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3,000

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1,500

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600m

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1.5b

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68m

Grant extended by the French Government to Kericho County towards the solid waste management project in the county.

Major audit of titles planned to resolve land feuds at Coast

Lands CS reveals that many foreigners in the region have freehold titles in contravention of Article 65 of the constitution, which only allows non-citizens to hold leasehold titles for a maximum of 99 years.



BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

The Government will conduct an audit of all land titles in the Coast region, which is inundated with absentee landlords and foreigners owning freehold titles.

Lands CS Alice Wamohi said the government wants to resolve

the thorny land ownership issue in the Coast region, adding that the area has many freehold parcels of land, some of which have not been adjudicated.

The CS revealed that many foreigners in the region have freehold titles in contravention of Article 65 of the con-

stitution, which only allows non-citizens to hold leasehold titles for a maximum of 99 years.

"I must remind all the land registrars and land officers that freehold titles under Article 65 of the constitution cannot be transferred or owned

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AfDB 59th Annual Meetings



From L: Moussa Faki, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mr Akinwumi Adesina, the President of Africa Development Bank, H.E Dr. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya unveils the next 10-year strategic plan for the Africa Development Bank at the KICC Nairobi.

NACADA launches nationwide crackdown on alcohol outlets near schools

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The National Authority Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) has launched a nation-wide crackdown to enforce regulations regarding the placement of bars and other alcohol dispensing outlets near learning institutions or areas catering to individuals below the age of eighteen.

In a statement issued to the media, NACADA CEO Dr. Antony Omerikwe says the initiative is anchored on the Alcohol Drinks Control Act of 2010 which stipulates that such establishments must be situated not less than 300 metres away from any nursery, primary, secondary or other educational institutions serving individuals below the age of eighteen.

Dr. Omerikwe said the crackdown will be executed in collaboration with other



Dr. Antony Omerikwe

national and county government agencies and seeks to ensure strict compliance with legal requirements on the positioning of such outlets.

The crackdown, the CEO noted, serves as a reminder to all players in the community of their role in enhancing the safe development and well being of children.

The CEO said the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act of 2010 further provides a penal lia-

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NACADA launches crackdown on alcohol outlets near schools

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bility for any person who sells alcohol in prohibited locations in the nature of a fine not exceeding Sh3,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or both.

NACADA also directed that all billboards promoting alcohol drinks near learning institutions be removed with immediate effect.

Dr. Omerikwe noted that despite the law prohibiting advertisements that are misleading or deceptive or that are likely to create an erroneous impression about the characteristics, health hazards or social effects of the alcoholic drinks, advertisers were placing billboards near schools.

“In line with the Alcoholic Drinks Promotion Regulations, NACADA will coordinate with

other stakeholders to remove all billboards near schools and, or learning institutions” the CEO noted.

Dr. Omerikwe said that schools should be secure environments that foster learning and personal growth free from any influences that may contribute to harmful behaviour.

He added that the presence of alcohol advertisements near educational institutions therefore undermines those endeavours by normalising the consumption of alcohol and portraying it as an appealing and glamorous choice.

“NACADA calls on all advertising agencies and businesses to exercise social responsibility by not erecting alcohol advertisements near learning institutions”, Omerikwe declared.

Major audit planned to resolve Coast region land disputes

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by foreigners. I am not specifying any group, but you must be a Kenyan to own a freehold title,” Wahome said during a tour of the Mombasa Land Registry that serves the Coast region.

She added that the Ministry of Lands will take stock and conduct an audit, after which necessary disciplinary action will be taken against officers who collude in the issuance of freehold titles.

“Where we find people sleeping on their job, we will not be lenient because even I am not allowed to sleep on my job,” Wahome said.

The CS also appealed to the judiciary to consider land records when delivering judgments, even when the Lands Ministry is not a party to a case “We are sometimes enjoined as a party when we have defended the law or have been part of some complaints. Generally, it is good to enjoin the Ministry of Lands in those



Lands CS Alice Wahome talks with Officers during her tour of the Mombasa Land Registry. PHOTO: HANIEL MENGISTU.

land disputes because we are the custodians of the title documents.

“When we have not been enjoined, it becomes tricky because sometimes it is deliberate so that the true records are not taken to court,” stated Wahome, urging the judiciary to be diligent in tackling land cases.

All forged documents will be expunged from the records of the Ministry of Lands, she said, urging Kenyans to be careful and to consult

land offices before purchasing land to avoid falling prey to land fraudsters.

“The banks are also falling prey to forged documents. I asked the banks to get their land valuers and lawyers to do due diligence in the interrogation of land titles,” Wahome advised.

The CS further revealed that 12.6 million titles across the country are required to be entered into the National Land Information Management System

(NLIMS). On unoccupied land, the CS said, “I think we should start recovering any land that is not occupied. As a government where we had given you a lease, you have not occupied your land for over 12 years. The law will be implemented.”

If the government does not repossess the land, she said, charges will apply for being absent because “land is a factor of production and we do not want the land to be idle”.



Kenya National Highways Authority
Quality Highways, Better Connections

TENDER NOTICE

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

KeNHA invites sealed bids from eligible Service Providers for the tenders mentioned below:

S/ No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing/ Opening Date/ Time/Venue
1.	KeNHA/2782/2024	Provision of Brokerage Services for Medical Insurance for KeNHA Staff, Dependents and Board of Directors	27th June, 2024 at 11.00am. KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao Road, Block C - 2 nd Floor Board Room.
2	KeNHA/2783/2024	Provision of Brokerage Services for Group Personal Accident, Group Life and Work Injury Benefit Insurance Cover for KeNHA Staff and Board of Directors	

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested Bidders **free of charge** by downloading from KeNHA website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP): www.tenders.go.ke or from KeNHA Office JKIA Barabara Plaza Block C, 2nd Floor Supply Chain Office during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000.00 (One thousand shillings only)** in form of a banker's cheque payable to Kenya National Highways Authority.

Bidders are encouraged to download the Tender documents from the above websites to minimize physical visits to the **KeNHA Office**.

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

Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL

For all your enquiries email us on: complaints@kenha.co.ke Toll Free Line: 0800-211-244 Customer Care: 0700 423 606 #RoadSafetyStartsWithYou

 Website: www.kenha.co.ke Kenya National Highways Authority



KENYA FOREST SERVICE

SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE MOTOR VEHICLES, ASSORTED OLD EQUIPMENT AND OLD TYRES

Kenya Forest Service invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for disposal of unserviceable vehicles, assorted old equipment and old tyres

NO	TENDER REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
1	KFS/DISP/022/2023-2024	SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE MOTORVEHICLES, ASSORTED OLD EQUIPMENT AND OLD TYRES	TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at the **Supply Chain Management Department at KFS headquarters, Karura off Kiambu Road, P.O. Box 30513 - 00100, and Tel 020-2397660/020-8023042 Nairobi** during normal working hours.

Complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000** in cash or banker's cheque payable to the Director, Kenya Forest Service. The documents can also be downloaded from the KFS website www.kenyaforestservice.org or from the public procurement portal; tenders.go.ke **free of charge**. Those who download the tender documents and intend to submit a bid are required to submit their particulars to Supply Chain Department's Office for records and for the purpose of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums.

Items will be sold on **"As where is basis"** and tenderers are required to visit the indicated locations during normal working hours to view the items prior to bidding. Tenderers will also be required to pay in advance a refundable deposit as indicated in the Appendix to Instruction to tenderers in the tender documents.

Tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the tender number and name and be deposited in the Tender Box at Kenya Forest Service Headquarters, Reception area or to be addressed to the **Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya Forest Service P.O. Box 30513-00100 Nairobi** so as to be received on or before the indicated closing date and time.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates' representatives who choose to attend the opening at Kenya Forest Service Headquarters boardroom located in Karura, off Kiambu road. All bidders must serialize their documents.

Chief Conservator of Forests
Kenya Forest Service



Government allocates Sh1.5b for Affirmative Action groups countrywide

BY ROBERT OJWANG(KNA)

The Government has released Sh1.5 billion to facilitate bursaries and grants disbursement to affirmative action groups across all 47 counties through the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF).

Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary Ms Anne Wang’ombe said the funds meant for the third and fourth quarter of the 2023/2024 Financial Year, will cover school bursaries for learners from vulnerable households.

The PS underscored the government’s unwavering commitment to improving the livelihoods of affirmative action groups and enhancing access to financial facilities and services.

Ms Wang’ombe made the announcement in Kisumu County when she presided over the distribution of cheques to various vulnerable groups organized by the Office of the



Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary (PS) Anne Wang’ombe addressing the press when she presided over the distribution of cheques to affirmative action groups in Kisumu County. Photo: ROBERT OJWANG’

Woman Representative, Ruth Odinga.

Some 2,000 registered affirmative action groups are set to receive grants worth Sh413 million to support socio-economic activities as well as value addition initiatives.

“The grants are meant to increase the disposable income levels for the beneficiaries for improved livelihoods through enterprise development,” the PS noted.

Group members who are set to benefit from the grants are those who successfully submitted their applications and attained the eligibility criteria for funding through the NGAAF county offices.

About 25,000 students from across the nation are also set to benefit from bursaries and scholarship allocation amounting to Sh273 million to support their education and skills development.

The Fund has disbursed Sh677 million to implement various projects and programs that would benefit a cross-section of the inhabitants in selected communities in the 47 counties.

“NGAAF will continue to support the prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence through the construction of GBV centers, nurturing of talents, provision of water facilities, and other social amenities meant to provide an enabling environment for businesses to thrive,” Wang’ombe said.

Through the kitty, NGAAF has allocated Sh137 million for civic education to sensitize community members on various government programs.

“The grants are meant to increase the disposable income levels for beneficiaries

Adopt Integrated Payroll Systems for efficiency, CoG urges counties

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

The Council of Governors is urging county governments to shed manual payroll systems and ensure that all employees are included in the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Database (IPPD) to conform to the law.

Council of Governors (CoG) Chief Executive Officer Ms. Mary Mwiti observed that the law does not approve of manual payrolls, which are still in use in some devolved administrations. The CEO noted that the Controller of Budget has been taking a lot of time to verify manual payrolls presented by county governments, thus delaying salary payments for county employees.

Mwiti spoke during a quarterly consultative meeting with county human resources directors and payroll managers held at a Murang’a

hotel. She divulged that the lack of a proper payroll system has led some county governments to report high wage bills. She said one way to manage ballooning wage bills is to have an integrated payroll for all employees.

“I would like to thank Murang’a County Government for being the only devolved administration with a seamless payroll since it has eliminated manual payrolls. All county workers are now under integrated payrolls,” she stated.

Mwiti added, “County CECs for Finance have been entrusted to improve efficiency and enhance effectiveness in the management and organization of workers’ payments.” The CEO further asked the county human resource directors and payroll managers to be at the forefront in ensuring all county employees are supported, motivated, and compensated fairly.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

KENYA UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES CENTRAL PLACEMENT SERVICE

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service is a State Corporation established under the Universities Act, of 2012 to coordinate the placement of Government-sponsored students to universities and colleges, among other functions.

The Placement Service invites applications for the following position:

S.No.	Position	Grade	No. of Vacancies
1.	Senior Internal Auditor (Re-advertisement)	KUCCPS/05	1

A detailed description of the position and application instructions are available on the Placement Service website www.kuccps.ac.ke.

Applications **MUST** be submitted online through the Placement Service Careers Portal careers.kuccps.net.

Interested applicants are required to create their profiles, duly fill out the online application form, and attach copies of their CVs, academic certificates, and testimonials before submitting their applications.

The application deadline is **June 24th, 2024 at 5.00 pm.**

Successful candidates will be expected to fulfill the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 by providing: Police Clearance Certificate from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations; a Clearance Certificate from the Higher Education Loans Board; a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority; Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission; and a Report from an Approved Credit Reference Bureau.

The Placement Service is an equal-opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities, women, and applicants from marginalized regions are encouraged to apply. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENTS VIA ECITIZEN

The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) integrated its payment services with the eCitizen platform in line with the Government’s directive. For efficiency, KUCCPS services have been assigned codes for purposes of eCitizen transactions.

Henceforth, stakeholders are advised to use the following Payment Reference Codes while paying for the listed services via eCitizen.

S.No.	KUCCPS Service	Payment Ref. Code
1.	Provision of data for research (Local NGOs and businesses)	PNGO
2.	Purchase of tender documents by bidders	PTDB
3.	Purchase of career book	PCCB
4.	Provision of data for research (local students)	PDRL
5.	Registration for membership (universities)	RGMU
6.	Registration for membership (colleges)	RMCL

Payment Procedure

To make payment using the above codes:

- Go to M-Pesa menu
- Select Lipa na M-Pesa
- Select Paybill
- Key in the Paybill (Business) Number 222222
- In place of Account Number, key in the corresponding Payment Ref. Code then a hyphen and name of client, all in Capital Letters, for example, ABCD-XYZ where ABCD is the Payment Ref. Code and XYZ the client’s name.
- Key in the required amount to complete the process.
- Forward the confirmation message to KUCCPS as proof of payment for the service.

To pay for services not listed above such as applications for placement or inter-institutional transfers, follow eCitizen payment instructions as provided on the respective KUCCPS portals.

For clarification or further information, please contact us on 0205137400/0723954927 or email info@kuccps.ac.ke.

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Arror and Kimwarer dams set for relaunch, promising relief to Kerio's water woes

BY KIPTANUI
CHERONO(KNA)

The multi-million-shilling Arror and Kimwarer dams, envisioned to address water shortages in the drought-prone Kerio Valley region, will soon be relaunched.

Mark Chesergon, Chairman of the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) Board, stated that the Authority is in the process of developing an implementation roadmap for these mega-dam projects. These projects, which attracted significant controversy during the last administration, are expected to proceed successfully this time around.

Chesergon, while not specifying the exact commencement period for the Sh. 63 billion irrigation and hydroelectric projects, mentioned that the Cabinet had approved an agreement to jump-start implementation of the dams, to be constructed in Elgeyo-Marakwet County.

"The Cabinet has approved the settlement agreement for the resumption of the Ar-

"50% of the water pans and small dams are complete and have harvested rainwater"

ror and Kimwarer dams. As an authority, we have developed a roadmap that will see the launch of its implementation once we are ready," said the board chair.

The chairman made these remarks while leading the KVDA Board, management, and other stakeholders in a tree-planting exercise. During the event, 200,000 assorted tree and fruit seedlings were distributed and planted in Chepyor, in Keiyo North sub-county.

The controversy surrounding the two projects led to the cancellation of the Kimwarer water project and the scaling down of the Arror Dam project.

Following a meeting



KVDA MD Sammy Naporos presents an avocado seedling to Lucia Taptuei Kiplagat from Chepyor during a tree planting exercise. 200,000 assorted tree and fruit seedlings were distributed and planted during the occasion.

between President William Ruto and his Italian counterpart Sergio Mattarella in March 2023 where the President announced that Kenya agreed with Italy on the resumption of the two stalled projects, senior government officials have been visiting the sites where the mega dams are proposed to be built.

The chairman added

that KVDA was also implementing several other water and irrigation projects across its areas of operation.

"KVDA is also sustaining Kamsiwet and Chepkum irrigation projects in ElgeyoMarakwet, Weiwei in West Pokot, and Napuu in Turkana counties among others, adding that the authority was also

starting a new irrigation project in Samburu.

In his remarks, KVDA Managing Director Sammy Naporos said the authority was committing Sh. 700 million received from the national government for conservation on water pans and mega assorted tree and fruit seedlings across the Kerio Valley region.

Naporos said eight water pan projects each in Elgeyo Marakwet, West Pokot, and Baringo were at different stages of implementation.

He said a number of the water pans and small dams had harvested adequate amounts of rainwater during the ongoing rains experienced in the region.

"Fifty percent of the water pans and small dams are complete and have harvested rainwater. These are long-term projects aimed at ensuring a constant supply of water," he said.



THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS PROJECT – ADDITIONAL FINANCING

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (PREQUALIFICATION OF LEGAL FIRMS) Ref: IFPPP/PFF/PPPD/05/2023-2024

Credit No.:	61210KE
Project ID No.:	P121019

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Infrastructure Finance and Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Project – Additional Financing (IFPPP-AF) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The contemplated legal services ("the services") include: (a) Legal support and advisory services in the PPP Process (b) Providing support during transaction stage (c) Providing support for PPP model documentation and Templates (d) Overall support to the PPP programme.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: www.treasury.go.ke; www.pppunit.go.ke or can be obtained at the address given below.
- The National Treasury & Economic Planning (the Client), through the Infrastructure Finance and Public Private Partnerships Project – Additional Financing, now invites **eligible law firms** to express their interest in providing the services for different sectors. Interested Legal firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the requisite qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The firms will be evaluated against the criteria provided for in the Terms of Reference.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e 0900 to 1700 hrs.
- Expressions of Interest must be delivered in written form to the address below either in person, by mail or by email to the address shown below:

Postal Address:

**The National Treasury & Economic Planning,
Public Private Partnerships Directorate,
Attention: Director General, PPP Directorate
P.O. Box 30007 – 00100
Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone No: 254-20 3225000**

Physical Address:

**Public Private Partnerships Directorate
Attention: Director General, PPP Directorate
6th Floor, Re-insurance Plaza,
Building No.4 Aga Khan Walk/Taifa Road
Email: info@pppunit.go.ke**

- Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **18th June, 2024 at 11:00** hours Kenyan local time.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL, PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/NATIONAL TREASURY**



PUBLIC NOTICE

COMPENSATION OF POLICYHOLDERS AND CLAIMANTS OF XPLICO INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (UNDER STATUTORY MANAGEMENT)

Policyholders Compensation Fund (PCF) is a state Corporation under the National Treasury and Economic Planning that was established under Section 179 of the Insurance Act (CAP 487) and operationalized through the Legal Notice No. 105 of 2004. The Fund was established for the primary purpose of providing compensation to claimants of an insurer that has been put under Statutory Management or whose license has been cancelled and for the secondary purpose of increasing the general public's confidence in the insurance sector.

Compensation for Policyholders and Claimants of BlueShield Insurance Co. Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that the Policyholders Compensation Fund in exercise of the powers conferred under section 179 of the Insurance Act and the Policyholders Compensation Fund Regulations 2010, has commenced payment of compensation to policyholders and claimants of Xplico Insurance Company Limited (under Statutory Management).

Policyholders and claimants of Xplico Insurance Company Limited (under Statutory Management) with unsettled claims are therefore advised to:

- Visit the PCF website by navigating to www.pcf.go.ke
- Navigate to Online Services, locate, and click on the Claims Portal.
- Register for an account on the Claims Portal by following the provided instructions to set up your account.
- Fill out the online claim form with accurate information and ensure that you attach all the necessary documents as outlined in the claims process section.
- Upon successful application and submission in the portal, you will receive an email notification.

The portal will be open for submission from **Tuesday 4th June, 2024**.

