken kernels.

Unable to compete with clean, cheaply imported rice filling the supermarket shelves in Kisumu City, local farmers were forced to sell their sub-standard yields to exploitative middlemen at throwaway prices just to clear their debts.

Thus, the installation of the automated factory has systematically dismantled this exploitative system by placing state-of-the-art value addition directly at the source.

The Ahero Rice Mill is not just a standard hurler, it is a multi-stage, high-capacity industrial processing plant designed to clean, de-stone, hull, polish, and grade rice in a single, continuous, fully automated process.

When raw paddy enters the facility, it undergoes a rigorous, mechanized purification process that separates dust, straws, and small rocks that manually operated sorting lines routinely miss.

The process moves seamlessly from raw paddy input, through automated des-stoning and cleaning, careful hurling, followed by polishing and grading, before finishing at premium market packaging.

By removing these impurities, the mill ensures that the local grain meets the highest national and international food quality standards. Furthermore, the high-volume daily processing capacity solves the massive regional crisis of post-harvest rot. hurling

During peak harvest seasons, a delayed milling schedule used to cause moisture accumulation within damp storage bags, leading to rapid fungal growth.

With the new mill running consistently, thousands of tons of paddy are dried, hurled and safely packaged within minutes of arriving from the fields, stabilizing the local food supply chain and preserving grain integrity.

For 54-year-old veteran farmer Tobias Omondi, the mechanical precision of the centralized mill has completely rescued his household from seasonal debt.

"In the past, taking my paddy to the local village mills felt like watching my money get ground into dust," Omondi explains, standing outside the modern facility's intake bay. "The old machines would crush the rice into small, broken pieces.

If your rice is full of broken grains and tiny stones, no premium buyer will look at it. You are forced to sell it for nothing."

Diversification pays off as North Rift maize farmers count losses

BY FREDRICK MARITIM (KNA)

As prolonged dry spells continue to reduce maize production across the North Rift, a Uasin Gishu farmer who shifted to high-value, climate-resilient crops is earning nearly Sh1 million annually, offering a practical example of how diversification can cushion farmers against climate change and unstable markets.

David Kwambai, 71, of Kapsoen Village in Moiben Sub-county, abandoned his reliance on maize and invested in coffee, avocado and macadamia farming, transforming his four-acre farm into a profitable agribusiness at a time when many maize growers are grappling with declining yields.

His success comes as agricultural experts and regional leaders urge farmers to reduce their dependence on maize by embracing crops that are more resilient to changing weather patterns and offer better market returns.

"I started coffee farming in 2015 with about 100 trees, and over time, increased the number to around 2,000. Although prices were not very favourable in the beginning, I realised coffee was still more profitable than maize," he said.

He said his coffee harvest initially averaged between 300 and 400 kilograms but is expected to exceed 1,000 kilograms this season due to improved farm management and favourable prices.

Kwambai sold last year's coffee through a cooperative

David Kwambai speaks at his farm in Kapsoen Village, Moiben Sub-county, Uasin Gishu County, where he has successfully diversified from maize farming to coffee, avocado and macadamia production.

society at about Sh700 per kilogram, describing cooperative marketing as a key factor in improving farmers' incomes.

"Coffee harvesting takes about two to three months, but with good care, the returns are worth it," he said, although he identified coffee berry disease as his biggest production challenge.

Seeking to spread risk, the farmer later ventured into avocado and macadamia farming after losses in cabbage and passion fruit production caused by disease outbreaks and poor markets.

His 500 avocado trees, planted on two acres, produce between 50 and 80 kilograms of fruit per tree, with the produce selling at an average of Sh110 per kilogram.

"Avocado farming is doing very well because of export demand. We harvest about three times a year, giving us a steady source of income," he said.

Kwambai has also embraced sustainable farming practices by producing compost from fallen avocado leaves, cow dung and urea to improve soil fertility and reduce production costs.

Public servants urged to focus on productivity

BY BADI KHAMIS (PCO)

Public Service Commission Chairperson Francis Meja has challenged public servants to embrace productivity, accountability and the constitutional values and principles of public service, saying they are fundamental to achieving Kenya's national development aspirations.

Speaking during the opening of Public Service Commission Chairperson Francis Meja ahead of the preparation of the 2025/2026 Values and Principles Compliance Evaluation Report at the Kenya School of Government, Nairobi, Meja underscored the critical role played by public officers in the implementation of government policies and programmes.

He emphasized that their responsibility demands unwavering commitment to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, accountability and ethical conduct to foster effective and citizen-centred public service delivery.

The workshop brought together heads of Human Resource from Ministries, State Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Constitutional Commissions and Independent Offices, Statutory Commissions and Authorities, Public Universities, State Corporations, and Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions to strengthen their capacity in preparing the 2025/2026 Values and Principles Compliance Evaluation Report.

The sensitization programme sought to enhance participants' understanding of the constitutional values and principles of public service while improving the quality and consistency of institutional compliance reporting.

Meja noted that while public institutions have made significant progress in strengthening compliance with constitutional requirements, the country now faces a more pressing challenge of improving productivity across the public service.

"If values and principles are not embraced, the public service risks being viewed as the weakest link in the realization of our national objectives," said Meja.

He cited international comparisons showing that public servants in countries such as Singapore are significantly more productive than their Kenyan counterparts, challenging officers to reflect on how they can improve both individual and institutional performance.

"If we aspire to attain the level of developed economies, then we must also be prepared to change the way we work and become more productive," he said.

Meja further urged public servants to give priority to their official responsibilities, cautioning against allowing personal business interests to take precedence over their public duties.

He emphasized that improved productivity requires commitment, discipline and a renewed focus on service delivery.

"We have no choice but to adapt to the reforms taking place in the public service. It is better to embrace change than to be forced into it," he said.

Public Service Commission Chairperson Francis Meja.

Kenya to advance its agroecology agenda

BY ANITA OMWENGA (KNA)

Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Mutahi Kagwe, has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to promoting sustainable, inclusive and climate-resilient agriculture, as a pathway to food security and economic growth.

