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## State doubles university funding to Sh82 billion

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Amount of money the Government has invested on the Ngong-Suswa Road in a bid to revolutionize regional connectivity

**272**

Number of students set to benefit from the Presidential Public Secondary Schools Bursary in Makueni County

**15,000**

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**3.5b**

The amount of money The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is expending to close the gap in digital services for remote communities.

**1.5b**

Amount of money the state will spend on rural electrification in Siaya County,

**24m**

Cost of water project that will benefit residents of Angurai East Ward in Teso North Sub-County, Busia County



Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department for Higher Education and Research in Ministry of Education Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala.

**Education CS say new funding model has resulted in additional funding flow to institutions of higher learning with a view to easing access to education for an increased number of students in both local public and private tertiary institutions.**

**BY MABEL KEYA - SHIKUKU AND ERASTUS GICHOHI, KNA**

The Government has doubled funding to local universities over the past two years, allocating more than Sh82 billion through the new funding model.

Education Cabinet Sec-

retary (CS) Julius Migos Ogamba stated that the Differentiated Unit Cost (DUC) prioritizes a student-centered funding mechanism to ensure that no needy student misses out on higher education.

He explained that the model has led to increased funding for institutions of

higher learning, aiming to enhance access to education for the growing number of students enrolling in public and private tertiary institutions.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department for Higher Education and Research, Ministry of Education, Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala, during the Second Biennial Conference on the Financing of Universities in Naivasha, CS Ogamba noted that the government

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## \$1 billion Dongo Kundu and Naivasha SEZs



President William Ruto (second right at the back row) witnesses the the signing of lease agreements between the Kenya Ports Authority, the Special Economic Zones Authority, and Afreximbank for the development of Dongo Kundu and Naivasha Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

## CA to spend Sh 3.5b to boost digital connectivity in remote areas

**BY MOHAMED HASSAN, KNA**

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is spending Sh3.5 billion to bridge the digital services gap in remote communities.

The funds are part of Phase IV of the Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) project, implemented through the Universal Service Fund (USF), to provide rural communities with quality cellular technology and connectivity.

The expansion of communications infrastructure in rural and remote areas is expected to enhance access

to information on business, health, agriculture, and education, thereby improving livelihoods.

Rural communities often lack access to telecom and digital services due to commercial unavailability, attributed to sparse populations, remoteness, and a lack of supporting infrastructure.

Paul Kiage, Deputy Director of the Universal Service Fund, speaking in Baolala, Kilifi County, during a tour of several BTS facilities, stated that CA has already invested Sh4 billion

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# State defends new varsity funding model as allocation hits Sh82 billion

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requires Sh45.85 billion to fund the education of 246,391 students who completed their secondary education last year and will be joining tertiary institutions in the 2025/26 financial year.

This is the largest number of students ever to qualify for university admission, having attained a minimum aggregate score of C+ (plus) and above.

The conference aims to develop strategies for streamlining the financing of higher education institutions in Kenya.

The CS highlighted the significant challenge of adequately funding the 246,391 candidates from the 2024 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination who qualified for university admission, ensuring that no needy student is left behind.

He further noted that completing their full four-year education would require over Sh100 billion, emphasizing the need for necessary interventions to realize this financially

demanding initiative.

“About 45,258 more candidates scored C+ (plus) and above compared with the 2023 KCSE cohort. We therefore must together explore mechanisms of ensuring that all the qualifiers are admitted, funded and settled in our various universities as we have done previously, especially given the ever-dwindling Government resource envelope, and considering that the lion’s share of our country’s total annual budget is spent on education,” Ogamba stated.

In the same breath, the CS assured the students, their guardians and parents that the Ministry is holding all the necessary consultations within government before advising on the opening of the Kenya Universities and

All students, should remain assured that they will be admitted to universities—CS

Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) portal for the 2024 KCSE candidates to start selecting their preferred courses of study in colleges and universities.

“All students, parents and guardians should remain assured that they will be admitted to universities and colleges of their choice in line with the set deadlines of respective institutions,” he said. He beseeched all the stakeholders in the education sector to work together to define the optimal number of qualifiers that the government can afford to financially support and allow the rest of the students who can afford to seek alternative funding and loans for their programmes.

Ogamba advised the stakeholders to examine various funding options and explore both their short-term and long-term effects on university finances, student access, and academic quality.

“I urge participants to explore innovative financing strategies that can complement govern-

ment funding, including generation of alternative funding sources such as public-private partnerships, endowments, and alumni contributions, all of which hold great potential to provide sustainable financial support for our institutions,” he advised.

The CS further urged them to focus on equity and inclusion by discussing ways to ensure equitable access to higher education, particularly for marginalized groups and students from disadvantaged backgrounds and create a system that not only provides opportunities for all but also fosters an environment where every student has the support they need to succeed.

Though the implementation of the new funding model has been suspended to allow pending court of appeal cases, the government is banking on a positive resolution to address the teething issues facing the education sector including mounting debts.

# CA to spend Sh 3.5b to boost internet reach in uncovered areas



The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is deploying telecommunication network sites in rural parts of Kilifi County to bridge the digital divide and create equal opportunities for all. CA Director General David Mugonyi says the Authority is tapping into telecom giants for enhanced rural connectivity.

PHOTOS BY MOHAMED HASSAN/KNA

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in the first three phases, covering more than 500 sub-locations across the country.

He emphasized CA’s commitment to accelerating the delivery of telecom and digital services to underserved populations while also supporting network security.

Kiage further noted that the BTS initiative reflects CA’s dedication to ensuring equitable access to telecom services for all Kenyans by enhancing connectivity

in hard-to-reach areas. “About 700,000 Kenyans living in remote areas stand to benefit from this infrastructural project that has resulted in increased coverage and access to services through socio-economic progress,” he said.

He said besides ensuring uninterrupted connectivity for users within its coverage area, BTS also provides benefits such as seamless mobile communication, reliable reception, transmission and efficient call connection management.



## TENDER NOTICE

Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd is implementing the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II Programme supported by the World Bank through Water Sector Trust Fund. The Programme is aimed at supporting financial recovery of WSPs to pre-COVID levels or better.

Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd now invites tenders from interested eligible bidders for the following tender;

LIST OF TENDERS 2022-2023						
No.	Tender Number	Description of tender	Preference	Eligibility	Opening dates	opening time
1.	THIWASCO/040/RMDMA//2024-2025	Supply, Delivery and Installation Of 1000 No. Pulse Meter Radio-Modules and Creation Of 4 No. District Metered Area (DMA's)	Open	fixed	19/03/25	10.00am

A complete set of Tendering Document(s) may be obtained by interested candidates upon payment of non-refundable fee of (Kshs.1,000.00) to **THIKA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY LTD, EQUITY BANK ACCOUNT: 0090294392028, EQUITY PLAZA, THIKA BRANCH**) Tender documents code-027.

Bidders may also download the tender documents Free of Charge from Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd website [www.thikawater.co.ke](http://www.thikawater.co.ke). Bidders who download the documents from the website **MUST** also forward their particulars before opening date via email to [procurement@thikawater.co.ke](mailto:procurement@thikawater.co.ke)

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the tender number should be deposited in the tender box placed at our offices located near Blue Post Hotel, Along Haile Selassie Road, Thika or addressed to

**Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd**  
**P.O. Box 6103 – 01000, Thika**  
**Head office, near Blue Post Hotel,**  
**Along Haile Selassie road, Thika.**  
**Tell: +254720 418444**  
**Email: [procurement@thikawater.co.ke](mailto:procurement@thikawater.co.ke) , [www.thikawater.co.ke](http://www.thikawater.co.ke)**

Thus, to be received on or before: **the opening dates as above.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd head office.



## JOB VACANCIES

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is established by the Political Parties Act , Cap. 7D (PPA) as an independent State Office within the meaning of article 260 of the Constitution. The core mandate of the Office is to register, regulate political parties and administer the Political Parties Fund.

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is seeking competent, capable, ambitious, self-motivated and dynamic individuals that demonstrate the appropriate expertise and experience to contribute to the implementation of our mandate and the achievement of our vision to be a model regulator of Political Parties for a credible democratic multiparty system.

The ORPP therefore invites qualified Interested individuals to apply for the under listed positions.

	POSITION	GRADE	JOB REF. NO	NO. OF POSTS
1.	Compliance Officer	6	ORPP/1/2025	2
2.	Registration Officer	6	ORPP/2/2025	1
3.	Corporate Communication Officer	6	ORPP/3/2025	1
4.	Supply Chain Management Assistant	7	ORPP/4/2025	1
5.	Clerical Officer	8	ORPP/5/2025	2
6.	Driver	9	ORPP/6/2025	1
7.	Office Assistant	10	ORPP/7/2025	1

- The detailed Job descriptions, requirements for appointment and instructions on how to apply can be accessed on ORPP website <https://orpp.or.ke/careers/> under careers section.
- Applications **MUST** be received on or before **Tuesday, 25th March 2025, 5:00 pm EAT.**
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- Successful candidates **MUST** submit clearances in relation to Chapter Six of the Constitution.

**ORPP is an equal opportunity employer, the marginalized and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**

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

 **ORPPKenya** [www.orpp.or.ke](http://www.orpp.or.ke)



# Limuru's 'Tap to Eat' school feeding programme ranked best in the country

BY GRACE NAISHOO, KNA

'Tap to Eat', a school feeding program where meals are cooked in one mega kitchen and distributed to schools has been ranked the best in Kenya.

The initiative introduced at Kamandura Comprehensive School in Limuru Constituency has a Mega Kitchen which serves over 15,000 pupils at an affordable daily cost of Sh15, which translates to Sh2,700 per term, while ensuring that pupils in each school receive meals for free.

Launched in March 2024, the programme has transformed the way children in Limuru access their daily meals by enabling students to purchase meals using a simple tap on their smartphones.

Having been marked as the best in the country, members of parliament from other constituencies have been visiting the facility to benchmark to implement the same in their own constituencies.

Hosted by Limuru MP John Kiragu, Nandi Hills Benard Kitur acknowl-



**Benard Kitur, Member of Parliament for Nandi Hills with his host Limuru MP John Kiragu during his visit to Kamandura Comprehensive School, where the Limuru feeding program mega kitchen, is situated, to learn about the logistics of the program. Photo by Grace Naishoo.**

to various schools before lunchtime. I, too, can go home and ensure that no child in Nandi Hills learns on an empty stomach," Kitur said.

"We are open to sharing our success with other constituencies to help even more children across the country," Kiragu said. The initiative allows

anced and adequate nutrition.

"We're focused on ensuring that no child goes hungry while at school. With 'Tap to Eat,' children can make smarter food choices, and parents can rest easy knowing that their kids are getting proper meals that are both healthy and affordable," Robert Kihara, the Manager of Tap to Eat program said.

The ease of access to meals, combined with the growing use of mobile money in Kenya, has made Tap to Eat a game-changer in addressing food insecurity and improving school attendance.

Teachers interviewed have also noted improvements in student academic performance, with well-nourished children showing increased focus and engagement during lessons. The initiative comes at a time when many households in Kenya face financial challenges due to the unaffordable cost of living.

With its growing success in Limuru, Tap to Eat has expanded to neighboring sub-counties including Githunguri, Kikuyu and Kiambaa sub-counties and is contributing to the fight against hunger and malnutrition in schools.



**Kenya National Highways Authority**  
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## TENDER NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ICT ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE AND STRATEGY FOR KENYA NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY (KeNHA)

#### TENDER No. KeNHA/2847/2025

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 with the responsibility of management, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of International and National Trunk Roads.

The Authority hereby invites proposals from eligible bidders for Consultancy Services for Development of ICT Enterprise Architecture and Strategy for Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), to be funded through the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF).

A suitably qualified and experienced firm will be selected 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](http://www.ppra.go.ke)

A complete set of the Request for Proposal document may be obtained by interested tenderers from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP): [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge.

The Bids shall be enclosed in plain sealed packages, clearly marked with the Tender Number, description and address, to be deposited at the Authority's Tender Box located at Supply Chain Management Office, Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, along Mazao Road, off Airport South Road. Bulky tenders which do not fit in the Tender Box shall be delivered by hand to the Supply Chain Management Office at Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

The tender closing/opening date will be on **27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, Supply Chain Management Office, Barabara Plaza, Block C - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) or [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) for any tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

**Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management**  
**For: DIRECTOR GENERAL**



**Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA)**

THE ENERGY ACT  
(No. 1 of 2019)



## APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC POWER LICENSE

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA), a state corporation having its registered office at 7th Floor Konza Complex, P. O. Box 1 - 90150, Konza Technopolis, in the Republic of Kenya, ("the applicant"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 119 Subsection (3) of the Energy Act 2019, will on 4th April 2025, make an application to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority for the Distribution and Supply of electric power license.

The undertaking is located at Konza Technopolis, for a system consisting of 66/11 kV substation, 11 kV Distribution lines, 11/0.415 kV substations and retail at 11 & 0.415 kV voltage levels. The grant of the license will not have adverse effect on any Public or Local authorities, Companies, persons, or bodies of person within the areas of the undertaking.

A copy of the application (subject to confidentiality considerations) will be available (once lodged) for inspection by the public at the registered office of the applicant.

Any public or local authority, company, person or body of persons desirous of making any representation on or objection to the application or to the grant of the license must do so by a letter addressed to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority and marked on the outside of the cover enclosing it "Electric Power License Objection", on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days from the date of application as stated in the notice and that a copy of such representation or objection must be forwarded to the registered office of the applicant through the below address;

**The Chief Executive Officer,**  
**Konza Technopolis Development Authority,**  
**P.O. Box 1 - 90150,**  
**KONZA TECHNOPOLIS, KENYA.**  
**E-Mail: [ceo@konza.go.ke](mailto:ceo@konza.go.ke).**

Dated the 4 March 2025.



# Murang'a County introduces mobile dialysis unit to reach remote patients

BY BERNARD MUNYAO AND CATHERINE KAMUNYO

The Murang'a County Government, in collaboration with the healthcare provider Benacare, has launched a mobile dialysis unit to improve healthcare access for residents in remote areas.

The unit, unveiled at Kirwara Hospital in Gatanga Sub-County, will be deployed across various healthcare centers in the county, ensuring kidney patients receive timely treatment without the need to travel long distances.

Speaking during the launch of the mobile unit, Governor Irung'u Kang'ata emphasized the unit's role in easing congestion at existing dialysis centers while also addressing the rising demand for kidney treatment.

He noted that the county previously had few functional dialysis machines, which were insufficient to serve the increasing number of patients with kidney-related complications.

"We had four functional dialysis machines in the county, which were not enough to serve all patients in need, with some even missing out on treatment. The mobile unit will assist in decongesting existing facilities and provide timely medical care," said Kang'ata.

Murang'a has dialysis centers at the county Level 5 hospital and the Kigumo



Mobile dialysis unit that was launched in Murang'a.



A patient receiving dialysis service in a mobile dialysis unit launched at Kirwara Hospital in Murang'a

Level 4 facility, with many patients placed on a waiting list to access dialysis.

Kang'ata noted that the launch of the unit is part of a broader initiative to improve healthcare services in the county.

He assured the public that the mobile dialysis service would operate according to a fixed schedule, ensuring

equal access throughout the region. The governor explained that the mobile dialysis unit is outfitted with advanced dialysis machines, adding the mobile unit allows individuals to receive treatment at nearby health centres, sparing them from expensive and exhausting journeys to existing dialysis centres.

"The dialysis truck will be operating in different constituencies within Murang'a where every patient will have access to the services," Kang'ata said.

With the county's limited dialysis centres, many were compelled to seek treatment outside the county, resulting in added financial burdens.

The mobile unit will minimise waiting times and reduce costs for patients, especially benefiting elderly individuals and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who often face difficulties accessing specialised treatment.

Project partners said the mobile unit will be a game changer in the region, acknowledging that a shortage of dialysis machines is a major challenge for kidney patients in the country.

They stressed that the mobile unit would not only benefit patients directly but would also ease the burden on overstretched dialysis centres in the county.

Residents welcomed the development and expressed optimism that the mobile unit will significantly reduce travel costs and other challenges associated with accessing dialysis services.

Many locals view it as an important advancement in strengthening healthcare services and enhancing the quality of life for kidney patients in Murang'a.

# Busia County unveils multi-million water project to end perennial shortages



Water tank at Kolanya Girls National school.

BY OWEN MUTAI, KNA

Residents of Angurai East Ward in Teso North Sub-County, Busia County, are set to benefit from a multi-million-shilling water project.

The Sh24 million county government flagship project aims to address the acute water shortage in the area.

The initiative has brought hope to hundreds of families through the construction of two large water tanks—one with a capacity of 50,000 liters at Kolanya and another with a capacity of 100,000 liters at Oshoromo Hills in the Chamasire area.

These tanks will supply water to over 2,000 households, including learning

institutions such as Kolanya Girls National School and Kolanya Boys High School, along with five other institutions.

According to area Member of the County Assembly (MCA) David Parapara, the project has entered its final stage and is expected to alleviate perennial water shortages by ensuring that every household in villages such as Kolanya, Changara, and Chemasiri has reliable access to clean water.

Speaking to the press at Angurai, Parapara reaffirmed his commitment to improving essential services in Angurai East.

"Water is life, and this project is a game-changer for our people."



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### INVITATION TO SUBMIT CURRICULUM SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR EVALUATION AND APPROVAL

Reference is made to our advert in 'mygov' newspaper dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 on **Submission, Evaluation and Approval Procedures for Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) SENIOR SCHOOL Curriculum Support Materials 2025 Edition.**

This is to inform all publishers and others interested in submitting curriculum support materials for evaluation that materials for **Sports and Recreation Learning Area** shall not be evaluated in **April 2025**. All other guidelines remain unchanged.

The date for submission of **Sports and Recreation materials** for evaluation shall be communicated later.

Any enquiries on submission of materials should be directed to:

**The Director/ Chief Executive Officer**  
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P.O. Box 30231 – 00100 NAIROBI – Kenya  
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## KISII UNIVERSITY

### TENDER NOTICE

Kisii University was chartered in February 2013. It is headquartered in Kisii town, some 1.5 kilometers away from the town centre. The University invites tenders for:

S/No.	Tender Number	Tender Description	Eligibility	Tender Closing Date and Time
1	KSU/T/19/2024 /2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Library Books	Open	19 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 TIME: 11.30A.M
2	KSU/T/D/20/2024 /2025	Tender for Disposal of Surplus, Obsolete, and Unserviceable Items	Open	19 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 TIME: 11.30A.M

To download the tender documents, Visit Kisii University website ([www.kisiiuniversity.ac.ke](http://www.kisiiuniversity.ac.ke)) or [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke).

Youth, Women and Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Two (2) copies of bound completed and paginated tender documents (**marked 'original' and 'copy'**) are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and be deposited in the Tender Box at Kisii University main campus administration block and shall be addressed to:

**Vice Chancellor,**  
**Kisii University,**  
**P.O BOX 408-40200,**  
**KISII.**



# Siaya to benefit from Sh1.5b rural electrification project

**BY PHILIP ONYANGO, KNA**

The Government has allocated Sh1.5 billion for rural electrification in Siaya County, Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wanydayi has announced.

Wanydayi emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring that all regions of the republic benefit from rural electrification initiatives and urged the public to appreciate these efforts.

He made the remarks at Sirandu Village in Gem Constituency, Siaya, during the launch of a Sh12 million rural electrification project set to serve 105 customers.

The CS, who was accompanied by area Member of Parliament Elisha Odhiambo and his Nyando counterpart Jared Okello, expressed disappointment over the rising cases of

vandalism targeting electricity infrastructure. He called on Kenyans to support efforts to curb the menace.

"It is disheartening that while the government is investing significant resources in infrastructure, intended beneficiaries are unable to reap the benefits due to vandalism," he said.

Wanydayi said anybody engaging in vandalism of critical infrastructure must be dealt with ruthlessly in accordance with the law and urged the police and the national government administration officers to help deal with the menace.

"We must identify, apprehend and hand them over to the police to deal with them," said the CS.


**12 million**  
**Cost of a rural electrification project launched in Sirandu Village, Gem Constituency**

He at the same time called on county governments to fulfil their mandate of paying for street light bills once the national government puts up the facilities.

"As things stand now, the responsibility of paying for street light bills is with the county governments," he said adding, "we urge them to budget for and pay for the street light bills promptly so that they don't get switched off".

Addressing the occasion, Odhiambo challenged members of the Siaya County Assembly to ensure that the county government pays for electricity bills to avoid disconnection of lights in the markets.

"We can push and bring streetlights but if you do not pay, it does not help. You must push the governor to pay for the bills," said Odhiambo.



### KIBABII UNIVERSITY

**EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE VACANCIES**


Pursuant to Part V Section 35 of the Universities Act 2012, Part IV Section 23 of the Kibabii University Charter, 2015 and Kibabii University Statutes 2023, the University invites applications from suitably qualified applicants for the following vacant positions:



TEACHING POSITIONS				
S/No.	Designation	Grade	Advert No.	No. of Posts
1.	Lecturer/Research Fellow (Biomedical Sciences) (Re-advertisement)	AC 12	KIBU/ACA/01/2025	1
2.	Tutorial/Junior Research Fellow (Kiswahili)	AC 11	KIBU/ACA/02/2025	1
Sub-total				2

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS				
S/No.	Designation	Grade	Advert No.	No. of Posts
1.	Senior Accountant (Re-advertisement)	AD 13	KIBU/ADM/01/2025	1
Sub-total				1
Grand Total				3

**How to Apply**

1. For detailed job requirements and application procedure, please visit our website on <https://kibu.ac.ke/careers/>  
2. All applications to be submitted by **5pm EAT Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.**

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## KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (KEMSA)

Tel No: 254 20 3922000  
[www.kemsa.go.ke](http://www.kemsa.go.ke) Email: [info@kemsa.go.ke](mailto:info@kemsa.go.ke)  
National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road  
P.O. Box 47715-00100 GPO Nairobi, Kenya


### INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) NOTICE

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) on behalf of the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Health herewith invites sealed tender (s) as follows:

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date
C19RM- KEN-T-TNT			
1.	GF ATM TB C19RM 2024-2025 OIT 05	PROCUREMENT OF SPECIALIZED WORKS - FOR COLD ROOM FLOOR (EPOXY) (Re-advertised)	25th March, 2025 at 10:00am
2.	GF ATM TB C19RM 2024-2025 OIT 06	SUPPLY OF COLD ROOM RACKS - (Re-advertised)	25th March, 2025 at 10:00am
3.	GF ATM TB C19RM 2024-2025 OIT 07	SUPPLY OF DOCK DOORS (Re-advertised)	25th March, 2025 at 10:00am

- Qualified and Interested tenderers may obtain further information during office hours on Monday to Friday 08.00hrs and 17.00hrs except on Public Holidays from Procurement Directors office situated at:  
**KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Office Block, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, P.O Box 47715-00100, Nairobi**  
Tel No:+254111035800  
Email: [procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke](mailto:procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke)
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the website: <http://www.kemsa.go.ke/tenders> and PPIP Portal: [tenders.go.ke](http://tenders.go.ke). Tender Documents obtained electronically will be **free of charge**.
- Tenderers must register their bid documents at the Procurement Office or via email at [procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke](mailto:procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke) (Refer to registration form in the tender document) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- The tenderers shall chronologically serialize and paginate all pages of the tender document submitted.
- The bid documents must be deposited in the **Tender Box No.2 marked Global Fund** at the reception on the Ground floor- Office Block, KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi on or before the **dates indicated in the table above**.
- Bulky tenders can be handed over to KEMSA Procurement Director's office for registration and safekeeping till the tender opening date.
- Tender documents will be opened immediately after closure of the tender at the KEMSA Tender Opening Hall located at Ground floor- Office Block, KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who may choose to attend.
- Late bids shall be rejected and returned unopened.
- There will be a Pre bid conference at KEMSA's Tender Opening Hall, Office Block -Ground Floor, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi, Kenya on **11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 10:00am**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS ON PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES TO THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACT AND REGULATIONS

The Retirement Benefits Authority was established under the Retirement Benefits Act, Cap 197 to regulate and supervise retirement benefits schemes; Promote development of the retirement benefits sector; Protect the interest of members and sponsors of retirement benefits schemes; and Advise the Cabinet Secretary of The National Treasury on the national policy to be followed regarding the retirement benefits sector.

The Authority, after receiving proposals from stakeholders in the retirement benefits sector, has compiled proposed policy changes to the Retirement Benefits Act and regulations.