NOTE:

- A policyholder who does not make a claim for compensation within **two (2) years** from the date of notice publication shall not be entitled to claim any compensation.
- The process of verification and approval for payment will be done in line with the Fund's guidelines and procedures with the maximum amount payable capped at **Kshs. 250,000.00** per claim based on the statutory limits.

For further inquiries please contact:

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Twitter: @PCF_Kenya
NAIROBI**



Netherlands confirms commitment to Sh1.5b Blue Economy project in Turkana

BY KAZUNGU CHAI (PCO)

Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya has welcomed assurance from the Government of the Netherlands that a proposed Sh1.5 billion project to spur the potential of the blue economy and fisheries in Lake Turkana is still on course.

Mvurya expressed optimism that the mega-project, which cuts across Turkana and Marsabit counties, will benefit the residents of the two counties once it kicks off.

“We have had very good bilateral relations with the Netherlands that date back many years, and the partnership has been great. The reason why the ambassador is here is that we have been working on a project in Lake Turkana which will cost 10



Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Salim Mvurya (2nd left) greets the outgoing Netherlands Ambassador to Kenya, Maarten Brouwer when they meet at the CS office.

million Euros, approximately Sh1.5 billion,” the CS said.

The Cabinet Secretary spoke when he addressed the media after a meeting with outgoing Netherlands Ambassador Maarten Brouwer, who paid him a courtesy call at his Ministry headquarters office in Nairobi.

“The ambassador has come to assure us that even though he has completed his assignment in Kenya, this partnership will continue,” the CS said.

He pointed out that some basic activities of the Sh1.5 billion project have commenced, but the main thrust will begin earnestly in September this year.

The other projects which the governments of Kenya and the Netherlands have been partnering in are in the areas of maritime security and maritime vessel building, the CS said.



TANA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TARDA)

We are inviting interested and eligible bidders to participate in the following tender;

NO	TENDER NUMBER.	TENDER TITLE	ELIGIBILITY
1.	TARDA/OT/123/2023-2024	Proposed Development of Thiha-Kiruka Irrigation Water Project in Mukurwe-ini, Nyeri County	Open National

Complete set of the tender document maybe downloaded free of charge from our website www.tarda.go.ke or from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) at www.tenders.go.ke. Closing date will be on **17th June 2024** as at **10: 00 a.m.** Opening will follow immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who may choose to attend at the TARDA board room situated along Queensway House, 7th Floor along Kaunda Street.

Late bids will not be accepted.

MANAGING DIRECTOR



INVITATION TO OPEN NATIONAL TENDER

The Public Service Superannuation Fund is established under the Public Service Superannuation Scheme Act, No. 8 of 2012 to provide retirement benefits to Civil Servants, Teachers employed by the Teachers Service Commission and Disciplined Services Personnel (Kenya Police Service, Kenya Prisons Service and National Youth Service).

The object and purpose of the Scheme is to—

- i. Pay retirement benefits to members of the Scheme.
- ii. Ensure that every member of the Scheme receives his retirement benefits as and when they become due.
- iii. Assist to improve the social security of members of the Scheme by ensuring that the members save in order to cater for their livelihood during their retirement.
- iv. Establish a uniform set of rules, regulations and standards for the administration and payment of retirement benefits for members of the Scheme.

PSSF invites interested and eligible firms/tenderers to bid for the following tender for the public service superannuation fund.

S/ NO	TENDER NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	BID SECURITY	CATEGORY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	PSSF/T/020/2023-2024	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ASSORTED OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Duly Filled, Signed and Stamped Tender Securing Declaration Form	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER (RESERVED FOR AGPO GROUPS - YOUTH, WOMEN AND PWD)	THURSDAY 13 TH JUNE 2024 AT 10.00AM

1. All Interested and Eligible bidders may download free of charge the Tender documents from the PSSF Website: www.Psss.go.ke OR www.tenders.go.ke and forward their particulars for records to: procurement@psss.go.ke/ procurement@pssf.go.ke The Particulars should include Name and address of the Firm, Tender Name and Number.
2. Completed bid documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with Tender Name and Tender Number should be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer
THE PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND
Bima House, Harambee Avenue
P. O. Box 3561-200, NAIROBI.**

And be deposited in the Tender Box located at the Public Service Superannuation Fund (PSSF) on the 6th floor, BIMA HOUSE, Harambee Avenue, so as to be received on or before **THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2024 AT 10.00AM (EAST AFRICA TIME)**

3. The Tender will be opened at the same venue, on the same day and time in the presence of **ONLY ONE (1)** bidder representative from each firm who will be allowed to witness the tender opening exercise. Opening Minutes may be circulated to tenderers upon request in writing.



TENDER INVITATION

The Kenya Power Pension Fund invites firms for the following;

NO.	TENDER NAME	TENDER NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	PROVISION OF MEDICAL COVER FOR STAFF	KPPF/PROC/2-A/03/2024	OPEN	Tuesday 18 th June 2024 at 11.30AM
2.	PROVISION OF COMPETITIVE MARKET RESEARCH & ANALYSIS	KPPF/PROC/2-A/04/2024	OPEN	Monday 24 th June 2024 at 11.30AM
3.	PROVISION OF OSHA TRAINING SERVICES	KPPF/PROC/2-A/05/2024	OPEN	Wednesday 26 th June 2024 at 11.30AM

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tender may be downloaded from Kenya Power Pension Fund website www.kppf.co.ke from **Tuesday 4th June 2024** at no fee. Bidders are required to register by sending an email to tenders@kppf.co.ke in order to receive clarifications and/or communication, where necessary.

Completed Tender Documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with **tender name** and **tender number** should be addressed as follows: -

**CEO & TRUST SECRETARY
Kenya Power Pension Fund,
Stima Plaza Annex, Kolobot Road, Parklands
P.O Box 1548 – 00600
Nairobi, Kenya.**

and deposited in the Tender box at Ground floor, Stima Plaza Annex next to the Lift Lobby

So as to be received on or before the closing dates shown above. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in the presence of the Tenderer's or their representatives who choose to attend in Kenya Power Pension Fund at Stima Plaza Annex ground floor, Kolobot Road, Parklands, Nairobi.

Save for responding to KPPF's request for clarification, bidders shall not contact or discuss any aspect of their tenders with KPPF after tender closing date and before receipt of notification of award of tenders or letters of regret, as applicable. Any such contact shall lead to disqualification of the tenderer.

CEO & TRUST SECRETARY.



Kisiang’ani urges State Agencies to leverage on technology to relay information to the public

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI (KNA)

All government entities are required to leverage on technology and embrace digital platforms to provide information needed by members of the public on a timely basis.

The Principal Secretary in the State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Prof. Edward Kisiang’ani (pictured) said it was imperative upon every organization to leverage on technology and develop and implement innovative ways of ensuring that routine and systematic information disclosure is promoted.

Kisiang’ani said public authorities have a responsibility to pro-actively publish certain categories of information among them, their organizational structure, functions, financial statements, and cost of services, and called upon organizations to see how best the information they hold could reach the public within the set parameters.

“This disclosure en-



hances transparency and accountability, minimizes corruption, improves service delivery and ultimately expands the democratic space,” said Kisiang’ani.

He at the same time observed that the information disclosure could be achieved through interactive and easy to navigate websites, social media platforms, broadcasting, and use of local FM stations to reach citizens in the language they understand best.

The PS made the remarks in a speech read on his behalf by an Assistant Director of Information from the Directorate of Information Ms. Mary Musasia during a

multi-sectoral stakeholder forum on access to public finance information held at a Nairobi hotel.

He noted that granting citizens the right to access information held by public authorities would be in tandem with the Access to Information Act, of 2016 which aimed promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance.

The PS said even though the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy (MICDE) is mandated to formulate laws and policies that regulate standards and services information, communication and technology sector, all industry

players must adhere to the set standards and progressively review their performance towards meeting their obligation by making information they hold accessible to the public.

“In doing so, we shall together facilitate development of knowledge-based information society,” the stated PS.

The PS announced that the Ministry through the Kenya

News Agency, is currently working with the National Government Administration Officers to disseminate government information through public barazas and national celebrations, a move he noted would enable citizens to get the right information and to make informed decisions regarding their economic and social life.

He said the Constitution

2010 states that it is the right for all citizens to receive any information that makes it possible for them to enjoy or protect their rights, it provides for freedom of expression which includes freedom to seek, receive or impart information or ideas. It also provides the state with the obligation to publish and publicize any important information affecting the nation.



KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



Leather is Wealth - Ngozi Ni Mali

NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) is a State Corporation established by the Government of Kenya under the Kenya Leather Development Council Order, 2011 (Legal Notice No. 114 of 9th September, 2011).

The Council invites interested, eligible and competent firms to submit sealed bids for the following Service as specified in the tender documents.

S/No	Tender Number	Tender Description	Eligibility	Bid Security
1	KLDC/PROC/042/2023-2024	Provision of Medical Insurance Cover, Group Life Cover & Group Personal Accident – WIBA for KLDC Board and Staff	Open to all eligible Kenyan firms	In the amount specified in tender document

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of tender documents by downloading from the Council's Website: www.leathercouncil.go.ke OR from PPIP Portal at www.tenders.go.ke.

Bidders who have downloaded the documents from the website **must** forward their particulars immediately for recording and any clarification to procurement@leathercouncil.go.ke. All documents must be paginated chronologically.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes, must be in Kenya shillings and should remain valid for 150 days after date of tender opening.

Duly completed tender documents as prescribed (original and copy) are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the tender number & name and be deposited in the tender box provided at the Reception area, CPA Centre, 5th floor, Thika Road, next to KCA University, Nairobi or be addressed to: -

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

so as to be received on or before **Wednesday, 19th June, 2024 at 11.00 am.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders who choose to attend or their appointed representatives, at CPA Centre, 5th Floor, Executive Boardroom, Nairobi. The Council reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest bid.





RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION: FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR ROUTINE SERVICES, REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND SUPPLY OF TYRES, TUBES AND BATTERIES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS – RETENDER; **RFX No. 1000001134.**

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites tenders for framework contract for routine services, repair of motor vehicles, and supply of tyres, tubes and batteries for a period of three years - Retender

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers registered as repairers and garages specializing in engine, body and electrical works in motor vehicles. Tenderers will be allowed to tender for many regions.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday in Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation Offices situated in Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for **126 days** from the date of opening of tenders.
- There will be no a mandatory site visit for interested bidders, a bidder may visit the site on their own
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security in form of a bank guarantee for **Kshs. 200,000.00**. Original of the tender security must be deposited to the tender box described in this document
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation electronically through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> on or before **21st June, 2024 @10.00am.**
- Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.**
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and times specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The addresses referred to above are:

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

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

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

Dr. Rose N. Mkalama;

Chief Executive Officer;



Kenya Prisons Service unveils Pri Aqua water bottling plant

BY PILI CHIMERAH (PCO)

At the Prisons Staff Training College in Ruiru stands a new innovation: the Pri Aqua Water Bottling Plant, one of the iconic projects pioneered by the Kenya Prisons Service.

With a capacity to produce 1,500 liters of water per hour packaged in 500ml bottles and 20-liter containers, the plant was inaugurated on October 28, 2021, by retired President Uhuru Kenyatta.

During a visit to the plant, the State Department for Correctional Services Principal Secretary, Dr. Salome Beacco, lauded the project and pledged to work hand in hand with the Commissioner General of Prisons, Brigadier (Rtd) John Warioba, to ensure the product becomes a household brand in Kenya. “We should ensure that this product is supplied to all government offices and supermarkets in this country,” she said while addressing senior staff at the Prison Staff Training College.

According to the company, the bottled water is safe for human consumption, having followed all requisite processes as spelled out by the Kenya Bureau of Standards and related regulations.

The Training College states that production of the water utilizes reverse osmosis technology and a



Correctional services PS Dr. Salome M. Beacco (in blue), Commissioner General of Prisons Brig (Rtd) John Warioba during their visit to the plant. CIP Samuel Njoroge (in white coat explaining about the plant. Photo: Cullen Wasike.

linear filling system to purify and package its water, respectively. Inspector of Prisons Samuel Njoroge, a trained and certified chemist, is in charge of the water bottling plant. “As we know, osmosis is the movement of particles from a high-concentration region to a low-concentration region through a semipermeable membrane.

Reverse osmosis, on the other hand, implies the movement of particles to one side of the membrane (concentrate) while clean water passes through the membrane (permeate),” he explains.

In the reverse osmosis technique, Inspector Njoroge explains that high pressure is injected through a high-pressure

pump, forcing the contaminants to move to one side of the reverse osmosis membrane, allowing only clean water to pass to the other side of the membrane.

Njoroge’s duties include supervising operations in the production and packaging departments, monitoring and maintaining all applicable production permits, ensuring that the facility complies with all local, county, and country company policies, and monitoring production to ensure quality standards are met.

The workforce includes five other staff members who are also Kenya Prisons Service officers, well-trained as water engineers, pharmacists, and accountants.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

OFFICE OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR UNON/UNEP& UN-HABITAT TENDER NO. MOF&DA/SDFA/E01/2/2023-2024

Background Information

The State Department for foreign Affairs mission is to project, promote and protect Kenya’s interests and image globally through innovative diplomacy, and contribute towards a just, peaceful and equitable world. This is achieved through establishment of Missions both locally and abroad. The UNON/UNEP role is to advance Kenya’s Environmental Diplomatic interests through designing and implementing suitable plans and strategies that will contribute to high and sustainable social economic development. UN-Habitat focuses on promotion of transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action to leave no one and no place behind. The State department is therefore seeking to lease office space to accommodate the two missions as per the following specifications:

Location

- Close proximity to United Nations, Gigiri – within a radius of 5 kilometers.
- Easily accessible using the existing transportation links
- Suitability of the neighborhood for Diplomatic Mission
- Free from environmental hazards

Security

- Ensure the selected location is in a secure neighborhood, with measures in place to protect the Diplomatic Mission and its staff such as electric fence, CCTV, perimeter wall enclosure etc.
- Controlled access: Ensure the building has controlled access points and the ability to monitor and restrict entry.

Status of the property

- In a good state of repair and maintenance both internally and externally
- Free from structural defects
- Ready for immediate occupation
- Internal partitioning allowed

Utilities services

- Should be well served by trunk water, electricity and sewer and fiber-optic internet
- Available power backup
- Adequate water storage facility

Use of the property

- Property should be designated for office use and if not change of user can be allowed
- Own compound more preferred

Available space

- Sufficient space: Including offices, meeting rooms, reception areas, and other necessary facilities.
- Functional complementarity
- Minimum of 14, 000 square feet of lettable office space

Tenure

- Should have unencumbered ownership document (provide copy of official search)
- Free hold or lease hold with a residue lease of minimum 45 years

Lease terms

- More than five years
- Willing of the owner to accept diplomatic clause
- Landlord willingness to adopt government standard lease terms

Parking

- A minimum of 20 parking slots

Layout

- A layout that allows for flexibility in office configuration to accommodate the changing needs of diplomatic activities
- Compound should be adequate to allow hosting of garden functions of a minimum 50 guests
- Conference facility enough to host 30 persons seated
- Suitable space distribution

Accessibility

- Accessible by individuals with disabilities.

Insurance

- Building insured against fire and other perils

State Department for foreign affairs now invites eligible firms /individuals to indicate their interest in providing the properties for lease. A firm will be selected in accordance to the laws governing lease agreements in the Government of Kenya.

Interested Firms /individuals should provide information demonstrating that they have properties that meet the minimum specifications required.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form and in English language. The documents should be addressed to the

**Principal Secretary,
State Department for Foreign Affairs;
P.O. Box 30551-00100
NAIROBI**

and be deposited in the Tender box clearly marked ‘State Department for Foreign affairs’ located at Old Treasury Building Main reception; Ground floor, along Harambee, Nairobi on or before **11th June 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** East African Time. Firms/Individuals intending to send their Expressions of interest via e-mail should send to: **procurement.foreignaffairs@gmail.com & procurement@mfa.go.ke** on or before **11th June 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** East African Time. Submitted documents should be clearly marked “Lease of office space for UNON/UNEP&UN-HABITAT.

The expressions of interest shall thereafter be opened in public in the 2nd floor boardroom Old Treasury Building immediately thereafter in the presence of applicants or their representatives who chose to attend

Further information can be obtained from the **Supply Chain Management Office situated at Old Treasury Building on 1st Floor, Room 108, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi** from Monday to Friday excluding weekends and public holidays from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.2/OT/0113/ICT/23-24	Procurement of Oracle Enterprise Hardware, Support and Maintenance (Supply, Installation, Configuration and Commissioning)	Tuesday 04.06.2024	Tuesday 11.06.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.3/OT/53/23-24	Supply of Spare Tap Changers and Transformer Bushing	Tuesday 04.06.2024	Thursday 20.06.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.3/OT/54/23-24	Supply of Galvanized Steel Structures for Implementation of Premium Customers Schemes and for various Primary and Secondary Substations	Tuesday 04.06.2024	Friday 21.06.2024 at 11.30 a.m.

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

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State Department for Livestock engages public in policy formulation

BY ROSELYNE KAVOO (KNA)

The State Department for Livestock is currently gathering input from the public and stakeholders to incorporate into the Veterinary Practice and Veterinary Medicines Bill 2024.

Dr. William Akwimbi, Deputy Director at the Directorate of Livestock Policy, stated that the task force responsible for formulating the bill is presently analyzing the issues raised during public stakeholder consultation forums held in eight regions across the country.

These regions include Kakamega, Kisumu, Eldoret, Nakuru, Embu, Isiolo, Machakos, and Mombasa. The task force aims to integrate the concerns and suggestions raised by stakeholders into the various clauses of the bill.

Speaking in Machakos during the collation exercise, the deputy director said once the process of incorporating the views is complete the bill will be taken back to the stakeholders for public validation before the final draft is forwarded to the cabinet and later to the parliament for approval.

Lands CS urges shift towards sustainable construction to combat climate change

BY JOHN KINUTHIA(PCO)

The Ministry of Lands is challenging environmental professionals to design and construct buildings which are resilient to the effects of climate change.

Cabinet Secretary Ms. Alice Wahome noted that buildings are not just structures which provide shelter but are major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions during construction, while in use and during demolitions.

Buildings, the CS said, account for a significant portion of global carbon dioxide emissions.

She added that the energy used to power homes and offices as well as materials used in construction have an environmental footprint.

Ms. Wahome was addressing built environment professionals at a Nairobi hotel when she officially opened the National Forum on Buildings and Climate Change in Kenya recently.

Participants were drawn from the State Department for Public Works, the private sec-



Lands CS Alice Wahome addressing built environment professionals at a Nairobi hotel.

tor, Office of Strategy and Execution at the Presidency, representatives from UNEP, UN-HABITAT, as well as those from the French and Dutch Embassies, the County Government of Nairobi, and other relevant stakeholders, including university lecturers in the built environment disciplines.

She asked participants to develop a general sector roadmap towards achieving a decarbonized and sustainable future in the building and construction sector in

Kenya.

The forum, whose theme was “Towards Zero-Emission, Efficient and Resilient Buildings in the Construction Sector,” aimed at coming up with recommendations that would be used to mitigate the consequences of climate change in Kenya, she said.

