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LOSSES AND ASHES

City traders saddled with debts, depression in protest aftermath

Businesses are estimated to lose up to Sh3 billion per day in looting and forgone sales



THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH COLLECTS ABOUT SH35 MILLION DAILY IN REVENUE, HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN A CASUALTY OF DEMOS

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PICTURE this; you are retrenched and one year later, with your Sh1.5 million severance payout, you start a boutique business in town.

For a year, it struggles to take off and on July 7, protesters hammer the last nail in its coffin, leaving you sick, poor and hopeless.

This is the story of Caroline Njogu* (not her real name)—a single mother whose only source of income was burnt to ashes.

She ran a medium-sized business of assorted fashion wares and shoes, which, though slow to gain traction,

kept her two children in private school and allowed her to live in a decent neighbourhood.

The business was in Gatakaini Investment Company building near the Khoja, Nairobi. It was partially torched and broken into on July 7.

"I was away when they broke into the building. One of my employees sent me a picture of the place under attack and my blood pressure shot up immediately. I have been through a lot," Njogu* says, her eyes brimming with tears.

Njogu is now pursuing insurance compensation to restart her business. "For now I don't know what to do. I just hope insurance will pay up so that I restart my business and keep the children in school. Thank God schools are closing," she says.

"I finished a bitter divorce process in 2023 and a few months later, the company I was working for let me go due to downsizing. Barely a year later, all the money I had is now ashes. Where do I start?" she asked.

Godfrey Kariuki, a watchman at the building that houses countless small businesses, says the events of July 7 were catastrophic.

He was on duty the whole day despite the palpable danger in the air. A mob descended on the building, some armed with machetes, others with fork jembes, some carried what looked like bottles of petrol, while others hurled stones. Kariuki had to take off on foot.

"They broke into the building, burning and destroying it. I have never seen anything like that," he says.

Just opposite the establishment is Mithoo House-Highlands Shopping Complex near Khoja round-

about. More than 50 businesses at the premise were looted on June 25 during commemoration of last year's protests.

John Thuo says his entire stock of computers – some new and some brought in for repairs – was looted.

"They left me with nothing. Now I even have to pay my clients despite losing my business and servicing a loan," he said.

"I lost goods worth more than Sh500,000. What do I tell people who brought computers with their projects and documents? Where do I get the money to compensate them? I'm so stressed and even suicidal right now." "These people took their sweet time as they looted shops from the ground floor all the way up. There were no police in the area.

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JOHN THUO

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**Watchman
Geoffrey
Kariuki guards
Gatakaini
Investment
Company
building on Tom
Mboya Street in
Nairobi on July
16**

/LEAH MUKANGAI

We're told they were redeployed to the State House, leaving the Central Business District exposed."

The adjacent building also saw more than 10 shops vandalised, with looters making away with mobile phones, computers, clothes, perfumes and electronic accessories.

"I took a loan of Sh1.5 million to invest in this business, and it has all gone down the drain—with a loan still to pay," Clifford Omondi told The Star as he tried to salvage what was left of his mobile phone shop.

In downtown OTC, some signs of life is returning, but fear and anxiety remain palpable among the business community.

Those who agreed to speak to the Star refused to be identified or photographed and are angry that the media did not visit their vandalised enterprises sooner.

They are quietly rebuilding, with one saying his insurance provider has refused to bail him out.

"I ran a pretty successful clothing and cologne business here," says Joseph Irungu. His shop has been looted three times.

"The first time was during last year's June 24 protests when goons armed with guns stormed in, flashed the firearm in the air, ordered me out, and took every good cloth on display. Insurance helped me recover them then," Irungu says.

The shop was vandalised again this year but the damage was not extensive.

"It's the attack on July 7 that broke the camel's back," he says. "This time, they torched the place. All my wares and fixtures were reduced to rubble. How do you do business like that? Worse still, my insurance has refused to pay this time."

"On July 7, I had to be rushed to hospital because I could not take it anymore. I nearly suffered a cardiac arrest," the father of three says.

Irungu is trying to restart his business using the little he had saved.

"I'm trying because this is my livelihood. It's what keeps my children in school and puts food on my table. However, this time, I will have to downgrade my lifestyle."

As he rebuilds, Christopher Wambua's liquor shop, on Ronald Ngala Street, remains empty and damaged, with no hope of rising again.

When the Star did a spot-check, he was seated inside what was once a thriving business not knowing what to do next.

"I'm considering going back to Kitui, my rural home. And if I do, I will consult with local doctors to help me recover," he says letting out a dry laugh.

Businesses are estimated to lose up to Sh3 billion per day in looting and forgone sales during protests, according to private sector players, with Nairobi taking the biggest hit. National and county governments also lose revenue during protests.

The government, which collects about Sh5 billion daily in revenue, has consistently been a casualty of demos.

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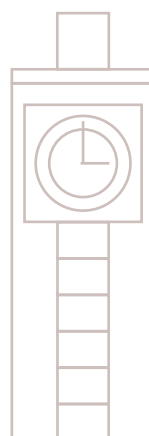
The manufacturing sector also suffers as protests disrupt supply chains and paralyse day-to-day operations. The sector contributes roughly Sh1 trillion to Kenya's economy annually, translating to about Sh2.9 billion in daily value addition—an amount lost during protests.



PHOTO STORY

Gen James Kabarebe, Rwandan President Paul Kagame's Special Envoy and Minister of State for Regional Integration, and President William Ruto at State House, Nairobi /PCS

CORRIDORS OF POWER



POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



NIGHT OF TERROR

20 years jail term for man who killed wife

Autopsy revealed swelling, multiple cuts, bleeding and blunt force trauma

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ON the day meant to celebrate love, death came instead.

Esther Chepkwony's final Valentine's Day was one of pain, not red roses.

Her life ended in a pool of blood outside her rural Nakuru home after a night of alleged beating by her husband.

Nine years later, the Court of Appeal in Nakuru has upheld Chepkwony's conviction and 20-year prison sentence for murdering his wife on the night of February 14, 2016. The appellate judgment was delivered on July 11.

But for Esther's family, no sentence can replace what they lost.

The court found that Esther's death was not the result of a fall while milking a cow, as Chepkwony had claimed — but a brutal, intentional act. The judgment cited the powerful testimony of witnesses who heard screams, blows, and the woman's final cry.

Chepkwony's chilling reply echoed in court: "Nitakumaliza" [I will kill you].

Their son, Kelvin Kiprotich, just a boy then, testified that he saw his father holding a cane the night his mother was attacked.

Hours later, he found her alone, weak and unable to stand. A neighbour, Thomas Katalony, found her bleeding at dawn, calling out for help.

Yet Chepkwony dragged her

back into the house — not to care for her, but to conceal her suffering. By the time help arrived later that day, Esther was dead.

A postmortem revealed swelling, multiple lacerations, internal bleeding, and blunt force trauma that crushed her skull.

The accused denied everything, claiming drunken love, a harmless quarrel, and a tragic accident involving a stool and a cow. But the judges were unconvinced.

"How many times must one fall to suffer so many wounds?" they asked in their ruling, describing his account as "totally improbable."

They concluded that Chepkwony's words and actions showed not just guilt but malice aforethought.

CARTOON



★ **A SEASONED LAWMAKER**, long embroiled in a feud with his county governor, has now escalated the battle. Sources indicate the legislator has allegedly enlisted the services of a controversial overseas-based blogger to launch online attacks and expose alleged underhand dealings within the county administration. The blogger has wasted no time, unleashing a series of damning — though largely unverified — exposés. However, insiders claim much of the content is fabricated, aimed at tarnishing the governor's image ahead of the next general election. In a tit-for-tat move, the embattled governor is reportedly assembling a digital response team to hit back and protect his political turf.

★ **A FEMALE MP** has become the talk of the town after she was allegedly caught in a compromising situation by the wife of a flamboyant city dweller. The incident is said to have triggered an acrimonious fallout between the lovebirds. The MP, known in political and social circles for her alleged appetite for married men, now faces a backlash from outraged women, some urging the party leadership to rein her in before things spiral.

★ **THE INFIGHTING IN** government can sometimes be mindboggling, as a woman now working in a powerful office has found out. The woman, who resigned from the private sector for a high-profile role, is reportedly regretting the move. Despite holding an impressive title at a powerful office, insiders say crafty bureaucrats have effectively sidelined the official, preventing her from executing her duties. Word has it that a former Cabinet secretary has taken over most of her responsibilities, with whispers suggesting the role may soon be completely out of her hands. In one telling incident, the ex-CS allegedly attended a meeting meant for the woman, only for her to be barred from joining. For many, the writing is already on the wall.

★ **JUST WHY IS** a female lawmaker celebrating the political misfortune of a colleague from the same area? Insiders say the MP threw a bash after her longtime rival was allegedly slapped with disciplinary action by their party. During the gathering, the MP was reportedly overheard telling allies how the embattled colleague had grown arrogant, claiming to be untouchable and constantly rubbing everyone the wrong way — including key party figures. But in a dramatic turn of events, the once-influential lawmaker is believed to have fallen out of favour, resulting in sanctions that now threaten her ambitions.

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STRATEGY REBRAND RAILA'S IMAGE, REBUILD GRASSROOTS SUPPORT AND STRATEGICALLY



Raila, ODM 2027 poll game plan exposed

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ODM leader Raila Odinga's renewed call for a national referendum and a people-led dialogue is drawing intense political scrutiny, with party insiders and critics viewing it as a calculated move to re-enter the political limelight ahead of the 2027 elections.

During his Saba Saba Day address, the former Prime Minister proposed that the outcome of the planned national "conclave" be subjected to a plebiscite.

While the move is framed as a citizen-driven reform agenda, insiders within ODM say it is part of a broader strategy to rebrand Raila's image, rebuild grassroots support, and strategically reposition him for a possible sixth run for the presidency.

Others say the referendum duel could also help ODM figure out

how to work with President William Ruto, if they decide to stick with him.

Unlike the contentious Building Bridges Initiative, Raila is branding the latest effort as constitutionally grounded and entirely citizen-led.

He previously used a referendum in 2005 as a political springboard, defeating then President Mwai Kibaki's camp before coming close to unseating him in the 2007 presidential race.

The proposed national conclave is envisioned to bring together political parties, civil society, faith-based leaders and the youth.

Raila's political truce with Ruto is thought to have left parts of his support base disillusioned.

His critics dismiss the reforms push as a political comeback strategy disguised as a national healing mission.

Gatanga MP Edward Muriu and his Mukurweini counterpart John

Kaguchia dismissed the call, accusing Raila of exploiting national frustrations for his own political survival.

"There is no doubt the old war-horse is once again preparing to

thunder into the 2027 ring," Muriu said. "He is looking for relevance. He should eat with the oppressor and let Kenyans be. He lost a golden opportunity to be president when he went to bed with Ruto."

Kaguchia echoed the sentiment, calling the dialogue proposal a tired political tactic aimed at reviving Raila's fading clout.

"This dialogue thing is an old, tired strategy of the political class entrenching their interests on the people," Kaguchia told the Star by phone. "Raila should be ignored. He has a very tired strategy and way of doing things."

But Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga has dismissed the claims, saying Raila's call for a national conclave is aimed at addressing the mounting frustration and discontent among Kenya's youth.

Wanga emphasised that the proposal is rooted in a genuine desire for dialogue and de-escalation, not

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GLADYS WANGA

*Our position is:
let people talk.
Nothing cannot
be resolved if
people are given a
chance to express
themselves*



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REPOSITION HIM FOR A POSSIBLE SIXTH RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY



Raila Odinga addressed the press as the country marks 35 years of Saba Saba /EMMANUEL WANSON

The party's top decision-making organ—the Central Committee—on Tuesday resolved to hold a major jamboree in October to mark its 20th anniversary.

In the same month, the party will convene a national delegates' conference in Nairobi, expected to shape its 2027 direction.

