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Number of ambulances donated by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to boost primary healthcare in Kajiado County.

200

Security officers based in Narok and Kajiado Counties who have received a one-week training on wildlife conservation and protection.

7.2m

Number of bags of subsidized fertilizer the Government is procuring ahead of the long rains season.

Sh36.2m

Cost of new born units and child health complex Kwale County has built at the Msambweni Referral Hospital

Sh12b

Amount of funding the Government has secured from the Africa Development Bank, (AfDB) to support electricity connectivity across the country

230

Number of coolers the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development will distribute to 41 counties

State procures 7.2m bags of fertilizer ahead of long rains

Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja revealed that the ministry requires an estimated Sh20 billion to meet the national demand for fertilizer, which averages 12 million bags annually



Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja flagging off the distribution of subsidized fertilizer for the 2025 long rains season.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Government has commenced the procurement and distribution of 7.2 million bags of subsidized fertilizer for the 2025 long rains season.

Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja stated that the long rains begin in

mid-March in some parts of the country, while in others, they start as early as January. He explained that the variation in rainfall necessitated early distribution to ensure farmers have adequate fertilizer before the planting season begins.

Speaking at the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) head office during the

flagging-off of the distribution exercise, Dr. Karanja said the ministry requires an estimated Sh20 billion to meet the national demand for fertilizer, which averages 12 million bags annually.

"Initially, we had a budget estimate of Sh9

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Education CS Ogamba showcases CBC funding, infrastructure milestones at stakeholders forum

BY JOSEPH KAMOLO MUTUA(PCO)

Approximately Sh85.5 billion has been utilized between the 2016/2017 and 2024/2025 financial years to fund the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) in primary schools.

Speaking during a stakeholders' engagement on CBC, Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos Ogamba revealed that Sh61.66 billion has been invested in junior schools during the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 financial years.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that over the last five financial years, Sh310 billion has been spent on secondary education in the form of capitation.

"The Government of Kenya's investment in secondary education through capitation over the last five financial years has catered for a total of 19,084,644 students," Dr.



Education CS Julius Migos Ogamba

Ogamba stated at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) in Nairobi.

In the past five years, a total of 3,396,322 students have benefitted from government capitation. During the 2021/2022 financial year, 3,690,376 students were awarded capitation funds. In the 2022/2023 financial year, 4,172,432 students

benefitted, while in the 2023/2024 financial year, 4,238,433 students received funding.

The government allocates capitation at Sh1,420 per learner per year for Grades 1-6, Sh15,042 for junior school learners, and Sh22,244 for secondary school learners.

On instructional materials, the Cabinet Secretary highlighted that the government has spent

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Government distributes 7.2m bags of fertilizer ahead of long rains season

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billion for subsidized fertilizer, and we are still negotiating with the National Treasury for additional funds to fulfill the country's demand," Karanja explained.

He noted that the fertilizer subsidy program is one of the most successful initiatives under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and has been instrumental in enhancing the country's food security.

According to Dr. Karanja, the ministry conducted an open tender process in which 34 companies bid to supply subsidized fertilizer. Ultimately, contracts were awarded to 13 companies.

The CS emphasized the ministry's efforts to maximize fertilizer distribution and improve accessibility for farmers. He confirmed that plans are underway to onboard

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Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja during the launch of the distribution of subsidized fertilizer for the 2025 long rains season. PHOTO: GLADYS NJOKA.

agrovets and well-organized cooperative societies, particularly in coffee- and tea-growing regions.

"During the registration of farmers, we also registered about 15,300 agrovets. Approximately half of them will be onboarded to distribute fertilizer after assessing their capacity and storage facilities to determine their suitability," he said.

To ensure quality and prevent the distribution of counterfeit fertilizer, Dr. Karanja said the ministry, in collaboration with other institutions, has formed a multi-agency team.

Education CS highlights CBC funding and infrastructure milestones

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approximately Sh22 billion on CBC course books, Sh326 million on rationalized curriculum designs, and Sh9.6 billion on rationalized course materials.

Primary schools have maintained classrooms for Grades 1-6 and donated two previously used for Standards 7 and 8 to junior schools.

The CS noted that the Ministry is constructing 11,000 Grade 9 classrooms, with construction having started in July 2024. The project is expected to be completed by January 2025, when schools reopen. Additionally, the Ministry is collaborating with the NG-CDF to construct 6,800 additional classrooms, while modalities to establish Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) are underway.

In senior schools (currently secondary schools), there are 94,044 classrooms, 13,908 science labo-



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos Ogamba during a stakeholder engagement on CBC at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development.

ratories, 160,093 sanitation facilities, 1,726 ICT facilities, and 980 workshops nationwide.

However, there is an infrastructure shortfall for CBC implementation in senior schools, including 1,223 classrooms, 2,804 science laboratories, 7,801 ICT laboratories, 27,181 sanitation facilities, and 1,750 workshops.

CS Ogamba stated that the government will progressively address these infrastructure gaps over three years as students progress through senior school.

The government has recruited 76,928 teachers, of whom 56,928 are permanent and pensionable, while 20,000 are interns.

Since 2019, training on CBC implementation has been conducted for 229,292 serving primary teachers and 60,642 junior school teachers.

Through the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, the Ministry has procured 9,926,618 Grade 9 textbooks.

At the end of last year, some 5,494,383 textbooks (55.33 per cent) had already been

distributed to schools. The exercise is set to be completed by the end of December 2024, with the books being distributed in a 1:1 ratio to learners. KICD is also finalizing the process of uploading curriculum designs to its website to enable digital access for teachers and other stakeholders.

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) has developed a Competency-Based Assessment Framework to guide formative and summative assessments in line with recommendations from the Presidential Working Party on Education Reform.

Present during the stakeholders' engagement were Basic Education Principal Secretary Dr. Belio Kipsang, CEOs, board chairs from the education sector, representatives from universities, civil society, faith-based organizations, students, and teachers, among others.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 2024

Pursuant to the publication of the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendment) Act, 2017 on 19th April, 2017, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, which has the mandate on disability, hereby calls upon Organizations of/for Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to nominate qualified persons with skills and with capacity to enable the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) function effectively and meet its mandate to the people of Kenya.

Vacant Positions

The vacant positions are as follows as per Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendment) Act, 2017 of the PWDs Act, 2003: -

- Four (4) persons representing various categories of disabilities and should be nominated by an organization of persons with disabilities under Section 4(1) (d)(i)
- Two (2) persons nominated by organizations for persons with disabilities one who shall be from organizations of parents of persons with disabilities under Section 4(1) (d)(ii)

Nomination Guide

- Nominees should not be State or Public Officers;
- Nominees should not be a member of a governing body of a political party;
- Nominees should not be serving currently in other two (2) boards;
- Must meet the moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012
- Nominees should meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya and must have not been found to have contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya.

Tenure of Office

The Members appointed shall hold office for a period not exceeding three (3) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term not exceeding two (2) years.

Submission of Nominees

Nomination letter and curriculum vitae (CV) should be sent in soft copy to the email addresses ps@socialprotection.go.ke copied to directorsocialdev@socialprotection.go.ke so as to be received on or before **21st January 2025, 5.00 P.M (East African Time)**

Joseph M. Motari, MBS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS



COMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY OF KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED DIGITAL SOUND BROADCASTING LICENCE TEMPLATES

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the ICT sector in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications- commerce, broadcasting and postal/courier services. CA is also responsible for managing the Universal Service Fund and the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources. Further, CA is charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the interests of users of ICT services.

In line with the afore-cited mandate, the Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998, requires CA to licence and regulate broadcasting services in Kenya. In this regard, the CA has developed Digital Sound Broadcasting licence templates for the DSB infrastructure and services in readiness for the implementation of the DSB licensing framework in the 2025/26 financial year.

The DSB licence framework, which CA developed in the 2023/24 financial year, is meant to guide the introduction of digital radio broadcasting services in Kenya. The framework also outlines the procedure and license categories for DSB infrastructure and services.

In compliance with Constitution of Kenya, 2010, CA wishes to subject the DSB licence templates to public participation in order to provide stakeholders and the public with an opportunity to submit feedback and input on the draft licences.

The proposed DSB Licence templates are available on our corporate website at <https://www.ca.go.ke/index.php/open-consultations>

Interested parties, including members of the public, agencies dealing with media, licensees and incorporated bodies, are hereby invited to submit their input and views on the proposed DSB Licence templates through the contacts provided herebelow or on email via DSBLICENCE2024@ca.go.ke so as to reach CA on or before **January 17th, 2024..**

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Kenya shifts land ownership policy, foreigners to receive leasehold titles

BY EMMANUEL MASHA, KNA

Foreigners will no longer be allowed to hold freehold land title deeds in Kenya, the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing, and Urban Development, Alice Wahome, has announced.

Speaking at the Muyeye Health Centre in Malindi town, where she handed over a Sh48.8 million maternity wing constructed by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, Ms. Wahome directed foreigners to surrender all freehold titles, which she said would be converted into 99-year leasehold title deeds.

She stated that, henceforth, all freehold land title deeds held by foreigners would not be used for any transactions but clarified that the government had no intention of dispossessing foreigners of the land they legally acquired.

She explained that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 allows only Ken-



Lands CS Alice Wahome unveils the plaque to signify the official opening of the Muyeye Health Centre Maternity wing in Malindi town, Kilifi County.

yans to have freehold titles, while foreigners are only allowed to be issued leases of 99 years and below.

"Therefore, I declare here in Malindi that those titles should not be

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transacted; those titles should not be used. No freehold title is usable if it is held by a foreigner, because our constitution allows only Kenyans to have freehold titles while foreigners can only have leases of 99 years and below," she said.

She clarified that the government was not waging war with foreigners, but noted that some people misled them and issued them with freehold titles.

"You cannot, if you are not a Kenyan, have a freehold title. Therefore, I de-

clare here in Malindi that those titles should not be transacted; they should not be used in our land registries," she said.

The CS said her Ministry, in conjunction with the County Government of Kilifi, had built a land registry in Malindi to serve the residents of Malindi and Magarini Sub-Counties who have hitherto been receiving services from Kilifi town.

She put corrupt land registry officials who 'play' with people's titles on notice, saying those found culpable would face prosecution. She said the vice was rampant in the Coast region and warned that those who grab public land or illegally acquire private land would be forced to return it.

Kilifi Governor Gideon Mung'aro announced that his administration had set aside Sh45 million to equip the maternity wing. He also announced plans to convert the Muyeye Health Centre into a Women's Hospital to be named the Mekatilili wa Menza Women's Hospital.

Top Kenyan students set to compete in global Mathematics olympiads

BY IAN CHEPKUTO, KNA

The Centre for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTE) has set the stage for selecting exceptional students who will represent Kenya in two prestigious international competitions.

These students will represent Kenya in the Pan African Mathematics Olympiad (PAMO) in Botswana in August 2025 and the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) in Australia in July 2025. This follows the conclusion of the five-day Kenya Mathematical Olympiad (KMO) Bootcamp held in Karen, Nairobi. The bootcamp focused on a rigorous series of national-level mathematics events designed to identify and nurture top mathematical talent.

The transformative KMO Bootcamp, themed "Unlocking Potential: The Path to Mathematical Excellence," was organized by CEMASTE and sponsored by Best Harvest and Prosperity Beyond. Facil-

itators from the University of Nairobi (UoN) and the University of Waterloo's Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing (CEMC) led the program.

There were 26 finalist students (19 boys and 7 girls) drawn from schools across the country.

The exercise, which began with a pool of 9,000 participants from various levels of the Kenya Mathematical Challenge (KMC) in March, was narrowed down to 1,300 (round one) in June, further filtered to 85 in August (round two), and then to 26 (finalists) in December.

The objective of the exercise is to enhance problem-solving abilities and mathematical skills necessary for the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) and Pan African Mathematics Olympiad (PAMO) competitions, broaden students' horizons, foster global awareness, and build soft skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership through cultural exchange activities.



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY
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Public Notice

Tax Amnesty on Interest and Penalties for Periods up to 31st December 2023

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) informs taxpayers that the Tax Procedures (Amendment) Act, 2024 has introduced a tax amnesty on interest, penalties or fines on tax debt for periods up to **31st December, 2023**. The tax amnesty program will run from **27th December, 2024 to 30th June, 2025**.

The tax amnesty shall be implemented as follows:

1. A person who has paid all the principal taxes that were due by 31st December, 2023 will be entitled to automatic waiver of the penalties and interest related to that period and will not be required to make an amnesty application.
2. A person who has not paid all the principal taxes accrued up to 31st December, 2023 and is unable to make a one-off payment for the outstanding principal taxes will be required to apply to the Commissioner for the amnesty and propose a payment plan for any outstanding principal taxes, which should be paid by **30th June 2025**.

Taxpayers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to clear outstanding tax liabilities.

For any clarification or further guidance, taxpayers are advised to visit the nearest Tax Service Office (TSO) or reach us through Tel: 254(020) 4 999 999, +254 (0711) 099999/ Email: callcentre@kra.go.ke

Commissioner for Domestic Taxes

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TENDER NOTICE

The Capital Markets Authority invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for provision of the services indicated below;

S / No.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER SALE COMMENCEMENT DATE	CLOSING DATE
1.	CMA/RFP004/2024-2025	Consultancy for Provision of Recruitment and Selection Services	07 January 2025	21 January 2025
2.	CMA/RFP005/2024-2025	Consultancy to Undertake Psychometric Tests Services	07 January 2025	21 January 2025
3.	CMA/RFP006/2024-2025	Consultancy to Provide Background Checks Services	07 January 2025	21 January 2025

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates free of charge from the Authority's websites; www.cma.or.ke/tenders or <https://www.tenders.go.ke>.