The adverse effects of climate change, she further said, were becoming increasingly evident around the world, with rising global temperatures, extreme weather events, sea level rise,

loss of biodiversity and land, being some of the impacts the world is currently experiencing.

It was the first such forum to be held in Kenya to discuss the effects of climate change in the building and construction sector attended by players in the sector.

Mrs. Wahome noted that all was not lost, emphasizing that architects, engineers, quantity surveyors and designers as well as other players in the built-environment had the power to make a difference by incorporating energy-efficient technologies in buildings and making use of environmentally friendly locally available building materials.

She further urged them to implement green building practices that would ensure reduction in Kenya’s carbon footprint.

“The floor area covered by the building sector will double by the year 2050 adding more than 230 billion square metres in new buildings constructions. On the African continent,

the area could triple and maybe quadruple in rapidly urbanising countries such as Kenya given the government’s priority initiative of delivering 250,000 decent and affordable housing units to middle- and low-income households,” she said.

She said sound policies and actions need to be implemented to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and lock-in effects in existing and new buildings that are coming up.

Noting the challenging task of the building and construction sector to decarbonise owing to the complexity of its value chain and interdependency of its stakeholders, the CS called for more coordination, cooperation, and a shared vision among all the players in the sector to achieve desired goals.

The CS urged the participants to agree on policy recommendations and adopt global calls to action and other efforts to promote and achieve climate resilient, green, and sustainable buildings in Kenya.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER-SAMBURU CENTRAL SUB- COUNTY

TENDER NOTICE – ADVERTISEMENT

The Deputy County Commissioner- Samburu Central Sub- County invites interested Building candidates to participate in the following tenders.

No	Tender number	Project description	Eligibility	Opening date
1	SBU-CENTRAL/ DCC/001/2023-2024	Proposed construction of Assistant County Commissioner's office Block at Lorroki Division	Open	11th June, 2024
2	SBU-CENTRAL / DCC/002/2023-2024	Proposed construction of Assistant County Commissioner's office Block at Malaso Division	Open	11th June, 2024

Bidders **must** meet the following **MANDATORY** requirements alongside other requirement contained in the tender documents.

1. Attach a copy Certificate of Business Registration/ Incorporation
2. Attach a copy a Valid tax compliance certificate
3. Attach a copy of KRA VAT/PIN registration certificate
4. Attach a copy a Valid copy of NCA 7 and above registration certificate plus valid practicing License
5. Duly filled signed and stamped Confidential Business questionnaire(S33)
6. Duly filled signed and stamped form of tender
7. Attach a copy of CR12 showing List of directors of the firm or national identity cards (ID) if Sole Proprietor
8. Attach a Bid bond of Ksh 200,000.00 which must remain valid for 120 days (after expiry of tender validity period) from reputable bank or from PPRA accredited insurance company.
9. Clearly serialized bid document using page numbers
10. Attach a current single business permit,

Documents with detailed specifications may be obtained in person from Supply Chain office (in Deputy County Commissioner's Office) during normal working hours: 8.00 am – 5.00Pm upon payment of **non-refundable fee of Kshs.1,000 for a set of tender document payable at Samburu Central Sub-County Treasury** either in cash or Bankers Cheque payable to the address given below. The tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.tenders.go.ke

Duly completed tender document in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked tender number and bearing no indication of the tenderer should be deposited in the tender box situated at the entrance of the Deputy County Commissioner's office or addressed to:

**Deputy County commissioner
Samburu Central Sub- County
P O Box 2-20600, Maralal**

So as to reach **on or before 11th June, 2024 at 10.00am**

The submitted bids will be opened soon after in the Deputy County Commissioner's Boardroom in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened

**RICHARD M. RUBIRA
FOR: DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
SAMBURU CENTRAL**



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY
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Tender Notice

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

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/NCB-084/2023-2024: Lease of Office Space for Kenya Revenue Authority at Eastleigh, Nairobi County for a period of Six (6) years.	OPEN	14 th June, 2024 11.00 AM VIRTUAL	4 th July, 2024 11.00 AM VIRTUAL

Tender document detailing the requirements of the above tender may be obtained from the Kenya Revenue Authority website www.kra.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke

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Kenya set to secure bilateral labour agreement with Germany

BY LAMECH WILLYA.
(KNA)

Kenya is finalising a significant bilateral labour agreement with the German Government, a move that promises to open numerous job opportunities for Kenyans in Germany starting this September.

Labour and Social Protection Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime (inset) highlighted the potential impact on the country's labour market the move will have.

PS Mwadime revealed that the agreement is part of a broader effort by the Kenyan government to expand employment opportunities abroad, adding to the 26 bilateral labour agreements Kenya has established with various countries over the past two years.

"This agreement with



Germany will see the country start exporting labour from September, offering hundreds, if not thousands, of opportunities for Kenyans in Germany," Mwadime stated.

The announcement was made during a tree-planting exercise at the Chepalungu Forest, where Mwadime accompanied Cabinet Secretary Florence Bore of the Ministry of Labour and So-

cial Protection.

The event marked the Ministry's ongoing efforts to rehabilitate the Siongiroi bloc of the forest, which had been heavily degraded since 2007 due to illegal logging and charcoal burning by locals.

CS Bore took the occasion to assure Kenyans that the Ministry has thoroughly cleaned up the labour export sector.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE

The National Construction Authority (NCA) is a State Corporation established under the National Construction Authority Act 2011, with the responsibility to oversee the construction industry and coordinate its development. The Authority invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders;

No	Tender No.	Description of Tender	Eligibility	Closing/Opening Date
1.	NCA/T/064/	Provision of Events Management Services	Open	12th June, 2024
2.	NCA/T/065/2023-2024	Provision of Media Management services	Open	12th June, 2024
3.	NCA/T/066/2023-2024	Provision of Consultancy Services on Media Training for NCA	Open	12th June, 2024
4.	NCA/T/067/2023-2024	Provision of Consultancy services on Developmental , Editing, publishing and Distribution of Construction Industry Magazine	Open	12th June, 2024
5.	NCA/T/068/2023-2024	Purchase of Data Centre Monitoring tool Lot 1 and Purchase of Data Domain Controller Lot II	Open	12th June, 2024
6.	NCA/T/070/2023-2024	Provision of Services for Publishing of Various Research Advocacy Reports by National Construction Authority	Open	12th June, 2024
7.	NCA/T/071/2023-2024	Retender for Provision of Disaster Recovery & Hosting Services	Open	12th June, 2024
8.	NCA/T/072/2023-2024	Retender for Maintenance of Printers Lot I and Lot II	Open	12th June, 2024
9.	NCA/T/073/2023-2024	Retender for Provision of Consultancy Services for Developmental , Editing, Proof reading and Printing of a Study on Construction Waste in Kenya	Open	12th June , 2024
10.	NCA/T/074/2023-2024	Retender For Provision of Consultancy Services for Valuation of NCA Assets	Open	12th June, 2024
11.	NCA/T/075/2023-2024	Retender for Provision of ERP Support	Open	12th June, 2024

Tender document with detailed information and instruction may be viewed and downloaded from the Authority's website;www.nca.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information portal, www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Manager, Supply Chain

FOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Development Corporation Limited (KDC) is a State Corporation established to facilitate Industrial and Economic Development in Kenya by Initiation, Assistance or Expansion of Industrial, Commercial and other Enterprises.

KDC's mandate is to promote sustainable economic development by providing development finance, infrastructure finance, business support and advisory services to medium and large-scale industries, infrastructure projects and commercial undertakings in target sectors in Kenya and elsewhere.

The Corporation invites sealed bids from eligible candidates to tender for the provision of the following services:

No	Ref. Number	Tender Name	Tender Security	Eligibility
1.	ONT/KDC/073/23-24	Supply and Delivery of Laptops and Tablets	50,000.00	Open

Interested eligible candidates may obtain the tender documents at the Supply Chain Office located at Uchumi House, Aga Khan Walk, 17th Floor during normal working hours upon payment of a non-refundable tender fee of Ksh. 1,000.00 per set or downloaded free of charge from our Website www.kdc.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal at <https://tenders.go.ke/>. All the candidates who download the tender document must register with the Supply Chain Office by sending an email to: supplychain@kdc.go.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

Completed Tender documents shall be sealed in a plain envelope, clearly marked as stated in the document showing the reference and title of the tender and addressed to: -

The Director General
Kenya Development Corporation Limited (KDC)
17th Floor, Uchumi House, Aga Khan Walk
P.O. Box 12665-00100, Nairobi

Completed documents shall be deposited in the Tender box located at the reception area on 17th Floor, Uchumi House Aga Khan Walk, Nairobi, so as to be received on or before before **10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 12th June 2024**. Bid documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the boardroom in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who wish to witness.

DIRECTOR GENERAL
KENYA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED



TENDER INVITATION

National Housing Corporation (N.H.C) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders;

Tender Number	Description	Closing Date & Time
NHC/GIC/015/2023-24	Provision of General Insurance Cover (Insurance Brokerage Services)	10 th June 2024 at 11.00am
NHC/EST/016/2023-24	Disposal of Unserviceable Motor Vehicle, Scrap Furniture and Office Equipment	12 th June 2024 at 11.00am
NHC/EST/017/2023-24	Provision of Borehole and Water Pump Service and Maintenance under Framework Contract	12 th June 2024 at 11.00am
NHC/ICT/018/2023-24	Provision of Service and Maintenance of Printers and Copier Machines under Framework Contract	12 th June 2024 at 11.00am

Tender documents can be downloaded **free of charge** from N.H.C website www.nhckenya.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke. Enquiries can be made via email address: info@nhckenya.go.ke.

Any addenda/additional information on the tenders will be posted on the N.H.C website.

Duly completed bid documents shall be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the **"Tender Number"** and **"Tender Description"** and addressed to:-

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
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PS calls for holistic approach to combat child labour in Africa

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU (KNA)

The Principal Secretary for the State Department of Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, has called for collaborative efforts to reduce the rising cases of forced and child labour in Africa.

Mwadime stated that millions of children around the world, particularly in Africa, are deprived of their childhood, education, and future due to their engagement in work that compromises their ability to grow and mature.

Consequently, the PS urged all stakeholders to unite in their efforts to implement innovative solutions drawn from best practices and align initiatives with the African Union’s ten-year Action Plan, which aims to eradicate child labour by 2025 and forced labour, human trafficking, and modern slavery by 2030.

These remarks were contained in a speech read on his behalf by the Labour Commissioner at the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Ms. Hellen Apiyo, during a knowledge-sharing forum on innovative solutions to reduce child labour and forced labour

in Africa.

The forum, held in Nairobi, brought together eleven African countries, including Angola, Kenya, South Sudan, Zambia, Madagascar, and Sierra Leone, among others.

“To effectively reduce child labour, it is crucial to adopt a holistic and integrated approach that combines education, community engagement, economic empowerment, legal enforcement, and technological innovation.”

“By addressing the underlying causes of child labour and providing sustainable alternatives, we can create a future where all children can enjoy their childhood and have the opportunity to pursue their education and dreams,” the PS stated.

He revealed that globally, an estimated 160 million children are engaged in child labour, with Africa bearing the highest burden.

According to Mwadime, the factors contributing to child labour are multi-faceted, including poverty, lack of access to quality education, and weak enforcement of labour laws, adding that addressing these challenges requires comprehensive and innovative approaches.

Uasin Gishu’s Mwanzo and Kipkaren areas selected for KISIP 2 empowerment program

BY EVA KURGAT (PCO)

Mwanzo and Kipkaren Informal Settlements in Uasin Gishu County have been identified as major beneficiaries of the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP 2), Component 2, which provides for the social-economic inclusion of slum dwellers.

Under the social-economic inclusion component, the initiative will focus on the economic empowerment of disadvantaged groups in the community, including youth, orphans, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

According to Zenah Kirui, the head of Social Economic Inclusion, KISIP 2 is undertaking sensitization of the program to the beneficiaries at Mwanzo and Kipkaren settlements to ensure that adequate preparation is done to maximize the benefits from the program.

She notes that the success of this component is very important as it sets the pace to inform future decisions for other informal settlements that will be considered for such funding.

Ms. Kirui said that KISIP is not just about infrastructural development but also ensuring that the



Area MCA and the Settlement Executive Committee members

communities that benefit from the program are empowered to break barriers of accessing economic inclusion.

“We are looking at the members of the public from the settlements to decide and identify the projects that will be beneficial to them. The projects may range from social halls, daycare centers, youth centers, sanitation facilities, and more that they may select as per their priority needs.

The component will cover four thematic areas,

among them solid waste management, where youth can generate income through innovative technologies in solid waste management, behaviour change in youth to eliminate crime and violence in informal settlements, disaster management and social inclusion of all without bias either by gender, age or disability,” said Ms. Kirui.

Daniel Letting the MCA Kipkenyo ward and Gilbert Lagat of Kiplombe ward assured the National team of support from the

County assembly and that all projects will be identified through Public Participation.

KISIP coordinator Uasin-Gishu County Ms. Nelly Jerotich, hosted the team and urged the technical team to guide in programme implementation by ensuring that the Settlements will get spaces to undertake the projects.

KISSIP II is a World Bank and French Development Agency funded project designed to improve infrastructure in informal settlements in 33 counties



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No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date & Time
GLOBAL FUND- KEN-H-TNT			
1	GF ATM HIV NFM-2023/2024 OIT-023	Supply of STI Medicines	18 th June, 2024 at 10:00am

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3.	NCCS/7/2024	Principal, Internal Auditor	NCCS 5	1
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APPLICATION PROCESS

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Equipment to boost mineral processing in counties procured



PS for Mining Elijah Mwangi (centre), Enock Kipseba, Director of Geological Survey (Left) and the Ag. Mining Director, Gregory Kituku addresses the Media during a three-day capacity building workshop.

BY KIBET CHEPTUMO (KNA)

The Government has spent Sh600 million to procure state-of-the-art equipment to revamp mineral laboratories as part of a long-term goal to establish regional laboratories and upgrade Kenya's Madini Laboratory in a bid to have the laboratory operate within ISO certified international standards.

The revamping of Madini Laboratory, and the setting up of eight main regional laboratories in the former provincial headquarters, speak of the extensive reforms in the mining sector geared towards promoting artisanal miners to bolster the mineral processing value chain for mineral resources in the counties.

The State Department for Mining Principal Secretary, Elijah Mwangi, says the purchasing of equipment for Madini and regional laboratories is intended to complement the overarching vision by the department to promote the thousands of artisanal miners by providing them with easy access to critical testing services for their minerals.

This would shield the miners from brutal exploitation by unscrupulous brokers and buyers who often buy minerals at a throwaway price from artisanal miners.

Speaking in Nairobi during a capacity-building meeting for Regional Mining Officers, the PS noted that the department would continue to invest in programmes and activities that would uplift the artisanal miners in Kenya to enable them to realise the true value

of their minerals.

"We are committed to monetise Kenya's mineral resources for the benefit of the stakeholders especially the artisanal miners. This calls for focusing on reforms that will make sure they benefit from their mining activities," he said.

With over one million artisanal miners engaged in mining operations across Kenya, the decentralisation of the laboratory services is expected to offer a significant boost to efforts by the government to uplift the 'hustler' miners who have borne the brunt of exploitative brokers.

The lack of accessible laboratory services has emboldened the brokers who make a killing by buying minerals from the artisanal miners at a throw-away price only to later sell for a fortune.

The PS disclosed that the government is focused on improving the mining operations for the artisanal miners through strategic interventions that would promote their works.

Some of these interventions include the formalisation of their operations through the formation of marketing cooperatives where support including training and linkages to financial partners will be offered.

The gazettement of 27 Artisanal Mining Committee (AMC) to fast-track on the issuance of licenses for the artisanal miners in the counties will further enhance their mining operations.

"With the AMCs in place, we are expecting an expedited process of issuance of licenses to the cooperative societies," he said.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR PROPOSED REROUTING OF A SECTION OF 132KV DUAL CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION POWER LINE AT LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK, IN NAKURU EAST SUB-COUNTY, NAKURU COUNTY

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent **The Kenya Power and Lightning Company PLC**, proposes to construct approximately 6km 132kV Double Circuit Transmission line from the existing line Teed off at Tower no.746 to tower 764. The rerouted section shall be approximately 6km and a total of 20No. pylons shall be constructed comprising of (19No. pylons sited inside the park and 1No. pylon sited at Nakuru Water and Sewerage Company premises past the sewer treatment plant) associated facilities and amenities. The proposed project will be located at Lake Nakuru National Park, in Nakuru East Sub-County, Nakuru County

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

IMPACT	PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES
Biodiversity and Habitat disturbance	• Use human labour as opposed to heavy machinery to reduce noise and disturbance from machinery to wildlife • Undertake selective clearance by clearing only necessary areas • Reforestation of disturbed areas with native plant species • Construction vehicles should be well serviced to avoid noise • Workers should maintain low tones to the extent possible • Supervision of workers
Vegetation Destruction	• Proper demarcation of area to be cleared • Clear only necessary area
Solid waste	• Ensure soil from excavations is reused for back filling to the extent possible • No waste shall be left disposed on site daily • Use of durable, long-lasting materials that will not need to be replaced as often, thereby reducing the amount of waste generated over time • Proper budgeting to avoid waste generation • All waste generated shall be carried off for proper disposal by KPLC
Power line related birds mortalities	• Undertake wire marking to alert birds to the presence of power line, allowing them time to avoid the collision • Build raptors platforms on top of towers for roosting and nesting
Soil erosion	• Soils excavated for the erection of Steel towers should be used for backfilling and should not be left exposed • Avoid excavation during rainy season
Noise pollution	• Keep vehicles well maintained to avoid noise
Air pollution	• Drivers of construction vehicles leave vehicles idling so that exhaust emissions are lowered. • Maintain all machinery and equipment in good working order • Construction trucks moving materials to site, delivering sand and cement to the site should be covered to prevent material dust emissions • Masks should be provided to all personnel • Excess soil from excavations should be carried away for proper disposal after back filling • Drivers of construction vehicles must be sensitized so that they limit their speeds so that dust levels are lowered • Regular maintenance of vehicles to reduce emissions • Control speed of vehicles to minimize generation of dust
Air pollution Water Pollution	• Maintenance of construction vehicles to avoid leakages • Avoid maintenance of vehicles on site • Clear only necessary areas to avoid soil erosion
Risk of fire	• Create awareness to the construction workers on potential fire hazards • Provision of firefighting equipment (extinguishers) on site during construction • No smoking shall be done on construction site • Timely maintenance of the way leave trace
Occupational safety	• All works planned must be done in consultation with KWS for appropriate support while working within the park • A maintenance plan must be put in place to ensure the physical integrity of structures is maintained at all times • Ensuring that live-wire work or any work is conducted by trained workers with strict adherence to safety requirements and precautions • All maintenance work must be supervised • All workers doing any work must be in appropriate personal protective equipment while doing maintenance work • The contractor will provide education/information about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention measures to workers during tool box talks
Sanitary waste	• The contractor will make arrangements to have mobile toilet on site throughout the construction period

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at

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A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote Ref. No. **NEMA/EIA/5/2/2182**

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How school feeding programs shape education, promote societal equity

BY ELVIS LEMISO

Recently, I read a book called “Re-thinking School Feeding” by scholar Bundy, D. A. P (2009). In the book, the author explains three main reasons why countries and governments should implement school feeding programs: to meet the social and safety net needs of learners, to improve learning and educational outcomes, and to enhance the overall nutrition of learners.

