

State rolls out mass vaccination for livestock to secure export markets

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Agriculture CS Mutahi Kagwe witnesses the vaccination of cows at Kisargegei livestock holding ground in Laikipia County.

BY MARTIN MUNYI, KNA

The Government has launched a nation-wide vaccination campaign for all livestock in the country against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), targeting cattle, sheep, and goats.

Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Mutahi Kagwe, launched the campaign on Thursday at Kisargei village in Laikipia County. The exercise aims to vaccinate 22 million cattle, 23 million sheep, and 35 million goats.

Kagwe urged livestock keepers to present their animals for vaccination at designated centers across the country and dismissed negative narratives against the exercise, calling them propaganda.

“The propaganda stems from misinformation, with many of those opposing the exercise speaking out of ignorance. Initially, I also didn’t fully understand its importance, but now I am

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The Week In numbers

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Number of litres of milk Kenya produces annually according to the KDB Managing Director Margaret Kibogy

Sh 3.5m

Cost of water project residents of Kishermoruak area in Narok are set to benefit from

5,000

Number of affordable housing units the government plans to release to the public by April 2025

7b

Amount of money KPC has remitted to the National Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

Gov’t to release 5,000 Affordable Housing units by April

BY ANNE KANGERO, KNA

Plans are underway to release 5,000 affordable housing units to the public by April 2025, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development, Alice Wahome, has announced.

Wahome stated that the government is preparing the houses for handover and commissioning to provide Kenyans, es-

pecially low-income earners, with decent and affordable housing.

She added that 140,000 affordable houses have been constructed so far, with a target of 200,000 units annually and 1 million over the next five years.

“Our mandate as the government is to ensure that Kenyans live in decent houses. The affordable housing program is designed to fulfill the



Alice Wahome Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public works, Housing and Urban Development during an inspection tour of 220 Affordable Housing units in Machakos. PHOTO: ANNE KANGERO.

constitutional requirement under Article 43, which mandates the state to provide Kenyans with decent and affordable housing,” Wahome said.

She made these remarks while addressing journalists in Machakos after inspecting 220 affordable housing units in Machakos town, which are 95% complete.

Additionally, she encouraged Machakos residents to visit and purchase the houses through the Boma Yangu platform. The units are tailored for low-income earners, including mama mboga (small-scale vegetable vendors) and boda boda operators, who do not require payslips to own a home.

The payment plan allows Kenyans to acquire their chosen units through a rent-to-own arrange-

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well-informed,” Kagwe said.

The CS assured farmers that the vaccines were safe for livestock, emphasizing that they were manufactured locally at the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI) and certified for use. He dismissed speculation that the vaccines were imported from Western nations.

He further noted that KEVEVAPI was also producing Fortvax for FMD and Pestevax for ruminants, supplying vaccines to 12 other African countries that lacked production capacity.

“KEVEVAPI exports vaccines to 12 countries in the region. For instance, we still have pending orders from neighboring Uganda. As a government, we are increasing the institute’s manufacturing capacity to meet demand,” he said.

The CS urged Kenyans not to politicize the vital vaccination exercise by spreading unfounded



Agriculture CS Mutahi Kagwe displays the Foot and Mouth Disease vaccine to the public when he launched the national livestock vaccination exercise at Kisargegei livestock holding ground in Laikipia County.

speculation, reiterating that the vaccines were locally produced by Kenyan experts.

He highlighted that vaccinated livestock would fetch better prices in export markets, encouraging farmers to take advantage of the free vaccination program.

“The livestock our

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farmers rear are their livelihoods. It is the government’s responsibility to ensure they have healthy herds, and one way of achieving that is through vaccination,” he said.

Currently, Kenya has signed trade agreements with the UAE and the EU, which have GDPs of USD 850 billion and 17 trillion euros, respectively. These lucrative markets are at risk if livestock diseases persist, a challenge the vaccination program seeks to address.

The CS also announced that Laikipia County

would benefit from the government’s livestock restocking program to replace animals lost during last year’s drought.

Laikipia County Governor Joshua Irungu, who also attended the event, warned that unvaccinated livestock from neighboring counties would not be allowed to migrate into Laikipia in search of pasture.

“I am putting herders from Samburu, Isiolo, and other bordering areas on notice—no animals will be allowed to graze in Laikipia unless they have been vaccinated. We are committed to ensuring all our livestock are vaccinated and healthy,” Irungu said.

He stated that the county aims to vaccinate all 800,000 sheep and goats and 350,000 cattle within the next six months.

Laikipia North MP Sarah Lekore urged pastoralist communities to embrace the vaccination exercise, emphasizing its benefits for their livelihoods.

Government to release 5,000 Affordable Housing units by April



Alice Wahome Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development as she inspects affordable housing units that are 95% done in Machakos. PHOTO: ANNE KANGERO.

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ment, with monthly payments ranging from Sh3,000 to Sh7,000 for up to 25 years.

She disclosed that 600,000 Kenyans have already expressed interest in the program, and the government is looking forward to finalizing the process.

Wahome noted that while some Kenyans may not yet fully appreciate the importance of the affordable housing initiative, its release will be a game-changer and will highlight its signif-

icance.

The CS urged Kenyans to ignore critics who oppose the affordable housing program, emphasizing that it has created employment opportunities for over 200,000 youths as part of the government’s job creation initiative.

She also dismissed recent remarks by former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, who accused the government of corruption in the procurement of building materials for the housing project.



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The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) is mandated, among others, to develop, review and approve curricula, programmes and curriculum support materials for all levels of Education except the University. The Institute is also mandated to evaluate, vet and approve, for application in Kenya, any local and foreign curricula and curriculum support materials in relation to the levels of Education and Training. The Institute undertakes its mandate through stakeholder engagement using the panel system.

In this regard, the KICD invites teachers, teacher educators (in colleges and universities) and professional in the Industry with relevant qualifications and experience to apply for membership in subject panels for Senior School. Applicants should possess the following basic qualifications:

- Certified as teacher of any of the subjects offered at Senior School/teacher training institution
- Duly registered by the Teachers Service Commission and/or A relevant professional body in case on professionals in the Industry.
- Have a minimum of five years’ experience as a teacher, tutor/instructor, lecturer at the secondary school level, college, University or Industry; respectively.
- Previous experience as a panelist should be indicated.
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All applications with the relevant support documents as well as testimonials should be addressed to the undersigned and reach the KICD by **Friday, 14th February, 2025.**

**The Director/Chief Executive Officer
Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development
PO Box 30231, 00100
Nairobi.**

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Website: www.chuka.ac.ke

TENDER NOTICE

Chuka University invites tenders from eligible bidders for the following tender:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	BID SECURITY (KES)
CU/OPNT/02/2024 - 2025	Provision of Insurance Services for Staff Group Life and Group Personal Accident Scheme	Underwriters Only	100,000.00
CU/PREQ/03/2024 - 2025	Pre-qualification of Suppliers for Supply and Delivery of Desktop Computers Assembling Accessories	Open	—

Interested eligible candidates may download tender documents free of charge from the Chuka University website; <https://www.chuka.ac.ke/tenders> or Kenya Government tenders portal <https://tenders.go.ke/tenders>

Completed Tender Documents in a plain sealed envelope indicating the “TENDER NUMBER AND NAME” without identifying the sender should be addressed to:

**The Vice-Chancellor,
Chuka University,
P.O. BOX 109 - 60400,
CHUKA.**

and placed in the Tender Box at the Vice-Chancellor’s office ON or BEFORE 19th February 2025 at 12:00 Noon. Opening of bids will take place immediately thereafter at Chuka University Conference hall in the presence of bidders or their representatives who may choose to attend.

Reprieve as state averts auction of coffee society in Embu over Sh 69 million loan

BY SAMUEL WAITITU KNA

It was a reprieve for coffee farmers affiliated with the Gakundu Farmers' Cooperative Society in Manyatta Constituency, Embu County, after the government intervened to prevent an auction of their assets over a loan of Sh. 69 million.

The society was set to have its assets auctioned on January 30 due to a loan of Sh. 50 million taken by the society's management in September 2024 from the Commodities Fund, which had accrued to Sh. 69 million due to unpaid interest.

The assets targeted for auction include a four-acre parcel of land belonging to Gakui Coffee Factory and a half-acre plot housing the society's main offices, which had been placed as security for the loan.

The development sparked an uproar among farmers who had previously moved to court in Embu to halt the scheduled auction.

However, no orders were issued, as the concerned Environment and Land Court is currently in recess. Following the outcry, Governor Mbarire



Cooperatives and MSMEs PS Patrick Kilemi speaking to coffee farmers affiliated to Gakundu Farmers' Cooperative Society in Embu during a special general meeting.

pleaded with the Government to intervene to bail out the society prompting a Special General Meeting to be held and attended by Cooperatives and MSMEs PS Patrick Kilemi and Commissioner for Cooperatives Development David Obonyo.

During the meeting, PS Kilemi announced that through the intervention of the Government, the sched-

uled auction had been set aside to pave way for an application made by the farmers through the Governor for the loan to be written off.

"Through the intervention of the President and his Deputy, the planned auction has been set aside," he announced to farmers amid cheers.

The famers who distanced themselves from the loan fa-

cility called for an inquiry to be instituted to unearth the mystery surrounding the loan.

"I want to categorically state that we were not involved in the process of taking the loan and we also don't know for what purpose it was taken," said farmer Benson Mbogo while asking to be given a waiver by the Government.

Following resolution to institute investigations, Gakundu FCS Chairman Robert Ndwiga called for security to beef up in their offices to ensure the suspects don't make an attempt to invade the offices to destroy evidence.

Commissioner for Cooperatives Development David Obonyo said inquiry will commence next week and the report made public upon completion.

"In case of financial malpractice, the management team that was there then will be held accountable and officials who will be adversely mentioned in the report will not be eligible to be members of any cooperative society in Kenya for the next 10 years as per the law," he stated.

Tana River households benefit from energy efficient stoves

BY SIMON GURUBA AND ALICE NDINDA, KNA

Over 2,000 households in Tana River have benefited from energy-efficient stoves designed to use less firewood, helping to reduce the rate of deforestation in the region.

Tana River County Deputy Governor Mahadh Ali Loka emphasized the importance of adopting modern, environmentally friendly cooking technologies.

Speaking to the press at his Hola office, the Deputy Governor stated that the stoves not only save energy but also protect the health of families by reducing harmful emissions.

At the same time, Principal Secretary of Energy Mr. Alex Wachira stated that clean cooking solutions are essential in addressing climate change and achieving sustainable development goals. He added that the use of cook stoves has saved many lives and reduced deforestation in the country.

"We lose approximately 26,000 lives annually in Kenya due to exposure to emissions caused by using inefficient stoves and poorly ventilated environments," the PS said.



EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Competition Authority of Kenya ('the Authority') is a Statutory Agency established under the Competition Act CAP 504. The Authority's mandate is to promote and safeguard competition and also protect consumers from unfair and misleading market conduct.

The Authority invites applications from suitably qualified, experienced and motivated person to fill the following vacant position:

Designation	Directorate	No. of Positions	Job Reference
Corporation Secretary and Manager Legal Services	Office of the Director General	1	CAK/01.01.2025

Job Purpose

Providing overall direction in the management of the Department, overseeing the provision of legal advisory services and Providing Secretarial services to the Board including advising the Board on relevant laws affecting the mandate of the Authority and functions of the Board; developing and implementing capacity building programmes for the Board; facilitating induction of Board members, annual Board evaluation, Governance audit and implementation of the code of conduct and ethics in accordance with the Mwongozo provisions.

Interested and qualified candidates can access detailed information and requirements about the vacant position from the Authority's Website www.cak.go.ke and from EagleHR Consultants website: www.eaglehr.co.ke

A complete application shall include an Application letter, Detailed CV, Copy of National Identification Card and names and contacts (telephone and e-mail) of three (3) professional referees.

Application Deadline: 5 Pm on 25th February, 2025

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
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Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited (Kenya Re) is a leading reinsurer and is listed at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE). It is ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 27001:2013 Certified. It is also rated B by A.M Best and AA+ by Global Credit Rating Company (GCR).

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S R. NO.	POSITION	JOB GRADE	REFERENCE NUMBERS	NO. OF VACANCIES
1.	Manager International Business	GRADE KRC 4C	KRC/HR/2025/001	1
2.	Assistant Manager Local Business	GRADE KRC 3C	KRC/HR/2025/002	1
3.	Assistant Manager Actuarial	GRADE KRC 3C	KRC/HR/2025/003	1
4.	Senior Actuarial Officer	GRADE KRC 3A	KRC/HR/2025/004	1
5.	Projects Officer	GRADE KRC 3B	KRC/HR/2025/005	1
6.	Executive Analyst	GRADE KRC 3A	KRC/HR/2025/006	1

Terms and conditions of service

These positions will be on permanent and pensionable terms of employment as per the provisions of the Corporation's Human Resource Policy and procedures manual.

The detailed job specifications, job descriptions, requirements for appointment and instructions on how to apply can be accessed on Kenya Re website www.kenyare.co.ke under the careers section.

Applicants should indicate on the CV their current/last salary and whether they are persons living with disability. They should post or email as attachments their CV and cover letter quoting the relevant Job Ref No. outlining how they meet requirements for the position to :-

The Human Resource Manager
Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited
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E-mail: hr@kenyare.co.ke

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The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) is a statutory body established under Section 3 (1) of the Engineers Act 2011. The Board has the overall mandate of developing and regulating engineering practice in Kenya.

The Board is seeking an energetic, self-motivated and competent individual with high levels of professionalism and integrity to fill the following vacancy:

S/No.	Position	Grade	No. Required
1	Manager, Internal Audit (Replacement)	EBK 3	1

For more information about the Board, the detailed job description, duties and responsibilities, qualifications, terms of service and the application procedures, kindly visit the Board's website under careers and click on the link <https://ebk.go.ke/recruitment/>

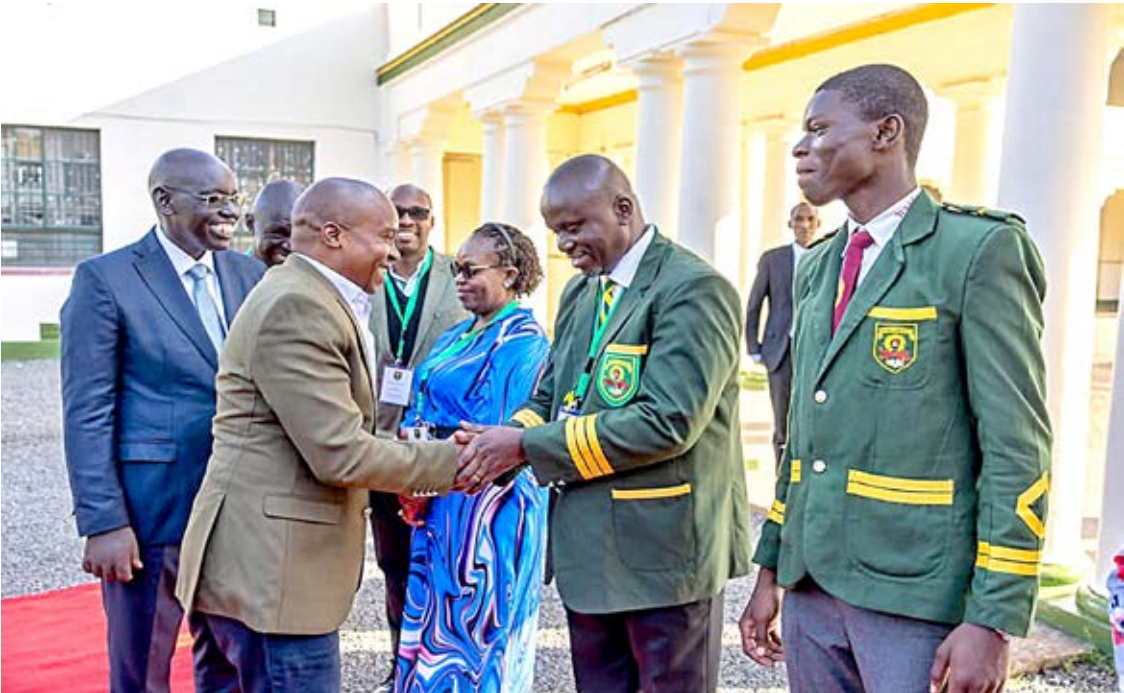
No hard copy applications will be accepted.

The deadline for making the online application is on or before **21st February 2025 at 1700 hrs.**



The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer
Engineers Board of Kenya
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Jamhuri High School celebrates 120 Years



Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki (left) shakes hands with Jamhuri High School Alumni Chair Danstone Okwany during celebrations to mark 120 years of the school's existence. The school also launched a Ksh. 120 million Endowment Fund towards infrastructure development, student bursaries and the establishment of a Digital Hub among other projects. PHOTO: COURTESY.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

TENDER NOTICE


TENDER NO	ITEM/SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CLOSE DATE
NBA/PRO/04/2024-2025	Registration of supplies F/Y 2025-2027	13 th February 2025

Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document free of charge from the PPIP Portal: tenders.go.ke and NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY WEBSITE (www.biosafetykenya.go.ke)

Tenders will be opened thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at National Biosafety Authority, Boardroom.

Completed bid documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the tender number, tender name should be addressed and sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
National Biosafety Authority
NACOSTI Building,
Loresho, Off Waiyaki Way
P. O. Box 28251 – 00100, Nairobi
Tel: +254 202678667, Email: ceo@biosafetykenya.go.ke
Website: www.biosafetykenya.go.ke



NATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE


The National Irrigation Authority (Authority) invites sealed tenders for the following:

S. No.	Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Submission Deadline	Site Visit	Target Group
1.	NIA/T/116/2024-2025	ICB Package II – Lot 1A: Civil Works Of Upstream Irrigation Canal Facilities	20 th February 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	Site visit will be held in Mwea Irrigation Settlement Scheme Office, Wang'uru Town, Kirinyaga County on 11 th February 2025 from 10:00am local time	All
2.	NIA/T/117/2024-2025	ICB Package II – Lot 1B: Civil Works Of Downstream Irrigation Canal Facilities	20 th February 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	Site visit will be held in Mwea Irrigation Settlement Scheme Office, Wang'uru Town, Kirinyaga County on 11 th February 2025 from 10:00am local time	All
3.	NIA/T/118/2024-2025	ICB Package II – Lot 1C: Supply And Installation Of Hydro-Mechanical Works – Gates And Ancillary Works	20 th February 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	Site visit will be held in Mwea Irrigation Settlement Scheme Office, Wang'uru Town, Kirinyaga County on 11 th February 2025 from 10:00am local time	All
4.	NIA/T/119/2024-2025	Construction Works for Mirira Irrigation Project, Muranga County	27 th February 2025 at 12.00 noon local time.	Site visit will be held at Mirira Irrigation Project, Project Office, Kayuyu Murang'a County on 18 th February, 2025.	Youth, Women and Persons with Disability

Detailed tender document that include mandatory preliminary requirements, technical and financial evaluation criteria may be viewed and obtained by interested and eligible tenderers free of charge from the Authority's website: <http://www.irrigationauthority.go.ke/tenders> or Public Procurement Information Portal: <https://tenders.go.ke/> as from **6th February 2025**. Tenderers who intend to submit their tenders **MUST** promptly submit their names and contact details to purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke or ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke for communication on any clarification(s) and addendum arising during the tendering process.

Physical Address
Chief Executive Officer/CEO
National Irrigation Authority (NIA)
Irrigation House,
Lenana Road, Hurlingham, Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: +254-711061000
E-mail: ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke; purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CEO
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INVITATION TO TENDER

IMPLEMENTATION OF ARID AND SEMI-ARID LAND (ASAL)
RURAL ROADS PROJECT

The Government of Kenya has received a loan from Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD) – Credit No. CKE 1117 and EU grant towards the implementation of the Climate Proofed Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) Rural Roads Project in the Counties of Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo and Marsabit, and intends to use part of these funds for rehabilitation of roads to gravel standard and Low Volume Seal (LVS) Standard using both Labour and Equipment based methods.

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) invites sealed tenders from eligible Labour Based Contractors for the Rehabilitation and Improvement and Performance Based Routine Maintenance of various roads to gravel standards.

Tendering is open to all qualified and interested citizen contractors.

Tender documents and the Long Advertisements for Rehabilitation and Improvement may be obtained electronically from the Authority's Website (www.kerra.go.ke) and the PPIP Portal (www.tenders.go.ke) **free of charge**. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to (procurement@kerra.go.ke) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

The pre-arranged pre-tender site visits are **MANDATORY** on dates specified in the Long Advertisement starting at 9:00am to be conducted by the Client, at Marsabit Regional Office.

Tenderers may participate in more than one tender but shall only be considered for award of one contract. Tenders shall be valid for a period of 210 days after Tender Opening.

Completed tender documents should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with the Tender Name, Tender Number and deposited in the Tender Boxes located at the Marsabit Regional Director's office as indicated in the Long Advertisement or be addressed and posted to the Regional address indicated in the same Long Advertisement so as to be received on or before **25th February, 2025 at 11.00am**.

Opening of the bids will take place immediately thereafter on **25th February, 2025** at Marsabit Regional Director's office in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

Interested Bidders with enquiries may contact the Kenya Rural Roads Authority – **Marsabit Regional Director** or obtain further information from the Supply Chain Unit at the address below during working hours from 09:00 to 16:00 Hours local time Monday to Friday.

Kenya Rural Roads Authority,
Barabara Plaza Block B, Mazao Road, Opposite KCAA building
P. O. Box 48151 - 00100, NAIROBI.
Email Addresses: dg@kerra.go.ke, procurement@kerra.go.ke
Tel: +254(20)780600/01-05, Mobile: +254 711851103

Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
For: Director General
Kenya Rural Roads Authority


Connecting Devolved Kenya

Dedicated police unit to assist in administrative security operations

BY SADIK HASSAN, KNA

Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary (CS) Kipchumba Murkomen has launched the National Government Administration Police Unit (NGAPU) to support government agencies in the execution of administrative functions.