Kagwe reaffirmed the Government's commitment to supporting sustainable agricultural practices that improve farmers' livelihoods, while ensuring national food security.

The CS gave the assurance in a speech read on his behalf by State Department of Agriculture , Agriculture Secretary, Peter Owoko, during the official opening of the 3rd National Agroecology Symposium at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies in Nairobi.

"The Government remains fully committed to supporting sustainable, inclusive and climate-resilient agriculture that delivers prosperity for our farmers and food security for all Kenyans" he said.

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and organizing Partners' Committee held the 3rd National Agroecology Symposium on July 22-23 under the theme 'Transforming Agrifood Systems through Agroecology: A One Health Approach for Inclusive, Sustainable, and Resilient Futures.'

The event brought together policymakers, county governments, farmers, researchers, development partners, civil society organizations, the private sector, academia and other key stakeholders to advance dialogue and action towards sustainable agrifood systems.

Kagwe said this year's forum builds on the momentum created by the National Agroecology Strategy for Food Systems Transformation (2024-2033), which provides Kenya with a clear roadmap towards resilient, inclusive and sustainable food systems.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

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Treasury rolls out new financial reporting templates to boost accountability

BY EVERLINE KIMORGO (MYGOV)

The Government has unveiled new and revised annual financial reporting templates for the 2025/2026 financial year, a move aimed at strengthening accountability, transparency and consistency in public sector financial reporting.

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB), working in collaboration with the National Treasury, announced the rollout as part of Kenya's ongoing transition from cash-based to accrual-based accounting.

In a circular dated 15 June 2026, Principal Secretary for the National Treasury Dr. Chris Kiptoo directed all Accounting Officers in national and county governments, constitutional commissions, independent offices, state corporations, semi-autonomous government agencies, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions, Teachers Training Colleges (TTCs), public funds, government-owned enterprises, and public senior schools to adopt the prescribed templates when preparing annual financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2026.

PSASB Chief Executive Officer, FCPA Georgina Muchai, said the new templates mark a major milestone in Kenya's financial reporting reforms.

"Among the key developments is the introduction of four new reporting templates covering the consolidation of National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), accountability reporting for the Receiver of Foreign Loans and Grants, Kenya Revenue Authority's Revenue Accountability Report, and the Government Digital Payments (e-Citizen) Revenue Accountability Report," she explained.

The revised templates also incorporate requirements arising from the second year of implementing the cash-to-accrual transition roadmap. Public sector entities will now be required to report inventory as a mandatory element alongside financial assets and liabilities.

"Additionally, the reporting formats have been updated to align with newly effective International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), including IPSAS 43 (Leases), IPSAS 44 (Non-Current Assets Held for Sale), IPSAS 45 (Property, Plant and Equipment) and IPSAS 46 (Measurement). The existing IPSAS and IFRS financial reporting templates have also been revised to reflect the new standards and stakeholder feedback," Muchai said.

Public senior schools, which began using a financial reporting template in 2021, will continue with the revised version. The update now requires reporting on inventories, non-current assets, and statements of changes in net assets to support their gradual migration to accrual accounting.

The circular reiterated that all Accounting Officers must prepare annual financial reports that comply with PSASB standards and submit them to the Office of the Auditor-General within statutory timelines.

To facilitate implementation, the National Treasury and PSASB have made the templates available on their websites and pledged continued technical guidance, training, and support to ensure compliance.

Muchai emphasised that the adoption of the revised templates will enhance the credibility of public sector financial statements.

"The adoption of the revised reporting templates is expected to improve the quality, comparability and credibility of public sector financial statements to enhance transparency, informed decision-making and public confidence in the management of public resources," she said.

The rollout is part of Kenya's broader reforms under the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012, which requires standardised reporting across the public sector. By moving towards accrual-based accounting, the Government aims to provide a clearer picture of assets, liabilities, and resource utilisation, thereby strengthening oversight and accountability.

The reforms are expected to have far-reaching implications for how public institutions manage and report finances, particularly in ensuring that public resources are used effectively and transparently.

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Diaspora communities urged to invest in rural healthcare

BY BENSON KELIO (KNA)

Kenyans living abroad have been encouraged to complement government efforts in expanding access to quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare by investing in community health facilities.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen made the appeal during the official opening of Kenyaluk Medical Centre in Salawa Division, Baringo Central Constituency.

Murkomen said the diaspora community, alongside local professionals, plays a critical role in strengthening the health sector by supporting the establishment of modern medical facilities that serve grassroots communities.

"I have looked at the facility; it is a proper use of money. You can see the space and the modern equipment, and we need more of such facilities," Murkomen said.

The CS, who was accompanied by Housing Principal Secretary Charles Hinga, lauded the family of Wilfred Kandie, a son of Kipsoit village based in the United States, for constructing the Level 3A medical facility.

He pledged government support to help the centre acquire additional facilities, including a theatre and inpatient services, to enable its upgrade to a Level 4 hospital and qualify for funding under the Social Health Authority (SHA).

Murkomen urged more professionals to invest in similar projects, noting that even small initiatives can grow into vital community assets.

Murkomen emphasised that such investments are critical in supporting government efforts

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen opening the Kenyaluk Medical Centre in Salawa Division, Baringo Central Constituency.

to improve healthcare delivery, especially in rural areas where access to specialised services remains limited.

"We urge more Kenyans, both locally and abroad, to consider investing in projects that directly improve the lives of communities," the CS said.

Baringo Central Member of Parliament Joshua Kandie commended the Kenyaluk Foundation for giving back to the community through healthcare investment.

"The facility demonstrates the positive impact of diaspora contributions in transforming lives and accelerating development at the grassroots level," Kandie said.

The founder of the medical centre explained that the project was inspired by a personal tragedy involving his late father, Mzee Kanyeluk Komen, who died eight years ago from an avoidable lifestyle disease.

"Most of our community members are seeking medical attention when it is too late, and that is the reality we cannot ignore," Kandie said.