While the goal is to achieve these objectives, effective implementation of these programs requires sufficient funding to provide learners with various benefits, including educational, health, and social support.

School feeding programs (SFP) are effectively predominant nutrition/feeding initiatives aimed at improving the general nutrition status of

school-going children. This component is very crucial in improving the physical growth of learners and enhancing the overall school enrollment of children.

The program also incentivizes families to send their children to school, promoting higher attendance rates and reducing dropout rates. In low-income countries, many scholars face the challenges of limited resources and the opportunity cost of not working, which hinders their ability to attend school.

However, by providing meals to students, these programs alleviate the financial burden on families and encourage

“It incentivizes families to send children to school, promoting higher attendance rates

them to prioritize their children’s education.

The program additionally enhances concentration and educational performance in schools. The food offered in schools boosts students’ energy levels, enabling them to better concentrate in class and excel in their assignments.

School feeding programs have also demonstrated significant efficacy in promoting equity in education. In numerous communities, girls frequently encounter restrictions that confine them to household chores.

By offering a meal as an incentive, parents are more inclined to be persuaded to enroll their daughters in school.

However, the situation is likely to change for the millions of learners benefiting from the school feeding program in Kenya. This is because in the proposed financial budget estimates, the funding



A pupil under the school feeding program (courtesy)

for the program in the 2024/2025 Financial Year is set to reduce by close to Sh3 billion.

By reducing the budget, the nutrition of learners would be negatively impacted given that the school feeding program provides learners with balanced meals that meet their nutritional needs. The action could lead to decreased availability and quality of food, thus increasing the risk of malnutrition, which can lead to stunted growth, weakened immune systems, and a higher susceptibility to diseases.

This is because the school feeding program includes fortified foods

that provide essential vitamins and minerals necessary for proper development, such as iron, vitamin A, iodine, and zinc.

School attendance and enrollment would be affected. It is estimated that the school feeding program increases school attendance rates by eight per cent and contributes to a 2.5 per cent increase in overall enrollment.

Withdrawing or reducing funding for this initiative therefore would significantly impact school attendance and enrollment rates in the regions where the program is implemented. In most households, the promise

of a meal often encourages parents to send their children to school.

Without this incentive, enrollment rates could decrease, especially in marginalized and low-income communities. This can also contribute to an increase in dropout cases, as students may find it difficult to keep up with school and lessons.

Lack or reduced funding may also lead to increased absenteeism as children may stay home to help with household chores or work to supplement family income, consequently affecting academic performance.

According to a 2021 report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), food insecurity is a global issue affecting about one-third of the world’s population.

A 2020 UNICEF report projects that hunger may create persistent barriers to equal educational opportunities for children.

For example, hungry children may struggle to concentrate and participate in class, leading to lower academic performance and widening the educational attainment gap between students from different socio-economic backgrounds.



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Trans Nzoia County launches emergency medical care plan

BY BRENDA ROTICH (KNA)

Trans Nzoia County has launched a five-year Emergency Medical Care Plan to ensure systems effectively handle medical emergencies.

Governor George Nitembeya, in a speech read on his behalf by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health Services Sam Ojwang, expressed optimism, saying the plan will help provide a framework on how to tackle the ever-increasing emergencies and disasters in the region.

Revealing that the plan developed is in line with the Kenya Medical Care Policy 2020-2030 and the Kenya Emergency Medical Care Strategy 2020-2025, Nitembeya said Trans Nzoia County Government is committed to ensure timely intervention to disasters, with a motive to mitigating deaths which occur because of the disasters.

“The Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the Health Act 2017 guarantee that every Kenyan has a right to emergency medical treatment regardless of whether they can afford it or not. It is for this important reason



Trans Nzoia County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health and Sanitation Sam Ojwang (Right) with Chief Officer Health and Sanitation Judith Simiyu (Left) during the launch of the County Emergency Medical Care Plan in Kitale.

that we are setting this plan in place,” he said.

The Governor said once implemented, the plan will see Community Health Promoters (CHPs) and Community Health Assistants (CHAs) empowered to handle basic emergencies while initiating referral to the nearest health facility.

“Under this plan, we are going to train our CHPs and CHAs to increase their capacity to handle emergencies at the grassroots before any referral is done. By doing so, we are sure we will go on to save many lives,” he said, adding that matatu and boda boda operators who are critical players during emergencies will be considered for training.

Explaining that effective and timely multidisciplinary response to disasters requires a well-coordinated network bringing together various players, the governor revealed plans to set up a County Disaster Command Centre (CDCC).

The operations of the CDCC will comprise input from Kenya Police Service, fire fighters, Red Cross, first responders and the County Emergency Medical Services.

In preparation for the coordinated response, the county has established a toll-free number (0800724994) that the public can use to call for help in case of emergencies.

PS roots for National Health Accounts Estimation

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Principal Secretary for Medical Services Mr. Harry Kimtai is rooting for the development of comprehensive National Health Accounts (NHAs) Estimation as an important tool of addressing the health challenges facing Kenyans. Kimtai noted that NHAs provide internationally comparable health expenditure data for benchmarking with

other countries, enables accountability, resource prioritization and aides evidence-based policy making processes by the Government. Further, NHAs Kimtai said, helps in targeting resource mobilization, payment sources, service utilization, and allocation of funds, among other benefits. The PS who was speaking at a Nairobi hotel while presiding over the launch of the 2019/2020

to 2021/2022 National Health Accounts Estimation (NHAs) Report writing exercise urged both the Steering Committee and Technical Working Group members to ensure they generate credible data and told the data providers to mobilise their key informants for the exercise to share correct information to come up with a watertight NHA Report. Kimutai lauded Development Partners who have over the years supported

National Health Accounts Estimation in Kenya including WHO, USAID and her Implementing Partners (HERO and PROPEL) and JICA. “We appreciate your technical and financial support. I however understand that this activity is meant to be conducted annually but we are forced to combine three years due to inadequate funding. This, in essence means we lack current data on health accounts, hence the urgency

in finalising this activity”, the PS said. Kimtai described robust health as a major prerequisite for the socio-economic development of a country and good health is desired by all people regardless of their social standing in society hence every citizen is entitled to enjoy this right which encompasses protection from diseases, appropriate medical care, stirring personal growth and development.

“However, improvement in health care and quality of life largely depends on the availability and ease of access to healthcare facilities at affordable cost”, the PS noted. Kimtai said it is worth noting that persistent challenges to the health sector remains, with communicable diseases accounting for the highest proportion of the disease burden, yet they include preventable diseases.

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**KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Consulting Services – Firm Selection)

Country :	KENYA
Name of project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	Technical Assistance for Preparation of a Commercial Transaction Manual for Digital Infrastructure Deployment
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-407843-CS-CQS

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the **Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include Technical Assistance for Preparation of a Commercial Transaction Manual. The assignment is expected to take Three (3) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke or can be obtained at the address given below.

4. The Information and Communications Technology Authority through the Program Implementation Unit (PIU) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

a) **Core business and years in Business:** The firm should be registered/incorporated as an entity in the field of telecommunications market research and consultancy or equivalent for a minimum of fifteen (15) years.

b) **Relevant Experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least three (3) assignments of similar nature, complexity and in a similar operating environment in the last ten (10) years. Details of similar assignments, with name and address of the client, scope, value, and period should be provided and submitted.

c) **Technical and Managerial capability of the firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

7. A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant’s Qualification-based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during the following office hours 0900 and 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours) East African Time (EAT) and public holidays.

9. Expression of interest must be delivered in written form by **19th June 2024 at 1000hours EAT**. - using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: procurement@ict.go.ke and quote the **Assignment title and Contract No.** in the subject row. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked **Technical Assistance for Preparation of a Commercial Transaction Manual for Digital Infrastructure Deployment; Contract No. KE-ICTA-407843-CS-CQS**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION-NCB)

COUNTRY:	KENYA
ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS FOR COLLECTION OF ONSITE SANITATION DATA IN KENYA
CONTRACT REF No:	KE-WASREB-022024-CS-QCBS
NAME OF PROJECT:	CITYWIDE INCLUSIVE SANITATION (CWIS) GRANT

To enhance implementation of Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS), the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), the Board intends to standardize data collection for onsite sanitation. The Board intends to procure consulting services for **Development of Standards for Collection of Onsite Sanitation Data**.

1. In line with WASREB’s mandate, the objective of this assignment is to set standards that will ensure uniformity, consistency, relevance, and interoperability of onsite sanitation data collected for sector-driven decisions including in adoption of Citywide Inclusive Sanitation framework.

2. The specific objectives of the assignment are: (i) To propose and document a standard data dictionary for collecting data on onsite sanitation across the entire sanitation service chain. (ii) To develop and document a logical data collection tool/template incorporating the elements proposed in the data dictionary. (iii) To sensitize and capacity build the relevant stakeholders.

3. Duration of the assignment is three (3) months.

4. Water Services Regulatory Board now invites eligible firms’ **“Consultants”** to express their interest (EOI) in providing these services. Interested Consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant comprehensive experience to perform the Services.

5. The desired consultant must be in possession of the following qualifications and experience: -

(i) The firm should have at least five (5) years’ experience with a proven understanding of sanitation including in-depth knowledge of sanitation systems, practices, and standards relevant to onsite sanitation systems service delivery chain.

(ii) Successfully provided professional expertise in at least one (1) sanitation data related assignment in the last three (2) years,

(iii) Effective communication skills to convey findings and recommendations to diverse audiences, including decision makers in the WASH sector.

(iv) Good spoken and written communication skills, including the ability to liaise with technical staff and present information in a clear and concise style.

(v) Ability to plan work and manage social dynamics

(vi) Ability to analyze and adapt to changing requirements and incorporate feedback from users.

(vii) Demonstrate expert knowledge of modern web-based data collection techniques.

(viii) Capacity to document data collection tool’s design, functionality, and usage instructions clearly for both technical and non-technical users.

(ix) Understanding of data privacy regulations and best practices for securely handling sensitive information during data collection and storage.

(x) Ability to critique and test data collection tools rigorously to identify and resolve any issues before adoption.

6. Consultants may associate to enhance their bid.

7. Interested Consultants may obtain further necessary information at the address below during office hours between **0900 to 1600 hours** from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (**1300 to 1400Hrs**) and public holidays.

8. The expressions of interest in written form must be delivered in person to the address below so as to reach by **24th June, 2024 at 11:00am**. EOI may also be deposited in the **Tender Box on 5th Floor, NHIF Building** and must be clearly marked: **“CONTRACT REF NO:KE-WASREB-022024-CS-QCBS for CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR COLLECTION OF ONSITE SANITATION DATA IN KENYA”** addressed to

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Pioneering snail farming, Wangui's journey from Nakuru to global market

BY JANE NGUGI AND JANE WAMBUI(KNA)

About 15 kilometers from Nakuru town, there's a whirlwind of activity at Wangui Waweru's farm, where she rears what she considers a delicacy but which many Kenyans deem inedible and disgusting.

As Ms. Waweru plies her snail farming activities, barely a kilometer from the Lanet Airstrip, she remains optimistic about the planned upgrade of the facility. She hopes that the region's airspace will become busier and dreams of the day when the blossoming air transport will enable her to deliver her farm produce to different parts of the world.

A 10m-by-10m greenhouse, serving as the snail farm, stands conspicuously in her compound. Ms. Waweru has partitioned the snail house into four rooms, each containing several plastic basins covered with fine wire mesh to keep predators at bay.

Ms. Waweru discovered snail rearing as a farming business opportunity during a visit to Kisumu to sell farm produce thirteen years ago, and she hasn't looked back since.

"Marketing my farm produce at the time was one of the hardest challenges I faced as a farmer. I spent many sleepless nights thinking about costs and where to sell since most farmers harvest their farm produce simultaneously, creating a marketing challenge."

"The idea to venture into snail farming came about during one of my trips to Kisumu to sell farm



Ms Wangui Waweru explains a point during the interview. She says the molluscs contain 15 per cent proteins, 2.4 per cent fat and 80 percent water. In addition, they are rich in fatty acids, calcium, iron, selenium, magnesium and vitamins E, A, K and B12. Picture by Jane Wambui/KNA

produce. I visited a snail farmer who shared a few tips on rearing them as well as potential markets. She took me to the farm where she had bought them, and I immediately developed an interest in rearing the snails," she recalls.

Upon returning to Nakuru, Waweru decided to give snail farming a try. She realized the need for empowerment and thus began by enrolling in a course at the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) training institute.

Armed with the necessary knowledge, Ms. Waweru set up a greenhouse where she would breed the slimy 'delicacy'. She invested Sh30,000 from her savings to buy greenhouse polythene, wire

mesh, and 100 plastic basins. She then procured a permit from the Kenya Wildlife Service for Sh1,500 and started her business.

Her primary customers are expatriates from Europe, Asia, and West Africa who, unlike the locals, have developed a taste for what locals consider unpalatable.

"Africa is home to the largest species of snails in the world, the Giant African

land snail," Waweru says, adding that snails are easy and cheap to keep and maintain.

"When you target the right market and customers, snail farming can be a very rewarding business."

The Giant African snails thrive in hot and humid environments like that in Lanet. Snails have an average lifespan of 5-7 years, but with good management, they can live up to 10 years," she explains.

Ms. Waweru, a mother of three, keeps 4,500 snails of the



Giant African land variety (*Achatina fulica*), which she sells at between Sh2,000 to Sh3,000 per kilo. On average, she sells 30 kilograms of the slimy creatures per month.

The farmer explains that snails are a common delicacy among communities in West Africa, and she has established a niche market among Ghanaians, Cameroonians, Nigerians, Senegalese, Sierra Leoneans, and the Togolese, as well as South Americans and Asians in the country.

The Kenya Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013 allows communities to farm animals such as snails, ostriches, snakes, and crocodiles. Before a permit is issued, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) sends a research team to assess the facility. Part of the KWS's task involves periodic monitoring of snail farm management. Before selling snails for consumption in hotels or for the export market, one must be certified. In addition, farmers must make quarterly reports to KWS.

She feeds the slimy creatures on vegetables like cabbages and fruit pieces, particularly watermelons. The vegetables should preferably be organic. The creatures also require plenty of water and calcium to strengthen their shells.

Ms. Waweru says the mollusks contain 15 per cent proteins, 2.4 per cent fat, and 80 per cent water. In addition, they are rich in fatty acids, calcium, iron, selenium, magnesium, and vitamins E, A, K, and B12.

"Snail meat is very safe as the moist soil in which they remain buried during the day to stay safe from predators is sterilized to avoid contamination or bacterial infections.

"It has very rich qualities and tastes like giblets. It is easy to prepare. One needs to boil it for five minutes to get rid of the mucus. Once boiled, you can fry it with tomatoes and onions.

"To enhance food security, Kenyans need to diversify their choice of foods. Snails are plentiful in counties where people are either starving or malnourished," she observed.

Giant African land snails are hermaphrodites, which means that they have the reproductive organs for both male and female. A snail produces 300 to 500 eggs in three months, which hatch after 11 to 15 days, enabling one to increase their population faster.

According to Waweru, snails mature after six months. They grow big, but after another six months, their growth stagnates again.

Snails are quite vulnerable to predators such as lizards, caterpillars, rats, ground beetles, termites, and spiders. Flies, on the other hand, lay eggs, and the maggots end up eating the snails, she said.

Apart from consumption, Wangui explains that snails are a good skin treatment regime as the slime they produce (known as mucin once it has been processed) is used to produce skin care products.

Snail mucin contains antioxidants that may help reduce signs of aging like wrinkles, uneven skin tone, and sagging.

Studies indicate that snail mucin helps with skin regeneration and protects against damaging free radicals. Snail mucin also hydrates, boosts collagen production, heals wounds, and even soothes irritation.

Effective communication crucial for success of KISIP2, says Coordinator

BY MUTISO MBITHI (MYGOV)

Journalists have been called upon to embrace professionalism and work ethics when executing their assignments of covering development projects executed by both the national government and counties.

The communicators were also urged to give more visibility to the second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2) as the government strives to improve the living standards of people living in the slums.

KISIP2 is being imple-



Development Communications Expert and External Affairs Specialist at the World Bank Ms. Keziah Muthembwa addresses the forum

mented by the Government of Kenya through funding by development partners including the World Bank, AFD, and the European Union

"County communications focal persons play a key role in supporting stakeholder sensitization on interventions by KISIP 2. Communication is a

tool that can increase visibility of this project and minimize risks. Key to deriving maximum value from it, however, there must be deliberate tactics and approach to drive the message to stakeholders and positively impact the outcome," noted the KISIP 2 National Project Coordinator George Arwa, in a speech read on his behalf by Stella Gitimu, the Head of Component IV where the communications unit is domiciled, during a communication focal team workshop in Naivasha. Development Communications and External Affairs Specialist

at the World Bank Keziah Muthembwa said development communications require more than media relations but strategic tactics so as to come up with in-depth stories of impact which can also spur socio-economic development. Addressing the participants virtually, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) External Affairs specialist Vermersch Lea urged the communicators to ensure projects' visibility and sustained coverage.

"We must ensure proactive visibility through application of tactics including social media

platforms, audio visual, digital marketing, media relations and branding," she said.

Speaking at the forum, the Director of Communications at the Council of Governors Yvonne Ogwang urged the team to embrace the institution's sub-national repository for sharing success stories from devolved units.