The establishment of the unit was informed by the Maraga Taskforce Report, which recommended the creation of structures to ensure that the National Police Service supports the National Government Administration in performing its security functions through the deployment of general duty officers with clear command and reporting structures.



Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Interior Kipchumba Murkomen (Third L) and the leadership of the National Police Service (NPS) during the closing of the Administration Police Service (APS) senior commanders' conference and launch of the National Government Administration Police Unit (NGAPU) at Jacaranda Indian Ocean Beach Resort, Kwale.

The new unit will support the National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO) in managing security and executing their duties and responsibilities in all administrative units across the country.

The unit will also provide security to NGAO, assist in the enforcement of national policies, laws, and regulations, provide security during high-risk operations such as land disputes, regulatory enforcement, campaigns against alcohol and drug abuse, and manage inter-communal conflicts.

NGAPU will join other

specialised units under the Administration Police Service (APS). The commandant of the unit will report to the Deputy Inspector General in charge of APS.

“The work of this unit is cut out. There is an immediate need to support other security organs in confronting security

challenges threatening law and order,” said CS Murkomen in Diani when he closed a week-long APS senior commanders’ conference themed under the theme: “Transforming the Police to Meet Service Delivery Expectations”

The CS also launched the Administration Police Service Roadmap to Service Delivery Revitalization, 2025-2028.

The roadmap aims to enhance professionalism and accountability; strengthen operational preparedness and logistical capacity; promote public trust and confidence; improve the welfare and motivation of officers and support Government efforts in mitigating climate change.

APS was commended for investing in technology, infrastructure, equipment and capacity as espoused in the four-year roadmap. “In today’s rapidly evolving digital landscape, many offences and security threats are enabled by digital technology. The ability to detect, disrupt, deter, and investigate these threats depends on our capacity to operate effectively in a high-tech environment,” stated the Interior CS.

He assured APS of the government’s commitment to support the realization of the transformative roadmap.

“I would also like to reassure you that we will work with your leadership to address issues around social welfare, training, better equipment and other matters of concern to dignify your work,” said the CS.

He lauded the contribution of APS in silencing guns in the North Rift and other banditry-prone areas. It has also been instrumental in our fight against terrorism, stabilizing disturbed areas and securing the Kenya-Somalia border.



**VETERINARY MEDICINES
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VETERINARY MEDICINES DIRECTORATE

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE VETERINARY MEDICINES DIRECTORATE

Veterinary Medicines Directorate is a state corporation established under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, 2011 and operationalized through the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (The Veterinary Medicines Directorate) Regulations, 2015. It is mandated to regulate the manufacture, importation, exportation, registration, distribution, prescription, and dispensing of Veterinary Medicines and other animal health products in Kenya.

VMD invites applications from qualified persons for the following positions;

S/No	Job Title	Job Group	Reference No.	Terms of Service	No. of Positions
RE-ADVERTISEMENT					
1.	Inspector	VMD 6	01/2025	Permanent	15
2.	Legal Officer	VMD 6	02/2025	Permanent	1
3.	Driver	VMD 9	03/2025	Permanent	3
4.	Accounts Assistant	VMD 8	04/2025	Permanent	1
5.	Office Assistant	VMD 10	05/2025	Permanent	1
6.	ICT Officer	VMD 6	06/2025	Permanent	1
7.	Planning Officer	VMD 6	07/2025	Permanent	1
8.	Records Management Officer	VMD 6	08/2025	Permanent	1
9.	Assistant Inspector	VMD 8	09/2025	Permanent	3
REPLACEMENT					
10.	Human Resource Management Officer(Replacement)	VMD 6	10/2025	Permanent	1
11.	Senior Internal Auditor (Replacement)	VMD 5	11/2025	Permanent	1
12.	Inspector	VMD 6	01/2025	Permanent	1

How to apply

Candidates who meet the above criteria are advised to submit a hard or soft application, detailed curriculum vitae, copy of National Identification card, copies of academic and professional certificates and other testimonials to:

The Chief Executive Officer, Veterinary Medicines Directorate; Email: recruitment@vmd.go.ke


OR

deliver hard copies with the envelope clearly marked Ref: to the Veterinary Medicines Directorate Offices, PCPB Plaza, Loresho Ridge Third Floor; Addressed to:

Job specifications and other requirements are available on our website: www.vmd.go.ke

The Chief Executive Officer,
Veterinary Medicines Directorate
Pest Control products Board Plaza
P.O. Box 66171-00800
Westlands, Nairobi

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: **Wednesday 17th February, 2025 AT 5.00 P.M.**



MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PETROLEUM
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY

TENDER NOTICE

The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, State Department for Energy invites sealed bids from eligible firms for the following tender;

Tender Number	Tender Description	Target Group	Closing Date & Time
MOEP/SDE/ONT/05/2024-2025	Provision of Catering services	AGPO	Wednesday 19 th February 2025 at 10.00 a.m

Qualified and interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Tender documents during office hours (0900 to 1700) at the address given below.

The interested eligible bidders may request for clarifications on the Tender up to Four (4) days before the Tender submission date. Any request for clarifications must be in writing and addressed to:

The Principal Secretary
Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
State Department for Energy
P.O. Box 30582-00100
Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: +254-20-4841000
Email: supply.chain@energy.go.ke

A complete set of tender documents with detailed qualification criteria may be purchased or obtained by interested tenderers from the Supply Chain Management office on 1st Floor, Kawi Complex Block 'A' upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kenya shillings one thousand only (1,000.00) in cash or Banker's Cheque and payable to Principal Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, State Department for Energy. Tender documents may also be obtained electronically from the Website(s) www.energy.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Those who obtain their tender documents electronically are requested to submit the details of the firm name, postal and physical address, email and contact telephone number(s) for purposes of submitting any clarification and/or addenda to the Tender documents.

Completed tender documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and marked with the tender name and reference number should be addressed to:


The Principal Secretary
Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
State Department for Energy
Kawi Complex Block 'A', South C
Popo Lane, Off Red Cross Road
P.O Box 30582-00100
Nairobi

And be deposited in the Tender Box situated at the entrance, Ground Floor, Kawi Complex Block 'A' so as to be received on or before **19th February, 2025 at 10.00 am.**

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Head, Supply Chain Management Services
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



EAC strengthens trade integration with new centralized platform



The Secretary-General of the East African Community (EAC) secretariat Veronica Nduva (front) celebrating the International Customs Day with stakeholders.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The East African Community (EAC) Secretariat has unveiled a revamped Single Customs Territory (SCT) Centralized Platform, a tool designed to facilitate the seamless exchange of customs and trade data in real time among the interconnected customs and ports authorities of partner states.

The launch coincided with the celebration of International Customs Day, themed “Customs Delivering on its Commitment to Efficiency, Security, and Prosperity.” EAC Secretariat Secretary-General Veronica Nduva, who officiated the launch, highlighted the platform’s importance in advancing regional integration and deepening trade.

“The Single Customs

Territory was established in 2014 to simplify, automate, and speed up the movement of goods across the EAC. The Centralized Platform is a critical component of the SCT framework. By enabling real-time sharing of customs information, this platform strengthens regional efforts to address challenges such as delays in customs clearance, non-tariff barriers, high transaction costs, and inefficiencies in cross-border trade,” she said.

Since its initial implementation in 2017, the Centralized Platform has evolved over the years, with the initial versions supporting transactions related to intra-regional trade, exports from the region to global markets, transit goods, and the issuance of certificates of origin.

In 2023, the platform was upgraded to its second version, incorporating maritime trade—which had previously relied on a bilateral integration model—alongside features for managing Regional Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) and regional clearing agents for mutual recognition.

Building on these advancements, with the support of the governments of the UK and Netherlands, 2024 saw the introduction of scanner image sharing between partner States, beginning with Kenya and Uganda.

This addition enhances transparency and efficiency in customs processes, further solidifying the platform’s role in streamlining trade across the region.



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THE SACCO SOCIETIES (DEPOSIT-TAKING SACCO BUSINESS) REGULATIONS, 2010 (L.N. NO. 95 OF 2010)

THE SACCO SOCIETIES (NON-DEPOSIT-TAKING BUSINESS) REGULATIONS, 2020 (L.N. NO. 82 OF 2020)

LIST OF LICENSED AND AUTHORISED SACCO SOCIETIES IN KENYA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

ADDENDUM: LIST OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING SACCOs

The Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA) hereby clarifies that due to a print-design error in the MyGov Publication of 28th January 2025, Issue No. 29/2024-2025, twelve (12) Deposit-Taking SACCOs were inadvertently omitted from the list of licensed deposit-taking SACCO Societies, while the names of some were erroneously repeated.

CONSEQUENTLY, the Authority in compliance with Section 28 of the SACCO Societies Act, hereby publishes the Addendum List of the missing and repeated Deposit – Taking SACCOs in their alphabetical order of arrangement in the **SCHEDULE herein**. This addendum shall be read with the initial publication contained in MyGov publication of **Tuesday, 28th January 2025, Issue No. 29/2024-2025**, whose contents are hereby reiterated in addition to the addendum list herein.

SCHEDULE: ADDENDUM LIST OF SACCO SOCIETIES LICENSED TO UNDERTAKE DEPOSIT-TAKING BUSINESS IN KENYA FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY 2025 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Names of the Deposit Taking SACCO Society	Postal Address	Physical Location of Head Office	County Location of Head Office
46	Good Hope Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 158-20500, Narok	Mwalimu Plaza, Narok-Kijabe Road, Narok	Narok
109	Nyati Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 7601 – 00200, Nairobi	Odyssey Plaza, Mukoma Road, Nairobi	Nairobi
110	Ollin Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 83 – 10300, Kerugoya	Ollin Sacco Building, Off Karatina – Kutus Road, Kerugoya	Kirinyaga
111	Orient Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 1842 – 0100, Thika	Wakibe Building, Thika Section 9 OAU Road, Thika Town	Kiambu
112	Patnas Sacco Society Ltd.	P.O. Box 601 – 20210, Litein	Litein Town, Patnas Plaza, Kericho Sotik Road	Kericho
113	Ports DT Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 95372 – 80104, Mombasa	Mombasa Port Sacco Plaza, Mwakilingo Road	Mombasa
114	Prime – Time Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 512 – 30700, Iten	Mwalimu Plaza Building, Eldoret – Kabarnet Road, Iten	Elgeyo – Marakwet
115	Puan Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 404 – 20500, Narok	Farmers Building, Narok – Nakuru Road, Narok Town	Narok
116	Qona Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 6682 – 00800, Nairobi	Safaricom Care Centre, Waiyaki Way, Westlands, Nairobi	Nairobi
117	Qwetu Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 1186 – 80304, Voi	Qwetu Sacco Plaza, Voi Town	Taita Taveta
118	Sheria Sacco Society Ltd	P.O. Box 34390 – 00100, Nairobi	Matumbato Close, Nairobi	Nairobi
119	Shirika DT Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 43429 – 00100, Nairobi	Shirika Coop House, Ngara Kipande Road, Ngara, Nairobi	Nairobi
120	Shoppers Sacco Society Ltd	P.O BOX 16-00507, Nairobi	Nature House – Tom Mboya Street	Nairobi
121	Simba Chai Sacco Society Ltd	P.O. Box 977 – 20200, Kericho	Kericho Nakuru Highway, Kericho	Kericho
122	Siraji Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box Private Bag	Siraji Sacco Plaza, Nanyuki – Meru Highway, Timau Town	Meru
123	Skyline DT Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 660 – 20103, Eldama Ravine	Skyrise Plaza, Eldama Ravine – Eldoret Road, Eldama Ravine	Baringo
124	Smart Champions Sacco Society	P.O Box 64 – 60205, Githongo	Muranene Building, Githongo Trading Centre, Meru	Meru
125	Smartlife Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 118 – 30705, Kapsowar	Marakwet Teachers Plaza, Kapsowar	Elgeyo – Marakwet
126	Solution Sacco Society Ltd	P.O. Box 1694 – 60200, Meru Central	Meru Mwalimu Plaza, Gakoromone Road, Meru	Meru
127	Sotico Sacco Society Ltd	P.O. Box 959 – 20406, Sotik	Amotek Estate, Sotik Town	Bomet
128	Southern Star Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 514 – 60400, Chuka	Mt Building, Chuka Town	Tharaka Nithi
129	Stake Kenya Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 208 – 40413, Kehancha	Stake Kenya Sacco Plaza, Migori – Kehancha – Ntimaru Road, Kehancha	Migori
130	Stawisha Sacco Society Ltd	P.O Box 27 – 50203, Kapsokwony	Mwalimu Plaza, Kapsokwony – Kaptama Road, Kapsokwony	Bungoma

The full list of licensed and authorized SACCO Societies in Kenya for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 in their alphabetical order was also published in the Kenya Gazette Notice No. 657, Vol. CXXVII—No. 15, dated 24th January 2025, and is available on the Authority’s website www.sasra.go.ke, for ease of reference.

Dated at Nairobi this **30th day of January 2025**

CPA. PETER NJUGUNA, EBS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Police watchdog seeks more budgetary allocation by Parliament

BY DICKSON MWITI, KNA

The Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) is seeking an increase of the budgetary allocation by Parliament through the Committee on Administration of Justice and National Security to fully implement their mandate.

Speaking during a stakeholders' forum in Meru County, the Authority's Board Chairman Issak Hassan said the underfunding at the Consti-

tutional Office was greatly affecting provision of civilian oversight over the police work in the country as their key mandate.

"We should have IPOA offices in all the 47 counties but because of inadequate financial resources, we are only in nine regions. Opening of an office in each county is part of the reforms we want to bring in to expand our services with adequate financial support," said Hassan.

He said it was ironical that the ten-year-old authority has an approved staff establishment of 1300 and is supposed to oversee a police force formed 135 years ago comprising at least 120,000 police officers spread across the country.

Hassan said despite the approved staff establishment, they have only 284 staff out of which 77 are investigators and this is where the core of their work is.

"The greatest challenge is that though we have competent and professional staff, there is burn out because they are already overworked," said Hassan.

He however said the Board was optimistic and would ensure by the time they are through with their term; they would set up a new six-year-strategic plan informed from the feedback they are receiving from various stakeholders.



IPOA Board Members during a working tour in Meru. Photos by Dickson Mwiti



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



INVITATION TO SENSITIZATION FORUMS FOR AGPO CATEGORY (YOUTH, WOMEN & PERSONS WITH DISABILITY) AND LOCAL-LOCAL SUPPLIERS' ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Electricity Generating Company Plc (KenGen) is a State Corporation whose main mandate is to develop, manage and operate power generation plants to supply electric energy to the Kenyan market and the Eastern Africa region. KenGen is the leading power generation company, producing 70 percent of electricity consumed in the country.

As a leader of electricity generation in Kenya, and in alignment with the Government of Kenya's policy aimed at enabling the Youth, Women and Persons living with disabilities to access a minimum of 30% of government procurement opportunities, KenGen is taking proactive steps to organize sensitization workshops. These workshops aim to empower these special groups and onboard suppliers from KenGen installations under the "Local-Local Suppliers" initiative across all regions.

The primary objective of these workshops is to achieve the following:

- Enhance awareness among potential suppliers.
- Build capacity among the Youth, Women, Persons with Disabilities, and Local-Local Suppliers.
- Promote competition in government procurement processes.

The scope of these workshops will encompass various critical aspects, including but not limited to:

- SRM/eProcurement, emphasizing the use of modern procurement systems.
- AGPO awareness, focusing on the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities program.
- Local-Local supplier awareness, promoting Local Suppliers' participation.
- Compliance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act (PPADA), 2015, and the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations (PPADR), 2020 and other subsequent legislation.
- Financial aspects such as LPO financing and tax amendments to facilitate the participation of these special groups and local suppliers in government procurement.

We believe that the sensitization workshop will significantly contribute to fostering an inclusive and competitive environment in government procurement, aligning with the Government of Kenya's vision for empowerment and equal access to opportunities.

The forum will be held on **Friday, 21st February, 2025, starting at 8:30 a.m.**

The awareness session will be conducted via Webex using the following link:
<https://kengen.webex.com/kengen/j.php?MTID=mb53172ec2f6e6505a5360792be590a60>

Meeting number: **2377 897 3342**

Password: **Sensitization**

Interested participants are requested to register through the link below by giving the following details:-

- Name of the Company,
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- Telephone Contact of the Company,
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Registration can be completed via the Google Form link; <https://forms.gle/dC1q7IK7fhQgHiT36> or by scanning the QR Code;



Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation for attending the meeting.

For any enquiries call **Tel: 0711036000** or email **tenders@kengen.co.ke**; For more details keep checking our website: **www.kengen.co.ke**

GENERAL MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPP) PROGRAMME IN KENYA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Ref: **PPPD/M&E/RFP/01/2024-2025**

- The National Treasury & Economic Planning (the Client), invites proposals to provide the following consulting services (here in after called "the services"): Consultancy Services for the Evaluation of the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Programme in Kenya.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: www.treasury.go.ke, www.pppunit.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke for free. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to Procurement@PPPunit.go.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- If a Consultant is a Joint Venture (JV), the full name of the JV shall be used and all members, starting with the name of the lead member. Where sub-consultants have been proposed, they shall be named. The maximum number of JV members shall be specified in the Data Sheet.
- The Consultant shall chronologically serialize all pages of the Request for Proposal documents prior to submission.
- A firm will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method and in a format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015, a copy of which is found at the following website: www.ppra.go.ke
- Any request for clarification on this Request for Proposal should be sent via email: Procurement@PPPunit.go.ke, Info@PPPunit.go.ke and Procurement@treasury.go.ke. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1700 hrs.
- Request for Proposal must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose.
- Completed Request for Proposal enclosed in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Consultancy Services for the Evaluation of the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Programme, Tender No. PPPD/M&E/RFP/01/2024-2025" and addressed to:
**The Principal Secretary
The National Treasury
Public Private Partnerships Directorate
6th Floor, Reinsurance Plaza, Aga Khan Walk/Taifa Road
P.O Box 30007-00100,
Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone No: +254-20 3225000
Attention: Procurement Expert**
- There will be a virtual pre-bid conference on 12th February, 2025 at 11:00 am.

Deadline for submission of Request for Proposal is **26th February, 2025 at 1100 hours Kenyan Local time.**
- The Request for Proposals will be opened immediately after the closing date and time in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the Re-Insurance Plaza, Aga Khan Walk/Taifa Road, Nairobi. Board Room on **5th Floor on 26th February, 2025 at 1100 Hrs, Kenyan Time.**

HEAD, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/NATIONAL TREASURY



Ushanga innovation resource centres project launched in Kajiado's Oloitokitok

BY DIANA MENETO, KNA
The State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, in partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), the Chyulu Hills REDD+ Carbon Project, and the Ushanga Initiative, has launched the Ushanga Innovation Resource Cen-

tres (UIRC) project, which aims to commercialize beadwork. The project is set to empower 10,000 women from the Imbirikani, Kuku, Kuku-A, and Rombo group ranches. Ushanga Initiative Chief Executive Officer Dorothy Mashpei urged women to register for the project in large numbers to fully access its benefits. "Everyone needs to register as we are digitizing beadwork marketing to empower all women for sustainable economic growth," said Mashpei. According to the Director General of the Kenya Wildlife Service,

Prof. Erustus Kanga, the initiative is a cornerstone of sustainable development and aligns with the Kenya Kwanza manifesto by advancing key priorities such as the Women's Agenda, the Digital and Creative Economy, and Environmental Conservation.



The Director General of Kenya Wildlife Service, Prof. Erustus Kanga, during the registration of Ushanga Innovation Resource Centres (UIRC) project which aims at commercializing beadwork in Kajiado South.

CS pledges policy reforms to harmonize hardship allowances for teachers

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA, KNA

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos has announced that the government is working on policies to harmonize disparities in hardship allowances for teachers in regions facing tough working conditions, including Taita Taveta, Mombasa, Kwale, Tharaka Nithi, and Makueni counties.

Speaking during the launch of 16 NG-CDF-funded classrooms, which were constructed under the patronage of the area MP at Mbauro and Mghambonyi Comprehensive Schools in Wundanyi Constituency, Taita Taveta County, Migos assured stakeholders that the government is committed to addressing disparities in the recognition of hardship areas.

"We have already made the policies, and we have listed the areas that need to be harmonized so that your neighbor is not declared a hardship area while you, living in the same region, are not considered for hardship allowances. As we speak, that proposal is being handled," he stated.

He further noted that the ministry will fast-track the process and employ affirmative action in regions where challenges are most pronounced.

"We have agreed to isolate those areas so that we can fast-track and implement affirmative action to address these issues," said the CS. Wundanyi MP Danson Mwashako echoed the CS's remarks, emphasizing the dire conditions teachers in Taita Taveta County endure.

He called on the government to prioritise the region and ensure teachers receive hardship allowances as a motivation to



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos Ogamba during the launching of 16 NG-CDF-funded classrooms at Mbauro and Mghambonyi comprehensive schools at Wundanyi Constituency, Taita Taveta County.

continue delivering quality education.

"Teachers in Taita Taveta operate under tough conditions. The government should consider providing hardship allowances to motivate and retain teachers in this region," he added.

He cited the challenging geographical terrain and economic hardships in the county, adding that many teachers often work in remote schools with minimal resources.

Education stakeholders in Taita Taveta county also urged the government to expedite the process, highlighting that such an initiative would improve teacher morale and overall education standards in the county. The CS assured teachers across the country that the ministry is keen to ensure a fair and equal treatment while discharging their duties.

Equally, Migos noted that the ministry is keen to ensure students across the country get fair education, by ensuring that the construction of classrooms for Junior Secondary School (JSS) is completed on time to allow students a place to study from.

He said that the government embarked on constructing JSS classrooms

in October and has already completed 14,500 classes in almost three months, a move which he said has never been done before.

"Following the assessment that we did, we will have constructed 16,000 classrooms by the end of February, so that all grade 9 students will have a classroom," said the CS.