Interested bidders who download the documents from any of the websites must forward their particulars immediately to: supplychain@cma.or.ke for registration and for tender correspondence purposes.

Further information can be obtained at **CMA Supply Chain Management Office; 5th Floor, Embankment Plaza, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Nairobi** during office hours, **Monday to Friday from 0900 hours to 1600 hours local time** excluding public holidays.

Completed Tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the tender description and number, and be deposited in the Tender Box provided at The Capital Markets Authority Offices, 3rd Floor, Embankment Plaza, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Nairobi and addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,
Capital Markets Authority,
P.O. Box 74800 – 00200,
NAIROBI, KENYA**

So as to be received on or before **21 January 2025 at 1100hrs local time**.

Opening of the proposals will take place immediately thereafter at the CMA Offices, 4th Floor, Conference Room, Embankment Plaza along Longonot Road, Nairobi in the presence of the tenderers representatives who choose to attend. Late bids shall be rejected.



230 milk coolers to be deployed across 41 counties to cut losses

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development will, starting in January 2025, distribute over 230 milk coolers to 41 counties as part of efforts to reduce the loss of milk, which is highly perishable.

State Department for Livestock Development Principal Secretary (PS) Jonathan Mueke stated that the 230 coolers are currently being manufactured and will be distributed to 41 major milk-producing counties.

This initiative will benefit farmers and milk cooperatives.

Addressing the media in Nairobi, Mueke explained that the coolers come in different sizes, ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 liters. This will help farmers reduce milk loss and increase their income.

"Out of the 5.2 billion liters of milk that we produce annually, about 811 million liters are formally marketed through processors. The cooler project will add another 400 million liters of processed

milk, resulting in a 50 percent increase," said Mueke.

He highlighted that, in collaboration with county governments, 544 milk cooler sites have been identified, of which 427 sites in 40 counties have been verified. Of the verified sites, 285 are ready for milk cooler installation.

He added that at the State Department there are several other programmes which are ongoing and they are targeted at commercializing the livestock sector and im-

proving the production of the five livestock products that is meat, milk, honey, eggs and leather.

On leather, the PS said the Kenya Leather Industrial Park in Kenanie will be coming up by May 2025 as it is 85 per cent complete and it will be Kenya's leather district.

"Currently our leather is attracting international luxury fashion brands like Louis Vuitton, Gucci and Chanel and we want to expand that. As a Ministry we have a vision to have those luxury brands to



State Department for Livestock Development Principal Secretary (PS) Jonathan Mueke

come and manufacture in Kenya," Mueke said.

He said this will be made possible by capitalizing on the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) and Export Processing Zones (EPZ) and all the tax concessions as incentives for

companies to come and set up business there.

"We did an expression of interest and we have about 34 investors around the world who want to come and set up their leather factories here," said Mueke.

Livestock vaccination program to combat major diseases at no cost to local farmers

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Government has assured Kenyans that the vaccines to be used in the forthcoming nationwide livestock vaccination exercise have been produced locally by the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KE-VEVAPI).

Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja allayed fears that the vaccines would be procured from abroad.

He explained that KE-VEVAPI has been producing and exporting livestock vaccines to over a dozen African countries, including Uganda, and even to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"These vaccines have been tried and tested and have been in use in the country for other vaccinations, which is a testament to their safety," Dr. Karanja said.

Speaking in Nairobi during a media breakfast engagement, the CS stated that Uganda had ordered three million doses of the same vaccines from Kenya for use on their livestock.

According to Dr. Karanja, the government intends to vaccinate around 22 million cattle and 50 million sheep and goats starting in January 2025, with the exercise being free of charge, as the government will cover all costs.

Dr. Karanja emphasized the need for a unified approach to managing livestock diseases in the country, particularly foot-and-mouth disease for cattle and peste des petits ru-



minants (PPR) for sheep and goats. "What has been happening in the past is that individual counties have been vaccinating their livestock when they experience an outbreak and the next county does not vaccinate. This has not been effective since there is a lot of movement of the livestock from one county to another and therefore it becomes a waste of resources if all the counties do not vaccinate," said the CS.

He explained that the exercise needs a coordinated approach to ensure that the diseases are eradicated because the diseases restrict Kenya from trading livestock with the international markets like the European Union (EU).

Dr. Karanja assured farmers and members of the public that there is no ulterior motive, as they only want to ensure that they protect the livestock from diseases and ensure that the public consumes safe animal products.

"There have been con-

cerns over the vaccination exercise and we are going to engage the stakeholders to address the specific areas that need clarification so that we are all on the same page," said the CS.

KEVEVAPI Managing Director (MD) Alex Sabuni gave the assurance that they have the capacity to produce the 22 million doses required for the nationwide vaccination exercise.

Sabuni explained that the country has been producing Foot and Mouth disease vaccine, used for cattle, sheep, goats and pigs at their Industrial area facility, since 1964, while at their Kabete plant they produce 12 other vac-

cines.

"We have a research land in Limuru where we keep our research animals," explained Sabuni, adding that they have been supplying the vaccines to many other African countries like Uganda, Mali, Senegal and the UAE.

He disclosed that they are currently producing the vaccines for the nationwide vaccination exercise and they are waiting for a programme from the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) on how they will supply them.

"Vaccine production is very interesting because the less you produce, the more expensive it becomes, and now that we will be producing them in mass, the cost is likely to come down," explained Sabuni.

He said that currently they are selling a dose of the Foot and Mouth vaccine at Sh105 to locals and internationally at US\$1.2. The Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) Dr. Allan Azegele



Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja during a media breakfast engagement. PHOTO: GLADYS NJOKA.

on his part, said that they will employ the risk-based approach in the vaccination exercise, noting that the Foot and Mouth disease has devastating effects on the dairy animals, thus the initial focus will be on the counties which are predominantly dairy producers.

Dr. Azegele said that the ultimate target is to have recognition of freedom from Foot and Mouth disease.

"The Foot and Mouth vaccination will be done twice a year because the current vaccine that we are using offers immunity for about six months," he said.

State launches open days for affordable housing units

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Government is conducting open days nationwide to encourage Kenyans to choose from the 4,888 units available under the Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The initiative is part of the government's efforts to address the housing deficit by enabling Kenyans to begin their homeownership journey with a deposit.

Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, Charles Hinga, has invited prospective homeowners to take advantage of the holiday season to visit the 24 AHP sites spread across Kenya and inspect the housing units.

"We would like to invite you all to attend the open days scheduled to take place in Machakos this Saturday (21st December) and across our 23 other projects nationwide. You can view the show houses on-site and see the various housing units near completion," said Hinga.

The units at the Machakos Affordable Housing project consist of 40 one-bedroom units, 60 two-bedroom units, and 60 three-bedroom units, with generous green spaces for relaxation and leisure, as well as adequate parking for all homeowners.

So far, the government has a total of 4,888 units of various types on offer for sale across different parts of the country. Plans are also at an advanced stage to launch more projects, giving prospective buyers additional housing options.

The open days provide Kenyans with a platform to make inquiries about the AHP, receive assistance on how to register on the Boma Yangu portal, and learn how to make payments by installments for the various units.

Vaccine production is very interesting because the less you produce, the more expensive it becomes—MD

Kwale's Sh36.2m investment in newborn health to curb infant mortality in county

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI,
KNA

Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani has commissioned a Sh36.2 million newborn unit and child health complex at Msambweni Referral Hospital.

Achani stated that this development marks a significant step in the devolved government's ongoing efforts to provide accessible and high-quality health services to all residents. She emphasized that this initiative is a major milestone in healthcare delivery for children and vulnerable populations in the coastal county.

The governor explained that the newborn complex is expected to improve service delivery by offer-

ing a wide range of services that will help lower infant mortality rates. The newly commissioned, ultramodern unit is set to significantly reduce neonatal mortality rates in Kwale and improve outcomes for both mothers and their babies.

In her address during the commissioning ceremony, Achani reaffirmed that healthcare delivery is a priority of her administration. She noted that efforts to enhance healthcare in the coastal county aim to improve the health status of its residents.

Achani further stated that the Msambweni Referral Hospital's newborn unit stands as a testament to the county's unwavering commitment to healthcare service deliv-

ery and innovation.

The governor urged residents to fully utilize the newborn healthcare facility and assured them of continuous support to maintain and enhance health services.

"Access to modern medical facilities and neonatal care is fundamental to saving lives particularly for children with complications at birth," she said.

The commissioning ceremony took place at a time Newborn Essential Solution and Technologies (NEST) 360 donated critical medical equipment to Msambweni referral hospital in a bid to improve neonatal care in the coastal county.

NEST 360 has partnered with Kwale to deliver a bundle of life-saving



Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani during the commissioning of the newborn critical care units at the Msambweni referral hospital. She expressed optimism towards the county's efforts to reduce maternal and neonatal deaths by leveraging partnerships.

technologies to help strengthen the capacity of clinicians and biomedical technicians to deliver quality healthcare for newborns.

The governor stated that the devolved government

is out to address maternal and newborn health disparities in Kwale and reduce neonatal, child and maternal mortality.

She said the project was funded by M-Pesa Foundation noting that the new

facility will go a long way in improving health service delivery and reduce child mortality in the region. Achani said this initiative marks another step toward achieving universal health coverage



KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY Connecting Devolved Kenya

TENDER NOTICE

UPGRADING TO BITUMEN STANDARDS, SPOT IMPROVEMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS ROADS

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is a state corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act 2007, with the responsibility of management, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of Rural Roads.

The Authority hereby invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the Upgrading to Bitumen Standards, Spot Improvement and Routine Maintenance of various Roads through the GoK funds as lotted below.

- Lot A – to be submitted at KeRRA Head Office (Barabara Plaza, Block B),**
- Lot B – to be submitted at respective Regional Offices.**

Interested Bidders are advised to download the Long Advertisement and Tender Documents from the Authority's website www.kerra.go.ke and PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge as from **14th January, 2025**.

MANDATORY PRE-TENDER site visits shall be held on dates and times agreed with the respective Regional Directors and bidders are required to have the Certificate of Bidders Visit to Site signed by the respective Regional Director. Contact details for the respective Regional Directors can be downloaded from the Authority's website.

Completed tender documents should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with the Tender Name, Tender Number and deposited in the Tender Boxes at the KeRRA Head office or offices of the respective Regional Directors as indicated in the Long Advertisement or be addressed and posted to the respective Regional Directors address indicated in the same Long Advertisement so as to be received on or before **4th February, 2025 at 11.00am**.

Opening of the bids will take place immediately thereafter on **4th February, 2025** at the KeRRA Head office or offices of the respective Regional Directors in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

Bids not received at the submission venue by the closing date and time will not be accepted for opening and will be rejected and returned unopened.

Interested bidders are required to continually check the Authority's website for any tender addendums or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Chain Management Unit at the address below during working hours from 09:00 to 16:00 Hours local time Monday to Friday.

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COMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY OF KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

REVIEW OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET STRUCTURE IN KENYA

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya, is responsible for the regulation of telecommunications, e-commerce, cyber security, broadcasting, and postal/ courier services. The Authority also manages the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administers the Universal Service Fund (USF), and safeguards the interests of consumers of ICT services.

In accordance with Section 24(1) of the Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998, the Authority licenses entities within the sector. The Authority currently operates a technology and service-neutral telecommunications market structure, commonly referred to as the Unified Licensing Framework (ULF), which was last amended in 2014.

The Authority now seeks to undertake a review of the ULF framework with the following objectives:

- To address and remove certain market entry and operational barriers identified over time;
- To provide greater clarity on the scope of the various Licenses;
- To propose new licensing areas in line with the current ICT sector policy;
- To offer an opportunity for stakeholders and members of the public to submit proposals for the improvement of the framework, in furtherance of the Authority's goal to maintain an enabling regulatory environment for the sector.

Stakeholders and members of the public are therefore hereby invited to review the proposals and submit their feedback on or before **January 23rd, 2025**. Submissions should be made via the email address: telecommarketstructurereview@ca.go.ke or the addresses provided below.

The public consultation document as well as the submission format are available on the Authority's website via the following link: <https://www.ca.go.ke/open-consultations>.

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Over 200 security officers trained in wildlife conservation

BY ANN SALATON, KNA

Over 200 security officers based in Narok and Kajiado Counties have received one week of training on wildlife conservation and protection in a bid to promote tourism.

Speaking to journalists during the official closing of the training, Wildlife Conservation Secretary Dr. John Chumo expressed optimism that the rampant illegal poaching in

the Maasai Mara Game Reserve and Tsavo National Park will soon be a thing of the past.

Chumo explained that the purpose of the training was to build the capacity of officers, including those from the Kenya Police Service, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), and all other staff involved in handling poaching and animal protection cases.

The officers were trained



Tourists admiring wildebeest at the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

in scientific methods and new technologies to detect and arrest poachers while protecting wildlife.



The Wildlife Secretary

rest. To combat this illegal trend, he reiterated that a similar training was being conducted in Tanzania to equip their security agents with the necessary skills to detect and arrest poachers. “The law is clear on poachers. Those found capable can get a life sentence or heavy fines. That is why it is dangerous to engage in such criminal activities,” he observed.

Narok County Commissioner Kipkech Lotiatia on

his part called on collaboration between the members of the public and the police to arrest those with an intention of poaching wild animals.

“The Maa community has done a great job in protecting the wild animals. It is against their beliefs and norms to poach wild animals for food. This means those involved in the illegal poaching could be coming from other counties,” said Lotiatia.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)

ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

SMALL WORKS

(ONE-ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCESS)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Contract Title:	Upgrade of Local Area Network at Office of Attorney General
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-459492-CW-RFB

1.

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Upgrade of Local Area Network at Office of Attorney General. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing.

2.