ODM executive director Oduor Ong'wen confirmed the party will field a candidate in the upcoming election, although no decision has been made on who it will be.

"As a party, we will have a candidate, but we have not reached there yet," Ong'wen told the Star in an interview.

The party would then in October convene a national delegates convention to begin preparations for the 2027 elections.

In the lead-up to October, Raila has also announced a nationwide consultation process beginning in August, with all 47 counties expected to send delegates.

Speaking last week during a funeral in Bomet, Raila called for inclusive—not just intergenerational—representation.

He proposed each county nomi-

nates 40 delegates: 20 youth and 20 others representing elders, women, persons with disability, farmers, businesspeople, and civil society.

"I have proposed that each county should send 40 people—20 youth and 20 others drawn from elders, women, persons with disabilities, farmers, businesspeople, and civil society," Raila said on Saturday.

However, critics remain unconvinced, arguing that the latest reform push adds to a long list of national dialogues that have yielded little.

Jubilee secretary general Jeremiah Kioni said Kenyans are already clear about the country's problems and do not need yet another forum to restate the obvious.

"Kenyans know the problem they are facing. There is no need to sit down to discuss. Why sit down and spend taxpayers' money again for things already said in many other reports?" Kioni posed.

He cited past efforts such as BBI, the National Dialogue Committee, the Kriegler and Waki reports, the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission, and the Ndung'u report as examples of thorough but

under-implemented frameworks.

Kaguchia echoed Kioni's sentiments, insisting that Raila's push was simply a distraction from growing public frustration with both the current administration and the political class at large.

"It is a distraction from what the people are saying. Kenyans have had a lot of dialogue. What people want is action, not endless talk," Kaguchia said.

"Kenyans are saying stop corruption, return to the old university funding model, remove the housing tax. The things Kenyans are asking for are as clear as day and night."

Gatanga's Edward Muriu argued that Raila must recognise the shift in Kenya's political landscape and stop applying outdated strategies to a younger, more politically assertive generation.

"He came up with Nadco. What have Kenyans benefited from it? The more things change, the more they stay the same," Muriu said.

"This is a generational shift. It's not that he is a bad man—it's just that Gen Zs are his grandchildren. He cannot understand their language."

political maneuvering. "The anger is palpable. That's why the party leader is saying, 'Come, let's talk.' That was his position even last year," Wanga said. "Our position is: let people talk. Nothing cannot be resolved if people are given a chance to express themselves."

But former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has also dismissed the push as "a recycled political trick to remain relevant."

Last week, the Star exclusively reported that Raila's 2027 comeback bid is already taking shape, sending ripples across the political landscape.

While Raila has yet to officially declare his candidacy, multiple sources confirm the ODM leader is under growing pressure—reportedly from former President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Jubilee Party allies—to mount a final challenge against President Ruto.

In a move widely interpreted as laying the groundwork for 2027, Raila has activated ODM's political machinery.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Raila has called for national dialogue and the outcome be subjected to a referendum. However, critics are now seeing the push as a strategy to sneak back to the 2027 presidential ring—a move many believe may face many hurdles.



MP John Kaguchia



Gatanga MP Edward Muriu



ODM executive director Oduor Ong'wen



Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga

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POLITICAL BLACKMAIL

Wrangling MCAs, governors derail services at counties

Projects executed in a fragmented manner as deep-seated mistrust festers



Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o before Senate's Committee on Finance and Budget at Parliament Buildings on March 11 /ENOS TECHE

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A toxic mix of power struggles, supremacy battles and political blackmail between county executives and assemblies is severely delaying critical service delivery across multiple devolved units.

The Star has established that governors and MCAs are embroiled in bitter feuds, stalling the passage of essential county budgets and development plans and crippling public services.

"These wrangles are affecting service delivery significantly," said Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o.

Nyakang'o described the relationship between some county executives and assemblies as dysfunctional and "convoluted," with political rivalry often taking precedence over citizen needs.

Five counties – Bungoma, Machakos, Isiolo, Nyamira and Meru – are grappling with active or recent standoffs between the executive and legislative arms of government, undermining day-to-day operations.

Other counties, including Kilifi, Wajir, Nandi, Kakamega and Kericho, have also experienced infighting, fuelled either by executive interference in assembly operations or internal power struggles among MCAs.

"If county priorities are not agreed upon, implementation becomes lopsided. That means citizens don't receive the services they deserve," Nyakang'o warned.

In many cases, development proj-

ects are being executed in a fragmented and uncoordinated manner due to deep-seated mistrust between MCAs and governors.

"We've seen cases where MCAs insist on spreading resources thinly. Because of mistrust, they can't focus on completing one project before moving to another. Everyone wants their own share, regardless of the bigger development picture," she said.

Citing Meru county as a case in point, Nyakang'o noted that MCAs

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MARGARET NYAKANG'O

There is a serious case in Bungoma.

The assembly disbanded the budget committee and formed an ad hoc one, which then mutilated the proposed budget. They passed their own version using coercive tactics

frequently demand control over specific development funds, leading to incomplete projects that fail to yield meaningful impact.

"The result is scattered, half-baked projects that serve no one," she observed.

In some instances, assemblies have resorted to what she termed "political blackmail" – deliberately delaying, overhauling, or rejecting crucial proposals to extract concessions from governors, assert political dominance, or settle personal vendettas.

"The assembly sometimes acts not out of necessity but to punish the executive. Unfortunately, this only ends up hurting the people they represent," Nyakang'o said.

As counties approach a new financial year amid mounting public expectations, the Controller's warning is likely to reignite debate on whether the devolution framework is being undermined by the very institutions meant to uphold it.

In Bungoma, the power struggle has morphed into a full-blown legal standoff between Governor Kenneth Lusaka's administration and the county assembly.

Nyakang'o revealed that MCAs disbanded the legally constituted budget committee and formed an ad hoc team that significantly altered the executive's budget proposal.

"There is a serious case in Bungoma. The assembly disbanded the budget committee and formed an ad hoc one, which then mutilated the proposed budget. They passed their own version using coercive tactics," she said.

Following the fallout, courts in-

tervened and issued orders barring the disbursement of funds, effectively freezing all county operations and halting the implementation of Lusaka's development agenda.

In Nyamira, chaos erupted after a failed attempt to impeach Governor Amos Nyaribo. The fallout led to the impeachment of speaker Enoch Okero, accused of betraying pro-impeachment MCAs.

This sparked a bizarre turn of events – two separate assemblies emerged.

One, led by Okero, was dubbed Bunge Mashinani and held its sittings outside the official chamber. The other continued as the main assembly.

Surprisingly, the executive forwarded its business to the Okero-led faction for consideration.

The matter caught the attention of the Senate, which formed a committee to probe the standoff. The committee, along with a Bomet court, declared Bunge Mashinani illegal and ordered those involved surcharged.

Eventually, Ekerenyo MCA Thaddeus Nyabaro was elected speaker. A committee was subsequently formed to investigate 12 MCAs allied with Okero, recommending their removal for missing eight consecutive sittings.

However, the suspended MCAs challenged the move and secured a court order temporarily lifting their suspension. They are now also contesting the legitimacy of Nyabaro's election.

Isiolo county assembly is similarly gripped by leadership wrangles. At the centre of the chaos are two rival speakers and two competing clerks,

all claiming authority. Tensions intensified following the impeachment of Governor Abdi Guyo, which the Senate later nullified for procedural irregularities.

Currently, speaker Abdullahi Banticha and his predecessor, Mohamed Koto, are locked in a court battle over control of the assembly.

Last week, Justice Hellen Wasilwa of the Employment and Labour Relations Court issued conservatory orders temporarily halting the removal of Banticha, preserving the status quo pending a full hearing.

Banticha moved to court after clerk Salad Guracha, who had signed his appointment gazette notice, later signed another notice revoking the same. Ironically, Guracha had earlier been suspended by Koto.

The impeachment debacle has left the assembly bitterly divided and deeply dysfunctional.

In Machakos, the county assembly has been rocked by fistfights, suspensions and political infighting, with reports of interference from the executive.

Speaker Ann Kiusya suspended the business of the House indefinitely on April 8, following fracas in the chamber.

The trouble began when Kiusya announced the removal of minority leader Julius Ndawa, who was accused of disloyalty by his Maendeleo Chap Chap party.

Chaos erupted again when the speaker moved to announce the removal of majority leader Nicholas Nzioka, seen as an ally of the executive.

As tensions flared, MCAs engaged in a shouting match and some got into physical altercations. The speaker was forced to suspend assembly sittings indefinitely.

The Senate Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations Committee has since taken up the matter.

Nzioka told the committee that the speaker's decision was unconstitutional and disruptive.

"She usurped the assembly's legislative mandate. Her decision to suspend sittings lacks a legal basis and is impairing governance and service delivery," Nzioka said.

Last month – more than two months after the suspension of the activities – the Senate committee ordered the assembly speaker and members to resume their plenary sessions, operations and other programmes.

"The committee resolves that the members of the county assembly should operate within the law and never resort to physical confrontations as such action is contrary to Chapter Six of the constitution on leadership and integrity of elected leaders."

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

As power struggles erupt across counties, citizens remain the greatest casualties. What was once envisioned as a transformative tool for grassroots empowerment through devolution now teeters on the edge of dysfunction. Instead of delivering services closer to the people, county governments are increasingly consumed by political brinkmanship, personality clashes and a deepening disregard for constitutionalism and the rule of law.

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Kenya Human Rights Commission executive director Davis Malombe during an interview with the Star on July 17
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STERN WARNING

Gen Z protests at risk of being hijacked by politicians, says KHRC

Asks citizens to remain vigilant against efforts to derail movement

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THE Kenya Human Rights Commission executive director Davis Malombe has asked Kenyans to safeguard the integrity of the Gen Z-led movement from hijackers.

He said the movement's powerful message risks being taken over by partisan persons.

The Gen Z protests, which were sparked by last year's finance bill, have emerged as a powerful force for accountability and justice.

Political actors are increasingly aligning themselves with the Gen-Z cause because it speaks to the hearts and minds of Kenyans. However, Malombe fears this may potentially overshadow grassroots voices.

"This is a historic moment. Young people have risen organically and courageously to demand good governance and fairness. Our role is to stand with them and ensure their message remains clear, untainted and grounded in constitutional values," he said.

The executive director said while citizens from all walks of life have joined the youth, it is important to remain vigilant against efforts to instrumentalise the movement for narrow political interests.

"Kenya has seen such moments before, where genuine calls for justice are absorbed into political theatre.

This time, we must protect the clarity of the Gen Z voice," Malombe said.

He said KHRC and other civil society groups are focused on strengthening the civic space, defending human rights and amplifying citizen-led demands for equity and justice.

"We support movements that emerge from the people. But we also recognise the risks when opportunistic actors try to ride on their momentum. That, can blur the message and distract them from their goals," Malombe said.

He asked political leaders to endorse values being advocated for, such as accountability, transparency and dignity for all, but warned against attempts to dominate the conversations.

"Our constitution gives us all the right to speak, to assemble and to dream of a better country. What we must guard against is exploitations of that right in ways that obscure original demands being made, particularly by young people whose courage has led us here," Malombe said.

The executive director decried police's refusal to investigate and arrest perpetrators of the July 6 attack on KHRC offices.

He described the attack as brutal and one that the agency will overcome. "We are used to these scare tactics by state actors but we have dealt with such schemes before and won," Malombe said.

"Attacks on civil society entities such as KHRC and other human

rights activists are only emboldening them to continue their work. When you single out KHRC, it also shows our power and that even our enemies recognise our impact."

In 2015, KHRC and Muhuri were singled out as sponsors of terrorism, an attack they fought successfully in court.

"We were even among the organisations the government targeted last year as part of the 16 that allegedly supported the Gen Z protests. They profiled us, with DCI writing to us. But even the state knows our weight here and we push for what we believe in unapologetically," Malombe said.