He noted that the centre was established in partnership with the Kenya Pipeline Foundation and other stakeholders to promote preventive healthcare and encourage early access to medical services.

The facility will provide routine medical check-ups while strengthening maternal and child health services in the area.

Kandie added that it will ease the financial burden on patients suffering from lifestyle diseases who previously travelled long distances to Kabarnet, Iten, and Eldoret City for treatment.

Plans are also underway to expand medical outreach programmes to reach more residents in surrounding communities.

The Kenyaluk Medical Centre is expected to serve residents of Salawa in Baringo County and neighbouring Elgeyo Marakwet, offering a lifeline to thousands who previously struggled to access timely medical care.

State seeks support to restore forest cover

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI AND LILIAN GICHOHI (KNA)

The Government has appealed to development partners to engage in stronger partnerships to unlock the economic and environmental potential in Kenya's forestry sector.

Speaking during a donor roundtable breakfast meeting on forestry restoration, Principal Secretary for Forestry Gitonga Mugambi (*pictured*) reported that Kenya was seeking enhanced collaboration to accelerate restoration of degraded landscapes, particularly in arid, semi-arid and coastal ecosystems.

Mugambi highlighted that the country's arid and semi-arid lands account for about 89 per cent of the national landmass and possess immense potential for sustainable economic development, biodiversity conservation, tourism and climate resilience.

However, he noted that the ecosystems continue to face threats, including land degradation, deforestation, biodiversity loss, invasive species, desertification, recurrent droughts and the effects of climate change.

"The success of this restoration agenda cannot be achieved by the government alone. It requires a whole-of-society approach founded on partnerships, collaboration, innovation and shared prosperity," he advised.

The PS pointed out that the National Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (2023-2032) seeks to restore 10.6 million hectares of degraded landscapes while contributing to the country's target of increasing tree cover to 30 per cent by 2032.

Earlier, George Tarus, the Acting Secretary for Forest Conservation at the State Department for Forestry, presented four investment-ready concepts aimed at mobilising donor financing to accelerate restoration efforts. The concepts focus on restoration of arid and semi-arid lands, mangrove ecosystems, management of invasive species and expansion of commercial forestry and agroforestry.

Tarus stressed that the initiatives are designed to restore degraded landscapes, create green jobs, strengthen climate resilience and improve livelihoods while supporting the government's 15-billion-tree growing programme.

"The projects would also promote commercial forestry, enhance biodiversity conservation, and attract private sector investment into the forestry sector," he added.

Tarus announced that the government had already made significant progress towards the national tree-growing target through increased production and distribution of quality seedlings by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), saying stronger partnerships would be essential in scaling up implementation.

OPINION: LEADERSHIP

Visionary leadership and Kenya's journey to first-world status

BY PROF. SHAUKAT ABDULRAZAK

The history of national transformation demonstrates that countries do not become prosperous by accident. They advance through visionary leadership, disciplined implementation, strong institutions and a population united around a long-term national purpose.

Singapore, South Korea and Malaysia as example offer important lessons. At independence, Singapore faced unemployment, inadequate housing, limited natural resources and deep social divisions. Under Lee Kuan Yew's leadership, the country invested in quality education, efficient infrastructure, clean government, industrialisation and a highly professional public service. Merit, integrity and performance became central to national administration.

South Korea similarly rose from the devastation of war and widespread poverty to become a global industrial and technological powerhouse. Its leadership pursued long-term economic plans, invested heavily in education and research, supported strategic industries and progressively moved production from basic manufacturing to automobiles, electronics, semiconductors and advanced digital technologies. Korea's transformation was anchored in human capital, technological capability, export competitiveness and disciplined execution.

Malaysia transformed itself from a predominantly agricultural and commodity-based economy into a major manufacturing and services centre. Strategic planning, infrastructure investment, industrial diversification and performance-oriented public institutions were critical to this progress. Its experience also shows that reducing bureaucratic delays and simplifying industrial approvals can attract investment, improve productivity and create employment.

These countries followed several common principles: visionary and accountable leadership; political and policy continuity; investment in people; competent institutions; export-oriented industrialisation; technology adoption; value addition; national discipline; and an uncompromising commitment to integrity. We have a lesson to learn here. Ideas is one this, but critical thinkers implement them.

I listen keenly on President William Ruto's call for Kenya to begin developing a new vision towards becoming a competitive first-world nation must therefore be understood as an invitation to think beyond immediate political and economic pressures. As the President observed: "Every nation that has transformed itself first imagined a future greater than its present, and then pursued that future with discipline, consistency and patience."

Vision 2030 has provided us with a common development framework for nearly two decades. It seeks to create a globally competitive, newly industrialising, low-middle-income country offering a high quality of life to all citizens. Its economic, social and political pillars are supported by infrastructure, science, technology and innovation, human-resource development, macroeconomic stability and public-sector reforms.

The Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, or BETA, builds on these foundations by concentrating on agriculture, MSME, affordable housing, healthcare and the digital economy. Its emphasis on value chains, county aggregation and industrial parks, manufacturing and export competitiveness can deepen inclusion while transforming production at the grassroots. This blueprint provides an excellent stepping stone.

However, Kenya's next transformation strategy must learn from Vision 2030. We have developed strong policies and implemented major infrastructure projects, but execution has sometimes been slowed by institutional fragmentation, duplication, inconsistent follow-through and weak coordination. We must change this if we are going to Singapore during our lifetime.

As I have advocated in the past, we must break governmental silos. Ministries, departments, counties, universities, research institutions and the private sector must work through integrated national clusters. Agriculture must connect with manufacturing; research with industry; education with labour-market demand; infrastructure with productive investment; and innovation with commercialisation. We can easily use tools like AI to facilitate and enhance automation and digitalization.

As a country should also move decisively from exporting raw materials to exporting value-added products. Industrialisation must be driven by research, modern technology, reliable energy, skilled people and competitive enterprises. We must be producers of knowledge and technology and minimize being just importers and consumers.