In line with the Statutory Instruments Act No. 23 of 2013 on consultation before making statutory changes, the Retirement Benefits Authority wishes to invite comments from members of the public particularly, the stakeholders in the retirement benefits sector on the proposed policy changes during public participation forums in various towns as per the schedule below.

	TOWN	VENUE	DATE
1.	Mombasa	Voyager Beach Resort	24th March 2025
2.	Nakuru	Eagle Palace Hotel	24th March 2025
3.	Kisumu	The Vic Hotel	24th March 2025
4.	Machakos	Semara Hotel	26th March 2025
5.	Nyeri	Whiterhino Hotel	26th March 2025
6.	Kakamega	Golf Hotel	26th March 2025
7.	Eldoret	Eka Hotel	28th March 2025
8.	Meru	Hotel Three Steers-Meru	28th March 2025
9.	Nairobi	Sarova Stanley	3rd April 2025

The proposed policy changes can be downloaded from the Authority's website ([www.rba.go.ke](http://www.rba.go.ke)). All meetings are scheduled to take place from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. Members of the public and interested stakeholders are invited to participate in the forums; or forward their written submissions to [research@rba.go.ke](mailto:research@rba.go.ke) on or before **20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

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# Sh3.9b Ngong–Suswa road project to improve traffic flow and spur growth

BY BONI ODINGA (PCO)

The Government has invested Sh3.9 billion to upgrade the

Ngong–Suswa Road to bitumen standards in an effort to revolutionize regional connectivity.

The upgrade also aims to stimulate trade and ease traffic congestion along the treacherous Maai Ma-

hiu escarpment.

As part of President William Ruto’s infrastructure agenda, the road will play

a crucial role in decongesting the Northern Corridor, providing a faster and more cost-effective alternative for travelers and traders heading to Narok, Bomet, Nyamira, Kisii, Kericho, and other parts of Nyanza.

Spanning 70 kilometers through Kajiado North and Kajiado West sub-counties, the Ngong–Suswa Road is now 90% complete.

The initial 47-kilometer stretch has already been handed over for maintenance, underscoring the government’s commitment to enhancing transport infrastructure and boosting economic activities in the region.

Revived in September 2024 following a presidential directive, the project highlights the government’s determination to improve regional connectivity.

An additional budgetary allocation of approximately Sh500 million is required to complete the remaining sections. According to the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), the project is on track for completion by early 2025, with only 14 kilometers remaining. The newly upgraded Ngong–Suswa Road has now emerged as a pivotal infrastructure project, capturing national attention during government inspections in Narok and Kajiado Counties.

During a visit, Eliud Owalo, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management in the Executive Office of the President emphasized the transformative power of infrastructure in boosting local economies and improving livelihoods.

“The purpose of inspecting the projects is to verify the exact status of implementation. Projects are supposed to be implemented within specified timelines and budgetary provisions,” he stated, adding that challenges encountered during implementation would be addressed by engaging

relevant government agencies.

He said Narok’s Uhuru Modern Market, with a budget of Sh357.8 million, is 28 per cent complete and is set to be fully operational by July 2026. It will provide modern trading spaces for over 1,500 traders, creating over 100 jobs at the construction site daily and 400 indirect jobs.

He added that the Government has set aside Sh680.4 million to pave 7.7 kilometers of key roads to ease traffic congestion whilst the project is 79 per cent complete, with Phase II to include a Narok Town Bypass and a bridge near Narok Prison.

In addition, the Ntulele and Suswa Economic Stimulus Project Markets at a cost of Sh 56.7 million are 85 per cent complete. These are expected to enhance local trade en-

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vironments.

The Chief of Staff added that the Sh1 billion Ewaso Ng’iro Tannery and Leather Factory expansion aims to double the tannery’s capacity to 2,400 metric tons annually, with plans to further increase it to 4,800 metric tons.



The upgrading of the Sh1.5 billion Kilgoris–Lolgorian Road is 53 per cent complete, whereas the Sh598.8 million Kilgoris–Lolgorian Water Supply and Sanitation Project targets clean water provision for 6,700 households, requiring an additional Sh300 million through the last-mile connectivity, he added.

In Kajiado, the Sh50.2 million Isinet ESP Market in Loitokitok, Kajiado South, which is 39.6 per cent complete, aims to enhance the trading environment for 200 small traders, Owalo added.



Eliud Owalo (second right), the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management in the Executive Office of the President admires shoes made at Ewaso Ng’iro Tannery and Leather Factory in Narok.

INVITATION TO TENDER



INVITATION TO TENDER

NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	KGn-GDD-014-2025	Tender for Supply of Steamfield Monitoring Equipment and Instruments for Steamfield Management	Citizen Contractors	18th March, 2025 at 2.00 p.m.
2	KGn-GDD-015-2025	Tender for Supply of Steam Valves for Steamfield Management	Citizen Contractors	19th March, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
3	KGn-KIP-005-2025	Tender For Supply And Installation Of 11kv Indoor Metal Clad Switchgear Panel And Underground Cable At Kipevu III Power Station <i>There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit on 13th March 2025 Starting at 10.00 a.m. at KenGen Kipevu III Power station</i>	Citizen Contractors	25th March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
4	KGn-GDD-013-2025	Tender for Overhaul of Electromagnetic Eddy Current Brake System for Drilling Rig <i>There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit on 12th March 2025 Starting at 10.00 a.m. at KenGen Geothermal Plaza in Olkaria, Naivasha</i>	Citizen Contractors	25th March 2025 at 2.00 p.m.
5	KGn-HYD-010-2025	Tender for the Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Dewatering FLYGT Pump for Kamburu Power Station <i>There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit on 12th March, 2025 at Kamburu Power Station starting at 10.00 a.m.</i>	Citizen Contractors	25th March 2025 at 2.00 p.m.
6	KGn-HYD-009-2025	Tender for Design, Manufacture, Factory Testing, Delivery, Supervision of Assembly, Site Testing and Commissioning of A 500 kVA, 11/0.415 kV, ONAN Generator Step-Down Transformers for Kamburu Power Station <i>There shall be a Mandatory Site Visit on 13th March, 2025 at Kamburu Power Station starting at 10.00 a.m.</i>	Citizen Contractors	26th March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
7	KGn-ICT-007-2025	Tender for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Managed Detection and Response Solution Licenses and Support <i>There shall be a mandatory site visit on 11th March, 2025 at KenGen Stima Plaza, Nairobi, starting at 10.00. a.m.</i>	Citizen Contractors	26th March 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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,  
9<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

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**GENERAL MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN**





# Relief for Narok wheat farmers as state steps in to resolve their market woes



Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu speak to Olokruto residents during a development tour

BY ANN SALATON, KNA

Narok wheat farmers are relieved after the county government, in collaboration with the State Department of Agriculture, developed a strategy to ensure that wheat stored in silos is sold at a premium price.

The farmers had complained that at least 200,000 90-kilo-gram bags remained unsold in the silos.

Speaking to farmers in the Olokruto area of Narok North Sub-County, where he launched multiple projects, Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu said he had held extensive consultations with top officials at the Department of Agriculture and agreed that each bag would be sold at Sh5,200, in line with farmers' expectations.

"The millers were delaying the purchase of our wheat, hoping that farmers would lower their selling price. However, we have agreed that all wheat will be sold at Sh5,200, as per a previous agreement," Ntutu said.

"We understand that wheat production is costly. Farmers invest heavily in farm inputs to achieve high yields. We are working to ensure that their wheat is sold on time," he added.

The governor, who was accompanied by East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Member of Parliament (MP) David Sankok, encouraged farmers to continue planting wheat, assuring them

of a stable market in the future.

The county government, in collaboration with the national government, he added, is in the process of constructing wheat and potato processing plants for farmers to easily sell their produce at a higher profit.

"Our county is one of the leading counties in the country in potato and wheat production. We must build a potato processing plant and wheat processing factory in this area so that we can add value to our produce and sell at a higher price," the governor said.


On his part, Sankok asked the residents to support the current county administration to deliver its mandate to the people and warned those engaging in early campaigns.

He observed that Narok County had been named by the Controller of Budgets as the best in its own revenue collection, and top in-service delivery.


The promise to sell off the bags of wheat lying in the silos is a big relief to farmers who had initially raised concerns over lack of market for their produce.

The farmers led by their chairman Stanley Koonyo decried that no miller had shown interest in their produce since the harvesting season began in September last year.

He asked the government to intervene and ensure their produce was sold out as another wheat planting season approaches.



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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

Kenya Pipeline Company Limited invites tenders from eligible candidates for the following:


NO.	TENDER REFERENCE & DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY	PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATES	SITE VISIT	CLOSING DATE
<b>OPEN NATIONAL TENDER</b>					
1.	<b>KPC/PU/OT - 166/MECH/NBI/24 - 25</b> Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Truck Loading Shelters Complete with Firefighting System for Bottom Loading Facilities (BLF) at PS10 – Nairobi Terminal, PS25 – Nakuru Depot, PS27 – Eldoret and PS28 – Kisumu	KES.200,000.00	11-03-2025	FROM 17-03-2025  TO 20-03-2025	27-03-2025
2.	<b>KPC/PU/OT - 165/MECH/NBI/24 - 25</b> Supply of Assorted Station Valves	LOT I KES.200,000.00  LOT II KES.200,000.00  LOT III KES.200,000.00	11-03-2025	N/A	19-03-2025
3.	<b>RE-TENDER</b> <b>KPC/PU/OT - 041/MECH/NBI/24 - 25</b> Reconfiguration of Line 5 Booster Pumps Strainers at PS14 – Kipevu	KES.200,000.00	11-03-2025	13-03-2024	19-03-2025
The Tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website <a href="http://www.kpc.co.ke">www.kpc.co.ke</a> at no cost. Bidders will be required to register their companies on KPC SRM portal and send ONLY queries to <a href="mailto:opentender@kpc.co.ke">opentender@kpc.co.ke</a> . 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.					
<b>FRAMEWORK</b>					
<b>RESERVED FOR WOMEN</b>					
4.	<b>KPC/PU-FW-004(F&amp;B)/MTCC/24-25</b> Framework Contract for Supply of Juices, Water, Soft and Hard Drinks for a Period of Two Years	N/A	12-03-2025	N/A	18-03-2025
The Tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website <a href="http://www.kpc.co.ke">www.kpc.co.ke</a> at no cost. Bidders will be required to register their companies on KPC SRM portal and send ONLY queries to <a href="mailto:morendatprocurement@kpc.co.ke">morendatprocurement@kpc.co.ke</a> . 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.					
<b>OPEN TO ALL GROUPS</b>					
5.	<b>KPC/PU/FW-149(I&amp;C)NBI/24-25</b> Framework contract for General Electric (GE) Meters for a Period of Two Years	N/A	13-03-2025	N/A	20-03-2025
6.	<b>KPC/PU/FW-150(I&amp;C)NBI/24-25</b> Framework contract for Fuel Facilities (Fuel Facs) for a Period of Two Years	N/A	13-03-2025	N/A	20-03-2025
7.	<b>KPC/PU/FW-151(I&amp;C)NBI/24-25</b> Framework contract for Uninterruptable Power Supply Spares and Maintenance for a Period of Two Years	N/A	13-03-2025	N/A	21-03-2025
8.	<b>KPC/PU/FW-153(I&amp;C)NBI/24-25</b> Framework contract for Provision of Metering System for a Period of Two Years	N/A	13-03-2025	N/A	21-03-2025
9.	<b>KPC/PU/FW-156(I&amp;C)NBI/24-25</b> Framework contract for Industrial Network Maintenance for a Period of Two Years	N/A	13-03-2025	N/A	21-03-2025
The Tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website <a href="http://www.kpc.co.ke">www.kpc.co.ke</a> at no cost. Bidders will be required to register their companies on KPC SRM portal and send ONLY queries to <a href="mailto:technicalprocurement@kpc.co.ke">technicalprocurement@kpc.co.ke</a> . 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.					
<b>NOTE: Bidders who are not registered in KPC SRM System should first register using this link <a href="https://e-procurement.kpc.co.ke/irj/portal">https://e-procurement.kpc.co.ke/irj/portal</a></b>					

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**







MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT  
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION

TENDER NAME:	PREQUALIFICATION/REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS, WORKS & SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2025/2026 & 2026/2027
TENDER NO.	MOALD/SDA/REG/01/2024-2025

REGISTRATION PERIOD : TWO YEARS

The State Department for Agriculture intends to prequalify/register contractors/Suppliers/Service Providers for the listed categories: -

A. SUPPLY OF GOODS			
CATEGORY NO.	CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
SDA 01	Supply of general office stationery and equipment	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 02	Supply of office furniture, office equipment, furnishings and fittings	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 03	Supply of computer and printer accessories and consumables	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 04	Supply, delivery and installation of Computer, Laptops, Tablets, UPS, Photocopiers, Scanners, Printers, Projectors, Video cameras, and Paper Shredders Software and Hardware.	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 05	Supply of uniforms, personal protective gear, foot wear (including CMT charges)	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 06	Supply of motor vehicle tubes ,tyres and batteries	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 07	Supply of pre-paid airtime cards	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 08	Supply of newspapers and periodicals	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 09	Supply of cleaning detergents and toiletries	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 10	Production & Supply of promotional materials, branded t-shirts, banners, posters, flyers exhibition stands and related services	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 11	Supply of Post-Harvest equipment, hermetic bags, tarpaulins, moisture meters, weighing balances, pallets, manual sieves.	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 12	Supply of Value addition and processing equipment: Thresher, Shellers and de-stoners and packaging materials and sealing Equipment.	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 13	Supply of Farm machinery and equipment	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 14	Supply of farm inputs including seeds, cuttings, foliar feeds and Knapsack sprayers.	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 15	Supply of pest control products	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 16	Supply of mineral water	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 17	Supply of laboratory equipment and related accessories	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 18	Supply of laboratory chemicals and reagents	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 19	Supply of educational aids and related equipment	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 20	Supply of Livestock (Fish Fingerlings, Dairy Goats, Galla Goats and improved indigenous chicken)	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 21	Supply of electrical materials, lighting materials and Kitchen appliances	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 23	Supply of building materials	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 24	Supply of postcards and gifts	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 27	Repair and maintenance of Photocopying machines	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 28	Supply of solar and water heaters	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 29	Supply of pharmaceuticals	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 30	Supply of seedlings	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 31	Supply of fresh cut-flowers, potted flowers and maintenance of indoor plants	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
B. PROVISION OF NON-CONSULTING SERVICES			
CATEGORY NO.	CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
SDA 32	Provision of day conference facilities	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM

B. PROVISION OF NON-CONSULTING SERVICES			
SDA 33	Provision of Tours and Travel Ticketing services (IATA registered firms only)	RESERVED FOR AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 34	Hire of helicopter services	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 35	Provision for cleaning, sanitary & fumigation services	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 36	Repair and servicing of motor vehicles (firms must be registered with Chief Mechanical & Transport Engineer)	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 37	Repair and servicing of office equipment	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 38	Repair and maintenance of ICT equipment	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 39	Provision of Catering, Tents, PA system and Event Management Services	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 40	Provision of Security Services	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 41	Provision of Internet Services	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 42	Provision of Development, hosting and maintenance of website	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 43	Provision of Printing Services	RESERVED FOR AGPO	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 45	Provision of Graphics and Design services	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 46	Medical supplies (sanitizers, surgical gloves, surgical masks and first aid kits)	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 47	Hire of Motor vehicles	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 48	Provision of Landscaping services	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 49	Provision of Interior Design and Decoration	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
C. PROCUREMENT OF WORKS			
CATEGORY NO.	CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
SDA 50	Repair, maintenance and servicing of plant machinery and equipment including lifts.	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 51	Construction of buildings, Maintenance, Repairs, Mechanical, Plumbing, Painting and Electrical works	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 52	Contractors for Road works and civil works	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 53	Contractors for Drilling of boreholes, water pans, Dams and other related water works	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 54	Supply, delivery, Installation and maintenance of CCTV cameras	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM
SDA 55	Supply, delivery, and Installation of Local Area Network (LAN)	OPEN FOR ALL	24/03/2025 AT 11:00AM

1.

Invitation to Tender is made on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. Tendering is to be conducted through National Open Tender method using a standardized tender document and is open to all applicants who qualify.
2.

Qualified and interested applicants may obtain detailed information including the tender advert and the pre-qualification/registration of suppliers' tender document electronically from the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke) free of charge.
3.

Any addendum or clarification will be posted in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke). Seven Days prior to the closing date i.e. 18/03/2025
4.

Applications for Registration document are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the Registration Reference No., Category Description and Category No. should be dropped in the tender box marked State Department for Agriculture situated in Kilimo House Ground Floor Reception, or posted to the address provided below:  

**The Principal Secretary**  
**State Department for Agriculture**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development**  
**Kilimo House, Cathedral Road,**  
**P.O.BOX 30028-00100 NAIROBI**
5.

Bulky tender documents that cannot fit in the tender box should be dropped at the Head Supply Chain Management Services Office at Kilimo House, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Room 4-2B.
6.

Late tenders will be rejected.
7.

The Tender documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their designated representatives who choose to attend at: Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, ASCU Boardroom UPPER FLOOR on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11:00am** immediately after closing.
8.

Address where to send enquiries is: **The Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Address: P. O. Box 30028-00100 Nairobi, Kenya** Email address: [tenders@kilimo.go.ke](mailto:tenders@kilimo.go.ke) To reach the Procuring Entity not later than **(18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025)**.
9.

The Procuring Entity publishes its response at the website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke)

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# Over 200 Makueni students benefit from Presidential Bursary Fund

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI, KNA

At least 272 students have benefited from over Sh4.137 million under the Presidential Public Secondary Schools Bursary in Makueni

County, according to the local County Children Coordinator, Mr. Thomas Mulwa.

The beneficiaries were drawn from the county's six constituencies, including Kilome (45 students),

Mbooni (46), Makueni (45), Kaiti (45), Kibwezi East (46), and Kibwezi West (45).

Mr. Mulwa stated that each student would receive Sh15,000 and confirmed that the allocated

funds had already been distributed to all recipients as part of the first half of the 2025/2026 financial year.

"The programme is designed to support vulnerable students and

orphans in public secondary schools. Beneficiaries must be boarders and have scored at least 250 marks in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE)," Mulwa said while speaking to KNA at

his Wote town office.

He added that the programme supports students up to Form Four, with the goal of increasing enrolment and ensuring student retention in schools.

## Graphic health warnings introduced for E-cigarettes and heated tobacco products

BY JUDY SHERI - PCO

The Ministry of Health, through the State Department of Public Health and Professional Standards, has unveiled new graphic health warnings (GHWs) for novel nicotine and emerging tobacco products.

This move, in line with the Tobacco Control Act of 2007, underscores the Ministry's commitment to safeguarding public health.

The new GHWs are designed to educate consumers about the risks associated with novel nicotine products, including e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products, which have seen a surge in use, particularly among young people.

Research highlights that these products can lead to nicotine addiction and pose severe health risks. The enhanced warnings, featuring striking imagery, aim to inform the public and deter tobacco consumption, especially among vulnerable populations.

In a press release, the Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, emphasized the importance of modernizing tobacco control efforts to address evolving challenges.

"We are taking a proactive approach to tobacco control by updating our health warnings to reflect the current landscape of tobacco use," said Ms. Muthoni.

"These graphic warnings serve as a crucial tool in our ongoing efforts to reduce tobacco consumption and protect public health, particularly among our youth," she said.

The new warnings incorporate powerful images illustrating the harmful effects of nicotine and tobacco to maximize visibility and impact. They



Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni speaks to the press.

also focus on emerging concerns related to novel nicotine products, ensuring relevance to current public health challenges.

The new graphic health warnings will be mandatory on all packaging of novel nicotine and emerging tobacco products. Compliance will be strictly enforced, with penalties imposed for non-adherence to public health regulations.

The Ministry of Health is calling on stakeholders, including manufacturers, retailers, and the public, to support this initiative in the interest of improved health outcomes.

By reinforcing awareness of the dangers associated with novel nicotine products, the Ministry aims to curb tobacco use and promote a healthier society, she said.

This year, the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards launched a comprehensive strategy to address drug and substance abuse.

The urgency of this initiative is underscored by alarming statistics showing that approximately 4.7 million Kenyans (17 percent) aged 15-65 years currently use substances of abuse. Of grave concern is the impact on young

people aged 15-24, with 367,608 affected by alcohol use, 230,130 using tobacco products, 259,954 consuming khat, and 193,430 using cannabis.

The Ministry of Health has outlined key actions, including the establishment of treatment and rehabilitation centers in high-prevalence regions, integrating substance abuse treatment into SHIF coverage packages, implementing the new graphic health warnings for tobacco products, and training community health promoters on substance use disorders.

Additionally, efforts are being made to enhance the electronic Community Health Information System (eCHIS) reporting on substance use and to amend the Tobacco Control Act of 2007 to address emerging challenges.

Speaking on the way forward, Ms Muthoni called on county governments to allocate resources for prevention and

rehabilitation programs, establish county-specific drug control task forces, and support the establishment and implementation of treatment centers.

She emphasized the importance of training community health promoters to aid in early intervention and recovery support.

Law enforcement agencies have been urged to strengthen coordination with health officials, enhance surveillance at entry points to curb illicit substance trade, support community-based prevention efforts, and protect rehabilitation centers and their clients.

Meanwhile, the PS encouraged civil society organizations to partner in awareness campaigns, provide mentorship to young people, support rehabilitation programs, and facilitate community support groups to aid in recovery and reintegration.

She highlighted the need for schools and universities to implement drug awareness programs, review curricula to include substance abuse prevention messages, and create safe spaces for students affected by addiction.

**We are taking a proactive approach to tobacco control by updating our health warnings**

## Public sector urged to fully leverage digital technology



The CS for the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Hon. William Kabogo Gitau (left) awarding a winner during the awarding ceremony of The Digital Transformation Public Sector Forum and Awards (DTPS) 2025. Photo by Beverlyne Musili.

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

The Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo, has called on the public sector to optimally utilise digital technology to enhance public service delivery.

Speaking when he officiated the awarding ceremony of the Digital Transformation Public Sector Forum and Awards (DTPS) 2025 in Mombasa County, the CS noted that in recent years, the world has changed as a result of rapid technological advancements and changing societal expectations.

"Digital transformation is no longer a choice; it is a necessity for public institutions striving to meet the needs of citizens and efficiently manage resources. It serves as a catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and enhanced service delivery empowering our governments to respond more rapidly and effectively to the challenges of today," he reiterated.

He stated that the Government's commitment to digital-enabled economic transformation is evident in the Bottom-Up Economic Transfor-

mation Agenda (BETA) and the Kenya National Digital Master Plan 2022-2032.

He added that the Ministry, through the digital pillar of BETA, aims to lay the 100,000 kilometers of fibre, WI-FI hotspots, last mile connectivity to government offices and homes to improve internet access, build 1,450 digital hubs across the country for digital skilling, digitalization of government services, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and a robust policy, legal, and regulatory framework.

Mr Kabogo emphasised the importance of collaboration between public and private sectors to fasten digital projects. He remarked that digital transformation of the public sector is a collective endeavor that involves not just government agencies but also partnerships with the private sector, civil society, and academic institutions.

"Together, we can leverage technology to drive systemic changes that meet the complex needs of our communities. Let us continue to seek opportunities for collaboration that break down silos and promote knowledge sharing," the CS added.



# Olkaria designated a Special Economic Zone to boost industrialization

**BY DIANA NGUNJIRI**  
Olkaria, located in Naivasha, has been designated a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), a move expected to position Kenya as a regional hub for industrialization while leveraging the country's world-class geothermal resources for sustainable economic growth.

KenGen Managing Director and CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga, highlighted the strategic importance of the 8,292-acre Olkaria SEZ in advancing Kenya's economic transformation agenda and transition to clean energy.

"This designation reaffirms Kenya's commitment to industrialization, job creation, and sustainability. Olkaria's abundant geothermal energy makes it an ideal location for industries seeking reliable, low-cost, and green power, aligning with Kenya's vision of becoming a global leader in renewable energy-driven industrial-

ization," Eng. Njenga said in Nairobi.

The Olkaria SEZ aims to support industries in green manufacturing, agro-processing, electric mobility, and data centres, among others. The move aligns with the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and Kenya's commitment to net-zero industrialization.

With its strategic location along key transport corridors, including the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and the Nairobi-Mombasa Highway, the Olkaria SEZ will provide investors with seamless access to both local and global markets, Eng. Njenga said.

This will serve as a key driver for industrial investment, clean energy manufacturing, and export-oriented production. By providing businesses with incentives such as tax exemptions, infrastructure support, and access to affordable geothermal

power, the SEZ is expected to attract local and international investors seeking cost-effective, sustainable operations, he added.