KHRC will be keen to galvanise efforts to provide alternative political leadership in the run up to the 2027 election.

"All these things we fight for, including the constitution, rule of law and good governance, they are all political. We are not non-partisan and we are bold."

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Malombe's warning underscores growing tensions between civil society and opportunistic political actors. The battle for Kenya's democratic soul may now hinge on who truly represents the people's voice—and who is merely speaking over it.

I HATED MY FACE

Free surgeries offer hope to Kisumu cleft lip and palate patients

FAITH MATETE

NINETEEN-year-old Lydia Awuor sits quietly on her hospital bed in ward seven Annex at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital, her face bandaged, but her eyes gleaming with hope.

Just a day earlier, she underwent corrective surgery for a cleft lip, a procedure she describes as transformative and the beginning of a new life.

Born and raised in Migori county, Lydia had lived with a visible cleft lip in her rural village.

Limited access to medical information and financial constraints meant her disfiguring condition went untreated.

As a child, she was often teased, especially in school. The bullying chipped away at her self-esteem and she withdrew socially, isolating herself.

"I hated my look," Lydia told the Star. "I kept wondering why I was different from my siblings and other students.

Despite emotional challenges, she remained focused on her education.

Her determination paid off. She has secured a place at university to pursue a degree in Education Arts, majoring in Kiswahili and Christian Religious Education.

Now she feels her dream is within reach, thanks to surgery at a medical camp for cleft lips and palates at JOOTRH from July 14 to 17.

The camp is a collaboration between JOOTRH, Smile Train and the Kenya Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons.

It offers free life-changing surgeries to patients born with cleft conditions. Lydia is one of the older patients to benefit from the programme.

After years of silently enduring the social and emotional weight of her condition, she says the surgery has already started to rebuild her confidence.

"I feel hopeful. This change isn't just about appearance it's about feeling whole."

Myths regarding cleft lip and palate

abound, not only in Africa, and they affect both patients and parents. In Kenya, women are often blamed for a child's cleft condition. Uneducated people might say she was unfaithful to her partner, she had a failed abortion that cut the child's face or was cursed.

Some groups view clefts as a result of divine will, evil spirits, handling sharp objects during an eclipse, or even a husband fishing during the pregnancy. Some West African communities view the deformity as divine punishment for parental sins such as witchcraft or prostitution. Children born with the condition are therefore kept out of sight.

In the same ward, Faith Akumu from Homa Bay keeps watch over her three-year-old son, Maxwell Donald.

He recently underwent cleft palate surgery, correcting a condition that made it difficult for him to eat and speak.

Donald had his cleft lip corrected in 2022, but the palate remained a challenge. Feeding him was difficult, as milk would often spill out through his nose and his speech development was delayed.

His mother tried to secure surgery in 2023, but Maxwell didn't meet the minimum weight requirements. Feeding problems meant he was underweight.

Last year, he developed a fever during the camp period and was again ineligible.

This year, at last, Maxwell was cleared for surgery.

"I was relieved when the doctors said he could go through with it. Now the responsibility is on me to follow the aftercare instructions," his mother said.

Dr Stephen Bati, a maxillofacial surgeon at JOOTRH, says the camp is not only about surgery, but also about restoring dignity and changing mindsets.

"Cleft conditions affect more than appearance," he explains.

"They impact feeding, speech and social interaction. Surgery allows patients to reintegrate into society."



A cleft lip and palate surgery ongoing at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kisumu county /FAITH MATETE

NEWS BUSINESS

CONCERN

Brewers weigh government's ban on online alcohol sales

Counterfeits denies government an estimated Sh71 billion in tax revenue each year



Operations at the East African Breweries' Ruaraka factory in Nairobi
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PLAYERS in Kenya's alcohol industry are divided on what the recent directive to ban the sale of alcohol online will mean for the sector.

The government, through the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA), maintains that the move is meant to cushion children from accessing alcohol.

The authority urges that parents monitoring and supervising their children in the home environment are not strict enough to discourage the consumption of liquor and substance use.

Whereas, Pubs, Entertainment and Restaurants Association of Kenya (PERAK), Pubs and Restaurants Vigilance and Risk Safety Kenya and EABL say that the move risks wiping out the gains made in the fight against illegal alcohol in the market.

Approved by Cabinet on June 24 as part of the 2025 National Policy on Alcohol, Drugs and Substance Abuse, the ban is one of several sweeping measures aimed at curbing underage drinking and addressing rising alcohol-related harm.

On the other side of the debate, alcohol manufacturers, distributors, and e-commerce platforms warn that a blanket ban would have severe economic repercussions.

The online alcohol market has experienced exponential growth, with major retailers and delivery services reporting substantial revenue from digital sales.

According to EABL Head of

E-Commerce Samuel Ndunda, the move could drive consumers back into the unregulated illicit market and deal a blow to the industry's efforts to fight counterfeiting.

He argues that the purchases from authorised digital platforms have helped cut down on fakes.

"We need a balanced approach. Overregulation risks pushing consumers into the hands of counterfeiters, especially when platforms like ours guarantee product authenticity and safe delivery," he warned.

The move comes at a time when e-commerce has grown and is now contributing over 5 per cent of the company's gross sales, up from less than 1 per cent during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We built The Bar to create a trusted retail and wholesale channel,

in partnership with our distributors, ensuring every purchase is safe, verified, and traceable," he said.

PERAK chairperson Michael Muthami argues that new laws are unnecessary, as current legislation is sufficient if properly enforced.

"There is no executive order I have read saying this is happening. There is no law affecting those policies. Nacada cannot just wake up and say we have new policies," Muthami said in a statement.

Whether the online sales ban will shrink harmful drinking or inadvertently bolster the unregulated market hinges on broader realities.

A 2025 analysis by the Alcoholic Beverages Association of Kenya (ABAK) and Euromonitor found that illicit alcohol consumption (chang'aa, muratina, local brews)

averages about 3.6 liters per person annually, outpacing legal alcohol at 2.5 liters per capita.

The illicit sector denies the government an estimated Sh71 billion in tax revenue each year, as flagged by Euromonitor and ABAK.

These clandestine brews are often cheaply produced and distributed via informal channels, especially in low-income neighborhoods.

EABL says in the past five years, it has been ramping up its investment in e-commerce as it battles a growing threat of counterfeits in Kenya's premium liquor market and adapts to changing consumer behaviour.

According to Ndunda, an estimated 30 per cent of the brewer's premium alcohol segment is currently compromised by counterfeit products—a trend that threatens

both revenue and consumer safety.

"The rise of illicit alcohol in the premium segment is real," said Ndunda in an exclusive interview. "Counterfeiters are no longer just targeting the cheap brands—they're now going after premium products."

Expanding direct-to-consumer digital platforms, which guarantee product authenticity and enable home delivery.

"We built The Bar to create a trusted retail and wholesale channel, in partnership with our distributors, ensuring every purchase is safe, verified, and traceable," he said.

The push toward e-commerce comes amid a shift in consumption patterns, with 40 per cent of consumers moving from physical outlets to online shopping.

Ndunda attributes this to the growing popularity of home entertainment, gifting, and private celebrations like weddings and graduations.

"People want premium experiences at home. They're gifting loved ones with premium whiskies, or hosting house parties with mixologists," he noted, adding that EABL has launched services such as "Soiree," which brings DJs, bar setups, and world-class mixologists to private venues at the touch of a button.

According to Ndunda, millennials aged 25–38 make up 55 per cent of the online customer base, with Gen Z and older customers aged 40–48 increasingly adopting the platform for gifting and hosting.

He, however, holds that despite the rise in home consumption and direct-to-consumer sales has raised concerns about potential job losses in Kenya's entertainment and hospitality sector.

But Ndunda insists the online shift isn't replacing bars, only expanding reach to meet new consumption moments.

"There will always be a place for on-trade channels like bars and restaurants," he said. "E-commerce is about capturing new occasions, not cannibalising existing ones."

Around the world, several countries, including parts of India, Thailand, and some U.S. states, have imposed restrictions on online alcohol sales, citing similar concerns.

Supporters of the ban argue that stricter controls are necessary to protect vulnerable populations and reduce the societal costs of excessive drinking.

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We need a balanced approach. Overregulation risks pushing consumers into hands of counterfeiters in the market

A customer at bar counter in Nairobi
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Kephis managing director Prof Theophilus Mutui /HANDOUT

QUALITY CONTROL

Bill could open floodgates to fake seeds, Kephis now warns

Agency official says transferring regulation from them to Kebs could cause confusion

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THE Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (Kephis) has raised alarm over a proposed law that could weaken the country's seed quality control system and expose farmers to counterfeit seeds.

The Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill 2025, seeks to introduce a standards-based seed registration system, to be managed by the Kenya Bureau of Standards.

The proposed law aims to amend the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act (Cap. 326) by introducing a standards-based seed registration system.

But Kephis warns that transferring seed regulation from its oversight to Kebs could cause confusion and open the market to poor-quality seeds.

Kephis managing director Prof Theophilus Mutui, said the Bill reflects a misunderstanding of how seed regulation works in Kenya.

Seed regulation involves two critical components, seed certification

and plant variety protection, which Kephis currently oversees.

The Bill claims it takes too long to register or release new seed varieties and proposes a new category called "standard seed" to address this. However, Mutui dismissed the idea as misleading and potentially dangerous.

"There are four internationally recognised seed classes: breeder, pre-basic, basic, and certified. Certified seed is what farmers buy, and it must go through rigorous checks," he said.

Mutui said Kephis supervises every stage of certified seed production, from grower registration and field inspection to harvesting, processing and laboratory testing.

"Seeds must meet strict purity and germination standards, in some cases as high as 99 per cent, before they are approved for sale and issued a unique lot number," he added.

"During distribution, Kephis inspectors monitor the supply chain, ensure seeds haven't expired, verify that aggregators are registered and

conduct random sampling for quality control." Mutui warned that introducing a "standard seed" category outside the established system could lead to exploitation.

"Someone could grow seed, label it as 'standard,' and sell it with just 30 per cent germination rate. That's dangerous for farmers and food security," he said.

He also expressed concern over the Bill's proposal to allow variety registration based solely on laboratory analysis, bypassing mandatory National Performance Trials.

He said this could result in varieties that perform well in lab settings but fail under real farm conditions.

The Bill proposes that a variety will be registered based on lab test alone without locational trial.

It states that registration of a new variety will be conducted after doing lab analysis without doing National Performance Trials.

Mutui said this means a variety could be good when analysed in the lab but might not perform well in farmer's environment.

"For example, maize variety 614 does well in high-altitude areas like Kitale but performs poorly in regions like Ukambani or the Coast. Without field trials, we risk approving seeds that won't work for farmers," he said.

Currently, new varieties undergo two seasons of NPTs and DUS (distinctness, uniformity, and stability) tests before being listed on the national register maintained by Kephis.

Mutui also criticised a clause in the Bill that suggests seed developers or merchants self-regulate labeling and take responsibility if seeds are fake.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The Bill proposes that under the new system, a seed variety application must include technical data showing it meets minimum germination and purity standards, and proof that it is free of noxious weeds and seed-borne diseases.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Kenya among nations seeking funds to tackle environmental crises

GILBERT KOECH

KENYA is among countries seeking to benefit from resources allocated by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to address the three planetary crises: pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change.

GEF's Head of Programming Fred Boltz announced that the ninth replenishment cycle of the fund is currently underway.

"The GEF 9th replenishment cycle began earlier this year. We held our first meeting in May in Paris. The cycle includes four meetings and will conclude in March next year with a pledging session," Boltz said.

He spoke on Thursday at Gigiri, on the sidelines of the Twentieth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN-20),

held from July 14 to 18. The conference, themed "Four Decades of Environmental Action in Africa: Reflecting on the Past and Imagining the Future," also marked AMCEN's 40th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1985, AMCEN has been a vital platform for African nations to collaboratively address pressing environmental challenges.