The Information and Communications Technology Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Upgrade of Local Area Network at Office of Attorney General (Sheria House, Attorney General Chambers & Department of Justice at Co-op House). The upgrade includes Supply & Delivery of a 51No. Access Points, 42No. Network Switches and Network Monitoring & Management Software.

3.

Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fifth Edition, September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from The Information and Communications Technology Authority, Supply Chain Department, or through procurement@ict.go.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below.

5.

The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from the ICTA's website <https://www.icta.go.ke/tenders> or PPIP <https://tenders.go.ke/tenders> Bidders who download the bidding documents are required to notify the procuring entity by email with full contact details that they intended to participate, this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the procuring entity, to all bidders where necessary.

6.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1000hrs EAT on 20th February 2025**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **1000hrs EAT on 20th February 2025**

7.

All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Kes. 1,280,000.00 from an insurance company licensed and listed by the Insurance Regulatory Authority or bank licensed by the Central Bank of Kenya. The tender security shall be valid for 30 days beyond the tender validity period.

8.

Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9.

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THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)

ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids

Goods

(ONE-ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCESS)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project
Contract Title:	Supply & Delivery of Printers, Scanners, Photocopiers & UPS
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-466783-GO-RFB

1.

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply & Delivery of Printers, Scanners, Photocopiers & UPS. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.

2.

The Information and Communications Technology Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply & Delivery of Printers, Scanners, Photocopiers & UPS as follows: -
a) LOT 1: 50No. Type 1 Printer, 150No. Type 2 Printer, 50No. Type 3 Printer
b) LOT 2: 100No. Type 1 Scanner & 1No. Type 2 Scanner
c) LOT 3: 30No. Type 1 Photocopier, 53No. Type 2 Photocopier & 500No. UPS

The goods are to be delivered at ICT Authority, Telposta Towers, Along Kenyatta Avenue, within a period of two (2) months from the date of contract signing.

3.

Bidders may Bid for one or several contracts (LOTS), as further defined in the request for bids document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.

4.

Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 Edition ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

5.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from The Information and Communications Technology Authority, Supply Chain Department, or through procurement@ict.go.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below.

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7.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1000hrs East African Time, 19th February 2025**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **1000hrs East African Time, 19th February 2025**

8.

All Bids **must** be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Kes. 1 Million LOT 1, Kes. 1 Million LOT 2 and Kes. 1 Million LOT 3.**

9.

Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

10.

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Innovative soapstone dealer from Kisii transforms craft with inspiring artworks

BY JANE NAITORE, KNA

A renowned soapstone artefacts dealer has invented new methods for carving objects. A resident of Tabaka Ward in South Mogirango Constituency, Kisii County, he has been carving objects with encouraging messages to broaden his clientele and help people cope with the current

economic challenges. Daniel Apepo has shifted from carving traditional functional items like soap dishes, sugar dishes, and wild-life-themed objects, to creating items that carry meaningful messages for people's daily lives. For example, Apepo has developed pieces designed to inspire people during

festive seasons, express love, highlight social relationships, and reflect the journey of life. Speaking at his business premises in Nyabigege Shopping Center, Apepo explained that one of his love-themed items, dubbed "Love Knot," symbolizes deep love and unity in a relationship. It can be given as a gift

to couples or as part of a wedding celebration. Another item, titled "Cycle of Life," portrays the ups and downs of life's journey, but it carries a message of resilience, encouraging people to cope with various situations. Other items include "Heroes Capture," which honors heroes and heroines.



Daniel Apepo, a trader in soapstone artefacts supervising his employees at his business premises in Nyabigege shopping center, Tabaka ward, South Mogirango Constituency, Kisii County.



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

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids Goods (ONE-ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCESS)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project
Contract Title:	Supply & Delivery of Laptops & Tablets
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-466782-GO-RFB

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply & Delivery of Laptops & Tablets. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply & Delivery of Laptops & Tablets as follows: -
LOT 1: 200No. Laptop Type 1 and 200No. Laptop Type 2
LOT 2: 400No. Laptop Type 3 and 40No. Tablets
The goods are to be delivered at ICT Authority, Telposta Towers, Along Kenyatta Avenue, within a period of two (2) months from the date of contract signing.
- Bidders may bid for one (1) or ALL contracts (LOTS), as further defined in the request for bids document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.
- Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 Edition ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from The Information and Communications Technology Authority, Supply Chain Department, or through procurement@ict.go.ke and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below.
- The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from the ICTA's website <https://www.icta.go.ke/tenders> or Public Procurement Information Portal website <https://www.tenders.go.ke>. Bidders who download the bidding documents are invited to notify the procuring entity by email with full contact details if they intended to participate, as this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the procuring entity, to all bidders where necessary.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1000hrs East African Time, 19th February 2025**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **1000hrs East African Time, 19th February 2025**.
- All Bids **must** be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Kes. 2 Million LOT 1 and Kes. 2 Million LOT 2**.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
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THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Consulting Services – Individual Selection)

Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No.:	7289-KE & 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	CONSULTING SERVICE FOR CONNECTED AFRICA SUMMIT COORDINATOR (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)
Reference/Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-459488-CS-INDV

- This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in MyGov Newspaper on 24th October, 2023.
- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("Services") include Connected Africa Summit Coordinator (individual consultant). The assignment is expected to be completed within twelve (12) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke/tenders / www.tenders.go.ke
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority (the "Client") through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) now invites eligible individual consultants ("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 (**attach detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies (as applicable)**). The shortlisting criteria is:
 - A minimum of Bachelors' degree in international relations, or degree in communications, event management, marketing or a related field from a recognized University.
 - A minimum of 10 years of general experience in communications, event management, marketing or a related field.
 - A minimum of 5 years of progressive experience with demonstrated success in event programming, event management, with a focus on large-scale international conferences or summits.
- 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 Edition July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT) and public holidays.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **22nd January 2025 at 1000hours East African Time** 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 **CONSULTING SERVICE FOR CONNECTED AFRICA SUMMIT COORDINATOR (INDIVIDUAL EXPERT)**; Contract No. **KE-ICTA-459488-CS-INDV**.

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Government to purchase one million bags of maize to replenish the Strategic Food Reserve

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development projects that farmers in the country will produce an estimated 75.9 million 50-kilogram bags of maize during the long rains season, based on the achieved acreage of 1.64 million hectares and an estimated average yield of 42 bags per acre.

Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja said the ministry anticipates that, cumulatively, annual production will reach 94.4 million bags, based on the projected total annual acreage of 2.71 million hectares.

"The past two seasons have been very favorable in terms of weather, government fertilizer subsidies, and input supply. The food situation in the country is very positive," Dr. Karanja said.

Speaking in Nairobi during a media engagement, the CS announced that the government has instructed the NCPB to purchase one million 90-kilogram bags of maize for the strategic food reserve at a price of Sh3,500 per bag.

He explained that although there is pressure to purchase the maize at higher prices, the ministry determined through careful analysis that the cost



Former Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja (second from left) speaking in Nairobi during a media breakfast engagement. Photo by Gladys Njoka.

of production has slightly decreased. In 2023, farmers were receiving government-subsidized fertilizer at Sh3,500 per bag, whereas in 2024, the price dropped by Sh1,000 to retail at Sh2,500.

Dr. Karanja said the pressure is also in balancing the price of maize and the cost of Unga, explaining that if the price of maize goes high, the same will apply to a packet of Unga which is currently retailing at average of Sh120.

"By the time we were announcing the price of Sh3,500, farmers were getting Sh2,800 from the market but the prices have started going up due to government interventions," he said.

Dr. Karanja highlighted that about 6.3 million bags

of beans are expected to be harvested by the end of December 2024 adding that this will bring the total stock of beans to 12.2 million bags of 50 kilograms by the end of December 2024.

"For wheat, we expect a harvest of 1.8 million bags at the end of December 2024. The challenge is that millers have not been buying wheat from the farmers very well but we are working with them to ensure that the farmers are able to get good returns from their produce," said the CS.

1.8 million
Number of bags of wheat the government expects farmers to harvest by the end of the harvesting season

Dr. Karanja said the rice balance sheet projection indicates the country will have a surplus of 2.7 million 50-kilogramme bags by the end of December 2024. The estimated production for 2024 is 3.29 million bags of 50-kilogramme paddy rice from a total area of production of 35,496 hectares.

He added that the horticulture sector continues to show promise, with demand for fresh produce rising in international markets with the production of avocado projected to reach 622,600 metric tons.

"The sugar production in Kenya for the entire 2023/2024 crop season is projected to total 800,000 metric tons. We are now self-sufficient in sugar production and we have

stopped imports," the CS said.

Dr. Karanja said that tea production is projected to reach 600 million kilograms from 570 million kilograms of the previous year. This is attributable to the access by farmers to subsidized fertilizer and good weather.

"The income from tea is expected to cross the Sh200 billion mark for the first time," Dr. Karanja said.

Under the Edible Oils Promotion Project, the CS said that a total of 556 metric tons of sunflower seed have been distributed to farmers in 2024 to cover over 200,000 acres estimated to produce 40,000 metric tons of edible oil.

He said that this project is intended to cut import costs by 50 per cent in five years. Other edible oils covered by the project include canola, coconut, sesame, and oil palm.

On the fertilizer subsidy programme, Dr. Karanja said that farmers have continued to receive fertilizer through the e-voucher system across the Counties for various crops.

He explained that the Government through the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) commenced procurement of 4.9 million 50 kg bags of fertilizer in 24th July 2024 for both planting and top-

dressing fertilizer.

"Currently those who got the tenders to supply the fertilizer are delivering them to NCPB and the agreement is that we will have all the fertilizer in our stores by mid-January 2025 so that by February-March when the rains start, the farmers will be able to access the subsidized fertilizer," said Dr. Karanja.

The CS explained that this comprises 3.3 million bags for planting and 1.6 million bags for top dressing. For the 2024 short rain season, 2,032,130 bags of various types of fertilizers have been redeemed by 486,213 farmers.

According to Dr. Karanja, farmers are complaining because they are spending a lot of money to collect the fertilizer with some saying they are going for 200 or 300 kilometers since the NCPB stores are not very many and they are far away.

To remedy this, Dr. Karanja said that they are going to onboard other outlets like cooperatives in the coffee growing zones so that farmers can pick the fertilizer there.

"We are also onboarding a significant number of agrovet and agro-dealers and building their capacities to ensure that farmers can access the fertilizer near their area," explained Dr. Karanja.

Sh287m water project to transform lives and end water scarcity in Seme Sub-County

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary (CS) John Mbadi has launched a Sh287 million water project in Seme Sub-County.

Once completed, the Awach Water Project—a partnership between the National Treasury's Department of Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) and the County Government of Kisumu—for implementing the project.

He urged the contractor to adhere to the 15-month timeline to deliver the project and resolve the persistent water problem in the area.

of water scarcity.

Speaking during the launch, Mbadi emphasized the initiative's importance in improving the livelihoods of locals, lauding the partnership between the national government and the County Government of Kisumu for implementing the project.

He urged the contractor to adhere to the 15-month timeline to deliver the project and resolve the persistent water problem in the area.

"We want to see value for money. Therefore, the contractor has only 15 months to complete and hand over this project. We will not entertain any

delays or variations," he said.

Delays and variations in project completion, he added, have cost taxpayers billions of shillings. He warned that any contractor employing such tactics to steal public funds risks being blacklisted.

Mbadi also called on Kenyans to support the administration of President Dr. William Ruto, saying his commitment to national development is unwavering. The President, he noted, has rolled out several initiatives that have placed the country's economy back on a growth trajectory.

He highlighted the strengthening of the Ken-



A section of the Awach Water Project intake which is under construction in Seme, Kisumu County. PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

yan shilling, which has demonstrated resilience against external pressures, as a key economic success.

"The US dollar was exchanging at Sh160 earlier this year, but this has since dropped to Sh129,

which is a significant improvement," he said.

He further pointed to the reduction in the budget deficit-to-GDP ratio, which has improved the country's fiscal health. Additionally, Mbadi noted that the interest rate on

91-day Treasury bills, which stood at 17.5 per cent in 2022, has dropped to below 10 per cent, reflecting effective fiscal management and a stable macroeconomic environment.

He emphasized that these achievements are part of the government's broader efforts to stabilize and grow the economy while ensuring that resources are efficiently allocated to national development projects.

Speaking at the same event, Seme Member of Parliament (MP) James Nyikal praised the government's efforts, stating that the positive indicators following the establishment of a broad-based government were encouraging. "Our colleagues involvement in government has been a great asset, and we are seeing tangible projects that directly improve the lives of our people. ask for more," Nyikal said.

Kenya’s investment reforms pave the way for competitive, sustainable growth

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA

The Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry has introduced deregulatory reforms aimed at improving Kenya’s business environment through the private sector.

Speaking at the event, former Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade, and Industry Salim Mvurya outlined his ministry’s initiatives to foster a conducive and competitive business environment.

“In the past two years, we have actively collaborated with the private sector on business reforms,” Mvurya stated, adding that this engagement has led to several legal and regulatory advancements, including provisions in the Finance Act, 2023, the Finance Bill, 2024, and the recently enacted Business Laws Amendment Act, 2024.

Mvurya highlighted notable achievements in stabilizing Kenya’s macroeconomic environment, revealing that the govern-



Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry then Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya speaking during the De-regulation Reform Agenda event held at a Nairobi Hotel.

ment had stabilized the exchange rate, reducing it from Sh160 to Sh129, and successfully lowered inflation from 9.6 per cent to 2.7 per cent.

The CS also noted progress in industrial infrastructure, including the operationalization of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Dongo Kundu and Naivasha, six flagship projects under the Export Processing Zones (EPZs), and 19 county aggregation and industrial parks.

He further announced the opening of preferential trade markets under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the United Kingdom (UK), the European Union, and the United Arab Emirates. Addressing distressed companies, he noted that despite the strides, the reports acknowledge distress among some companies and after engagements, over-regulation emerged as a significant challenge.