Equally important is reform of the public service. As Government we must become faster, more professional, digital, accountable and citizen-centred. Unnecessary licences, repetitive approvals and bureaucratic obstacles must be eliminated. Public officers should be assessed by results and impact rather than processes, meetings and paperwork. These are indicators of developed world we are seeking to emulate.

Ultimately, first-world status requires more than roads, factories and technology. It requires a new national mindset founded on patriotism, productivity, good governance, merit, integrity and collective responsibility. As President Ruto has emphasised, development cannot be the project of one administration; prosperous nations sustain a common purpose across decades.

We have the people, resources, geographic position and entrepreneurial energy to transform. What is now required is visionary leadership, national unity and disciplined implementation. The journey to first-world status must become a shared national mission. I echo what our Leader and champion- President Wiliam Ruto has always been advocating for - "Believe in yourself and believe is possible". It can be done!.

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Internal Audit goes beyond accounting, says IIA Chair

BY BRIDGIT NASURUMBI (MYGOV)

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Kenya has called for a shift in how organisations and the public perceive internal audit, stressing that the profession has evolved far beyond traditional accounting.

Speaking to MyGov, CPA Lilian Wangechi Mwangi, Chairperson of IIA Kenya, said the role of internal auditors today is multidisciplinary, encompassing governance, risk management and assurance across diverse organisational operations.

"If you asked the majority of Kenyans what an internal auditor does, the response you are likely to get is that an internal auditor is responsible for 'checking the books of accounts.' While this may have been true a few years ago, it is a narrow perspective," Mwangi said.

She explained that modern organisations operate in environments shaped by rapid technological advancement, cyber threats, complex infrastructure projects, environmental obligations, and evolving stakeholder expectations. These realities, she noted, have redefined organisational risk and expanded the scope of internal audit.

"Internal audit has evolved significantly over the years. It is no longer a profession confined to financial records or accounting expertise. It is a multidisciplinary profession that provides independent assurance and advisory services across an organisation's entire operations," she added.

According to Mwangi, internal audit teams now include professionals from information technology, engineering, law, procurement, environmental management, healthcare, data analytics and cybersecurity. This diversity, she said, is critical in providing meaningful assurance.

"It is almost impossible to imagine how an auditor can provide meaningful assurance over cybersecurity without understanding information technology. At the same time, major engineering projects need to be effectively evaluated across all spheres, including the engineering perspective," she explained.

In the public sector, governments oversee multi-billion-shilling investments in ICT systems, highways, dams, energy projects, and healthcare. Mwangi emphasised that assessing whether these projects deliver value requires expertise beyond financial accounting.

To strengthen the profession, IIA Kenya has partnered with the Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board (KASNEB) to develop and administer a local internal audit certification.

"This partnership aims at advancing the internal audit profession by equipping current and future internal auditors with the right skills and competencies needed to add value to organisations operating in an evolving business environment," Mwangi said.

She further noted that beyond technical specialisations, internal auditors must possess strategic thinking, communication skills, professional scepticism, business acumen, and the ability to anticipate emerging risks.

"Internal auditors are expected not only to assess compliance but also to provide insights that help organisations improve performance, strengthen governance and build resilience," she remarked.

Mwangi underscored the need for organisations to recognise internal audit as a multidisciplinary profession, urging reforms in recruitment, career development and professional recognition.

She also called for the enactment of the Internal Auditors' Bill to address the unique needs of the profession.

"Most importantly, it calls for enactment of the internal auditors' bill that will cater for the specific and unique needs of the internal audit professionals. Embracing this reality strengthens the profession's ability to protect the public interest," she said.

Mwangi concluded by stressing that citizens expect public resources to be managed prudently, infrastructure projects to deliver value for money, digital systems to remain secure, and healthcare services to operate effectively.

"The sooner we move beyond the misconception that internal audit is simply another branch of accounting, the better positioned our organisations will be to address the increasingly complex risks of the modern world," she said.

Government to anchor youth volunteerism in new policy

BY LINDSEY OCHIENG AND ABDI MOHAMED (MYGOV)

The Government will transform youth volunteerism into a structured national programme through a new policy framework aimed at protecting volunteers, recognising their contribution to national development and opening pathways to employment and skills development.

The initiative seeks to shift volunteer work from largely informal and unregulated engagements to a formal system that offers legal protection, safety standards and opportunities for career growth.

The renewed push was highlighted during a sensitisation meeting on the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development (IVY 2026), jointly convened by the United Nations, the State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizens Affairs and the State Department for Youth Affairs and the Creative Economy.

Speaking on behalf of the Principal Secretary, Secretary for Youth Development Dr. Josephine Etenyi said the Government had laid a strong foundation for youth empowerment through the Kenya Youth Development Policy 2019 and the proposed Youth Bill, with structured volunteerism now emerging as a key priority.

He said the Government was committed to ensuring that young people volunteer in safe, regulated and career-oriented environments that enhance their skills while contributing to national development.

"Structured volunteerism is now at the centre of the Government's youth empowerment agenda alongside the emerging creative economy framework. We want young Kenyans to volunteer in environments that are protected, recognised and capable of opening doors to future employment and entrepreneurship," he said.

Dr. Etenyi said a major milestone in the Government's reform agenda is the development of a National Volunteerism Policy that will formalise volunteer programmes and safeguard the rights and welfare of volunteers across all 47 counties.

He noted that the policy will bridge longstanding gaps in volunteer management by providing a clear legal and institutional framework while strengthening collaboration among government agencies, development partners and other stakeholders.

The Government, working with the United Nations Volunteers programme, is also strengthening partnerships with civil society organisations, academic institutions and the private sector to expand volunteer opportunities and increase the impact of community-based initiatives.

United Nations Volunteers East and Southern Africa Regional Coordinator Frank Gisha said Kenya is among a select group of African countries integrating volunteerism into national development planning following its role in co-hosting the adoption of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 78/127.

He said the country's volunteer programmes, including the President's Award initiative, have emerged as models of best practice and are helping establish systems for measuring both formal and informal volunteer contributions.