"The Council of Governors prides itself in establishing Kenya's premier sub-national repository for sharing devolution solutions. This is the Maa-rifa Centre," said told the forum, urging communication catalysts to utilize it.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DETAILED DESIGN OF NAMANGA DAM WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROJECT

Pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Environmental Management and Coordination (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent Tanathi Water Works Development Agency intends to construct a dam which will involve gravity flow distribution of treated water. The design capacity of the proposed dam is 74167M³/day. The proposed dam will submerge the existing two rivers dam and therefore the current production (12000M³/day) of the existing two rivers dam will be lost. The selected dam type is Roller Compacted Concrete Dam(RCC)of structural height 39.3m high with an Overflow Ogee Spillway(126m) stepped spillway chute and a stilling basin. Other key features of the proposed dam include: Riverbed Elevation(2150masl), Storage Level(2173.55masl), Full Supply Level(NWL);2180.3Masl, maximum water level at floods (2182.80masl), Dam Crest Level (2184.3masl), Dead Storage 6.62Mm³, Live Storage 9.06Mm³,Total Dam Volume 15.686Mm³, Area Inundated at Full Supply Level 1.74Km². The raw water from the one river will be transmitted to the Namanga Water Works for treatment before distribution to consumers. The project will be located in Namanga town in Kajiado County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURE
Loss Of Biodiversity (Flora)	- Where possible, clearing of vegetation more so the indigenous trees need to be avoided during construction as much as possible - Where clearing of trees is inevitable, the land should be landscaped and planted with as much indigenous vegetation as possible so as to restore the lost biodiversity. - The extent of clearing within the work stations should be clearly marked. - Instruct all construction workers to restrict clearing to the marked areas and not to work outside defined areas. - Avoid introduction of invasive alien species in the landscaping activities.
Increased soil erosion	- Pile the top soil where it can be reused - Soil erosion control measures should be undertaken to avoid erosion in sensitive areas and those prone to erosion - Rehabilitation of degraded environment should be undertaken to stabilize the soil and therefore reduce rate of soil erosion and siltation. - Soil conservation measures should be observed especially at stockpiled areas. - Bare areas should be landscaped after completion. - Operations will be timed to take place during the dry season when soils are dry to reduce soil compaction. - Re-vegetation should be enhanced to reduce run off.
Disruption of movement during Construction	- Where such excavations are wide, foot bridges should be erected at the livestock corridors to facilitate their movement. - Since this is a short-lived occurrence, the contractor should engage local people to make them understand the importance of the exercise and encourage them to use other alternative routes.
Removal and disposal of asbestos pipes	- Asbestos containing pipes be replaced with other pipe types. - Before disposal commences, an environmental audit should be conducted. - The disposal of asbestos should be guided by the "Asbestos management plan (AMP)". - The asbestos material should be conveyed, handled and distributed in a safe manner so as not to cause any ill effects to any person or the immediate environment. - The onsite and offsite disposal sites shall be marked clearly as asbestos hazard area in accordance with the National Guidelines on Safe Management and Disposal of Asbestos - Removal including Onsite/offsite disposal of asbestos shall be subjected to environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003
Air pollution	- Use of water sprays when dusts are being generated or at times of strong wind - All materials stored or stockpiled on site should be adequately covered - Maintain machineries at manufacturer's specifications of minimizing emissions. - Where unavoidable, construction workers working in dusty areas should be provided and fitted with respirators or personal protective equipment - Conduct air quality analysis regularly - Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand and other loose materials to avoid spillage and dust emissions that may interfere with smooth motoring - Site roads should be dampened every 4-6 hours or within reasonable interval to prevent dust nuisance and on hotter days, this frequency should be increased - Cover or wet construction materials such as sand and unpaved areas with gunny bags to prevent dust nuisance.
Excess noise and vibrations	- Use of equipment that is fitted with noise reduction devices such as mufflers. - Construction workers operating equipment that generates noise should be equipped with noise protection equipment - Machines should be maintained at manufacturers' specifications
Solid and liquid waste generation and management.	- A waste management plan should be adopted as part of the construction works. - Hazardous substances should be handled safely and at designated and safe area. - Identify areas where re-fueling and vehicle maintenance activities and storage of hazardous materials will be permitted. - Skips and bins should be strategically placed within the campsite and construction site. - Skips and bins should be adequately designed and covered to prevent access by vermin and minimize odour. They should also be emptied regularly - Careful pumping of sewage from upstream manholes to downstream manholes - Block off the main trunk line to minimize chances of exposing staff to raw sewage during work. - Measures to ensure that waste materials from the Project are disposed at suitable sites should be taken. These will include engaging only reputable truckers and conducting appropriate spot checks to verify that disposal are done in accordance with the requirements of NEMA
Changes in hydrology/ impended drainage/deep excavations	- Release of adequate water for the downstream communities and aquatic organisms - The amplitude of this impact will be sized during the continuation of the hydro sedimentology studies that will detect the need or not to take direct control actions, as the dredging of the sandy sediment. The bottom discharger may collaborate in reducing the sediment build-up in the reservoir area. - Application of rainfall and meteorological stations in the monitoring water supply for continuous follow-up of the climatic conditions. - Earthworks should be restricted to construction sites - Install warning signs and lightings at both deep and shallow trenches - Backfilling trenches as soon as works are completed - Provide temporary bridges and protection rails at deep trenches to facilitate people movement.

IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURE
Traffic obstruction	- Ensure all construction vehicles to and from the construction site use the designated Entry/Exit to the project site. - Construct traffic diversions. - Sensitize truck drivers to avoid unnecessary road obstruction. - Contractor should stick to the provided timeline for completion of works of the Project
Occupational safety and health	- There should be adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to all workers and they should be worn all the time. - There should be adequate provision of the requisite sanitation facilities for human waste disposal. - Workers should receive requisite training especially on the operation of the - There should be adequate warning and directional signs. - Provide clean drinking water for the employees. - Develop a site safety action plan detailing safety equipment to be used, emergency procedures, restriction on site, frequency and personnel responsible for safety inspections and controls. - A sign board warning on HIV/AIDS, drugs and alcohol abuse be displayed at the construction camp sites - The campsites and their facilities need to be constructed at sites carefully selected away from the sensitive areas. - Rehabilitate excavated sites soon as construction is complete. - Train workers on the use of firefighting equipment. - Provide First Aid kit within the construction site. - Recording of all injuries that occur on site in the incident register, corrective actions for their prevention are instigated as appropriate. - Provide prevention tools such as condoms at the health Centre and construction site to all. - Contractor to ensure compliance with the Workmen's Compensation Act, ordinance regulations and union agreements. - Guide all workers in Safety Health and Environment (SHE).
Fire risks and emergency preparedness	- Put "No Smoking Signs" in areas where inflammables are stored. - Guide all workers in Safety Health and Environment (SHE). - Provide adequate firefighting equipment capable of fighting all classes of fire. - Provide first Aid kit within the construction site. - Label all inflammable materials and store them appropriately - There should be adequate PPE to all workers and should be worn all the time. - Conduct regular fire-fighting drills. - Develop a fire fighting emergency plan. - Train one member of staff on fire preparedness
Displacement of the affected people.	- Sensitization of stakeholders and land owners in decision making at all levels. - Compensate all the PAPs affected by the land take. - Provide alternative land of similar value to the PAPs. - Avoid areas with heavy residential buildings as much as possible. - Issue advance notices to all affected individuals before commencement of property demolition exercise. - A Resettlement Action Plan Report (RAP) and valuation of assets has been undertaken. It is advisable that compensation be done before project commencement
Increased insecurity	- Provide day and night security guards. - Provide adequate lighting within and around the construction site
Gender Based Violence / Child protection	- Sensitization on Gender based violence through posters, tool talks for workers - Develop a GBV mechanism to deal with grievances - Develop a policy against GBV - All workers and employees to sign a Code of Conduct that clearly explains the related policy - All employed will be expected to submit their ID to establish their age
Influx of immigrants in search of employment opportunities	- Priority (70%) should be given to employing staff from the local community - Review the construction activities to integrate with the HIV/AIDS campaigns; - Develop appropriate training and awareness materials for Information, Education and communication (IEC) on HIV/AIDS; - Identify other players (local CBOs, NGOs, and government organizations) to assist in the dissemination of the awareness of HIV/AIDS for enhanced collaboration; - Develop an intervention strategy compatible with the construction programme to address success of the HIV/AIDS prevention and provide peer educators for sustainability in collaboration with other stakeholders; and - Integrate monitoring of HIV/AIDS preventive activities as part of the construction supervision. Basic knowledge, attitude and practices are among the parameters to be monitored, and particularly on provision of condoms, status testing and use of ARVs.

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

1. Principal Secretary,
State Department for Environment and Climate Change,
Ministry of Environment
Climate Change and Forestry,
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2. Director General NEMA
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3. County Director of Environment,
KAJIADO COUNTY

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote ref. No. **NEMA/EIA/5/2/2124**

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President urges African nations to strengthen shareholding at AfDB for economic growth

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI(KNA)

President William Ruto's call for bolstering African states' shares at the African Development Bank (AfDB) to amplify the lending capacity of this regional financier echoes with urgency.

Addressing delegates at the 59th Annual Meetings of the AfDB held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, President Ruto underscored the pivotal role of the bank in addressing pressing financial needs across the continent.

Emphasizing critical areas such as food security, infrastructure, youth and women empowerment, and entrepreneurship, President Ruto highlighted the imperative for nations to fortify their shares within the AfDB.

His plea resonates with the essence of collective action, asserting that reinforcing the institution's resources is paramount for it to effectively support African countries in their developmental endeavors.

Furthermore, President Ruto's advocacy for a substantial 17th replenishment of the African Development Fund, to the tune of at least 25 billion dollars, underscores the imperative of enhancing the bank's capacity to extend concessional financing to the least developed African nations.

In this introductory call



President William Ruto of the Republic of Kenya delivers a keynote address at the opening ceremony of the 59th Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank (AfDB) at KICC.

to action, President Ruto sets a tone of collaboration and commitment towards leveraging financial mechanisms to propel Africa's socio-economic advancement.

"We call on our donors and development partners to scale up their investment in our continent's premier development financial institutions," he appealed.

Ruto said the continent has been profiled negatively for too long and called upon the Bank to write a new narrative on an Africa credit agency by putting in place information into the architecture.

"Our GDP is not correctly valued and our huge resources such as energy

and the 60 per cent arable land are not factored," the President said, adding that the continent is facing the rigid barrier of a global financial architecture that was fundamentally misaligned with the continent's aspirations.

"We routinely borrow from international markets at rates far above those paid by the rest of the world, often up to 8 to 10 times more.

These rates are said to factor in an arbitrary risk profile that is notably not applied when considering mineral extraction, even in areas of active conflict," he stated.

He said there was need for the African continent to urgently develop and

implement transformative interventions that would drive the prosperity of the continent's countries and peoples' lives.

Ruto expressed confidence that the sense of urgency resonates strongly among Africa's leaders who were making progress to grow the economies of the continent's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

"Our continent is growing at the world's fastest growing rate, exceeding the global average of three per cent and 11 of the world's fastest growing economies in 2023 were African," he said.

Between 2000 and 2022, Africa's real GDP increased at an annual rate

of 4.3 per cent, which is above the global average of 2.9 per cent. Seven of the world's 10 fastest growing economies were in Africa, he said.

The President lauded AfDB for financing 5,432 projects of which 4,036 were complete and for providing mechanism to coordinate the fight against poverty, improved the standards of African financial and other institutions and contributing significantly to conflict prevention and resolution.

The President however observed that the pace of African economic growth and development has not kept up with the rest of the world, and that it remained far behind its undeniable potential.

"Intra-African trade remains low, with its share of global GDP less than three per cent. Africa's share of global trade is also low at two per cent and our exports are primarily unprocessed produce and raw materials," he stated.

Ruto said the economies of the continent continued to bear the burden of rising costs of serving huge national debts, caused by high global interest rates and external shocks besides confronting challenges such as geopolitical risks, effects of armed conflict, disruption in global supply chains, climate change and macroeconomic instability.

He expressed confi-

dence that the strong positive response by African leaders and nations to the African Union's Agenda 2063 signals their collective intent to undertake a radical transformation of African economies, achieve sustainable development goals and unite people in prosperity.

"We have what it takes to succeed, and current activities show movement in an encouraging direction," he said.

"We must believe in ourselves first and stop outsourcing solutions we can provide for ourselves," he added.

The President observed that for Africa to achieve the transformation, a consistent commitment of substantial resources was required to invest in infrastructure and industrial capacity to deliver the growth.

Ruto said the financial architecture that Africa is advocating for should integrate the continent's most challenging development issues of debt sustainability and climate vulnerabilities to enable the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 commitments.

He said the AfDB High 5s strategies and objectives of the newly adopted 2024-2033, 10-year strategy provide important foundations for the critical continental objectives in addressing debt sustainability and climate vulnerabilities.

Kisumu distributes free treated mosquito nets to combat malaria

BY HUSSEIN SAUDA (KNA)

Over 300,000 households in Kisumu County have benefited from free long lasting insecticidal nets to control spread of malaria in the area.

Kisumu County Malaria Control Coordinator Lyana Dayo said the county received 866,115 mosquito nets from the Ministry of Health (MoH) for the campaign to give impetus to the fight against the tropical disease.

So far 92 per cent of the targeted households, she said, have received the mosquito nets adding

that the recent floods affected the distribution exercise in parts of Nyando, Kadibo and Nyakach Sub-Counties.

Several beneficiaries, she said, were displaced by the floods with some of the facilities earmarked for the distribution exercise submerged in water.

Dayo said the exercise which started with the registration of beneficiaries in January has registered tremendous success despite the challenge.

"After the distribution of treated mosquito nets, our hospitals have registered a significant reduction in the number of people coming to seek malaria treatment," she

said.

The beneficiaries, she noted, were instructed to ensure the proper use of mosquito nets to decrease the malaria prevalence in the county from 27 per cent in 2015 to 15.6 per cent.

She pointed out that the county health department will continue to roll out interventions to ensure that the number of malaria cases drop.

Kisumu is one of the counties in Kenya with a high burden of malaria given its geographic and climatic conditions which is characterized by low altitude, hot and humid weather which create a conducive breeding ground for mosquitoes.



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Complete tender documents (Original and 1 copy) of the technical and financial proposal each enclosed in a separate envelope should be enclosed in one plain sealed envelope marked with the tender name and reference number and deposited in the tender box at Talanta Plaza 9th floor, Kenya road, Upper Hill-Nairobi or be addressed and posted to:

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KNQA to develop a standardized Coding System Policy

BY MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA)

A standard guideline for coding all qualifications in the country will go a long way in providing an accurate picture for policy, decision-making and developing the provision of skills needed in the country, Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) Director General (DG) Dr Alice Kande has said.

Speaking during an online wider stakeholders' validation workshop for the Kenya National Qualifications Coding Standard (KNQCS), Dr Kande said the development of the policy was in line with the Authority's strategic plan, Kenya Vision 2030, and Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) as currently promoted by the government.

"Your presence today underscores the importance we collectively place in enhancing the quality and relevance of education and training in our country," the DG told the stakeholders drawn from universities, tertiary institutions, professional bodies, government agencies among others.



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BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE FY 2024/25 BUDGET

This is to notify the general public that the Budget Statement for the FY 2024/25 will be delivered by the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning on **Thursday, 13th June, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. in Parliament.**

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

Country	Kenya
Project	Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project
Loan No. /Credit No	IDA-63480
Assignment Title	Consultancy services for communication specialist
Reference No	KE-NSPS-426364-CS-INDV

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project-KSEIP and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include to finalize a draft communication strategy for Nutrition Improvement through Cash and Health Education (NICHE), develop a roadmap to implement enhanced beneficiary outreach strategy for NICHE, review and develop key messages and booking for radio and TV spots. Develop scripts for communication, produce NICHE documentaries, human interest stories as well as design NICHE IEC material among other assignments for a period of 5 months after signing the contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the website: www.socialprotection.go.ke

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection through State Department for Social Protection & Senior Citizens Affairs now invites eligible individual consultant ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The short listing criteria are as follows: -

A University degree in communications, journalism or equivalent from a recognized university. Previous employment experience (minimum 3 years) in communication, journalism, print media, research documentation and report writing. Experience in Child Protection, Social Protection and health communication. Familiarity with local media, and established network of concepts with local journalists. Ability to express clearly and concisely ideas and concepts in written and oral form. Competent in the use of computer and internet information software, use of desktop publishing software. Excellent in documentary script writing, photography and videography. Effective Writing Skills, Visual Communication, Analytical Skills as well as Social Media Management.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 edition setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultants Selection** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers November 2020 edition.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0800hrs to 1700hrs.

Eligible consultants to submit their Expression of Interest accompanied with detailed CVs and copies of relevant documents and testimonials must be delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked with contract reference number and title of the consultancy to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **18th June, 2024 at 1100hrs East African Time.**

The address (es) referred to above is:

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

Country	Kenya
Project	Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project
Loan No. /Credit No	IDA-63480
Assignment Title	Grievance and Case Management Consultancy
Reference No	KE-NSPS- 426366-CS-INDV

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project-KSEIP and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include support enhancement and implement a comprehensive Grievance and Case Management System (GCMS) to address complaints, grievances, and allegations of fraud related to project activities. Review the process of complaint resolution and how the efficiently and fairly the system resolves them. To identify and recommend system loopholes and weaknesses that may lead to fraud, corruption, or inefficiencies in project implementation. Enhance linkages between the various units in the SDSP on GRM components systems among other assignments for a period of 5 months after signing the contract.

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The short listing criteria are as follows: -

A Minimum of a bachelor's degree in either Human Development, Social Sciences or Social Policy with three years of relevant professional work experience actively managing projects which would include fraud investigation, Complaints Mechanism and compliance management. Three years of experience with managing social protection or comparable projects, preferably in a public sector environment. Experience and skills in working with Government, Monitoring and reporting, Training and workshop facilitation. Demonstrated ability to effectively collaborate with counterparts with different technical and sectoral backgrounds. Experience in managing E-grievance/complaints mechanisms is desirable. Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to identify and address systemic issues and vulnerabilities. Strong organizational and communications skills and ability to interface with national, county and sector players in the discipline among others as detailed in the ToR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 edition setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultants Selection** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers November 2020 edition.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0800hrs to 1700hrs.

Eligible consultants to submit their Expression of Interest accompanied with detailed CVs and copies of relevant documents and testimonials must be delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked with contract reference number and title of the consultancy to the address below (**in person, or by mail, or by e-mail**) by **18th June, 2024 at 1100hrs East African Time.**

The address (es) referred to above is:

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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF POSITIONS

The Open University of Kenya (OUK) is a Public Specialised University chartered in August 2023 pursuant to Section 24(1)(b) of the Universities Act (No. 42 of 2012). The University is located 78 Kms from Nairobi at Konza Technopolis, within the boundaries of Machakos and Makueni Counties along the Nairobi-Mombasa Highway.

The establishment of the Open University of Kenya reflects the Government’s commitment to fostering a knowledge-based society where education is a tool for personal advancement and national progress. The University is established on the philosophy of quality education, technology and accessibility that advocates for inclusivity, flexibility, openness, and innovation. The philosophy makes the institution unique in addressing the Government’s national strategic needs for skills development that will drive socio-economic growth.