He added that the ministry agreed with headteachers to ensure that all the students are in school and attend the lessons even as the government is racing against time to ensure that classes are constructed on time.

He further noted that the government has employed over 76,000 teachers to handle the transition. The Cabinet Secretary disclosed that the government has provided 9.9 million textbooks, ensuring that each and every child has a book at a ratio of 1:1 in every subject.

"The burden has been removed from the parents and now they are not being asked for money to buy text-books because it is our responsibility as a government to do all that it takes to provide free, basic education to our children as provided for in the constitution," he



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INVITATION TO TENDER

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NO.	TENDER REFERENCE & DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY	PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATES	CLOSING DATE
OPEN INTERNATIONAL TENDER				
1.	KPC/PU/OT - 124/MECH/NBI/24 - 25 Supply of Spares for Mainline Pumps for a Period of Two Years	KES.500,000.00	N/A	25-02-2025
OPEN NATIONAL TENDER				
2.	KPC/PU/OT - 122/MECH/NBI/24 - 25 Supply of Materials for Bottom Loading Facility in PS 10 - Nairobi Terminal	KES.500,000.00	N/A	18-02-2025
3.	RE-TENDER KPC/PU/OT - 067/OPS/NBI/24 - 25 Supply of Self-Priming Portable Diesel Pump c/w Hoses m ³ /h at 90m head	KES.200,000.00	13-02-2025	26-02-2025
4.	RE-TENDER KPC/PU/OT - 075/OPS/NBI/24 - 25 Supply of Stadis Tanks for PS27 - Eldoret and PS28 - Kisumu	KES.100,000.00	13-02-2025	26-02-2025
RESERVED FOR WOMEN				
5.	RE-TENDER KPC/PU/OT - 059/CORR/NBI/24 - 25 Supply of Heavy Duty Self-Priming Pump (Spate Pump)	N/A	13-02-2025	26-02-2025
The Tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website www.kpc.co.ke at no cost. Bidders will be required to register their companies on KPC SRM portal and send ONLY queries to opentender@kpc.co.ke . In addition, all addenda will be posted to those bidders who indicate their intention to participate through the SRM portal. No other email addresses shall be used and KPC shall not be liable if bidders choose to send their queries to other email addresses.				
FRAMEWORK				
6.	KPC/PU/FW - 121/I&C/NBI/24 - 25 Framework Contract for Calibration Services for a Period of Two Years	N/A	14-02-2025	27-02-2025
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Pre-bid conference will be held online as per the specified dates via the link provided in the tender document.

All bidders will be required to submit the tenders online via SRM Portal <https://e-procurement.kpc.co.ke/irj/portal> and all documents **MUST** be uploaded to the **COLLABORATION FOLDER**. Bidders shall not attach their documents at any other tab of the portal. To be received on or before the indicated closing date at **10.00 a.m.**

(NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE TENDER BOX EXCEPT FOR THE ORIGINAL TENDER SECURITY) Opening of the tenders will take place at **10.30 a.m.**

**GENERAL MANAGER (SUPPLY CHAIN)
FOR: MANAGING DIRECTOR**



Government school feeding programme targets 10m learners

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA,
KNA

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos has announced the government's ambitious plan to expand the School Meals Programme (SMP) aiming to provide nutritious meals to 10 million children nationwide up from the current reach of 2.6 million beneficiaries.

Speaking during the launch of 16 modern NG-CDF-funded classrooms constructed under the Patronage of Wundanyi MP at Mbauro and Mghambonyi comprehensive schools in Wundanyi Constituency, Taita Taveta County, Migos reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring that no child is left behind in accessing nutritious meals while at school.

"There are some areas in our republic where schoolchildren are not getting that program although they deserve it. Currently the programme covers 2.6 schoolchildren benefiting. We have a plan to increase program until it reaches 10 million schoolchildren,"



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos speaks during the launch of 16 modern NG-CDF-funded classrooms at Taita Sub-County in Taita Taveta.

said Migos.

Going forward, Migos noted that the ministry will follow up with the matter by looking into what is needed to include schoolchildren from Taita Taveta into the programme.

"We will sit down

There is a high probability that many pupils in Taita Taveta go to school hungry – CS Migos

and look into what is required to include the schoolchildren from this area in that programme," he said noting that hunger that school children in Taita Taveta county are facing is similar to that which those in other counties are facing.

He promised to come up with plans to increase the numbers and look for funds to ensure that all school children who deserve to be included in the programme have benefited.

Launched in partnership with the World Food Programme, the SMP ad-

resses malnutrition and aims to boost attendance and academic performance in pre-primary and primary schools across Kenya.

Wundanyi Member of Parliament Danson Mwashako echoed Migos' sentiments, urging the government to fully roll out the programme in Taita Taveta County.

He highlighted the economic challenges faced by many families in the region highlighting that a significant number of children attend school on empty stomachs.

"There is a high probability that many pre-primary and primary school pupils in Taita Taveta, especially in Wundanyi, go to school hungry because their parents cannot afford balanced meals every day. This affects their ability to concentrate and perform well in class," Mwashako said.

The MP called on the Ministry of Education and relevant agencies to conduct affirmative action to ensure that children in remote and marginalised areas are prioritised in the programme's expansion.

Govt to invest Sh400m in electricity supply to Garsen villages

BY SIMON GURUBA,
KNA

Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira has disclosed that the government will supply electricity to several villages in Garsen Constituency, with an allocation of Sh400 million in 2025.

The PS was responding to remarks made by the area MP, Ali Wario, who pointed out that villages such as Kitere and Saloni, among others, have not yet benefited from electricity supply.

Mr. Wachira, who was speaking during the International Day of Clean Energy at Minijila in Garsen, Tana River County, also distributed 2,000 cooking jikos to vulnerable people.

Additionally, the PS commissioned electrification projects at Nduru and Iqra Secondary Schools, which will benefit about 42 households in Chara Location. He added

that the government will establish four solar panel centers in areas such as Nanighi, Mnazini, and Kitere, with an investment of Sh250 million.

He further revealed the government will spend about Sh36 billion to supply electricity Country wide this year 2025.

Mr. Wachira also cautioned against the use of un-clean energy saying the Country is losing 26000 people per year following the use of polluted energy.

He further said 24 boreholes currently using diesel will now be turned to use Solar energy to avoid the use of diesel that pollutes the environment and is unfriendly to the climate.

Speaking at the same function, Garsen MP Ali Wario urged area residents to support the use of improved cooking jikos for better human health and to stop deforestation in the area.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

THE APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN CULTURAL HERITAGE NRF001/2025

The National Research Fund (NRF) is pleased to announce a call for proposals on "AI in cultural heritage: The integration of AI into conservation of cultural heritage in Kenya."

The call on Artificial Intelligence for Cultural Heritage invites submissions of proposals from researchers, professionals, and practitioners interested in advancing the use of AI in cultural heritage conservation. This call seeks to promote interdisciplinary research on both tangible and intangible heritage, utilizing AI models, tools, and methodologies for conservation, study, and broader public access to cultural heritage (CH). In addition to exploring the technical applications, the call focuses on ethical and sustainability issues, fostering a dialogue that include diverse stakeholder perspectives to create inclusive CH practices. The call seeks proposals that will encourage knowledge-sharing and the exchange of best practices among the cultural heritage and the computing community, with the aim of building synergies with related initiatives. NRF welcomes proposals contributing to the national growth of AI applications in cultural heritage.

Applicants are requested to submit proposals for research projects with the potential to leverage AI research to document and preserve Kenya's cultural heritage. The call seeks innovative proposals that integrate AI with cultural Heritage expertise to address critical challenges and unlock new opportunities in the cultural domain. The focus is on fostering interdisciplinary approaches that combine technology with cultural preservation and advancement.

Submitted proposals must be timely, with rapid implementation timelines to facilitate the generation of valuable outcomes. The budget available for this call is **KES. 15 million**. Five projects will be funded, up to a maximum of **KES. 3 million for a period of twelve (12) months**. Interested applicants can access the call guidelines, application template and other useful information at www.nrf.go.ke.

All applications for this call must be submitted by **14th March 2025**. Applications can only be on the official application template. Applications should be submitted to NRF through grants@nrf.go.ke. Contact details:

**Chief Executive Officer
National Research Fund
3RD Floor NACOSTI Plaza, Upper Kabete
P.O. Box 26036-00100
NAIROBI
Tel: 020-4403386**



NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

REF NO. GDC/SC/AUC/047/2024-2025

The Geothermal Development Company will conduct a Public Auction for sale of various boarded items as detailed in the catalogue on "as is where is" basis and to be carried out at the GDC Menengai geothermal field from **11:00am on 27th February 2025**.

Interested bidders must view and assess the conditions of all the items they intend to buy before the Public Auction date. All items can be viewed at the GDC Menengai geothermal field Laydown 2 stores off the Nakuru – Solai Road after contacting the officer in charge for viewing arrangements on Telephone 0725931402.

The items on sale include; used tyres, used batteries, empty 18.9 litres drinking water bottles, damaged kitchen equipment and motor vehicles.

The detailed catalogue containing all the items and other information may be obtained from the office of the Ag. Manager Supply Chain Management, Kawi House, South C Bellevue, Off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road or Nakuru office, Polo Centre, between 9.00am to 4.00pm. The Catalogue may also be viewed and downloaded from the GDC website: www.gdc.co.ke or www.tenders.go.ke at no cost. Bidders who download the catalogue from the website **MUST** forward their particulars for the purposes of receiving any further information to procurement@gdc.co.ke, pkapto@gdc.co.ke; pouma@gdc.co.ke.

The appointed Auctioneer is **M/s Garam Investments Auctioneers of P. O. Box 63279-00619, Nairobi, Telephone: 0722715838, Email address: info@garam.co.ke**.

The Public Auction will be conducted on **27th February 2025 at 11:00 am** and public viewing of items to be disposed will be open from **5th February 2025 from 9.00 am to 3:00 pm** on working days.

Ag. MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Kawi House, South C Bellevue
Popo Lane, Off Red Cross Road
P.O BOX 100746-00100, Nairobi

**T: +254(0)719 036 000
E: info@gdc.co.ke**



www.gdc.co.ke

UK donates 150 computers to empower marginalized groups

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA
The United Kingdom (UK) Government has donated 150 computers to Mandera County to empower marginalized groups, including youth, women, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and senior citizens.

The Kenya Information and Communication Technology Action Network (KICTANet), a multi-stakeholder think tank for ICT policy and

regulation, in partnership with the UK's Digital Access Programme, aims to bridge the digital divide and enhance digital literacy within communities. The programme aligns with the UK's Digital Development Strategy (2024-2030), which prioritizes gender equity and social inclusion in digital access. It also supports Kenya's digital agenda and the Digital Superhighway Initiative, working toward a strong digital economy.


Speaking during the flagging-off ceremony, Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy, Eng. John Tanui, highlighted the government's commitment to bridging the digital divide and providing cyberspace opportunities for young Kenyans. "Our government has a clear economic transformation programme with a focus on five pillars, one of which is the digital superhighway and creative

economy," Tanui said. Making his remarks, Director General of the Communications Authority (CA) David Mugonyi emphasized the significance of extending internet access to marginalized communities. British Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Ed Barnett announced that the computers, worth Sh15 million, feature accessibility tools and will be distributed across Mandera County




PS ICT and Digital Economy, Eng. John Tanui and British Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Ed Barnett flagging off computers at Highway Height, Nairobi.

INVITATION TO TENDER



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



KenGen
Kenya Electricity
Generating Company PLC

INVITATION TO TENDER

NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	KGn-GDD-007-2025	Tender for Supply of X-Ray Machine and Accessories for Steamfield Management.	Citizen Contractors	19th February,2025 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KGn-GDD-009-2025	Tender for Supply of Assorted Drilling Tools.	Citizen Contractors	19th February,2025 at 10.00 a.m.
3	KGn-GDD-010-2025	Tender for Supply of Personal Protective Equipment for Drilling Personnel.	Women Enterprise	19th February,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
4	KGn-GDD-008-2025	Tender for Modernization and Reconstruction of Geothermal Social Hall. <i>There shall be a mandatory site visit on 11th February, 2025 at KenGen Geothermal Plaza in Olkaria, Naivasha starting at 10.00. a.m.</i>	Women Enterprise	19th February,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
5	KGn-OLK-001-2025	Tender for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 3 Phase, 415VAC, 60KVA Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) for Olkaria 1AU Power Plant. <i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit on 12th February, 2025 at 10.00am at Olkaria 1AU Power Plant.</i>	Citizen Contractors	25th February,2025 at 10.00 a.m.
6	KGn-GDD-011-2025	Tender for Supply of Geothermal Wellhead Equipment. <i>(Expanding Gate Valves & Adaptor Flanges)</i>	Open International	25th February,2025 at 10.00 a.m.
7	KGn-HYD-004-2025	Tender for Rehabilitation of Kiambere Internal Roads (Spillway Road) <i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit on 11th February,2025 at Kiambere Power station starting at 10.00. a.m.</i>	Youth Enterprise	25th February,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
8	KGn-HYD-006-2025	Tender for Rehabilitation of The Spillway and Draft Tube Gates at Kindaruma Power Station. <i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit on 12th February,2025 at Kindaruma Power station starting at 10.00. a.m.</i>	Citizen contractors	25th February,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
9	KGn-OPS-001-2025	Tender for Machining and Fabrication of Pumps & Gearbox Parts for KenGen Geothermal Power Plants <i>(Framework Contract for Three (3) Years).</i> <i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit as detailed in the Tender Document.</i>	Open National	5th March,2025 at 10.00 a.m.
10	KGn-OPS-002-2025	Tender for Machining and Fabrication of Parts for KenGen Hydros, Thermal & Ngong Wind Plants. <i>(Framework Contract for Three (3) Years).</i> <i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit as detailed in the Tender Document.</i>	Open National	5th March,2025 at 10.00 a.m.
11	KGn-OPS-003-2025	Tender for Machining and Fabrication of Turbine Parts for KenGen Geothermal Power Plants. <i>(Framework Contract for Three (3) Years)</i> <i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit as detailed in the Tender Document.</i>	Open National	6th March,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
12	KGn-OPS-004-2025	Tender for Machining and Fabrication of Valves & Actuators for KenGen Geothermal Power Plants. <i>(Framework Contract for Three (3) Years).</i> <i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit as detailed in the Tender Document.</i>	Open National	6th March,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
13	KGn-SALE-001-2025	Tender for Sale of Certified Emission Reductions	Open International	26th February,2025 at 2.00 p.m.

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

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

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

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS:

- Tender documents must be submitted online through KenGen E-Procurement web portal found on the KenGen website (www.kengen.co.ke)
- Bidders who are interested in this tender **MUST** ensure that they are registered in the E-Procurement Portal. Please ensure compliance to the following;
 - For suppliers registering for the first time ensure the **"Public Procurement"** checkbox is ticked so that the login details are sent to suppliers automatically.
 - All documents **Must** be uploaded to the SRM System through the <https://eprocurement.kengen.co.ke:50001/irj/portal> found at www.kengen.co.ke
 - Prices to be entered under item of the RFx shall be similar to be prices in the price schedule.

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

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

Tender Security:
Electronic Tender Securities are acceptable subject to:

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

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


**General Manager - Supply Chain,
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC,
9th Floor, KenGen Pension Plaza II,
Kolobot Road, Parklands,
P.O. Box 47936, 00100 NAIROBI**

Tenders will be opened **online** soon after the closing time in the presence of the candidates' representatives who choose to attend at KenGen Pension Plaza II, Tender opening room, 6th floor.

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- 1) Call Toll Free: 0800722626**
- 2) Free Fax: 00800 007788**
- 3) Email: kengen@tip-offs.com**
- 4) Website: www.tip-offs.com**

GENERAL MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN



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Go for courses that align with job market, PS urges students

BY MYGOV REPORTER

Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime has emphasized the importance of students selecting courses that enhance their employability.

Speaking at the event, Mwadime highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by graduates and job seekers in securing employment, attributing these difficulties to a mismatch between academic qualifications and available job opportunities.

“Advising and guiding students who are in universities and colleges will be of much help,” Mwadime stated, underscoring the need for educational institutions to align their curricula with the demands of the job market. His remarks came during the Career Week lounge, an initiative designed to connect students with potential employers and industry leaders.

Mwadime, who represented Cabinet Secretary for Labour Dr. Alfred Mutua, who was on a mission to explore employment



Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime

opportunities in the Middle East, noted that the future of jobs in Kenya is increasingly influenced by factors such as climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, and pollution. He pointed out that while entrepreneurship plays a critical role in job creation, many young Kenyans harbor a negative perception of entrepreneurial ventures. “The mindset of the majority of job seekers is fixed on locating employment, yet the rate of formal jobs has reduced over time,” he remarked.

The Principal Secretary expressed his desire to

encourage youth to shift their focus from job-seeking to job-creating. He commended the university’s leadership for organizing the Career Week program, which fosters valuable interactions between students, sponsors, corporate institutions, and potential employers.

Mwadime urged students to embrace entrepreneurship and innovation as they prepare for a competitive job market. He stressed the importance of being digitally savvy, as the government is actively working to expand job opportunities for young people both locally and globally.

“The ministry and government are committed to addressing youth unemployment challenges by creating jobs and collaborating with the private sector and international partners,” Mwadime assured the students. “There are a number of challenges in job seeking amongst youth, but as a ministry and as a government, we are doing all that we can to create jobs,” he concluded.

New markets in city to provide trading space for 3,000 vendors

BY JOSEPH NG’ANG’A, KNA

Hundreds of residents within the Kasarani and Starehe constituencies are set to benefit from two markets scheduled for construction over the next year.

The two market projects, valued at Sh750 million, will be built in the Maji Mazuri and South B areas. They will accommodate 2,000 traders on regular days, with an additional 1,000 traders during designated market days.

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony held at the South B Market site, Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Alice Wahome announced that the two contractors have officially taken over the sites, each covering one acre. The projects are expected to be completed within the next year.

“Providing secure trading spaces for over 2,000 traders is a key aspect of the Kenya Kwanza Manifesto and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda




Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Alice Wahome commissions the commencement of South B Trading Market in Nairobi.


(BETA). My ministry has partnered with the State Department for TVETs, Jua Kali organizations, and other stakeholders to build market stalls developed by local Jua Kali clusters. The sub-contracted Jua Kali cluster will be paid from the contract sum,” she said.

CS Wahome said that the two contracts would absorb 800 workers during the construction phase, with local Jua Kali artisans provided with technical assistance and financial support to provide the required products for the project. This is aimed at enhancing their financial position enabling them to win big ticket contracts in future.

Maji Mazuri market will provide approximately 1,000 daily traders with decent and secure stalls with the numbers projected to increase up to 1,500 traders on designated market days. The projected number of traders at the South B market is 900 daily traders and approximately 1,500 traders during open-market days.



KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY
Connecting Devolved Kenya



TENDER NOTICE

OPEN NATIONAL TENDER			
S.No	Item Description	Tender No	Bid Security
1	Group Life	KeRRA/08/38/05/2024 - 2025	220,000
2	Group Personal Accident And Work Injury Benefits	KeRRA/08/38/06/2024 - 2025	1,000,000

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) invites sealed tenders for the provision of Insurance Services for (Group Personal Accident, Group Life Assurance Cover and Work Injury Benefits at KeRRA for a period of 12 Months with possibility of renewal for an additional 12 Months subject to employers’ approval.

This Tender is open to all qualified and interested Insurance providers.

Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours i.e., 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below. More details on the Services are provided Tender Document.

**The Director General, Kenya Rural Roads Authority,
Block ‘B’, Barabara Plaza, off Mombasa Road,
Opposite KCAA along Airport South Road, JKIA, Nairobi.
P.O Box 48151-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.**

The Tender Document will be available for downloading **FREE OF CHARGE** on the Authority’s Website www.kerra.go.ke and PPI Portal www.tenderes.go.ke with effect from **4th February 2025**.


The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.

Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **[19th February, 2025 at 11.00am]**. Electronic Tenders **will not** be permitted.

Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers’ designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

Late tenders will be rejected.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
KNEC is ISO 9001:2015 Certified



TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya National Examinations Council Act No. 29 of 2012. The Council is mandated to conduct national assessments and examinations at both basic and tertiary levels and certify learners.

1.0 KNEC invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Tenders below:

S / No.	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER TITLE	TARGET GROUP
1.1	KNEC/ONT/2024 - 2025/022	Renewal of Fortinet Products Licenses.	Open
1.2	KNEC/ONT/2023-2024/023	Provision of Maintenance and Repair of Plumbing Systems.	AGPO
1.3	KNEC/ONT/2023-2024/024	Provision of Security Guarding Services.	Open
1.4	KNEC/ONT/2023-2024/025	Synchronization, Testing and commissioning of two (2) Generators.	Open
1.5	KNEC/ONT/2023-2024/026	Provision of Servicing and Maintenance of Electrical Fittings and Appliances	AGPO
1.6	KNEC/ONT/2023-2024/027	Provision of Servicing and Maintenance of Franking Machines & Supply of Related Consumables	Open
1.7	KNEC/ONT/2023-2024/028	Designing, Printing, Marketing and Distribution of KNEC Publications	Open

2.0 Interested eligible Bidders may obtain tender documents from the following websites: www.knec.ac.ke or www.supplier.treasury.go.ke or www.tender.go.ke

3.0 The closing date for submission shall be as per the dates provided in the respective bid documents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Farmers’ cooperatives to serve as fertilizer depots this rainy season

BY BENSON KELIO AND CHRISTOPHER KIPROP, KNA

The Government has announced that farmers’ cooperative societies will serve as depots where farmers can access subsidized fertilizers for this planting season.

The announcement was made by Dr. Paul Ronoh, the Principal Secretary for the State Department of Agriculture, who stated that this move will provide easy access to fertilizers for farmers who have been relying on the few National Cereal and Produce Boards (NCPBs) across the country.