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TENDER NOTICE

Agricultural Development Corporation invites eligible and competent suppliers for the tenders below:-

No.	Tender No.	Description	Tender Fees (Kshs)	Category	Closing Date
1.	ADC /3/2024/25	Supply and delivery of Agro Chemicals(Herbicides, Fungicides & Insecticides)	1,000.00	Open Tender	21 st January, 2025 at 10.30 am
2.	ADC/4/2024/25	Provision of Staff & Board of Directors Medical Insurance Cover(Underwriters Only)	1,000.00	Open Tender	22 nd January, 2025 at 10.30 am
3	ADC/5/2024/25	Provision of General Insurance Cover (Underwriters and Brokerage Firms Only)	1,000.00	Open Tender	22 nd January, 2025 at 2.30 pm

Complete tender documents may be obtained from the Procurement Office, 9th Floor Development House during normal working hours (8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.) upon payment of non- refundable fee of Kshs 1,000/- in cash or bankers cheque, or downloaded from our website www.adc.go.ke and Public Procurement tender portal at www.tenders.go.ke for **FREE**. Suppliers who download the documents should forward their details to procurement through procurement@adc.go.ke/adcprocurement2018@gmail.com

Tenders must be delivered/posted indicating the tender Number and title to:

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Or be placed in the tender box at the reception, 10th floor, Development House so as to be received by the dates indicated above for each tender.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend the opening at ADC Board Room Located at Development House,10th Floor on the respective dates indicated above for each tender at Local Time.

Agricultural Development Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in whole or in part without giving reasons for its decision.

MANAGING DIRECTOR



COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION

INSTITUTIONAL LICENSING STATUS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Under the provisions of Sections 2, 8 (1) (b), 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 48 of the Legal Education Act Chapter 16B Laws of Kenya, the following are the ONLY licensed Legal Education Providers and Legal Education Programmes in Kenya as indicated under each respective cluster.

(a) MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAMME			
	NAME OF INSTITUTION FACULTY/SCHOOL	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	Strathmore Law School	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 19 th November, 2024
2	Mount Kenya University School of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 23 rd March, 2026
3	Catholic University of Eastern Africa Faculty of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 21 st September 2028
4	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology School of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 20 th June, 2028

(b) BACHELOR OF LAWS PROGRAMME			
	NAME OF INSTITUTION, FACULTY/SCHOOL	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	UMMA University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) & Sharia	License valid until 24 th September, 2025
2	Africa Nazarene University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10 th December 2025
3	Chuka University Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10 th December 2025
4	Moi University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10 th December 2025
5	University of Nairobi Faculty of Law - Parklands Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10 th December 2025
6	Egerton University Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 16 th June, 2026
7	Kabarak University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 16 th June 2026
8	Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
9	Strathmore Law School	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
10	Maseno University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
11	South Eastern University of Kenya School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
12	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 20 th June, 2028
13	Riara Law School	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 21 st September 2028
14	Kenyatta University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 21 st September 2028
15	Daystar University School of Law - Athi River Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9 th April 2029
16	University of Embu School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9 th April 2029
17	Kisii University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9 th April 2029
18	Mount Kenya University School of Law - Parklands Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9 th April 2029

(c) DIPLOMA IN LAW PROGRAMME			
	NAME OF INSTITUTION	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) Faculty of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
2	Mount Kenya University School of Law - Parklands Campus Faculty of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 9 th April 2029
3	Kisii University School of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 9 th April 2029
4	Kenya School of Law	Diploma in Law (Para Legal Studies)	License valid until 9 th April 2029

(d) PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSING/ RENEWAL OF LICENSE AS LEGAL EDUCATION PROVIDER			
	NAME OF INSTITUTION	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	Kenyatta University School of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.) - New	Institution audited on 27 th November 2024. Pending Inspection by Council.
2	Strathmore University School of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.) - Renewal	Institution audited on 29 th November 2024. Pending Inspection by Council.

Ms. Jennifer Gitiri, HSC
Ag. SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION
31st December 2024



Regulatory reforms to smoothen film industry licensing, says Film Classification Board chief

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) has emphasized its commitment to supporting the growth of the film industry through facilitative regulatory interventions and programs. These initiatives include the Creatives in Arts and Film Literacy (CAFIL) Program, which KFCB is launching in partnership with the Sports, Arts, and

Social Development Fund (SASDF). Speaking during an engagement forum with creatives and stakeholders from Nairobi County, KFCB Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr. Paskal Opiyo revealed that the Board has proposed a review of various regulatory frameworks. Once ratified, these changes will make it easier for filmmakers to obtain licenses and promote the ease of doing business for industry stakeholders.

“As the government agency mandated to regulate the creation, broadcasting, possession, distribution, and exhibition of film and broadcast content in Kenya, the KFCB remains committed to ensuring a conducive regulatory environment to spur the growth of the film sector through col-

laboration with industry stakeholders,” Mr. Opiyo said during the event held at the Edge Convention Centre in Nairobi.

In its resolve to empower local creatives, Mr. Opiyo noted that KFCB, in collaboration with other regulatory government agencies whose mandates impact the film industry, has developed a Regulators’ Handbook for Film Practitioners in Kenya. The



KFCB Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr. Paskal Opiyo. handbook consolidates simplified regulatory information for the industry. “The Regulators’ Hand-

book contains information on the regulation of creation, distribution, exhibition, broadcasting and possession of audio-visual content in Kenya, the use of drones in filmmaking, immigration requirements for foreign film practitioners, the framework concerning filming in game parks and sanctuaries, tax obligations of film practitioners and tax incentives, copyright laws for protecting intellectual property rights of filmmakers, as well as data protection requirements,” the Opiyo revealed.



POLICYHOLDERS COMPENSATION FUND

Dhamana ya Bima Yako

THE INSURANCE ACT(CAP 487)

XPLICO INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

(UNDER STATUTORY MANAGEMENT)

DECLARATION OF EXTENSION OF THE MORATORIUM


PURSUANT to the application by the Commissioner of Insurance in exercise of his powers under Section 67C (3) of the Insurance Act, Cap 487, and to the Orders issued by the High Court on **10th December 2024**, the period of Statutory Management in respect of Xplico Insurance Company Limited has been extended for **three (3) months** from **8th December 2024** to **7th March 2025**.



NOW TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the appointment of the Policyholders Compensation Fund (hereinafter referred to as “PCF”) as the Statutory Manager for Xplico Insurance Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as “the Insurer”) by the Commissioner of Insurance on **8th December 2023**, in exercise of his powers under Section 67C (2) (i) of the Insurance Act, and in exercise of powers conferred upon PCF by Section 67C (10) of the Insurance Act, PCF hereby extends the Moratorium on payments by the said Insurer to its Policyholders and all other Creditors for a period of **three (3) months** with effect from **8th December 2024** to **7th March 2025**.

DATED AT NAIROBI THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024

MANAGING TRUSTEE

POLICYHOLDERS COMPENSATION FUND





Women Enterprise Fund

WOMEN ENTERPRISE FUND

TENDER NOTICE

The Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under the Ministry of Gender, Culture, The Arts and Heritage. WEF was established via Government Financial Management Act in 2007, through Legal Notice no.147.

To deliver its mandate effectively and efficiently, the Fund invites eligible and competent service providers for the following tenders:


NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
1.	WEF/RFP/03/01/2024-2025	PROVISION OF STAFF PENSION SCHEME THROUGH AN UMBRELLA ARRANGEMENT	OPEN	15 TH JANUARY 2025 AT 11:30AM



Interested bidders should download the tender documents from the website www.wef.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke. and forward their particulars to info@wef.co.ke for record and any clarifications.

Detailed information on the tender documents is available in the Funds’ website at www.wef.go.ke. and public procurement information portal www.tenders.go.ke. All tender documents to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and tender name, and addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Women Enterprise Fund
P. O. Box 17126-00100
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KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY

Tulipe Ushuru, Tujitegeme!

Public Notice

Imposition of Excise Duty on Excisable Goods and Services

Introduced by the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024

The Kenya Revenue Authority notifies manufacturers and importers of the listed goods and suppliers of the listed services, that the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024 has introduced excise duty on the goods and services with effect from **27th December, 2024** as follows: -

Excisable Goods	Tariff	Excise Duty Rate
Imported Fully Assembled Electric transformers and parts	8504.10.00, 8504.21.00, 8504.22.00, 8504.23.00, 8504.31.00, 8504.32.00, 8504.34.00.	25%
Imported printing ink of tariff 3215.11.00 and 3215.19.00 but excluding those originating from East African Community Partner States that meet the East African Community Rules of Origin	3215.11.00 3215.19.00	15%
Imported Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns, urinals and similar sanitary fixtures of tariff heading 6910	6910	5% of custom value or Kshs. 50 per kg
Imported Float glass and surface ground or polished glass, in sheets, whether or not having an absorbent, reflecting or non-reflecting layer, but not otherwise worked of tariff 7007	7007	35% of custom value or Kshs. 200 per kg
Imported ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles; unglazed ceramic mosaic cubes and the like, whether or not on a backing; finishing ceramics of tariff 6907	6907	5% of custom value or Kshs. 200 per square meter
Coal	N/A	2.5% of the custom value
3907.99.00 Imported Saturated polyester	3907.99.00	20%
3905.21.00 Imported polymers of vinyl acetate/vinyl esters	3905.21.00	20%
3903.90.00 Imported emulsion-styrene acrylic	3903.90.00	20%
Printed paper or paperboard of tariff heading 4811.41.90 or 4811.49.00 but excluding those originating from East African Community Partner States that meet the East African Community Rules of Origin	4811.41.90 4811.49.00	25% or Kshs. 150 per kg, whichever is higher
Articles of plastic of tariff heading 3923.30.00 and 3923.90.90	3923.30.00 3923.90.90	10%
Excisable Services		Excise Duty Rate
Fees charged on advertisement in the internet and social media on alcoholic beverages, betting, gaming, lotteries and prize competitions		15%

Manufacturers and importers of the above excisable goods and suppliers of the excisable services are required to apply for an Excise License, Import Certificate and/or Certificate of registration as applicable and submit their applications to their Tax Service Office. Licensing and registration application forms and checklists are available on the KRA website and further assistance is available from our Tax Service Offices.






Further, manufacturers of the excisable goods and suppliers of the excisable services are required to charge excise duty on the excisable goods and services from **27th December, 2024** and remit the tax collected to the Commissioner **on or before 20th day** of the month following the month in which the tax was collected. The first return and payment of excise duty for the manufactured excisable products and excisable services is due on or before **20th January, 2025**.

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Coffee Cherry Fund loan advances surge to Sh6.7b



Coffee beans. Over 800,000 small scale farmers grow coffee in Kenya.

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

Around 500 small-scale farmers from 27 out of 32 coffee-growing regions have borrowed Sh6.7 billion from the Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund.

Thanks to ongoing reforms championed by the government and counties, the fund, which is administered by the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (New KPCU), had loaned money to 497,221 farmers by the end of the year.

According to New KPCU Managing Director Timothy Mirugi, who spoke during a press interview, the increase in loan borrowing is attributed to low interest rates and improved governance and disbursement systems.

Mirugi confirmed that, as of December 19, 2024, seven counties from the Mount Kenya region had borrowed Sh4 billion of the total amount, accounting for 59.7 percent of the fund.

“The loans advanced to farmers have increased to Sh6.7 billion, compared to Sh1.1 billion advanced as of November 14, 2023, marking a 500 percent increase,” he said.

He noted that the increase has been largely driven by a reduction in paperwork, government awareness efforts, and improved prices at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE).

According to the Coffee Directorate at the Agricultural Food Authority (AFA), the country has 800,000 coffee farmers.

Nyeri County topped the list of beneficiaries with 82,927 coffee growers borrowing Sh943.4 million followed by Kirinyaga with 99,258 farmers as beneficiaries of Sh845.6 million.

Kiambu, Murang’a, Embu, Meru, and Tharaka Nithi Counties have 129,501 farmers in total who borrowed Sh820.6million, Sh579.2m, Sh449.9million, Sh319million and Sh46.7 million respectively.

Other top borrowers include Kericho County where 32,258 farmers borrowed Sh624.5million, Bungoma County (Sh414million) and Trans Nzoia County where farmers applied for Sh319.2million.

“The increase in loan advancement has been prompted by lack of collateral conditionality apart from coffee

and cherry required, no cumbersome paperwork like the financial institutions as long as you are proved to be a coffee farmer who is producing coffee in Kenya.

“Further introduction of the Direct Settlement System (DSS) as a payment system has motivated the farmers’ morale,” Mirugi said.

He added, “Today, it takes less than 72 hours after applying for the loan unlike before where it could take five to 14 days and with huge paperwork. We can confirm that the ongoing reforms have immensely contributed to transparency and thus promoting farmers to borrow to meet their daily financial obligations, for example, paying school fees, buying farm inputs and funding their infrastructure development.”

Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has so far licensed 16 coffee brokers to trade at NCE, majority of which are firms owned by small scale farmers.

Mirugi noted the increase in borrowing by farmers at three per cent has been supported by the implementation of coffee reforms that national government and counties have been undertaking, for example, enhancing transparency in coffee marketing and payment.

Coffee production in the country currently oscillates between 40,000 and 50,000 metric tonnes, but the government has guaranteed to fast track more reforms to boost output to over 150,000 metric tonnes by 2027.

Last month, Mirugi confirmed that the National Treasury released to New KPCU Sh750million as part of this financial year’s factored allocation.

Launched in August 2023 and Co-operative Bank of Kenya appointed as the implementing agency, DSS, Mirugi stated has assisted in loan recovery and stands at zero default.