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Modern KALRO Agri-Parks to centralise access to seeds, feeds

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI AND ORPAH GESARE (KNA)

KARLO Board Chairman Dr. Thuo Mathenge (front right) joined by organization officials visit an exhibition stand during the official opening of new Agri-Park that would bring all research and technologies under one roof in an event held at the KALRO Naivasha centre.

The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) has announced plans to establish new agri-parks that will consolidate research findings and new technologies, making them easily accessible to farmers.

The initiative will bring together already-developed technologies and updated research on livestock breeds, seed varieties, animal feeds and drought-resistant crops under one roof, providing farmers with easier access to innovations.

KALRO operates 53 research centres across the country, each specialising in different areas of livestock and crop research. However, the organisation has lacked a centralised facility where farmers can access all its technologies and innovations. To bridge this gap, KALRO has been conducting free farmers' exhibitions at its research centres to create awareness of newly developed varieties and encourage their adoption.

According to KALRO Board Chairman Dr Thuo Mathenge, the Agri-Parks will bring years of research conducted by the organisation closer to farmers and other end users.

Speaking during the groundbreaking ceremony for an Agri-Park at the Naivasha-based research centre, Dr Mathenge said faster adoption of these technologies would boost local agricultural production and reduce the country's high import costs.

"The Agri-Parks that we have established will consolidate all KALRO's past research and developed technologies under one roof for easy access by farmers, scaling their use to boost production and mitigate against emerging crop diseases," said Dr Mathenge.

This comes at a time when parts of the country are already feeling the full effects of drought, while Fall Armyworms have left a trail of destruction in maize-growing regions.

The chairman said KALRO had already developed crop and seed varieties capable of withstanding the devastating effects of Fall Armyworms, but that farmers lacked awareness of them.

According to the organization, food baskets across the country have recorded crop failure occasioned by climate change shocks and failed rainfall patterns.

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KALRO Director-General Dr Patrick Ketiem said the parks would help scale up farmers' adoption of newly developed technologies in crops, livestock and animal feeds to enhance production.

He said the organization was working closely with farmers on capacity building, the introduction of new drought-resistant crops, and encouraging the adoption of irrigation.

"We are finding that despite the technology, the issue of climate change is becoming very serious, and across the country maize has performed poorly due to depressed rainfall," he said.

BRIEFS

M-PESA funds smart TVET building in Machakos

BY CELINE MUTHEU AND ANNA MUKULU (KNA)

Machakos University has taken a major step towards strengthening technical and vocational education following the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a Smart Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) building, funded by the M-PESA Foundation at an estimated cost of Sh120 million.

The Smart TVET facility is expected to equip students with industry-relevant skills while creating training opportunities for community members, fostering a direct link between education, skills development and employment opportunities in Machakos and beyond.

Upon completion, the three-storey Smart TVET building will house multiple lecture halls, administrative offices and staff workspaces, significantly enhancing the university's capacity to provide technical and vocational education and training.

Prof. Joyce Agalo, the Vice Chancellor of Machakos University, who spoke during the ground breaking commended the M-PESA Foundation and Safaricom PLC for investing in education and skills development, noting that the institution will not only benefit the University students but community as well.

"We commend the M-PESA Foundation and Safaricom PLC for investing in education and skills development. This institution will not only benefit our University students, but will also provide training opportunities for members of the surrounding community and contribute to local economic growth," said the VC

General Manager of Safaricom PLC Coastal region, Jackson Mutua, emphasized that expanding access to technical and vocational education is essential in equipping young people with practical skills, promoting innovation, entrepreneurship that respond to the changing demands of the labour market.

22 Embu schools benefit from Climate-Smart farming training

BY SAMUEL WAITITU

Learners from 22 schools across Embu County have benefited from training on environmental conservation and smart farming through a partnership between the NGO Rainforest Alliance and the Kenya Scouts Association (KSA).

Through the Mount Kenya Sustainable Landscape and Livelihoods Programme (MSULLI), Rainforest Alliance has equipped school-based scouts and learners with hands-on skills in smart farming to enhance food security and promote climate change mitigation efforts. The initiative has enabled learners to acquire practical skills to transform spaces in schools and homes into smart farms using eco-friendly practices such as soil conservation, water harvesting, crop diversification, and the establishment of multi-storey and kitchen gardens.

"Through this programme, young people in the schools we have partnered with are working towards conserving their environment while also establishing kitchen gardens where food crops are grown to enhance food security in their schools," said MSULLI Programme Manager Dida Wario. He reported that in each of those schools, they have managed to establish smart farms where crops such as vegetables are grown for supplementing the school feeding program and the surplus is sold for income generation.

Wario said the smart farms not only serve as solutions for immediate food needs, but also equip young people with long-term climate-resilience skills that act as a shield against effects of climate change.

India donates 4.5 tonnes of medical supplies to boost Ebola preparedness

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

India has donated the first tranche of 4.5 tonnes of medical supplies to support Kenya's preparedness and response efforts against a possible spread of Ebola virus disease, as fatalities from the outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo approach the 1,000 mark.

The medical assistance was handed over by India's High Commissioner to Kenya, Dr Adarsh Swaika, to Health Cabinet Secretary (CS) Aden Duale at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).

Health Cabinet Secretary, Aden Duale and India's High Commissioner to Kenya, Dr Adarsh Swaika, at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), during the donation of the first tranche of 4.5 tonnes of medical supplies to Kenya.

The first consignment comprises 279 packages of essential medical supplies, including personal protective equipment (PPE) kits, sample transportation kits, infrared thermometers, face shields, heavy-duty protective boots and other infection prevention materials. A second tranche of the assistance is expected to arrive soon.

While receiving the consignment, CS Duale said the donation comes at a time when the region remains on high alert following Ebola outbreaks in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He noted that Kenya's position as a regional transport and trade hub makes epidemic preparedness a national security priority.

"The government has adopted a whole-of-government approach to Ebola preparedness," he said.