Through its sessions, the forum has facilitated the adoption of critical resolutions that have helped shape regional policies and elevated Africa's role in global environmental governance.

In Kenya, the GEF supports numerous projects spanning key environmental areas such as biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, land degradation

and sustainable forest management.

These efforts often involve community-based initiatives, capacity-building at the local level, and the promotion of sustainable land-use practices.

One such initiative is a \$10.6 million GEF-8 project focused on human-wildlife conflict mitigation and community empowerment, according to the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife.

Another, the Global Wildlife Programme, promotes wildlife-based economies and generates economic value from habitat and wildlife conservation.

Kenya is also a participant in the Sustainable Forest Management Impact Programme, which focuses on sustainable dryland landscapes.

Additional GEF-supported efforts include sustainable land management,



The Global Environment Facility head of programming Fred Boltz at Gigiri /GILBERT KOECH

water and sanitation projects, and the small grants programme, which has funded over 400 community-led projects in Kenya since 1993.

Regarding the ninth replenishment, Boltz noted that while negotiations are ongoing and pledges are not yet finalised, there is optimism.

"We're hopeful the replenishment will reach levels that match or exceed the last round, which was the largest in GEF's history," he said.

Despite global declines in official development assistance, Boltz said that investments in the GEF are not expected to diminish.

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SOARING DEMAND

Rice winning the battle with ugali at dinner tables

Crop is third most important staple after maize and wheat, but local production lags

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KENYA'S famous appetite for ugali is slowly being challenged at the dinner table. Rice is becoming the go-to staple for many households, especially among the youth. According to scientists, this shift is driven by changing lifestyles, urbanisation and convenience.

Dr Ruth Musila, director at Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation - Mwea centre, says rice consumption has more than doubled over the past decade.

But as demand soars, the country remains heavily reliant on imports due to low production.

"Rice is slowly overtaking ugali in many Kenyan households," Musila said.

"This shift is largely driven by the youth who prefer rice due to its quick cooking time and versatility."

For 28-year-old Beatrice Achieng', rice offers a practical solution to her busy schedule.

"I get home from work between 7:30 and 8pm, so I have little time to make dinner and prepare for bed. Some rice and stew are a quick fix for me," she says. "Besides, I'm watching my weight, so I prefer not to eat ugali before I go to bed."

Musila notes that per capita (average consumed over a specified period)



Kalro director general Dr Eliud Kireger displays Komboka rice which farmers can access at Mkulima shops across the country /AGATHA NGOTHO

rice consumption in Kenya rose from 12kg in 2016 to 28kg in 2022.

"Rice is now the third most important staple after maize and wheat," she said. However, local production is not keeping pace.

"We currently import about 80 per cent of our rice to meet national demand. In 2024 alone, the import bill stood at Sh67.9 billion," she noted.

"This over-reliance on imports exposes us to price volatility, forex pressure and food insecurity."

Hilary Murimi, a rice farmer from Mwea, says he has witnessed the shift in demand firsthand. He began rice farming in 1996, inheriting land and knowledge from his parents.

"When I started, a kilo was selling at less than Sh50 but it has now gone up to Sh150. When you have rice in your home, that is gold," he said. "You can call merchants at night and they'll send money on your phone and collect the rice the next day."

Murimi said the rising demand has

pushed farmers to adopt new technologies to boost production. He recalls the days of manual harvesting, which led to significant losses.

"We used to harvest manually and burn the rice straw. But with modern harvesters, we've reduced losses, saved time and even found value in the straw, either selling it or turning it into compost."

Murimi grows seed rice on four acres through a contract with a multipurpose cooperative. "When you

grow seed, the earnings are about Sh10 more per kilo than regular rice," he says.

According to Kalro, 32,988 hectares of irrigated and rain-fed lowland areas are currently under rice cultivation. The government aims to increase this to 171,676 hectares by 2030, with over 540,000 hectares of potential land available.

"In 2022, irrigated farms averaged four tonnes per hectare," says Musila.

"Our target is 7.5 tonnes. For rain-fed lowlands, we want to improve from 2 to 3.5 tonnes, and upland areas from 1.4 to 2.5 tonnes per hectare."

Despite this potential, local production currently meets only 20 per cent of demand.

"Tanzania, for instance, is 90 per cent self-sufficient," Musila noted.

"Our goal is to reach 30 per cent self-sufficiency in the coming years."

But constraints exist, including limited access to improved varieties, poor mechanisation, water shortages, pests and diseases and weak extension services.

"In particular, mechanisation is only common during harvesting. Manual transplanting is still the norm, which increases labour costs. We also lack trained technicians to repair machinery." She also cited the growing problem of snails in Mwea rice fields. "Snails attack as soon as the seed germinates. Even when the plant reaches 15cm, they continue feeding on it."

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The Economic Survey 2025 shows rice production benefited from expanded irrigation infrastructure, particularly in schemes supported by the National Irrigation Authority. Domestic rice production reached 229.1 tonnes in 2023, but meet only 10% of local demand.

ACCURATE DATA

National wildlife census report to be ready next month – agency

GILBERT KOECH

KENYANS will have a glimpse of statistics on wildlife numbers, locations and trends next month when the census report is unveiled.

Wildlife Research and Training Institute director, Dr Patrick Omondi, told the Star the national census report will be handed to President William Ruto.

"It will be interesting information that we are waiting for from the National Wildlife Census report to know the impact of the 2022 drought and also the flood that displaced certain wildlife," Omondi said.

The census gathered vital statistics which will help inform future conservation efforts.

The director was among the government delegation that attended the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN-20) that was held from July 14 to 18.

The conference was held under the theme "Four decades of environmental action in Africa: Reflecting on the

past and imagining the future".

Omondi said accurate data on wildlife will guide the allocation of resources, ensuring that critical areas receive the necessary attention and funding.

Climate change, which affects ecosystems' ability to sustain various species, could be one factor. Human-wildlife conflict is another potential cause.

Scientists are also vigilant for pests and diseases, some of which can spread from neighbouring countries. The species counts and animal locations could provide clues to these underlying issues.

Omondi said the report will reveal the impact of the 2022 drought that killed thousands of wildlife, affecting baby elephants as well as the old.

Already, the total aerial wildlife census for Lower Garissa, Lamu county and parts of Tana River county has been completed. Omondi said a total of 44 blocks, spanning 23,279 square kilometres, were covered.

"The analysis will highlight popula-

tion trends, species density, migration patterns, habitat status and potential areas of human-wildlife conflict."

One block was not covered due to insecurity in the Boni forest.

The 2021 National Wildlife Census found that Lower Garissa and Lamu counties had a total of 2,448 topi (a species of antelope).

The census team will be moving to Shimba Hills and Mkomani and surrounding dispersal areas next week to conduct another round of the census. They want to see how far the Shimba elephants go.

Omondi said since the area is a forest, a helicopter will be used and they also hope to record any illegal activity, such as charcoal burning.

Sibilo National Park up in the north will be the next to be counted. "The team will then retreat to do a national report," he said.

During the drafting of the report, a team of observers, data crew and analysts will process the data using statistical models, GIS and visualisation tools to generate comprehen-



Wildlife census officials /GILBERT KOECH

sive reports. The insights are vital for tracking endangered species and understanding the impacts of climate change, habitat degradation and human activity on wildlife.

The ongoing census follows the National Wildlife Census conducted from May to August 2021 and generated baseline numbers of wildlife in the country. The 2021 exercise was carried out at a cost of Sh250 million.

The 2021 national census provided results from 21 different ecosystems. It reported increases in populations of

elephants, giraffes and buffalo, while also noting significant movements of species due to factors such as livestock encroachment into key wildlife habitats like Laikipia-Samburu-Meru-Marsabit, Tsavo, Maasai Mara and Lamu-Lower Garissa.

The encroachment poses problems by increasing competition for resources like water, space, and forage.

Following the 2021 census, several recommendations were made. One was to conduct national counts every three years.

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SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Ameso's journey from mitumba hustler to fleet of car hire limos

Ameso has three employees, says young should think outside the box and start business

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DENNIS Ameso, 33, first born among four siblings, was born and brought up in Kongowea, Mombasa.

At a young age, he developed interest in cars and would make toys using wires and sticks, like many children of his age.

After going through Kongowea Primary School, Tudor Day Secondary and doing his certificate in business management at Christian Industrial Centre in Buxton, his uncle introduced him to the fashion industry.

While selling clothes at his uncle's shop, which he named Vikali Fashions on Moi Avenue, he met Steve Kinyanjui, a friend who would inspire him to join the motor world.

Because of his dressing style, he got the nickname 'Vikali,' slang for good flashy clothes.

"Kinyanjui intrigued me. He always came to the shop and bought a lot of good clothes (vikali) and did not haggle over the price. So I asked him what he does and he told me he ran a car hire company. I instinctively knew the business had to be making a lot of money," Ameso said.

This stirred his latent love for cars.

Ameso would frequently visit Kinyanjui's company offices in Tudor as their friendship grew, learning titbits about the car hire business.

About a year after meeting, Ameso, who was 24 years, started looking for clients for Kinyanjui, while spreading word to his clothes clients that he ran a car hire business.

This helped him form a clientele.

"So those clients were passing through me to go to Kinyanjui but most did not know this. They believed the cars were mine," Ameso said.

With time he started looking for his own cars to hire out.

At 26 years, he quit working at his uncle's clothes shop to start his own car hire business.

He started with a Toyota Vitz, a car given to him to manage by a woman whom shared his vision.

However, he had formed something like a partnership with Coast Executive Car Hire, whose owner Samuel Aduda, was his friend.

Since Aduda was busy, he entrusted his company and cars to Ameso to manage, giving Ameso considerable experience in car management and expanding his clientele.

He acquired two more cars, expanding his own fleet to three.

He partnered with a friend to form San Cuba Company, combining their fleets to make eight cars. They opened an office.

As his experience grew, Ameso acquired nine more cars, expanding his fleet to 12 (his friend's not included), all given to him to manage. Such was the level of trust people had in him.

"When I got 12 cars, I decided to register my own company, Dakena



Denis Ameso at his car yard
/BRIAN OTIENO



Motors Limited East and Central Africa. That is when I started buying my own cars," Ameso said.

Currently he has a fleet of 25 cars, ranging from down market vehicles like Nissan March, Toyota Passo, Daihatsu Mira, to middle class vehicles like Premio, Axio, Allion, Mark X, Crown, to luxury vehicles including Toyota V8, Prado, Lexus, Mercedes Benz and Range Rovers.

"I am optimistic we will one day be able to hire out limousines, choppers and private jets," Ameso said.

The business, he said, is high risk, high reward in nature, with a fair share of its challenges.

"It is a very risky business and that is why not many people would dare venture into it," Ameso said.

He said the most significant period of the business he has ever gone

through is when one of the cars was involved in an accident at Shelly Beach in Likoni.

At the time, the car had a third-party insurance and not comprehensive meaning compensation was tricky.

The car was written off but luckily the hirer was not seriously injured.

"If the client was injured seriously, disabled or killed, we would have been in deep trouble," he said.

He said some clients are generally a nuisance, sometimes going to places they did not disclose and refusing to pay as per the agreement.

"We charge differently if a client goes out of the county. Sometimes they fail to disclose they will be moving out of the county and fail to return the car in time, then they come and dump the car at our yard when we are not around," Ameso said.

Luckily, he said, none of their cars has ever been stolen because they do thorough vetting before they give them out.

He said he is a prayerful man and God is the source of all wisdom.

His seeking of God's guidance in the business has helped him navigate

through difficult times and avoiding huge losses.

"Even God says in the Bible 'My people are suffering because of lack of knowledge'. Knowledge is to know God first," he said.

He said knowing God will help one avoid hacking people with pangas, respect the young and the old and know one should only enjoy own sweat.

He has three employees in his business, with eventual casual workers hired to sometimes do thorough cleaning of the cars.

He has a specific mechanic to whom he takes all his 25 cars for service.