DSS is a technology platform on which coffee trading is conducted as provided for in the new coffee trading regime supervised by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA).

Mirugi observed that the increased borrowing of loans from the kitty has led to introduction of coffee in non-traditional regions such as Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Migori, Nyamira, Baringo and Kisii.

50,000
Current coffee production
in the country in metric
tonnes



Public Notice

Adjustment of Excise Duty Rates for Excisable Goods and Services by the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024

The Kenya Revenue Authority notifies manufacturers and importers of the listed excisable goods and suppliers of the listed excisable services that the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024 adjusted the excise duty rates of the goods and services with effect from **27th December, 2024** as follows –

S/No.	Description	Excise duty rate prior to 27/12/2024	Excise duty rate from 27/12/2024
1.	Imported sugar excluding sugar imported by a registered pharmaceutical manufacturer and raw sugar imported for processing by a licensed sugar refinery	Kshs. 5 per kg	Kshs. 7.50 per kg
2.	Cigarette with filters (hinge lid and softcap)	Kshs. 4,067.03 per mille	Kshs. 4,100 per mille
3.	Cigarettes without filters (plain cigarettes)	Kshs. 2,926.41 per mille	Kshs. 4,100 per mille
4.	Products containing nicotine or nicotine substitutes intended for inhalation without combustion or oral application but excluding medicinal products approved by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to health and other manufactured tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes that have been homogenized and reconstituted tobacco, tobacco extracts and essences	Kshs. 1,594.50 per kg	Kshs. 2,000 per kg
5..	Liquid nicotine for electronic cigarettes	Kshs. 70 per millilitre	Kshs. 100 per millilitre
6.	Imported sugar confectionary of tariff heading 17.04	Kshs. 42.91 per kg	Kshs.85.82 per kg
7.	Wines including fortified wines, and other alcoholic beverages obtained by fermentation of fruits	Kshs. 243.43 per litre	Kshs. 22.50 per centilitre of pure alcohol
8.	Beer, Cider, Perry, Mead, Opaque beer and mixtures of fermented beverages with non-alcoholic beverages and spirituous beverages of alcoholic strength not exceeding 6%	Kshs. 142.44 per litre	Kshs. 22.50 per centilitre of pure alcohol
9.	Beer, cider, perry, mead, opaque beer and mixtures of fermented beverages with non-alcoholic beverages and spirituous beverages manufactured by licensed small independent brewers	Kshs. 142.44 per litre	Kshs. 10 per centilitre of pure alcohol
10.	Spirits of undenatured ethyl alcohol; spirits liqueurs and other spirituous beverages of alcoholic strength exceeding 6%	Kshs. 356.42 per litre	Kshs. 10 per centilitre of pure alcohol
11.	Imported Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls of tariff number 3919.90.90, 3920.10.90, 3920.43.90, 3920.62.90 and 3921.19.90 but excluding those originating from East African Community Partner States that meet the East African Community Rules of Origin	25%	25% or Kshs. 200 per kg, whichever is higher
12.	Imported plates of plastic of tariff heading 3919.90.90, 3920.10.90, 3920.43.90, 3920.62.90 and 3921.19.90 but excluding those originating from East African Community Partner States that meet the East African Community Rules of Origin	25%	25% or Kshs. 200 per kg, whichever is higher
13.	Amount wagered or staked on betting (excluding horse racing)	12.5%	15%
14.	Amount wagered or staked on gaming	12.5%	15%
15.	Amount paid or charged to participate in a prize competition	12.5%	15%
16.	Amount paid or charged to buy lottery ticket (excluding charitable lotteries)	12.5%	15%

Manufacturers of the excisable goods and suppliers of the excisable services are required to charge the new excise duty rates on the excisable goods and services with and remit the tax collected to the Commissioner as follows –

- in the case of betting and gaming services, **within twenty-four hours from the closure of transactions of the day;**
- in the case of licensed manufacturers of alcoholic beverages, **on or before the fifth day of the month following the month in which the tax was collected; and**
- in the case of other licensed persons, **on or before the 20th day of the month following the month in which the tax was collected.**

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MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND MICRO,
SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs)
DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) DEVELOPMENT

KENYA JOBS AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION (KJET) PROJECT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR
RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT SPECIALISTS

BACKGROUND

The Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) has placed significant focus on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Sector by prioritizing financial inclusion for MSMEs, value chain approach to MSME products as well as sustainable job creation through the sector.

In this endeavor, the Government of Kenya (GOK), with the support of World Bank, is implementing the **Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation (KJET) Project**, a significant initiative aimed at addressing key constraints within government and market systems that hinder the creation of high-quality jobs and the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices by Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The overall goal of the project is *"to create and improve jobs for Micro, Small and Medium-sized firms in select growth-oriented clusters"*. The specific goals of the proposed project are; (i) Enhancing inclusive, high quality, resilient and sustainable job creation; (ii) Strengthening business and investment environment; (iii) Strengthening competitiveness & building capacity of MSME clusters; (iv) Enhancing market access for MSMEs; and (v) Scaling up green MSME financing.

The State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development is seeking to **recruit six (6) Project Specialists** who will form the **Project Implementation Unit (PIU)** responsible for coordinating the KJET Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation. The Project Specialists will be contracted for an **initial period of one year**. The contract will be renewed based on project requirements and the Specialists' performance, ensuring continued alignment with the project objectives and needs. This is a **monthly-based contract** where the Specialists shall be paid an agreed gross salary staff month rate. The duty station for these roles will be Nairobi, Kenya.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified **KENYAN** candidates for the advertised vacant positions shown here below:

S/No.	JOB TITLE	NO. OF POSTS	VACANCY NO.
1.	Project Coordinator	1	1/2024
2.	Financial Management Specialist	1	2/2024
3.	Procurement Specialist	1	3/2024
4.	Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist	1	4/2024
5.	Communication Specialist	1	5/2024
6.	Environmental Specialist	1	6/2024

HOW TO APPLY

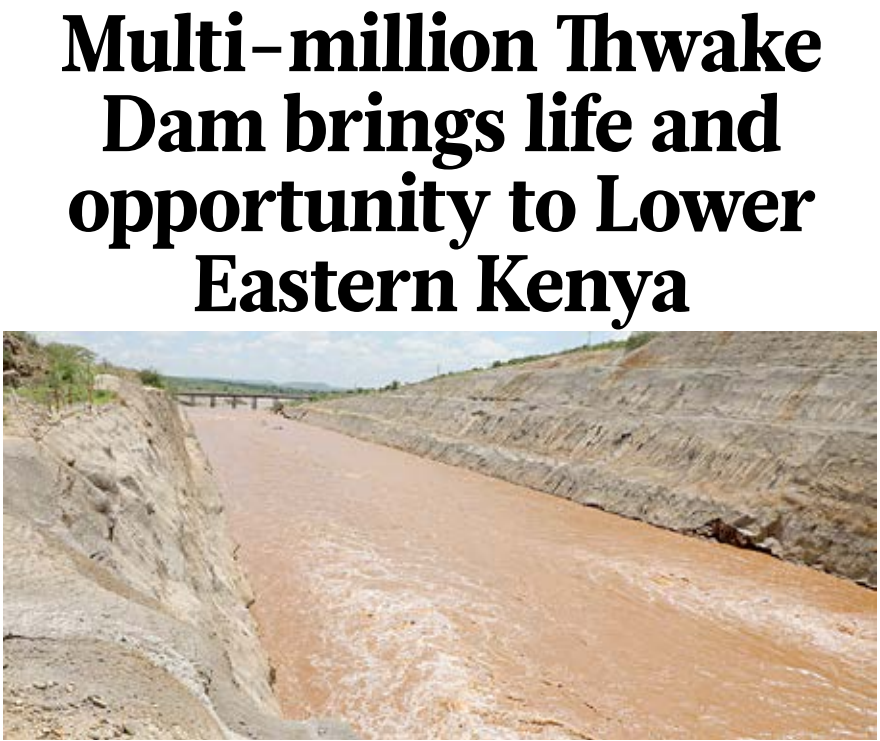
- Completed applications documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the vacancy number and job title together with detailed Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of Academic and Professional Certificates, and contact details of at least three (3) referees should be address to:-

The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development,
P.O Box 30547 - 00100
NAIROBI.

or deposited in the **TENDER BOX** located **along Bishop Road, Social Security House, Block A, Western Wing, Mezzanine Floor**, so as to be received on or before **23rd January, 2025, 10.00am East African Time** and immediately thereafter opened in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the **along Bishop Road, Social Security House, Block A, Western Wing, 17th Floor Boardroom Room**.
- All submitted completed application documents shall be properly bound and serialised in each pages.
- Interested eligible qualified candidates may obtain further information at the **Head of Supply Chain Management Services Office at the State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development Headquarters, located along Bishop Road, Social Security House, Block A , Western Wing, Mezzanine Floor**, during normal working hours from 8.00am to 5.00pm East African Time.
- Interested eligible qualified candidates shall submit **ONE ORIGINAL (1 No.)** and **One (1 No.) copy** of the application documents.
- Complete detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) may be down loaded free of charge by the interested eligible qualified candidates at www.msme.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke.
- Female candidates and Persons Living with Disability (PLWDs) are encouraged to apply.
- The Government of the Republic of Kenya reserves the right to accept, terminate or reject the application in whole or part before award.

Susan Mang'eni
Principal Secretary
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MICRO, SMALL AND
MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) DEVELOPMENT





BY MYGOV REPORTER

A blast of hot air blows from the horizon of Kisayani village, Katithi sub-location, Mavindini location in Makueni County.

On this day, Mama Katilu Matheka, 80, carefully tends to her farm, hoping for a bountiful harvest of kunde (cow-pea leaves) and mtama (millet), traditional food crops synonymous with the Ukambani region.

Mama Katilu, whose livelihood depends on farming, embodies the transformation many have experienced. As one of the Project Affected Persons (PAP) following the construction of the Thwake Dam, she utilized the compensation she received from the government to build a modern house, after her land was partially acquired for the dam's construction.

Like millions of others, Mama Katilu is optimistic that, one day, she will be able to irrigate her farm with water from the nearby Thwake Dam.

"Even in my sunset years, I am hopeful that this dam will be a game-changer for us. Our hope rests on it. We waited for years for the State to bring such a project to us," she says of the dam, co-funded by the Government of Kenya and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The dam, which is currently 94% complete, is being built at the confluence of the Athi and Thwake rivers, at the border of Makueni and Kitui counties. The facility is expected to benefit at least 1.3 million residents from the rural areas of the Lower Eastern counties.

The construction of dams has significantly improved the living conditions of billions of people. Dams have played a pivotal role in socio-economic development since the third millennium BC when the first great civilizations emerged along major rivers.

Today, dams contribute approximately 12-16% of global food production, feeding about 1 billion people.

President William Ruto has noted that Kenya spends approximately Sh200 billion on food imports alone. However, the country is making strides toward reversing this trend through irrigation-fed agriculture. Once completed, the Thwake Dam will be a crucial pillar in boosting irrigation.

The fiscal constraints we face as a nation affect all ministries, including water and sanitation

A view of the Thwake Dam embankment area

The Thwake Multipurpose Water Development Program will be carried out in four phases by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation. The dam, considered the second-largest water reservoir in Kenya, will benefit roughly 1.3 million residents from the semi-arid counties of Makueni, Kitui, and parts of Machakos.

The project is set to transform the socio-economic landscape of the region, which has long suffered from severe water scarcity.

Drought and famine have severely affected millions, particularly women and children.

During an inspection tour of the Vision 2030 flagship project, Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Muuga assured Kenyans that the government has fully engaged key stakeholders, including the AfDB, to expedite funding and ensure the dam's completion. "We have engaged all stakeholders involved to ensure the completion of this project. The fiscal constraints we face as a nation affect all ministries, including water and sanitation. This is why we are in constant communication with the AfDB to fast-track payment of pending certificates so the contractor can complete the work," the CS said.

Officials from the Government Delivery Service (GDS) unit also emphasized that the government is prioritizing key flagship projects in the region, with the Thwake Multipurpose Dam at the top of the list.

"The government has given extra attention to several flagship projects in the Lower Eastern region, and the Thwake Multipurpose Dam is among those prioritized," said GDS officials during a past visit.



Agriculture PS Dr. Paul Ronoh (in light blue shirt) and Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu issue planting seeds to farmers at the Narok- National Cereal and Produce Board.

Narok farmers encouraged to use expansive lands for wheat production

BY ANN SALATON, KNA
Agriculture Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Paul Ronoh has challenged farmers in Narok to use their expansive lands to plant wheat in order to increase the country's wheat production.

Dr. Ronoh noted that Narok County and the Tirmau area in Meru County are key producers of wheat, with the two regions together accounting for about five percent of the wheat consumed in the country.

This means that over 90 percent of the wheat consumed in the country is imported, highlighting the need for farmers to expand the acreage dedicated to wheat production. "We aim to increase wheat production in the country from five percent to over 20 percent. This can only be achieved if our farmers increase the acreage devoted to wheat planting," he said.

The PS reiterated that this initiative will reduce wheat imports and

strengthen the economy. "We have put measures in place to ensure that millers purchase locally produced wheat before importing the commodity. I want to assure farmers that there is a good market for their wheat," he said.

Dr. Ronoh was speaking at the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB), Narok branch, when he flagged off over 305,000 bags of planting fertilizer and another 100,600 bags of top-dressing fertilizer to benefit farmers in Narok County. The PS underscored the importance of collaboration between counties and the national government to enhance agricultural production.

Dr. Ronoh said his department had already put measures to ensure all counties get enough supply of subsidized fertilizer before the planting season, so as to increase production.

At the same time, he warned potato vendors who take advantage

of innocent farmers to package extended bags of potatoes more than the recommended 50 kilograms, that they would be arrested and prosecuted.