The MD said the first phase of investor engagement has already begun, with several multinational firms expressing interest in setting up operations within the SEZ.

The Olkaria SEZ which hosts KenGen's Green Energy Park is part of Kenya's broader strategy to enhance industrial competitiveness by offering a conducive business environment.

The Park is expected to attract industries such as Agro-processing and companies seeking sustainable and cost-effective power for food processing and value addition, textile and apparel manufacturing, electric mobility production, Data centers and ICT firms, all looking to transform their businesses into fully sustainable, green-powered enterprises.

# Kenya and Australia partner to launch climate action project

BY JESEE OTIENO AND CLINTON NG'IELA, KNA

The "Re-Greening for the Future" project, an ambitious initiative aimed at integrating climate change adaptation pathways into community-led re-greening efforts across Kenya, has been launched.

Funded by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), the project brings together a dynamic coalition of partners, including World Vision Kenya and Australia, the International Center for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), the United Nations University, the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KE-FRI), and the University of Nairobi, among other environmental advocates.

The launch event in Nairobi was attended by high-ranking officials, including Kenya Forestry Research Institute Director Dr. Jane Njuguna and Deputy Australian High Commissioner Mr. Christopher Ellinger, under-



The Kenya Forestry Research Institute Director Dr. Jane Njuguna speaking during the launch of the "Re-Greening for the Future" project in Nairobi.

pher Ellinger reinforced their commitment to supporting climate-responsive agriculture, acknowledging that the project is part of a broader partnership between Australia and Africa aimed at bolstering food security and sustainable land management.

Also speaking at the event, Dr. Jane Njuguna credited the county government, mentioning that it has prioritized adaptation action plans and strategies based on the participatory climate risk assessment response.

She also called everyone to action, stressing on accountability and adaptability, rallying, "Let action speak louder than words."


Dr. Njuguna urged partners to stay flexible and responsive as they restore Kenya's green landscape.

Further, the Director highlighted some of the adaptation interventions that the project will ride on including promotion of green value chains,

scoring the longstanding partnership between Kenya and Australia in addressing climate-related challenges.

Kenya spans 58 million hectares, 61 percent of which is degraded, with 21 percent classified as extremely degraded. This initiative aims to combat land degradation and enhance Kenya's green landscape, with the goal of restoring 12.6 million hectares of lost land.

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## KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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### NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The Kenya Leather Development Council is a State Corporation established by the Government of Kenya under the Kenya Leather Development Council Order, 2011 (Legal Notice No.114 of the Kenya Gazette supplement No. 113 of 9th September 2011), under the State Corporations Act (Cap 446), laws of Kenya.

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

TENDER NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	BID SECURITY	TENDER OPENING
KLDC/PROC/025/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of 1 No. Administration Block and Associated Infrastructure at Kenya Leather Industrial Park, Kenanie EPZ Site, Machakos County	Open To All Eligible Kenyan Contractors.	5,000,000	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
KLDC/PROC/026/2024-2025	Proposed Construction Of 1 NO. Training Centre & Laboratory Block and Associated Infrastructure at Kenya Leather Industrial Park, Kenanie EPZ Site, Machakos County	Open To All Eligible Kenyan Contractors.	7,000,000	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of tender document by downloading from the Council's Website: [www.leathercouncil.go.ke](http://www.leathercouncil.go.ke) OR from PPIP portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke).

**Pre-bid Site Visit:** Eligible bidders are expected to participate in a **Mandatory Site Visit** to Kenya Leather Industrial Park, Kenanie EPZ Site, Machakos County on **Tuesday, 11th March, 2025**. Bidders who choose to attend should register with the procurement office by **Monday, 10th March, 2025** through email: [procurement@leathercouncil.go.ke](mailto:procurement@leathercouncil.go.ke)

Duly completed tender documents as prescribed (Original and copy) enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the tender number & name can be deposited in the tender box located at the reception area of **CPA Centre, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Thika Road, Nairobi**, or be addressed to:

**Secretary/Chief Executive Officer,**  
**Kenya Leather Development Council, CPA Centre, Thika Road**  
**P.O. Box 14480 – 00800, Nairobi.**

So as to be received on or before **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11.00 am**. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of tenderer's representatives who choose to attend at **CPA Centre 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Executive Boardroom, Nairobi at 11.00 am**.



### INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.3/OT/20/24-25	Procurement of Materials for Fabrication of MCB Boxes <b>(Special Group)</b>	Tuesday 04.03.2025	N/A	Tuesday 25.03.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.3/OT/22/24-25	Supply of Power Transformers, Tap Changers and Switchboard Panels	Wednesday 05.03.2025	N/A	Thursday 27.03.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.3/OT/23/24-25	Supply of Tools, Equipment and Instruments for Operation Management O&M	Wednesday 05.03.2025	N/A	Thursday 27.03.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
4.	KP1/1/3A/4/1/OT/003/24-25	Supply & Delivery of Various Items for Continuous Operating Referencing Stations (CORS) Project	Tuesday 04.03.2025	N/A	Monday 24.03.2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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# Kenya eyes global tourism spotlight with far reaching policy reforms

BY DENNIS MALOBA PCO

The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is developing a policy to make the country’s tourism sector more competitive and sustainable. The National Tourism Policy, currently at the public participation stage alongside the Tourism (Amendment) Bill 2024, aims to realign the multi-billion-shilling industry with global trends and position the country as a premier tourism destination. Notable proposed strategies include reducing the sector’s over-reliance on beach and wildlife safaris as its main tourism products and broadening the country’s tourism base by incorporating untapped attractions.




PS for Tourism John Ololtuua (L), welcoming a tourist at the Masai Mara National Park

Some of the new segments earmarked for promotion include sports tourism, health tourism, eco-tourism, and business tourism. The Ministry is also working to market the country as a leading destination for hosting meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE). In 2024, MICE accounted for 27 per cent of the 2.4 million international arrivals recorded

in the country with the policy framework proposing the establishment of a National Convention Bureau to coordinate the promotion of MICE tourism locally, regionally and internationally. “There are unexploited and underdeveloped products including sports, adventure, culture and heritage, health tourism, bird watching, eco-tourism, community-based tourism, local arts and crafts among others. “In order to increase Kenya’s competitiveness, there is a need to develop, diversify tourism products and experience portfolio to include niche products in all parts of the country,” the policy reads. The document also recommends reforms in visa

procedures which it says will make the country more accessible to tourists. According to the Ministry, the adoption of the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) led to a 22 per cent increase in tourist arrivals in the first half of 2024, underscoring the positive impact of eliminating bureaucratic barriers on the tourism sector. There are also proposals to revitalize domestic tourism as an alternative revenue stream for the country during periods of international travel disruptions similar to the one occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic. To further cushion the sector from the economic shortfalls, the policy has outlined plans to encourage Kenya’s youthful population to embrace domestic tourism. “This policy recognizes domestic tourism as a cornerstone to bridge the seasonality gap occasioned by international tourism low seasons. These can be implemented by encouraging Kenyans to explore their own country, boosting local economies and fostering national unity and patriotism,” the Tourism Policy says. “Younger generations influence travel trends with their preferences for authentic, socially conscious, and visually appealing experiences. The industry must consider these preferences to attract and retain this demographic,” it adds. The policy also lays the groundwork for a robust public-private partnership in branding and marketing the country as the preferred tourism destination. Additionally, the policy has recommended integration of technology into the sector to aid in accommodation booking, payments, and itinerary planning to enhance the overall travel experience for the tourists.



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REGULATIONS UNDER THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT, CAP 385

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 following eight (8) Regulations have been prepared as proposed Statutory Instruments (Draft Regulations) under the Forest Conservation and Management Act, Cap 385 Laws of Kenya.

1. The Forest Conservation and Management (Charcoal) Regulations, 2025
2. The Forest Conservation and Management (Gums and Resins) Regulations, 2025
3. The Forests Conservation and Management (Private Forests Registration) Regulations, 2025
4. The Forests (Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2025
5. The Forest Products (Export and Import) Regulations, 2025
6. The Forest Conservation and Management (Participation in Sustainable Forest Management) Regulations, 2025
7. The Forest Conservation and Management (Grading and Valuation of Timber and other Forest Products) Regulations, 2025
8. The Forest Conservation and Management (Concessions on Public Forests) Regulations, 2025

The draft Regulations are proposed by the Cabinet Secretary under the provisions of section 71(2)(r), 71(2)(h), 71(1), 71(2), 60, 71(1), 59(1) and 71(2i) (m) respectively of the Forest Conservation and Management Act, Cap 385. The proposed Regulations are to operationalize the salient provisions of the said Act. Therefore, this public notice requests all persons likely to be affected by the Draft Regulations to submit written memorandum on the Draft Regulations to reach the undersigned within twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication the format below.


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


The hard copies of the written memoranda may be submitted to the office of the Principal Secretary, State Department for Forestry, NHIF Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ragati Road, P.O. Box 30126-00100 Nairobi. The soft copies of the written memoranda can also be submitted through email to [ps@forestry.go.ke](mailto:ps@forestry.go.ke) with a copy to [secretaryforestry@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryforestry@gmail.com)

The Draft Regulations are available on the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry’s Website: [www.environment.go.ke](http://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 **2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025 from 8am to 5pm**. A link will be shared in the Ministry website and social media platforms before then.

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





MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS

State Department for Foreign Affairs

TENDER NOTICE


REFNO;	TENDER NO;	PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE CLEANING SERVICES	OPEN
	MoF&DA/SDDA/02/2024-2025		

1. The **State Department for Diaspora Affairs** invites sealed tenders for the **PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE CLEANING SERVICES** at Old Mutual Building (UAP) Upper Hill, Nairobi.
2. Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (Open Tender) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
3. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours i.e.,0800 to 1700 hours at the address given below.
4. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fees of Kshs.1000 in cash or Banker’s Cheque and payable to the address given below or may be obtained electronically from the Website(s) [www.mfa.go.ke](http://www.mfa.go.ke). **free of charge**.
5. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to Head, Supply Chain Management Services for registration or for facilitation if any further clarification or addendum.
6. Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11.00 am**. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted. Tenderers must attach bid bond equivalent to **Ksh. 100,000** from a reputable local commercial bank or insurance company listed by PPRA .
7. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter 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.
8. Late tenders will be rejected.
9. The addresses referred to above is:

Address for obtaining further information, tender documents, submission of complete document and opening of tenders

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**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DIASPORA AFFAIRS**





# First Lady Rachel Ruto calls for collective efforts to uplift young girls



The First Lady Rachel Ruto, while addressing the World Thinking Day fete.

BY SAMUEL MAINA AND BETH NDIRANGU

The First Lady Rachel Ruto has called for concerted efforts to help young girls reach their full potential in life. Mrs. Ruto highlighted abject poverty as one of the greatest barriers preventing girls from achieving their lifelong dreams, with many being forced to shoulder the responsibility of assisting their parents in providing for the family. She emphasized that no effort should be spared in ensuring every girl has access to quality education and other essential services that can equip her with skills to transform her life and contribute to national development. The First Lady was speaking during celebrations marking this year's World Thinking Day at the Nyeri Moi Complex, commemorating 105 years since the founding of the Kenya Girl Guides Association. "Poverty remains one of the pressing issues limiting access to education, health-care, and essential services for many girls. This challenge is exacerbated by climate change, which threatens the livelihoods of many communities, making it difficult for girls to stay in school. A key strategy to achieve the government's goal of 100 percent school enrollment and retention is ensuring that 10 million children have access to food by 2030," she said. The First Lady also urged learning institutions to support the

Girl Guides Association in developing practical interventions to address challenges such as climate change and food insecurity. Mrs. Ruto noted that with proper training and support from other organs such as the 4K club, the movement can greatly help transform their immediate community by coming up with activities that will eventually have an enduring impact countrywide. Gender PS Ann Wang'ombe lauded the First Lady for spearheading efforts in advocating for gender equality and women empowerment in the country. Wang'ombe said it is through such initiatives that women can be placed on a vantage position that can thrust them to leadership positions that can contribute to the development of the country. "This movement (Girl Guide) is not only about learning skills, but also about building character. So, we must carry that virtue along with fostering a world, where women and girls are valued, respected and given equal opportunities," she said. On her part, Terry Chebet Maina, who is the National Chair, Kenya Girl Guides and Girl Scouts called upon the movement to keep the spirit of the pioneers of the movement alive. Maina said when General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell and his wife Olave St. Clair formed the Scouting Movement, it was to help nurture young men and women who can be dependable in the society.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### INTRODUCTION

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

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

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2.	Senior Manager Supply Chain Management (KET 3)	KETRACO/5/1C/40/219 (02/2025)	Contract	1 Post
3.	Manager, Real Time Operations (KET4) <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	KETRACO/5/1C/40/214 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
4.	Manager Transmission Lines (KET 4) <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	KETRACO/5/1C/40/163 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
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6.	Senior Engineer Power Dispatch (KET 5) <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	KETRACO/5/1C/40/206 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
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8.	Senior Legal Officer Litigation & Compliance (KET 5)	KETRACO/5/1C/40/220 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
9.	Senior Officer, Project Planning & Economic Regulation (KET 5) <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	KETRACO/5/1C/40/173 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
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11.	Graduate Engineer – Electrical Design (KET 6)	KETRACO/5/1C/40/222 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
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18.	Supply Chain Assistant, Stores & Warehouse (KET 7) <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	KETRACO/5/1C/40/83 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	2 Posts
19.	Assistant Accountant, Tax (KET 7)	KETRACO/5/1C/40/229 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
20.	Assistant Accountant, Cash Management (KET 7)	KETRACO /5/1C/40/228/ (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
21.	Office Administrator (KET 7) <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	KETRACO/5/1C/40/212 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post
22.	Receptionist (KET 8) <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	KETRACO/5/1C/40/129 (02/2025)	Permanent & Pensionable	1 Post

Note that job no. 18 and 22 had initially been advertised as grade KET 6 & 7 respectively, this is to confirm that the correct grade is KET 7 & KET 8.

Detailed Job descriptions, specifications, application instructions and other requirements are posted on our website [www.ketraco.co.ke](http://www.ketraco.co.ke).

The Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution – Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED, THE MINORITIES AND FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.** Applications without the relevant qualifications, copies of documents/details as sought for will NOT be considered. Any form of canvassing and giving false information shall lead to automatic disqualification. **Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted.**

Interested candidates fulfilling the required qualifications should submit their application clearly indicating the position applied for and vacancy Reference No. as the subject heading via the **joblink** posted on KETRACO website. Hard copies **SHALL NOT** be considered.

**NOTE:** These positions are open to **KENYAN Citizens ONLY.**

Candidates who meet the above requirements should submit their applications by **17<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at 5.00pm so as to reach:-

The Managing Director,  
Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited,  
KAWI COMPLEX, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Popo Road, South C, along Red Cross Road,  
P.O. Box 34942 – 00100,  
NAIROBI.





# KECOBO trains 400 creatives, law enforcers on copyright protection

BY ANN SALATON,  
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The Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) has trained over 400 creatives and law enforcement officers in Narok County on copyright infringement in a bid to enhance the protection of intellectual property rights.

Speaking during the closure of a two-day workshop at a Narok hotel, Acting Executive Director, KECOBO George Nyakweba said the initiative aims to strengthen enforcement mechanisms on copyright infringement.

“Through this capac-



Acting Executive Director, Kenya Copyright Board George Nyakweba delivers his speech in Narok.

ity-building program, KECOBO reaffirms its commitment to promoting a fair and secure en-

vironment for creatives, ensuring they fully benefit from their intellectual property,” the director added.

He reiterated that the law provides KECOBO to advise creatives as it encourages them to register to receive a certificate of their work.

“The certificate issued is very important in the event of an infringement. It can be used as evidence before the court of law,” he said. However, if an artist’s work is not registered, they will be forced to bear an extra burden of proving the ownership of the work in case of an infringement.

“If you find anyone in-



Law enforcement officers attending a training organized by the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) in Narok.

fringing on your music, you can report to us or to the police who we have trained so that they can be able to assist you. You need to prove the ownership of the work so that you can be able to be assisted,” he said.

KECOBO Deputy Director for Training and Research Sharon Wata encouraged artists to always sign a contract when hired to perform so that in case the contract

is broken, the board can easily help them.

She encouraged them to use watermarks when posting their work on social media platforms to avoid infringement.

“When your work is infringed upon, send out infringement warnings and report copyright violations to KECOBO who will be able to help you,” she reiterated.

She also advised residents to be careful about

what they post and where they post their content online, warning about posting other people’s content without their knowledge or photos of children without the permission of their parents or guardians.

Ms. Violet Sikawa, the Director of Culture in Narok County Government, said the training will help bridge the many gaps and challenges they have had with artists.



**MINISTRY OF LABOUR & SOCIAL PROTECTION**  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.



**DIRECTORATE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH SERVICES [DOSHS]**

## NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH (OSH) CONFERENCE 2025

Theme	Occupational Safety and Health Sustainability, <i>“Impact of digitalization and Artificial Intelligence on workplace safety &amp; health”.</i>
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### A. CALL FOR PAPERS

All abstracts should be relevant to the conference theme and aligned to one or more of the following conference subthemes.

1. Impact of technology, remote work and working from home on mental health.
2. Exploring opportunities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in managing safety and health risks in workplaces.
3. Enhancing surveillance of OSH by use of advanced technology: Case studies
4. Technology and OSH – exploring THE NEXUS
5. Evolution of communication in OSH with advances in technology

### B. GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

All abstracts shall be written in English and must not exceed 300 words in Times New Roman font size 12 and labeled as: SURNAME-Title of Abstract. Deadline for submission of the abstracts shall be **10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025** via [s.mathenge@labour.go.ke](mailto:s.mathenge@labour.go.ke)

The abstract should include Title, Author’s name(s) and contact address, email and telephone numbers, introduction, objective, methodology/methods, results/findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any and keywords.

The communication papers should highlight workplace success stories, experiences, best practices, and challenges in OSH practice.

The abstracts shall be reviewed by the abstract review committee whose decision shall be final.

All abstracts shall be treated with confidentiality and in accordance with the data protection laws.

The activity will be held in Nanyuki, Laikipia County, Office of the Governor’s Grounds from **24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

A registration fee of Five Thousand shillings (KSHS. 5,000) will be charged for the three-day conference and Two thousand Shillings (KSHS.2,000) per day for those attending on a daily basis. Application forms and payment details can be accessed through [www.doshmis.go.ke](http://www.doshmis.go.ke)

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Applications are invited from suitable and qualified persons to fill the following positions

S / No	Post	No. of Posts	Job Grade	Department	Job Ref No
1	Director Technical Services	1	KLDC 2	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/001/2025
2	Manager Capacity Building	1	KLDC 3	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/002/2025
3	Manager Common Manufacturing Facilities	1	KLDC 3	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/003/2025
4	Manager Quality Assurance & Compliance	1	KLDC 3	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/004/2025
5	Principal ICT Officer, System Developer	1	KLDC 4	Department of ICT	KLDC/005/2025
6	Internal Auditor	1	KLDC 6	Department of Internal Audit	KLDC/006/2025
7	Leather Technician	2	KLDC 9	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/007/2025
8	Office Assistant	1	KLDC 10	Directorate of Corporate Services	KLDC/008/2025

Suitably qualified candidates are advised to apply through <https://leathercouncil.go.ke/careers/> so as to reach the undersigned not later than Close of Business, **25th March, 2025**.

Shortlisted candidates will be expected to prove their compliance with the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya by obtaining and presenting the following clearance certificates:

1. **Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI)**
2. **Clearance/Compliance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)**
3. **Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)**
4. **Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)**
5. **Clearance from recognized Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)**

Kenya Leather Development Council is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and gender equality. Women, Youth, Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs) and those from marginalized communities and minority groups are encouraged to apply. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.





# Judiciary, Correctional Services partner to decongest prisons

**BY NICHOLAS KIGONDU (PCO)**

The State Department for Correctional Services, in collaboration with the Judiciary, aims to decongest the country's prisons through community service orders.

In a meeting between Chief Justice Martha

Koome and State Department for Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco, the two agreed to prioritize restorative justice, sentence review, non-custodial sentencing, and joint training. They also discussed synchronizing the court calendar to accommodate community

service orders. Acknowledging the impact of the decongestion program and the 2024 case outcomes, the Chief Justice stated that community service orders would not only support ongoing decongestion efforts but also instill a sense of responsibility among offenders while allowing



**Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco confers with Chief Justice Martha Koome on the State Department- Judiciary collaboration to decongest prisons.**

them to contribute positively to society. "Last year, 1,683 cases were reviewed across 17 High Court stations, resulting in 504 offenders being placed under community service orders, 49

under probation, and 225 receiving reduced sentences," the Chief Justice noted. She added that the Judiciary would work on developing practice directions to guide the review of cases for those eligible under the CSO program. Among those present at the meeting included community service orders chairperson Lady Justice Margaret Muigai, Commissioner General of Prisons Patrick Aranduh among others.



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE**

**TENDER NOTICE**

1. The State Department for Agriculture, Ministry for Agriculture and Livestock Development invites bids from interested and eligible firms for the under mentioned items.

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTRES (DATIC)		
S/No.	Tender Description	Tender No.
1.	Drilling and Equipping Karama Autuamuo Primary School Solar Powered Borehole in Igembe Central Constituency, Meru County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/16/2024-2025
2.	Drilling and Equipping Hadado Solar Powered Borehole in Wajir West Constituency, Wajir County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/17/2024-2025
3.	Drilling and Equipping Oldebos Primary School Solar Powered Borehole in Mogotio Constituency, Baringo County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/18/2024-2025
4.	Drilling and Equipping Kapngetich Primary School Solar Powered Borehole in Keiyo South Constituency, Elgeyo Marakwet County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/19/2024-2025
5.	Drilling and equipping of Londiani Junction solar powered borehole –Kericho County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/20/2024-2025
6.	Construction of Kibirigut dam in Sigowet-Soin, Kericho County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/21/2024-2025

DEVELOPMENT OF AGGREGATION CENTRES (DAC)		
S/No.	Tender Description	Tender No.
1.	Construction of Ngoina Junction Road Market in Bureti Constituency, Kericho County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/08/2024-2025
2.	Improvement of Litein Market in Bureti Constituency, Kericho County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/09/2024-2025
3.	Improvement of Kapkatet Market in Bureti Constituency, Kericho County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/10/2024-2025
4.	Construction of Sirwa Aggregation Centre in Mogotio Constituency, Baringo County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/11/2024-2025
5.	Extension of road Kipkoibet – Chelolombe bridge – Kericho County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/12/2024-2025
6.	Construction of Kapsoi Avocado Aggregation Centre – Kericho County	MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/13/2024-2025

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested bidders free of charge by downloading from State Department for Agriculture (SDA) website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP): [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) or from SDA Office Kilimo House, Cathedral Road 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Room 4-2B, Supply Chain Management Service Office during normal working hours upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Ksh.2000 (Two thousand shillings only) in form of a bankers cheque payable to the State Department for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

Eligible firms are required to submit their clearly labelled **"Tender No. MOALD/SDA/ENG/.....2024/2025"** by hard copy to be deposited in the tender box situated at the Ground Floor Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, so as to be received not later than **Tuesday 25th March, 2025 at 11.00am.**


The envelope should be clearly addressed to the; **Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, PO Box 30028-00100, NAIROBI.** Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline and time as specified above.

Tenders will be opened publicly in the presence of the tenderers or designated representatives who choose to attend.


**Late tenders will be rejected.**

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE**





**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT**  
**P.O BOX 30028-00100 NAIROBI**



Country	Kenya
Name of Project	Food Systems Resilience Project
Contract Title	Supply, Installation, Configuration and Commissioning of Mid Infrared Soil Analysis Unit, Survey Data Management Tool, Laboratory Information Management System and Fertilizer Recommender Computer model
Credit No.	7328-KE, 7327-KE
Project ID No	P177816
RFB Reference No.	KE-MOALF- 467033- GO-RFB.

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Food Systems Resilience Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Installation, Configuration and Commissioning of Mid Infrared Soil Analysis Unit, Survey Data Management Tool, Laboratory Information Management System and Fertilizer Recommender Computer Model.

2. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, State Department for Agriculture now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply, Installation, Configuration and commissioning of ten (10) Mid Infrared Soil Analysis Unit, Survey data management tool, Laboratory information management system and Fertilizer recommender computer model to be delivered in Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) Nairobi within 60 days after contract signing.