"At Dakena Motors, we listen to our clients and we are fast in responding to their needs and wants. We are also brutally honest. If we don't have a car for our client, we tell them. We don't try to get them cars from other places unless they ask us to or allow us to if we suggest to them," Ameso said.

He said contrary to popular belief, there are many jobs young people can do in Kenya, just that most do not want to think outside the box.

Many of the young people today, he said, wait for white collar jobs, whose space is shrinking. Most businesses, because of the economic situation, are downsizing.

Business, he said, is the way to go and advised young people to start small and micro businesses and build themselves up. "And in everything you do, you must start small and build yourself up," Ameso said.

He reproached young people today who want to get rich quick.

"There is no shortcut. You have to go through the process if you want to be successful for the long haul.

"It took me almost two years after starting this business to get my first car, which was not even mine but given to me to manage and it took me almost 10 years to get 25 cars," he said.

Now, he lives a lifestyle akin to his nickname.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The car hire business is a risky venture that requires total commitment and exquisite client relation skills. Ameso hires out a car at between Sh3,000 and Sh10,000 for 24-hours depending on the type of car. He can easily make Sh30,000 on a good day.



A customer buys second-hand clothes (locally known as mitumba) /FILE

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Protect farmers from fake seeds

A new seed law now before the Senate has raised serious concerns. The Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service has warned that the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill, 2025 could weaken the country's strict seed quality controls and expose farmers to fake, low-quality seeds.

The Bill proposes shifting regulation from Kephis to the Kenya Bureau of Standards. It also introduces a new category called "standard seed," which may not go through the rigorous checks that certified seeds undergo today.

Kephis fears this could open the floodgates to seed sellers who do not care about germination rates or suitability to local conditions.

At stake is Kenya's food security. When a farmer buys seed, they are betting a whole season on it. They must trust that it will grow, mature and produce enough to feed their family or earn a living. If this trust is broken, livelihoods will suffer.

Field testing and strict lab checks are not bureaucratic delays, they are safeguards. Different crops perform differently depending on climate and soil. That is why current law requires every new variety to be tested in real farms, across multiple locations and seasons. Removing these trials is risky.

The Senate must listen carefully to all views, especially the experts who understand how seeds work. Any change to the law must strengthen, not weaken, the system.

Farmers must never be left guessing whether their seed will sprout. That is a gamble Kenya cannot afford.

Quote of the day: *"More business is lost every year through neglect than through any other cause."* —American matriarch, mother of JFK, RFK & Ted, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy was born on July 22, 1890

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NEEDLE ISN'T MOVING: GLOBAL SURGERY'S CRISIS OF INACTION

By Nicholas Okumu

Surgery is still seen by some policymakers as "expensive" or "technical". But the real cost lies in delay and denial



TEN years ago, the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery issued a warning to the world: billions of people were living without access to safe, affordable surgical care. That call sparked a wave of advocacy—technical reports, national strategies and resolutions at the World Health Assembly. We marched into meeting rooms in Geneva, Addis and Nairobi. We formed alliances, wrote op-eds like this one and spoke at panels. We believed the message was clear: surgery saves lives and should be a fundamental component of universal health coverage.

And yet, this month, the very journal that issued that clarion call in 2015 has published a sobering update. The unmet need for surgical care is growing.

According to The Lancet's 2025 health policy paper on surgery, the number of people going without life-saving or life-changing operations has risen to 160 million each year. But more chilling is what this means in human terms: between 17 and 18 million people are dying annually due to lack of access to surgery. That's more than HIV, tuberculosis and malaria combined. And the vast majority of those deaths are preventable.

Kenya is not exempt. Despite years of policy dialogues and global engagement, we still lack a National Surgical, Obstetric, and Anaesthesia Plan—a basic roadmap for strengthening surgical care. Countries like Rwanda, Zambia and Tanzania

have at least defined surgical priorities within their health systems. Kenya, a regional leader in many health areas, remains without one.

The cost is not abstract. In Kisii last year, a young boda boda rider arrived at a county hospital with a femur fracture. There was no orthopaedic surgeon available. He was referred to a facility over 250 km away. By the time he arrived, the injury had worsened, the surgery delayed. He's now permanently disabled—and his family's breadwinner is gone. Multiply this story by thousands, and you begin to see the scale of what's being lost. The statistics are the same if you replace trauma with cancer or any other surgical condition.

The disconnect is disheartening. On the surface, global surgery seems to be advancing—conferences, coalitions, campaigns. But on the ground, many hospitals are still without oxygen, surgical mesh or functioning operating rooms. Even when surgery happens,

the journey is not always safe. Postoperative infection, bleeding or lack of ICU beds too often turns survivable procedures into tragedies. In Africa, the risk of dying after surgery is twice the global average.

Surgical care is not a luxury to be rationed when budgets are tight. It is a basic pillar of any modern health system. Surgery enables safe childbirth, cancer treatment and trauma care. Hospitals without surgical capacity are not hospitals at all—they are referral points waiting to transfer emergencies.

This is not just a health crisis—it is an economic one. People unable to walk, work or care for their families because they could not access surgery fall into poverty, and so do their dependents. The Lancet paper estimates that scaling up essential cancer surgery in LMICs could unlock \$80 billion (Sh10.3 trillion) annually in productivity, allowing nearly 900,000 people to return to work each year.

So why are we not acting?

Part of the problem is perception. Surgery is still seen by some policymakers as "expensive" or "technical". But the real cost lies in delay and denial. Disability, death, lost earnings, broken households—these are the results of underinvestment.

Here's what Kenya must do: One, develop and fund a national surgical plan. No more high-level endorsements without follow-through. Two, fix the frontline. Equip first-level hospitals to handle common procedures like hernia repair, cesarean delivery and fracture fixation. Three, train and retain surgical teams—surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and technicians must be supported and protected from brain drain. Four, build better data systems. We cannot improve what we do not measure. Five, address surgical inequality. Women, children and rural populations are disproportionately left behind. That must change.

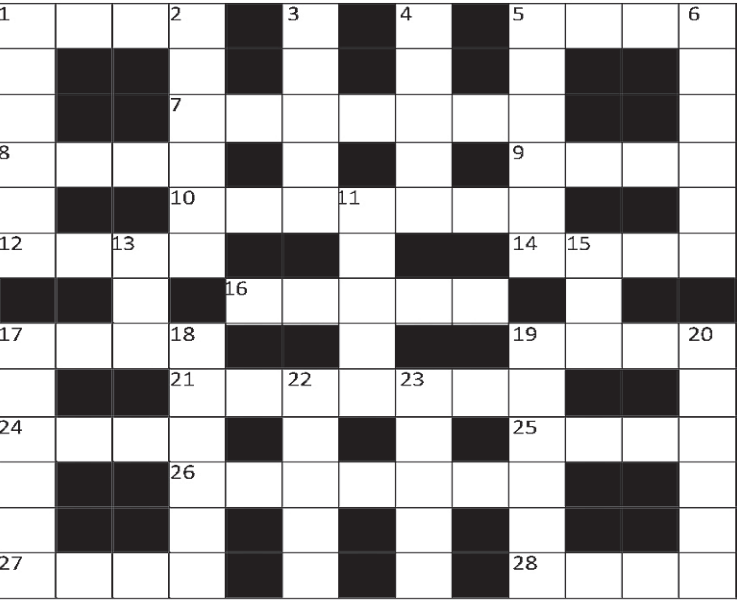
We have admired this problem long enough. The new Lancet report is a wake-up call. We can no longer claim we did not know. What we need now is political will, leadership and courage to act. Surgical care must not remain a privilege for the urban elite or the insured few. It is a matter of dignity, equity and national development. Let us not fail this generation—or the next.

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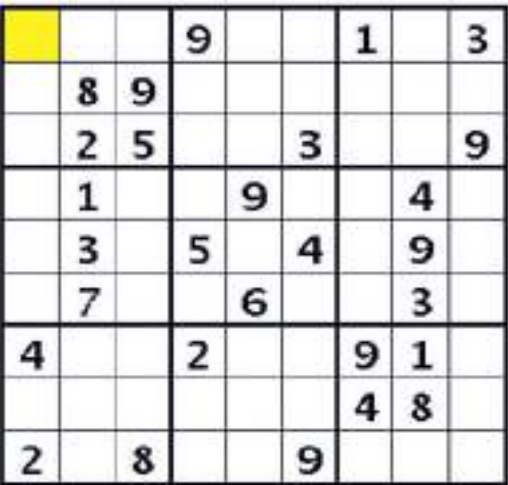


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 - 5. Member of Parliament for Kinangop constituency (6)
 - 6. Respirator diseases (6)
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 - 13. Albania's currency (3)
 - 15. Knight's title (3)
 - 17. Group of cells, together they perform the same function (6)
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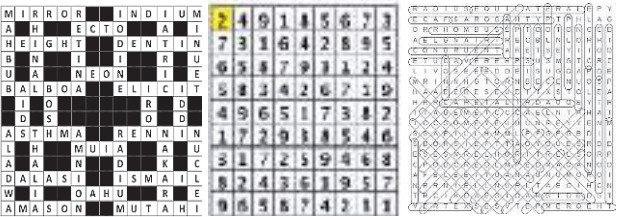
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 - 5. Papua New Guinea's currency (4)
 - 7. Major classification of living organisms (7)
 - 8. Former Governor for Lamu County (4)
 - 9. Near (4)
 - 10. Hairs set into vibrations producing nerve impulses in the auditory nerve (7)
 - 12. Member of Parliament for Matungulu constituency (4)
 - 14. Member of Parliament for women in Mombasa County (4)
 - 16. Final part of the small intestine (5)
 - 17. Bangladesh's currency (4)
 - 19. Substance that causes a change in body function (4)
 - 21. Senator for Samburu County (7)
 - 24. Vend (4)
 - 25. Member of Parliament for Saku constituency (4)
 - 26. Thin and tight, converts sound waves into vibration (7)
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Weekend solutions



WORD SEARCH

Find and mark all the words hidden inside the box. The words may be placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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‘Citizen Kane’ sled saved from destruction sells for Sh1.9bn

BBC/ A prop central to the celebrated opening scene of *Citizen Kane* – widely regarded as one of the best films ever made – has sold at auction for \$14.75 million (Sh1.9 billion). The wooden Rosebud sled, one of at least three known to have survived, was long thought to have been lost until it was given to director Joe Dante in 1984, saving it from destruction. He went on to use it as a reference for fans (known as an Easter egg) in films he directed, including *Gremlins 2: The New Batch*. It is now the second most expensive piece of memorabilia to have ever been sold – a pair of ruby slippers used in *The Wizard of Oz* sold for \$32 million (Sh4.1 billion) in December.

“Along with Dorothy’s ruby slippers, the Rosebud sled from *Citizen Kane* is one of the most iconic objects in Hollywood history,” Joe Maddalena, executive vice president at Heritage Auctions, which held the action, told its magazine the Intelligent Collector.

The identity of the sled’s buyer was not revealed. Other Rosebuds made for the film have been sold in the past, including one to legendary director Steven Spielberg, who later donated it to the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles.

However, the version sold on Thursday had not been seen for many years until it ended up in the hands of Dante.

He told Heritage auctions how he was making the film *Explorers* in 1984 on the same studio that was formerly owned by RKO Radio Pictures, which produced *Citizen Kane*.

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SPORTS LOCAL

RUGBY

Simbas handed tough draw ahead of Victoria Cup



Simbas' Eugene Sifuna in a past action against Senegal /FILE

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

KENYA Simbas have been pitted against Zambia, Uganda and Zimbabwe in the Victoria Cup scheduled for November.

Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) director of national squads, Moses Mukabane, said the championship seeks to improve Simbas' rankings and keep them competitive as they start the next World Cup cycle after failing to qualify for the 2027 edition

in Uganda over the weekend.