"There is regulation that ensures potato packages do not exceed 50 kilograms. I want to ask all potato traders to respect the law, otherwise they risk prosecution," he warned.

On his part, Governor Patrick Ntutu said over 125,000 bags of wheat were lying at the local NCPD, and asked the PS to intervene so that farmers can get value for their sweat. He said the county had recruited 210 youngsters as Agripreneur models, who have been taking key roles in registering farmers and spreading agriculture messages to the grassroots.

Agripreneur model, is a transformative initiative under the National Agriculture Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP).

Makueni named best-performing county in sustainable development for sixth year

BY JANE MASON

Makueni County has once again been named Kenya's best-performing county in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), winning the prestigious award for the sixth consecutive year.

The accolade was presented to Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. by Florence Syevuo, Executive Director of the SDG Forum Kenya, during a ceremony at his Wote office.

The county's success is anchored in innovative policies. The county government has enacted forward-thinking legislation, including the Makueni Universal Health Policy 2020 and the pioneering Climate Change Fund Regulations 2015.

These policies have created an enabling environment for sustainable development, addressing critical areas such as healthcare, climate resilience, and social in-

clusion. Makueni County Government has seamlessly integrated the SDGs into its development frameworks, ensuring alignment with its County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023-2027 and subsequent Annual Development Plans. This alignment enables precise tracking of progress and reporting on SDG indicators, ensuring that development efforts remain both transparent and impactful.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION

TENDER NOTICE

State Department for Irrigation which is mandated among other activities, Water Harvesting and Storage for irrigation, management of irrigation schemes and infrastructure as outlined in the Executive Order 01/2023 invites interested and qualified bidders to tender for the following tenders for Drilling, Equipping of Boreholes, Construction of Elevated Water Tanks and Supply and Installation of Greenhouses /Shade Nets and Drip Kits and large water pan.

S/ No	Tender No.	Tender Name/ Description	County	Tender Security (kshs.)	Eligibility
1.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/001/2024-2025	Kuno LCBP Primary School – Balambala Constituency	Garissa	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
2.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/002/2024-2025	Malkadaka Primary School – Isiolo South Constituency	Isiolo	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
3.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/003/2024-2025	Chuluni Girls Secondary School – Kitui East Constituency	Kitui	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
4.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/004/2024-2025	Friends' Secondary School Sirende – Kiminini Constituency	Trans Nzoia	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
5.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/005/2024-2025	Muguga Primary School-Kabete Constituency	Kiambu	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
6.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/006/2024-2025	Queen of Peace Secondary School – Marakwet East Constituency	Elgeyo Marakwet	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
7.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/007/2024-2025	Lenginet Primary School – Rongai Constituency	Nakuru	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
8.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/008/2024-2025	Simbara Primary School Ndaragwa Constituency	Nyandarua	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
9.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/009/2024-2025	Masinde Muliro – Lurambi Constituency	Kakamega	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
10.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/010/2024-2025	Lolwe Primary School – Ugunja Constituency	Siaya	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
11.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/011/2024-2025	Alfred Powery Primary School – Turkana Central Constituency	Turkana	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
12.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/012/2024-2025	Kilulu Primary School – Msambweni Constituency	Kwale	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
13.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/013/2024-2025	Murumune Primary School – Igembe South	Meru	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
14.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/014/2024-2025	Olooltepesi Primary School – Kajiado West Constituency	Kajiado	2% of the Tender Sum	Open
15.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/015/2024-2025	Construction of Griftu Water Pan in Wajir West Sub County	Wajir	2% of the Tender Sum	Open

Tender documents may be viewed and obtained electronically free of charge from:

- Public Procurement information portal: <http://www.tenders.go.ke>
- The Ministry's Website: www.water.go.ke

Tenderers are advised that they will not be allowed to tender for more than one project, if a firm tenders for more than one tender the firm will automatically be disqualified.

The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with Tender No. and Tender Name/Description shall be addressed to:

**The Principal Secretary
State Department for Irrigation
P.O. BOX 49720 – 00100
Maji House
NAIROBI**

and be deposited in the tender box on the Ground Floor, Maji House; Off Ngong Road. The Closing / Opening date will be on **21st January, 2025 at 11.00 a.m.**

Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the 4th Floor Boardroom, Maji House; Off Ngong Road in the presence of bidders or their designated representatives who choose to attend.

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION**



SUPPLIER PREQUALIFICATION & REGISTRATION FOR THE FY 2024-2026

The Kenya National Multi Commodities Exchange Limited - KOMEX, is a Financial Corporation under the State Department for Trade mandated as the National Implementing Agency to develop, promote, operate and manage a National Multi-Commodities Exchange supported by an eco-system of value chain actors for the promotion and facilitation of digital structured trading of commodities, access to markets, market information, price discovery, with quality assurance, risk management, trade financing, and trade support services, regulated under the Capital Markets Act (CAP 485A) and linked to the Warehouse Receipt System (WRS).

KOMEX is in the process of updating its supplier database and is therefore inviting interested and eligible suppliers to submit their applications for the prequalification of suppliers for various categories of goods, services, works and consultancy services for the Financial Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 as per the Instructions in the following Tender Document:

NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER NUMBER
1	PRE-QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS/ SUPPLIERS/CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS, SERVICES, WORKS AND CONSULTANCIES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS	KOMEX/PRQ/001/2024-2026

Interested & eligible suppliers may obtain further information from the tender document or from the office of Head Supply Chain Management Division situated at the KOMEX Headquarters in KIBT Complex, Ojijo Rd, Parklands during normal working hours.

A complete tender document shall be downloaded from the KOMEX website www.komex.co.ke or from www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. The completed tender documents are to be submitted and dropped in the Tender Box situated at the 2nd Floor, KIBT Complex, Ojijo Road, Parklands, Nairobi on or before **Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 11:30 a.m.** and thereafter the documents shall be opened immediately at the Ground Floor Boardroom, KOMEX Offices, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

Thereafter, pre-qualification and registration of suppliers shall be continuous and tender submissions received after the deadline shall be subjected to pre-qualification evaluation and registration processes carried out bi-annually during FY 2024 - 2026.

KOMEX reserves the right to accept or reject any bid in whole or in part.

NB: Any Clarifications or Addendum shall be issued on the referred websites.

AG. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA NATIONAL MULTI COMMODITIES EXCHANGE LIMITED - KOMEX
 Headoffice: Ground Floor, KIBT Complex, Ojijo Road, Parklands, Nairobi
 Address: P. O. BOX 30430 - 00100 GPO Nairobi - Kenya
 Tel: +254 (0)20 315001/2-4 | Email: info@komex.go.ke | Website: www.komex.co.ke

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PROVISION OF SHORT TERM CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON OPERATIONALIZATION OF KOMEX AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT

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KOMEX is seeking the services of a reputable consultancy firm to provide short-term consultants on a framework agreement under fixed-term contract terms (renewable) to assist in the operationalisation of KOMEX and technical capacity enhancement.

NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER NUMBER
1	Provision of Short Term Consultancy Services on Operationalization of KOMEX and Capacity Enhancement	KOMEX/RFP/STC/003/2024-2025

Interested eligible Consultancy Firms may obtain further information from the Request for Proposals (RfP) document or from the office of Head Supply Chain Management situated at the KOMEX Headquarters, Ground Floor, KIBT Complex, Parklands, Ojijo Road, Nairobi, during normal working hours.

The RfP document shall be downloaded from the KOMEX website www.komex.co.ke or from www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. The completed RfP documents shall be submitted and dropped in the Tender Box situated at the 2nd Floor, KIBT Complex, Ojijo Road, Parklands, Nairobi on or before **Thursday 23rd January, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.** and thereafter the documents shall be opened immediately at the Ground Floor Boardroom, KOMEX Offices, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

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1.0 The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) invites competent, self-motivated and qualified applicants for the position of **Examinations Officer – KNEC Grade 7 (6 Posts)**.

2.0 TERMS OF OFFER

The Council will offer a competitive remuneration package commensurate with the responsibilities of the position on a one (1) year contract.

3.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested and qualified candidates should fill and submit the Application for Employment Form KNEC 2A – **(External applicants)** and Application for Employment Form KNEC 2B – **(Internal applicants)**, an application letter, accompanied by certified copies of academic and professional certificates, comprehensive curriculum vitae giving details of daytime telephone contact, e-mail address, current remuneration (enclose copy of your latest pay slip), names and current contacts of three referees, on or before **28th January 2025** to the address below:

The Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya National Examinations Council,
New Mitihani House, South C,
P.O Box 73598-00200,
NAIROBI.

4.0 NOTES:

- 4.1** The Council will only contact the shortlisted candidates and canvassing will result in automatic disqualification;
- 4.2** Successful applicants offered employment will be required to submit clearance under **Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya**;
- 4.3** Appointment to the position will be on a **one (1) year contract**;
- 4.4** KNEC is an equal opportunity Employer and People Living with Disability and female candidates are encouraged to apply.

For more details regarding the vacant positions, please visit - www.knec.ac.ke



KENYA FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD



INVITATION TO TENDER

The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) is established by Statute to regulate the Film and Broadcast Sector with a view to protecting children from exposure to harmful content.

KFCB invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following:

Tender No	Tender Name	Closing Date and Time
KFCB/03/2024-2025	Provision of Motor Vehicle Insurance Cover	3rd January 2025 at 11.00 am.

Interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents from the KFCB website <https://kfcg.go.ke/tenders/> or visit the Supply Chain Management office, Kenya Film Classification Board, Aga Khan Walk, Uchumi House 15th floor during normal office working hours or reach the Board through email address kfcgprocurement@kfcg.go.ke.

A complete set of the Tender Documents may be obtained upon payment of Ksh 1000 for hard copies payable in cash or bankers cheque to the Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Film Classification Board or downloaded Free of Charge at <https://kfcg.go.ke/tenders/> or PPIP tenders portal tenders.go.ke. Those who download the documents from the website must forward their particulars immediately for recording and any further clarifications and addenda to kfcgprocurement@kfcg.go.ke.

Completed tender documents, enclosed in a plain sealed envelope, marked with the tender number should be addressed to: -

Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
KENYA FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD,
P.O. BOX 44226- 00100
NAIROBI

and be deposited in the tender box provided at Uchumi House 15th Floor, Aga Khan Walk, Nairobi, so as to be received on or before the date stated above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at the KFCB Boardroom, Uchumi House 14th Floor, Aga Khan Walk in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend the opening.

Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD



KENYA RAILWAYS

EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Railways (KR) is a State Corporation in Ministry of Roads and Transport. The Corporation was established in 1978 under the Kenya Railways Corporation Act (Cap 397) of the Laws of Kenya to take over the railways section in Kenya after the collapse of East Africa Community in 1977 which managed the East African Railways and Harbors Corporation. The railway system in Kenya consists of both the Meter Gauge Railway (MGR) and the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). The MGR extends from Mombasa to Malaba with branch lines to Nanyuki and Kisumu while SGR extends from Mombasa to Naivasha.

The core mandate of the Corporation is to provide efficient and effective rail and inland waterways transport.

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

S/N	Positions/ Designation	Grade	No	Job Ref	NOTE
1.	General Manager Rail Operations	RG2	1	KRBR143	Re-advertised
2.	General Manager Finance	RG2	1	KRBR144	Re-advertised
3.	Manager Insurance Services	RG3	1	KRBR154	New advert
4.	Rail Safety Manager	RG3	1	KRBR155	New advert
5.	Revenue Assurance & Credit Control Manager	RG3	1	KRBR156	New advert
6.	Procurement Manager	RG3	1	KRBR157	New advert
7.	Passenger Services Manager	RG3	1	KRBR158	New advert
8.	Sales & Marketing Manager	RG3	1	KRBR159	New advert
9.	Strategy & Corporate Planning Manager	RG3	1	KRBR160	New advert
10.	QMS & Risk Co-ordination Manager	RG3	1	KRBR161	New advert
11.	Manager Civil Engineering	RG3	1	KRBR162	New advert
12.	Manager Signaling, Electrical & Communication	RG3	1	KRBR163	New advert
13.	Technical Audit Manager	RG3	1	KRBR164	New advert
14.	Marine Operations Manager	RG3	1	KRBR165	New advert
15.	Deputy Director - Finance & Corporate Services	RG3	1	KRBR166	New advert
16.	Deputy Director - Research & Business Development	RG3	1	KRBR167	New advert

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested and qualified candidates **MUST** complete the Kenya Railways application form **KR/HR/08** that is available on the **Kenya Railways website**, attach their **testimonials, certified copies of certificates, National Identification Card (ID) and Curriculum Vitae (CV) to be received by 5:00pm on Tuesday, 28th January, 2025, East Africa Time (EAT)**

The details of duties, responsibilities and qualifications for each position are available on the Kenya Railways website; **www.krc.co.ke**

When applying, quote the Job reference number on the envelope and the application letter.

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

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

Successful candidate MUST present and satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 by providing the following clearance certificates: -

- Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations
- Valid Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
- Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA);
- Current Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC); and
- Current Report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

Applications to be addressed to the:

Managing Director,
Kenya Railways,
P.O. Box 30121, 00100,
NAIROBI.

The Corporation is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 – Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED AND THE MINORITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

Canvassing in any form or failure to attach any of the stipulated documents shall lead to automatic disqualification.



KENYA REVENUE
AUTHORITY



Insurance
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Bima Bora kwa Taifa

ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL MARINE CARGO INSURANCE FOR ALL IMPORTS

Following the Enactment of The Finance Act, 2017, on 23rd June 2017, the amendments to The Marine Insurance Act CAP 390, Section 16A made it mandatory for any person with Insurable Interest in marine cargo to place Marine Cargo Insurance with an insurer locally licensed under the Insurance Act CAP 487 Laws of Kenya. Further, amendments to the Insurance Act CAP 487 section 20(4), through the Statute Law (Miscellaneous) Amendments Act 2017, outlawed sourcing of marine cargo insurance policies from insurers not locally licensed under the Insurance Act.