3. Bidding will be conducted through open national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016 and revised September, 2023 fifth edition ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information at Food Systems Resilience Project Procurement office situated at Capitol Hill Towers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor along Cathedral Road during office hours between **9.00 am to 5.00 pm** excluding weekend and public holidays at the address given below.

5. The bidding documents can be downloaded free of charge from the Ministry's website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke) Bidders who download the bidding document are requested to inform the Procuring Entity and fully provide their contact details through [info@fsrp.go.ke](mailto:info@fsrp.go.ke). This will be used in the event of a need to communicate to all the interested bidders.

6. Bid document shall be paginated and clearly marked with reference number and must be delivered / submitted to the address below addressed to the **Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture P.O Box 30028 -00200** and be deposited in the tender box at Kilimo House reception – Ground floor, cathedral road on or before **14<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 11.00 am** East African time. 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.


7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Bank guarantee of the amount shown below or an equivalent in a freely convertible currency. The bid security must be valid for 28 days beyond the validity date of the bid/tender;

S/No	Description	Qty	Bid Security
1	Supply, Installation, Configuration and commissioning of Mid Infrared Soil Analysis Unit, Survey data management tool, Laboratory information management system and Fertilizer recommender computer model	10	KES 1,700,000


8. The address referred to above is:

Principal Secretary  
State Department for Agriculture  
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development  
Kilimo House  
P.O Box. 30028 -00200  
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Cathedral road  
Main Reception-Ground floor  
Tel No: +254-020-27154665  
Email: [info@fsrp.go.ke](mailto:info@fsrp.go.ke)

**Head Supply Chain Management**  
**For Principal Secretary**







**PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (PSASB)**

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTING TEMPLATES**

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under The National Treasury. The Board was established under section 192 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) 2012.

The PFMA 2012 section 194 (1)(d) mandates PSASB to prescribe formats for financial statements and reporting by all state organs and public entities. In furtherance of this mandate, the Board is developing three financial reporting templates. These templates are:

- Public Primary/Comprehensive schools’ template
- Public Debt Template
- Public Pensions Schemes’ template reporting under IPSAS 49.
- Comments on existing templates issued by PSASB

The Board invites all stakeholders to provide their input/comments on the templates on or before **11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Visit our website, [www.pasb.go.ke](http://www.pasb.go.ke), to access the draft templates and send your input/comments to the Chief Executive Officer via [acctstandards@pasb.go.ke](mailto:acctstandards@pasb.go.ke) in the format provided below:

S/No.	Template Name	Page	Comment/proposal

**CPA GEORGINA MUCHAI**  
**Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CALL FOR COMMENTS & INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE KENYA DEPOSIT INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024**

Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation is a statutory institution established under the Kenya Deposit Insurance Act Cap 487C. The Corporation is mandated to provide a deposit insurance scheme for customers of member institutions.

Kenya Deposit Insurance Act was enacted and assented into law on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

The Corporation has developed the draft Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning.

The Corporation therefore invites the general public, stakeholders, member institutions, and any other interested parties to submit their comments, views, or make representation regarding the draft Kenya Deposit (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

**NOTE:** The draft Bill is available on the KDIC Website: <https://kdic.go.ke>

The comments, views, representation, and any written memoranda may be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office of the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation as follows;

- Comment submission form on the KDIC Website,
- P.O. Box 45983-00100, Nairobi (UAP Old Mutual Building, Upper Hill, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor),
- Email: [stakeholder.engagement@kdic.go.ke](mailto:stakeholder.engagement@kdic.go.ke)

The feedback must be received on or before, **17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, by 5.00 pm**.

The Corporation shall communicate the date and venue for physical and/or virtual public participation through its official website and channels.

All interested persons should submit their written comments on the draft Bill in the prescribed format as follows;

Name Of the Organization/ Individual	Paragraph/ Clause	Proposed Amendment/Comment	Justification	Remarks

**Hellen C. Chepkwony**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**





**MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY OF KENYA**  
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**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES - RE-ADVERTISEMENT**

Multimedia University of Kenya is a chartered public university located in the City of Nairobi within a serene environment about 25 kilometers to the south of the City along Magadi Road. The University is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for the following positions:

- Chief Supply Chain Management Officer (Procurement) - Grade MNT 15 (1 Position)
- Chief Security Officer (Security) - Grade MNT 12 (1 Position)
- Senior Legal Officer (Legal) - Grade MNT 13 (1 Position)
- Senior Secretary - Grade MNT 10 (1 Position)
- Executive Secretary - Grade MNT 12 (1 Position)

**NOTE: Those who had applied are encouraged to re-apply**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The University is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for the following three (3) positions at the University Departments:

- Senior Assistant Librarian (Cataloguing, ICT & Digital Services) Grade MNT 11 (1 Position)
- Technologist (Instrumentation and Control) Department of Physics, Grade MNT 8 (1 Position)
- Technologist (Renewable Energy and Technology) Department of Physics, Grade MNT 8 (1 Position)

Application procedure, qualifications, rules and regulations are available on our website: <http://www.mmu.ac.ke>.

The above positions carry competitive remuneration packages which include among other things, basic salary, medical cover, house, transport and leave allowances

MMU is an equal opportunity employer thus, women, persons with disability and minority groups are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Applications, quoting the respective reference numbers on the envelope, should reach the undersigned **on or before Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**.

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**NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND**

**TENDER NOTICE**

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for submission of tender as specified below.

Tender Ref. No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing and opening Date and Time	Reservations
NSSF/ONT/RFP/12/2024/25	Request for Proposal for Provision of Consultancy for Technical Support Services to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF)	18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. local time	Open

Tender documents detailing the requirements may be obtained from Procurement Office, Social Security House, Block A, Western Wing, 9th Floor, along Bishops Road, Nairobi upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kes. 1,000.00 for each tender at the Cash Office on Podium Floor, Western Wing, Block 'A' Social Security House – Nairobi. Alternatively, the documents may be downloaded from the website [www.nssf.or.ke/tenders](http://www.nssf.or.ke/tenders) or [tenders.go.ke/tenders](http://tenders.go.ke/tenders) free of charge. Interested bidders who download the documents should send their particulars through email [procurement@nssfkenya.co.ke](mailto:procurement@nssfkenya.co.ke) for registration purposes before the tender closing date. Further, all prospective bidders are advised to visit the Website regularly to check any updates or addenda that may be issued.

*NSSF reserves the right to accept or reject any application either in whole or in part.*

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# AGRA – Africa food prize to honor champions of food security

BY MYGOV REPORTER

Nominees for this year’s AGRA-sponsored Africa Food Prize Award will be assessed based on their contributions to poverty reduction, nutrition security, and the improvement of livelihoods through employment and job creation.

The programs will then be evaluated on their demonstrated impact, sustainability, scalability, and potential to inspire positive change within their communities and beyond.

“The winner will be selected through a transparent process guided by the charter of the Africa Food Prize, under the oversight of the AGRA Board,” said Mr. Boaz Blackie Keizire, AGRA’s Head of Policy, Advocacy, and Africa, during the award’s launch in Nairobi.

“We assure you that the criteria will focus on the impact of an individual’s or organization’s work in ensuring food and nutrition security, as well as the scalability of their model,” he added.

Former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete, who chairs the Africa Food Prize Committee, stated that nominations for the 2025 awards will seek to recognize the next generation of African food heroes whose ingenuity

and resilience are shaping a brighter future for the continent. “Each year, the African Food Prize shines a spotlight on the remarkable individuals and organisations that are dedicating themselves to building a more prosperous and secure Africa” he noted.

“This year Africa Food Prize is particularly interested in nominations that demonstrate a commitment in four key areas, namely: sustainable and resilient food systems (encompassing environmentally-sound practices and climate change adaptation), inclusive agricultural growth (that focuses on empowering smallholder farmers, women and youth), technological innovation (whose centerpiece is the application of science and technology to improve agricultural productivity and nutrition), and market access and agribusiness development (that aims at connecting farmers to markets and promoting value addition).

Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, a member of the Committee observed that the challenges facing food systems in Africa are complex but pointed out that the solutions are within reach.

“The Africa Food Prize celebrates those who are daring to innovate and challenge the status quo, to build a more sustain-

able and equitable food future for all Africans,” she said.

“We encourage everyone to nominate the inspiring leaders they know, so that their impactful work can be recognized and amplified,” she said.

The Africa Food Prize Award was started in 2005 by Norway-based Yara International ASA as the Yara Prize to honor achievements in the African agriculture sector. In 2015 it was renamed the Africa Food Prize to give it the distinctive African identity and ownership.

The winners receive US\$100,000.

Zimbabwe’s Tindondanda Mhiko, Chief Executive of Agricultural and Rural Development Authority (ARDA) emerged the winner of last year’s (2024) edition for his groundbreaking programme on “Leadership and innovation in advancing food security through strategic irrigation initiatives”, which is revolutionizing the Southern African country’s food system.

In 2023, the Pan-African Bean Research Alliance (PABRA) won the award after it was recognized for its exceptional leadership in the development of numerous bean varieties that improve farm productivity and profitability and meet the demands of the consumers.

# Students win big in NACADA’s national essay contest on drugs

BY ROSEDIANA NGUNJIRI (MYGOV)

The National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) has announced the winners of the National Essay Writing Competition for High Schools, an initiative aimed at engaging students in critical discussions on substance use prevention. The competition attracted 410 participants from 30 counties, including 301 girls and 109 boys, who submitted essays exploring various thematic areas related to drug and alcohol abuse prevention. It provided a platform for students to share their insights and recommendations on addressing drug abuse in schools. The thematic areas included strategies for avoiding alcohol and drug abuse, the influence of social media on substance use, youth empowerment, the role of parents in prevention, creating safe school environments, supporting peers struggling

with addiction, and Kiswahili essays. Ivanka Blessing Odera from Moi Girls Isinya School emerged as the overall winner in the English category, with Vallery Racheal from St. Mary’s Mumias Girls High School and Wesley Lambaric Mbaya from Njiiri School securing second and third place, respectively. In the Kiswahili category, Rhoda Kanoti from St. Mary’s Girls Igoji took the top spot, followed by Maryanne Wangeci Wambugu from Birithia Girls Secondary School and Joy Chepchumba from Kipsigis Girls High School. The competition also featured a special category for students with disabilities, in which Odiero Dancan Ochieng from Joyland Special Secondary School in Kisumu was recognized as the best.

NACADA CEO Dr. Anthony Omerikwa commended the participants for their thought-provoking essays, describing them as a testament to the power of youth in driving change.



## TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

### INVITATION TO TENDER

The Teachers Service Commission invites interested and eligible bidders/tenderers to bid for the tenders listed below:

S/ No.	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	TENDER SECURITY (KSHS)	PRE BID/ SITE VISIT	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1.	TSC/T/036/ 2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of White and Blue Dust Coats at TSC the Headquarters	Reserved for Women	Tender Security Declaration Form	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10.00am	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00a.m
2.	TSC/T/039/ 2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of Clinic drugs and Non Pharmaceutical Items	Reserved for Women	Tender Security Declaration Form	N/A	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00a.m
3.	TSC/T/046/ 2024-2027	Provision of Maintenance of Printers at TSC Headquarters – Three years framework contract) <b>Re-advertisement</b>	Open Tender	40,000	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10.00am	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00a.m
4.	TSC/T/047/ 2024-2026	Provision of Comprehensive Group Assurance Cover for TSC Commissioners and Secretariat Staff	Open Tender	1,000,000	N/A	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00a.m
5.	TSC/T/048/ 2024-2026	Provision of Internal and External Window Cleaning Services at TSC House Two years framework contract) <b>Re-advertisement</b>	Reserved for Youth	Tender Security Declaration Form	N/A	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00a.m
6.	TSC/T/50/ 2024-2025	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Local Area Network at TSC Offices, One Regional and Four Counties in Kenya <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	Reserved for Youth	Tender Security Declaration Form	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10.00am	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00a.m
7.	TSC/T/052/ 2024-2025	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Local Area Network at the TSC Headquarter Offices	Reserved for Youth	Tender Security Declaration Form	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10.00am	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00a.m
8.	TSC/ REG/001/ 2024/ 2026	Registration of Suppliers for Supply of Goods , Works , Provision of Services and General Consultancies	Open Tender	-	-	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 9.00am

### SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH, WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR F/Y 2024-2025

Teachers Service Commission intends to conduct Supplier Sensitization on **Access to Government Procurement Opportunities AGPO to Youth, Women and People living with Disabilities** on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2025** from **9.00am to 12.00 pm** at **TSC House, Upper hill Kilimanjaro Road Nairobi**.

Youth Women and people living with disabilities are encouraged to attend. To register, submit your particulars to **ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke**. The particulars should include name of the firm, email address and telephone number of the participant.

Detailed Tender documents may be obtained from Supply Chain Management Services Division, at the TSC House **2<sup>nd</sup> floor Podium Wing**, Kilimanjaro Road, Upper hill during the normal working hours. Interested bidders may also access the tender documents from the TSC website: **www.tsc.go.ke** or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) **www.tenders.go.ke** free of charge.

Bidders are required to register and forward their particulars to SCMS through email to **ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke**. The particulars should include: **Name of the firm, address, Tender Name, Telephone number and email address**.

Complete bid documents must be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description should be addressed to: **The Commission Secretary, Teachers Service Commission, TSC House, Upper Hill, Kilimanjaro Road, Private Bag, 00100, NAIROBI** and deposited in the Tender Box located at TSC Headquarters, TSC House, Podium Wing, ground floor to be received on or before **18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at 9.00am as indicated against each tender.

Bulky documents shall be delivered and registered at the office of the Head of Procurement, Supply Chain Management Services on **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Podium Wing**, TSC House.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at TSC House **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Podium Wing** in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

The Tender submission date will be as indicted against each tender. Late tenders will be rejected.

**COMMISSION SECRETARY/ CHIEF EXECUTIVE**



# Automated technology improves TB screening and treatment in Nakuru

BY ESTHER MWANGI, KNA

The adoption of automated technology in the fight against Tuberculosis (TB) in Nakuru County has made screening, diagnosis, and treatment of the disease easier and faster, reducing further community transmission.

The County TB, Leprosy, and Lung Disease Coordinator, Dr. Neimah Barasa, stated that advanced technology—including a digital artificial intelligence-enabled X-ray machine, GeneXpert machines, and TrueNat point-of-care nucleic acid amplification test equipment—aims to enhance the precision and efficiency of TB diagnosis in the county, facilitating appropriate treatment.

Noting that up to 50



Health workers testing a TB sample using one of the latest advanced diagnostic methods.

percent of people with TB do not exhibit the classical symptoms of the disease, Dr. Neimah emphasized that early diagnosis, even before symptoms appear, is only possible through these advanced technol-

ogies.

She explained that the county government has made significant strides in TB management, with 637 health facilities across the county, including 250 TB treatment sites and 102

diagnostic sites.

Dr. Neimah made these remarks during a meeting with a group of health workers from Homa Bay County, who were in Nakuru for a learning exchange program focused on strengthening TB care and service integration.

The coordinator disclosed that Nakuru had in place eight TB sample referral sites equipped with advanced technology, including one digital artificial intelligence-enabled X-ray machine, seven GeneXpert machines and one TrueNat point-of-care nucleic acid amplification test equipment.

He added that last year, the Nakuru County Teaching and Referral Hospital (NCTRH) was among eight facilities nationwide that initiated the programme

of Digital Chest X-ray (DCXR) with AI, introducing the new diagnostic tools in accordance with World Health Organization recommendations.

The coordinator expressed optimism that with the new tools, Nakuru is edging towards finding 40 per cent of missing cases of TB, thereby reducing further community transmission of the disease.

Four years ago, the World Health Organization (WHO) endorsed the rapid molecular test TrueNat which is more advanced in testing.

The technology is said to be a chip-based molecular test for TB, which is battery-powered to operate in peripheral laboratories and can generate results in one hour.

Dr. Neimah indicated that in addition to fast detection of TB, the equipment can detect resistance to Rifampicin in an additional one hour, meaning that if a patient is detected to have this strain that is resistant to Rifampicin, he/she can be put on the right medication.

She noted with satisfaction that TrueNat point-of-care nucleic acid amplification test, which is a portable digital chest X-ray equipment, had improved access to TB testing for patients with signs and symptoms of TB, especially in hard-to-reach areas, where sample referral systems are unavailable, or not properly constituted.

GeneXpert diagnostics have become the gold standard for TB testing, particularly for drug-resistant TB (DR TB), which is difficult to diagnose through the traditional sputum smear technologies or chest X-rays, Dr. Neimah added.

## Sh100 million markets launched in Busia to support local traders

BY RODGERS OMONDI AND SALOME ALWANDA, KNA

The State Department of Housing and Urban Development, in collaboration with the County Government of Busia, has launched two modern markets at Aroma in Matayos Sub-County and Mungatsi in Nambale Sub-County at a cost of Sh100 million.

Each market, costing Sh50 million, is expected to be completed within six months and will accommodate 200 traders.

The markets will also feature an ICT hub and a lactation room for mothers.

Speaking at the project launch, Busia County Governor Paul Otuma encouraged traders to join cooperatives to benefit from cooperative and revolving funds.

"We are going to have a modern market here, but without capital, it won't help us. That is why I urge traders to join cooperatives to access funds from the Cooperative Enterprise Development Fund and the Trade Development and Revolving Fund to grow their businesses.



Busia County Governor Paul Otuma (r) Senior director of the state department of housing and urban development Polycarp Onyango second (r) taken through the sketch of Mungatsi modern market.

These funds have been set aside specifically to support traders," he said. The governor gave an assurance that his government will work closely with the national government to ensure there are developments in the county.

"We have lagged in terms of development as a county. We have made a commitment to work with the national government to ensure we change the situation in our county. We are going to give out our land as the county government for the development and where need be, we are going to buy land so that this development can be done in our county and benefit our people," he said.

Otuma further urged the residents

to engage in agricultural production so that they can have products to sell in the new markets.

"Let us go to our farms now if we want to own our market because if we lack what to sell, other people will have to operate the market. We will have ICT hubs at the market, let us use the hub to do online business to market our goods and make content that will create employment and generate money for us," he said.

Senior Director, State Department of Housing and Urban Development Polycarp Onyango directed the contractor to ensure the beneficiary of the project is the local people.

"The president has directed that all the raw material used

in the project must be sourced locally. When it comes to the skills, unless it is proven that the required skills are not found locally, the local people must be given the priority to work on the project," he said.

He asked the contractor to ensure that the agreed timeline is met and the work done should be of the required quality.

"We will be visiting these sites every time to see how the work proceeds. The contractor must finish this work on time and should be of high quality," he said, adding that during this financial year, the government has spent a lot of money on development projects across all sub-counties in Busia County.

Nambale MP Geof-

frey Mulanya warned the traders of selling their stalls urging them to ensure they do business at assigned space.

"We want those people who have been working at these markets to be given priority when the markets are done. We know some people do sell their stalls, but this act will hinder you from developing your business. If you have difficulties in your business, you can look for alternatives including getting loans from cooperative funds from the county government," he said.

He urged the county government to create fertiliser stores at Mungatsi to save people in Nambale Sub-County from moving long distances to get fertiliser.

"We understand that the national government has given subsidised fertiliser but accessibility remains a challenge to many people. I am urging the county government to create a store here at Mungatsi so that our people can easily access this fertiliser to increase food production," he said.

## Kenya receives Sh 360m rice donation from China

BY ROP JANET, KNA

The Government has received rice donations worth Sh360 Million from the People's Republic of China to be distributed to over 2.8 million people in 23 Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) Counties.

The donation aims at boosting food security in the ASAL counties facing increased vulnerability of ecosystems and livelihoods due to the below normal March-May and April to June expected rainfall.

The deteriorating outlook is also linked to the fragile recovery from the 2021-2023 drought, following five consecutive failed rain seasons.

Speaking in Kumpa, Kajiado Central during the launch of the food donations, Cabinet Secretary for East African Community (EAC), Arid and Semi-Arid Lands and Regional Development, Beatrice Askul emphasized the importance of building resilience among communities to be able to cope with the adverse effects of climate change.

The CS urged communities in ASAL counties to embrace

alternative sources of livelihoods to be able to cushion themselves during long periods of drought. "We have received 40,000 bags of rice to assist communities in ASAL areas who are facing drought due to below normal rainfall in the counties, even as we do so we are emphasizing on embracing alternative sources of livelihoods," she said.

Askul thanked the Chinese government for standing with Kenya whenever the country faces challenges particularly those related to disasters. She further underscored the need to leverage financial and technical support from development partners to enhance food security, build resilience and improve livelihoods.

On his part, Principal Secretary ASAL and Regional Development Mr Kello Harsama reiterated the importance of building resilience within communities adding that the Ministry has embarked on resilience programmes such as sinking boreholes and building dams in ASAL counties to enable locals embark on food production.



# New Initiative to ensure maternal care for vulnerable pregnant teenagers across the country

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

The Government has launched a special program to support vulnerable pregnant teenagers, ensuring they receive comprehensive maternal and reproductive health services at public health facilities.

This initiative aligns with the government's commitment to prioritizing adolescent health, recognizing that young mothers face a higher risk of maternal complications.

In a media update on Taifa Care, the Ministry of Health noted that the government recognizes teenage pregnancies pose significant health and socio-economic challenges. To address this, the program will integrate counseling services, nutritional support, and mentorship programs, equipping young mothers with the necessary tools to ensure their well-being and that of their newborns.

According to the ministry, Community Health Promoters (CHPs) will play a key role in identifying and enrolling vulnerable girls into the program, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Additionally, the program provides linkages to education and economic empowerment opportunities, enabling teenage

mothers to resume their education or receive vocational training after delivery.

"By offering holistic support, the initiative contributes to breaking the cycle of poverty and poor health outcomes associated with teenage pregnancies," the statement said.

To support the effort, the government has allocated funds to cover the annual premiums for these mothers and upon seeking care at a public facility, they are encouraged to register in the program during their first visit.

Additionally, all their dependents should also be enrolled to ensure full healthcare coverage with this initiative reinforcing the government's mission of providing accessible healthcare for all.

The government has urged county governments, religious leaders, and community organizations to support this program by sensitizing communities on the importance of ensuring adolescent girls access maternal healthcare without stigma or discrimination.

Through the Taifa Care model, the ministry says that it will ensure young mothers receive the care and dignity they deserve.

The Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS)

2022 highlights that nationally 15 per cent of adolescent women aged 15-19 have experienced pregnancy, with 12 per cent having given birth, one per cent having had a pregnancy loss, and three per cent currently pregnant with their first child.

This marks a decline from 18 per cent in 2014, indicating progress though the prevalence remains substantial.

The survey also reveals that teenage pregnancy rates are inversely related to education levels: approximately 38 per cent of adolescents with no education have been pregnant, compared to only five per cent of those with more than secondary education.

Similarly, economic disparities influence these rates, with 21 per cent of adolescents in the lowest wealth quintile having been pregnant, versus seven per cent in the highest quintile.

Geographically, the burden of teenage pregnancies varies across counties with Samburu County reporting the highest rate at 50 per cent, followed by West Pokot at 36 per cent, Marsabit at 29 per cent, and Narok at 28 per cent.

In contrast, Nyeri and Nyandarua Counties have the lowest rates, each at five per cent.



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### TRAINING OF KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (KJSEA) EXAMINERS

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) will conduct training of examiners for Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (KJSEA) in the months of **March and April, 2025**.

The training fee is **Kenya Shillings Ten Thousand, Five Hundred (Kes.10,500)** and will **ONLY** be made by the shortlisted applicants who will be notified on how to make payments through a text message (SMS) and via the application portal.

The training will be conducted first online and later on physical in a residential venue. Shortlisted trainees will be directed on how to access the online training materials. The venue for the residential training will be communicated to the qualified trainees later where the exercise will be strictly residential.

Qualified examiners will thereafter be engaged by KNEC to mark KJSEA assessments using the criteria for recruitment of examiners based on the personnel needs for each paper.