The former Mean Machine player believes Simbas need a long-term plan and structure coupled with funding from partners. "Going to play build-up matches in South Africa for one month ahead of the qualifiers will not be enough to secure World Cup qualification. Going forward, we need to be intentional and plan for two to three years ahead of the qualifiers," added Mukabane.

He said, "The biggest dilemma we face is a lack of resources. Funding a national 15s squad is expensive, and that is an area I believe we have struggled with."

"Talent is not an issue because we have top players coming through the ranks from the under-18 and under-20."

"As the union, we are crafting a plan for the next World Cup in 2031 to see where we can get resources."

Mukabane said of utmost importance is the resumption of Super Series to identify the country's top 100 players to complement the Kenya Cup.

"The Super Series is something we have to get back to. Kenya Cup is not competitive, and it is heavily skewed towards the big three clubs of Kabras, Oilers and KCB. We hope by next year, it will be something permanent in our calendar," observed Mukabane.

He said there will be a two-pronged approach for the next four years, either by playing in the Currie Cup in South Africa or test matches against higher-ranked opposition.

FOOTBALL

NEXT BIG THING

Stars' coach tips Ogam to fill Olunga's shoes as Stars front man

BY TEDDY MULEI

HARAMBEE Stars head coach Benni McCarthy believes Tusker FC's rising star Ryan Ogam could be the man to step into Michael Olunga's formidable boots as Kenya's main striker.

McCarthy, a legendary frontman himself, revealed he is personally mentoring the 20-year-old hitman, hoping to mould him into a ruthless goal-getter for the national team.

"He is now being converted into a striker, which is right up my street. That is the position I used to play, so I have been having chats with him and telling him we will work a little bit more on the basics," McCarthy said. "He is a player you have to mould and give the right guidance to turn him into a super player."

In his international career, playing for Bafana Bafana, McCarthy made 79 appearances, scoring 31 goals, and is the all-time top scorer for South Africa. He reckons Ogam, blessed with raw power and blistering pace, could soon emerge as Kenya's next striking sensation.

"I will have a lot of time for the strikers and Ryan in particular because he can be the next Michael Olunga replacement one day," he added.

McCarthy wants Ogam to become a complete forward, unpredictable, two-footed and deadly in the box.

"He is very explosive but also very left-footed, so I am just working with him to also make use of his right foot to make him more unpredictable."

Ogam made a roaring start to life with Tusker at the beginning of the 2024/25 FKF Premier League season, bagging 15 goals in just 13 matches before injury sidelined him for a large part of the campaign. McCarthy had already marked him out as one to watch from his very first training camp with the Stars.

"Ogam was unfortunate with the in-

jury he picked up. I remember when I took up the role as coach, I had my first training camp, and he was there, and I thought he was a very talented player. He is quick, very sharp and intelligent."

He added: "Even though he had difficulties with the injuries, he still tried to train and that for me goes a long way."

The former Manchester United assistant coach confirmed Ogam is set to lead the line for Stars at the upcoming African Nations Championship (Chan), where McCarthy expects the youngster to shine.

"Ryan is important to the team because he will probably be leading the lines for us when the Chan starts, so we want to have him ready and scoring a lot of goals for us," he said.

McCarthy believes that European clubs could soon come knocking for the talented forward. "He is very tal-

ented and, given the chance, he can even play in Europe."

Ogam, on his part, has set himself an audacious target at the Chan tournament, eyeing five goals in the group stage alone.

"The Kenyan league was a good platform, and if I was able to achieve what I achieved, I think I can as well do it in Chan. I don't think it's hard, but I will have to give my best."

"My target is to score at least one or two goals in each game. In the group stages, I am targeting five goals, and from there, I can set another target for myself," Ogam said.

The 20-year-old noted that the mood around the camp was lively as the Stars ready themselves for the Chan.

"The mood in the camp is high, we are just giving ourselves morale as the tournament approaches to be in top form," he added.



Stars' coach Benni McCarthy with forward Ryan Ogam / TEDDY MULEI

BY TONY MBALLA



TOUCHLINE

A New dawn in East African football as CHAN promises thrills

Anticipation is at an all-time high as the 2024 African Nations Championship (CHAN) draws nearer.

The eighth edition of this prestigious biennial tournament, organised by the Confederation of African Football (CAF), promises to be a landmark event, not only for the participating teams but also for the host nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Originally scheduled for February 2025, the tournament will now run from August 2 to August 30, 2025, due to infrastructural delays and the withdrawal of several qualified teams, including Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Gabon.

This delay, however, has not dampened the enthusiasm surrounding the event; rather, it has heightened expectations for a tournament that aims to elevate the profile of local football across East Africa.

For the first time in its history, Chan will be co-hosted by three nations, a strategic move by CAF that serves as a precursor to the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon), which will also take place in these vibrant East African countries.

The decision to share hosting responsibilities reflects a growing trend towards regional collaboration in African football, showcasing the potential of these nations to unite in the spirit of sport and camaraderie.

The tournament will feature 19 national teams competing exclusively with players from their domestic leagues, emphasising the importance of nurturing local talent and creating opportunities for homegrown athletes.

The format of the tournament is designed to engage fans and foster a competitive atmosphere. It will commence with a group stage, followed by knockout rounds including quarterfinals, semifinals, and a third-place playoff, culminating in a grand final.

The top two teams from each group will advance, ensuring that the stakes remain high throughout the tournament. Historically, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Morocco have each claimed the title twice, while Tunisia, Libya, and reigning champions Senegal have one title each.

This rich history adds an intriguing layer to the upcoming competition, as teams vie not only for victory but also for a place in the annals of African football history.

Kenya will host Group A at the Moi International Sports Centre (Kasarani) in Nairobi, featuring Morocco, Angola, DR Congo, and Zambia. Despite facing initial delays, Kenya has invested heavily in renovating key stadiums, including Nyayo National Stadium and Kasarani Stadium, at Ksh2.58 billion. However, the loss of hosting rights for Group D due to inadequate training facilities serves as a reminder of the challenges that lie ahead. Nevertheless, Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya has confirmed that Kenya has paid a Sh1.6 billion hosting fee to CAF.

Uganda will take the reins for Group C and the third-place playoff at the Mandela National Stadium (Namboole) in Kampala, a venue with a capacity of 45,202. Group C will feature Uganda, Niger, Guinea, Algeria, and South Africa, promising a series of thrilling matches that will captivate local and international audiences alike.

Meanwhile, Tanzania will host Group B and select Group D matches at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar-es-salaam. This stadium will be the venue of the opening match, setting the stage for an exciting month of football. Group B will include Tanzania, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Sudan, while Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar will debut as a Caf venue, hosting Group D games featuring Nigeria, Senegal, Congo, and Sudan.

In a significant boost to the tournament's profile, Caf has announced a substantial increase in prize money, with the champions set to receive Sh452.8 million. Beyond the monetary rewards, Chan 2024 is poised to stimulate tourism, promote local football talent, and strengthen sports infrastructure across East Africa, leaving a lasting legacy for future generations.



FOOTBALL

McCarthy tips
Tusker's Ogam to
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ATHLETICS

FIREWORKS AWAIT

Athletes set to battle for Tokyo World Champs slots today at Ulinzi Complex

BY TEDDY MULEI

ATHLETICS Kenya will today unveil the team set to fly the country's flag at the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan, this September.

The national trials, slated for the Ulinzi Sports Complex from 7 am, promise a feast of track and field action across 11 individual and three relay events. The programme will feature sprints, middle- and long-distance, field events, and relays, with Tokyo tickets on the line.

On the track, fans can look forward to the 100m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m and 3,000m for both men and women. The men's 400m hurdles, 5,000m, javelin throw, long jump, 20km race walk, as well as the women's 10,000m add spice to the day's competition.

Relay action will include the men's and women's 4x100m, 4x400m, and the mixed 4x400m relay. Only athletes who have met stringent eligibility criteria, including a minimum of three no-notice out-of-competition doping tests between October 29, 2024, and August 2025, with at least one before May 24, have earned invites.

Additionally, those meeting World Athletics entry standards, holding high global rankings, or defending world titles, also made the cut. AK have confirmed that the top two finishers in each event will earn automatic selection for the Tokyo Worlds, with the third picked at the discretion of the selectors.

Kenya will be gunning for an improved performance in Tokyo after finishing fifth in Budapest last year with 10 medals (three gold, three silver, and four



Female athletes compete in an 800m race / TEDDY MULEI

bronze). Today's trials are set to deliver a series of showdowns as the country's top talent vies for coveted spots.

In the men's 100m, African record-holder Ferdinand Omanyala spearheads the field, eyeing his third consecutive World Championships appearance after outings in Eugene (2022) and Budapest (2023).

However, the sprint star will have to fend off fierce competition from former national record-holder Mark Otieno, Steve Odhiambo, Meshack Babu, rising star Dennis Mwai and Tyson Juma.

The women's 400m promises fireworks as national record-holder Mercy Oketch goes head-to-head with former record-holder and

Olympic 800m bronze medallist Mary Moraa. Joining the fray are Mercy Chebet, Gladys Mumba, Esther Mbagari, Vanice Kerubo, Rahab Ndirangu and Anne Mbatha, ensuring a stacked field.

Another hotly anticipated event is the men's 400m, with three athletes, George Mutinda, Kelvin Kipkorir and Brian Tinega, having already hit the Tokyo entry standards.

They will face a stern test from Olympian Zablon Ekwam, seasoned campaigner Boniface Mweresa, Wiseman Were and David Sanayek.

In the women's 800m, world champion Mary Moraa leads a stellar line-up that includes Lilian Odi-

ra, Sarah Moraa, Susan Ejore, Naomi

Korir and Vivian Chebet. Olympic 800m champion Emmanuel Wanyonyi is set to flex muscles with Wycliffe Kinyamal, Alex Ng'eno, Noah Kibet and veterans Ferguson Rotich.



★ RUGBY

Onsongo backs early exposure to drive Kenya's golfing future

BY TEDDY MULEI

LONG-HITTING Kenyan amateur Scola Onsongo has called for structured early exposure to the game, saying it holds the key to building a strong golfing culture in the country.

Onsongo, who has blossomed from a local amateur to a globetrotting player, believes Kenya can unlock its golfing potential by nurturing talent from a young age.

This is a move she has personally championed by introducing her two children to the sport through the Junior Golf Foundation. "Golf is more than a sport to me, it is a lifelong passion," Onsongo said.

She hopes more young girls will take up the sport and push themselves to greater heights. "I pour my heart into every round because I

want to leave a mark not just as a player, but as a trailblazer. I hope more women and girls see that they, too, have a place on the course and can rise to great heights."

Onsongo said early introduction is vital if Kenya is to grow a competitive pool of players and break new ground on the global stage. Onsongo's career has seen

Scola
Onsongo

her tee off at some of the world's iconic courses, from Japan's Caledonian to Stallion Mountain in Las Vegas, Fish River Sun in South Africa, and Achimota Golf Club in Accra.

Ludiali upbeat ahead of Africa Cup in Egypt

BY CHARLENE MALWA

NATIONAL men's hockey midfielder Ivan Ludiali says he is ready to lead from the front as Kenyans seek to rule the African Cup of Nations planned for October 11-18 in Egypt.

"After this weekend, the team will be cut down, and I want to prove a point as one of the experienced players," he said. The

team's last competitive action was at the African Games in March last year in Accra, Ghana, where they finished fourth after losing 2-1 to Nigeria in the bronze medal match.

The Western Jaguars captain had a six-month stint with Netherlands Division Four side, Delta Venlo, early this year. Jaguars, the defending Kenya Hockey Premier League champions, are currently third on the log with 18 points from

nine matches, trailing leaders USIU (22 points) and second-placed Butali (21 points).

He said the four-day-a-week training sessions have emphasised physical fitness, tactical awareness and technical ability under coach Mike Malungu.

"My focus area is mainly physical fitness, but I'm working on all aspects because as a midfielder, I am evolving and want to be more versatile," he added.