Dr. Ronoh, speaking during a farmers’ field day and exhibition at the Koibatek Agricultural Training Centre in Eldama Ravine, called upon all governors to assist in identifying the cooperative societies in their regions so that the government can distribute the fertilizers.

Accompanied by Baringo County Governor Benjamin Cheboi, Eldama Ravine Member of Parliament Musa Sirma, and a



Women in Baringo rejoice after receiving kitchen garden fertilizer distributed by PS for Agriculture Dr. Paul Ronoh at Koibatek Agricultural Training Centre in Eldama Ravine during a farmer’s field day and exhibitions. PHOTO: VINCENT MININGWO

host of local leaders, the PS stated that the identification process should be completed within the next two weeks to ensure farmers have timely access to the fertilizers.

“This year, we have availed the fertilizers early, and they will be distributed alongside crop seeds,” he said. Ronoh,

who indicated that the government fertilizers will be sold from the stores at Sh 2,500 per 50 kg bag, said the government has heard feedback from citizens and it will consider packaging the fertilizer into 20 and 10 kilograms bags to support small scale farmers.

He encouraged farmers

to register themselves in E- fertilizer subsidy management system so that they can collect the fertilizers in the various points across the country at ease.

The PS stated that they will be providing the fertilizers to genuine farmers and they will not tolerate on cartels who might want to jeopardize the process.

Governor Cheboi in his

remarks stated that the fertilizers will play a crucial role in exploiting the huge agricultural potential of the county which apart from maize production is also known for coffee, avocado and cotton value chains.

He revealed that in last year, the county benefited from 81,126 bags of subsidized fertilizers which brought about an increased maize production to 941,000 bags of maize.

The Baringo boss requested the agriculture ministry to support them with about 720, 000 fer-

tilizer bags which will be enough to make the county become food secure.

Eldama Ravine MP lauded the government on its efforts of providing subsidized fertilizers last year and called for the distribution of the same up to the lowest level.

Sirma at the same time called upon the government to provide ready market to potatoes farmers who he said have incurred losses after their produce went to waste in the farms due to lack of market.



NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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Against this backdrop, NIFCA is seeking to recruit the following qualified and competent staff to help achieve the aspirations of NIFCA to make Nairobi a regional financial hub.

No	Position	Grade	Ref no	Terms of service	No of posts
1.	Corporation Secretary & Director, Legal Services	FCA 2	NIFC/CS&DLS/1/2025	5 YEARS CONTRACT	1
2.	Director, Corporate Services	FCA 2	NIFC/CS/2/2025	5 YEARS CONTRACT	1
3.	Deputy Director, Capital Markets	FCA 3	NIFC/DDCM/3/2025	5 YEARS CONTRACT	1
4.	Deputy Director, Marketing and Communication	FCA 3	NIFC/DDM&C/4/2025	5 YEARS CONTRACT	1
5.	Deputy Director, Human Resource and Administration	FCA 3	NIFC/DDHR&A/5/2025	5 YEARS CONTRACT	1
6.	Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management	FCA 3	NIFC/DDSCM/6/2025	5 YEARS CONTRACT	1
7.	Principal Internal Auditor	FCA 4	NIFC/PIA/7/2025	PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE	1
8.	Principal Analyst	FCA 4	NIFC/PFA/8/2025	PERMANENT & PENSIONABLE	1
9.	Senior Accountant	FCA 5	NIFC/SA/9/2025	PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE	1
10.	Senior Analyst	FCA 5	NIFC/SFA/10/2025	PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE	1
11.	Analyst	FCA 6	NIFC/FA/11/2025	PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE	2
12.	Driver	FCA 9	NIFC/D/12/2025	PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE	1

The full details, job summary and requirements for these positions are available on the NIFCA website www.nifca.go.ke

Successful candidates shall be required to provide the following documents before issuance of the offer letter in compliance with chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010: Certificates of clearance from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission (EACC), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) and a valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI)

How to Apply

Applicants whose background and competencies match the above specifications are invited to apply for the positions by submitting a cover letter, detailed curriculum vitae (CV), a copy of their National Identity Card, copies of academic and professional certificates, and transcripts and other relevant testimonials either via email to recruitment@nifca.go.ke addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Nairobi International Financial Centre Authority
The National Treasury Building
10th Floor, Room 1015
P. O Box 30007-00100
Nairobi, Kenya

Please note:

- i. Applications must be received by **Wednesday 25th February 2025 at 5 pm (East African Time).**
- ii. No hard copy applications will be accepted
- iii. Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted

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1.	Deputy Director HR&A	FCA 3	NIFC/DDHRA/2/2024	5 YEARS CONTRACT
2.	Deputy Director SCM	FCA 3	NIFC/DDSCM/3/2024	5 YEARS CONTRACT

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State allocates Sh128m in grants to support fish farmers in 15 counties

BY MOSES WEKESA, KNA

The Government has issued a total of Sh128 million in grants to fish farmers in 15 counties under the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP).

ABDP is a program jointly funded by the Government of Kenya and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to support small-holder farmers' sustainability and profitability in fish farming.

The grants will benefit Smallholder Aquaculture Groups (SAGs), which include both women's and youth groups, Aquaculture Support Enterprises (ASEs), and Aquaculture Field Schools (AFSs).

ABDP has been supporting fish farmers in Kenya for several years, with the current grant set to support enterprises across the value chain, including production, pond digging, fish feed making, value addition, and transportation.

The Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, Hassan Joho, presided over the issuance of the grant cheques. Kakamega County received a grant of Sh18,170,000, with over 2,944 farmers set to benefit. Joho disclosed that since its inception, ABDP has invested over Sh 257 million in Kakamega county which has been used to provide pond liners, predator kits of about Sh188 million, construction of Kakamega fresh

fish market at a cost of Sh10 million, issuance of fingerlings at a cost of Sh18 million and supplied fish feeds at a cost of about Sh41 million.

"What we are launching today is a Sh128 million grant, we are anticipating we will have around Sh329 million of grants in phase 2, so continue to design programmes and keep sending proposals so that we can convince IFAD that these programmes are making impact and they are changing lives," he explained.

The CS noted that the government has earmarked huge investment in the blue economy to transform how fisher folk do their business and in turn transform the lives of Kenyans.

"People have started to appreciate aquaculture, for me it is critical because this is our new frontier, it is not only about food security, it is very critical in job creation and wealth creation," he disclosed.

The CS said the government is spending Sh1.6 billion to build landing



CS for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hassan Joho with host Governor Fernandes Barasa and other Government officials inspect fish feeds to be distributed to farmers under the Aquaculture Business Development Programme in Kakamega. PHOTO: MOSES WEKESA.

sites in different areas in all the Lake counties including the coastal region which will have ice making machines and cooling systems.

"We are building 10 fish markets in 10 counties at the cost of Sh70 million, we want people to produce more, so we have to create a market base that is adequate to the production," he added.

He also noted that the ABDP programme will invest around Sh100 million in fingerling production to support farmers who are struggling to get high quality fingerlings.

"We are creating a means of alternative livelihood in the lake region, this programme has Sh359

million that will be used to procure cages for our brothers in the lake region. We give them cages, we give them fingerlings and then we try and support them on fish feeding programmes for sustainability," he explained.

"We are continuing to roll out our programme on pond liners, predator nets which are catered for with Sh1.8 billion investment. We will ensure it reaches the right people, timely and it does what it is supposed to do," he noted.

Host governor Fernandes Barasa welcomed the grants to fish farmers noting that the ABDP programme has been instrumental in reinventing fish farming in the region.



BOMET UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Moi University)

VACANT POSITIONS FOR REPLACEMENT

Bomet University College (BUC) is a Constituent College of Moi University, established through the Legal Notice No. 145 of 27th July 2017. BUC is located in Bomet County. BUC invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following positions:

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

S/N	POSITION	SPECIALIZATION in any of the following Areas;	SCALE	NO.	JOB REFERENCE
1	Associate Professor	Curriculum Instructions, Educational Psychology, Education Administration/Management and Policy Studies, Special Needs Education, Guidance and Counselling, Curriculum Development, Curriculum Studies, Educational Media, Educational Foundations,	BUC 14	1	BUC/ACD/01/01/2025
2	Associate Professor	Communication, Media Studies, Journalism, Geography, Kiswahili, Religion, History, Political Science, Gender Studies, English, Literature, Linguistics, Sociology, Anthropology	BUC 14	1	BUC/ACD/02/01/2025

The qualifications for the advertised positions are based on Commission for University Education (CUE) harmonized criteria for appointment and promotion of Academic Staff. Please visit Commission for University Education (CUE) website for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

S/N	POSITION	SCALE	NO.	JOB REFERENCE
1	Chief Internal Auditor	BUC 15	1	BUC/ADM/01/1/2025
2	Deputy Registrar - Administration	BUC 14	1	BUC/ADM/02/1/2025
3	Legal Officer	BUC 12	1	BUC/ADM/03/1/2025
4	Chief Security Officer	BUC 12	1	BUC/ADM/04/1/2025
5	Quantity Surveyor	BUC 12	1	BUC/ADM/05/1/2025
6	Librarian II	BUC 12	1	BUC/ADM/06/1/2025

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITIONS

Terms of Service: All the positions listed above are on Permanent and Pensionable terms, subject to successful completion of Probation period of six (6) months.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITIONS. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted and will be expected to satisfy requirements of the Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) when successful in the Recruitment.

Interested applicants should visit the Bomet University College website <https://www.buc.ac.ke> for detailed Job Specifications, Remuneration and other job requirements. The Reference Number of the Position applied for should be clearly indicated in the Application letter addressed to: **The Principal, Bomet University College, P.O Box 701-20400, BOMET.** A signed Application letter with the required testimonials should be emailed to: recruitment1@buc.ac.ke on or before **Monday 24th February 2025 at 5.00 pm.**

Bomet University College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not charge any fee for recruitment. Persons having difficulties in performing activities of daily life and marginalized groups are encouraged to apply.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

VACANCIES ADVERTISEMENT – REPLACEMENT

The National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency in the National Treasury and Economic Planning seeks to fill the following vacant positions.

S/NO.	JOB TITLE	ADVERT NO.	GRADE	NO. OF POSTS
1.	Director Policy, Programmes & Partnerships	01/2025	NCPD 2	ONE (1) POST
2.	Director Corporate Services	02/2025	NCPD 2	ONE (1) POST
3.	Principal ICT Officer	03/2025	NCPD 5	ONE (1) POST
4.	Driver II	04/2025	NCPD 10	THREE(3) POSTS
5.	Customer Care Assistant III	05/2025	NCPD 10	TWO (2) POSTS

For further information, interested and qualified candidates are required to access detailed job advertisement/requirements for the above vacancies from the National Council for Population and Development website www.ncpd.go.ke

Please note that:

- Applicants who meet the requirements should send their application letter together with detailed CV indicating names and contacts of three (3) references, current position/grade, daytime telephone numbers, copies of academic and professional certificates, and a copy of National Identity Card/Passport to NCPD Head office or Send to the email recruitment@ncpd.go.ke.
- All applications should be addressed to;

**The Director General,
National Council for Population and Development
P. O. Box 48994-00100
The Chancery 4th Floor
NAIROBI – KENYA**

And must be received on or before **5:00pm (East African Time) Tuesday, 18th February, 2025**

- Applicant should use only one mode of submitting application (either hard or soft copy)
- Hard copy applications must display the job advertisement number on the envelope
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.
- Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

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

Kenya Seeds Company urges farmers to verify seed quality using new code system

BY GADWILLIAM KIRAGU AND KIMWELE MWENDE, KNA

Kenya Seeds Company Chairperson Purity Wangui Ngirici has urged farmers across the country to always verify the quality and standards of seeds before planting them on their farms.

She emphasized that the company has introduced a specific code on seed packets that farmers can use to confirm certification by scratching the code and sending it via SMS to 1393. This initiative aims to protect farmers from falling victim to unscrupulous traders selling counterfeit seeds.

Ngirici noted that the sale of fake seeds has significantly contributed to declining food production in the country, a situation that jeopardizes Kenya's food security.

"We want to ensure that farmers across the country are planting the right seeds—those that are of good quality and meet all standards," she said.

Speaking at Inoi Ward, Kirinyaga Central, the Chairperson assured farmers that the government has put in place stringent measures to protect them from such fraudulent practices.

She also stated that the Kenya Seeds Company has



Purity Wangui Ngirici, Chairperson Kenya Seed Company.

enough stock of certified seeds ahead of the planting season and announced that the cost of seeds has been reduced to make them more affordable.

"We are committed to supporting our farmers because agriculture is the backbone of our economy. By planting certified seeds, we can boost food production and secure the future of this nation," Ngirici remarked.

She used the opportunity to inform the residents on challenges with the Social Health Authority that the Ministry of Health would establish clear structures and strategies to ensure that the health scheme benefits all Kenyans. "The gov-

ernment must act swiftly to implement the Social Health Authority in a way that is transparent and beneficial to all Kenyans. Access to healthcare should not be a burden to our people," she stated.

The chairperson further urged parents to take a more active role in the lives of their children, particularly the youth.

She warned against violence and encouraged communities to uphold peace, noting that stability is key to economic growth.

"When there is peace in our country, we see stability in the economy. Violence and division only pull us backward," she added.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

REVISED

Country	KENYA
Name of project	HORN OF AFRICA GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, (HOAGDP)
Credit No	6768-KE
Assignment Title	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PREPARATION OF BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROADSIDE STATIONS AND DRY PORT ALONG ISIOLO – MANDERA AND ISIOLO-MOYALE ROAD CORRIDORS
Reference	KE-SDOT-424776-CS-QCBS

- The Government of Kenya (GOK) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("*the Services*") include Feasibility Studies and Preparation of Business Plan for the Development of Roadside Stations and Dry Ports along the Isiolo – Mandera and Isiolo -Moyale Road Corridors. The duration of the assignment is **Twelve (12) calendar months**.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: www.transport.go.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke
- The State Department for Transport (the "*Client*") in the Ministry of Roads and Transport, now invites **eligible consulting firms ("Consultants")** to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with at least fifteen (15) years of core business in any of the following areas; Transportation Engineering, Urban & Regional Planning, Trade & Logistics or Ports.
- Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate
 - Experience in Transportation Engineering, Urban & Regional Planning, and Trade Facilitation.
 - Successful execution and completion of at least two (2) assignments of similar nature and in similar operating environment in the last ten (10) years. **Details of similar assignments- Name and address of the client, Scope of work, Value of work, and period, to be submitted with the Expression of interest (EOI).**
- Technical and Managerial capability of the firm: - The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity which shall entail description of relevant equipment, tools, software, etc. and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment.

Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, First Published July 2016 and Revised in September 2023 (5th Edition): ("*Procurement Regulations*") setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) and/or a Sub-Consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- The Consultant firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained from Monday to Friday excluding public holidays from 0900 hours to 1600 hours East African Time (EAT) at the following e-mail address procurement@transport.go.ke
- Expressions of interest must be submitted in written form to the address below, in person, by mail or by e-mail on or before **Thursday, 20th February, 2025 at 1100 hours EAT**, either:
 - Expressions delivered in person shall be deposited in the tender box at the main reception of Transcom House. There shall be no public opening of the Expressions of Interest.

**The Principal Secretary
State Department for Transport
Transcom House, Ngong' Road,
P. O. Box 52692 – 00200 Nairobi, Kenya
Attn. Director Supply Chain Management Services**

- Via e-mail to procurement@transport.go.ke.

- All submissions should be clearly marked "*Consultancy Services for Feasibility Studies and Preparation of Business Plan for the Development of Roadside Stations and Dry Ports along the Isiolo – Mandera and Isiolo- Moyale Road Corridors*" For email submissions: Assignment Title and Contract Number should be quoted in the subject row.

**Head, Supply Chain Management Services
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**



Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA)



REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS, WORKS, AND SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 2025 TO 30TH JUNE 2028

Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA), the implementing agency under the Ministry of Information Communication and Digital Economy is updating its register of suppliers for various goods, works and services for the period 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2028.

All interested Suppliers (Both Current and New) are encouraged to apply for Registration of KoTDA Suppliers 2025-2028 and may view and download the registration document online from KOTDA website: www.konza.go.ke or PPIP portal: tenders.go.ke **free of charge** and immediately forward their particulars for records and for the purposes of receiving any further clarifications and addenda to registration_2025@konza.go.ke

Clarifications regarding the Supplier Registration process can be sent by email address as indicated below not later than **Friday 14th February 2025** through registration_2025@konza.go.ke.

Completed registration documents in PDF format clearly marked "**REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES**" indicating the **CODE NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION FOR THE CATEGORY APPLIED** shall be submitted electronically through the link or QR Code provided for in the bid documents and to be received on or before **Friday 21st February 2025 at 5:00 pm**.

Nakuru unveils Sh 2.55b nutrition programs to improve public health

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND
PATIENCE MORAA, KNA

The County Government of Nakuru is implementing the Sh 2.55 billion County Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP) by reviewing its nutrition programs and policies to improve the health and well-being of the population.

County Nutrition Co-

ordinator Wangui Kihara stated that the County has introduced community-based management, supplementary feeding programs for pregnant women, and capacity building for healthcare workers to provide nutrition services in all health facilities as a means of addressing undernutrition within the devolved unit.

To assess the outcomes of the program, the coordinator mentioned that the Department of Health, in collaboration with Nutrition International, is conducting an end-line survey to evaluate nutrition practices, knowledge, and capacity in various contexts. The weeklong survey is expected to measure how

interventions have influenced nutrition behaviors, practices, and outcomes.

She added that the end-line survey will provide critical insights into the effectiveness of interventions and approaches implemented under the CNAP. "We're looking at outcomes in knowledge and how different strategies have shaped nutrition practices in various settings," Ms. Kihara added.

Kihara explained that the County Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP) developed with financial and technical support of Nutrition International, county administration and nutrition stakeholders, was guiding the devolved unit in scaling-up the nutrition interventions over the next five years.



A meeting between members of the Nutrition Program Steering Committee and officials of Nutrition International (NI) at the Nakuru County.

According to Kihara the CNAP program reflects the Governor Susan Kihika's administration commitment to evidence-based programming to improve the nutritional health of the region's population and ensure sustainable development in Nakuru going forward.

While acknowledging that malnutrition has both health and economic consequences and undermines basic human rights, Ms Kihara said the County

was targeting to reduce malnutrition in children under five and expectant women by 60 percent and 58 percent respectively in the next five years as outlined in the County's 2018-2025 CNAP.

"Other interventions by the county towards addressing malnutrition are provision of affordable healthcare services and medical and nutrition commodities and supplies to hospitals," added the County official.



INVITATION TO TENDER

CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION:	MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRERS RFX NO. 1000001257 AND FORKLIFTS & LOGGERS REPAIRERS TENDERS RFX NO. 1000001256
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The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites tenders as detailed below

RFX No.	Tender Description	Closing date
1000001256	Framework contract for routine services, repair of Teleloggers and Forklifts, supply of parts, tyres, oil, grease, tubes and batteries for a period of three years retendered	21 st February, 2025 @1000hrs
1000001257	Framework contract for routine services, repair of motor vehicles, and supply of parts, tyres, tubes and batteries for a period of three years retendered	20 th February, 2025 @1000hrs

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers registered as repairers and garages specializing in engine, body and electrical works in motor vehicles and Forklifts & Loggers. Tenderers will be allowed to tender for many regions.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday in Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation Offices situated in Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for 133 days from the date of opening of tenders.
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security in form of a bank or insurance guarantee for Kshs. 200,000.00. Original of the tender security must be deposited to the tender box described in this document.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation electronically through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> on or before dates as detailed above
- Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and times specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The addresses referred to above are as here below:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

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

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

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

Name: **Dr. Rose N. Mkalama;**
Designation: **Chief Executive Officer**



INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY:	Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION: RFX 1000001275:	Frame Contract for Provision of Integrated PR, Marketing, Event Management and Digital Services (Website & Social Media Agency Services)

- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites tenders for the provision of services, i.e. Integrated PR, Marketing, Event Management and Digital Services (Website & Social Media Agency Services)
- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers. **Tenderers will be allowed to tender for one or more lots,**
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours [8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday] at the address given below. More details on the Services are provided in PART 2 - Services' Requirements, Section V - Description of Services of the Tender Document.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers **free of charge** electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under January, 2025 tender documents, through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>. Tender documents obtained electronically will be free of charge. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website (insert website). Tenderers who download the tender document **must** forward their particulars immediately to (insert email address) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before 04/03/2025 at 10.00a.m. Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.

The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke

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

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

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

Dr. Rose N. Mkalama
Designation: **Chief Executive Officer**

Ministry reviews Public Service Policy on HIV/AIDS to support affected workers

BY ANNE KANGERO AND
PEACE MWENDE, KNA

The Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development is reviewing the draft Public Service Workplace Policy on HIV/AIDS and related diseases to align it with current health issues affecting public servants. The policy aims to address the challenges faced by public servants infected with HIV/AIDS and related diseases in the country, providing a clear framework for HIV/AIDS response.

PS Public Service, Amos Gathecha, made this statement while officiating at a validation workshop on the Public Service Workplace Policy on HIV/AIDS and related diseases at Machakos University. Gathecha emphasized that the review is necessary, given the significant impact on the public service workforce, with approximately 36,260 public servants living with HIV. He stated that the exercise will promote a safe and healthy work environment in the public service, ensuring dignity and fair labor practices for all public servants. "This Policy will guide measures to mitigate the effects of loss of working hours due to HIV and related chronic health conditions at the workplace and improve employee's productivity as well as ability to seek healthcare services without fear of discrimination," said Gathecha.

The PS acknowledged that there was a high demand for counselling services among public servants due to the close relationship between HIV/AIDS and mental health challenges. He disclosed that mental illness increased the risk of HIV infection while people living with HIV have an increased risk of mental illness even as he described stigma as a hindrance in the fight the terminal diseases.

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PS for Public Service and Human Capital Amos Gathecha speaking during the validation for the Draft Public Service Workplace Policy on HIV/AIDS and related diseases in Machakos University.