Interested and qualified teachers are therefore invited to apply in the subjects listed below:

#### 1.0 KJSEA ASSESSMENT

Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) will train KJSEA examiners in the following papers:

S/NO.	PAPER NAME	PAPER CODE	S/NO.	PAPER NAME	PAPER CODE
1.1	English (Composition and Literacy analysis)	901/2	1.12	History	907/1
1.2	Kiswahili (Insha na utangulizi wafasihi)	902/2	1.13	Geography	907/2
1.3	Mathematics	903	1.14	CRE	908
1.4	Kenyan Sign language (KSL)	904/2	1.15	IRE	909
1.5	Integrated Science Practical	905/2	1.16	HRE	910
1.6	Biology	905/3	1.17	Art	911/1
1.7	Chemistry	905/4	1.18	Music	911/2
1.8	Physics	905/5	1.19	Physical Health Education (PHE)	911/3
1.9	Agriculture and Nutrition Practical	906/2	1.20	Computer studies	912/1
1.10	Agriculture	906/3	1.21	Business Studies	912/2
1.11	Home science	906/4	1.22	Woodwork	912/3
			1.23	Metalwork	912/4
			1.24	Building and Construction	912/5

#### 2.0. CRITERIA FOR TRAINING AS AN EXAMINER

##### 2.1 General requirements for trainee examiners

- 2.1.1 Must be a practicing teacher/tutor in the relevant subject areas in the level of examination or above;
- 2.1.2 Must be registered and/or employed by the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) or Public Service Commission;
- 2.1.3 Must have a Diploma in Education and above;
- 2.1.4 Have a minimum teaching experience of three (3) years;
- 2.1.5 Must **NOT** be on interdiction or any other form of disciplinary action from the TSC/employer;
- 2.1.6 Must be recommended by his/her head of Institution;
- 2.1.7 Must be **50 years of age and below**;
- 2.1.8 Tutors from Teachers' training colleges and TVET institutions are encouraged to apply for Home science,

#### 3.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

##### 3.1 Applicants are required to do the following:

- 3.1.1 Access the KNEC examiners' portal using the link <https://examinersapp.knec.ac.ke>;
- 3.1.2 Those with **Cp2 accounts**, should log into the portal using their usernames and passwords;
- 3.1.3 Those who would have forgotten their **Cp2 passwords**, should click on reset password button and enter their mobile number in the format **(2547\*\*\*\*\*)** and submit to get new passwords for logging to the system;
- 3.1.4 Those without **Cp2 accounts** should click on **'create account'** and follow the instructions to acquire login credentials to access the system;
- 3.1.5 Upon successful log in, the applicants will then complete their personal profile and save. On the dashboard, click on **'apply for training'** and all the declared vacancies will be available for the applicants to choose and apply.

**Only qualified teachers who have presented all the required documents will be shortlisted for the exercise on a first come, first served basis.**

**Chief Executive Officer,  
The Kenya National Examinations Council,  
P O Box 73598 -00200, NAIROBI.**



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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF END-TO-END INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SYSTEM AND RELATED SERVICES DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

#### TENDER NO. KNEC/EOI/2024 – 2025/01

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) also referred to as the Council, is a state corporation established through the KNEC 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 intends to shortlist firms for the Provision of end-to-end Integrated Logistics System and Related Services during administration of Examinations and Assessments. The eligible firms should indicate their interest in providing the 'Services', and provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

**2.0** Interested eligible Bidders may obtain detailed terms of reference for the Services from the following websites: [www.knec.ac.ke](http://www.knec.ac.ke) or [www.supplier.treasury.go.ke](http://www.supplier.treasury.go.ke) or [www.tender.go.ke](http://www.tender.go.ke)

**3.0** The closing date for submission shall be on **19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 10.00am**. The submitted Expressions of Interest will be opened immediately thereafter. KNEC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



# Young Kenyan innovators develop AI platform accessible without internet

BY PURITY MUGO, KNA

Over the past few years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has gradually become a part of everyday life in Kenya.

AI has been utilized for research and to create economic opportunities.

As the country continues to embrace AI, two young innovators have come together to make their mark by developing an AI platform that can be accessed without an internet connection.

The duo, Morgan Gicheha and Paul Theceri, has developed Rurallink AI, an AI-driven solution designed to address the challenges of poor or unavailable internet connectivity. The platform can be accessed on all types of phones, including smartphones and feature phones—locally known as Kabambe—through Short Messaging Services (SMS).

Speaking to KNA, Rurallink AI founder Gicheha explained that the platform allows users to harness the power of AI via SMS, making it accessible even without an internet connection.

“This service works on all devices that can send an SMS, regardless of the type of phone. It functions



Morgan Gicheha

on both the latest smartphones and the oldest feature phones,” he said.

Gicheha revealed that he initially built the platform for personal use before realizing its potential to help thousands of people, particularly those in rural areas.

“I first developed the platform for personal use during the Christmas holidays when I was traveling to our rural home. The thought of staying somewhere without Wi-Fi or a stable internet connection troubled me,” he said.

“I started think-

“At the moment we are meeting all the costs required to run the platform from our pockets

ing of scenarios, where I might need the internet for instance if I got lost or I injured myself and needed to Google something, how would I do it?” he posed.

He explained how he decided to create a small personal AI bot that can be accessible through SMS, even in areas with poor network coverage.

“I wanted to be able to get some AI assistance from anywhere, so I started developing the platform slowly,” he said.

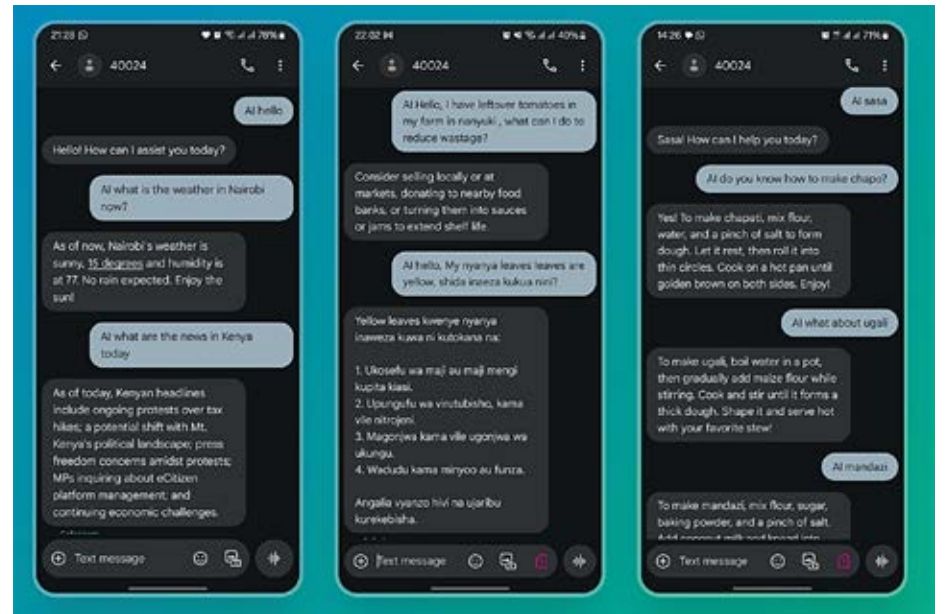
Gicheha narrated how after finishing the platform in January this year, he was the only user for a couple of days, using the platform as his personal assistant.

“I started telling friends and family about it, and they loved what I had built, especially my mom,” he said.

The Information Technology specialist said he later shared his invention on the internet platform Reddit, where the innovation was quickly embraced by other internet users.

“We had close to 100 people using the platform after an hour of posting it and that encouraged me to open it to the world,” he said.

The co-founder, Theceri



An illustration of how Rurallink AI works on Mobile devices as demonstrated by the developers.

on his part celebrated the achievement and milestones they have made so far, even as he acknowledged that like other startups and innovations, they are facing some challenges.

“There are a couple of challenges we are facing; the major one is finances because at the moment we are meeting all the costs required to run the platform from our pockets,” he said.

Theceri further observed that as a new startup, publicity for their product is another challenge they are contending with and was optimistic they will eventually be able to reach more potential users.

“We have a platform that can help a lot of people, but we are having challenges informing the people about our platform,” he said.

He emphasized the importance of letting the people in rural areas know about the product, noting it has the potential to be helpful to different people, who need information, but cannot access the internet.

“Rurallink AI can help farmers for instance when they want to research symptoms their plants or animals are exhibiting, or they want to know the weather predictions,” Theceri said.

“It can also be helpful to students because it can act as a research engine for students, who are not privileged enough to access computers, the internet, or even a library,” he said.

The co-founder explained that the platform charges Sh1 in airtime for every SMS and it runs on the mobile network pro-

vider Safaricom.

“Our dream at Rurallink is to make this free for all and make it accessible on all network providers,” he said.

“All a user must do is to send a text with the words AI Hey to 40024. The start of every prompt or SMS should be word AI for example: AI who is the current president of Kenya?” he explained.

Theceri stated that Rurallink AI runs on the best and most capable AI models which make it a reliable tool.

“We are constantly updating and making our solution better and smarter so that it can serve the users well,” he said.

He called upon more Kenyans to come up with innovations that address local challenges, while competing on a global scale.

## Kenya must embrace ethics to secure better future, says education chief

BY JOSEPH KAMOLO (PCO)

Kenya will achieve development by embracing values and ethics, which provide a solid foundation for building a better future and a great nation.

Basic Education Director General, Dr. Elyas Abdi, made these remarks while officially opening the Ethics Education (EE) workshop in Thika, Kiambu County. The workshop was funded by Arigatou International in collaboration with UNESCO, the International Dialogue Center (KAICIID), and other partners.

Abdi observed that there is clear evidence of the erosion of values in society, citing reports of child molestation, murders, child trafficking, corruption, and a general loss of respect for one another.

On a global scale, the Director General expressed concern about wars, radicalization, and xenophobia, which threaten the core of humanity, along with challenges posed by technology, health, and climate change.

“The advancement of values and ethics will ensure that Kenya responds appropriately to a rapidly changing and demanding global environment,” he stated.

He added that Kenya Vision 2030 emphasizes the need to formulate and adopt a core set of national values, goals, and a forward-looking political ideology in the pursuit of economic, social, and political aspirations.

The training of fellows to implement Ethics Education is underway in Kenya after the first one was held in October 2022



Ethics Education Implimentors undergo training in a Thika.

in Indonesia comprising six countries namely Kenya, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Nepal Seychelles and the host Indonesia.

Ethics Education (EE) provides the space for learners to foster the qualities, capacities and competencies which enable them to relate ethically with themselves, others and the world.

This second phase of the

Ethics Education Fellowship Programme taking place in Thika town will aid to cascade and sustain the programme beyond the school level.

Dr Abdi said the fellowship program aims to strengthen the capacity of ethics education in formal education as a key contribution to developing national programs that foster learning to live together.

The Director General emphasized that the fellowship program will build a network of formal education institutions and create a platform for sharing and building capacity.

He noted the program also aims to promote a sustainable continuation and expansion of ethics education activities in the participating countries.

In Kenya, the fellows are drawn from the Ministry of Education, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, Kenyatta University and Thogoto Teachers Training College.

The team is expected to cascade the program in their countries by training ToTs who would implement it in their learning institutions.

Ethics Education focuses on the social, emotional, ethical, cognitive and even spiritual dimen-

sions of a learner’s holistic development, Dr. Abdi said.

By cultivating children’s sense of responsibility and interconnectedness, Ethics Education empowers children as active and caring agents of change in their communities and the world beyond.

Ethics Education places the learner and their agency at the centre of their learning, simultaneously encouraging transformative action while learning through it.

Such educational initiatives characterised by an ethical core will be crucial in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly Target 4.7, which aims to promote a culture of peace and non-violence, global and democratic citizenship, and appreciation of cultural diversity.



# Nakuru eyes export markets with training on disease-resistant 'Nyota' beans



A training session of Agricultural officers and lead farmers on Nyota bean farming held in Nakuru.

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND  
NICOLE NDUUTI, KNA

The Nakuru County Government, in collaboration with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), is training over 15,000 farmers on proper agronomic practices in the cultivation of the high-yielding and disease-resistant "Nyota" bean seed variety.

According to Agriculture Chief Officer Mr. Newton Mwaura, the county is targeting the export market. He said the initiative, which is also supported by the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), aims to help bean farmers from Njoro, Subukia, Rongai, Bahati, and Gilgil Sub-Counties access regional and international markets. The training will focus on the mandatory standards their produce must meet in the European Union (EU) and other export markets.

The training is being carried out through the "Enhancing Climate Change Resilience in East Africa" (ECREA) Project, an initiative designed to improve the resilience of Kenyan farmers, particularly bean producers, to the impacts of climate change. This is achieved by providing better access to weather and climate information services (WCIS) through collaborations with research institutions and meteorological services in the region.

The initiative primarily focuses on enhancing the adaptive capacity of East African countries such as Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda to extreme weather events and climate change. It is spearheaded by the Climate Action lever of the Alliance of

Biodiversity International and CIAT through the Pan-Africa Bean Research Alliance (PABRA).

Mwaura explained that agricultural officers and lead farmers from the five sub-counties are being trained on how to use weather information and agricultural practices to improve high-iron bean productivity. This will help minimize the rejection of bean grain by off-takers and processors, ensuring farmers can offer quality Nyota beans locally, even in schools. He said adoption of the high yielding and disease resistant Nyota bean variety is crucial in enabling bean farmers to harvest quality produce that could access international markets.

The chief officer explained that the Nyota bean variety is fast maturing and richer in nutrients and takes between 20 and 30 minutes to cook compared to the traditional variety, adding that the red-mottled group bean stands out for its fast maturity and adaptability to varying climates, making it a valuable choice for farmers.

Mwaura said participants in the training were being enlightened on compliance with applicable laws and regulations to tap into the local, regional and export market.

He said the bean variety, which has high iron and zinc content, prevents stunted growth in children and

**The bean variety is also a rich source of essential proteins which would lead to a healthy populace**

boosts body immunity and has the potential of growing the country's horticultural world market share.

The Chief Officer noted that though a significant proportion of young farmers in the county were eyeing international markets, most were unaware of post-harvest treatment requirements and standards set by the EU and other marketing agencies.

"We have been talking to farmers on the appropriate methods to use in order to contain the presence of quarantine pests and diseases in their produce to protect and grow our European market," he affirmed.

The bean variety, he said, is also a rich source of essential proteins which would lead to a healthy populace and is resistant to the vagaries of pest attacks and climate change.

The chief officer said the collaboration between the county government, research institutions and other players is aimed at increasing rural households' farming incomes by empowering youth and women with technical skills to venture into bean farming and improving the country's food security and nutrition situation.

He noted that micronutrient deficiencies remain unacceptably high in Kenya, citing Zinc deficiency which, he said, affects the entire population, but highest among children aged six to 59 months, at 83 per cent, with no significant difference between boys and girls.

Anaemia and iron deficiency, he added, were higher among children under five and pregnant women and other women aged 15-49 years.



Homa Bay County Governor Gladys Wanga, the French Ambassador to Kenya Arnaud Suquet after the commissioning of a water project at Kaswanga Girls High School.

## Homa Bay, France ink deal to deliver clean water to Rusinga Island

KNA BY SITNA OMAR

The County Government of Homa Bay, in partnership with the French Government through the City of Alenya in Southern France, has commissioned a water project aimed at providing clean and safe drinking water to over 8,000 households on Rusinga Island.

The French Ambassador to Kenya, Arnaud Suquet, emphasized the importance of the project in improving access to clean water, particularly in light of the challenges posed by climate change, which has exacerbated water scarcity in the region.

Speaking at the launch of the Kaswanga Water Project, Suquet noted that the best expertise, in terms of knowledge and technical know-how, had been applied in the project's construction.

He highlighted the project's goal of providing residents with easier access to clean water—a necessity that has remained difficult to obtain for many years despite the region's proximity to the lake.

Commending the progress of the water project, he described it as exemplary in terms of partnership, as it has brought together governments as well as the people of Alenya and Rusinga Island.

He further stated that the initiative underscores the strength of international partnerships and praised the collaboration for its positive impact on the communities involved.

"The work by the City of Alenya has been instrumental in fostering this partnership with the County Government of Homa Bay, which has had a significant impact in both countries," he said.

Governor Gladys Wanga said the project, which has a capacity of 200,000 cubic meters, represents a significant step towards



Kaswanga Water project commissioned through a partnership between the county government of Homa Bay and the City of Alenya in Southern France. Photos by Sitna Omar

ensuring quality of life for the area residents through the establishment of water points and supply to schools, hospitals and other public amenities.

"This is a transformative initiative that is bringing clean water to Rusinga Island that was made possible through the partnership with the City of Alenya in France, the County Government of Homa Bay and the Suba North NG-CDF.

The project exemplifies a successful multisectoral partnership, bringing together local and international stakeholders to address a critical need in the community," Wanga said.

The total investment in the project was Sh99.5 million, with the French Government injecting Sh91 million into its establishment.

The county government topped up Sh8.5 million for the installation of solar panels and connections to power the water supply system sustainably to facilitate supply of clean water to five villages, including Kaswanga and other learning institutions.

Wanga expressed optimism that the new water supply system will drastically reduce the distance residents previously had to travel for clean water, marking a significant improvement in their daily lives.



# Authority partners with firm to rehabilitate water resources

BY IAN CHEPKUTO, KNA

In an effort to enhance water storage, ensure food security and strengthen flood control, the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority (NWHSA), has signed a collaboration framework with Dredge Masters Kenya to desilt dams and dredge flood-prone rivers.

The partnership will focus on the planning, execution, and management of water infrastructure projects, which are aimed at improving water storage, controlling floods, and promoting environmental sustainability.

This collaboration comes in response to emerging challenges and the pressing need for sustainable water reservoir development to expand storage capacity, enhance water and food security, and mitigate the effects of droughts and floods.

Speaking during the meeting in Nairobi, National Water Chairman CPA Symon Kimaru underscored the importance of the partnership, emphasizing that both parties will leverage their expertise and resources in dredging operations, land reclamation, and specialised

civil works to enhance flood control and water management efforts.

CPA Kimaru divulged that these efforts will play a crucial role in supporting the Authority's ongoing project implementations, particularly those aimed at mitigating floods.

He further noted: "The collaboration aligns with the government's broader agenda of enhancing water security, mitigating the effects of climate change, and ensuring sustainable water management for communities affected by recurrent floods."

The Chairman emphasized the need to adopt technology and a comprehensive, catchment-oriented approach to effectively mitigate the impact of floods.

He said through such strategic partnerships and collaboration, the institutions will not only strengthen water and food security in the country but will also build resilience against droughts and floods.

"With the effects of climate change, there is a need to adopt the use of technology and a comprehensive catchment-oriented approach so as to mitigate

against the effects of floods through enhanced partnerships and collaboration," said CPA Kimaru.

The Acting CEO of National Water, Eng. Julius Mugun, noted that river sedimentation is a major cause of flooding, particularly in major rivers of Nyanza, such as the Nyando and Nzoia.

Eng. Mugun stressed that the impact of these effects in the flood-prone rivers has resulted in the loss of life, destruction of property worth millions, and displacement of residents living along the river banks.

He revealed that through partnerships and collaborations, dredging these rivers will help restore their natural courses, therefore playing a crucial role in mitigating the effects of floods.

Eng. Mugun reaffirmed the Authority's mandate to harvest and store water for irrigation and multipurpose use, emphasising the critical role of well-maintained reservoirs in ensuring water and food security.

He noted that many dams, particularly colonial-era structures, have accumulated significant silt over the years, leading to reduced storage capacity.

# State trains Junior School teachers to deliver STEM education

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA KNA

Over 200 Junior School teachers in Kisumu County have received training on the use of virtual laboratories and digital resources to strengthen teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.

The training spearheaded by the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTE) targets to transform science education in Junior Secondary Schools that lack physical laboratories, bridging the gap between theory and practice.

CEMASTE Trainer Ezda Okoth said Virtual Labs provide students with a wide array of interactive simulations, experiments, and virtual tools designed to mimic real-life laboratory conditions.

By leveraging interactive simulations and real-time experiments, the digital laboratories, he said, offer students an immersive learning experience, enabling them to visualize complex scientific concepts and conduct experiments in a risk-free environment.

The innovation, he added

not only enhances understanding and engagement but also ensures that no student is left behind due to infrastructural limitations, making science education more inclusive, practical, and effective.

"The platform includes modules for a variety of scientific disciplines, offering experiments ranging from simple physics demonstrations to complex chemical reactions and biological studies.

Each module is equipped with detailed instructions, theory, and assessments to guide students through the experiment and ensure effective learning," he said. Speaking during a training for Junior School Teachers at Arch-Bishop Okoth Ojolla Girls School in Kisumu West Sub-County, Okoth said the training which targets Integrated Science and Mathematics Teachers was rolled out to equip them with the necessary skills to tap into the digital resources to strengthen STEM education.

"Junior School is domiciled in Primary Schools and most of the institutions do not have adequate laboratory infrastructure. CEMASTE's virtual labs have emerged as an accessi-

ble alternative that ensures practical learning continues uninterrupted," he said.

He added that the teachers were being taken through specialized training programs, to equip them with the necessary skills to integrate virtual laboratories into their curricula, enhancing their teaching methods and improving student engagement.

Scarcity of science laboratories in Junior Schools, he said was a major hindrance to students gaining practical, experiential knowledge of subjects like physics, chemistry, and biology adding that the virtual labs offer a platform where students can conduct experiments, visualize scientific processes, and explore the principles of science in a hands-on way.

The innovation, he said has proven to be successful in the delivery of STEM subjects, adding that through proper implementation it will help schools which are grappling with huge budgets to set up physical laboratories.

"With this innovation we hope to scale up STEM education to help the country achieve the Vision 2030," he said.



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# Construction of Sh 1.1b Koitalel Samoei University in Nandi Hills resumes

BY RUTH MAINYE AND  
CARREN CHEPKURUI, KNA

The long-awaited construction of Koitalel Samoei University in Nandi Hills Sub County, Nandi County has finally resumed after the site was handed over to a new con-

tractor.

The stalled project, which received Sh. 250 million in its first phase, has been allocated Sh.900million for the second phase that will be done by a new contractor from China.

This development brings a sigh of relief for the com-

munity that has endured years of uncertainty and frustrations as the project remained stalled.

The handover ceremony, which was marked by

optimism and renewed hope, saw the new contractor Ying Du from Oriole Home Limited and the Principal Koitalel Samoei University Professor Winston Akala sign the contract paving way for the construction to commence soon.

Prof Akala revealed that the University's area of specialization will be sports science adding that this will go a long way in nurturing the young talents in the region.

He also lauded the community's initiative of advocating for the institution which was named after the Nandi legend, noting that this shows the respect they have for their leader who was slain by the colonialist.

"Nandi being the source of Champions, the institution's area of specialization will be sports science," said Prof

Akala.

Koitalel Samoei University Council Chairman, Professor Risley Kavuu expressed his satisfaction with the progress so far made noting that the University Council had decided the main Campus be at Nandi Hills Sub County while the current Mosoriot Campus be a branch.

"We have reached a point where the project is moving forward. After receiving the go-ahead, we conducted a procurement process through a committee. The process was smooth, open,

and transparent, with no leaks," divulged Kavuu.

Nandi East Deputy County Commissioner Ngalia Ndaya said that as government they are committed to offering necessary support to the project to ensure no hiccups hinders the construction process.

He assured the University management, residents and the contractor that there will be security measures in place to ensure that the construction area is protected from any intruders with ill motives.



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4	CIC Life Assurance Limited	(020)2823000	59485-00200, NAIROBI
5	CPF Financial Services Limited	(020)2046901	28938-00200, NAIROBI
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7	Enwealth Financial Services Limited	(020)2788000	52840-00200, NAIROBI
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10	Jubilee Life Insurance Limited	(020)3281000	30376-00100, NAIROBI
11	Kenbright Insurance Brokers Limited	0720-498001	28281-00200, NAIROBI
12	Kenindia Assurance Company Limited	(020)3316099	44372-00100, NAIROBI
13	Kenya Orient Life Assurance Limited	(020)2728603	34530-00100, NAIROBI
14	Kingsland Court Benefits Services Limited	(020)2711461	10285-00100, NAIROBI
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17	Liberty Life Assurance Kenya Limited	(020)2866000	30364-00100, NAIROBI
18	Madison Corporation Limited	(020)2864000	41163-00100, NAIROBI
19	Minet Kenya Financial Services Limited	(020)4975000	20102-00200, NAIROBI
20	Mwavuli Administrators Limited	0700-688248	15850-00100, NAIROBI
21	Octagon Pension Services Limited	0709-986000	10034-00100, NAIROBI
22	Pacific Insurance Brokers (EA) Limited	(020)7602600	50565-00200, NAIROBI
23	Pioneer Assurance Company Limited	(020)2220814	20333-00200, NAIROBI
24	Roberts Insurance Brokers Limited	(020)2464558	73415-00200, NAIROBI
25	Sanlam Life Insurance Limited	(020)2781000	44041-00100, NAIROBI
26	Sapon Insurance Brokers Limited	(020)6007324, 0723-743570, 0734-511441	47628-00100, NAIROBI
27	Sedgwick Kenya Insurance Brokers Limited	0722-205321	40709-00100, NAIROBI
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4	Amana Capital Limited	(020)2351741	9480-00100, NAIROBI
5	Apollo Asset Management Company Limited	(020)3641000	30389-00100, NAIROBI
6	Britam Asset Managers Kenya Limited	(020)2833000	30375-00100, NAIROBI
7	CIC Asset Management Limited	(020)2823000	59485-00200, NAIROBI
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11	Dry Associates Limited	0705-799971, 0705-849429, 0738-253811	684-00606, NAIROBI
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17	Gulfcap Investment Bank Limited	0708-422077	6632-00508, NAIROBI
18	ICEA Lion Asset Management Limited	(020)2750000	46143-00100, NAIROBI
19	Investcent Partners Limited	(020)2102022	19445-00202, NAIROBI
20	Jubilee Asset Management Limited	(020)3281000	30376-00100, NAIROBI
21	Kenindia Asset Management Company Limited	(020)3316099	44372-00100, NAIROBI
22	Kuza Asset Management Limited	0705-666444, 0723937722	26180-00100, NAIROBI
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24	Madison Investment Managers Limited	(020)2721340	20092-00100, NAIROBI
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30	Sanlam Investments East Africa Limited	(020)4967000	67262-00200, NAIROBI
31	Standard Investment Bank Limited	(020)2277000, 0777-333000	13714-00800, NAIROBI
32	Star Capital Management Limited	0788-671750, (041)2247555	2070-00606, NAIROBI
33	Sterling Capital Limited	0111-045600, 0723-153219, 0734219146, (020)2213914, (020)2244077	45080-00100, NAIROBI
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# Legal reforms initiated to ensure inclusivity in legislative assemblies

BY ISIAH NAYIKA , KNA

There is need for legal reforms to compel political parties to ensure inclusivity and equal representation while filling positions in both the national and county assemblies.