"I intend to lean more on defensive mechanisms while also diversifying on attack in midfield."

Having helped Delta Venlo earn promotion in a highly competitive league, the midfielder is keen to help Western Jaguars rise above the norm. "There's a difference in level because the Netherlands is big on hockey and even at the Reserve Hoofdklasse level, where I featured, the intensity is high," he explained.



Ivan Ludiali in training/
CHARLENE MALWA





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Ministry directs schools to adopt online procurement

Basic Education PS Prof Julius Bitok says, public institutions, schools should adopt the same procurement systems used by other government departments to improve transparency and accountability

BY MOSES WEKESA, KNA

Public schools have been directed to shift procurement processes to the Government's E-procurement (EGP) portal whenever they source goods and services.

Speaking at Esumeyia

Secondary School Kakamega, the Principal Secretary (PS) for Basic Education, Prof Julius Bitok, emphasized that schools, as public institutions, must align with other government entities in adopting the digi-

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Principal Secretary for Basic Education Prof Julius Bitok speaking at Esumeyia Secondary School in Kakamega.

Call for youth to use digital skills to create jobs

BY AMINA BAKARI AND WENDY SHEILLA, KNA

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano has urged Kenyan youth to embrace artificial intelligence (AI), digital innovation, and technical skills to create jobs and drive national development. Speaking at the 2025 World Youth Skills Day celebrations, Miano launched the 2025 Tourism AI Solutions Hackathon, encouraging young people to leverage their digital talents to transform the tourism sector.

"Kenya's future lies in the hands of our tech-savvy youth-digital natives fluent in AI and innovation," Miano stated.

She reminded the youth that 'the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams', urging them to reimagine tourism through innovation, artificial intelligence, and machine learning.

Further, the CS praised the collaborative efforts behind the hackathon, organized by the Ministries of ICT, Labour, and Tourism in partnership with Nation Media Group,

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Labour Inspectorate Officers the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has deployed across all 47 counties to monitor and enforce labour laws

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Local exhibitors who attended the International Housing Expo in Nairobi recently

400,000

Number of people in Turkana County who do not have IDs despite having

The Week In numbers

attained the requisite age

472m

Projected cost of the Kakamega Milimani Affordable Housing Project that will have 220 housing units consisting of 60 studio units, 20 one-bedroom units,

300m

Amount of money Kakamega County has allocated to top up the Sh500m the national government has committed to complete Kakamega Level VI Hospital



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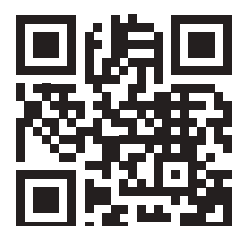


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Government now shifts school tenders online

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tal procurement system.

Prof. Bitok emphasized that as public institutions, schools should adopt the same procurement systems used by other government departments to improve transparency and accountability.

"Schools are public entities, and as such, they will move with other arms of government to the E-procurement portal," Mr. Bitok reiterated, adding that it will enhance accountability.

The PS addressed discipline issues in public schools stating that many of the reported cases contravene school regulations.

He condemned unacceptable practices such as corporal punishment and sexual harassment in schools, emphasizing that such conduct will not be tolerated.

"I have sent officers to Marsabit to investigate an alleged case of corporal punishment meted on learners in one of the schools in that County, once it is established, the law will take

its course," Prof. Bitok added.

His remarks on outdated corporal punishment in schools met resounding reception from learners, who also opposed a return of caning.

On sexual molestation reported in schools, the PS said speedy investigations will be done to allow the relevant agencies to take action.

Kenya's Public Procurement Portal went digital two weeks ago.

The aim of this measure, according to government officials, is to provide an open and transparent public procurement platform which gives open real time and end to end public visibility at all levels of the procurement process, for the benefit of all Kenyans.

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Youth urged to use AI and digital skills for job creation



The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Tourism and Wildlife Rebecca Miano speaking during the 2025 World Youth Skills Day celebrations at KICC, Nairobi.

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the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and other stakeholders.

She emphasized that digital transformation must be viewed as a national priority under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"With over 80 per cent of the hospitality workforce being youth, it is time they lead the digital transformation," Miano said, describing the hackathon as a rallying cry for digital brilliance. Making his remarks, Labour and Skills Development

Principal Secretary (PS) Shadrack Mwadime echoed the call, stressing that the government is committed to aligning training programs with labour market demands to ensure employability. "It is immoral to train youth and leave them without the ability to secure employment or start their own ventures," he noted.

He called for real-time curriculum reviews and stressed that Generation Z is not just looking for jobs but meaningful opportunities to contribute to the society. Speaking during the same event, Technical and Vocational

Education and Training (TVET) Principal Secretary (PS), Esther Thaara, called for accelerated action to close the country's persistent skills gap, insisting that investing in youth education and training is key to economic transformation.

Drawing lessons from the rapid development of the Asian Tigers; Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, Thaara noted that their success stemmed from deliberate national focus on youth skilling and disciplined workforce development.

"If we get our act right by giving young people the right skills, we will transform this country," assured the PS.

Further, Thaara highlighted Kenya's progress under the Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) framework, including modular training every three months, enhanced industry linkages, and digital curriculum delivery via mobile platforms where she reported that over 150 TVET institutions host digital labs.

The PS raised concerns over inadequate training infrastructure and the urgent need to scale up resources to support the goal of enrolling over two million youth into TVET by the end of the year.

Resetting the culture of delivery in Kenya's Public Service

BY BY ELIUD OWALO

The relationship between culture and delivery of government services is much closer than many of us wish to admit. It is often quipped that culture eats delivery for breakfast, implying that it is very challenging for governments to deliver quality services and achieve meaningful results without the right culture within their ranks. Culture refers to the ideas, customs and social behavior of a group of people or society. It embodies the collective norms of a group and is clearly manifested in their behavior. A group's or institution's culture is so powerful and often so pervasive that it ultimately affects the behavior of individuals within.

Delivery of services to the public is the primary mandate of any government. It is the reason governments seek this mandate in the first place and forms the benchmark upon which their performance is evaluated continuously or at the end of its term. Governments divide this mandate across ministries, departments and agencies, each charged with executing specific functions that

contribute to the overall vision of the country.

To effectively undertake their functions, each of these units of government prepare plans that guide implementation of projects and programmes under their jurisdiction. These are usually in the form of Strategic Plans covering a number of years or Work Plans which typically cover a financial or fiscal year. These plans provide details of the activities to be undertaken, targets to be achieved, timelines within which results are to be expected, the resources required and the responsibility centres for accountability.

The government, through the legislature, develops policies and enacts legislation to support implementation of its projects and programmes. Policies in particular are the government's statements of intent. They are what provides direction to the activities and programmes it implements. Laws and regulations are essentially the rules on which implementation of these projects and programmes is anchored. The government would find it practically impossible to achieve any significant and sustainable results without



sound policy and legislative frameworks.

One would then proceed to ask, how does all this planning, and policy and legislative reforms relate to culture? Well, it turns out that the answer is right within the implementing units of government. The people. The biggest determinant of the success of government projects and programmes is the people implementing them - their numbers, skills sets, distribution and the culture they exhibit.

While it is easier to recruit the right sets of people for the various government units, train them well and deploy them to the right jobs, fixing the culture within which they operate presents a different kind of challenge. Building a supportive and performance-based culture requires a proper diagnosis of the existing culture,

determining a solid vision of the desired culture and putting in place mechanisms for sustainable culture change management.

Kenya's public sector culture can best be described as a mosaic of different levels of sub-cultures. This situation has largely been influenced by the country's history and the effects of the various reform initiatives undertaken over the years. The highly centralized and bureaucratic government system established by the colonial government influenced operations of public institutions in the post-colonial era and was only significantly affected by the introduction of the devolved system of government under the current constitution. However, Kenya's public sector is still highly centralized and very bureaucratic.

Numerous reforms implemented over the years have sought to improve efficiency in government services mainly by breaking down bureaucratic barriers, delegating more decision-making to lower levels and automating processes. Reforms, such as those which were implemented under the Economic Recovery Strategy for Wealth and

Employment Creation of 2003-2007 focused on transforming public institutions as fit-for-purpose vehicles for development. A common aspect of these reforms was the infusion of a strong culture of efficient and people-focused service delivery.

This is indeed the period which ushered in a culture of strategic and work planning, programme-based budgeting, performance contracting, monitoring and evaluation and many other initiatives. Tools such as Rapid Results Initiatives (RRI) and automation of systems were used to demonstrate quick wins, provide evidence of the practicality of these reforms and improve the integrity of key processes, especially those involving financial transaction, by making them to be human-neutral.

While significant results were achieved through these initiatives, these were not uniform across the government. Some public institutions achieved some fundamental culture change while others achieved less than impressive results. One key lesson learnt from these institutional reforms was that they often depended on individuals. Key reform initi-

atives were rolled back as soon as the leadership of some institutions changed thus creating confusion and demoralizing staff. Another key lesson is the need to continuously invest in these reforms in order to create a critical mass of well trained and empowered public servants for sustainability.

So, what needs to be done? First, we must hit the performance culture reset button by retracing our steps to the path of system-wide reforms. Next, we must align the reforms to the prevailing environment. This calls for funding of key reform programmes, including training of staff, and developing programmes suitable for the increasing numbers of younger workers joining the public sector. Lastly, we must empower key reform champions and allow them to nurture future generations of reform-minded public servants. These three key steps are critical towards reviving the public sector reform programme and guaranteeing its sustainability.

The writer is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Delivery and Government Efficiency in the Executive Office of the President

Maasai Mara earns global record for wildlife migration

BY LAMECH WILLY (KNA)

The iconic Maasai Mara National Reserve has officially been recognized by the World Book of Records for hosting the world’s greatest annual terrestrial wildlife migration. This monumental achievement further elevates Kenya’s internationally renowned reserve in the fields of conservation and tourism. Narok Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu announced the milestone, calling it a proud moment for Kenya and a strong endorsement of the ongoing conservation efforts in the Mara.

“This recognition is a proud moment for Kenya, for Narok County, for our conservation partners, and for all who cherish the Maasai Mara,” Governor Ntutu said. “We celebrate it with joy and extend a warm invitation to the world. Come and witness this marvel of nature with us,” he added. The World Book of Records’ honour specifically acknowledges the dramatic annual migration of over 1.5 million wildebeests, zebras, and antelopes across the expansive Serengeti-Mara ecosystem – a breathtaking specta-

cle unmatched anywhere on the planet.

Governor Ntutu noted that the award comes just two and a half years after the County Government of Narok launched a sweeping restructuring and revitalization programme aimed at preserving and enhancing the reserve’s ecological integrity.

“Upon assuming office, my administration launched an ambitious campaign to restructure and revitalize the Maasai Mara National Reserve. We enacted new management plans, upgraded ranger operations, improved infrastructure like internal roads, and adopted technology-driven conservation tools,” he stated.

The governor emphasized that beyond the famed migration, the Maasai Mara holds immense ecological value, hosting more than 25 per cent of Kenya’s biodiversity and playing a crucial role in sustaining the cross-border wildlife corridors.

Furthermore, he credited the success to collaboration between the county government, local communities, conservation partners, and tourism stakeholders, all united in safeguarding the reserve’s future.



Scenic views and exotic wildlife in Masaai Mara.



The National Housing Corporation (NHC) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament Cap. 117 with the principal role of implementing the Government of Kenya Housing Policies and Programmes. The Corporation hereby invites sealed bid documents from interested Medical Insurance providers for the following procurement process.

Tender Number	Tender Description	Closing Date & Time
NHC/MIC/001/2025-26	Provision of Medical Insurance Cover.	30 th July 2025 at 11.00am

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

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

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO
P. O. BOX 30257 – 00100,
NAIROBI.