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 & Installation of 10,000No. Microsoft Enterprise Licenses for a Period of Three (3) Years
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-459496-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 & Installation of 10,000No. Microsoft Enterprise Licenses for a Period of Three (3) Years. 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 & Communications Technology Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Supply, Delivery & Installation of 10,000No. Microsoft Enterprise Licenses for a Period of Three (3) Years. The licenses have been categorized into two (2) and support services i.e. (A) Enterprise License Agreement 8,750 pieces (B) Educational Sector Licenses 1,250 pieces C) Unified Local Support for 3 years.**
- Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition, September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from ICT Authority, Deputy Director Supply Chain Management 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 PPIIP <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
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1000Hrs East African Time 19th March 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 March 2025.**
- All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **Kes. 35 Million** or equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- The address(es) referred to above is (are):

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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 – Firms Selection)

Country:	Kenya
Name of project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	Consulting Services for Development & Implementation of a Balanced Scorecard System & Change Management Strategy
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-458656-CS-CQS

- 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 ("the Services") include Development & Implementation of a Balanced Scorecard System & Change Management Strategy. The assignment is expected to take 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 websites: www.icta.go.ke/tenders and www.tenders.go.ke or can be obtained at the address given below.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority through the Program Implementation Unit (PIU) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Core business and years in business:** The firm must be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in the field of development and implementation of Balanced Score Card (BSC) systems, change management, performance management systems, or related field for a minimum of ten (10) years.
 - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least three (3) assignments projects of similar nature both in scope and complexity in a similar operating environment in the last five (5) years. Details of these assignments, including client names and addresses, scope, contract value, contract duration and year/period of assignment, must be provided.
 - Technical and managerial capability of the consulting firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity including relevant equipment, tools, software etc. and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during the following office hours 0900 and 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours) East African Time (EAT) and public holidays.
- Expression of interest must be delivered in written form by **19th February 2025 at 1000hours EAT.** - using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: procurement@ict.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked **Development & Implementation of a Balanced Scorecard System & Change Management Strategy; Contract No. KE-ICTA-458656-CS-CQS**

Address:
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The Information and Communications Technology Authority,
P.O Box 27150, Kenyatta Avenue
00100, Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel.: (+254) 20 667 6999
E-mail: info@ict.go.ke / procurement@ict.go.ke
Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



How Ira Ambani's startup reaped big from KIRDI's business incubation services

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

In early 2021, Ira Ambani visited the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI) Western Region Centre in Kisumu with the aim of finding a sustainable solution to manage the substantial fish waste from her Nile perch processing plant on the shores of Lake Turkana.

For years, Ambani faced challenges in disposing of tonnes of waste, including Nile perch skins, generated daily by her plant, hindering her business expansion plans.

After researching KIRDI's work online, Ira traveled to Kisumu to discuss her challenges with the researchers in hopes of resolving the waste issue.

"I learned about KIRDI online when I was researching ways to handle the massive Nile perch skin waste at our plant in Turkana. That's when I discovered they had conducted extensive work on fish leather," she said.

Upon her arrival, she was welcomed by a team of experts who had been researching and working on leather at the institution since 2013.

The Sh600 million leather tannery at the centre, which was underutilized at the time, opened her eyes to the world of leather. She realized, based on KIRDI's research, that the tonnes of Nile perch skin she was burying daily in Turkana were a valuable resource.

"The tour of the leather tannery and the insights I gained from the KIRDI researchers were eye-opening, and just like that, Ambani Fish Leather was born," she said.

By transforming fish waste into valuable leather products, Ambani not only addressed her waste disposal challenges but also contributed to sustainable practices in the



Ambani Fish Leather Director Ira Ambani (R) displays a piece of the Nile Perch Fish leather produced at KIRDI Western Region Centre in Kisumu.



KIRDI Director General Dr. Calvin Onyango (2nd L) admires some of the leather products produced at the centre in Kisumu.

leather industry.

She then embarked on the journey of ferrying the Nile Perch Skin from her fish processing plant in Turkana to KIRDI Kisumu for processing and since then, she has never looked back.

"From every fish we process at the factory about 7% is skin which we struggled to bury or sell at a throw away price but coming to KIRDI enabled me to turn this into gold," she said.

By using the state-of-the-art equipment at the facility with guidance from KIRDI leather ex-

perts, Ambani is able to produce and add value to different types of fish leather, a move that has earned her space in the local and international leather market.

In an interview with KNA at the centre, Ambani said she has managed to secure markets in Morocco, Europe and America where she exports the products.

She said a kilogramme of Nile Perch fish leather goes at Sh1,700 which has enabled her to scale up the production as she eyes more markets in Europe and Asia.

"This is very beautiful leather. Nile Perch Skin produces the second strongest leather in the world. That is why our products continue to generate a lot of interest across the globe," she said.

Her vision, she said, is to diversify the production to create more products as she eyes production of apparels and leather for the automobile industry.

This, she said, could not have been possible were it not for the support received from KIRDI calling on other budding entrepreneurs to take advantage of the opportunities

available at the research institution to fulfill their dreams.

"This equipment is very expensive. If I was to go alone definitely, I would not have made it. I want to thank the government and KIRDI for the incubation services and common user manufacturing facilities which have enabled me to take off," she said.

Arafat Abdulkadir, another beneficiary of the business incubation services at KIRDI Kisumu said the leather tannery has enabled him to fulfill his childhood dream of manufacturing shoes.

"When I arrived here, I was warmly welcomed and given training and space to run my business. Were it not for this facility, I would still be struggling outside there," he said.

Abdulkadir who runs Kilimanjaro Traders Company, specialises in production of shoes, bags, belts and has also ventured into sports where he produces balls and other accessories.

KIRDI Director General Dr. Calvin Onyango said the institute has invested in state-of-the-art facilities at its centres in Nairobi, Kisumu, Eldoret, Kisii, Migori, Bungoma, Garissa and Malindi where startups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are trained and incubated for a period of one year.

The institute, he said, has employed research scientists who support budding entrepreneurs at the incubation centres and outside the facilities when they finally set up on their own.

Through the initiative, the MSMEs are trained and nurtured to create products that have a market reach and can compete effectively on a global scale, he added.

Using the Common Manufacturing Facility (CMF) concept, KIRDI

provides space, facilities, machines and overheads for MSMEs to process and package their products at a subsidized fee, Dr Onyango said.

The programme, which targets food technology, chemical engineering, leather processing technology, engineering development, textile technology, ceramics and building materials technology, roots and tubers processing technology and testing technology has opened up doors for many entrepreneurs who would otherwise have not managed to start on their own.

"Most of the startups collapse due to lack of capital required to purchase equipment. The equipment is very expensive that is why as an institution we have come up with this incubation programme to support the MSMEs," he said adding that the programme has registered tremendous success and that the number of locally made products on supermarket shelves has increased ten-fold.

"The impact is huge. If you go to the supermarkets today, you will see quite a number of products manufactured with support of KIRDI," he said.

He added that the institute continues to receive applications from budding entrepreneurs with a total of 1,500 going through the programme every year.

KIRDI Board Chairman Eng. Peter Mositet said the initiative was a long-term solution to the challenges facing MSMEs across the country.

Enhancing access to state-of-the-art machinery to startups was key in unlocking the potential of young entrepreneurs who graduate from local universities with skills but lacked the capacity to venture into manufacturing, he said.

Prison officers to benefit from modern housing and career progression-Arandu

BY DAVIS LANGAT, KNA

The Commissioner General of the Kenya Prison Service, Patrick Arandu, has expressed the government's commitment to improving the living conditions for prison officers.

Arandu noted that prison officers face challenges with decent accommodation, adding that the government is

working on a budget to build modern, quality housing for the officers.

The Commissioner General also stated that the government has already approved the construction of at least 28,000 houses for prison officers.

In addition to housing, Arandu highlighted that the government is also focused on providing officers with other in-

centives, such as a good working environment and a well-defined career progression. Mr. Arandu made these remarks during his visit to Rachuonyo GK Prison in Homa Bay County, where he officially opened an administration block built with support from the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) in Karachuonyo.

Regarding security, he mentioned that prison officers successfully re-arrested three convicts who had escaped from Wundanyi Prison. They were among eight inmates who escaped from the correctional facility. "Security agencies are working tirelessly to ensure they apprehend the other inmates who escaped from the facility," Mr Arandu said.

Meanwhile, plans are still underway to relocate Homa Bay GK prison to create room for the expansion of Tom Mboya University. There have been proposals to move the correctional facility to a different location to create space for the higher learning institution to erect more buildings.

Mr Arandu said KPS is still engaging the uni-

versity and the county government of Homa Bay about the relocation plans.

"Land should be provided where we are going to relocate the prison. It is the County Government that should allocate land," he said. "We will continue supporting the prison service officers since security is one of the core functions of the national government," he said.



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The Independent Policing Oversight Authority is established pursuant to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority Act Cap. 86 Laws of Kenya. Its main function is to provide for civilian oversight over the work of the Police. The Authority wishes to recruit results-oriented Kenyan citizens with drive, vision and creativity to fill the following vacant positions:-

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4.	IPOA/HR/04/2025	Senior Records Management Officer	IPOA 7	1 Post
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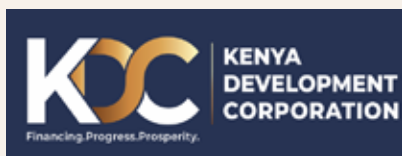
Interested persons who meet the requirements should submit their application through Post Office, email or by hand delivery, clearly indicating the position and job reference number, on both the cover letter, envelope and email applications, together with IPOA Employment Form, a detailed CV, copies of academic & professional certificates, national identity card, names and telephone contacts of three referees, so as to reach the Authority by **Monday, 24th February, 2025 to:**

**Director/ Chief Executive Officer,
Independent Policing Oversight Authority,
1st Ngong Avenue, ACK Garden Annex, 2nd Floor,
P.O Box 23035 - 00100, NAIROBI. Email: recruitment0125@ipoa.go.ke**

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The Corporation invites loan applications from interested Savings & Credit Cooperatives regulated by the SACCO Societies Regulatory Authority, Micro Finance Banks regulated by the Central Bank of Kenya, and Commercial Banks focused on lending to MSMEs within the Livestock Value Chain in the identified counties, to apply for the DRIVE Fund.

HOW TO APPLY.

- Login in to Kenya Development Corporation Website: <https://kdc.go.ke/>
- Click Loan Application;
- Create account;
- Under Loan Application, Select, Boresha Mifugo Wholesale Finance (WF). Fill in the required details, attach the required documents as per the provided application tabs and submit.
- All attachments must be in PDF format.

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1. All loan applications will be done **ONLINE**.
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The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) is a State Corporation established under the Energy Act, 2019, with the mandate of developing, managing and promoting the use of renewable energy, except geothermal, in addition to implementing rural electrification programs in the Country. Through its mandate, the Corporation aims to improve the socio-economic well-being of Kenyans as well as develop cheap alternative sources of energy through the development and promotion of renewable energy.

The Corporation is currently seeking highly experienced, motivated and results-oriented individuals to fill the vacancies in the organization. They must be self-driven individuals who are focused and committed to driving the Corporation towards achieving its mandate.

Applications are invited from professionals who meet ALL the minimum qualifications for the following positions.

S / NO.	POSITION	GRADE	NO. OF POSTS	TERMS OF SERVICE
1.	General Manager, Information Education and Communication	REREC 2	1	Five (5) years contract renewable once subject to satisfactory performance.
2.	Manager, Finance and Accounts	REREC 3	1	Permanent and Pensionable
3.	Manager, Systems and Forensic Audit	REREC 3	1	Permanent and Pensionable
4.	Manager, Construction	REREC 3	1	Permanent and Pensionable
5.	Manager, Operation and Maintenance	REREC 3	1	Permanent and Pensionable
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7.	Manager, Advocacy, Public Education and Awareness	REREC 3	1	Permanent and Pensionable
8.	Principal, Wayleaves Officer	REREC 4	1	Permanent and Pensionable
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10.	Senior Accountant	REREC 5	1	Permanent and Pensionable
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MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS:

- Applicants **MUST** provide the following documents on application: -
 - A signed application through a standard one- page 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; and
 - Copy of national identification card or passport.
- Candidates should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application.
- Applications without the relevant qualifications, copies of documents/details will not be considered.
- Any form of canvassing and giving false information shall lead to automatic disqualification.
- Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted and required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates during interviews.
- It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- Beware fraudsters misusing the Corporation name to solicit money from unsuspecting job seekers.
- Only successful candidates will be required to present the following clearance certificates:
 - Tax Compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Corporation (KRA);
 - Clearance Certificates from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC);
 - Clearance Certificates from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB);
 - A Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI); and
 - A current report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

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Interested and qualified candidates are required to submit their job application through the Links posted on REREC's website under the Careers tab by **24th February, 2025 at 4.30 pm.**

NOTE: These positions are open to KENYAN Citizens ONLY.

Applications should be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,
Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation,
Kawi House, Block C/South C-Bellevue,
P.O Box 34585-00100,
NAIROBI.**

So as to reach on/or before **24th February 2025.**

Please note that applications will ONLY be via Links posted on the Corporation's website, hard copies shall not be considered.





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The inaugural Nyanza International Investment Conference (NIIC), a partnership between the Nyanza Professional Forum and the Lake Region Economic Bloc, seeks to promote economic growth and development for the Nyanza region of Kenya is set to be held on February 6th – 8th, 2025 at the Ciala Resort in Kisumu.

The conference, themed “Nyanza Rising - Towards Economic Transformation for Socio-Economic Growth and Development,” addresses the urgent need for the Nyanza Region and its people to trigger growth and development. It will bring together all actors and provide an opportunity for the region’s leaders, professionals, and international, national, and local stakeholders, to present the region’s economic endowment and

investment-ready opportunities to potential local and foreign investors.

Conference Objectives

- To provide investors with information on Nyanza region’s development needs, status, gaps and potential to support their investment decisions.
- To market off-plan investment opportunities, investible investment concepts and sectors.
- To expand the existing economic value chains in the region through new capital flows and other investments across sectors and sub-sectors through investment vehicles such as partnerships, mergers, joint ventures, and global Sub- contracting and Partnership Exchange platforms (SPX).
- To attract strategic investment

42
Speakers

85
Exhibitors

14
Counties

600
Delegates

Thematic Areas

- Infrastructure, Transport, Energy and Housing
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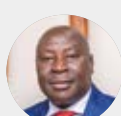
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- * Irrigation.

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- * Circularity concepts for waste minimisation.

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- * Maritime tourism and ecotourism.
- * Tourist facilities developments.
- * Water sports.
- * Specialised TVET Institutions.

Technologies and Innovation for the Blue Economy

- * Blue Technology Enablers.
- * Programming and Applications.
- * Expanding partnerships to strengthen the digital ecosystems.
- * ICT-Oriented training institutions offering the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) Technologies.

Research, Development and Regulatory framework

- * Freshwater bioprospecting and bio-



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- * Conservation through Extension Education for Sustainable Blue Economy.
- * Standards and protocols for investment in the Blue Economy.
- * Policies and regulations to enhance investment in aquaculture.

Diaspora Engagement Framework

- * The critical role that the Diaspora plays

in the development of the Lake Region.

* Remittance in development through trade & foreign direct investment, businesses, entrepreneurship.

The conference will offer opportunities in the form of commercial and development investment projects that are of impact to the local communities, county governments, the National Government and investors in various solicited and unsolicited opportunities.

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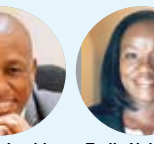
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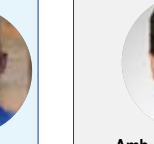
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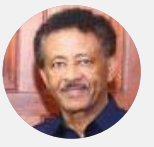


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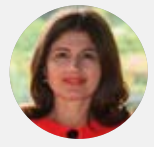


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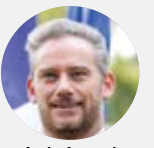
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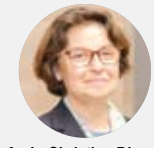
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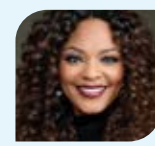
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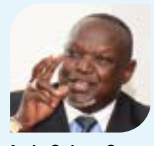
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Government commits to safeguard citizens’ data privacy and promote innovation

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI
The Kenyan government has reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding citizens’ privacy, advancing digital infrastructure, and promoting innovation as key pillars of the country’s digital transformation agenda. This pledge was made during the Annual Data Privacy Conference convened by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) to commemorate Data Privacy Day 2025.

The event, held under the theme “Safeguarding Personal Data to Spur Digital Transformation & Economic Development,” brought together key stakeholders from the public and private sectors to discuss the critical role of data protection in driving Kenya’s digital economy.

Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, Hon. William Kabogo Gitau, who was the Chief Guest at the conference, emphasized that protecting personal data is not just a regulatory obligation but a fundamental enabler of digital transformation and economic growth.

“Data is often referred to as the ‘new oil,’ making its protection vital in combating fraud, cyberterrorism, and other malicious activities,” said Hon. Kabogo. “It is imperative for both public and private organizations to comply with data protection laws to serve the public interest and foster trust in the digital ecosystem.”

A Comprehensive Approach to Data Protection



The CS highlighted that this year’s conference theme underscores the need for a holistic approach to data protection, integrating privacy considerations into everyday practices rather than treating them as isolated

issues. “Building trust in the digital age requires a strong emphasis on emerging technology assurances, such as data privacy, AI ethics, mobile security, and cybersecurity,” he stated. “This includes implementing data protection by design and by default, ensuring that privacy is embedded into the very fabric of our digital systems.”

Hon. Kabogo explained that while data processing drives innovation, data handlers must strike a balance between leveraging data for development and protecting user privacy. “Data-driven innovations have the potential to transform lives and create substantial benefits for society and businesses. However, these benefits come with risks concerning data safety and privacy, which must be addressed proactively,” he added.

The Data Protection Act: A Foundation for Trust

The CS pointed out that Kenya’s Data Protection Act, No. 24 of 2019, is a robust framework that aligns with international standards, including the Malabo Convention and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Act regulates the processing of personal data, establishes the rights of data subjects, and outlines the obligations of data controllers and processors.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Hon. William Kabogo Gitau flanked by the Governor of Uasin Gishu County H.E. Hon. Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim (left) and Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) Data Commissioner Immaculate Kassait (right) during the Annual Data Privacy Conference 2025 held in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County. Photo by Beverlyne Musili.

“The provisions of the Act are broad and well-intentioned, encompassing foundational principles such as lawfulness, fairness, transparency, accuracy, confidentiality, and accountability,” said Hon. Kabogo. “Compliance with data protection should not be reduced to a box-ticking exercise. Instead, it should focus on safeguarding data subjects’ personal information and preserving their privacy.”

He emphasized that product design, business practices, and operations must prioritize end users to enhance interactions and build trust. “In the digital age, data handlers bear an increasing responsibility to protect stakeholders’ interests and build confidence in digital products,” he noted.

Call to Action: Adopting a Culture of Data Protection

Hon. Kabogo called upon all stakeholders to adopt a culture of data protection by design and default, consistently applying data protection principles in their operations. He also urged organizations to register as data controllers, processors, or both with the ODPC to ensure compliance and maintain their reputation.

“Registration with the ODPC is not just a legal requirement but a demonstration of an organization’s commitment to data protection and accountability,” he said. “It is a critical

step in building public trust and ensuring that personal data is handled responsibly.”

The Role of the Digital Superhighway

The CS also highlighted the government’s efforts to advance the Digital Superhighway pillar, which aims to create a robust digital infrastructure that connects people, businesses, and government services. He noted that the Digital Superhighway is a key enabler of Kenya’s Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which seeks to leverage technology to uplift lives and drive inclusive economic growth.

“The Digital Superhighway is not just about connectivity; it is about creating opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship, and social development,” said Hon. Kabogo. “By safeguarding personal data and promoting trust in the digital ecosystem, we are laying the foundation for a prosperous and inclusive digital economy.”

A Timeless Commitment to Privacy and Innovation

The conference concluded with a reaffirmation of the government’s commitment to fostering a secure and innovative digital environment. Hon. Kabogo emphasized that data protection is a shared responsibility that requires collaboration between the government, private sector, and citizens.

“As we commemorate Data Privacy Day, let us remember that safeguarding personal data is not just a legal obligation but a moral imperative,” he said. “By working together, we can build a digital economy that is inclusive, innovative, and trustworthy—one that transforms lives and drives Kenya’s prosperity.”

Key Takeaways from the Conference


Data as the New Oil: Protecting personal data is crucial for combating fraud, cyberterrorism, and other malicious activities.

Holistic Approach to Privacy: Data protection must be integrated into everyday practices, not treated as an isolated issue.

Balancing Innovation and Privacy: Data handlers must balance the benefits of data-driven development with the need to protect user privacy.

Compliance with the Data Protection Act: Organizations must prioritize safeguarding personal information and preserving privacy to build trust.

Digital Superhighway and BETA: The government’s digital infrastructure initiatives are key to driving inclusive economic growth and innovation.



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NYS ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEER SERVICEMEN/WOMEN (APPEARED IN MYGOV. ON 28TH JANUARY, 2025)

The General Public is notified that;

- The above recruitment exercise commences at exactly 8:00 A.M. in all recruitment Centre's.
- Kiengu sub-county in Meru County, recruitment exercise shall take place on **15th February, 2025 at Kiengu DCC's office**

NOTE: ALL OTHER DETAILS IN THE RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT REMAINS THE SAME.

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COMMANDANT GENERAL
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Kenya’s ICT Authority Bill 2024 to strengthen digital governance and cybersecurity

BY ALLAN WANDERA, KNA

The anticipated ICT Authority Bill 2024 will reshape how digital services are delivered, enhance security, and position Kenya as a leader in digital governance.

The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, through a Multi-Stakeholder Committee developed the Draft ICT Authority Bill 2024 to establish a legal framework for the creation, powers and functions of the ICT Authority.