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S/ No	Position	Grade	Public Service Commission (PSC) equivalent Grade	Area of Specialisation	No. of Posts	Reference Number
1. ACADEMIC DIVISION						
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY						
1.	Professor	15	3	Computer Science	1	ACAD/004/5/2024
2.	Associate Professor	14	4	Computer Science	1	ACAD/005/5/2024
3.	Senior Lecturer	13	5	Computer Science	1	ACAD/006/5/2024
4.	Senior Lecturer	13	5	Mathematics/ Statistics	1	ACAD/007/5/2024
5.	Senior Lecturer	13	5	Nursing	1	ACAD/008/5/2024
6.	Lecturer	12	6	Computer Science	4	ACAD/009/5/2024
7.	Lecturer	12	6	Mathematics/ Statistics	2	ACAD/010/5/2024
8.	Tutorial Fellow	11	7	Computer Science	3	ACAD/011/5/2024
9.	Tutorial Fellow	11	7	Mathematics/ Statistics	2	ACAD/012/5/2024
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS						
10.	Senior Lecturer	13	5	Entrepreneurship	1	ACAD/013/5/2024
11.	Senior Lecturer	13	5	Strategic Management	1	ACAD/014/5/2024
12.	Senior Lecturer	13	5	Human Resource	1	ACAD/015/5/2024
13.	Lecturer	12	6	Strategic Management and Leadership	2	ACAD/016/5/2024
14.	Lecturer	12	6	Entrepreneurship	1	ACAD/017/5/2024
15.	Lecturer	12	6	Economics	1	ACAD/018/5/2024
16.	Lecturer	12	6	Economics	2	ACAD/019/5/2024
17.	Tutorial Fellow	11	7	Project Management	1	ACAD/020/5/2024
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION						
18.	Professor	15	3	Educational Research and Evaluation	1	ACAD/021/5/2024
19.	Associate Professor	14	4	Educational Communication and Technology	1	ACAD/022/5/2024
20.	Associate Professor	14	4	Manufacturing and Textile Engineering	1	ACAD/023/5/2024
21.	Associate Professor	14	4	Educational Research and Evaluation or Curriculum Instruction	1	ACAD/024/5/2024
22.	Senior Lecturer	13	5	Technology Education - Electrical and Electronics	1	ACAD/025/5/2024
23.	Lecturer	12	6	Technology Education (Building and Civil Engineering)	1	ACAD/026/5/2024
24.	Lecturer	12	6	Technology Education (Power Mechanics)	1	ACAD/027/5/2024
25.	Lecturer	12	6	Philosophy	1	ACAD/028/5/2024
26.	Tutorial Fellow	11	7	Technology (Education Fabrication Engineering)	1	ACAD/029/5/2024
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE						
27.	Lecturer	12	6	Agricultural Economics, Sustainable Food Production or Agriculture and Biotechnology	1	ACAD/030/5/2024
28.	Tutorial Fellow	11	7	General Agriculture, Agricultural Economics, Sustainable Food Production or Agriculture and Biotechnology	1	ACAD/031/5/2024
ICT DIRECTORATE						
29.	Project Leader, ICT	13	5	Systems Administration/Software or Network Engineering	1	ACAD/032/5/2024
30.	Chief ICT Officer	12	6	Multimedia Development	1	ACAD/033/5/2024
31.	Principal ICT Officer	11	7	Database Administration	1	ACAD/034/5/2024
32.	Senior ICT Officer	10	8	System Administration	1	ACAD/035/5/2024
33.	Senior ICT Officer	10	8	Web development	1	ACAD/036/5/2024
34.	Senior ICT Officer	10	8	Network Security and Administration	1	ACAD/037/5/2024

35.	ICT Officer	9	8	Full STACK Developer	1	ACAD/038/5/2024
36.	ICT Officer	8	9	ICT System Support	3	ACAD/039/5/2024
37.	ICT Officer	8	9	Curators /Learner Support Assistants	2	ACAD/040/5/2024
38.	ICT Officer	8	9	Research Assistant	1	ACAD/041/5/2024
39.	Assistant ICT Officer	7	10	Maintenance	1	ACAD/042/5/2024
OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC REGISTRAR						
40.	Senior Assistant Registrar (Academics)	13	5	Academics	2	ACAD/043/5/2024
LIBRARY SERVICES						
41.	Assistant Director, Systems Librarian	13	5	Library Service	1	ACAD/044/5/ 2024
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING						
42.	Assistant Director, Corporate Communications and Marketing	13	5	Corporate Communications and Marketing	1	ACAD/045/5/2024
43.	Corporate Communications and Marketing Officer	8	9	Public Relations	1	ACAD/046/5/2024
44.	Assistant Customer Care Officer	5	11	Corporate Communications and Marketing	1	ACAD/047/5/2024
LINKAGES, COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS						
45.	Programs Manager	12	6	Project Management	1	ACAD/048/5/2024
STUDENT AFFAIRS						
46.	Assistant Student Counselor II	8	9	Student Counseling	1	ACAD/049/5/2024

2. DIVISION OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE					
S/No	Position	Grade	PSC equivalent Grade	No. of Post	Reference Number
FINANCE DEPARTMENT					
47.	Finance Officer	15	3	1	ADMIN/050/5/2024
48.	Accountant	12	6	1	ADMIN/051/5/2024
49.	Senior Accounts Assistant II	8	9	2	ADMIN/052/5/2024
ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES					
50.	Senior Assistant Registrar, Administration	13	5	1	ADMIN/053/5/2024
51.	Assistant Registrar, Administration	12	6	1	ADMIN/054/5/2024
52.	Executive Secretary	12	6	1	ADMIN/055/5/2024
53.	Senior Administration Officer	11	7	2	ADMIN/056/5/2024
54.	Administration Officer I	10	8	2	ADMIN/057/5/2024
55.	Administration Officer II	8	9	3	ADMIN/058/5/2024
56.	Clerical Officer II	5	11	2	ADMIN/059/5/2024
57.	Human Resource Officer I	10	8	1	ADMIN/060/5/2024
58.	Human Resource Officer II	8	9	1	ADMIN/061/5/2024
59.	Assistant Maintenance Officer	6	10	1	ADMIN/062/5/2024
60.	Technician (Electronics)	5	11	1	ADMIN/063/5/2024
61.	Senior Driver II	7	10	1	ADMIN/064/5/2024
62.	Driver I	5	11	2	ADMIN/065/5/2024
63.	Driver II	4	12	2	ADMIN/066/5/2024
64.	Support Staff II	3	13	2	ADMIN/067/5/2024
65.	Security Guard III	3	13	2	ADMIN/068/5/2024
AUDIT DEPARTMENT					
66.	Internal Auditor I	12	6	1	ADMIN/069/5/2024
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT					
67.	Assistant Procurement Officer	11	7	1	ADMIN/070/5/2024
68.	Senior Procurement Assistant I	8	9	1	ADMIN/071/5/2024
LEGAL DEPARTMENT					
69.	Senior Legal Officer	11	7	1	ADMIN/072/5/2024

Tea market shifts to orthodox tea as conventional tea loses demand

BY GEOFFREY SATIA(KNA)

Kenya tea farmers have been advised to adopt organic tea farming as the world tea market is shifting to specialty teas.

According to the Tea Board of Kenya (TBK), the existing high demand for organic tea is taking shape in China, Europe, Asia, and the American markets.

As a result of the challenges facing tea farming in Kenya, TBK has aggressively initiated ca-

capacity building in the tea growing zones across the country to reach out to over 800,000 smallholder farmers.

Tea market players believe that specialty tea would revolutionise the tea market as it's anticipated to significantly revitalise the critical sub-sector.

During the specialty teas conference that was held in Nandi Hills town, the stakeholders including the government, tea regulatory bodies and environmental organisations

among other players, tea farmers benefited from rigorous training on processes of attaining specialty tea.

The farmers' representatives drawn from Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Mozambique were also in attendance and they benefitted from sensitisation programmes offered by international tea broker firms from the UK and US.

Alex Amenya, the East and Central Africa project manager spearheading or-

ganic tea farming said that the conventional tea is no longer marketable and orthodox tea would be a breakthrough to farmers.

"We are enabling farmers to access extensive services to start up a cottage industry for their tea. It does not use mechanical or chemical inputs rather than utilising the organic fertilisers for effective production of health tea to meet market thresholds," he explained.

The production of orthodox tea includes hand

plucking, withering, rolling, oxidizing, and drying to retain its natural flavour. The quality of the tea depends on the processing and handling techniques to produce white and purple tea which are attributed as nutritious.

"The paradigm would leverage tea farming for small scale farmers. It's the cheapest way of producing treasured tea products which is currently sold in Canada and US markets," he stated.

The European Spe-

cialty Tea Association experts have started training households on the preparation of organic tea to meet the quality standard and requirement for respective market destinations.

Bernadine Tay, founding Director Chair of Education Committee Research and Development Committee for Specialty Tea Association in UK while training farmers in Nandi, noted that Kenya produces high quality tea in the world and farmers need to explore organic tea production.



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- Attach: Application Letter, a detailed Curriculum Vitae indicating (academic qualifications, professional experience, academic leadership, list of publications, awards, scholarships, funding, membership to professional associations or bodies and linkages, valid email addresses, telephone contacts), copies of certificates, National ID, and other testimonials;
- Provide names, telephone numbers and contact addresses of three referees and ensure that the referees submit confidential reports on the applicant's suitability for the post to the undersigned before the closure date.

Note that the Terms of Service will be either Permanent and Pensionable OR Contract, as shall be determined by the University Council.

Open University of Kenya (OUK) is an equal opportunity employer and, therefore, applicants of either gender, persons with disabilities and those from marginalized areas are encouraged to apply. Interested applicants should submit their applications so as to be received on or before **25th June, 2024**. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

PROF. CHRISTOPHER CHEPKEN

AG. DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE)

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION FOR THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Admission to the Open University of Kenya for the 2023/2024 Academic Year, May/ June intake is currently ongoing. Prospective students are invited to apply for the following Undergraduate and Postgraduate Diploma programmes:

- Bachelor of Data Science
- Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
- Bachelor of Business and Entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of Economics and Statistics
- Bachelor of Technology Education
- Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Accountability
- Postgraduate Diploma in Learning Design and Technology

Minimum Entry Requirements for Undergraduate Programmes:

- A mean grade of C+ and above at KCSE where applicable or its equivalent **OR**
- Diploma or professional qualification from recognized institutions **OR**
- A KCSE certificate or equivalent and a foundational certificate or bridging course from recognized institutions **OR**
- Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education with a minimum of One Principal and Subsidiary Pass **OR**
- Evidence of KCSE certificate or equivalent and a portfolio for the purpose of Recognition of Prior Learning determination with respect to:
 - Workplace training of 2 years **OR**
 - Work experience in a relevant field of 2 years **OR**
 - Two short courses lasting at least 3 months each in relevant fields **OR**
- Any other qualification that may be determined by Senate recognizing Prior Learning leading to equivalent of the identified criteria, experience and skills of a learner **OR**
- A Bachelor's degree from an institution recognized by Senate.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Programmes:

- A Bachelor's degree from an institution recognized by Senate.

Application Guidelines

The KUCCPS portal is continuously open for placement of students to the Open University of Kenya. Prospective students with KCSE qualification as spelt out in the 1st criterion (i.e. with a mean grade of C+ and above or based on the 2nd criterion with a KNEC Diploma) should submit their applications online through the KUCCPS Portal <https://ouk.kuccps.net>. Those interested in the Bachelors programmes (based on the 2nd to 7th criteria) and Postgraduate Diploma programmes should apply through <https://admissions.ouk.ac.ke>.

No application fee will be charged for those seeking admission to the Open University Portal

<https://admissions.ouk.ac.ke>.

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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The State Department for Environment and Climate Change in conjunction with appointed Auctioneer **M/s PETFRIEND AUCTIONEERS P.O Box 52171-00200 NAIROBI** shall sell by public auction the under listed assorted furniture, scrap metal boarded unserviceable motor vehicles on **Friday 14th, June 2024** starting from **10.00 am at Kenya Meteorological Department Offices Auction grounds at Dagoretti Corner along Ngong Road.**

	ITEM DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	QTY	Reserve Price in Kshs.
1	Isuzu NPR GK 352	NEMA OFFICES	1	250,000.00
2	Furniture (office cabinets, sofas, tables, broken chairs)	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	20,000.00
3	Hydrogen Generators	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	2,000.00
4	GI Pipes	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	5,000.00
5	Assorted Tires	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	2,000.00
6	Mitsubishi Van GK Y 825	NEMA OFFICES	1	150,000.00
7	Lawn Mower	KMD AUCTION GROUND	1	1,000.00
8	Volkswagen Passat GK 190 U	NHIF BUILDING OFFICE	1	200,000.00
9	Hydraulic Motor Parts	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	2,000.00
10	Daihatsu Terio KBB 279S	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	298,000.00
11	Toyota Prado GK A 560L	TOM'S AUTO GARAGE	1	300,000.00
12	Assorted Metallic Scrap (triangular, circular masts	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	80,000.00
13	Satellite Dish	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	2,000.00
14	Mitsubishi V31W Pajero GK A602G	MINES & GEOLOGY DEPT	1	100,000
15	Combating rollers	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	1,000.00
16	Diesel Tank	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	1,500.00
17	Galvanized water storage tanks	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	12,000.00
18	Toyota Corolla GKA 878 G	TRAFFIC HQs NBI AREA	1	80,000.00
19	Mitsubishi / Pajero GK A 595H	WILSON GARAGE	1	120,000.00
20	Nissan Tida GK 983 R	KMD AUCTION GROUND.	1	30,000.00
21	Volkswagen Passat GK 979 T	NHIF BUILDING OFFICE	1	200,000.00
22	Concrete posts	KMD AUCTION GROUND	LOT	800.00

CONDITIONS

- The document containing detailed information may be obtained from the **State Department for Environment and Climate Change Headquarters (NHIF BUILDING) 11th floor room 1101 DIRECTOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT OFFICE** within the normal working hours
- All interested bidders may view the Disposal items and equipment at Ministry Headquarters NHIF Building, KMD offices and Nema Offices at South C offices from the **4th June 2024 to 11th June 2024** during normal working hours (8.00am-5.00pm)
- Interested bidders are required to pay a **REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of Kshs 10,000 (Ten thousand Shillings) to obtain a bidding number.**
- No bidding whatsoever without bidding number
The deposit shall be paid in cash at **The State Department for Environment and Climate Change Headquarters Cash Office 11th Floor.**
- The deposit will be treated as part payment for the successful bidders.
- The vehicles are sold on as is where is basis and are subjected to **reasonable reserve price.**
- The successful bidder must pay a deposit of 25% of the purchase price by the fall of the hammer
- The purchased motor vehicles must be collected from the respective yards within **7 days failure to which storage fee will be charged at kshs. 1000/= (one thousand) per day**
- The successful bidder shall pay all costs, applicable duties and taxes assorted with transfer of the purchased motor vehicle.
- The unsuccessful bidders will be refunded bid deposits on presentation of the original receipt within a reasonable time after the auction
- The State Department for Environment and Climate Change and the appointed Auctioneer reserve the right to reject all bids below the reserve price.

The Principal Secretary
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PSRA launches nationwide crackdown on unqualified security guards

BY HELLEN LUNALO
(KNA)

The Chief Executive Officer of the Private Security Regulatory Authority (PSRA), Fazul Mahamed, has announced a nationwide crackdown to flush out unqualified security guards.

Through a statement sent to media houses, PSRA announced that it was conducting an operation to identify employers who were hiring unqualified security guards.

"We are currently conducting rigorous nationwide compliance and enforcement efforts, including on-site visits, client engagement, and field operations.

"All users and potential users of private security services must ensure that security companies only employ private security officers who are compliant with the statutory obligations of training, registration, and possess Guard Force Numbers," Mr. Mahamed stated.

He observed that a Guard Force Number (GFN) serves as the official certification that a private security guard



Private security guards during the GFN registration. Photos courtesy of PSRA

had received proper training and was licensed and registered by the appropriate authority.

Anyone found guilty of employing an unregistered security guard is committing a crime and is subject to conviction under the Private Security Regulations Act, with a penalty of a Sh500,000 fine upon conviction, he said.

Furthermore, utilizing the services of an unregistered private security company is illegal and constitutes an offense

punishable by either a fine of Sh2 million or imprisonment, as determined by the court.

Private security companies that fail to comply with this guideline may face deregistration, license cancellation, and fines as outlined in the act.

Mr. Mahamed instructed all security guards to have a GFN and meet all other necessary requirements before beginning their service as private security guards, emphasizing that this requirement was out-

lined in a legal notice dated November 2, 2023.

"The notice remains valid, in force, and strictly mandates all private security service providers to only employ or engage private security officers who have undergone training, passed security vetting, are registered, and possess a GFN issued by the authority," Mr. Mahamed clarified.

The notice serves as part of the updated regulations and measures that PSRA has recently implemented aimed

at safeguarding the well-being of private security guards countrywide.

PSRA conducted a large-scale open-air registration of security guards at Uhuru Park in Nairobi in March, which included the issuance of Guard Force Numbers (GFNs).

Although the exercise was not considered final, the PSRA assured that it would soon implement a nationwide registration process for all individuals working in the sector.



PSRA CEO Fazul Mahamed addressing journalists at his office in Upper Hill

Government invests Sh1b in sanitary towels for school girls

BY IRENE GALGALO (PCO)

The Government has spent one billion shillings on the procurement of sanitary towels for school-going girls in public primary and junior secondary schools to ensure maximum class attendance for girls during their menstrual cycle.

The towels have been distributed countrywide for onward dissemination to the schoolgirls in an effort led by the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, which will see each girl receive eight packets of sanitary towels.

Speaking during the commemoration of International Menstrual Hygiene Day 2024 at the Mathare Special Training Center in Nairobi, the Gender Principal Secretary, Anne Wang'ombe, said the Government cares about the welfare of the girl child and will continue to advocate for policies that support menstrual hygiene. Ms. Wangombe, who was distributing Dignity Kits to the children, underlined the importance of observing hygienic standards, especially during menstruation.

The PS said International Menstrual Day was set aside to fight stigma and the taboo associated with menstruation.

"I am here to encourage all of you to walk with your head held high even during your periods because it's neither a curse nor a taboo. That is why we will give you these dignity kits and the eight packets of sanitary pads later on to help restore dignity to menstrual periods for all girls," said the PS. The Dignity Kit for the girls consisted of a 10-pack packet of tissue, a packet of sanitary towels, a pair of girls' underwear, petroleum jelly, bar soap, bath soap, a box of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS), and zinc tablets.

The boy child was also not left behind as they all received the same Dignity Kits as the girls but with two pairs of boys' underwear, minus the sanitary towels. A total of six schools were represented, with over 600 girls receiving the dignity packs.

These schools were Ki-boro Primary, Ndururuno Primary, Daima Primary, Salama Primary, St Teresa's Junior Secondary School, and the host school, Mathare Special Training Center.

Kenya marks Menstrual Hygiene Day with renewed focus on women's health

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Ministry of Health has reaffirmed its commitment to improving menstrual health and hygiene across the nation as the world marked Menstrual Hygiene Day last week.

Ms. Mary Muthoni Muriuki, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards, stated that this year's theme focuses on making Kenya period-friendly, ensuring that every woman and girl has access to the necessary resources and support for managing menstruation with dignity and safety.

Ms. Muriuki noted that since 2014, Kenya has commemorated Menstrual Hygiene Day to highlight the importance of proper menstrual practices and to work towards a period-friendly nation. Efforts include providing accurate information on menstruation, ensuring access to affordable menstrual products, promoting sanitation facilities, and implementing sustainable waste management practices.

"Kenya's three-pronged approach to menstrual manage-



State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary (PS) Mary Muthoni Muriuki. Photo by Joseph Ng'ang'a.

ment includes breaking the silence, promoting open discussions about menstruation to eliminate stigma, and educating girls and women about this natural biological process," Ms. Muriuki said.