Speaking during the official launch of the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) Trans Nzoia Regional Office, Registrar of Political Parties Ann Nderitu revealed that 21 county assemblies including Trans

Nzoia, currently do not have representatives for People Living with Disabilities (PWDs).

She said the anomaly can only be corrected through legal reforms where parties will be required to ensure that there are nominative posts reserved for PWDs and at no time would be the posts be filled with any other person not living with disabilities.

Revealing that there are 92 legally registered polit-

ical parties in the country, Nderitu said the constitution gives room for any Kenyan to belong to a political party without being coerced and the law does not spell out the maximum number of political parties which should be there in the country.

In a bid to mitigate political disputes as the country prepares ground for 2027 general election, Nderitu urged parties to ensure transparency and accountability in all the structures,

procedures and performance.

“As we set the ground ready for the 2027 election exercise, we call upon all political players to exercise patience, understanding and maturity in an effort to ensure peace before, during and after election. Let all politicians put the interests of the Country at heart,” she pleaded.

ORPP Assistant Registrar, Registration and Coordination of Field Services Florence Birya revealed that if resources allow, plans are underway to ensure that besides the 12 regional offices which are in operation, more

offices are set up across the 47 counties to help decentralize services.


As she urged political parties to embrace the principle of inclusivity, Birya disclosed there are intentional efforts to help empower PWDs in effort to provide a level playing ground.

Trans Nzoia County Commissioner Gideon Oyagi said political sanity and adherence to the rule of law will be key elements which should be observed by all players as the country slowly prepares for 2027 General Election, promising government’s commitment to en-

sure peace prevails.

Representing Governor George Ntembeya was Chief Officer in charge of Public Service Management Philip Kapten who called for strengthening of collaboration between national government and county governments for improved service delivery.

The opening of the office to serve West Pokot, Turkana and Trans Nzoia counties was a welcome idea for residents more so politicians, who said it will help bring services closer reducing the distance to travel all the way to Nairobi to seek the services.



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NO.	FILE NO	APPLICANT	WATER BODY	SUB-REGION	L/R NO.	PERMIT CLASS	INTENDED WATER USE	TOTAL AMOUNT APPLIED FOR [M³/DAY]	NEAREST MARKET CENTRE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	DISTRICT	SW, GW, ED
1	WRA/50/NUK/5BB/11923/G	Big Rig petroleum Limited	Mt Kenya	Nanyuki	Naromoru/Block 1/2327	C	Water shall be used for domestic sanitation petrol station, car wash, watering lawns and swimming pool	290.000	Magutu	Ragati	Ragati	Mathira East	GW
2	WRA/50/NUK/5BE/10851/G	Likii Hill School	Mt Kenya	Nanyuki	40656	C	Domestic and subsistence irrigation use only.	50.0000	Nanyuki	Nanyuki Town	Nanyuki	Laikipia East	GW
3	WRA/50/NUK/5BE/11947/G	Kongoni River Farm Limited-Liki Division	Mt Kenya	Nanyuki	Laikipia/ Kalalu 1191	C	Commercial Irrigation	148.0000	Kalalu	Kalalu	kalalu	Laikipia East	GW
4	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13635/G	Olij Kenya Propagation Limited	Lake Naivasha Aquifer	Naivasha	396/26, 397/3	C	Commercial irrigation	350	Karagita	HELLS GATE	HELL GATE	NAIVASHA	GW
5	WRA/30/NRB/3AA/26839/G	Give Power Kenya	Nairobi Suite	Nairobi	Mavoko municipality Block 6/347	C	Industrial/ Commercial,	157	ATHI RIVER	ATHI RIVER	ATHIRIVER	MAVOKO	GW
6	WRA/12/KSM/1GC/11480/S	Kibos Distillers Limited	KIBOS RIVER	Kisumu	654/23	C	abstraction of water to be used for cooling process in distillation process.	100	Kibos	Kajulu	KajuluEast	Kisumu East	GW
7	WRA/20/KAB/2EC/11377/G	Menengai Oils Refineries LTD	Rongai Aquifer	Kabarnet	Nakuru/ Scheme/ Rongai/67	D	Commercial Irrigation	1,000	Gicheha	Gicheha	Rongai	Rongai	GW
8	WRA/20/KAB/2EG/43/G	Redshank Ltd	Rongai Aquifer	Kabarnet	89002	D	Commercial Irrigation	500	Salgaa	Rongai	Rongai	Rongai	GW
9	WRA/20/KAB/2EG/11396/G	John Muriithi Mutahi	Rongai Aquifer	Kabarnet	Rongai/ Rongai Block 1/1613	D	Commercial Irrigation	500	Kimunga	Rongai	Rongai	Rongai	GW
10	WRA/20/KAB/2EG/11296/S	Kinene Growers SHG	Molo River	Kabarnet	Easement	C	Commercial Irrigation	630	Logiri - Chemo-goch	Chemogoch	Lembus	Mogotio	SW
11	WRA/20/KAP/2BC/10311/S	Mount Elgon Orchards Limited	River Kaptega	Kapenguria	7156/2	D	Commercial Irrigation	1,900	Chepchoina	Chepchoina	Kaptega	Endebess	SW
12	WRA/20/KAP/2BC/10309/G	Chongqing International Construction Corporation	West Pokot Basement	Kapenguria	WEST POKOT/ KERINET A 4028	D	Domestic & Industrial.	100	Psigirio	Psigirio	Mnagei	West Pokot	GW
13	WRA/30/NRB/3AC/26988/G	Teresa Kwamboka Ong'ondo	Katani	Nairobi	Mavoko Town Block 2 / 3678	C	Commercial Irrigation	120	Katani	Katani	Mlolongo	Athi River	GW

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# Kenya eyes 10 million domestic tourists in 2025

JOHN KALEKE, KNA

The Government is setting its sights on attracting 10 million domestic tourists this year, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary (CS) Rebecca Miano has announced.

With a thriving tourism sector, the Ministry plans to amplify local travel through robust marketing campaigns and the development of enticing domestic tourism packages. CS Miano highlighted the country's impressive recovery, revealing that 5 million domestic tourists visited attractions in 2024, a marked increase compared to previous

years.

"There's a clear rise in interest from local tourists, eager to explore the rich offerings across the country," she remarked.

While the official count for local tourists was 5 million, CS Miano noted that the actual number may be higher, as many visitors stay in guest houses and Airbnbs that are not always captured in the records.

Speaking during the commissioning of the refurbished Maasai Mara Research Centre in Narok, CS Miano noted that the centre, originally established in 1974 to research Malignant Catarrhal Fever

(MCF) disease, will now expand its focus.

CS Miano also said that Maasai Mara is one of the national jewels and wildlife research and training are important aspects in guaranteeing the sustainability of this precious resource.

She said that research provides reliable scientific data and information on historical, current and emerging wildlife conservation and management challenges ensuring the sustainable conservation and management of wildlife and their habitats.

In addition to the domestic tourism goal, Miano revealed plans to

target 3 million international visitors this year, up from 2.4 million in 2024.

"This push is part of a broader strategy to elevate foreign tourism, which saw earnings rise to Sh.452 billion in 2024, a 20% increase from Sh.377 billion in 2023, largely driven by aggressive marketing and innovative tourism products," added the CS

As part of this effort, the government is diversifying tourism markets, now

focusing on countries like Poland, the Czech Republic, and Australia, alongside markets such as the USA, Uganda, China, and India.




"We have now diversified markets like Poland, Czech Republic, Australia who are now heavily coming into our country while USA and Uganda have remained to be source markets as China and India continue to remain resilient," said the CS

The CS was accompanied by Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu, Wildlife PS Silvia Museiya, Dr David Nkedi-

enye, chairman of the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI), Institute CEO Patrick Omondi and Narok executive in charge of tourism Jackson Sipitiek.

On his part Governor Patrick Ntutu praised the strengthened collaboration between Narok County and the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI).

"This partnership is key to advancing research and sustainable management in the Masai Mara, a globally renowned ecological hotspot," Ntutu said.



Republic of Kenya

State Department for Public Works

NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**STAKEHOLDER SENSITIZATION AND CIVIC EDUCATION WORKSHOPS ON THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2024: PHASE ONE**





The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing & Urban Development published The National Building Code 2024 on March 1st 2024 as Legal Notice no. 47, repealing the Local Government (Adoptive By-Laws) Building Order of 1968. The National Building Code 2024 is effective from 1st March 2025.

The National Construction Authority invites all construction industry stakeholders and the general public to participate in the first phase of the Nationwide Stakeholder Sensitisation and Civic Education Workshops on the National Building Code, 2024. The workshops will take place between 9.00am and 1.00pm followed thereafter by technical trainings.

This critical initiative aims to enhance awareness, understanding and compliance with the National Building Code 2024, ensuring safer, more sustainable and efficient building practices across the country

No.	COUNTY	VENUE	DATES
1	Nairobi	Weston Hotel	10th March 2025
2	Garissa	Hiddig Hotels	11th March 2025
3	Uasin Gishu	Eka Hotel	11th March 2025
4	Isiolo	Elboran Resort & Spa	12th March 2025
5	Kitui	Kitui Mwingi Parkside	12th March 2025
6	Kakamega	Golf Hotel Kakamega	13th March 2025
7	Kajiado	Olarro Hotel	14th March 2025
8	Embu	Nokras Silver Oak	14th March 2025
9	Kisumu	Best Western Hotel	14th March 2025
10	Kisii	Dallas Premiere Hotel	18th March 2025
11	Mombasa	Pride Inn Paradise Beach Hotel	18th March 2025
12	Kiambu	Windsor Golf Hotel	18th March 2025
13	Nyeri	White Rhino Hotel	19th March 2025
14	Nakuru	Sarova Woodlands	20th March 2025
15	Webinar (All)	www.nca.go.ke	28th March 2025

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The Kenya Airports Authority invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders: -

Reference Number	Tender Description	Pre-Bid Meeting / Site Visit - Optional	Closing/ Opening Date
KAA/OT/LEGAL/0121/2024-2025	Provision of Independent Legal Advisor for Review of Contracts, Leases, Licenses and Concession Agreements for Kenya Airports Authority	Pre-bid shall be held on 12th March 2025 at 10:00 am	20/03/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/ICT/0122/2024-2025	Procurement of Managed Printing and Imaging services for Kenya Airports Authority	Pre-bid shall be held on 11th March 2025 at 10:00 am	20/03/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/KIA/0123/2024-2025	Re-Tender for Provision of Pest Control and Fumigation Services at Kisumu International Airport  <b>(Eligibility Duty Registered People Living with Disability Owned Enterprises)</b>	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 12th March 2025 at 10:00 am	20/03/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/JKIA/0124/2024-2025	Proposed Landside Drainage Improvement Works and Associated Works at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	A pre-bid meeting will be held on 12th March 2025 at 10:00 am (Parking Garage Rooftop) at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	20/03/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/WAP/0125/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning Services for General Areas, Toilets at Wilson Airport  <b>(Eligibility Duty Registered Women Owned Enterprises)</b>	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 12th March 2025 at 10:00 am at Assembly Hall next to Procurement's Office.	20/03/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/ISIOLO/0126/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning Services, Pest Control and Garbage Collection for Passenger Terminal at Isiolo Airport  <b>(Eligibility for duly registered Youth owned Enterprises)</b>	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 13th March 2025 at 10:00 am	20/03/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/JKIA/0127/2024-2025	Proposed Pavement Repairs on Third Freight Lane (Crowne plaza Road) at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	A pre-bid meeting will be held on 13th March 2025 at 10:00 am (Parking Garage Rooftop) at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	20/03/2025 at 11:00 am

Information on these tender notices and documents detailing the requirements, tendering procedures and guidelines should be downloaded from our website at <https://www.kaa.go.ke/corporate/procurement/> or <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal> or Public Procurement Information Portal at [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge.

Bidders are advised to note that bidding process for the tenders is through our online tender portal at <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal>. For any information or clarifications, please contact us through our email, [tenders@kaa.go.ke](mailto:tenders@kaa.go.ke)

**Canvassing for the tender by the tenderer or by proxy shall lead to automatic disqualification of their tender.**

**NICHOLAS BODO**  
AG. MANAGING DIRECTOR





# Kenya develops advanced geo-hazard monitoring system to strengthen its disaster preparedness

BY WAGEMA MWANGI  
(PCO)

Kenya is developing a modern geo-hazard monitoring system to track potentially destructive seismological activities and protect the country from the grave threats posed by subterranean perils.

The surveillance system will place Kenya among the nations that own and operate a homegrown geo-hazard monitoring network. This national system will map, collect, collate, and analyze data on the origins, patterns, distribution, and intensity of seismic events, including earthquakes, tsunamis, tremors, volcanic eruptions, and landslides.

As part of a strategic vision by the State Department for Mining, this initiative aims to establish a robust infrastructure that will serve as an early warning system while also strengthening efforts to set up seismic data-gathering stations for multiple geo-hazards.

According to Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi of the State Department for Mining, the department is committed to building an advanced geo-hazard surveillance system to enhance Kenya's ability to combat both emerging and existing natural calamities originating from the Earth's crust.

He emphasizes that the system will be crucial in providing accurate data for informed decision-making and response planning regarding geo-hazards.

"Monitoring events such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tremors, landslides, and sinkholes is essential for safeguard-



Residents gather to view a sinkhole in Nakuru County that cut off a main road in the area.



Deserted houses that were destroyed by a sinkhole in Nakuru area.



A sinkhole that appeared in a farm in Ngata area of Nakuru.

ing national development, as well as protecting people and property. This is precisely what the system is designed to achieve," he

says.

Kenya's preparedness for major disasters like earthquakes has often been treated as a mere

footnote in geological discussions. However, factors such as a growing population, rapid urbanization, and the accelerated expansion of cities and towns have brought safety concerns over the country's geological hazards to the forefront.

Kenya falls within the great Rift Valley; a vast geological zone stretching from Afar region of Eritrea to Mozambique, an area geological experts consider seismically active.

The country has registered several incidences of earth tremors in the recent past. The latest incident was in July last year with the Earthquake Monitor reporting a magnitude of 4.6. Local geophysicists agree the country remains vulnerable to severe geo-hazards and thus the call to create mechanisms to counter such risks.

The most severe earthquake ever recorded in Kenya was in 1928 at Subukia with a recorded seismic strength of 6.8. Luckily, the quake had minimal damage owing to little development and sparse population in the area.

The Head of Geophysics Unit at Mining Department John Ogalo, says a local seismic surveillance network will bolster efforts in monitoring and gathering data on types and patterns of multiple geo-hazards within the country.

"Our local network will give us an advantage in terms of timely access and real-time receiving, processing and analyzing of first-hand data on any seismic activities within the country," he said.

Currently, Kenya hosts several foreign-based stations that first report any recorded seismic activity to their mother countries. They include the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in Vienna and United States Geological Survey (USGS) in the USA.

Other bodies like Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) and Geothermal Development Corporation (GDC) have their mini networks for exclusive monitoring of activities within their geothermal wells.

However, effective monitoring of seismic activities for Kenya entails the establishment of a triangulated system with strategically positioned stations for real-time data gathering and transmission.

Already, site identification and suitability inspection are underway with one station to be at Maasai Mara in Narok County. The other seismograph stations will be at Eldas in Wajir County, Lodwar in Turkana and Lamu while the reporting station will be in Nairobi.

This setup will allow interconnectedness with the

foreign-based networks for data comparison from the transmitting stations.

"Data is easily shareable within the networks by plugging into each other for comparative analysis for the received seismic results," he says.

The making of Kenya's geo-hazard monitoring system comes at a time the country has witnessed a surge of geological incidences especially perilous ground subsidence in parts of Nakuru and Baringo counties where sinkholes caused massive losses from destruction of property, infrastructure and displacement of hundreds.

However, budgetary constraints remain a challenge to completion of this critical project estimated to cost over Sh600 million.

During a meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Mining to deliberate over the Budget Policy Statement, a mining team led by the PS appealed to the committee for allocation of adequate resources that will ensure execution of vital programs under the department.

Among those programs are geological exploration and geo-hazard mapping.

Particularly, the emergence of high-rise buildings and towering mega infrastructure have brought to the fore the need to establish the soundness of the location which the projects are built on.

The World Bank through the National Construction Authority assisted by geophysicists started a project for designing codes for buildings for emerging cities along the rift.

## Maersk, KPA launch 12-month maritime training to boost Blue Economy

BY SADIK HASSAN AND  
MGANI KUJEZA

An international logistics firm, Maersk, in partnership with the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), has launched a comprehensive 12-month maritime training program aimed at developing Kenya's maritime sector and Blue Economy.

The inaugural cadet training program is set to strengthen the country's position in the global maritime industry by providing valuable career opportunities for young professionals.



Kenya Ports Authority Managing Director Capt. William Ruto (L) puts on a shoulder flash on one of the 10 cadets during the launch of the comprehensive maritime training programme at the KPA Berth 22. Photo by Andrew Hinga/KNA

Designed to bridge the skills gap and enhance certification in the maritime sector, the program offers intensive training, mentorship, and hands-on experience aboard Maersk vessels. The ten selected cadets will receive essential sea-time training to improve their competencies and enhance their competitiveness for international maritime jobs.

Maersk Eastern Africa Region Acting Managing Director, Oliver Bunting, stated that the program reflects the company's commitment to Kenya

and its vast potential as a maritime and logistics hub. Bunting noted that for eons, Kenya has been a strategic gateway for trade in Africa affirming that the Port of Mombasa is not only the busiest in Africa but also the heartbeat of the East and Central Africa economy. "It facilitates the movement of goods, driving economic growth and creating opportunities for millions. As global trade evolves, so must the people who sustain it," the Ag. MD said. The programme is an investment in the country's future maritime trade

which depends on a highly skilled and competitive workforce, he added.

Bunting explained that shipping and logistics form the backbone of the global commerce future and Kenya is uniquely positioned to play a greater role in the sector than it does today. "To realize this potential, we must develop world-class talent. We need to ensure that young and ambitious Kenyans are exposed to the skills, experiences and certification needed to compete on the international stage," he stated.



## How women in Kiambu are powering Kenya's lucrative coffee sub-sector

BY YVONNE WANGECI, KNA

Women in Kiambu are transforming Kenya's coffee industry through empowerment and innovation, challenging traditional barriers and redefining their role in the sector.

Coffee, Kenya's second-largest agricultural

export after tea, remains a pillar of the nation's economy. In 2023, the crop generated over Sh25 billion (USD 200 million) in export revenue, with Kiambu County contributing 15% of the country's premium Arabica beans.

Women make up 70% of Kenya's coffee labor force, according to the Kenya

Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO).

From planting seedlings to sorting beans, their work is tireless. Yet, until recently, few women owned land, accessed credit, or had a voice in cooperative societies.

But a transformation is underway. Women in

Kiambu are now leading cooperatives, adopting climate-smart farming techniques, and bypassing middlemen to sell directly to exporters.

Organizations such as International Women in Coffee (IWIC), in partnership with KALRO, are driving this change.

"Our mission is to dis-

mantle barriers. We teach women to negotiate prices, brand their coffee, and leverage technology to track market trends. We provide training programs that educate women across various counties, empowering them to thrive in the industry," said Josephine Achieng, IWIC's Program Assistant Coordinator.

"When women are empowered, they reinvest in their children's education and community health," she added. Despite their significant presence in the industry, only 12 per cent of coffee farms in Kiambu are registered to women, according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (2023).

## Ministry pushes forward with digital economy plans amid funding challenges

BY GALGALLO FAYO (PCO)

The rollout of major programs to strengthen Kenya's position as a leader in the digital revolution is underway despite budget cuts that have slowed momentum.

The Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo Gitau, stated that the implementation of the digital superhighway, the onboarding of services on e-Citizen, and the establishment of digital hubs will be accelerated to attract investment and unlock more opportunities.

Speaking before the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Communication, Information, and Innovation during deliberations on the 2025 Budget Policy Statement, the CS emphasized the need to fast-track initiatives aimed at equipping youth with digital skills and expanding connectivity nationwide.

He informed the committee that the rollout of broadcasting and telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas is progressing well despite significant budget cuts in the current financial year.

Kabogo acknowledged that the ministry has been affected by budget reductions, impacting development programs.

"The deficit of nearly Sh6 billion poses a major challenge, but with the limited resources available, we are committed to making significant progress. Our mandate includes digitizing government services and expanding connectivity across the country, and these efforts remain on track," said the Cabinet Secretary.

The CS said he has overseen the assessment of the ministry programs and established what is working and what needs to be fixed. He gave examples of public Wi-Fi hotspots which were commissioned but no sustainability mechanism has been built in, leading to downtimes of the services. The CS was accompanied by the Principal Secretaries John Tanui (ICT and Digital Economy) and Prof Ed-



The Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo Gitau

ward Kisiangani (Broadcasting and Telecommunications), departmental heads, and heads of Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs) within the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy.

The committee heard that the ministry has laid out a series of programs meant to consolidate the gains and catalyse the economic growth by instilling efficiency in delivery of services across the ministry.

They briefed the committee members on the implementation status of various projects, including 100,000 kilometers digital superhighway, progress and broadband connectivity to the 1,450 constituency innovation hubs, and the digitization of government programs and services to increase efficiency and transparency. The government will carry out 52,000 kilometers while the private sector players will undertake the remaining 48,000 kilometers. According to PS Tanui, the government has already done about 14,000 kilometers, about 10 per cent of government commitment.

The committee was in-

**We have to produce graduates who become employers and who can be employable**

formed that the ministry's move to partner with Kenya Power to use the existing power infrastructure to eliminate need for wayleaves is bearing fruit.

Eng. Tanui said that over 400,000 Kenyans access the internet through 1,600 public Wi-Fi hotspots every day, underscoring the need to roll out more sites and devise modalities to make the existing sites more sustainable.

He noted that the digital media hub's construction is ongoing across the country, with an initial focus on one hub for each of 47 counties.

The construction of a pilot 33 digital media hubs in counties is ongoing. The ministry has also created 19,650 jobs through ICT and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) development and trained 49,513 youths on digital skills through the Ajira Digital programme.

Further, the Presidential Digital Talent Programme has seen 400 interns trained, 14,854 people trained on basic ICT skills and over 1000 innovators trained and mentored.

To fully institutionalize and ensure quality training, the ministry has fast-tracked construction of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (Kenya-AIST), which is almost complete and set for handover in March. The proposed Curriculum has been submitted to the Commission for University Education (CUE) for approval.

## Government allocates more funds to complete Migori Industrial Park



Migori County Aggregation and Industrial Park in Nyatike Sub County-Migori. The park is 70 percent complete with a set deadline of June this year. Photo by Makokha Khaoya.

BY MAKOKHA KHAOYA, KNA

The Government will release additional funds to complete the Migori County Aggregation and Industrial Park.