Speaking during a Public Validation meeting for the ICT Authority Bill, 2024 (ICTABILL2024) held at the Kenyatta International Centre, the Chief Executive Officer ICT Authority Stanley Kamanguya said the Bill seeks to provide a legal framework that would strengthen the ICT Authority’s role in driving digital governance, infrastructure development, and cybersecurity.

The validation meeting to discuss the Bill was attended by stakeholders from government institutions and the private sector.

Kamanguya said the ICT Authority has operated under a legal notice with challenges for over a decade and that the Bill would provide a strong legal foundation to enhance digital transformation and improve service delivery in institutions. “One of the biggest challenges in Kenya’s digital transformation has been the damage to ICT infrastructure during public works projects,” stated the CEO.

He singled out road construction, water, energy projects, fiber optic networks and other digital infrastructure are some of the infrastructures that often suffer damage, leading to costly repairs and inefficiencies, noting that the new bill would address the challenge.

“We are proposing integrated infrastructure development, where ICT infrastructure is factored into all public works from the start. This will optimize resources and



Chief Executive Officer ICT Authority Stanley Kamanguya listening to stakeholders input during a Public Validation meeting for the ICT Authority Bill, 2024 (ICTABILL2024) held at the Kenyatta International Centre, Nairobi. PHOTO: ALLAN WANDERA

ensure a secure, reliable digital network,” Kamanguya stated.

Kamanguya observed that Kenyans have faced fragmented and frustrating digital interactions with government services for years, because various government agencies have developed isolated ICT systems that do not communicate with each other, resulting in multiple instances of data collection and inefficient service delivery.

“Disjointed systems have forced citizens into multiple registrations, causing inefficiencies. This Bill aims to streamline ICT systems for a seamless and efficient service experience,” he said.

A key area of contention during public consultations was the accreditation of ICT service providers where most private sector players raised concerns, noting that strict accreditation rules could limit competition and innovation.

The CEO acknowledged the feedback, noting that nearly 60 percent of concerns from stakeholders centred on the issue, saying that the Bill should enable growth, not hinder innovation.

“We have removed accreditation requirements and will use ICT codes and regulations for vetting service providers,” Kamanguya assured.

He said the removal of the requirement aimed to balance accountability with transparency, thereby ensuring that

government agencies could access top-tier ICT services while allowing private sector players to thrive.

The CEO pointed out that cybersecurity has become one of the biggest challenges facing Kenya’s digital transformation, adding that various government agencies currently handle cybersecurity independently, thereby creating gaps in risk management and response strategies.



“Cyber threats pose a significant risk not only to government operations but also to the entire economy,” he said.

To address the inconsistencies, Kamanguya further noted that the Bill proposed a harmonized approach, with the ICT Authority taking a leading role in supporting government agencies to secure their digital infrastructure.

The ICT Authority Bill 2024 is built on three guiding principles that will shape the future of Kenya’s digital transformation.

They include the universal digital access which aims to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their location or background, have equal opportunities to access digital services.

This initiative seeks to create an inclusive digital ecosystem where everyone could benefit from technology, enhance connectivity, access to information, and public service delivery across the country.



TENDER NOTICE

The Geothermal Development Company Limited (GDC) invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT	CLOSING DATE
GDC/ICT/OT/033/24-25	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Interactive Smart Screens, Laptop and Desktop Computers and Related Accessories	Youth, Women & PWDs	Tender Securing Declaration Form	26.02.2025 at 11.00am
GDC/PM/OT/038/24-25	Tender for Provision of Electrical, Mechanical and Building Maintenance Services of GDC Facilities at Kawi House Nairobi, Polo Centre Nakuru, Menengai and North Rift Region Through Framework Contract for a Period of Two (2) Years	Local Firms (National)	Kshs. 200,000.00	27.02.2025 at 11.00am
GDC/EM/OT/041/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Lighting Spares and Consumables (Re-tender)	Youth, Women & PWDs	Tender Securing Declaration Form	25.02.2025 at 11.00am
GDC/PM/OT/044/24-25	Provision of Maintenance & repair of Air Conditioners, Freezers, Fans, Fridges and Water Dispensers at Kawi, Polo Through Framework Contract for a Period of Two (2) Years Centre, Menengai and North rift region	Local Firms (National)	Kshs. 200,000.00	24.02.2025 at 11.00am
GDC/IBS/RFP/040/24-25	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Consultancy services for Insurance Risk Survey Review of Insurance Policies at GDC.	Open to All	N/A	03.03.2025 at 11.00am
GDC/ICT/OT/039/24-25	Tender for Supply and Delivery of HP & EPSON Printer Consumables, Computer Parts and Accessories Through Framework Contract for a Period of One (1) Year	Youth, Women & PWDs	Tender Securing Declaration Form	04.03.2025 at 11.00am
GDC/ADMIN/OT/045/24-25	Tender for Provision of Cleaning, Sanitation, Waste Collection and Disposal Services for a Period of Two (2) Years	Youth, Women & PWDs	Tender Securing Declaration Form	28.02.2025 at 11.00am

MANDATORY SITE VISIT

There will be a Mandatory Site visit for the following Tenders;

1.

Tender for Provision of Electrical, Mechanical and Building Maintenance Services of GDC Facilities.

i.

Kawi House, Nairobi on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 10.00 am. Bidders to assemble at Kawi House, GDC Offices, Ground Floor at 9.30 am.

ii.

Central Rift - on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 9.00 am. Bidders to assemble at Polo Centre, GDC Offices, 6th Floor at 8.30 am then proceed to Menengai.

iii.

North Rift - on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 9.00 am. Bidders to assemble at GDC Kapkerwa Office at 9.00 am

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3.

Tender for Provision of Cleaning, Sanitation, Waste Collection and Disposal Services

i.

Kawi House, Nairobi on Monday 10th February 2025 at 10.00 am. Bidders to assemble at Kawi House, GDC Offices, Ground Floor at 9.30 am.

ii.

Nakuru Office - on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 9.00 am. Bidders to assemble at Polo Centre, GDC Offices, 6th Floor at 8.30 am then proceed to Kabarak then Menengai Geothermal Field.

iii.

North Rift - on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 9.00 am. Bidders to assemble at GDC Kapkerwa Office at 8.30 am.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender document from the office of Manager, Supply Chain at Kawi House, South C off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road between 9.00am and 4.00pm during week days.

A complete set of the tender documents may be obtained by interested firms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs.1000 payable to our accounts office in cash or by banker's cheque. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the website www.gdc.co.ke or PPI Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website MUST forward their particulars immediately to procurement@gdc.co.ke for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.

The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with Tender No. and Tender reference name; shall be addressed to:

Managing Director & CEO,
Geothermal Development Company
P.O Box 100746-00101
NAIROBI, KENYA

and deposited in the tender box at Ground Floor GDC office Kawi House, South C Off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road on or before the dates specified above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at Kawi House, South C GDC Board Room Ground Floor.

Late tenders will not be accepted.

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Government’s investments in agriculture to spur food security – Spokes

KNA BY MICHAEL OMONDI

The Government has expressed satisfaction that its initiatives geared towards improving the economy and bettering the lives of its citizens are bearing fruits.

Top on these initiatives has been the Government’s investments in agriculture through improvement of the priority value chains, subsidizing production materials such as fertilizers, certified seeds and provision of other farm inputs of which have now brought the country closer to food security.

Speaking in his office in Nairobi during a media briefing, the Government Spokesperson Dr. Isaac Mwaura recalled that the current administration came to power at a time when food imports to Kenya had spiraled from 10 percent to 17 percent of goods imports.

In essence, this increased the country’s vulnerability to global food supply shocks, and the government had to come up with measures to turn around the situation by intentionally prioritizing agriculture as the number one pillar of the BETA plan.

Consequently, faced with a situation where 54 percent of household expenditure for Kenyans



The Government Spokesperson Dr. Isaac Mwaura addressing the media on key issues of national development from his office at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi.

goes towards buying food, Dr. Mwaura noted that the government found it wise to work out modalities of lowering food prices and instituted other means aimed at quickly lowering the cost of living for all.

“For instance, in 2022, we imported maize worth Sh10 billion, but thereafter we have become maize sufficient, saving ourselves the much-needed foreign exchange.

Reassuringly, as a testament to our efforts in this sector, we now have enough maize stockpiles, we are having enough sugar and the prices of basic food items has steadily gone down where for example, a packet of 2kg maize is selling at a low of Sh120 marking a 3-year low,” stated Dr. Mwaura, as he pinpointed that Kenya’s inflation rate is at a 17-

year low, signaling real work in progress.

To sustain this momentum, he revealed that the Government, in preparation for the upcoming long rains, has secured a consignment of 5.6 million bags of subsidized fertilizers, which would be available to farmers through the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB).

This initiative, according to the Government Spokesperson, is aimed at making the farm inputs affordable for enhanced agricultural productivity across the country, ultimately contributing to food security.

In addition to the fertilizers, Dr Maura disclosed that the government is also rolling out a seed and seedlings programme to support farmers in cultivating high-yielding crops.

Ministry disburses Sh 35b to support school programmes

BY PHILIP RUTTO- PCO

The Ministry of Education has disbursed over Sh 35 billion to support learning in schools, with Sh 14.3 billion going to secondary schools, Sh 4.6 billion for primary schools, and Sh 15 billion for junior schools, Principal Secretary for Basic Education, Dr. Belio Kipsang, has confirmed.

Speaking at Moi Forces Academy in Nairobi, where he commissioned six classrooms, the PS said the Ministry will do everything possible to ensure the new curriculum (CBC) is implemented correctly.

He confirmed that Sh 14.3 billion is allocated to secondary schools, Sh 4.6 billion for primary schools, and Sh 15 billion for junior schools.

He added that the funds have already been deposited into the accounts of most schools, and that they will significantly contribute to supporting learning programs. “The Ministry will continue



Basic Education PS Dr Belio Kipsang cuts a ribbon at Moi Forces Academy where he commissioned classrooms.

to support education by providing resources, infrastructure, and policies that enhance learning,” Belio said. He further confirmed that the Ministry has completed and put into use a total of 15,000 new classrooms for junior schools across the country, including those located in military camps. On the cooperation between the Ministry of Education and Department of Defense, Dr Kipsang said the two arms of Government work closely in order to support learn-

ing. “Through this close working relation with our discipline forces we have been able to put up schools in most of their camps to enable their children access education as they ensure our security within and without,” the PS said. The PS said the Ministry will together with Department of Defense joins hands to establish a special needs school within Moi forces Academy in order to cater for learners with special need in the community.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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- Applicants can find a detailed advertisement and application information on NMK’s corporate website. www.museums.or.ke/vacancies
- Applications should reach us not later than **5:00 p.m. (East African Time) on 24th February, 2025**

Successful candidates will be required to satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on leadership and integrity by submitting clearance certificates from relevant institutions

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Full information on the job and appointment specifications and terms of service may be obtained from our website <https://www.src.go.ke>

Interested and qualified candidates are hereby invited to submit their applications through <https://recruitment.src.go.ke> on or before on **18th February 2025, 5:00 pm (East Africa time)**. Please note that manual or any other form of application shall not be accepted. Only shortlisted and successful applicants will be contacted and shall be required to produce originals of their National Identification Cards, Academic and Professional Certificates, and Transcripts during interviews.

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Why we ought to prepare today’s youth to drive tomorrow’s tourism

Today’s technological disruptions have altered the parameters of conventional tourism significantly. Inevitably, the future of tourism begs thorough preparation in the here and now.

In that regard, Kenya is not sitting on her laurels. About a fortnight ago, the Kenyatta University-based Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC – EA) whose board I chaired scored a rare first in Dubai. The Centre took a group of young Kenyans to the Middle East and Africa Future Leaders Challenge 2025 and bagged three notable accolades.

The team of students from Kenyatta University, Strathmore University and Boma International Hospitality College was recognised for innovative solutions designed for use by the hospitality sector. One of the participants was named the top Future Leader Student 2025 in a pool featuring worldwide competitors.

In December last year, our ministry’s new Youth in Tourism and Conservation initiative premiered industry activities in Kilifi and repeated the same in Naivasha last week. A num-

ber of youth driven tourism activities are lined up in various counties in the coming months. Meanwhile, in June this year, Kenya will host the Africa Youth in Tourism Innovation Summit and Challenge, a continental platform for youth in tourism. The forum facilitates youth entrepreneurs, innovators and industry stakeholders to converge, explore opportunities, share ideas and foster sustainable tourism development across Africa. The summit will feature a competition challenge where youth will be encouraged to generate innovative ideas and solutions beyond technology yet travel, tourism and MICE industry related.

Why the pointed concern about youth in tourism?

First, the tourism industry has undergone a significant transformation over the past few decades. Combined, the rise of digital technologies, increase in social media usage and heightened awareness of environmental sustainability have altered the contours of tourism significantly. Often referred to as “digital natives,” today’s youth are more tech-savvy



By Rebecca Miano

than any previous generation. They value experiences over material goods, seek authentic and immersive travel experiences and are keenly aware of the environmental and social impact of their actions.

Second, the tourism sector has embraced technology in various hitherto unexplored ways. Today we have online booking systems, virtual tours, AI-powered customer service and so on. As artificial intelligence, big data and virtual reality become more prevalent, there is an increasing need for young professionals to innovate within these spaces. The future of tourism will undoubtedly involve further technological integration and preparing the

youth to develop these technologies is essential.

Third, from a traditional point of view, tourism has been associated with tour guides, hotel managers and travel agents. However, as the industry diversifies so do career opportunities. Youth who are interested in tourism today have a wide array of potential career paths to explore. From destination marketing, to cultural heritage management, to event planning, sustainable travel consultancy and digital nomadism, the list can only grow longer.

Fourth, tourism is, at its core, about bringing people together be it for leisure, education, business or cultural exchange. The industry has the unique ability to foster relationships between individuals from different countries, ethnicities and backgrounds. However, the power of tourism to unite people requires a deep understanding of global dynamics and the ability to collaborate across cultures and borders. The youth of today will no doubt play an integral role in leading these international collaborations.

Fifth, the Covid-19 pan-

demic revealed just how fragile the tourism industry can be. Travel restrictions, lockdowns and shifting consumer behaviour forced the industry to adapt to unprecedented challenges. Moving forward, these qualities will be markedly crucial as tourism faces challenges such as climate change and evolving public health concerns. The youth of today are likely to think on their feet, adapt to new circumstances and innovate under pressure, qualities that the future of tourism requires.

In sum, preparing today’s youth for the future of tourism is about propagating a new mind-set. Tourism is way more than just visiting popular landmarks or ticking items off a bucket list. It is more about appreciating the broader impacts of travel in the context of environmental care, economic progress and experiencing other cultures.

Today’s youth have the power to redefine tourism and to pave the way for the transformative role it heralds for economic wellbeing.

Miano is the CS for Tourism and Wildlife.



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE (CARBON TRADING) REGULATIONS 2025

Pursuant to Section 5(3) of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap 2A Laws of Kenya, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry hereby notifies the public that the Draft Climate Change (Carbon Trading) Regulations 2025 have been prepared as proposed statutory instruments (Draft Regulations) under the Climate Change Act, Cap 387A Laws of Kenya.

The Draft Regulations are proposed by the Cabinet Secretary pursuant to the provisions of section 36(1), and section 36(2) (bb) of the Climate Change Act and they operationalize the salient provisions of the said Act. The objectives of the Draft Regulations is to provide a framework for the undertaking of carbon trading and related matters.

This is therefore to request the public and all persons likely to be affected by the Draft Regulations to submit written memorandum on the Draft Regulations to reach the undersigned within Twenty-Eight (28) days from the date of publication of the Public notice in the following format:

Part in the Regulation	Section in Draft Regulations	Current Provision in Regulations	Proposed Recommendation	Justification and Rationale
E.g., Part III				

The hardcopies of the written memoranda may be submitted to the Office of the Principal Secretary, State Department for Environment and Climate Change, S.H.A Building, 12th floor, Ragati Road, P.O. Box 30126-00100, Nairobi. The soft copies of the written memoranda can also be submitted through email to psoffice@environment.go.ke with a copy to carbontradingregulations@environment.go.ke.

The Draft Regulations are available on the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry’s website: www.environment.go.ke.

Further, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry invites members of the public to a virtual public meeting which will be held on **5 March 2024 from 8am to 5pm**. A link will be shared on the Ministry’s website and social media platforms before then.

Hon. Aden Bare Duale, E.G.H
Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry



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FAO unveils multi-million program to restore Kerio Valley environment

BY ALICE WANJIRU, KNA

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) has launched a USD 5.5 million, three-year program for the restoration of the environment in the Kerio Valley belt, covering both Baringo and Elgeyo Marakwet counties.

The global focal point person for the Afri 100 project at FAO headquar-

ters, Jhony Zapata, said the funds would go toward local, people-led reforestation initiatives to ensure the success of the program. He emphasized that the active participation of local communities is key to the restoration of the ecosystem.

Speaking at the Cheptebo Rural Development Center in Keiyo South during the

launch of the program, dubbed the Africa Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative, Zapata clarified that the funds would not be given to individuals but rather to groups, communities, or SACCOs involved in initiatives aimed at restoring the environment.

Baringo County Governor Benjamin Cheboi stated that land degrada-

tion along the Kerio Valley has not been addressed for a long time, leading to the formation of gullies and the flooding of lakes in the region.

He said the restoration of Lake Kamnarok through desilting and fencing of the Rimoi game reserve from the Baringo side were some of the issues to be addressed noting the

community supported the fencing but a few activists were hindering the process after going to court.

The governor said his government would be heading to court to seek an alternative dispute resolution to have the matter removed from court and expedite its conclusion to allow for the fencing of the conservancy. "The fencing

does not mean that people will not be allowed to graze but it will be controlled just like it happens in other conservancies," he said.

Governor Cheboi who was flanked by his Elgeyo Marakwet counterpart Wisley Rotich said the fencing and restoration of the Rimoi conservancy would be of great benefit to the area

State to embrace strategic action to address Kenya's youth unemployment crisis

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA, KNA

The Permanent Secretary (PS) for Labour and Skills Development in the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Shadrack Mwadime, has acknowledged the escalating youth unemployment crisis in Kenya, attributing it to a lack of information and strategic planning among young people.

Speaking during the 2025 Taita Taveta Youth Summit held in Wundanyi, Taita Taveta County, PS Mwadime emphasized the urgency of addressing the issue, which has left millions of young Kenyans in poverty and frustration.

"Kenya produces one million graduates every year, yet our economy can only absorb 200,000 in the private and public sectors combined," Mwadime stated.

The PS further explained that without a clear strategy, over 800,000 graduates will remain jobless each year and eventually get lost in the system. He added that time is running out, and if there is no clear strategic plan, the country risks leaving an entire generation behind.

Mwadime pledged to engage with youth at the grassroots level, aiming to understand their challenges and provide workable solutions.

He urged young people to take advantage of available information and opportunities, stressing the importance of using their skills to earn a living and build their future.

Mwadime highlighted the need for Kenyan youth to embrace a strategic mindset to benefit from available opportunities. He pointed out that the country is actively sending young people abroad to acquire advanced skills and technologies, which they are expected to bring back



The Permanent Secretary (PS) for Labour and Skills Development in the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Shadrack Mwadime, interacts with youth from Taita Taveta County at Wundanyi.

and use to contribute to national development.

"We are targeting you for your own good. Go out there, come back and invest in the country. This is a good investment package we are giving to you," he said.

The PS noted that last year alone, Kenyans living abroad remitted approximately Sh663 billion into the country, with the highest contributions coming from the United States, followed by Saudi Arabia.

According to Mwadime, the government has developed an investment package targeting young Kenyans working abroad.

"As it is now, we have agreed with the Kenya Investment Authority and the Ministry of Trade that we will come up with an investment package for you so that when you

We are targeting you for your own good. Go out there, come back and invest in the country- Mwadime

come back home, your return on investment should be as high as possible," said the PS.

Mwadime cited the success of Kenyan athletes, whose investments have turned Eldoret into a thriving economic hub, as a model for this initiative.

The PS also warned against the rising trend of drug abuse among young people, noting that substance abuse has become a significant barrier to employment, especially for those seeking opportunities abroad.

"When blood tests reveal traces of drugs during medical check-ups, it becomes impossible for young people to secure jobs abroad," he said, urging the youths to shun drugs and embrace a healthy lifestyle, which he described as a critical step toward improving their chances of success.

Taita Taveta County Governor Andrew Mwadime echoed the PS's sentiments, urging young people to avoid drugs and focus on building a better future.

Addressing the youth, Governor Mwadime en-

couraged them to abstain from drugs for at least one year, suggesting that they assess how their lives improve during that period.

"If you find that you have made progress after staying away from drugs for a year, you should consider quitting for good," the governor said.

He also advised against using social media to post negative or harmful comments, instead encouraging young people to use the platform for personal growth and constructive engagement.

Deputy Governor Christine Kilalo, supported the call for youth empowerment and urged the young population to take up the opportunities and information provided to them.

She reiterated the county government's commitment to addressing the challenges facing the youth, including unemployment and substance abuse.

Kilalo inspired the youths to take control of their future by emphasizing strategic thinking, skill acquisition, and the responsible use of social media.

IRA urges public to take up insurance cover to mitigate risk



IRA holds a training session with Homa Bay journalists in its efforts to create awareness about insurance cover.

BY SITNA OMAR, KNA

The Insurance Regulatory Authority has embarked on a sensitization mission to educate the public on the benefits and importance of insurance for businesses.

IRA Director Corporate Services Esther Musyoki noted there is low insurance uptake especially in some counties and hence the need for creating awareness on the role of insurance especially in businesses.

She affirmed that many people are not well informed about the benefits and importance of insurance coverage which she said is the reason behind the low uptake.

"Many people have not insured their businesses because they do not understand the importance of insurance cover for their businesses. When the uptake is low, then the rising up is also very low," she said.

The Director, who spoke at Tom Mboya University in Homa Bay after a training session with journal-

ists, cited that a number of counties are lagging behind pointing out Homa Bay as among them.