To ensure full compliance with the indicated legal provisions, the public is hereby notified that effective **14th February 2025**, all importers shall be required to digitally procure Marine Cargo Insurance cover for their imports from locally licensed insurance companies in accordance with the above statutes, prior to obtaining custom clearance.

The Digital Marine Cargo Insurance Certificate request will be submitted through the clearing agents' and importers' mobile Apps, dedicated portals, or Insurance Underwriters Platforms connected to the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) electronic platform. The processed digital marine certificate from the IRA Platform will be electronically submitted to the KRA Integrated Customs Management Systems (ICMS).

Contact IRA on 0800 724 499 (toll free) or 0719 04 7 363

PROCEDURE FOR BUYING A DIGITAL MARINE CARGO INSURANCE COVER

- A Digital Marine Certificate shall be issued against an active IDF (Import Declaration Form).
- A customer will log into any mobile or online portals and follow the instructions for digitizing a Marine Insurance Cargo Cover. All portals and or Web Based portals shall be integrated to the IRA electronic platform only. The available options include:
 - Coral Mini App hosted on the M-PESA Super App.
 - Coral web-based online portal
 - Insurance Underwriters web-based portals
 - Insurance Underwriters Mobile Mini Apps hosted on Mpesa.
 - Kentrade single window portal
- The Customer shall access their IDF or pull their IDF by typing the full IDF number into the provided field as hereunder.
 - Through a smartphone on the Coral Mini App on the M-PESA Super App** - The IDFs for a registered customer who is defined as a clearing agent in ICMS or the cargo consignee, will automatically appear on the Coral Mini App
 - Coral Web-based portal** - The IDFs for a registered customer who is defined as a clearing agent in ICMS or the cargo consignee, will automatically appear on the Coral Web-Based Portal
 - Insurance Underwriters web-based portals** - The IDF for the customer/client will be queried on the underwriter's portal and accessed through the IRA electronic platform.
 - Insurance Underwriters Mobile App portals** - The IDF for the customer/client will be queried on the underwriter's portal and accessed through the IRA electronic platform.
 - Kentrade Single window portal** - The IDF for the customer/client will be queried on the underwriter's portal and accessed through the IRA electronic platform.
- The IDF contains all the necessary details on the imported cargo and the Digital Marine cargo Insurance certificate will be updated with IDF details.
- The customer/ clearing agent will fill/ complete the required fields for the Digital Marine Cargo Insurance Certificate, pay the respective premiums and submit the digital certificate to the IRA electronic platform.
- The IRA Platform which is integrated to KRA - ICMS (Integrated customs Management System) will submit the digital Marine Cargo Insurance Certificate to KRA.
- Upon receipt of the Digital Marine Cargo Insurance Certificate, the customer will receive a confirmation of successful receipt and digitization of MCI in compliance with the law.
- The confirmation and approval of the Digital Marine Cargo Insurance Certificate in ICMS will facilitate clearance of cargo in the ICMS.

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Nyatiti masters pass on their craft to next generation to preserve vibrant Luo culture

BY PHILIP ONYANGO,
KNA

For decades, the Nyatiti dominated the entertainment scene within the Luo community. No ceremony—whether a wedding or a memorial—was complete without either a Nyatiti or Ohangla (Orutu) player being invited to entertain the guests.

However, the advent of the guitar and other modern instruments over the years has relegated the once revered instrument to the periphery. With age taking a toll on the music maestros who once played the eight-stringed instrument with gusto, striking the bottom bar of the Nyatiti to produce a constant beat, very few members of the current generation seem eager to take up the mantle.

The introduction of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) in the Kenyan education system, however, appears to be shifting this trend. Music teachers and dedicated Nyatiti enthusiasts are now taking advantage of this opportunity to pass on their knowledge to the younger generation.

One such enthusiast is Charles Obong'o Makomenda, also known as Obong'o Nyundo. He not only trains young players but also crafts traditional instruments. Among his students are pupils from Ulawe Apat Junior Primary School in Alego/Usonga, who have mastered the instrument and won trophies at the national level during school music festivals.

According to Obong'o, there is a pressing need for concerted efforts to preserve Luo traditional music and instruments. "We should not allow Nyatiti to fade away," he says. He laments that the forums where Nyatiti musicians should be invited to perform in order to attract younger audiences are dwindling, with these being replaced by modern Ohangla music.

He adds that Nyatiti was more than just about beats and dancing. "It conveyed moral messages and was used to teach society," he notes.

Obong'o's journey into the world of Nyatiti music began in 1963, and by 1964, he was already competing with the established players of the time. However, a misfortune—he attributes it to the envy of those he had beaten in



1: Ulawe Apat junior school pupils who are Obong'o Nyundo's apprentices, showing their prowess

2&4: William Ogutu Omondi enjoys what he has been doing for more than 70 years, playing Nyatiti as a fan enjoys the beats.

3: Charles Obong'o Mak'Omenda aka Obong'o Nyundo, at the initial stages of curving Nyatiti music instrument.

"I now devote my time to crafting Nyatiti and training those interested in learning how to play it," he says, noting that he does not charge any fees for his services. Obong'o sees this voluntary effort as his contribution to keeping the music alive.

He has trained several musicians, including a Japanese woman. However, he expresses concern that many Luos no longer value their traditional music, as the majority have become enamored with Western-influenced genres.

When it comes to the materials used to craft the instruments, he prefers specific types of trees. "I use 'ondero,' 'ng'ow,' and 'mugomra' trees because they don't crack," he explains. "However, with

the scarcity of some of these species, I'm sometimes forced to use mango trees." He worries that if foreigners continue learning Nyatiti music at this rate, they might eventually claim ownership of it, forcing locals to pay royalties to play their own traditional music.

His concerns are shared by Nyatiti legend William Ogutu Omondi, from Alego Seje, who began playing the instrument in December 1950. Ogutu, who still plays the Nyatiti, emphasizes that it should not be relegated to second place behind modern music. "In the past, whenever there was a celebration—whether for dowry payment or mourning—each in-law would invite his favorite musician to entertain the guests," he

says. "Nowadays, that is no longer the case, which limits the opportunities for Nyatiti players."

Ogutu believes that county governments can play a key role in reviving interest in the traditional music by utilizing current players to teach the younger generation.

As part of these efforts, teachers Jared Otieno of Ulawe Apat Junior School and Thomas Amollo of Pap Boro Primary School have been working with elderly Nyatiti maestros to train their students. According to Otieno, this collaboration has yielded positive results, with some of his pupils mastering the instrument and excelling in music festivals, from the zonal level all the way to nationals. "Over the years, Ulawe Apat School has become a powerhouse in music competitions, especially in traditional instruments," he says. "This year, 2024, they won the national music festival in both Nyatiti and Orutu categories."

Mwalimu Thomas Amollo, whose school participated in the music festivals for the first time this year, says they are eager to learn from the older musicians. They have partnered with Ulawe Apat School to help revive the music. "We want the youth to grow up with Nyatiti, so that in the next 10 to 15 years, the music will be embraced once again by society," he says.

Amollo also calls for a shift in attitude among the younger generation, many of whom consider the music outdated. He believes that the youth can make a living from Nyatiti music, and encourages them to embrace it.

The Nyatiti is an eight-stringed classical instrument made from a carved wood resonator covered in cowhide. The strings, originally fashioned from cattle tendons, are now typically made of nylon or plastic fishing line. When playing the Nyatiti, the performer sits on a short chair (orindi), wears shakers (gara), and a round metal ring on his big toe, which he uses to strike the bottom bar of the instrument. The sound of the musical strings, along with the rhythmic beat of the shakers and the metal ring on the toe, combine to create a distinctive musical pattern. While traditionally played solo, some musicians include backup singers.

Ministry set to roll-out multi-billion Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation Project

BY NELLY KOSGEY

The Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development is set to roll out the multi-billion Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation Project (KJET) to benefit at least 45,000 Kenyans, including at least 6,800 women, through new or improved job opportunities.

With \$150 million in financing, KJET aims to increase private sector investments, access to markets, and sustainable finance to create and improve job opportunities.

According to the Cabi-

net Secretary, Dr. Wycliffe Oparanya, KJET will provide business development services aimed at strengthening viable value chains and connecting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to markets.

Speaking during the signing of the Ministry's Financial Year 2024/2025 performance contracts with the principal secretaries and agencies in Nairobi, Oparanya said the focus is on the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, Vision 2030, and the Fourth Medium-Term Plan (MTP4, 2023-2027).

He called on the ministry officials to utilize the budget and ensure the contracts signed are fully implemented to benefit Kenyans.

"We want to make a difference and realize growth in our economy," the Cabinet Secretary said.

Similarly, Principal Secretary for Co-operatives Patrick Kilemi called for transparency and accountability in resource allocation.

"We have to be trusted by the people we serve, and that is why we have no option but to deliver tangible services that will be felt by every Kenyan," said PS Kilemi.



Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Wycliffe Oparanya with Principal Secretary for Co-operatives, Patrick Kilemi shake hands holding the FY 2024/2025 Performance Contract for the Cooperatives Department after the signing

Why cultural festivals are key to Kenya's tourism future

BY REBECCA MIANO

Beyond its stunning landscapes, some teeming with rare wildlife species, Kenya is a melting pot of diverse cultures that blend into a rich and multifaceted experience that the world is eager to witness. There is also a significant opportunity among Kenyans themselves to encourage communities to explore areas beyond their own and discover how others go about their day-to-day lives.

In the last quarter of 2024 alone, we saw a number of cultural festivals across Kenya, including the Tobong'u Lore Lake Turkana Festival, the Maa Cultural Week, the Lamu Cultural Festival, and the year-end PINY Luo Cultural Festival, which kicked off on the eve of the New Year in Siaya County. For practical purposes, clusters of closely related communities, like the Maa, often organize a single festival that incorporates various groups. Other communities with similar cultural ties can draw inspiration from this model.

Cultural festivals not only celebrate traditions, art, music, dance, and culinary heritage but also represent an immense opportunity to boost both the tourism sector and the broader economy. Here are five compelling reasons why Kenya should continue to encourage and promote these festivals as a core part of its tourism strategy:

Firstly, cultural festivals offer a unique chance to diversify the tourist experience. While safaris and coastal holidays draw millions of tourists each year, cultural festivals



Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary (CS) Rebecca Wanjiku Miano looks at a mummified buffalo on display at the Wildlife Research Training and Research Institute (WRTI) in Naivasha during the institute's 22nd Graduation ceremony on Wednesday. Immediately behind the CS is the Principal Secretary (PS) for Wildlife Silvia Museiya - Kihoro.

attract a different kind of traveler—those seeking authentic, immersive experiences that go beyond the conventional tourist path. Events like the Lamu Cultural Festival, the Maasai Mara Mara-

thon, and the Tobong'u Lore Lake Turkana Festival highlight Kenya's rich cultural heritage, offering visitors a hands-on experience of local traditions, art, music, and cuisine. By encouraging such fes-

tivals across the country, Kenya can appeal to a wider range of tourists, from cultural enthusiasts to adventure seekers and eco-tourism advocates.

Secondly, cultural festivals serve as a vi-

tal economic lifeline for host communities. They create numerous business opportunities for local entrepreneurs in hospitality, food services, transportation, retail, and entertainment. Hotels, guesthouses, and restaurants often see increased bookings, while local artisans and vendors have the chance to sell crafts, clothing, and food to tourists. These events also provide short-term employment opportunities for those involved in event organization, security, performance, and guiding. Cultural festivals can play a key role in offering gainful employment, even if temporary, while equipping youth with valuable skills that can benefit other sectors of the economy.

Thirdly, cultural festivals are crucial for preserving and promoting cultural heritage. Kenya's diverse communities bring unique traditions, languages, and crafts that contribute to the cultural landscape. Festivals provide a platform to showcase these traditions, passing them on to younger generations while sharing them with the world.

Fourthly, sustainable tourism is a growing global trend, and cultural festivals align perfectly with this shift. Unlike large-scale commercial tourism, which can have adverse environmental impacts, cultural festivals are often more community-based, emphasizing local traditions, environmental awareness, and conservation efforts. Many of Kenya's cultural festivals also celebrate indigenous knowledge of nature, allowing tourists

In the last quarter of 2024 alone, we saw a number of cultural festivals across Kenya—CS

to gain a deeper understanding of the country's ecological treasures. By promoting these events, Kenya can encourage tourism that respects both cultural heritage and environmental sustainability.

Lastly, cultural festivals help elevate Kenya's status on the global tourism map. With the rise of social media and digital platforms, these events attract worldwide attention, appealing to tourists who might not have considered Kenya as a destination. As these festivals grow in prominence, they provide Kenya with an opportunity to market itself as a multifaceted destination, showcasing much more than just safaris. A strong reputation as a cultural hub can drive repeat visits and establish Kenya as a leader in cultural tourism across Africa.

Embedding cultural festivals into Kenya's tourism strategy is not just an economic decision; it's a smart one. By fostering cultural festivals across the country, we will diversify our tourism sector, create economic opportunities for local communities, and strengthen Kenya's reputation as a preferred global cultural destination.

Miano is the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife

KVDA launches its five-year strategic plan that will require 69.4b to implement

BY JUDY BTOO AND
KIPTANUI CHERONO(KNA)

The Kerio Valley Development Authority, KVDA, requires Sh69.4 billion to fund its capital-intensive water infrastructure projects and value addition within the next five years in its area of jurisdiction.

The projects funded by the Authority will focus on are Arror, Kimwarer, and Embobut multi-purpose projects and the lower Turkwel irrigation project.