Industry PS Dr. Juma Mukwana, speaking during a courtesy call on Governor Ochilo Ayacko, said the government has already allocated Sh116 million to the project, which is 70 percent complete and set for completion by June this year.

Mukwana disclosed that the government would provide an additional Sh100 million in early March to ensure the project is completed on schedule and operational by the end of the year.

The PS added that they would continue to monitor the project's progress to ensure state deadlines are met for the benefit of county residents.

He also expressed satisfaction with the progress of phase one of the aggregation and industrial parks in 18 counties, noting that Migori is among the most advanced in terms of development.

He noted that both levels of government would not wait for the completion of the project before attracting investors.

"We have already advertised to investors what the aggregation and industrial park will be involved in and so far, we

have started to receive good applications from various investors," Mukwana said.

The PS explained that the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry will do joint investment forums with the counties and Kenyans in the diaspora to invest in the country's manufacturing sector.

Ayacko on his part said the industrial pillar being jointly implemented with both two levels of government has the vision to increase productivity, employment opportunities, and wealth generation.

Ochilo explained that the Sh117 million European Union (EU) funded and completed Getonganya sweet potato processing plant was one of the key industries that will be relooked by both levels of government to operationalise it for the purpose of industrialisation.

The governor also affirmed that the completion of the aggregation and industrial park will benefit from production opportunities including gold mining, rice and fishing productions in Migori.

The Sh500 million project with shared funds contributed by the Migori County Government and the national government towards the Nyatike-based project completion aims to create employment and improve the development of the county upon its completion.



# REREC extends power to Awendo through popular Last-Mile Connectivity programme

BY BERYL AKINYI AND  
MAKOKHA KHAOYA,  
KNA

Residents of Loo Rateng Village-Angaga in Awendo Sub-County have been connected to the national electricity grid through the Last Mile Connectivity Programme.

The two-kilometre electrification project, implemented under the Last Mile Connectivity Programme, installed two transformers through the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC), benefiting 130 households.

While commissioning the project, Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi stated that the government had allocated Sh1.6 billion for the 2024/2025 financial year to the Last Mile Connectivity Programme to bridge the country's electricity

**The project is not only going to avail electricity to locals but better their socio-economic status**

gap.

Wandayi emphasized that the government would not discriminate against any region in the Last Mile Electrification Programme but would ensure equal opportunities and rights for all Kenyans across the counties.

He also disclosed that the government is in the process of expanding the Gogo hydro plant in Uriri Sub-County, increasing its production capacity from two megawatts to 8.6 megawatts at a cost of Sh5 billion to significantly enhance power reliability in Western Kenya.

Additionally, CS Wandayi announced that the Migori-Isebania Power Project is complete, with a power substation already installed at Masaba in Kuria West Sub-County. Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko applauded the effort by CS Wandayi, stating that the electrification process will improve the living standards of the rural people in Migori County.

He said that the Last Mile electrification programme was a transformative initiative that would expand electricity access, drive economic growth and improve the develop-



**George Odhiambo, one of the beneficiaries of the Loo Rateng last mile connectivity project. He explained that the power connectivity would enable him to save finances that he has been using to purchase other alternative power supplies.** PHOTOS: BERYL AKINYI.

ment of the Awendo Sub County.

necting approximately 10 million households to the national electricity grid signifying a significant push to reach the most remote areas with power access through initiatives like the last-mile connectivity project.

The last mile electrification programme is also meant to bridge the electricity gap to ensure that most remote areas in the country are connected to the national grid.

George Odhiambo, one of the beneficiaries of the Loo Rateng last mile connectivity project explained that the power connectivity will enable him to save finances that he has been using to purchase other alternative power supplies.

Odhiambo, who is also a farmer explains that the electricity connectivity will empower him and other beneficiaries to venture more into farming activity through the irrigation process to boost their developmental agendas.

He thanked REREC for bringing the connectivity project to his community to boost the socio-economic activity of the Awendo sub-county residents.

**The Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi switching on the lights at one of the beneficiaries' homes-George Odhiambo of the Loo Rateng.**

Ochilo explained that his administration will continue working and collaborating with the national government to realise the government transformation agenda.

However, according to Awendo Member of Parliament Walter Owino, the last mile connectivity Fof Migori County.

As of 2025, Kenya has aimed to achieve last-mile connectivity by con-

## KEPHIS introduces stringent sea container hygiene measures to combat pests and diseases

BY NURU SOUD, KNA

The Government has reiterated its commitment to enhancing sea container inspections to align with global trade standards. In a stakeholder meeting at Bandari Maritime College in Mombasa, the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) Managing Director, Prof. Theophilus Mutui, emphasized that the initiative aims to improve protocols and establish structured charges essential for maintaining agricultural health and ensuring compliance with International Plant Protection standards under IPPC regulations.

As part of this effort, KEPHIS will roll out an inspection program for sea vessels and containers before offloading to ensure they meet cleanliness standards.

Prof. Mutui noted that



**CEO, KEPHIS, Theophilus Mutui addressing the media on the implementation of an inspection program on sea vessels and containers at the Bandari Maritime Academy.** PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA

the initiative will ensure pests and diseases are identified early and managed properly to avoid transmission to other parts of the country.

"By ensuring that all containers and vessels entering and leaving Kenya meet stringent hygiene and phytosanitary standards,

we are not only protecting our agricultural sector but also strengthening Kenya's credibility as a responsible trading partner," he explained.

He highlighted that the program will also serve as a platform for job opportunities among the youth, explaining that inspectors

will be employed locally to avoid exporting labor, hence aligning with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"This program will also lead to international compliance in trade since if our containers and plants do not meet the cleanliness and other standards required by international communities, they will be rejected then we lose business," Mutui reiterated.

Additionally, he assured the shipping sector of time management in terms of delays, highlighting that KEPHIS has enhanced personnel, citing a total of 20 currently deployed inspectors.

"This is just for the pilot phase, and if required, as we progress, we will add more inspectors, hence I am giving my commitment to this matter and it is also a board decision," he said.

The meeting also focused on refining containers and vessel cleaning processes and implementing related charges.

Mutui announced the charges per session, including Sh2,000 for maritime vessels and Sh500 for containers among others.

## Govt, partners invest Sh9.46B to boost small-scale livestock farming

BY GEORGE KAIGA, KNA

The Government and international partners have invested Sh9.46 billion to support 110,000 rural small-scale farming households in boosting livestock production and increasing their incomes across 10 counties.

The six-year project, implemented by the Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP), is funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Heifer International.

Speaking in Kakamega during a validation visit, KeLCoP National Project Coordinator Prof. Moses Kembe said the project focuses on four value chains: indigenous poultry rearing, beekeeping, sheep farming, and dairy and goat meat production.

He stated that the project provides productive

employment and food security opportunities for women, youth, and marginalized groups engaged in small ruminant farming (sheep, goats for meat, and dairy goats), locally improved chicken rearing, and beekeeping.


"The project aims to create better opportunities for rural farmers by helping them commercialize their livestock production and increase their output," he said.

The project covers the counties of Kakamega, Bungoma, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo, Marsabit, Samburu, Busia, Siaya, Nakuru, and Trans Nzoia.



The aim is to contribute to the government's Agricultural Transformation Agenda by increasing incomes for rural small-scale farmers and improving nutrition and food security.

He said the project is expected to come to an end in September 2027.





**Kenya Forest Service**  
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**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & FORESTRY**

**KENYA FOREST SERVICE**

**GREEN ZONES DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT-PHASE II**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR GREEN ZONES DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT PHASE II**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>
<b>Loan No:</b>	<b>2100150040546</b>

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this Project that appeared in **United Nations Development Business** (UNDB) online on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

2. The Government of Kenya has received a loan from African Development Bank to finance the Green Zones Development Support Project-Phase II and intends to apply part of the proceeds procure consultancy services for Environmental and Social Audit to assess the level of compliance of the project with the applicable E&S requirements and compliance management plans. The audit will focus specifically on assessing the extent of compliance with the financial agreements provisions, including national legislations, regulations, standards and procedures, the Bank’s environmental and social requirements and International Industrial Best Practices (IIBP) of the project’s sector.

3. Kenya Forest Service now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the under listed tender;-

TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER CLOSING DATE
KFS/RFGZSP/001/2024-2025	Request For Proposal (RFP) for Environmental & Social Compliance Audit For Green Zones Development Support Project Phase II.	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2025.

4. The procurement process will follow **Quality and Cost Based Selection method (QCBS)**.

5. **Submission Requirements:**  
Proposals must be submitted in two parts:

- **Technical Proposal:** Detailing the firm’s qualifications, methodology, and experience.
- **Financial Proposal:** Including a breakdown of costs in a separate envelope

6. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the **Supply Chain Management Department at Kenya Forest Service Headquarters, Karura, off-Kiambu Road, P.O. Box 30513-00100 Nairobi, Kenya and Telephone 020-2397660/020-8023042** during the office hours from 08:00am to 05:00pm (East African Time) on weekdays i.e. Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 – 1400 hrs) and public holidays.


7. Complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by interested bidders upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Kshs 1000 (Kenya shillings One Thousand only)** in cash or bankers’ cheque payable to the Director, Kenya Forest Service. The document can also be downloaded from Kenya Forest Service website [www.kenyaforestservice.org](http://www.kenyaforestservice.org) or from the Public procurement Information portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge. Those who download the tender document and intend to submit a bid are required to submit their particulars to the Supply Chain Management Department’s Office for records and for the purpose of receiving any further tender clarification and/or addendums.



8. The provisions in the Instruction to Bidders and in the General Conditions are those of the African Development Bank Standards Bidding Document for Request for Proposals.

9. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders’ representative who choose to attend at **11.00** East African Time on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at the Kenya Forest Service Headquarters Boardroom located in Karura off Kiambu road.

10. The address referred to above is:

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**Kenya Forest Service Headquarters,**  
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**ADDENDUM**

**ARA/PA/001/2024-2025**

**SALE OF FORFEITED ASSETS BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

The Assets Recovery Agency(hereinafter ‘the Agency’) is established under Section 53(1) of the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2009 (POCAMLA) as a body corporate with the mandate of combating money laundering, terrorist financing, proliferation financing and other crimes through identifying, tracing, freezing and recovering properties/ proceeds which have been acquired from or constitute profits or benefits derived from crime or used for or intended for use in the commission of an offence.

1. The **Agency** is in the process of disposing forfeited assets pursuant to the provisions of the **Proceeds of Crime and Money Laundering Act (No. 9 of 2009)**.

2. The Agency in conjunction with the Appointed Registered Auctioneer (**M/s Keysian Auctioneers of P. O. Box 2788-00200 Nairobi**; email address [keysianauct@gmail.com](mailto:keysianauct@gmail.com); **0722 752 583/0708 674 632**) wishes to inform the general public of the intended sale by Public Auction of the forfeited assets (items/lots as contained in the Auction Catalogue) on **“as-is-where-is”** basis on various dates and locations as indicated in the **Auction Catalogue**.

S/no.	Lot no.	Viewing dates	Place of viewing and Place Auction	Date of Auction
1.	Lot No. 001 - 017	26th February to 18th March 2025 (Weekdays 09.00 am to 03.00pm)	Old Mutual Towers, Nairobi	19th March, 2025
2.	Lot No. 018 - 029	26th February to 19th March 2025 (Weekdays 09.00 am to 03.00pm)	DCI-Headquarters, Nairobi	20th March, 2025
3.	Lot No. 031	26th February to 20th March 2025 (Weekdays 09.00 am to 03.00pm)	Nakuru Police Station	21st March, 2025
4.	Lot No. 030	26th February to 21st March 2025 (Weekdays 09.00 am to 03.00pm)	Makindu Police Station	24th March, 2025
5.	Lot No. 032	26th February to 24th March 2025 (Weekdays 09.00 am to 03.00pm)	Bamburi Police Station	25th March, 2025
6.	Lot No. 033 - 035	26th February to 28th March 2025 (Weekdays 09.00 am to 03.00pm)	Moyale Police Station	28th March, 2025

3. The items, arranged in lots can be viewed various days and at the **various places as indicated in the Auction Catalogue during weekdays from 09.00 am to 03.00pm**.

4. The **Public Auction** shall be held at the Auctions Centres on **various days as indicated Auction Catalogue starting at 10.00am**

**NB: NO BIDDING WHATSOEVER WITHOUT BIDDING NUMBER**

**CONDITIONS OF AUCTION**

1. A catalogue containing detailed information may be obtained from the Assets Recovery Agency Offices on 21st Floor of the UAP Old Mutual Towers upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kenya Shillings One Thousand Only (Kshs 1,000.00) payable as direct deposit to the under-listed account. Proof of payment (bank deposit slip) shall be required on or before the Auction Date indicated in the Auction Catalogue at 10.00am in order to obtain an Official Receipt from the Agency to enable acquisition of Bidding Number and participation in the Public Auction.  
**Account: 1210028794**  
**Bank: KCB**  
**Branch: KICC**  
**Name: Assets Recovery Agency**

2. All interested bidders may obtain Bidding Number(s) from the Appointed Auctioneer (**M/s Keysian Auctioneers of P. O. Box 2788-00200 Nairobi**; email address [keysianauct@gmail.com](mailto:keysianauct@gmail.com); **0722 752 583/0708 674 632**)

3. All interested bidders may view the lots at various stations as indicated in the Auction Catalogue;

4. Interested bidders are required to pay to the Appointed Auctioneer (M/s Keysian Auctioneers) a refundable Auction Deposit as indicated in the Auction Catalogue to obtain a Bidding Number for a motor vehicle or a Motor cycle.

**NB: NO BIDDING WHATSOEVER WITHOUT BIDDING NUMBER**

5. The Auction Deposit shall be treated as part-payment for the successful bidder.

6. The Motor Vehicles and Motor Cycles are sold on as-is where-is basis and are subject to a reserve price.

7. The successful bidder Must pay a deposit of Twenty-five per-cent (25%) of the purchase price ‘at-the-fall-of-the-hammer’ to the underlisted Criminal Assets Recovery Fund Account;  
**Branch: KICC**  
**Account: 1240221339**  
**Bank: KCB**  
**Name: Criminal Assets Recovery Fund**

8. The successful bidder must pay the balance of Seventy-five per-cent (75%) of the purchase price within fourteen (14) days after the Public Auction to the Criminal Assets Recovery Fund Account.

9. The Purchased Motor Vehicles/Motor Cycles Must be collected from the respective yards within fourteen (14) days after the Public Auction, failure to which storage charges at the prevailing rates shall be incurred/borne by the successful bidder.

**NB: In the event that the highest bidder ‘at-the-fall-of-the-hammer’ fails to meet the condition of the auction, the second highest bidder shall be considered subject to the reserve price.**

10. The successful bidder shall pay all costs, duties and taxes applicable for the transfer of ownership of the purchased motor vehicle/motor cycle.

11. The unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded the Auction Deposit by the Auctioneer (M/s Keysian Auctioneers) upon presentation of the original receipt within 14 days after the Public Auction.

12. The Assets Recovery Agency and the Appointed Auctioneer reserves the right to reject all bids below the reserve price.

13. The Assets Recovery Agency reserves the right to accept or reject and annul the process at any time prior to award and/or transfer of ownership, without incurring any liability to bidders. In case of annulment, all bids submitted and specifically the Auction Deposit, shall be promptly returned to the bidders.

14. Eligibility shall be subject to the provisions of sections 55(1)-(5) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 as read together with 189(1) of the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Regulations, 2020. The Agency Assets Recovery Agency reserves the right to conduct due diligence on the successful and the second highest bidder per lot.

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**Assets Recovery Agency,**  
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**UAP Old Mutual Towers, 22nd Floor**  
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# Kenya Re Corporation expands globally with new life reinsurance operations



Kenya Reinsurance Corporation (Kenya Re), Manager, Dr. Hillary Wachinga addressing the media during the launch of the Corporation's International Life Reinsurance Operations into the International Market at Kenya Re Head Office Reinsurance Plaza, Nairobi.

BY EMMANUEL MBUTHIA, KNA

The Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited (Kenya Re) has launched international life reinsurance operations to expand its services globally.

Kenya Re aims to establish a strong presence in the international market to meet the evolving needs of the broader insurance industry.

Speaking at the event, which was attended by various experts, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr. Hillary Wachinga, described the decision to expand internationally as timely. He noted that emerging markets across Africa, Asia, and Latin America are experiencing rapid growth in the life insurance sector, presenting immense opportunities for expansion.

"By diversifying our product offerings both geographically and by line of business, we minimize exposure to any single market or risk factor, enhancing our resilience," Dr. Wachinga stated.

The CEO emphasized that the corporation will maintain a proactive approach by continuously monitoring market conditions and adjusting its strategies to address emerging risks. Additionally, Kenya Re will collaborate with local firms and experts to gain insights into regional challenges and opportunities, further strengthening its risk management practices.

"Our objective is clear—to tailor solutions that meet the evolving needs of our clients, both domestically and inter-

nationally," Dr. Wachinga affirmed.

Additionally, Dr. Wachinga revealed that the expansion of Kenya Re, is anchored on its 2026 strategic plan, focusing on value creation through several pillars, among them customer centricity and leveraging technology to drive growth.

"We consider long-term business as one of our target growth areas. From 2022 to 2024, we have seen remarkable growth in life business with premiums growing from 2 billion Kenyan shillings in 2022, to a target of over three billion at the end of 2024," he highlighted.

According to the CEO, this success is a testament to the trust clients have placed in the Corporation and the dedication of its exceptional advertising team.

Further, Dr. Wachinga lauded gains to its esteemed clients, among them extended financial strength through which clients will be able to adhere to larger risks, with a lot of confidence.

He assured that clients will enjoy faster turnaround times in claim settlements supported by technology, through the adoption of robotic process automation, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and a basic Document

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Management System (DMS) that is helping Kenya Re process claims through paperless processes.

He outlined other gains that clients will enjoy including the access of the team's experienced and skilled underwriter, as well as actuaries who can collaborate with clients to develop solutions in addition to the clients being able to access Kenya Re Academy, which is pivotal in upskilling one as a life underwriter.

The CEO also added that clients will now be able to access cutting-edge information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure which is a very good boost and platform for innovation.

"I want to reaffirm our commitment to all our clients and stakeholders. You are at the center of everything that we do at Kenya Re," echoed Wachinga, as he underscored Kenya Re's dedication to upholding the highest standards of integrity, transparency and professionalism.

He further urged all related parties and stakeholders to come together and build a future that meets their needs and contributes to the growth and stability of their clients both locally and domestically, calling on all related parties to redefine the future of life reinsurance.

In his remarks, Kenya Re Life Insurance Manager, Paul Ahomo said the Company will exploit data as one of the fundamental things in tapping into the market.



Modern Eco-Friendly Jikos by Lowaki Eco-Solutions Limited, using briquettes and charcoal. (Photo: Yvonne Wangeci)

## Kiambu County embraces clean fuel for cooking to combat climate change

BY YVONNE WANGECI, KNA

Kiambu County is embracing eco-friendly cooking solutions to reduce environmental and health hazards associated with traditional cooking methods, as Kenya shifts toward 100 percent clean energy use by 2030.

Reliance on wood and charcoal for cooking has long been a hidden driver of deforestation, air pollution, and climate change. Burning solid fuels releases carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and black carbon, a pollutant that significantly contributes to global warming.

According to the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC, 2023), black carbon accounts for 10-15 percent of global warming, influencing cloud formation and accelerating snow and ice melting.

Indoor and outdoor air pollution from traditional cooking methods kills over 3.8 million people annually, making it a silent crisis in many developing nations, the World Health Organization (2022) warns.

To combat these challenges, clean cooking technologies such as solar cookers, biogas systems, and energy-efficient stoves are gaining popularity. These solutions reduce emissions, save fuel, and protect forests, making them vital for Kenya's transition to sustainable energy sources.

"There are many benefits of their energy-efficient jikos. Our main target is to look out on farmers because a healthy farmer leads to increased food production," said Lorraine

Kirigia, a representative from Lowaki Eco-Solutions Limited.

Lowaki's stoves use briquettes and charcoal, offering a cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to firewood.

"Our stoves are designed to reduce fuel consumption by up to 50 per cent, which means less deforestation and lower household expenses," Kirigia added.

Beyond environmental benefits, clean cooking technologies empower communities, especially women and children, who often bear the burden of firewood collection.

"By switching to eco-friendly stoves, families can save time, money, and safeguard their health from the harmful effects of indoor smoke," Kirigia said.

Kenya is accelerating its low-carbon, climate-resilient development by promoting renewable energy solutions. The adoption of clean cooking technologies is a crucial step in addressing climate change, reducing pollution, and fostering economic growth.

"Sustainable energy solutions are not just about protecting the environment; they are about improving lives and securing our future," Kirigia concluded.

Organizations like Lowaki Eco-Solutions demonstrate that small changes in cooking habits can lead to significant environmental and health benefits. As more households transition to eco-friendly stoves, Kenya moves closer to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future.



# MoH calls for collective action to overcome drug addiction in Kenya

BY ERICK KYALO, KNA

The Ministry of Health is taking the lead in the fight against drug abuse in the country, which is not only a social issue but also a health concern.

Mr. Mawira Mungania, Senior Deputy Secretary at the Ministry, speaking in Garissa County during a stakeholder engagement forum on curbing drug abuse, emphasized the need to address all forms of addiction as they pose significant health risks.

“We are raising awareness among the population about the dangers of drug abuse. We have realized that, as a Ministry, we have a crucial role to play because addiction is not just a social problem but, more importantly, a health concern for the nation,” Mungania said.

“When discussing Vision 2030, we need a population that is energetic and productive, and we cannot achieve this unless

we help our people overcome the menace of addiction,” he added.

Mungania explained that the Ministry has brought together various stakeholders, including county governments, NACADA, opinion leaders, the judiciary, CBOs, NGOs, health officials, and other leaders, to encourage them to advocate against drug abuse.

He noted that once capacity is built among the involved stakeholders, they would go further to engage with addicts and guide them through the recovery process.

“We will also seek to establish fully equipped rehabilitation centers at Level Five hospitals across the country, where

**We have to produce graduates who become employers and who can be employable**

we can directly address the addicts and collaborate with others as role models to show that addiction can be overcome,” he said.

He called on communities to end stigma against addicts and noted that they still have hope to recover and regain their lives.

The National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) Vice Chairperson Ann Mathu called for stringent measures to be put in place to address the issue of drugs and substance abuse in the Northeastern region that come in through the porous border.

“As we are all aware, the border is very porous, and we have drugs coming in very easily from other countries especially in this region. There is also a question of whether some of our police officers are compromised because, how do the drugs get into this town miles



Mawira Mungania, Senior Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Health speaks to the press during a stakeholder engagement forum on curbing drug abuse. He said that drug abuse is not only a social but also a health problem.

away from the border?” Mathu posed.

Additionally, she warned Kenyans against abusing the prescription and over the counter medicines, which are cheap and readily available.

“We have seen drugs like diazepam and benylin being abused here because they are readily available at all local pharmacies. If you use these drugs without a doctor’s prescription or use them in the wrong way, then

it will become harmful to your body,” she said.

“People have also become innovative in very many ways. A bottle of beer on average costs about 300 shillings but a pill of diazepam over the counter is 10 shillings which they are using with marijuana which is also easily available at 10 shillings to produce something that can keep them high for a whole day,” she added.

Mathu further said fighting drug abuse is a

collective responsibility for everyone and urged members of the public to readily share information on drug smuggling, drug trafficking and use to enable regulatory and security agencies to act.

“We will have an open baraza to talk to the members of the public and ask them to tell us where these drugs come from. People have information and they need to be able to share with us so that we can take action to stop drug abuse,” she said.

# Governor launches solar-powered street lighting project to boost tourism

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI,

KNA

The Kwale County Government is rolling out the installation of solar-powered street lighting projects along the beachfronts in the tourism hub of Diani municipality.

The streetlights and high-mast floodlights provided by the devolved unit are a relief and a welcome development for the business community, residents, and tourists.

Governor Fatuma Achani says the goal is to improve socio-economic activities along the tourist hub circuit, enhance the safety and security of tourists, and reduce incidents of crime.

She emphasized the importance of this new initiative in addressing long-standing concerns about poor nighttime visibility and safety.

Governor Achani stated that her administration will ensure that roads leading to the beaches, which are currently engulfed in



Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani stops to greet an American tourist in Diani resort town while on an extensive tour of street lighting projects. She says the street lighting project will enhance safety of tourists, motorists and pedestrians

darkness, are put into good shape and adorned with streetlights to enhance the 24-hour economy and unlock the tourism industry’s potential.