"However, Nairobi has the highest uptake followed by Kiambu, Mombasa and Nakuru," she noted.

IRA through its Bima Mashinani initiative, is sensitizing different groups of people including the bodaboda operators, matatu owners, the police among others in a bid to ensure more people understand and take the cover.

"Our main objective is to ensure we educate the public at county level because each county has its own different needs when it comes to insurance," said Musyoki.

She underscored the role of insurance for businesses citing that in case of losses they are sure of getting back to business faster after compensation.

"When a business that is not insured experiences a loss, it's very difficult for them to recover," said the director.

Varsity and stakeholders to revamp 4K-Clubs

BY JANE NGUGI AND
PATIENCE MORAA, KNA

Egerton University is partnering with stakeholders in the agricultural sector to enhance the capacity of 4K clubs in schools, equipping learners with practical skills to combat climate change and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

The initiative is a collaboration between the University's Department of Agricultural Education and Extension, aak-GROW, the Ministry of Agriculture, Nakuru County Government, the Ministry of Education, and 4K Club patrons from schools in the region.

Egerton University's Dean of the Faculty of Education and Community Development Studies, Dr. Flora Fedha, noted that the clubs, once a cornerstone of agricultural and environmental education in schools, are a vital tool in fostering a generation that understands and actively participates in sustainable agricultural practices.

The 4K Club programme, which stands for "Kuungana, Kufanya, Kusaidia Kenya" (Unite, Act, Help Kenya), was popular in the 1990s but has dwindled in recent years due to shifts in educational priorities and resource constraints.

With the grow-

ing threat of climate change, stakeholders believe it is time to re-integrate the clubs into the education system.

According to Dr Fedha, climate change is no longer a distant issue but a reality affecting every aspect of our lives.

"We need to empower our children with the knowledge and skills to tackle these challenges from an early age. Enhancing capacity of 4K clubs can play a pivotal role in this effort," she noted.

"This multi-stakeholder partnership aims to train and empower the school-based agricultural groups on the responsible use of crop protection innovations.

The initiative will integrate sustainable practices into the activities of these clubs, fostering behaviour change within schools and the wider community to embrace responsible farming practices," the don elaborated.

She added: "Besides being aligned with aak-GROW's "Stewardship Mashinani" vision, the programme focuses on equipping young learners and their mentors with essential knowledge and skills to promote better farming methods. The long-term goal is to enhance agricultural productivity, ensure food safety, and improve

health outcomes within the community".

She further noted that by enhancing the capacity of 4k clubs, students could learn to plant trees, manage waste, conserve water, and adopt sustainable agricultural practices—skills critical in mitigating the effects of climate change.

"The clubs traditionally focused on teaching students practical farming techniques, environmental conservation, and community service. So far, we are now working with 10 schools from Njoro Sub-County. We are intending to reach more schools in all the 11 Sub-Counties of Nakuru to teach children the importance of efficient water use, agroforestry, and soil conservation—skills critical in water-scarce counties," she said.

Dr Fedha said aligning the clubs' activities with the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) would highlight experiential learning and problem-solving.

"The CBC is about equipping learners with hands-on skills, and 4K clubs perfectly align with this vision, through these clubs, students can develop solutions to real-world challenges like deforestation, soil erosion, and food insecurity," she said.

She urged the Ministry of Education to

integrate 4K clubs into school programmes and allocate resources for training teachers and acquiring necessary materials.

"Partnerships with environmental organizations and community leaders could help provide technical expertise and mentorship to students," she noted.

While indicating that Egerton University, in collaboration with all stakeholders, remains dedicated to promoting agricultural education, sustainability, and community development through innovative and impactful programs, the don stated that parents and guardians should support the initiative by engaging their children in eco-friendly activities at home and in the community. "As Kenya continues to face climate-related challenges such as droughts and floods, the revival of 4K Clubs could prove to be a game-changer. By instilling environmental consciousness and practical skills in young learners, the country takes a step closer to a sustainable future," she added.

A Senior Lecturer in Department of Agricultural Education and Extension at Egerton University Dr Maurice Udoto indicated that 4K clubs were a crucial platform to nurture food security conscious citizens.

Kenya bridges the gender parity gap

BY JNDUTA NJOROGI – PCO

Through the stewardship of the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, Kenya has made significant progress to bridge the gender gap in all the 12 critical areas identified for action at the inaugural conference.

According to the PS Anne Wang'ombe, Kenya has submitted its 2020-2025 report on the status of women and girls to the Secretary General of the United Nations, a requirement of the 189 member signatories of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA).

Wang'ombe disclosed that Kenya is among the first countries in Africa to meet this obligation, the report is under review to form part of the source material for the African continent's status with regard to gender equity.

"The report is particularly important because this year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women that was held in 1995 in Beijing, China. Through the stewardship of the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, Kenya has made significant progress to bridge the gender gap in all the 12 critical areas identified for action at the inaugural conference," she said.

Wang'ombe noted that the report includes and quotes evidential statistics and data to underscore strides made in the twelve areas, leaving no doubt that the country is on the right path to gender parity as follows:

She disclosed that through the Women Enterprise Fund, over two million women entrepreneurs have accessed business loans totaling over \$180 million.

"Women entrepreneurs have also been awarded \$167.4 million in government tenders for the period 2022-2023, increasing their access to government procurement," said the PS.

She pointed out that women mobile phone ownership stands at 49.5%, which raises significantly their financial inclusion through the revolutionary Mpesa platform.

"Gender parity statistics at all levels of education have risen steadily, from pre-primary to university as well as Technical and Vocational Education Institutions (TVETs)," she said.

Since 2011, the PS noted that the Sanitary Towel Programme has supported education for girls by distributing sanitary towels to over 12.5 million girls, thereby reducing non-attendance and drop-out rates.

Further, the PS said that in the area of maternal health, skilled birth attendance rose from 41% in 2003 to 89% in 2022 while teenage pregnancy rates fell from 18% in 2014 to 15% in 2022, especially benefiting young women in under served communities.

"Cases of physical violence against women dropped from 20% in 2014 to 16% in 2022 while Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) prevalence rate decreased from 38% in 1998 to 15% in 2022," said the PS.

Compared to 21% in 2017, women now control 36% of corporate board seats, surpassing the global average of 23%. Women are the backbone of rural economies in our nation, as well as in most of Africa and the developing globe, thanks to agriculture. Kenyan productivity and food security have increased as a result of the expansion of agricultural training and assistance programs for rural women.

Government intensifies fight against Gender Based Violence

BY STEPHEN MRIRA, KNA

The Government of Kenya has renewed its commitment to intensify efforts to curb Gender-based violence.

The Principal Secretary for Gender and Affirmative Action, Anne Wang'ombe, vowed to work closely with county governments to ensure sustainability of the fight against the menace.

Speaking during an evaluation meeting of the Kenya Finland Bilateral Programme in Kilifi, Wang'ombe, said the national government was determined to end femicide and gender-based violence even as the program lapses, and issued a stern warning to the per-

petrators.

"On behalf of the government of Kenya, I am here to assure you that we are committed to ensuring that this initiative continues beyond the life of this bilateral agreement that we have had with Finland. We are determined to bring this GBV to an end and we are sending a warning to all perpetrators that these offences will not go unpunished," Anne said.

Her sentiments were echoed by Kilifi County Woman Member of Parliament Gertrude Mbeyu who condemned femicide and gender-based violence cases and also said that continuity of the program would further ensure not only the empowerment of the entire



Anne Wang'ombe – Principal Secretary State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action in a media briefing after the Finland Bilateral Programme evaluation meeting.



Gertrude Mbeyu – Kilifi County Woman Member of Parliament in a media briefing after the Finland Bilateral Programme evaluation meeting.



Anu Ala-Rantala – The head of cooperations at the Finland embassy addressing participants during the Kenya Finland Bilateral Programme evaluation meeting. PHOTOS: STEPHEN MRIRA

county but also the taming of the vices. "They have left us with knowledge and, as a county, we are determined to soldier on in conjunction with the

Ministry. This program must continue so that we may come up with a way of training more counselors," Mbeyu said.

The head of cooperations at the Finland Em-

bassy, Anu Ala-Rantala, urged the government to intensify the fight against the rising cases of femicide and GBV.

Anu said both the na-

tional and county governments must pump in more resources for capacity building while calling on counselors trained through the program in Bungoma, Kilifi, and Samburu counties, to be ambassadors to other neighboring counties so as to create awareness on the lessons learned through the program.

The Kenya Finland Bilateral program was initiated in 2021 covering the three counties with its main focus being building capacity of duty bearers who consisted of officers from the health department, Nyumba Kumi, administrative officers, teachers, and others who were trained on counseling psychology for nine months.

Health CS calls for resilient systems as US halts funding for HIV, Malaria, and TB

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

In response to the recent decision by the U.S. government to withdraw funding and supplies of lifesaving drugs for HIV, malaria, and TB in countries supported by USAID, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Deborah Barasa, has emphasized the urgent need for East Africa to build a resilient health system that can withstand such external shocks.

Amid a flurry of executive orders signed by newly re-elected U.S. President Donald Trump, one of the most significant was a 90-day freeze on foreign aid and spending.

Speaking at the East Africa Region Global Health Security Summit, held at PrideInn Paradise Shanzu under the theme “Securing Health and Security: One Community at a Time,” the CS stressed the importance of creating a robust and resilient response mechanism to ensure self-reliance and address emerging and re-emerging infections, outbreaks, and diseases.

Dr. Barasa emphasized that achieving this goal requires strengthening health security components and implementing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to guarantee affordable, accessible, and quality care for all.

“Regarding the U.S. government’s executive order, as the Minister of Health, I have tasked the relevant state departments, programs, and directors to assess the impact on finances and human resources. Based



The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Dr Deborah Barasa addressing the Media during the East Africa Region Global Health Security Summit held in Shanzu.

on this assessment, we will develop a concrete way forward, which we will present to the Cabinet and the President,” she stated.

She also highlighted the need to strengthen healthcare infrastructure, enhance regional cooperation, and prioritize investment in local vaccine production. “We must work together to build resilient health systems that are equipped to face current and future health threats,” she reiterated. “It is also crucial to have a well-trained healthcare workforce and recognize the critical role of the private sector and

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communities in reinforcing our health security efforts,” she concluded.

The summit focuses on building resilient health systems and ensuring sustainable preparedness for public health emergencies. Key discussions center on the private sector’s role in supporting public health agencies, particularly during emergencies, and the importance of regulatory and policy alignment to improve emergency preparedness and response.

Cynthia Kropac, Safaricom’s Chief Enterprise Business Officer, highlighted how the continent has endured major global crises, each with significant impacts on people’s lives. She noted that while each crisis was unique, they all provided valuable lessons that must be applied to strengthen resilient health systems.

“We’ve lived through major global crises, and each one has certainly

influenced how we live, think, and act. While each crisis was unique, they all brought valuable lessons,” she said, referencing Mad Cow Disease, SARS, Ebola, and COVID-19.

However, Kropac emphasized the critical lessons learned from these outbreaks, particularly the importance of preparedness and early action, as well as the role of science and innovation in addressing pandemics. Additionally, she noted that during the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare systems worldwide were overwhelmed, underscoring the urgent need to invest in public health infrastructure.

“Resilience and adaptability are perhaps the most powerful lessons we’ve learned from past crises. We must anticipate challenges before they arise, equip ourselves with the tools and knowledge to withstand them,” Kropac added.

Wajir sets monthly clean-up day to promote a cleaner and healthier town



Wajir residents, local organizations, and officials unite for a monthly clean-up drive aimed at promoting a cleaner and healthier environment in the town.

BY HAMDI BUTHUL, KNA

Hundreds of Wajir residents participated in a community-driven clean-up exercise aimed at creating a cleaner and healthier environment.

The initiative brought together diverse stakeholders, including local community members, the Wajir Boda Boda Association, the Kenya Red Cross, Siyat Foundation, Equity Bank, and Kenya Commercial Bank.

Spearheaded by Wajir Municipality officials, the clean-up involved garbage collection, drainage unblocking, and trench clearing along the municipality’s main streets.

Wajir Municipality Manager Omar Shano, who presided over the clean-up, emphasized the importance of fostering a culture of shared responsibility for cleanliness.

“We are pleased with the community’s overwhelming response, which underscores their commitment to a cleaner environment,” he noted.

Shano announced that the last Saturday of every month will now be offi-

cially designated as Wajir town’s clean-up day.

He also extended his gratitude to the transport sector for providing 20 trucks to support the initiative, highlighting the importance of partnerships in maintaining the town’s hygiene.

Ibrahim Mumin, a respected elder from Surai Stage, praised the effort and described it as a significant and commendable demonstration of unity that should be maintained.

“We must keep this momentum going. Cleanliness is a collective duty vital for our well-being,” he said. Mumin also urged private clinics and hotels in Wajir to adopt better waste disposal methods.

Abdifatah Yussuf, a youth from Bulla Ali Maow, expressed his excitement about taking part in the clean-up with fellow young volunteers.

“This initiative is commendable and will greatly contribute to the cleanliness of Wajir municipality. We request the municipality office to establish a regular clean-up schedule to boost community participation,” he stated.

Maasai Moran unveils digital App to preserve Maa culture and language



Benson Nalakai explain the Maa digital and language app to stakeholders during the launch of the app in Narok

BY ANN SALATON, KNA

The campaign to preserve the prestigious Maa culture has taken a significant step forward after a Maasai Moran launched a digital app dedicated to Maa culture and language.

Benson Nalakai explained that he was motivated by the fact that the world is in the digital era and many young people spend their time online.

The app contains a wealth of information on

Maa traditions, including beliefs, cuisine, clothing, and more, all accessible at the click of a button.

“I felt there was a need to digitize our culture. We can use the digital era to preserve and promote our culture for future generations,” he said.

The digital app was launched at a hotel in Narok, with attendance from senior Narok government officials, representatives from the Maa Council of Elders, tradi-

tional chiefs, and others. Narok County Government Director of Culture Violet Sikawa said the app is a big win for the Maa people who have preserved their culture to date.

She reiterated that the county government supports the noble idea and will continue contributing to the development of the app to have more content.

“Nalakai has been leading the digitalization and documentation of culture, he took the step ahead to

come up with an app that gives the entire history of the Maa culture, cuisine and way of dressing. This is a great milestone for our county,” she said.

The Senior Maa Cultural Chief Daniel Ole Kiplosh said the digitalization of Maa culture is one way to safeguard the Maa culture and benefit the coming generations.

“We embrace this and we will support and adapt it. We will advance even better. We want the world

to know of our rich culture at a click of a button,” he said.

A representative from the Maasai Council of elders Mzee Joseph Ole Kaaria observed that digitizing the Maa culture was the best way to preserve the culture as it was greatly threatened by modernity.

“With so much globalization going on, our culture is at risk of extinction. This is a noble idea to preserve our culture for future generations,” he added.

42 fish farming groups in Nyeri to benefit from Sh8.12 million grant

BY WANGARI MWANGI, KNA

A total of 42 aquaculture groups in Nyeri County are set to benefit from a Sh8.12 million grant from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

The money is part of a Sh124 million fund issued by the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, Hassan Joho, during an event held in Kakamega County. The grant is expected to support the implementation of the Aquaculture Business Development Program (ABDP) in 14 other counties across the country.

Other benefiting counties include Kakamega (Sh18.1 million), Meru (Sh9.67 million), Migori (Sh9 million), Kisii (Sh8.9 million), Homa Bay (Sh8.42 million), Busia (Sh8.4 million), Kiambu (Sh7.92 million), Kisumu (Sh7.4 million), Siaya (Sh7.2 million), Embu and Machakos (Sh6.52 million each), Tharaka Nithi (Sh6.42 million), Kirinyaga (Sh5.67 million), and Kajiado (Sh5.62 million).

In an interview with KNA, Nyeri County ABDP program coordinator Ms. Maureen Gathigia said the lion's share of the grant will go toward supporting 8 youth- and women-run

Aquaculture Support Enterprises (ASEs).

Some Sh3.2 million of the grant will be taken up by 32 Aquaculture Field Schools (AFS) where each school will receive Sh100,000.

The balance of Sh1.32 million will be taken up by two Smallholder Aquaculture Groups and will be used to support value addition, feed formulation technologies in the fish production value chain.

Gathigia termed the release of the grant as a big boost for the county's fish farming campaign where the County Department of Agriculture and the ABDP have been encouraging Nyeri residents to embrace



Nyeri County ABDP program coordinator Ms Maureen Gathigia shakes hands with Kakamega County Governor Fernandes Barasa during a ceremony to disburse cheques to fish farmers from 15 counties.

aquaculture as well as incorporate fish into their diets.

She also said the money will also help the farmers adopt farming technolo-

gies that will increase production and enhance their access to markets for their produce.

"We are expecting that the grant will facilitate the marketing, feed production and the training components of the aquaculture programs. The money will also promote the adoption of technologies and innovations by the farmers with a view of reducing the cost of production," she said.

"In the long run we are also hoping that with this financial support we will see our youth and women in the Aquaculture Support Enterprises open up more fish eateries in the county," Gathigia added.

Weatherman predicts significant rainfall in farming regions for March-May season

BY ERICK KYALO, KNA

The Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) has projected that the western parts of the country will experience enhanced crop and livestock production between March and May due to the long rainy season.

However, the North and Central Rift regions are expected to see a marginal decline in agricultural performance, which will likely lead to decreased agricultural produce, potentially affecting the income and livelihoods of farming communities.

While announcing the forecast in Garissa, KMD Director Dr. David Gikungu urged farmers to seek advice from agricultural experts on which crops and varieties to grow for maximum yields.

"For areas that depend on rainfall for farming, it is advisable to wait until the onset of the rains. We will still announce the official onset, but we do not expect any changes to our projections," he added.

The Lake Victoria Basin, the Highlands West of the Rift Valley, and both the Central and South Rift Valley are expected to receive the highest rainfall amounts, often exceeding 300mm during the March-May rain



KMD Director Dr. David Gikungu speaking at the announcement of the March-April-May long rainy season forecast in Garissa.

season.

The highlands East of the Rift Valley, including Nairobi County, and the Coastal Strip are also forecasted to receive significant rainfall, influencing the season's impact across the country.

The onset of rains during this season is set to occur either in the 4th week of March or the first week of April, with the rains set to end in June in most parts of the country.

However, below average rainfall is expected in the north-eastern and north coast regions with rain distribution ranging from poor to fair.

Warmer than average temperatures are expected over the whole country, with increased probabilities over the Central Kenya, Southeastern Lowlands, South Coast, and parts of Northeast.

New cultural group to preserve Ameru heritage inaugurated

BY DICKSON MWITI, KNA

A cross-section of leaders from Tharaka Nithi and Meru Counties gathered in Meru Town to unveil a cultural association aimed at spearheading the conservation of the Ameru culture and heritage.

The Ameru Community Cultural Stakeholders Association (ACCSA) is also expected to bring residents from the two counties closer together to promote social cohesion and economic growth.

During the event, former Cabinet Minister Professor Jacob Kaimenyi was installed as the Chief Mugwe to lead the association for the next six years, as stipulated in their constitution.

Mugwe is a Kimeru title for a cultural leader.

In his inaugural address, Professor Kaimenyi acknowledged the huge responsibility bestowed upon him but expressed determination to carry the mantle and help elevate the entire community.

He explained that the Association was formed after assessing all the institutions in the community and realizing that none specifically advocated for culture, heritage, environment, and inclusivity of all residents.

"Some of the institutions in our community have an element of exclusion in certain aspects of who we are as people." "We as a result, thought there is need to have an inclusive association which brings on board all the people of Meru from Thuci to Ntonyiri," said Professor Kaimenyi.

He said as an elder of the Njuri Ncheke Council, he will serve the association

with a lot of humility and honesty.

"For us to realise our objectives, we must have men and women who are highly disciplined, determined and dedicated to a worthy cause. We will succeed only to the extent with which we value our culture in its wide definition and meaning, including our own constitution, and our own way of life," said Professor Kaimenyi.

He challenged the association members as well as the Ameru community to be confident and love their culture especially the young people.

"We want people to come from outside to see what keeps us together as this will also lead to sustainable development in our society," said Professor Kaimenyi.

Tharaka Nithi County Governor, Muthomi Njuki, who was the chief guest at the occasion, hailed the association for what he termed as coming together to fill the gap that has been in existence for a long time.

Unlike the Njuri Ncheke elders' council, he added, the association will include women as part of its membership.

He clarified that the formation of the association was not meant to replace the council of elders but will enrich it by making it accessible to everybody.

"Indeed some of the members are drawn from Njuri Ncheke. Therefore, it should not be mistaken that this association is in any way coming to re-

place the council of elders," said Njuki. He thanked members of county assemblies (MCAs) from Tharaka Nithi and Meru Counties for passing appropriate legislation that will safeguard the community's culture and heritage.

"We will continue with discussions that will enable us succeed in our endeavours including extending the national museum to this region to further enrich our culture," said Mr Njuki.

He predicted that in fifty years to come, there will be people who will benefit from the outfit.

"We want perpetuity to be there where our culture

or what we have started today to teach other generations to come."

"It's my prayer that the Mugwe has no political ambitions as this is what makes many associations collapse before they serve their purpose," Njuki said.

He added that, "Preserving cultural practices, rituals allows communities to remain anchored to their roots, strengthening their sense of self and contributing to a positive and stable social fabric in the nation. This connection promotes mutual well-being and a stronger sense of community."