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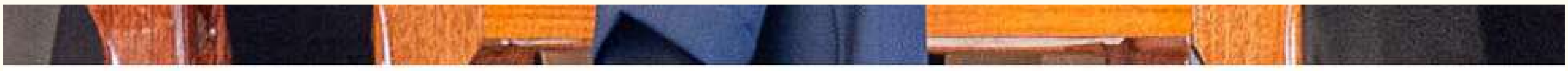

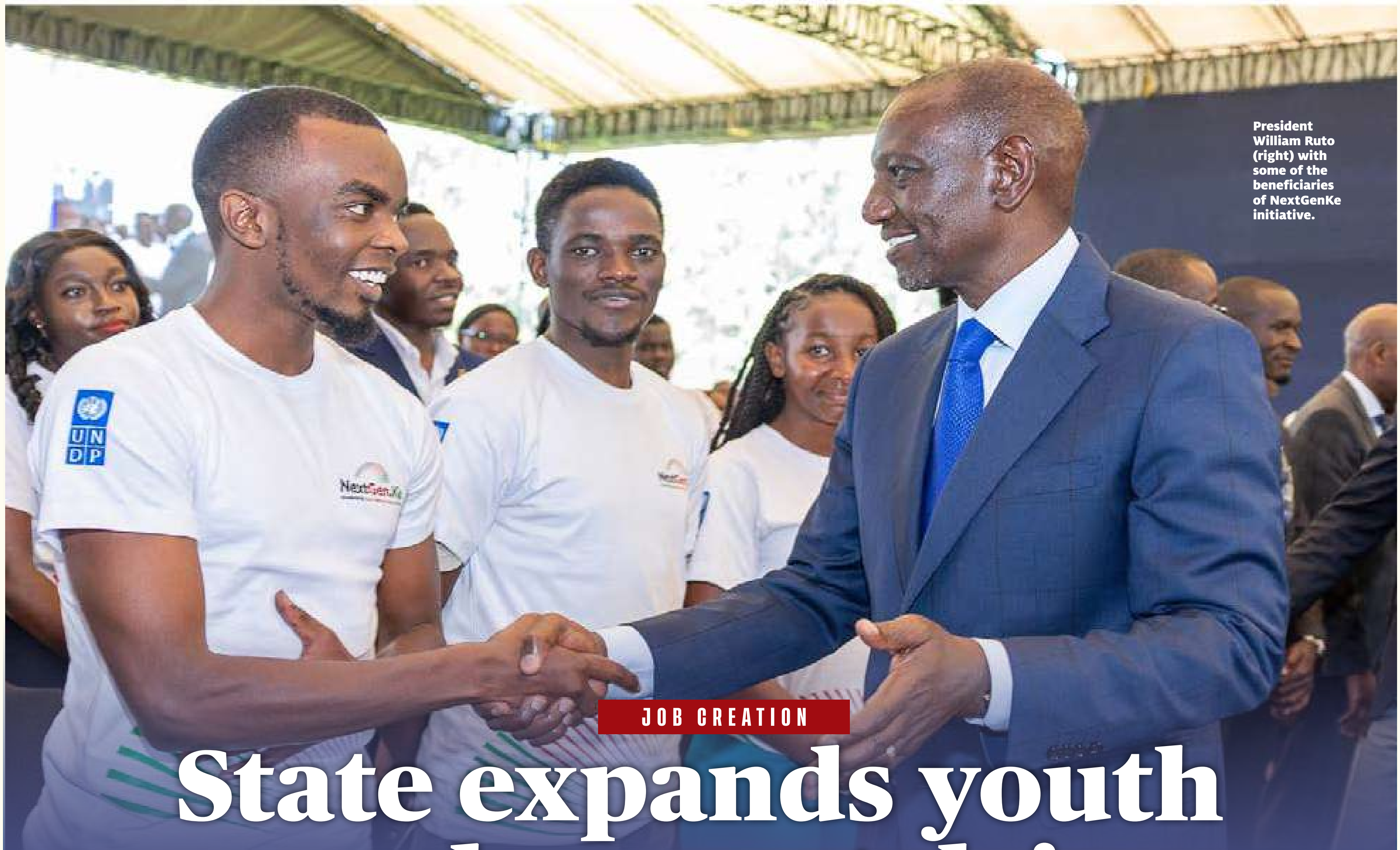

President William Ruto (right) with some of the beneficiaries of NextGenKe initiative.

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State expands youth employment drive

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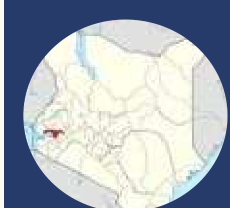

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Government intensifies efforts to create jobs and oppportunities for the youth

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Workers at Affordable Housing Project site in Vihiga County. Housing projects have created jobs for over 400,000 youth since the programme was started in 2022.

The Government has stepped up its efforts to put more young people into employment by enhancing their skills and opening doors to opportunities.

This is evident in its rollout of expanded youth programmes, including the establishment of digital hubs across the country, and targeted support for youth-led start-ups. President William Ruto, as part of the continued drive to create jobs for the youth, last week unveiled the latest initiative seeking to create opportunities for the youth.

Named the Next Generation of Kenya Youth Employment Programme (NextGenKe), the initiative is a partnership between the Government, the United Nations Development Programme (UNEP) and Kenya Private Sector Alliance.

President Ruto said the programme will empower more than 30,000 young Kenyans and be scaled up to 100,000 over the next three years.

He announced that the Government had committed Sh2 billion for the programme, an investment that cements the confidence it has in young people.

The plan is to increase funding to Sh5 billion, with additional monies coming from development partners and private sector.

"We commend private sector partners for joining us in this shared national endeavour and encourage more employers to open their workplaces, share their expertise and mentor the next generation of Kenyan professionals," the President said.

National Treasury CS John Mbadi (right) and UNDP Kenya Resident Representative Jean-Luc Stalon (centre) after signing an agreement formalising Kenya's Sh2 billion investment in NextGenKe Youth Employment Programme. Left: National Treasury PS Dr Chris Kiptoo.