She said that other efforts include hygienic and safe management by ensuring access to water, washing materials, private spaces for menstrual management, pain management at

home and in public spaces, and overall healthcare.

Ms. Muriuki added that they also advocate for safe reuse and disposal through environmentally friendly methods for the reuse, collection, and disposal of menstrual waste.

According to the PS, Kenya launched its MHM Policy on May 28, 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic. While significant strides have been made, includ-

ing integration of MHM into various government activities and projects, continued support and improvement are needed.

"Research conducted by the Ministry of Health in 2016 highlights challenges faced by Kenyan girls and women regarding menstrual health and hygiene. Key findings include a reliance on disposable pads among 46 per cent of respondents, with 54 per cent of Kenyan girls experiencing challenges accessing menstrual hygiene management (MHM) products," Ms. Muriuki said. She said the lack of access to MHM products is associated with risky sexual behavior, with some resorting to unsafe methods or engaging in transactional sex to acquire them.

The PS added that poor WASH conditions in schools further exacerbate challenges, hindering girls' education and attendance.

"Despite efforts, including the provision of sanitary pads in schools, more than half of menstruating Kenyan girls and women (65 per cent) still lack sustainable access to safe menstrual products," the PS explained.

Bahati traders to reap from integrated market

BY ANNE SABUNI (KNA)

Traders in Bahati Sub-County in Nakuru are set to benefit from a multi-million integrated modern market to be constructed at Kabatini Trading Center.

Speaking during the handing over of the site, Governor Susan Kihika announced that the project is a partnership between the national government and the County Government of Nakuru. She said it will be completed in five months.

The tendering process was completed in March. According to Ms. Kihika, the project will include social halls, prefabricated stalls, market area segmentation, cold room facilities, offices, an ATM lobby, baby daycare services (creche), and primary processing facilities for value addition.

The governor said the project will also include supporting infrastructure such as sewer systems, high-mast flood lights, raised water tanks, banking institutions, a food court, and modern wash-rooms compliant with the needs of persons living with disabilities.

Ms. Kihika assured the traders that they will have a conducive working environment to carry out their businesses once the project is completed.

She was accompanied by Deputy Governor Mr. David Kones, Bahati Member of Parliament Ms. Irene Njoki, the Baringo County Women Representative Ms. Florence Jematia, her

Nyeri counterpart Ms. Rahab Mukami, and area Member of County Assembly Ms. Leah Nganga. The two-storey market will be constructed on half an acre of space, with at least 200 traders expected to have cold storage facilities.

"The market will also have water towers, cabros, an ablution block, and market offices," Ms. Kihika said. She added that the objective of the market is to act as a feeder for the market hub in Bahati, Subukia, Nakuru Town East and Nakuru Town West Sub-Counties.

Ms Kihika said the national government in partnership with counties was committed to improving traders' business environment in the country.

"Majority of Kenyans are traders by nature and what they look for is the dignity of their hustles and the places they trade from, but most of them trade in filthy places, where there is no road, sewerage and other amenities, hence attracting people with low purchasing power," the Governor said.

The market is expected to bolster trade and transform the economy of the trading center along the busy Nakuru-Nyahururu highway.

The Sh200 million modern market is part of the government's Economic Stimulus Program (ESP).

Bahati MP Ms Njoki emphasized that the government's investment in market infrastructure will



A market. FILE PHOTO.

ensure that traders at the grassroots operate in conducive environments and cut food losses.

"This will guarantee our farmers and traders more earnings to support more livelihoods in our county," the legislator added.

The MP urged the contractor to ensure construction materials are sourced locally and all jobs given to the locals.

The market will consist of a ground floor that will accommodate more than 200 modern stalls for traders and the first floor will include a boardroom.

The stalls will be divided into fresh produce and clothes and wares sections.

In addition, the modern market will include a lactation room for breastfeeding mothers, an ICT room fully connected to the internet and a revenue center.

The market will further have food courts for traders to sell meals to consumers in the area.

Deputy Governor Mr Kones noted that the project will help create employment in the area and

urged the contractor to complete it on time, further

insisting that locals should be prioritized in the

supply of building materials and construction jobs.



1. INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT POSITIONS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED

Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited (MUSWASCO) is a Water Service Provider that was incorporated on 22nd May 2008 under the Companies Act, 2015 (formerly Cap 486). The Company is responsible for the provision of Water and Sanitation services within her jurisdiction pursuant to the Water Act of 2016.

In accordance with Article 174 of the Constitution of Kenya, to ensure the public served has an opportunity to participate in decision-making in service delivery that affects them, MUSWASCO in conjunction with the Murang'a County Government through the stakeholder participation procedure is recruiting five (5) members of the Board of Directors. For eligibility, the applicants must be locals from the Company's area of service and should be compliant with Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

The Company has Five (5) board vacancies for representatives of the following stakeholder groups:

1. One (1) member from Women Organizations nominated by their bodies
2. One (1) member from the Business Community nominated by their bodies
3. One (1) member from Farmers Organizations nominated by their bodies
4. One (1) member from the Professional Organizations nominated by their bodies
5. One (1) member from Education Institutions nominated by their bodies

For details on the application procedure, interested candidates should visit the Company's website; www.muswasco.co.ke

All applications should be sealed in a plain envelope "APPLICATION FOR DIRECTORSHIP" and addressed to the undersigned. All applications should be received no later than **Wednesday, 19th June 2024 at 10:00 am** at Kandara Head Office.

THE CHAIRPERSON, SELECTION COMMITTEE
MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED
P.O. BOX 87-01034, KANDARA.

2. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Eleventh (11th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited will be held on **Thursday, 27th June 2024 at 11:00 am**. The venue will be Golden Palm Breeze Hotel, located along the Kenol - Murang'a highway.

The agenda of the AGM is as follows:

1. To read the notice convening the meeting
2. To receive the Chairman's Report
3. To receive the Managing Director's Report
4. To adopt the Chairman's and Managing Director's Reports
5. To receive, consider and, if approved, adopt the Company's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2022, together with the Chairman's, Directors' and Auditors' Reports therein
6. To note that the Auditor General shall continue in office as Auditors of the Company and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration in accordance with the provisions of Section 724 (1) of the Companies Act, 2015
7. Election of Directors
 - (a) To note the retirement of the following Directors;
 - i. Director Mathew Chege Kimani representing Registered Farmers Organizations
 - ii. Director Pauline Wanjiru Ngigi representing Women Organizations
 - iii. Director John Kahiu Kiiru representing Education Institutions
 - iv. Director Rose Wambui Kinuthia representing Professional Organizations
 - v. Director Lawrence Munga Njoroge representing Business Community
 - (b) To receive and adopt the report of the Selection Committee
 - (c) To elect directors to fill the five (5) vacancies in the Board;
 - a. One (1) member representing Women Organizations
 - b. One (1) member representing Business Community
 - c. One (1) member representing Farmers Organizations
 - d. One (1) member representing Professional Organizations
 - e. One (1) member representing Education Institutions
8. To authorize the Board to fix the remuneration of the Directors in accordance with benchmarks and guidelines in the Water Sector
9. To transact any other business of the Annual General Meeting for which written notice has been received by the Company Secretary 48 hours before the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Companies Act, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
FCS Richard K. Gikuihi
Company Secretary
3rd June 2024



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

State Department for Water and Sanitation

SALE OF BOARDED STORES BY PUBLIC AUCTION

TENDER NO. MWSI/SDWS/DIS/001/2023-2024

The State Department for Water and Sanitation hereby invites interested bidders for the sale of unserviceable, obsolescent, obsolete or surplus stores by Public Auction on "as-is-where-is" basis.

The Public Auction will take place on **Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 10.00 am at the Chief Mechanical & Transport Division Offices on Machakos Road Nairobi**, in conjunction with the appointed registered auctioneer **M/s. Petfriend Auctioneers of P. O. Box 784-00902 Kikuyu**.

1. The details of items can be viewed on the State Department for Water and Sanitation website: www.water.go.ke or PPIP portal: www.tenders.go.ke.
2. All interested purchasers are required to continuously check on the details of items, location, conditions for sale and reserve prices posted on the website. www.water.go.ke or PPIP portal: www.tenders.go.ke for any addendum (s) or clarifications that may arise before the Public Auction date.
3. For any clarification, please get in touch with the Head, Supply Chain Management - State Department for Water and Sanitation or (M/s. Petfriend Auctioneer Mobile Numbers: 0725 591 984/0722 639119)

HEAD, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



CEMASTEА's STEM outreach sparks interest among students

BY DICKSON MSANZU (KNA)

The Centre for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEА) is promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education in Kenya to cultivate an innovative generation of learners to drive technological advancement and development in the country.

Led by the Programme Coordinator, Ms. Beatrice Macharia, CEMASTEА conducted a four-day STEM Mentorship and Outreach Programme in Kilifi County designed to inspire and equip junior school learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in STEM fields. Speaking during the outreach at Gandini Junior School in Malindi Sub County, Ms. Macharia explained that the program is part of broader efforts to provide hands-on learning experiences, mentorship, and exposure to cutting-edge science and technology.

CEMASTEА officials, equipped with computers, laboratory equipment, and other innovative materials, visited several junior schools, including Kachororoni, Gandini, Magogoni, and Pingilikani, where they engaged learners and teachers in practical STEM learning activities.

During the school outreaches, students participated in interactive sessions featuring practical experiments and demonstrations by CEMASTEА experts, making the learning enjoyable and helping learners see the practical applications of their studies.

Canada, Germany to spend Sh803m to fight malnutrition in Elgeyo Marakwet

BY ALICE WANJIRU (KNA)

The Canadian and German governments will spend Sh803 million to fund two projects designed to fight malnutrition in Elgeyo Marakwet County for the next 10 years.

The Realizing Gender Equality, Attitudinal Change, and Transformative Systems in Nutrition (REACTS IN) Project will be funded by the Canadian government, while the Government of Germany will fund Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal and Child Health in Africa (ENRICH) through World Vision Kenya and other partners.

Ms. Marie Bettings from World Vision Canada said that escalating problems posed by climate change and the increased cost of food have led to the rising challenge of malnutrition, which affects the vulnerable, particularly women and girls.

She contended that poor feeding practices and lack of access to adequate nutritious food affect children's education, while they are also prone to suffering from various diseases because of low immunity.

Martha Nyang'aya from Nutrition International said that despite various efforts to fight malnutrition in the county, stunting among children stood at 22%, underweight at 15%, while wasting stood at five per cent, which she said was worrying and required a multi-sectoral approach to fight.

She said there was need to redefine food security saying Kenya was one of the seven countries in Africa which has seen an increasing trend of



A woman displays her wares during a visit by World Vision officials.



World Vision officials unveil the market project in Elgeyo-Marakwet.

malnutrition manifested in stunting and increasing micronutrient deficiency, saying 42 per cent of adolescent girls were iron-deficient.

Ms. Nyang'aya pointed out that although statistics indicate that Elgeyo Marakwet County is over 80 per cent food secure, the food is mainly

available during harvesting season which is later sold saying even sources of proteins like eggs are not consumed within the household but sold to meet financial needs.

She regretted that 12 per cent of girls with iron deficiency get pregnant between the ages of 12-14 years and later drop out of school, thus exacerbating the challenge of malnutrition and stunting.

She called for concerted efforts to address issues affecting the development of girls in a holistic manner, saying while perpetrators of sexual abuse should be arrested, there is need to empower the girls to say no and resist the perpetrators.

She called on county governments to set aside funds to cater for nutritional needs of the residents to ensure that projects such as ENRICH and REACTS IN are sustainable even after donors leave.

The World Vision Kenya Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gilbert Kamanga said gender equality was key to fighting malnutrition, saying male engagement is key to ensuring that families get nutritious food. He however regretted that men are less concerned about what their families eat.

Noting that nutrition needs to be sustained both at home and in school, the CEO called for the establishment of school feeding programmes that are sustainable.

The REACTS IN project will be implemented in Marakwet East, which faces the twin problems of food insecurity and border conflicts while the ENRICH project will be implemented in Keiyo North, Keiyo South, and Marakwet West Sub-Counties.

France grants Sh68m to Kericho County for waste management

BY DOMINIC CHERES (KNA)

The French Government has granted Sh68 million to the Kericho County Government towards the solid waste management project in the county.

The French Ambassador to Kenya, Mr. Arnaud Suquet, who was speaking during the commissioning of the solid waste project in Kericho town, said that France had provided grants and digital technology to the County Government of Kericho to collect and manage solid waste, which is becoming a challenge globally.

"The issue of solid waste management is not only affecting Kericho, but it is a major challenge in every



French ambassador to Kenya Mr. Arnaud Suquet and the Kericho governor Dr. Erick Mutai while commissioning the Kericho green waste project at the dump site.

urban setting around the world. We are all struggling to find adequate solutions to this very problem of waste management. Digital technology will come in handy to aid in waste management," Mr. Suquet said.

"We are facing a major

climate change, and we are encountering a triple climate crisis. Pollution is one of the components that contribute to this crisis; therefore, we need to find solutions to deal with this issue to foster sustainable ecological and environmental measures

that are suitable for all to live in. "The solid waste management project in Kericho is meant to inform a policy for data and science, which is a critical element as we move to address issues of climate change in the country," the French ambassador to Kenya, Mr. Arnaud Suquet, said.

He said the technology will be employed in solid waste management in Kericho, a pilot project in the country.

The project being in the lead to go digital in the county has provided a platform for area residents to address some of the issues concerning waste management to report and to ask for help or assistance on disposal

and collection of solid waste via an application and a telephone line whose number is 0746 400 821 as provided. Further a WhatsApp group has been established where Kericho town residents can post reports for any uncollected waste within the town and its environs.

At the same time, the French ambassador and Kericho governor Eric Mutai also commissioned a weigh bridge and waste recycling machines after a closed-door meeting.

Governor Eric Mutai said Kericho town collects at least 100 tons of waste and with the latest development the county government will be able to recycle the waste for profitable products.

Fertilizers and biogas products are some of the products that are going to create employment to the local youth, he said.

The ambassador said the pilot project is not the end of partnership between his country and the County Government of Kericho, saying more partnership is going to come if the current project is going to be sustained through sound management.

Governor Mutai said the project will go a long way in enabling the county to manage a more coordinated solid management of waste and recycling of the same for the benefit of county residents who will also be able to source for their own fertilizer from within.



FOOD SECURITY

State's agenda to transform agriculture

From writing off debts owed by sugar millers and coffee cooperatives to provision of subsidised fertiliser and building of dams to promote irrigation, government lays out initiatives to bolster the Agriculture sector

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They will also be supported with the necessary digital tools for efficiency and are now the frontline of government efforts to mobilise farmers.

They will serve in all 47 counties in three categories: general practitioners, animal health and genetics, and fodder.

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BY THE NUMBERS: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



BUNGOMA COUNTY

1,670,570

Population per the 2019 census; 812,146 males and 858,389 females



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President Ruto noted that his government is keen on boosting agricultural production and food security. "Agriculture is the backbone of the country's economy, directly contributing 25 per cent to the gross domestic product and supports other economic pillars such as manufacturing. It boosts the GDP by a further 27 per cent as it employs 40 per cent of the population," said the President.

During the event, he announced that the government will write off several debts, provide input subsidies, increase the use of irrigation, and enhance climate mitigation efforts.

"The government will write off Sh110 billion accumulated debts for sugar factories in the last 40 years. There will also be a new leasing model that will guarantee prompt payment for cane deliveries by farmers, timely wages for factory workers and bonuses to sugar cane farmers every end of the year, like other crops," President Ruto said.

Writing off the debt is expected to boost the sugar sector, especially in Western Kenya, which has been saddled with mounting debt.

The President further announced that the government would invest Sh2 billion into sugarcane development through state-owned mills. "I am proud to announce that the government has approved the first tranche of Sh600 million for seed cane development, and the National Treasury shall shortly release these funds," he said.

The government also wrote off Sh6.9 billion debt owed by coffee cooperatives, assuring farmers of good returns this year. "Measures are underway to boost coffee productivity from 2kg to 10kg per tree and from 50,000 metric tonnes to 102,000 metric tonnes a year by 2027. Under the coffee sector reforms that we initiated, a Sh4 billion coffee cherry fund was established, Sh2 billion of which has been paid, with the balance allocated for payment in the 2024/2025 financial year," he said.



AGRICULTURE

President Ruto commissions extension officers to support farmers

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The government's efforts to revive the coffee sector are paying off, with the area under coffee growing to 111,900 hectares in 2023, according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics. Total production rose from 34,500 tonnes in 2021 to 48,700 tonnes in 2023. Yields increased from 2,527.5 kg/ha to 2,827.6 kg/ha during the same period.

President Ruto lauded the crucial role small-scale farmers play in food production, describing them as the backbone of Kenya's agriculture. He said the government has entered strategic partnerships with various value chain actors, including input suppliers, producers, and processors, to support farmers and ensure food security. These partnerships are in key value chains such as maize, livestock, tea, coffee, edible oils, cashew nuts, pyrethrum, flowers, avocado, and macadamia nuts.

To promote edible oil production, he said the government distributed 70 tonnes of sunflower seeds, with more allocations



Top: President William Ruto at Masinde Muliro Stadium in Bungoma during Madaraka Day celebrations. **Inset right:** Wanainchi at the celebrations. **Above:** Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi during pre-Madaraka Day Agro-Exhibition in the county.



scheduled for the next financial year. This is part of the National Edible Oils Promotion Project, which aims to strengthen the edible oils value chain.

The President outlined ambitious plans to expand cotton farming, targeting an increase in production from 2,500 bales in 2022 to 107,000 bales by 2025. He said modernising ginneries and providing subsidised fertiliser and improved seeds are broader components of the strategy aimed at supporting farmers and boosting productivity in the cotton industry.

Acknowledging the impact of climate change on agriculture, President Ruto reaffirmed the government's commitment to climate mitigation through afforestation, landscape restoration, and the promotion of climate-smart technologies. Significant investments are also being made in the livestock sector to improve productivity and disease control, including the production of 35 million doses of assorted vaccines by the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute.

To boost exports, he said the government had secured quota-free and duty-free access to international markets, including a new Economic Partnership Agreement with the 27-member European Union.

"I also wish to report that during my recent visit to the US, we negotiated the renewal of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, an instrument which has enhanced access to the US market for African exports, and catalysed the rapid growth of Kenyan exports, especially in the textile and apparel industry," he said.

During the event, President Ruto also reflected on the long journey Kenya has travelled since gaining self-governance, highlighting the country's evolution into a strong, united state with a diverse economy. ■

Kenya Yearbook lauded for supporting conservation efforts

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) will support efforts to mitigate climate change and protect the environment.

Mr Elijah Muli, KYEB Production Manager, representing CEO Lilian Kimeto at the Rhino Charge prize-giving ceremony in Kajiado County, said the institution would document Kenya's conservation story and work with conservationists like Rhino Ark to protect the environment.