In his presentation during the official launching of its five-year strategic plan by the East African Community, the Asals and Regional Development Cabinet Secretary, CS, Beatrice Askul, KVDA Managing Director Sammy Naboros said to enhance water access in its areas of operation KVDA plans to develop 200 solar powered boreholes and construct 100 water pans as well as 20 small dams that will provide three million cubic metres of water to the residents.

While launching the 2023-2027 strategic plan at KVDA plaza in Eldoret,

the CS lauded KVDA for initiating water and irrigation scheme projects that have transformed the region that is 80 per cent Arid and semi-arid, ASAL, and its people.

“The 65 solar-powered boreholes that have already been drilled and equipped as well as the water pans and small dams support two million people and over five million livestock as well as providing water for irrigation that has boosted food production and enhanced economic income for the residents,” said the CS.

Ms. Askul observed that successful implementation of the strategic plan will see the expansion of irrigation from 2000 acres to 7,500 acres which will increase food production from 1,200 tons to 3,000 tons annually as well as expand economic activities and wealth creation through agro-based industries worth Sh82 m annually, these she added will cumulatively reduce poverty levels from the current 67 per cent to 40 per cent in the region.

She also commended



East African community, the Asals and Regional Development Cabinet Secretary, Beatrice Askul launching the 2023-2027 KVDA strategic plan in Eldoret.

KVDA for its initiative to increase forest cover and biodiversity conservation in the region and its plan of increasing it from 12.5 per cent to 13 per cent was in line with the government’s commitment to increase forest cover in the country through the growth of 15 billion trees within 10 years.

So far, according to the MD, KVDA has developed and operationalized the

1,500-acre WeiWei phase III and the 150-acre Napuu II irrigation schemes. Weiwei produced 4000 tons of seed maize valued at Sh180 million, while Napuu scheme supporting 300 households directly and 1,500 indirectly produced 200 tons of cereals, watermelon, and butternut

The authority also supported small-scale farmers in Chepkum, and Kamsiwet,

enabling the production of 2,280 tons of sorghum valued at Sh75m benefiting more than 10,000 households, said Naboros.


In the Agro-Value Chain, the MD explained that KVDA supported processing 500,000 liters of ready-to-drink mango juice generating a revenue of Sh. 60m, and supported mango farmers by providing a ready market for 450 tons earning

them Sh. 6.75m.


We also processed 500 tons of KVDA pure acacia honey valued at Sh350m and provided a reliable market for approximately 500 tons of semi-processed honey generating Sh. 200m for local beekeepers annually, said the MD adding that KVDA successfully exported honey to the USA to expand market opportunities for Honey from the region.

In the livestock sector, KVDA enhanced local cattle and goat breeds through multiplication centers with a total of 600 livestock breeds which have served over 1500 livestock. It also achieved annual pasture production of 75 tons, valued at Sh. 30m.

The authority, the MD said, will continue to build capacity through training on best agriculture practices. So far 500 fish farmers have been trained on best fishing practices in Kalokol and Turkwel, 250 farmers from Wei Wei, Napuu, Kamsiwet, Chepkum, Lomut, and Tot irrigation schemes were trained on best farming practices while 200 bee-keeper groups were trained on best beekeeping practices.



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COMMISSION SECRETARY/ CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Turkana residents benefit from 16 water projects by KVDA

BY PETER GITONGA(KNA)

Turkana residents have a reason to smile following the implementation of 16 water projects thanks to the Kerio Valley Development Authority.

KVDA CEO Sammy Naporos said six of the projects earmarked for this financial year have already been completed.

The projects will reduce the long distances the residents, especially women, had to trek in search of water for homestead use and for their livestock.

Speaking when she handed over Lokichar water project and other drought mitigation projects, Cabinet Secretary for EAC Affairs, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands and Regional Development Be-



A plaque of KVDA Lokichar community water project

atrice Askul cautioned residents against vandalizing the water infrastructure.

‘We must as a community protect our water projects so that we can benefit from more,’ she said.

The water projects will benefit 25,000 households and 280,000 livestock.

In addition, they will also help build household resilience against climate

and fight food insecurity and malnutrition.

She said the projects were not enough adding that the government would be engaging other partners to install more water projects.

She said the government will get feedback from the citizenry about the projects.



KVDA CEO Sammy Naporos said the Lo-

kichar project cost Sh10 million and appealed to the residents to protect the borehole and related water infrastructure against vandalism.

The project components include borehole, solar panels, fence, livestock troughs or watering points and community water points. The project will benefit 800 households and 40,000 livestock.

KVDA board chairman said the residents can now use the water following the handing over and also reiterated the need for the community to protect the project.

He said the board and staff will be visiting the communities to assess their needs and prioritize needy communities like Turkana.



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Yiaku to get recognized as a tribe in Kenya

BY MUTURI MWANGI (KNA)

As the country observed the International Day of Minority, the Yiaku community in Laikipia County was assured allocation of government opportunities through affirmative action.

Head of Public Service, Felix Koskei, speaking at Kurikuri, Laikipia North Sub-County said the Yiaku people would get equal share of employment in the public service just like any other communities in the country.

“Despite that the economy has been developing in a slow pace, we have to do affirmative action. When an opportunity arises, people who have been sidelined like Yiaku need to be supported; when we plan for others, we plan for Yiaku too,” Koskei said.

Yiaku, a Cushitic community in Mukogodo Forest,

is among the few tribes in the country yet to get recognition as a tribe.

Koskei pointed out that the Yiaku people had the right to employment and to serve in the government and added he was committed to ensuring they get opportunities and take part in nation building.

“I want to assure that in the national government in collaboration with the county government, we are working closely to ensure we promote education in these areas for them to get employment like others. We don't want discrimination in terms of tribe or the size. We will make sure Yiaku get their fair share of employment,” he said.

The Head of Public Service revealed that through affirmative action, minority communities would also reap and enjoy the fruit of working in government.

He further pledged that they would get their tribe code upon the review of the memoranda presented to him by the Yiaku community.

“We have heard your issues and got the memorandum, we will review them keenly and address the challenges you have pointed out. Issues of coding, we will follow the laid down measures by the government so that you can also get your code,” Koskei said.

In 2010, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared Yikunte language was on the verge of extinction. By then, only nine people could speak the language fluently.

The situation has been on a downward path with only two elders aged 90 and 104 years

who can speak the endangered language fluently.

Through their continued effort, the Yiaku community have started a cultural centre inside Mukogodo Forest that serves as a library as well as a classroom, where adults and children can learn the Yiaku language by the help of artificial intelligence for instance an APP which their language has been preserved digitally and AI-enabled for learning and audio-based responses to questions in English, Swa-

hili, or Yaiku.

Chairperson for Gender and Equality Commission, Rehema Jaldesa, promised that their grievances would be presented to the President during the minority day celebration on December 18 next week.

She said that no one would be left behind including women and persons with disabilities.



Koskei was accompanied by Laikipia governor Joshua Irungu, Laikipia North Member of Parliament Sarah

Korere, Principal Secretary in charge of Energy Alex Wachira and his counterpart for Agriculture, Jonathan Mueke and Chairperson for Gender and Equality Commission Ms Rehema Jaldesa among others.

On 18th December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the UN Declaration of the Rights of Persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious, and linguistic minorities to protect and promote minority rights



Yiaku people during a tree planting at Kurikuri comprehensive school in Laikipia North



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State aims to connect 10m customers to electricity grid by 2025, reveals PS

BY WANGARI MWANGI, KNA

The Government plans to connect at least 10 million customers to the electricity grid by 2025.

Alex Wachira, the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Energy, stated that approximately 9.765 million Kenyans are already connected to the power grid. The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum is working to connect more than 25,000 Kenyans by 2025 as the country moves gradually toward achieving 100% electricity connectivity by 2030.

"Currently, we have 9.7 million customers connected to electricity. We are hopeful to exceed the 10 million mark in terms of connectivity by 2025," Wachira said.

The PS made these remarks in Gikamba sub-location, Kieni, Nyeri County, where he supervised the implementation of the Last Mile Connectivity Programme by the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (RE-REC).

During the exercise, about 314 homes were connected with electricity with Wachira terming the commissioning as the per-



Principal Secretary in the State Department for Energy Alex Wachira (in jeans) installs a power pole in Gikamba sub-location Kieni Nyeri county where a total of 314 homes were connected with electricity.

fect Christmas gift for the residents who have not had electricity for more than 50 years. "This is a huge project as we are going to install five transformers covering the entire Gikamba location and serve over 300 households," the PS said.

Wachira said through the last mile programme, RE-REC has connected about 800,000 Kenyans with power in the last two years. The PS added that the Ministry is on course ensuring that it transforms the lives of more Kenyans by bringing electricity closer to the

people.

"Electricity is an enabler. For instance, with this connection, the people can now set up small businesses such as posho mills welding businesses, barber shops and many more and that is what we call Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda," he said.

Making his presentation at the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology on the Medium Term Plan IV in June this year, the PS said access to electricity is one of key deliverables for the MTP IV and the Kenya Kwanza

administration.

According to the PS, for Nyeri County, the government had set aside Sh479 million for electricity project for the six constituencies in the county. He noted that out of the six constituencies, Kieni and Mukurwe-ini are lagging in electricity connectivity.

"The other constituencies are at about 85 per cent and we hope that as we achieve this Medium Term Plan we have plans to ensure that Kenyans as whole have 100 per cent access to electricity," he stated.

Sh12b AfDB funding to expand rural electrification across the country-CS

BY PHILIP ONYANGO, KNA

The Government has secured Sh12 billion in funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to support electricity connectivity across the country, Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary James Opiyo Wandayi has announced.

Wandayi stated that the funds would be used to expand rural electrification in all constituencies, emphasizing that the government is committed to the development of all regions.

He made these remarks at Obambo Kadhai Village in Alego-Usonga Constituency, Siaya, after commissioning a rural electrification project undertaken by the Rural Electrification and Renewable



Energy Cabinet Secretary, Opiyo Wandayi, flanked by Alego-Usonga MP Samwel Atandi (R) switches on power in one of the houses at Obambo Kadhai village.

Energy Corporation (RE-REC).

The project will connect over 100 households to the national grid.

The Cabinet Secretary also noted that Siaya County is set to benefit from electricity connec-

tivity projects worth Sh1.2 billion during the current financial year. He said the amount included projects worth Sh450 million being undertaken by RE-REC and another valued at Sh830 million to be implemented by Kenya Power.

Wandayi at the same time called on employees of the semi-autonomous government agencies under his Ministry to be committed to their work and serve Kenyans diligently.

He especially challenged employees of Kenya Power to pull up their socks, adding that it will not be business as usual.

"The government, has invested heavily in infrastructure for generation, transmission and distribution of electricity across the country," Wandayi said, adding that with the government having done its part of allocating resources to ensure citizens get services, it is now the duty of the officers to appreciate that their employers are the people by ensuring electricity supply.

BRIEFS

KOICA donates ambulances to boost Kajiado healthcare

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has donated four ambulances to enhance primary healthcare in the remote areas of Kajiado County.

Speaking during the hand-over ceremony, Kajiado County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health, Alex Kilowua, expressed gratitude to KOICA for the donation, noting that the ambulances will play a critical role in reducing maternal deaths in remote parts of the county where access to health-care facilities is limited.

"If we look at the health indicators, one of the major contributors to maternal deaths is delayed referrals. I am confident that, by leveraging these ambulances and the toll-free number, we will provide essential ambulatory services to every mother in need," Kilowua said.

He added that the county government is committed to strengthening the primary healthcare agenda by establishing primary care networks, which will improve health outcomes and significantly reduce maternal mortality rates. The CECM further noted that the focus has been on rural hospitals in Kajiado, as there are disparities between health indicators in urban and rural areas. The goal is to bridge this gap and bring parity to health-care services across the county.

The four ambulances will be allocated to rural Level Four hospitals, including Namelok, Ewuaso Oo Nkiding'i, Mashuuru, Ngataek, and Elang'ata Enkima. Kilowua also revealed that KOICA has pledged to deliver two additional ambulances to the county in the near future.

By Diana Meneto, KNA

Laikipia leaders push for return of Mukogodo forest to locals for conservation

The Government has been urged to degazette over 30,000 hectares of the indigenous Mukogodo Forest Reserve in Laikipia County and convert it into a community forest to facilitate conservation.

Leaders, including Laikipia Governor Joshua Irungu and Tourism Principal Secretary Silvia Museiye, made the call while speaking at Kurikuri Comprehensive School in Laikipia North during a tree planting exercise.

They emphasized that if the Mukogodo Forest were converted into a community forest, it would be better protected.

"Decades ago, this forest was well conserved because it was in the hands of the community and was one of the best dry forests. While it is still conserved, it can be better managed by the residents.

Therefore, we call for its degazettement and return to the community," said Irungu. The forest has in the past been an escape route for cattle rustlers after they commit heinous crimes in the community and leaders pointed out the locals had knowledge of the vast dry forest hence it would be

easy for them to conserve and boost its biodiversity including reduction of human wildlife conflict which has been exacerbated by limited resources in the pastoral area.

Additionally, the leaders while rallying for the de-gazettement, further pointed out that the forest which was converted into a forest reserve in 1932 and inhabited by Yiaku, a minority group in Laikipia, would be a major boost to them even as they seek for their recognition as a tribe in Kenya.

At the same, the Head of Public Service Felix Koskei, who was the chief guest said the government would review the status of the forest before handing it over to the community.

Koskei further directed the administrative unit in the county led by County Commissioner Onesmus Kyatha to prepare a comprehensive report aimed at identifying gaps which arose when the expansive Mukogodo Forest was handed over to Kenya Forest Service (KFS). nd residents to live calmly," Koskei said.

By Muturi Mwangi, KNA