The programme, according to the President, provides structured private sector internship, complemented by training in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, life skills and workplace readiness.

"Over the next three years, it will accelerate inclusive youth economic transformation by connecting young people with meaningful work experience and practical skills," he said during the launch when he hosted the first 500 beneficiaries of the programme at State House, Nairobi.

NextGenKe has three key features. First, it offers paid internships to the youth within the private sector, ensuring that graduates are directly connected to real labour market demands.

Second, there is training focusing on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, life skills and workplace readiness, equipping participants with both technical and soft skills essential for success.

Third, the project's long-term goal is to establish a framework that guarantees an automatic one-year internship option for all college and university graduates, creating a consistent bridge between academic achievement and meaningful employment opportunities.

The President asked graduates joining the programme to focus on building skills, rather than the money they are expected to get, adding that placements should be viewed as an opportunity to secure long-term employment.

UNDP Resident Representative in Kenya, Dr Jean-Luc Stalon, said the initiative reflects a new model of development financing, where countries lead by investing in their own national priorities, with partners supporting delivery and scale.

"UNDPKenya thanks the Government for its trust and is committed to delivering results for Kenya's youth," he said.

NextGenKe comes months after the Government launched the first and second phases of National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Programme, which is supporting youth-led start-ups.

In the first phase of NYOTA, the Government disbursed some Sh3 billion in start-up capital to over 101,000 young entrepreneurs across all 47 counties.

Each beneficiary received Sh25,000, Sh22,000 which they were given in their mobile wallets and Sh3,000 went to savings.

The second phase, which kicked off on July 10, 2026, targeted over 122,000 young entrepreneurs nationwide with Sh3.05 billion in funding, as well as training, mentorship and savings support to boost youth-led enterprises.

Like in the first phase, each beneficiary got Sh25,000, with Sh3,000 going to their Haba Haba savings account under the National Social Security Fund (NSFF).

With the disbursement of the second phase, each beneficiary would have received Sh50,000 to boost or start a business, making NYOTA one of Kenya's largest investments in youth enterprise.

"This project gives small businesses across the country the much-needed financial boost to expand and thrive. This was abundantly clear from the uplifting stories of success told from every corner of the country," President Ruto said while launching the second phase of NYOTA. He noted that there are clear testaments of what the NYOTA programme can do, proving critics, who dismissed Sh25,000 as "too small to do anything".

Beyond the grants, the Government has established digital hubs across counties to enable young people gain access to training in e-commerce and online freelancing, opening doors to global opportunities in the digital economy.

At the same time, the affordable housing programme is creating thousands of jobs in construction, engineering and allied trades, while further addressing the pressing need for decent shelter. These programmes are part of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

TELLING THE STORY

PS Isaboke calls for deeper Kenya-China digital technology ties

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Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lilian Kimeto at the Africa Technology Show 2026 last week in Nairobi.

The PS underscored the Government's commitment to expanding digital connectivity across the country.

He highlighted ongoing digital connectivity programmes, including the rollout of 100,000 kilometres of fibre optic cable and the digitisation of over 22,000 public services through the e-Citizen platform, noting that the initiatives are aimed at improving service delivery and creating opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship.

"Through the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy, we continue to modernise critical infrastructure, transition traditional broadcasting to cloud-enabled, mobile-first and AI-driven platforms and expand secure, reliable transmission networks across the nation," the PS said.

KYEB is mandated to document Government initiatives, emphasizing its role in capturing various milestones in the different sectors.

Kenya pledges continued support to African Telecoms Union

Kenya has committed to enhance its support of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), with Broadcasting and Telecommunication PS Stephen Isaboke reaffirming the country's dedication to regional cooperation in digital transformation.

Mr Isaboke, who was speaking during the 7th African Telecommunications Union (ATU) Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-26) in Abuja, Nigeria last week, said that enhanced continental collaboration will accelerate digital inclusion, harmonise policy and regulatory frameworks, build digital skills and harness Artificial Intelligence to drive

> **Mr Isaboke cast the country's vote in the election of the Secretary-General ATU.**

Africa's development.

The PS noted that Kenya's initiatives such as the Digital Superhighway, innovation hubs and the Universal Service Fund provide a strong example of how Africa can harness technology as a driver of inclusive growth and sustainable development.

At the event, Mr Isaboke cast the country's vote in the election of the Secretary-General ATU, with Eng. Kezias Kazuba Mwale of Zambia emerging tops as the new Secretary-General of the Union.

Mr Mwale succeeded Mr John Omo from Kenya, who served the ATU with distinction for eight years. The ATU Secretariat is hosted in Nairobi, reaffirming Kenya's commitment to supporting the Union's mission.

Mr Isaboke said Kenya looks forward to welcoming Eng. Mwale and working closely with him and all Member States to advance Africa's digital transformation agenda. ■

Broadcasting PS Stephen Isaboke casts his vote during the election of the Secretary-General ATU in Abuja Nigeria.

TECHNOLOGY

Ministry develops AI policy, calls for public views

Draft AI policy 2026 marks a major step in enhancing the use and adoption of the technologies across the country

The State Department for ICT and Digital Economy, under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, has developed a draft Kenya Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies Policy 2026, which seeks to enhance responsible use and governance of the new technologies.

The policy, developed after months of consultation with industry experts and civil society, seeks to position Kenya among the first African nations to tighten oversight over the technologies.

The provisions in the draft policy, which the Ministry is seeking views from the public, seek to enhance the national AI governance framework, which will replace the current fragmented approach.

In the policy, the Government commits to promote access to market for locally developed AI and other Emerging Technologies products to Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Counties as well as continental markets.

"The Government shall strengthen national AI safety research, testing, evaluation and assurance capabilities to promote trustworthy and responsible AI innovation," notes the Department.

Further, the Government promises to mainstream AI and other Emerging Technologies to improve productivity and service delivery through the following measures.

First, it will adopt a Whole-of-Government Approach to AI and other Emerging Technologies in identification and prioritisation of their coherent use, including in the Public Service.