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TELLING THE STORY



Environment Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya (left), Kajiado Governor Joseph Ole Lenku (second right), Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board Head of Production Elijah Muli (third right) and Christian Lambrechts, the Executive Director of Rhino Ark, at the Rhino Charge prize giving event in Kajiado. Left: Mr Muli awards a winner.



said Muli. He added that KYEB is committed to telling the story of the country, especially on environmental conservation, as the effects of climate change escalate.

During the event, Christian Lambrechts, the Executive Director of Rhino Ark, recognised KYEB as one of the partners of Rhino Charge. "KYEB is here to document and echo efforts made by Chargers to protect the environment and wildlife. KYEB has highlighted our fundraising efforts," he said. Mr Lambrechts welcomed the support from KYEB and added that Rhino Charge is looking forward to partnering with several other institutions to boost conservation efforts. KYEB, the government's storyteller, was at the event to document efforts to conserve the environment and protect wildlife, particularly the black rhinos. ■

Huduma Kenya roots for good customer service in police service



Huduma Kenya has advocated for customer service excellence in the National Police Service.

The Acting CEO of Huduma Kenya, Mr Mugambi Njeru, during a lecture at the National Police Leadership Academy in Ngong, said that good customer service would enhance the reputation of the police force.

The lecture, titled "The Role of Huduma Centres in the Delivery of Government Services," was attended by Sub County Police Commanders, Dr Musyoki Mutungi, the Commandant, and other senior trainers from the National Police College Kiganjo.

"Historically, the police force has been criticised for poor customer service in its interactions with the wananchi. Therefore, there is a need

for deliberate actions to address this growing concern from the citizenry," said Mr Njeru, who addressed an audience of over 170 senior police officers.

He also called upon the senior police officers to incorporate customer service excellence, serving the public with courtesy, respect, integrity, and friendliness in their interactions.

Meanwhile, Huduma Centre GPO hosted a mental health discussion with a team from the Government Spokesperson's Office, led by the institution's deputy, Mwanaisha Chidzuga. The event focused on the Guidance and Wellness Desk at the Centre. Dedicated counsellors Ann Kinyua and Laban Kibira unveiled the services available to the public at the desk, highlighting the support they offer to those in need. ■

HUDUMA CORNER

Acting CEO of Huduma Kenya, Mr Mugambi Njeru, during a lecture to senior officers at the National Police Leadership Academy in Ngong.

ENVIRONMENT

Sh325m boost from Rhino Charge for Kenya's conservation efforts



Environment Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuyu (second left) and Kajiado Governor Joseph Ole Lenku (third right) among other officials hand to representatives of the Torosei community money raised for them through Rhino Charge. Inset: Mr Adil Khawaja (left), Safaricom chairman, is recognised for being the top fundraiser, having raised Sh175 million.

The money raised through Rhino Charge event will go towards fencing several game parks and forests

The government's efforts to conserve the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change received a boost as conservationists raised Sh325 million in the 2024 Rhino Charge.

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Soipan Tuyu, who presided over the prize-giving ceremony of the event, said it represents diverse actions towards environmental conservation and climate mitigation.

"Climate change is hurting wildlife and the environment. We must come together to mitigate climate change and protect our ecosystems," she said. She noted that the government has prioritised the protection of all ecosystems across the country.

"We will keep on fencing the ecosystems, but we must also protect the environment and the wildlife within them," she said. Ms Tuyu mentioned that the government is committed to planting 15 billion trees by 2023.

"We have moved from planting trees in

ceremonies to nurturing them. Each Cabinet Secretary now has areas in two counties where they must plant and nurture trees," she said. The initial goal of Rhino Charge was to protect the black rhino, a highly endangered animal targeted by poachers.

Kajiado Governor Joseph Ole Lenku said the Torosei community was happy to host the event. Some Sh8 million was raised for the community by the event, and Ms Tuyu announced a Sh2 million donation from President William Ruto, making a total of Sh10 million. The community proposed the funds be used to build Torosei Secondary School, which has 300 pupils.

"The future of wildlife conservation is to involve the community. I want to assure the Chargers that their contribution will support conservation. We are happy to work with you to create a sustainable environment," he said.

Mr Alex Lemarkoko, the Kenya Forest Service chief conservator, said the event fosters the conservation of our natural ecosystems. "Eburu Forest was seriously degraded, but now 40 percent is fully renovated. We will continue working together with Rhino Charge to ensure that we protect our environment," he said.

Kenya Wildlife Service Director General Erustus Kanga said proceeds from the Rhino

Charge have been used to protect Aberdare, Mt Kenya, Eburu Mau, and Kakamega forests. A key action across these ecosystems has been the construction of game-proof electric fences to protect forest-adjacent communities from the threats of human-wildlife conflict.

These actions have assisted in conserving and managing wildlife-protected areas in the water towers. This is at the core of the country's environmental conservation agenda, including the government action plan to tackle climate change.

"The ecosystems are now fenced and well protected for the benefit of the wildlife and environment," he said. Christian Lambrechts, the Executive Director of Rhino Ark, said Rhino Charge is committed to protecting the environment and wildlife. He noted that the Sh325 million raised surpassed all previous years and would be used for the intended purpose. Since 1989, Sh2.1 billion has been



raised towards conservation efforts.

KYEB is mandated to tell the government's story and document other initiatives that help to promote national development. The institution was at the event to highlight efforts to conserve the environment, protect wildlife, and mitigate climate change. ■

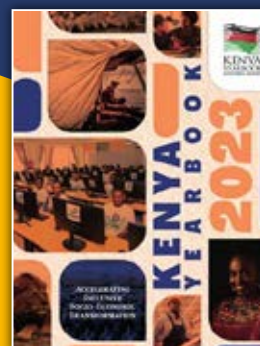


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NEW PUBLICATION

KYEB celebrates Madaraka Day with special issue

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) joined the rest of the country in celebrating Madaraka Day in Masinde Muliro Stadium on June 1, 2024. The Board made its mark through a special publication that documented the story of Kenya through the Madaraka Day celebrations.

Madaraka Day commemorates when Kenya gained self-rule, a critical time in the nation's history that forged aspirations and principles that motivated national heroes who fought for full independence one year later.

Through the special publication, KYEB was able to tell the story of heroes such as Masinde Muliro and Elijah

Masinde, who hailed from Bungoma County, where the celebrations were held.

The theme of this year's celebrations was "Focusing on Agriculture and Food Security," and KYEB showcased the strides the country has taken towards achieving food security.

The Board was represented by its top leadership, led by the Board Chairperson, Mr Sande Oyolo, Board Director, Dr Dinah Samikwo and the Chief Executive Officer, Ms Lilian Kimeto.

The publication was distributed to the public for free further cementing KYEB's role of enhancing Government communication. ■



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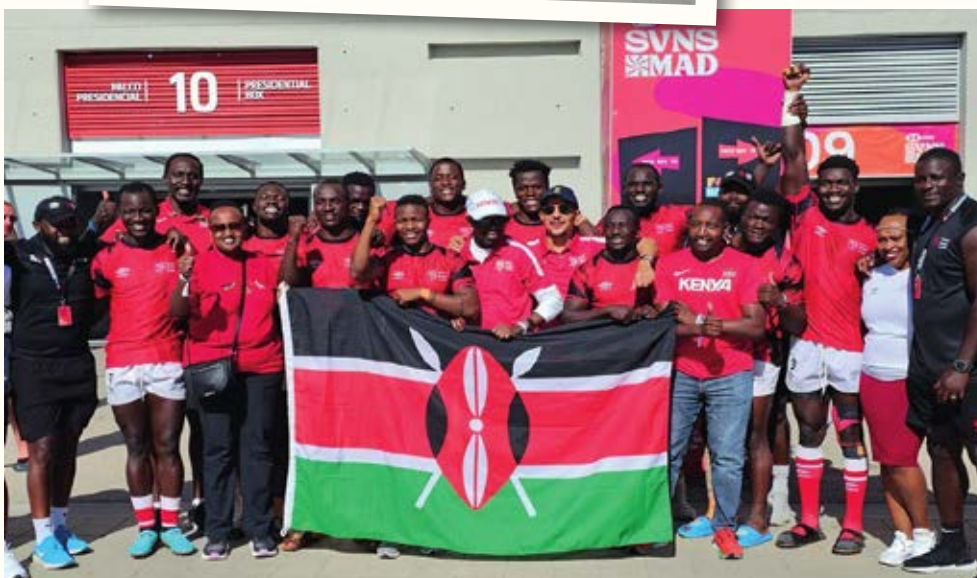
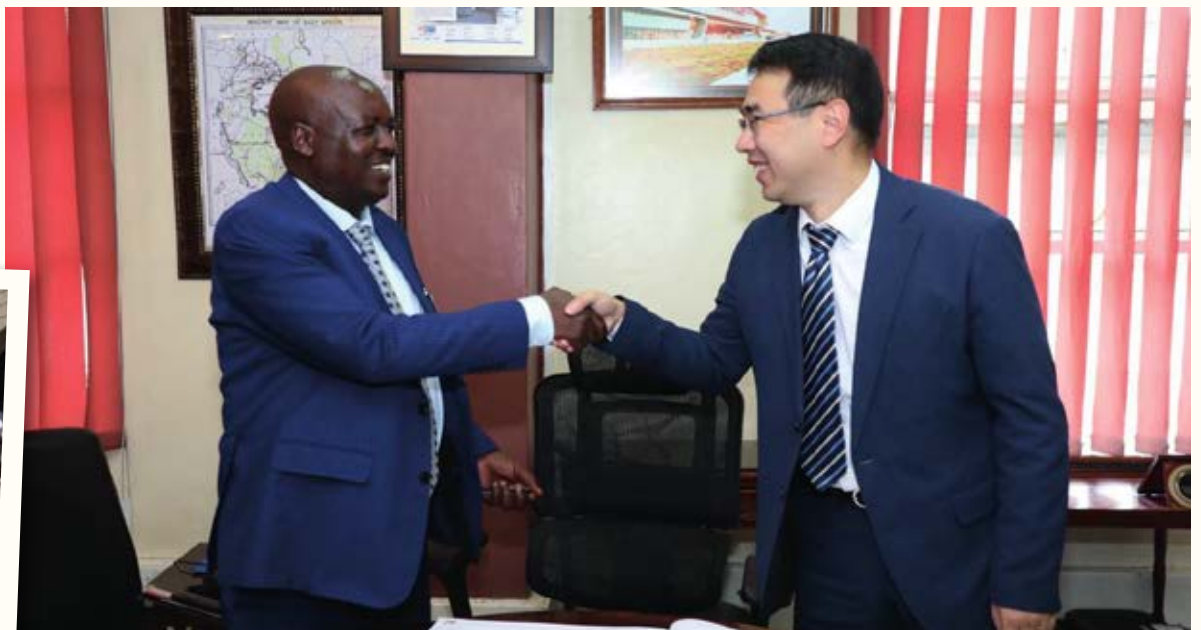


Roads Principal Secretary, Eng. Joseph Mbugua (left), with the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of China in Nairobi Zhang Zhizhong during a meeting. The Chinese Government donated motorbikes (left) to Kenya Railways to be used in the inspection and monitoring of the Standard Gauge Railway line to curb vandalism and ensure optimum functionality.



Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS Eliud Owalo at the burial ceremony of his brother Jackson Nyunja Owalo in Siaya County.

Inset: Head of Public Service and Chief of Staff Felix Koskel at the ceremony.



Shujaa Sevens team celebrate after getting back to the World Rugby 7s as one of only 12 Core Teams. Kenya beat Germany 33-15 to confirm their Series Status.

ICT Principal Secretary, Eng. John Tanui (centre), at Kapropita Girls High School during a thanksgiving ceremony for KCSE 2023 and the opening of a new computer lab for the students.

Government injects Sh450 million to revamp ailing Pyrethrum industry

BY ANNE MWALE (KNA)

The State-owned Pyrethrum Processing Company of Kenya (PPCK) will be revamped at the cost of Sh450 million through a Government cash injection of Sh450 million.

Government Spokesman Isaac Mwaura also indicated that the Government is targeting to boost pyrethrum growing by ensuring that at least 30,000 acres of land are put under the crop and having 200,000 farmers embrace the crop in the country by 2027.

Currently, the cash crop, once regarded as the 'black gold' and the third-largest foreign exchange earner with the Government pocketing more than Sh18 billion annually during a good harvest, covers 8,000 acres.

The sector used to offer livelihoods to thousands of small-scale growers before it started reeling under huge debts due to years of mismanagement, theft, and underfunding.

According to Mwaura, though pyrethrum earned Kenya Sh72 million last year, Kenya has the potential of netting Sh9 billion from the cash crop if the sector is brought back to its feet.



Pyrethrum Processing Company of Kenya (PPCK) Board member Justus Monda (right) explains a point to Government Spokesman Dr Isaac Mwaura at a pyrethrum farm during a field tour in Njoro sub county while Acting CEO Mary Ontiri (Second left) looks on.

Other strategies, Mwaura said, include provision and distribution of enough quality seedlings to farmers and increasing the capacity of the pyrethrum processing plant. Speaking during a media briefing after touring the PPCK extraction plant, Dr. Mwaura indicated that the State, in partnership with the 19 pyrethrum-growing counties, is working to ensure the full revival of the cash crop's production by providing the necessary resources and incentives. "What we are doing is a show of commitment by the government to

revive the growth of pyrethrum. We have just started and by next year we want to have at least 30,000 acres put under pyrethrum," said Dr. Mwaura.

The State, he said, has also reconstituted the PPCK Board of Directors as the industry operated without a substantive board for more than 15 years.

He said the presence of a board is an assurance that there will be proper governance. The Spokesman emphasized the need for competition in the sector, which will ensure farmers get the best prices when

selling their produce.

He indicated that the government is encouraging private investors to join the sector, saying it will eliminate the monopoly which, he said, was the main reason for the collapse of the sub-sector.

Dr. Mwaura pointed out, as part of a strategy to motivate more farmers to embrace the crop, PPCK now offers free seedlings, and this has increased the acreage under pyrethrum. He said PPCK has increased the production of clean planting material by over 90 per cent and revived its nursery.

The firm has also contracted tissue culture propagators and provided them with genetically clean material for multiplication.

The spokesman indicated that the government is also encouraging private investors to set up commercial nurseries.

"PPCK fully supports farmers. An acre takes about 22,000 seedlings, which cost over Sh60,000. PPCK has taken that burden from growers. The Ministry of Agriculture has also distributed 15,000 tons of quality pyrethrum planting material," he explained.

BRIEFS

Sh.63.5 Million dam to end water shortage in Laikipia

■ It's a sigh of relief for more than 30,000 Laikipia North residents following the launch of a Sh. 63.5 million dam in Doldol that is expected to address water crises in pastoral areas. The 100,000 cubic meters capacity dam, funded by the Ewaso Ng'iro North Development Authority (ENNDA), will provide water to the four communities of Ilgweni, Ilmukodo, Ilmumonyot, Indikiriri, and Samburu County. Doldol Dam Chairman Solomon Ole Pusi revealed that the dam, initially constructed by locals in the 1950s, had silted, and with the major boost from the government, water shortage will be a thing of the past for both people and domesticated and wild animals.

"We are glad about the work being done here. Enlargement of the dam and desilting, we hope that water challenges will be addressed. It's sad that, even after the rainy season, we are left with no water for

our livestock," said Ole Pusi, adding that during the drought season, they were forced to migrate to Mount Kenya forest in search of water for their livestock. Area Member of Parliament Sarah Korere lauded the project, noting that pastoralists were severely affected by drought over the years and through water provision, it was a game-changer for the communities in her constituency. According to ENNDA Director of Corporate Services and Infrastructure, Josiah Mulwa, the dam will be constructed within a period of six months and will be installed with a solar system for water pumping aimed to promote green energy in the pastoral area. "This is a water-scarce area. Women, livestock, and children trek for long distances to access water commodities, which is a major challenge. Upon completion of this project, many households will benefit," said Mulwa.

By Muturi Mwangi (KNA)

USAID-funded program to empower grassroots organizations in 11 counties

■ A total of eleven counties are set to benefit from a USAID-funded program designed to empower grassroots organizations to actively participate in the development planning and budget-making processes. The program, valued at Sh3.5 billion for all eleven counties, will be executed through a three-pronged approach with specific projects focused on the empowerment of grassroots organizations, strengthening the health-related regulatory framework, and unity against fraud, waste, and abuse.

Turkana County is among the counties that will benefit from the program. Other beneficiaries are Kisumu, Kisii, Homa Bay, Kiambu, Samburu, Makueni, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kakamega, Kilifi, and Isiolo.

Speaking at a meeting for the inception of the program in Turkana, Deputy Governor Dr. John Erus stressed the significance of community participation, saying that it helps to align development goals with the needs of the residents. The DG welcomed the program and noted that it

perfectly resonated with the provisions for public participation envisioned in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

"With such a program, the participation of grassroots-level populations is not only guaranteed, but its value is significantly improved," DG Erus stated. In Turkana, the programme will work with local development organizations (LDOs) to identify priorities and shape development aspirations.

Similarly, the programme will capacity-build the LDOs to effectively monitor the performance of the county government and raise questions when the trajectory deviates from the set standards.

The programme comes at a time when the County Administration has adopted ward-based development approach where the ward benefits from budgetary allocation to chart its development priority.

It is expected that the approach will strengthen the quality of participation and stimulate growth of crucial sectors.

By Peter Gitonga (KNA)

Two Zetech students triumph in national competition with air pollution solution

BY HELLEN LUNALO (KNA)

Two university students have won an award for the best air pollution innovation solution in the country.

AirSafi, created by Zetech University students Kevin Gitau and Moses Majengo, is a groundbreaking solution to tackle air pollution and improve the quality of urban atmospheres.

The device keeps a close watch on the air quality index, sending immediate alerts to inform communities and industries about pollution levels in real-time.

The innovation won an award at the first-ever Inter-University Power Learn Project Hackathon, which aims to cultivate entrepreneurial and technological skills among college students.

The event, which took place at Zetech University's



Winners Kelvin Gitau (L) and Moses Majengo receiving their award after presenting their AirSafi project at Zetech University. PHOTO: HELLEN LUNALO

Thika Road Campus, drew more than 300 participants from different Kenyan institutions.

Speaking after bagging the award, Gitau expressed his commitment to promoting healthier living environments by taking proactive measures to address air pol-

lution.

"The country is moving towards establishing smart cities and some are already underway including Konza and Tatu City. Our idea is to minimize air pollution from industries located within such setups to make the environment safe and

healthy," he said.

Zetech University Vice Chancellor Prof Njenga Munene stated that the hackathon sparked innovation among students at Zetech University, leading them to create advanced technological solutions for global sustainability issues.

"We are dedicated to fostering technological advancements and entrepreneurial skills among our students through initiatives like hosting events and providing resources such as the Zetech University Innovation (iZet) Hub," he said.

"The triumph of Kevin Gitau and Moses Majengo in the AirSafi project is a testament to our commitment to nurturing innovation for a sustainable tomorrow. The Power Hackathon showcases the transformative power of innovation." Prof Munene said.