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DATA PROTECTION

State boosts data privacy to drive digital economy

Heightened awareness on data privacy and protection key to the success of the growth of Kenya's digital economy

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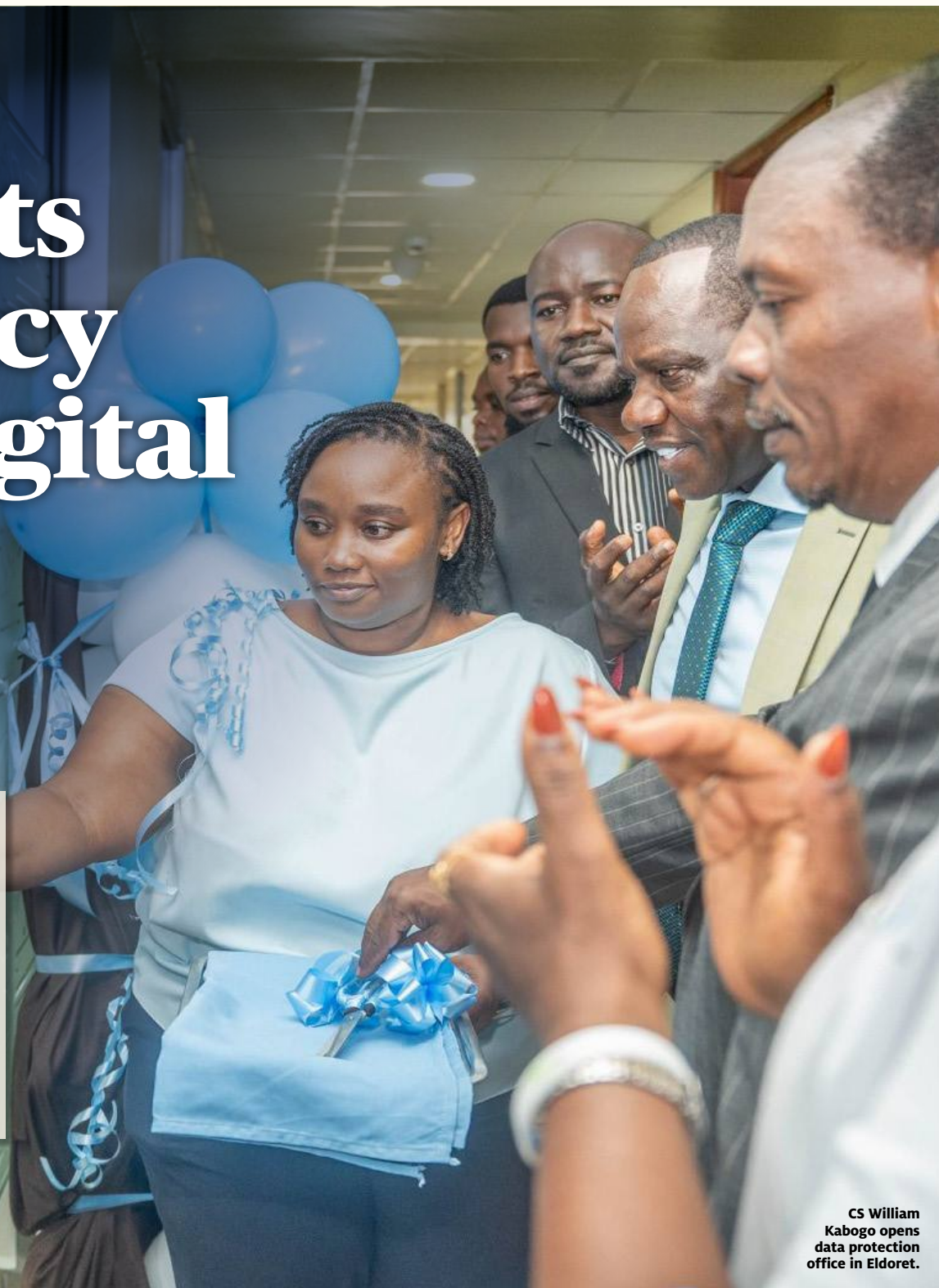
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- The Data Protection (General) Regulations 2021 and the Complaints Handling Regulations took effect from March 14, 2022 while the registration of data controllers and processors took effect on July 14, 2022.
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CS William Kabogo opens data protection office in Eldoret.

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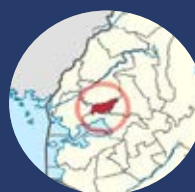
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The 2019 census recorded a population of 590,013



Government spreads the national fibre optic network

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CS William Kabogo during the Data Privacy Conference in Eldoret.

DATA SAFETY

Awareness on data protection to safeguard personal information

Heightened awareness on data privacy and protection to foster greater consumer confidence in online transactions

The Government has intensified efforts to raise public awareness on data protection and privacy in bid to boost the growth of the digital economy.

The creation of awareness seeks to reduce the incidence of identity theft and data breaches, thereby safeguarding personal information.

This is expected to foster greater consumer confidence in online transactions, leading to an upsurge in e-commerce activities, and enable people feel safe online, therefore, work in line with the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), established under the Data Protection Act of 2019, is tasked with regulating the processing of personal data and safeguarding the rights of data subjects.

The Act governs the collection, processing and storage of personal data by both government and private entities, ensuring the right to privacy enshrined in the Kenyan

Constitution is upheld.

Mr Godfrey Maruta, a data protection officer at ODPC, said that the sensitisation of the public on matters of data protection compliance requirements, data registration and the rights of citizens in collecting, accessing and retrieving their personal data is in line with the constitution and Government priorities.

The official said that citizens had the right to be informed, the right to access their personal data, the right to correction and the right to deletion in order to protect their privacy.

The ODPC has partnered with the Kenya School of Government (KSG) to train organisations on data protection to create awareness and improve their skills, he said.

According to Mr Festus Musyoki, the Deputy Data Commissioner, Corporate Services at the ODPC, the huge volumes of data created and processed by organisations provide a possibility of violation of data security and privacy, thus the rising need for data



Ms Immaculate Kassait, the Data Commissioner.

protection.

"In this digital age, organisations have come up with different technological solutions, including digital services, online advertising, e-communication and virtual sharing of



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information. There is thus a paradigm shift towards the digital space, with many organisations processing more and more data in order to drive strategic growth and improve their bottom-line," Musyoki said.

He noted that all private firms and Government agencies and departments, including county Governments, collect data from customers, employees, suppliers or service providers.

"Data collected by organisations ranges from IP addresses, search histories, location, credit card numbers, purchase histories, among others. Inevitably, every organisation is likely to touch on private data of thousands or millions of individuals at some point," explained Musyoki.

He observed that employees were the primary custodians of data in an organisation and have the highest risk of breach of privacy, hence the need to create awareness among them on the legal requirements relating to data privacy.

"This should entail making employees understand their roles in upholding high standards of data privacy during the collection, processing and storage of data, considering the significant impacts any form of data breaches will have on the business, especially the financial and reputational risks associated with breach," he added.

President William Ruto recently noted that for Kenya to realise the maximum potential of the digital economy, it must protect data privacy.

"It is our intention to ensure that Kenya reaps its overdue dividends from the heavy investment in ICT infrastructure made over the last two decades. As the Government constructs more than 100,000 kilometres of national fibre-optic network, builds digital hubs, trains the youth online skills and digitalises its services, it must also have stronger data protection regime to create trust among citizens," he said.

Cabinet Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy has similarly, underscored the need for a comprehensive approach to enhance data protection across organisations, communities and societies.

He emphasized a proactive integration on privacy consideration into daily practices moving away from addressing privacy as an isolated issue. But as the Government intensifies awareness on data privacy, concerns have emerged that the stringent laws could affect some professions.

Dr Moses Thiga from Kabarak University noted that the Data Protection Act could curtail research in view of stiff penalties spelt out in event of breach.

"We need to know the new law's implication for research that uses personal data. We also need to know who data processors and data controllers are for research and academic institutions. For example, data processors can include those who offer transcription services and DNA sequencing or translation services for data analysis companies. Research institutions and universities would be the data controllers through their designated authority," stated Dr Thiga. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Yearbook 2024 showcases the country's progress in different sectors

As misinformation and fake news spreads rapidly, having a well documented source of information is crucial.

The Kenya Yearbook 2024, which has been released, is an authoritative record of the country's progress.

The book highlights key Government developments in various sectors including governance, finance, security, environment, social protection, labour, water and trade.

The Yearbook 2024, whose theme is Claiming our shared destiny; rallying Kenyans to a



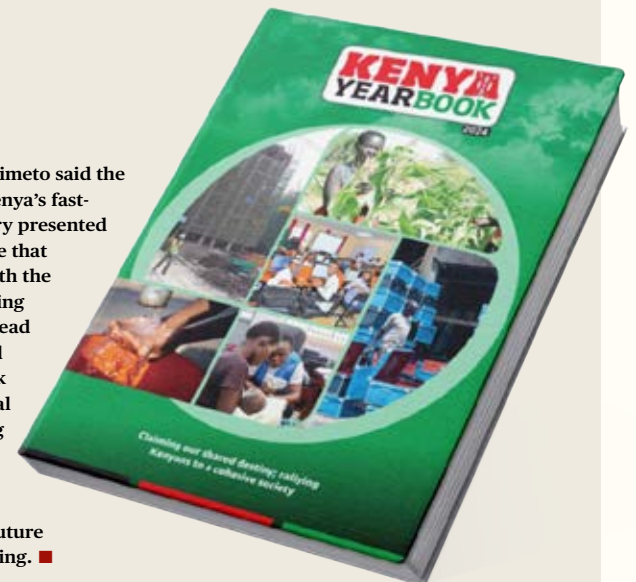
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cohesive society, is christened Alakara, the Turkana word for gratitude, to say thank you to citizens and celebrate their resilience. It not only highlights the nation's achievements through the eyes of the youth, but also ensures that discussions about Kenya's progress are factual.

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CEO Lilian Kimeto said the book tells Kenya's fast-evolving story presented in a narrative that resonates with the citizens, urging Kenyans to read it. She added that the book is an essential read, serving as both a historical record and a guide for future policy planning. ■



Huduma Kenya, Ushiriki Wema partner to enhance access to services

Huduma Kenya and Ushiriki Wema have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance access to essential services, including community health programmes, educational support and economic empowerment.

Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo signed the MoU with Ushiriki Wema in Nairobi.

The collaboration aligns with Huduma Kenya's mission to foster integrated service delivery, making it a one-stop shop for comprehensive services. Huduma Kenya

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Partnering with Ushiriki Wema, an organisation dedicated to community welfare and development, will leverage the expertise of the two organisations. Ushiriki Wema, which stands for "Partnership for Good," brings invaluable experience to this initiative. The collaboration is expected to positively impact the lives of Kenyans,

is committed to providing efficient, effective and citizen-centric services.

especially those in underserved areas. By combining Huduma Kenya's Government services with Ushiriki Wema's community programmes, the partnership aims to improve access to essential services.

It also focuses on enhancing service quality by utilising Ushiriki Wema's expertise to boost efficiency and effectiveness.

Mr Chilumo expressed optimism about the partnership, noting, "This agreement is a significant step towards providing seamless services to all Kenyans. By collaborating



with Ushiriki Wema, we are ready to tackle current challenges and set new benchmarks in public service delivery." ■

Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo and an official from Ushiriki Wema when they signed the MoU in Nairobi.

DIGITAL ECONOMY

Government spreads the national fibre optic network



The Government together with its partners is laying 100,000km of fibre optic cables across the country.

The connectivity isn't about accessing internet but bringing opportunities to locals for a digital economy

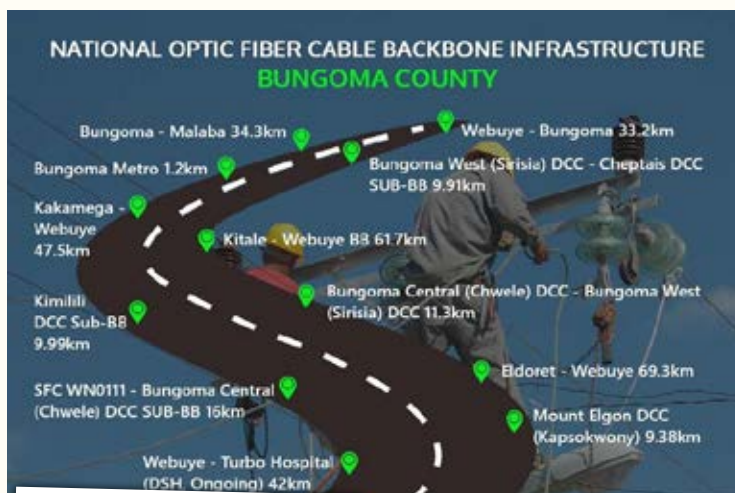
The Government's initiative to create a digital superhighway that links all parts of the country using high-speed internet has taken shape.

Schools, hospitals, market places, businesses, homes and Government institutions are being connected to the digital world as fibre optic cables snake across various towns and villages.

Vihiga, Bungoma and Kakamega counties are the latest to be connected to the digital superhighway.

In Vihiga County, 54 public institutions have been connected to the National Fibre Optic Backbone network and 52 more set to join by 2025, according to the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy.

"We are not just laying cables; we're laying the foundation for a future where knowledge, healthcare and commerce flow freely," Eng. John Tanui, the ICT and Digital Economy PS said.



The spread of the National Fibre Optic network in Bungoma County.

Left: ICT and Digital Economy PS Eng. John Tanui.

The fibre optic network links Kisumu, Siaya, Vihiga and Kakamega counties.

In Bungoma County, 83 institutions are already online and 116 more are set to be

connected by the end of 2025.

"Residents are on the brink of a transformative era. This connectivity isn't just about faster internet; it's about accessing international job markets, engaging in e-commerce and participating in the global digital economy," Eng. Tanui said.

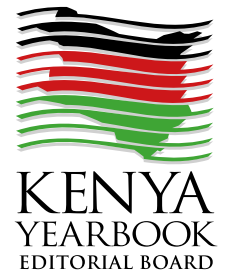
In Kakamega County, the National Optic Fiber Cable Backbone Infrastructure project has connected 91 institutions, with plans to connect 128 more sites in 2025.

With reliable internet provided by the Government, young people are exposed to tens of economic opportunities online.

A software developer in Bungoma, for instance, can now work for a startup in Silicon Valley, a writer can freelance for international clients and a virtual assistant can manage schedules for officials on the other side of the world.

Through the ambitious programme which seeks to lay down 100,000km of fibre optic cable, the Government is keen on empowering the youth to compete on the global stage.

Under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), the Government seeks to create 1,450 digital hubs, 25,000 Wi-Fi hotspots, 100,000km of fibre optic network and train over a million youth to enable them access digital jobs. ■

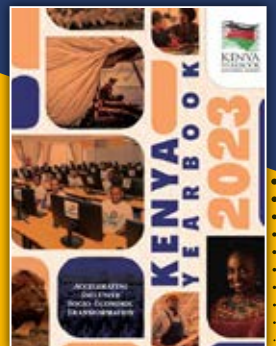


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PICTURESPEAK



Deputy President Kithure Kindiki during the launch of the Aguthi Rural Electrification Project in Nyeri County. The project will benefit residents like Lydia Wairimu Karoki, 73.

Inset: DP Kindiki at Jamhuri High School in Nairobi during celebrations to mark 120 years of the school's existence. The school also launched Sh120 million Endowment Fund in 120 days.



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe launches the national livestock vaccination campaign in Segera Ward, Laikipia County



From left, Cabinet Secretaries Davis Chirchir (Roads and Transport), Rebecca Miano (Tourism and Wildlife) and Kipchumba Murkomen (Interior and National Administration) during the roll out a Common Action Plan to improve passenger experience at JKIA and other airports.



Officials during the distribution of BCG vaccine doses at Nyeri County regional depot by the Government. The county received 72,000 BCG vaccine doses.

Board launches 'MoreMilk 2' initiative to improve milk safety, market access

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Government and dairy sector players have launched a milk safety initiative aimed at improving the quality of milk from small-scale informal dairy businesses by ensuring access to regulated markets and providing capacity development through a certification scheme.

The MoreMilk 2 initiative is also designed to empower consumers to demand safer, high-quality milk and to promote gender equity by fostering collaboration between men and women in the informal sector.

Led by the Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the initiative seeks to enhance milk safety, regulatory compliance, and market access for small dairy businesses.

KDB Managing Director Margaret Kibogy noted that Kenya is one of the top milk producers on the continent, with an annual production of 4.6 billion liters. The country also leads in per capita milk consumption, with each Kenyan consuming an average of 86.1 liters per year. Plans are underway to increase this to 130 liters, the level previously attained.

"We are processing about one billion liters of milk annually with 85 percent



From L-R, Dr. Fabian Kausche -Deputy Director General Research and Innovation at the International Livestock Institute (ILRI), Professor Appolinaire Djikeng - ILRI Director General, Dr. Joshua Chepchieng -Secretary Administrator at the State Department for Livestock Development, Margaret Kibogy - Kenya Dairy Board Managing Director, and Dr. Siboniso Moyo -Deputy Director General Partnerships and Impact at ILRI during the official launch of the More Milk: more milk for lives and livelihoods in Kenya initiative at ILRI campus in Nairobi, Kenya.

of it being Ultra High Temperature (UHT) and fresh milk with 0.1 percent going to high value products like ghee, cheese and butter leaving us to supplement the demand for the high value products through importation," said Kibogy.

The MD highlighted that the high value milk products offer an opportunity for vendors and small-scale informal dairy businesses to venture into and regularize their businesses.

She added that Kenya's informal dairy sector, which accounts for about three quarters of the country's milk supply, is set to

undergo a major transformation with the launch of the more milk for lives and livelihoods in Kenya initiative. State Department of Livestock Development Secretary Administration Dr. Joshua Chepchieng said that the government's long-term vision is to have a formalized dairy sector that provides safe milk and contributes to nutrition security, health, and economic growth with the 'MoreMilk 2' being an essential step towards achieving this vision.

Chepchieng said that this scheme will support gradual transition of small-scale informal dairy businesses into

certified enterprises that offer safe and quality dairy products targeting small-scale dairy businesses in Nakuru, Nyandarua and Uasin Gishu counties.

He highlighted that the initiative will address current challenges by improving milk handling practices and ensuring regulatory compliance while empowering vendors to thrive, and enhancing consumer trust.

"The initiative aligns with Kenya's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which identifies dairy as a priority value chain for development," said Chepchieng.

he said. He underscored the need of holding the shows at the constituency level in order to capacity build farmers on best agricultural practices.

He called upon Governor Benjamin Cheboi to establish a permanent building at the Kabarnet main show-ground where a collection of products could be kept and accessed anytime by anyone including visitors.

Cheboi in his remarks welcomed the move and acknowledged the impact such shows would have in linking farmers to various markets and potential partners who might want to support them.

BRIEFS

Nakuru rehabilitates Banita market to boost livestock trade

Nakuru County is investing in the revitalization of Banita Market, a crucial hub for livestock farmers in Soin, Rongai Sub-County. Through the Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project, the county aims to enhance the marketing of livestock and livestock products, thereby supporting the livelihoods of pastoralist communities. Project Coordinator Dr. Jane Waititu, along with officials and the project management committee, inspected the ongoing rehabilitation work today. The improvements include upgrades to the sales yard with an auction ring, the installation of water troughs, enhancements to the holding pens and loading ramps for cattle, sheep, and goats, as well as improvements to water harvesting, butchery, and eatery facilities. The Sh14.8 million rehabilitation project is expected to significantly boost economic activity within the community. Dr. Waititu emphasized

that the renovations aim to create a more conducive environment for both farmers and traders, ultimately increasing the incomes of small-scale farmers and improving food and nutrition security in rural areas. Furthermore, a team from the National Project Management Coordinating Unit visited the market to assess the feasibility of constructing an on-site slaughterhouse. This crucial addition would save livestock farmers considerable travel time and costs currently incurred when transporting their animals to distant slaughterhouses in Mogotio, Kisenana, or Maili Kumi. A veterinarian highlighted that this initiative underscores the critical role of pastoralism in Kenya's economy, noting that pastoralism provides a significant source of food, income, and employment for millions of Kenyans, particularly in arid and semi-arid regions.

By Veronica Bosibori,

CS Mugaa urges youth to embrace TVET education

The Cabinet Secretary for Water and Sanitation, Erick Mugaa, has called on the youth to embrace technical skills and pursue education at Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions. Speaking at Antubochiu Primary School in Igembe South Sub-County, the CS emphasized that the skills gained from such institutions could empower the youth to become self-employed, rather than relying solely on white-collar jobs.

The CS, who was accompanied by other leaders including Meru County Senator Kathuri Murungi, Nandi Senator Cherargei Samson Kiprotich, Senator Alexander Mundigi, and Meru County Assembly Deputy Speaker Ali Mwenda, among other dignitaries, urged the youth to seize opportunities for growth in various sectors such as construction, agriculture, and

technology through TVET education. Highlighting the growing need for practical skills in the job market, Mugaa remarked that technical training offers not only a pathway to employment but also the ability to create jobs and contribute meaningfully to the economy.

The CS added that economies around the globe are evolving rapidly hence the high demand for a skilled workforce proficient in technology, manufacturing, engineering among other fields.

"TVET Institutions ensure that graduates are ready for jobs so as to meet the increasing demand for skilled workers, reduce unemployment rates, and boost economic growth," the CS maintained.

He further noted that technical skills are key in bridging the widening skills gap in many sectors.

By Kamanja Maeria and George Mumbua, KNA

Quarterly mini shows to showcase county products under new ASK plan

BY ESTHER MBURU AND JOSHUA KIBET, KNA

Agriculture Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Kiprono Ronoh has announced that the government plans to assign new roles to the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) by holding quarterly sub-shows nationwide.

Speaking in Eldama Ravine during a farmers' field event, Dr. Ronoh expressed concern that ASK shows, which are held annually, are not fully optimized to achieve their full potential and intended purpose.

The PS stated that the government is considering transitioning ASK into



PS Kiprono Ronoh marvels at exhibited products when he presided over a field day at Koibatek Agricultural Training Centre in Eldama Ravine. PHOTO: BENSON KELIO

agro-cities, where, after each show, all products from the county will be displayed.

This approach will enable investors to identify county-specific products and distinguish those meant for

export. "In Baringo, for example, sub-shows could be held quarterly in different constituencies, culminating in a final event at the end of the year where all their products are showcased in one major show,"