To enhance capacity and human capital development, the Government notes that it will establish a National AI and other Emerging Technologies Fluency Framework as the national standard that defines what AI and other Emerging Technologies fluency means for every Kenyan.

For environmental sustainability, the Department said the Government shall establish a unified framework across the lifecycle of AI and other Emerging Technologies infrastructure and compute activity, integrating measurable accountability for high-impact systems with circularity and environmentally sound e-waste management.

The implementation architecture of the policy shall comprise four governance tiers. At the apex will be the National AI and other Emerging Technologies Steering Committee, which will provide the strategic direction for

ICT and Digital Economy PS Eng. John Tanui whose State Department will oversee the implementation of the policy.

policy implementation.

It will comprise the Cabinet Secretary MICDE (Chair), Cabinet Secretaries and representations from the county governments, private sector and research institutions.

Then there will be the National AI and other Emerging Technologies Council, which shall be established as the central regulatory authority for AI and other Emerging Technologies.

The Council shall be led by an AI and other Emerging Technologies Director supported by a Governing Board, a Technical Advisory Forum and the following Directorates.

The institution shall issue binding guidelines and standards, oversee testing and evaluation of frontier AI models and significant AI risks relating to safety and security, manage national AI risk classification and regulatory sandbox programmes and oversee the National AI and other Emerging Technologies Registry, among others.

Technical Working Groups (TWGs), aligned to each Policy Pillar, shall be established to develop technical standards, implementation plans, sector guidelines and pilot programmes.

Kenya's vision for AI and Emerging Technologies is not confined within its borders. Recognising the transformative power of digital innovation, the Government seeks to position the nation as an anchor for East Africa's technological infrastructure.

The policy notes that the Government shall establish Kenya as East Africa's AI and other Emerging Technologies infrastructure anchor through a bilateral recognition framework for cross-border sovereign AI and other Emerging Technologies workload hosting.

This will enhance the country's image as a trusted environment for Partner State sovereign and regulated workload

For ethics, safety, security and inclusion, the Government commits to ensure that AI and other Emerging Technologies adopted in Kenya are safe, reliable and subject to human oversight.

And for inclusive use of AI, the Government shall recognise Kenyan and African languages, cultural knowledge and local context as strategic infrastructure.

Therefore, it promises to establish a National African Languages and Voice AI Programme to support the development of language datasets, speech technologies, translation systems, public service interfaces and local language benchmarks.

The policy further calls for the establishment of Kenya AI Safety Institute as the national technical institution responsible for AI safety research, testing, evaluation, benchmarking, red-teaming, incident analysis and technical cooperation.

The institute will work in coordination with the National AI and other Emerging Technologies Council, relevant regulators, standards bodies, universities, research institutions, sector ministries, county governments, industry, civil society and international partners.

The ICT Department is inviting comments on this draft policy (https://ict.go.ke) from stakeholders, institutions and the public which should be submitted by August 4, 2026. Feedback will help refine Kenya's vision of becoming East Africa's anchor for AI and other Emerging Technologies, ensuring that the framework reflects the nation's values. ■

Joy as Huduma Centre Makueni extends working hours

HUDUMA CORNER

From July 20, 2026, the people of Makueni started to enjoy more hours of accessing Government services after the region's Huduma Centre extended its operations from 7am to 7pm from Monday to Friday.

The move marks a major milestone in service delivery, ensuring that residents can access essential Government services at times that fit their daily routines.

Among the services citizens are accessing are National IDs, birth and death certificates, National social Security Fund, Police Abstracts, Good Conduct Clearances, Social Health Authority and Kenya Revenue Authority.

> **Nationally, the programme covers 21 Centres, serving an average of 60,000 customers daily.**

Through the Huduma Kenya Universal Public Servant (UPS) model, Makueni Huduma Centre continues to expand its reach to include services from institutions such as KUCCPS, Affordable Housing Board, NCA, KISM, KETRB, CAJ, ODPC, KBC, UFAA and KSG, making it a comprehensive one stop hub for Government services.

Presiding over the launch of the initiative, Makueni County Commissioner Khalif Dol praised Huduma Centre staff for their dedication, noting that the team has served over 90,000 citizens through Huduma Mashinani, easing the burden of long travel for residents across the county.

Dr Roseline Nzilani, who represented the Governor of Makueni, urged elders and community leaders to spread the word about the new operating hours and pledged continued support for Huduma Kenya's citizen focused initiatives. Makueni Huduma Centre joins 20 others nationwide in offering services during extended hours.

Nationally, the programme covers 21 Centres, serving an average of 60,000 customers daily, reinforcing the Government's commitment to inclusivity and efficiency. ■

Residents access Government services at Huduma Centre in Makueni County.

PICTURESPEAK

Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS William Kabogo (right) holds talks with Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI) officials, led by Kenya Country Director Magdalene Kariuki, yesterday in Nairobi. The talks focused on strengthening collaboration to advance Kenya's Artificial Intelligence agenda and accelerate digital transformation through strategic partnerships.

Major-General Peter Limo conducts an inspection of the ongoing construction of the Raila Amolo Odinga International Stadium, formerly Talanta Stadium, at the Talanta Sports Complex last Friday. The 60,000-capacity stadium (right) is nearing completion.

Some of the 7,480 Community Health Promoters (CHPs) who were onboarded to the Social Health Authority (SHA) in a partnership between the Ministry of Health and the Nairobi County Government. The CHPs were equipped with health kits, medicines, smartphones and supported through stipend funding to enhance service delivery at the household level. The health workers since 2022 have registered 810,000 households, conducted millions of diabetes and hypertension screenings, supported maternal and child health services and brought quality healthcare closer to Nairobi communities.

Tourists arrive in Mombasa last week as the country recorded impressive activity across primary entry points, with Mombasa leading the surge by registering more than 20,000 visitors. The influx, Tourism CS Rebecca Miano said, provided a major boost to our local hotel industry, coastal excursions and regional businesses.