The Governor, who was accompanied by her Deputy Chirema Kombo and Tourism Executive Michael Mutua, disclosed that the initiative would eventually cover all parts of Kwale,

bringing light to every corner.

She added that street lighting is essential to improving urban environments by significantly enhancing safety and quality of life, encouraging more activity, and making streets safer for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. “By illuminating streets, roads and

alleyways, we seek to deter criminal activities which often thrive in darkness,” she said.

She says once the lighting project is completed, it will significantly help in reducing the crime situation along the beachfront properties besides improving safety and aesthetics.

Achani says the devolved government seeks to trans-

form tourist hotspots with solar streetlights to help tighten security, improve living standards and boost tourism investments.

“The solar-powered streetlights will not only enhance security but also contribute to the growth of business, environmental sustainability and energy efficiency,” she said, adding that the county government will ensure that all streetlights are up to standards.

She said residents and visitors often voiced concerns about insecurity in tourist hotspots with reports of theft and other crimes occurring in poorly lit areas.

The Governor called for community vigilance urging the residents to safeguard the new public infrastructure against theft and vandalism.

“We urge residents to take full ownership of the public projects with a view to safeguarding it from vandalism and theft by unscrupulous elements within the society,” she said.

She said arrangements would be made to ensure functioning and proper maintenance of the solar streetlights and flood masts schemes and change the

face of beach access roads.

Inadequate or poor street lighting has proved a major concern for public and tourist safety during nighttime with the Governor noting that they have taken the initiative to light up Diani resort town with solar streetlights as part of the master plan prepared for the comprehensive development of the popular tourist hotspot.

Governor Achani says beautifully illuminated tourist resort towns, public places, and pristine beachfronts will upgrade the coastal counties’ tourism appeal and reputation.

On their part, residents expressed gratitude towards the county government for heeding to their cries.

“For too long, our people have lived in fear due to the dark pathway that encourages criminal activities, the county has taken a bold step towards change,” said Ali Mokaya, a representative of south coast residents.

The solar-powered streetlights project is part of a broader strategy to improve security, infrastructure, promote green energy, and enhance the quality of life for Kwale residents.



BLUE ECONOMY

# State-backed BMUs net big rewards for fishers

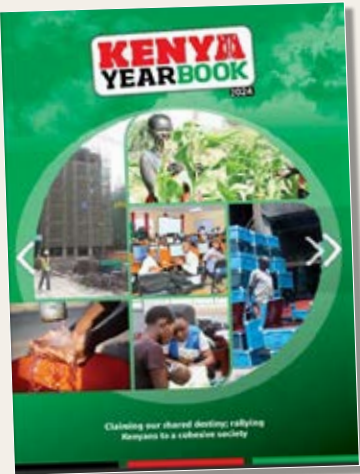
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A farmer feeds fish in cages at Mulukhoba in Lake Victoria, Busia County

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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



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The county covers an area of 513.3km<sup>2</sup>



Murkomen roots for digitisation to improve service delivery in Ministry

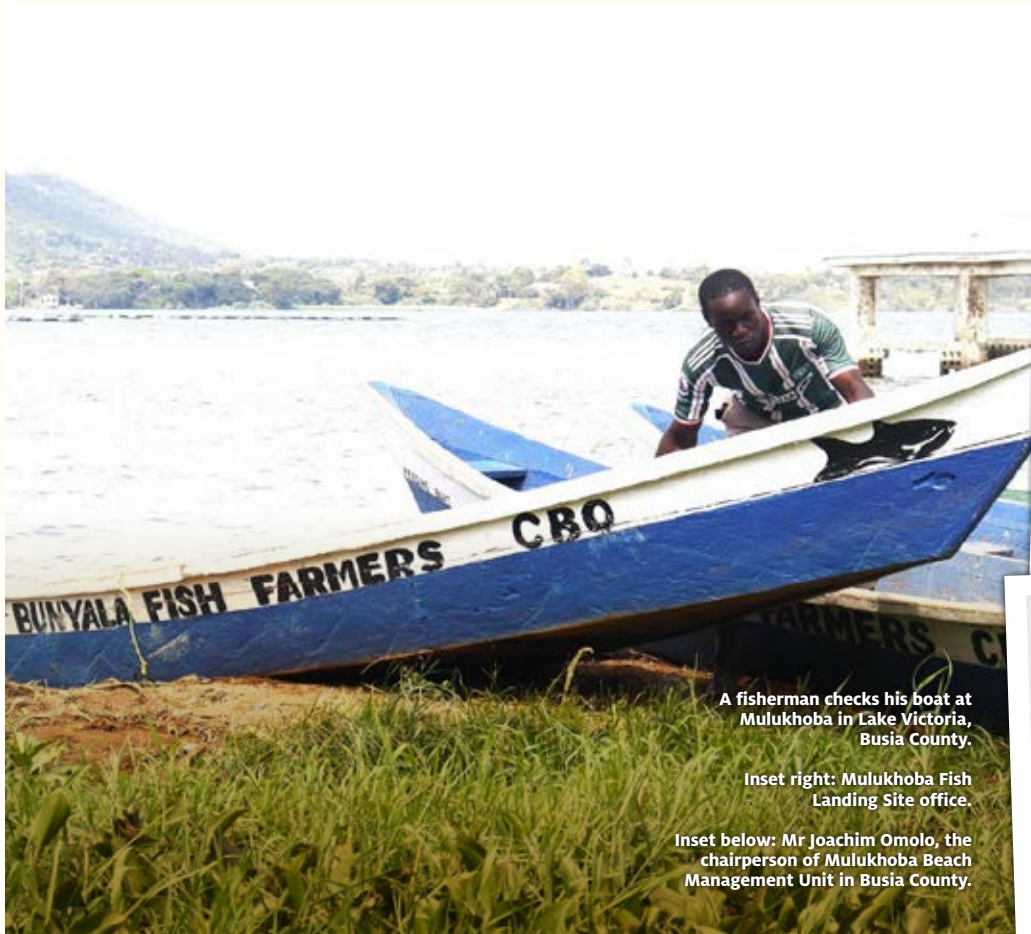
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## BLUE ECONOMY

# How BMUs are transforming livelihoods in the fish sector

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A fisherman checks his boat at Mulukhoba in Lake Victoria, Busia County.

Inset right: Mulukhoba Fish Landing Site office.

Inset below: Mr Joachim Omolo, the chairperson of Mulukhoba Beach Management Unit in Busia County.

Five wooden boats line up on the shores of Lake Victoria at Mulukhoba in Budalang'i, Busia County, waiting for the opportune time to venture into the waters. A group of fishermen are whiling away time untangling a net under a tree - not far away from the boats.

Next to them is a carpenter repairing a damaged boat, ensuring that it is in good shape, before it ventures back into the lake.

The fishermen are members of Mulukhoba Beach Management Unit (BMU).

Besides fishermen, the BMU also brings together fish traders, boat owners and boat makers and cage fish farmers and cage owners. BMUs are structured to enhance community participation in fisheries management as envisioned in the BMU Regulations 402 of the Fisheries Laws, 2007.

The Government has been promoting the transformation of the BMUs across all counties with blue economy resources into cooperative societies to improve oversight of the sector.

Over 70 BMUs across the country have been transformed into cooperative societies in the recent past, according to the State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries. The main objectives of the BMUs are:

- To strengthen the management of fish-landing stations, fisheries resources and the aquatic environment.
- To support the sustainable development of the fisheries sector.
- To help alleviate poverty and improve the health, welfare and livelihoods of the members through better planning and resource management, good gov-

ernance, democratic participation and self-reliance

- To ensure the achievement of high quality standards with regard to fish and fish products.
- To build the capacity of members for the effective management of fisheries in collaboration with other stakeholders
- To prevent or reduce conflicts in the fisheries sector.

While the BMUs have existed for years, it is their transformation into cooperative societies that has become a game-changer.

Joachim Omolo, the chairman of Mulukhoba Beach Management Unit, said the group engages in fishing, trading, boat making, cage making and ice processing.



The BMU is made up of four groups, with a total membership of 357. Members pay a subscription of Sh200 annually and must abide by the BMU's by-laws.

The group has a management committee of 15 members and holds quarterly meetings.

The formation of the unit, according to Omolo, has come with immense benefits, including construction of the Mulukhoba Fish Landing Site by the National Government, which the BMU manages.

President William Ruto officially opened the Sh124 million fish-landing site in August

2023. At the fish-landing site, Omolo explained that they receive, clean, preserve and market fish.

"We get an average of 1,150 tonnes of fish every day, some 900kg from the cages and the rest is fished from the lake. We store in this facility which has coolers as we wait for buyers," he said.

Initially, with out the cooling facility, they would have to sell the produce collected daily to avoid losses.

"Sometimes traders would come here with their vehicles which have coolers and let us store the produce in there as we bulk. They would then dictate the buying price," he explained, adding that through the BMU, members are also able to get loans from different lenders.

Besides the cooler, the fish-landing site has ice-making facility and a cleaning unit.

"Currently, we sell a kilo of tilapia at Sh350. Initially, this would go for as low as Sh200," recounted Omolo.

Similarly, for Nile perch (ngege), they sell according to sizes, with a 1-3kg fish going for Sh350, 4kg fish at Sh450, 5-9kg at Sh550, 10-15kg at Sh620, 15-25kg at Sh750 and above 25kg at Sh800 per kilo.

Besides engaging in fishing activities, Oliver Bilali, the vice-chairman of the BMU, said they also run fish cage farms, with more than 40 cages of different sizes.

While the group owns some of the cages, they have been contracted to run others by businesspersons.

"We feed the fish twice a day, in the morning and evening. We use the boats to venture into the waters to do the feeding," he explained, adding the value chain has become one of their revenue streams.

Vincent Olaka, a fisheries officer at Busia County Government in-charge of Mulukhoba and the surrounding regions, said it has become easier to curb pollution in the lake thanks to BMUs.

"The BMU members ensure that they use quality fish feeds to curb pollution, keeping the water clean," he said.

He added that cases of illegal fishing, where some fishermen harvested immature produce have been eliminated through the BMUs.

As the BMUs become stronger, he observed that cage fish farming has gained prominence in the area, which currently hosts over 100 cages at Mulukhoba, Rudacho, Bumbe and Samia areas.

However, there are challenges. Omolo said the BMU is finding it difficult to maintain the landing site in case of equipment breakdown.

"The National Government is yet to fully hand the facility to the County Government. So incase of machine breakdown, it becomes difficult to repair because we don't have the funds," he said. ■

## TELLING THE STORY

## Yearbook 2024 highlights digital revolution in Taptengelei

Yearbook 2024's Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy chapter presents an insightful account of Kenya's rapid digital transformation.

The book captures the Government's strategic efforts to enhance digital infrastructure and empower the youth through technology.

One of the standout stories in the book is about Taptengelei, a digital village in Nandi County. The book highlights its rise as a digital hub, a transformation that was underscored by President William Ruto's visit to the area, specifically at Tinderet Integrated Technical

Training Institute, which is equipping young people with digital skills, enabling them to access online job opportunities.

The book showcases how Taptengelei has become a model for bridging the digital divide and creating new economic pathways for local communities.

The digital superhighway, a key highlight in Yearbook 2024, is a bold initiative aimed at turning Kenya into a fully digital economy.

The book details how this initiative is enhancing internet connectivity through the expansion of broadband and fiber-optic net-

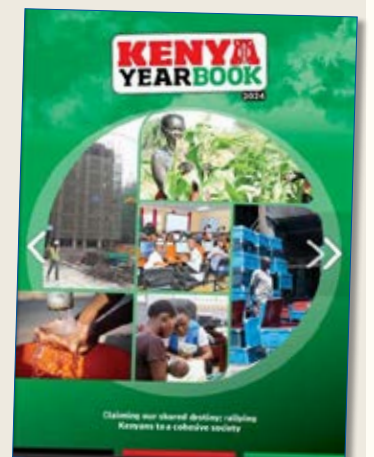
works, developing digital infrastructure to support businesses, education and Government services. This initiative is a key component of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), demonstrating how Kenya is using technology to drive economic growth from the grassroots level.

Another critical aspect covered in the chapter is the National Optic Fiber Backbone Infrastructure (NOFBI). This Government is laying down 100,000km of fibre-optic cable, linking all 47 county headquarters and thousands of Government institutions, including schools,

hospitals, and police stations. The book provides an in-depth analysis of how NOFBI is improving Government efficiency, boosting internet access and creating opportunities for businesses and individuals.

Yearbook 2024 is more than just a Government report - it is a compelling narrative of Kenya's journey into the digital future. For those eager to understand Kenya's digital evolution and the role of projects like Taptengelei's ICT hub, the digital superhighway and NOFBI, this book is a must-read.

Yearbook 2024 is available at [www.kenyayearbook.go.ke](http://www.kenyayearbook.go.ke). ■





## Lafey Constituency to host new Huduma Jitume Centre

Construction of the Lafey Constituency Huduma Jitume Centre was launched last week as efforts to implement the initiatives gain momentum.

Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo, Lafey MP Mohamed Abdirahman and the PS for the State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Susan Mang'eni attended the ceremony to break ground.

The event marked the transformative journey aimed at enhancing Public Service delivery in the region as part of the "Road towards 290 constituencies" initiative.

The Huduma Jitume initiative is designed to take essential Government services directly to the people, particularly in marginalised areas like Lafey.

Mr Chilumo said the core mission of the initiative is to foster development and empowerment through improved access to critical Government services and offer digital opportunities.

"We are committed to bringing services closer to the people to ensure that everyone, regardless of their location, has equal access to essential Government services," Mr Chilumo said.

Ms Mang'eni said, "The Huduma

Jitume project is not just a step but a leap towards sustainable development and empowerment for the communities in Lafey Constituency. By enhancing access to crucial Government services, we are empowering our citizens and fostering a more inclusive society."

The project is a partnership between NG-CDF and Huduma Kenya to enable the realisation of enhanced access to Government services by citizens.

The initiative promises to revolutionise Public Service delivery, paving the way for sustainable development and greater empowerment of local communities. ■



HUDUMA  
CORNER

Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo (centre) during foundation laying of the new building in Mandera County.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

## Murkomen roots for digitisation to better Ministry's service delivery



National Registration Bureau officials during the recent launch of Maisha Card registration in Ngomeni High School, Kilifi County.

Interior CS says the institution will continue to digitise its services to make them efficient and take them much closer to the people

Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen has reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment service delivery in the sector. Murkomen said the institution will continue to digitise its services to make them efficient and take them closer to the people.

He noted that most Government services have been digitised through the E-Citizen platform.

"The Gava Mkononi initiative started in June 2023 with only 5000 services, this has now grown to over 20,000 services on-boarded easing citizens struggle to access Government services," said Murkomen, who was speaking in Naivasha during a that brought together senior Ministry officials to assess progress, identify challenges and outline solutions to enhance service delivery.

The Interior CS also noted that President William Ruto's directive to consolidate all payments under a single paybill system has

been successfully implemented boosting revenue collection from public services.

This has seen the Government's Appropriations in Aid (AiA) rising to Sh1 billion per day as users stand at 14 million.

Murkomen said the Ministry is working around to digitalise the Police Occurrence Book (OB), a move that seeks to improve transparency and prevent missing case records.

"In addition services that we have so far on-boarded to the E-Citizen platform, we will soon roll out digital Occurrence Book. Kenyans will no longer be required to visit a police station to report incidents," he said.

Further, the Ministry has fast-tracked the processing and issuance of crucial identification and travel documents, including passports and Certificates of Good Conduct.

The CS stated that passport processing period has significantly been reduced to a maximum of seven days with plans underway to reduce further to three.

"This meeting serves as a preparation for mid-term review of our BETA Plan. The President will soon convene the Cabinet to assess the performance of the entire Government and the implementation status of BETA agenda in the past two-and-a-half years that we have been in the office," he said.

The meeting provided an opportunity



Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen.



**"The Gava Mkononi initiative started in June 2023 with only 5000 services, this has now grown to over 20,000 services on-boarded easing citizens struggle to access Government services."**

to deliberate on key priority areas and set targets to further streamline operations and uphold the Government's social contract with Kenyans.

Immigration PS Julius Bitok stated that even though the Government has succeeded in clearing the backlog of unprocessed passports and national IDs, it still grappling with uncollected documents.

"We have 87,000 uncollected passports. In Nairobi, we have 50,000. I call upon Kenyans, let us come for our passports," said the PS.

The Ministry has developed new guidelines for vetting applicants for National IDs, marking the end of over six decades of discrimination faced by communities in Northern Kenya and other border counties, while maintaining the integrity of national security.

The Ministry is also rolling out a plan to reform correctional facilities with focus on completing stalled houses in various prisons to improve the welfare of prison wardens and inmates.

Also in attendance were Internal Security PS Raymond Omollo, Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja and Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of Performance and Delivery Management Eliud Owalo, among other senior officials. ■

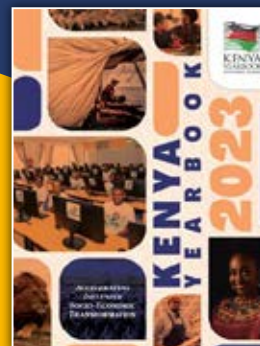


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President William Ruto during the signing of the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone Lease Agreement between the Kenya Ports Authority, the Special Economic Zones Authority, and African Export-Import Bank in Mombasa County. The agreement is expected to create over 40,000 jobs in Dongo Kundu and 100,000 in Naivasha.



Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service Felix Koskei (centre), Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi (right) and Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja. Mr Koskei convened the meeting to find a solution to a disagreement between the County Government and Kenya Power, which had seen disruption of services at the power utility firm offices in Nairobi.



Students listen to an expert at Mkulima Week held at KALRO Kabete. The forum brought together farmers, innovators and experts to explore Climate Smart Agriculture, sustainable trade and cutting-edge farming technology.



Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Kabogo at the Digital Transformation Public Sector Forum and Awards 2025 in Mombasa.

Right: ICT PS Eng. John Tanui delivers the keynote address at the forum.





## President Ruto promises lasting solution to squatter crisis in Kenya's coast region

BY DPCS

The long-standing challenges that have plagued the coastal region for decades, hindering its development, will be addressed by the broad-based government.

A key priority is settling thousands of landless people who lack land ownership documents, a situation that has curtailed their socio-economic progress.

President William Ruto and Deputy President Kiithure Kindiki affirmed that no part of the country will be left behind in development, promising equitable economic empowerment for all regions, including the coastal area.

"The year to resolve the chronic land issues in the coastal region is 2025. This has been a persistent problem, but we now have a solution to the land question that has long troubled the people of this region. We are working with all local leaders to resolve the squatter issue," President Ruto said.

The leaders spoke during a week-long development tour of the six coastal counties, where the President launched and inspected key infrastructure projects aimed at boosting the regional economy and improving residents' livelihoods.

Among the projects launched were the Sabaki Power Substation and



President William Ruto and Lands Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome at the Coast Region.

the Last-Mile Connectivity Project, set to benefit 20,000 households, as well as the Tezo Affordable Housing Project in Malindi. The President also inspected the Mariakani Substation in Kilifi County.

Last week, the President and Deputy President visited Mombasa and Kwale, respectively, to oversee the commencement and inspection of ongoing projects in those counties.

The Head of State opened the Likoni Technical and Vocational College and inspected the Changamwe NHC Affordable Housing Project.

He also opened the Theatre Block for Mkogani Sub-County Hospital in Kwale and laid the foundation stone for the facility's X-Ray Block as well as flag-

ging off Kiwegu last-mile connectivity projects in the county.

The 154-unit Diani Affordable Housing Programme in Ukunda, Kwale was also kicked off.

The President also visited Taita Taveta, Lamu and Tana River to inspect ongoing development projects funded by the government. In Lamu, he laid the foundation stone for Mokowe Affordable Housing and the Kenya-Off Grid Solar Access Project in Ndau Island.

"The government is working hard to ensure the people of Kilifi and the whole coastal region have benefitted from the blue economy sector.

"We are improving the fishing sector, so our fishermen earn more. We are also investing in the agri-

culture sector, including in the Galana Kulalu and Bura irrigation schemes to improve agricultural yields and food production," DP Kindiki said.

Identification of pieces of land to be acquired for settling the squatters has commenced and is being done in collaboration with leaders from each of the counties.

Electricity connection is also being expanded in all the six coastal counties: Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Taita Taveta, Lamu and Tana River to power homes and businesses for enhanced economic productivity. Road, water and agriculture projects are also being boosted to improve transportation, land productivity and alleviate decades-long water challenges.

## BRIEFS

### New maternity wing in Marakwet West to boost maternal healthcare

Expectant mothers in Marakwet West are set to benefit from improved maternal healthcare services following the commissioning of a new maternity wing at Chebiemit Sub-County Hospital.

The facility, constructed in partnership with the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SUOMI Finland), was officially opened by Elgeyo Marakwet County Governor Wisley Rotich.

The state-of-the-art maternity unit features an eight-bed prenatal and antenatal ward, a fully equipped delivery area, and advanced medical equipment, including newborn incubators and a phototherapy machine for treating jaundice and other skin conditions in newborns.

Additionally, the facility is equipped with an electrocardiogram (ECG) machine for heart condition monitoring and a sterile-wave machine for safe, environmentally friendly medical waste disposal.

Speaking at the launch, Governor Rotich emphasized the county's commitment to enhancing maternal healthcare.

"This facility will go a long way in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates by ensuring expectant mothers receive the best care possible. We are grateful for the support from the Finnish government, and we will continue working to improve healthcare services for our people," he said.

The unit also boasts a 40,000-litre water storage capacity to ensure a continuous and reliable water supply, addressing a critical need for healthcare service delivery in the region.

Residents and local health officials expressed their optimism about the new facility.

Prisca Kibet, the Medical Superintendent at Chebiemit Hospital, described the new maternity wing as a game-changer.

By Rennish Okong'o, KNA

### CEMASTEAsparks STEM interest in junior schools

The Centre for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEAsparks) has launched a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) outreach and mentorship program to encourage junior school students to embrace science subjects. The program aims to mentor students in grades seven, eight, and nine as they prepare to transition to senior school. The government expects that 60 percent of these students will pursue the STEM pathway. CEMASTEAsparks program coordinator Beatrice Macharia stated that experienced trainers from the institution seek to motivate young learners by providing ideas and strategies to help them develop skills such as creativity, innovation, and problem-solving in STEM subjects. She emphasized that STEM is not just about formulas and equations but about understanding and applying concepts to everyday life. The trainers present STEM-related activities as dynamic and relevant to students' lives,

emphasizing hands-on learning to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Speaking during a training session at various junior schools in Uasin Gishu County, Macharia expressed hope that their presence would inspire students to develop an interest in science-related subjects, enabling them to make informed career choices as they transition to senior school and beyond.

Macharia said they intend to visit various schools across all the counties as time goes by but noted that the programme was capital intensive thus limiting the number of schools they can visit and train annually.

The programme benefited five junior schools including Sugoi, AIC Mois Bridge, St. Georges Kapseret, Munyaka, and Racecourse, in Uasin Gishu County.

Among the counties that have benefited since the programme started less than two years ago include Nairobi.

By Kiptanui Cheronu

## Kenya to scale up coffee production to 150,000 metric tonnes by 2028

BY GEORGE KAIGA AND ALBERT MUTESHI, KNA

The Government intends to scale up coffee production in the country from the current 50,000 metric tons to 150,000 metric tons by 2028.

Speaking at Kakamega's Approved School grounds during a forum aimed at revitalizing the coffee and dairy sectors in Kakamega County, Cooperatives, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya stated that coffee

is emerging as a game-changer in the agricultural sector. He noted that key reforms instituted by the government to revamp the industry have started bearing fruit.

Oparanya announced that the government has allocated Sh500 million in this year's budget to support both the coffee and dairy sectors.

As part of this initiative, the government has begun offering free training to nearly 5,000 potential coffee farmers and supplying them with certified coffee

seedlings.

"We have identified Kakamega County as a pilot project before rolling it out to other counties," he said.

"In Kakamega County, we plan to identify and train at least 1,200 youths—20 from each of the 60 wards—as well as women on coffee farming and crop management," he added.

"Already, 1,700 farmers have prepared 1,400 acres in Likuyani Sub-County for coffee planting, and I urge more of you to join strong cooperatives to benefit from government support," he

emphasized.

The CS said the government set up a Coffee Cheery Advance Revolving Fund (CCARF) to provide affordable, sustainable and accessible cherry advances to smallholder coffee farmers.

Oparanya, however, lamented that Kakamega County received a paltry Sh1.7 million from the Cherry Fund with Bungoma receiving Sh368 million out of the total Sh7.7 billion that was allocated to coffee farmers countrywide last year.