And be deposited in the Tender Box located on Ground Floor of N.H.C house, so as to be received on or before **30th July 2025, at 11.00am** and shall be valid for a period of **150 days** after bid submission. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives who choose to attend in the Conference Room located on 11th Floor of N.H.C House. **Late bids will be rejected.**

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KENYA ROADS BOARD

RMLF RELEASES TO THE 47 COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

In the FY 2024/2025, the Board released Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) amounting to Kshs 3,682,774,150.00 for maintenance of county roads as shown below;

County Code	County Name	Allocation (Kshs)	County Code	County Name	Allocation (Kshs)
1	Mombasa	45,601,067.00	25	Samburu	60,855,995.00
2	Kwale	71,758,747.00	26	Trans-Nzoia	52,848,312.00
3	Kilifi	85,820,621.00	27	Uasin Gishu	86,288,947.00
4	Tana River	69,459,630.00	28	Elgeyo Marakwet	52,755,391.00
5	Lamu	47,403,262.00	29	Nandi	65,154,809.00
6	Taita Taveta	78,389,752.00	30	Baringo	71,309,826.00
7	Garissa	63,863,645.00	31	Laikipia	80,806,317.00
8	Wajir	90,533,914.00	32	Nakuru	183,432,688.00
9	Mandera	66,010,855.00	33	Narok	97,352,834.00
10	Marsabit	83,508,017.00	34	Kajiado	106,350,427.00
11	Isiolo	64,255,720.00	35	Kericho	59,568,948.00
12	Meru	102,835,642.00	36	Bomet	57,185,813.00
13	Tharaka Nithi	55,944,250.00	37	Kakamega	81,318,878.00
14	Embu	73,706,112.00	38	Vihiga	37,535,760.00
15	Kitui	152,421,270.00	39	Bungoma	63,910,688.00
16	Machakos	111,125,100.00	40	Busia	45,520,243.00
17	Makueni	146,891,738.00	41	Siaya	57,316,842.00
18	Nyandarua	78,019,732.00	42	Kisumu	68,301,577.00
19	Nyeri	100,348,699.00	43	Homabay	61,056,106.00
20	Kirinyaga	67,262,744.00	44	Migori	56,919,675.00
21	Murang'a	94,718,150.00	45	Kisii	60,713,540.00
22	Kiambu	118,951,472.00	46	Nyamira	41,412,736.00
23	Turkana	88,140,833.00	47	Nairobi	120,057,803.00
24	West Pokot	57,829,022.00	TOTAL		3,682,774,150.00

County Governments are required to submit detailed work plans for the amount released to respective KRB Regional Offices in Kisumu, Nyeri, Garissa, Eldoret, Isiolo, Nakuru, Kakamega & Machakos and Email to drqr@krb.go.ke by **Tuesday 12th August 2025**



Eldoret informal settlements set for major transformation



Uasin Gishu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Community Development, Edward Sawe, addressing county officials alongside representatives from the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP) and Pamoja Trust at the county headquarters in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County. PHOTO: FREDRICK MARITIM

BY FREDRICK MARITIM, KNA

The Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP), in collaboration with Pamoja Trust, has reaffirmed its commitment to youth empowerment and job creation through the development and review of Community Development Plans (CDPs) for the Mwanzo and Kipkaren informal settlements in Eldoret City, Uasin Gishu County.

Hosted by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing, and Community Development, Edward Sawe, the session brought together stakeholders to assess the 10-year, community-driven CDPs that aim to transform informal set-

tlements into hubs of opportunity and inclusive growth.

At the heart of the reviewed plans is a strong focus on youth employment. KISIP, through its Component 2 led by Zenah Kirui integrated a robust skills development strategy that will see youth trained in trades such as masonry, plumbing, electrical work and carpentry.

These vocational programs are designed to culminate in NITA (National Industrial Training Authority) certification, offering youth not just skills but recognized qualifications that improve employability and economic mobility.

“As we move into the implementation phase, youth empowerment is central.

Through skills training and certification,

we are not only building infrastructure, we are building livelihoods and community resilience,” Ms Kirui said, underscoring KISIP’s dual goal of infrastructure and human capital development.

Pamoja Trust presented the CDP frameworks, outlining the critical roles local communities will play in project implementation, timelines and long-term sustainability.

Sawe applauded the alignment of the plans with Uasin Gishu County’s strategic vision.

“Some of these proposals mirror the vision of Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii. It is vital that all county departments fully engage to ensure collective ownership and successful delivery of these transformative projects,” he noted.



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The Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, State Department for Housing and Urban Development has declared **4000** vacancies for internship (Cohort 1) in the following professional areas:

S/ No	Professional Area	Positions
1.	Architecture	300
2.	Civil Engineering	200
3.	Construction Management	250
4.	Electrical Engineering	200
5.	Mechanical Engineering	200
6.	Quantity Surveying	200
7.	Structural Engineering	200
8.	Communication and Branding	150
9.	Environment Practitioners	150
10.	Geoinformation	50
11.	Health and Safety	180
12.	Interior Design	50
13.	Land Surveying/Geo Spatial	100
14.	Landscape Architecture	100
15.	Realtors	200
16.	Social Development	165
17.	Urban and Regional Planning	150
18.	Digital Marketing	50
19.	Accountants	60
20.	Architectural Assistant	60
21.	Data entry clerks	50
22.	Financial Analysts	30

S/ No	Professional Area	Positions
23.	Building Inspector	60
24.	Inspector Civil Engineering	60
25.	Inspector Electricals	60
26.	Legal	60
27.	Quantity Surveying Assistant	60
28.	Structural Assistant	60
29.	Supply Chain Management	50
30.	Data Analysts	40
31.	Data Science and/or Artificial Intelligence	40
32.	Information Communication Technology	40
33.	Inspector of gas/refrigeration	30
34.	Inspector Plumbing and Drainage	30
35.	Economics	60
36.	Actuarial	5
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Duration of Internship

Twelve (12) months- Non renewable

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The interns will be paid a stipend by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, at a rate as determined by the Government.


Certificate

On successful completion of the Internship Programme, the interns will be awarded a certificate by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development.

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Government to restructure Huduma Centres for improved service delivery

BY ROSE WASIKE, KNA

The government will undertake a comprehensive restructuring of Huduma Centres across the country. The move aims to expand accessibility, improve service delivery, and align the centres with the national development agenda. Speaking during a visit to the Mbale Huduma Centre in Vihiga County, the Principal Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development, and Special Programmes, Dr. Jane Imbunya, underscored the significance

of the ongoing reforms. "This initiative aligns with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and Kenya's Vision 2030, and seeks to ensure equitable access to government services at the grassroots," she said.

The restructuring focuses on expanding Huduma Centres by enhancing infrastructure and leveraging technology to deliver efficient and citizen-friendly services.

Key reforms include improving internet connectivity, as well as deploying modern ICT systems to bridge the digital divide



and enhance public service delivery.

"The government is committed to bringing services closer to the people through technology and infrastructure investment," she said.

The Huduma Centers serve as vital access points for various essential government services.

Public Service PS Dr. Jane Imbunya during a visit to the Huduma center at Mbale, Vihiga County. PHOTO BY ROSE WASIKE



Kenya, Tanzania launch terrestrial fiber link



Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary (CS) William Kabogo (centre) launches Terrestrial Fiber Link connecting Kenya and Tanzania at Lunga lunga/Horohoro border. On his right is Tanzanian Minister for Communication and Information Technology Jerry Slaa.

BY MOHAMED HASSAN, KNA

Kenya and Tanzania have launched a cross border internet connectivity project integrating the National ICT broadband backbone (NICTBB) and submarine cable infrastructure.

The project that aims to enhance regional digital integration, improve internet reliability and facilitate cross border trade and data flow was presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William Kabogo and his Tanzanian counterpart Jerry Slaa at the Lunga lunga/Horohoro border.

The initiative implemented through the partnership between Kenya's ICT Authority (ICTA) and

Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation (TTLIC) is expected to boost economic integration, e governance and access to digital services across the East African Community.

In his remarks, Kabogo says the new project seeks to enhance transparency, stimulate economic advancement and boost citizens' engagement.

The CS said the project is part of broader efforts to accelerate regional integration and connectivity between Kenya and Tanzania.

He said the initiative supported by the two governments aims to address connectivity gaps and promote digital development across the East African Region.

"Kenya and Tanzania will be actively involved

in identifying bottlenecks and supporting initiatives to improve cross border internet access" said Kabogo.

He said Kenya is playing a key role in promoting internet infrastructure and contributing to EAC regional digital transformation.

He said the initiative is part of Kenya's broader efforts to develop its digital economy including expanding the national fiber optic network.

"This internet project represents a significant milestone in Kenya's digital infrastructure journey," added Kabogo.

The CS said the initiative aligns with the national government's ongoing agenda to improve internet access, affordability and quality of experience for Kenyans.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT PHASE III

Sector: Energy

Financing Agreement Reference: Loan No. 2000200006253

Project ID No: P-KE-FA0-021

The Republic of Kenya has received a loan from the African Development Bank to finance the implementation cost of Phase III of the Last Mile Connectivity Project. Part of these funds will be utilised to pay for consultancy services in the implementation of this project.

The project scope includes connection of households within a transformer distance of 600 meters across 45 counties within a period of 24 months, as well as implement system reinforcement projects in select counties.

The Kenya Power & Lighting Company Plc, the implementing agency for the project, seeks to recruit a consultant to support its supervision and management.

In this regard, the Company invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the above services. Consultants may constitute joint ventures.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African development Banks "Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations" dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address below during office hours, between 0900 to 1230 and 1400 to 1630 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **11th August 2025 at 10.00 am.**

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Ministry races against time to upgrade Kipchoge Stadium



The Defence PS, Dr. Patrick Mariru (c), meets the contractors during the inspection visit to Kipchoge Keino Stadium, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

The Defence PS, Dr. Patrick Mariru (r) and his Sports counterpart, Elijah Mwangi (l), in a press briefing during the inspection visit to confirm the level of progress of construction works at the Kipchoge Keino Stadium, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu.

An excavator conducted a demolition exercise of the southern terrace, to pave room for new construction to upgrade the largest sports facility in the region, Kipchoge Keino Stadium, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu.

PHOTOS: EKUWAM SYLVESTER

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER, KNA

The Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Sports, Elijah Mwangi, has affirmed the government’s commitment to upgrading Kipchoge Stadium to the highest possible standards. He stated that the initiative aims to ensure that athletes in the region enjoy training conditions similar to those they experience when competing in stadiums abroad.

The PS made the remarks during an inspection tour to assess the progress of the ongoing upgrade works at the stadium in Eldoret. He was accompanied by the Principal Secretary for Defence, Dr. Patrick Mariru. The PS noted that the Ministry is working in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence to ensure the upgrade is completed within the stipulated 15-month contract period. He expressed concern over

the current progress, noting that more could have been achieved by now. However, he acknowledged some of the challenges encountered during the process, including the demolition of the northern and southern terraces, which were deemed substandard. “There are some parameters and non-destructive tests that have been done to establish the durability of the western terrace. The results will be out next week and the work will

continue. The works are good, and we expect more than this,” the Sports PS noted.

He emphasized the need to speed up the competition of crucial infrastructure necessary for the athletes to triumph in various competitions.

“We are lagging behind in provision of infrastructure that will be needed and we want to catch-up. They need this stadium to train both for local and international events. We don’t have the luxury of time consid-

ering that we have talents who are meant to use these stadiums to boost their talents,” he added.



Announcement of 2025/26 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey (KIHBS)

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) will on 16th July 2025 commence data collection for the 2025/26 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey (KIHBS). This national exercise covering the 47 counties will be undertaken for a period of twelve months; **July 2025 - 22nd July 2026.**

Purpose of the Survey

This nationwide survey aims to collect comprehensive data to support national planning and policy development, monitoring of living standards, income distribution, and poverty levels. The survey will provide the following indicators:

- Demographics
- Education and health
- Fertility and mortality rates
- Employment and labour conditions
- Child health and nutrition
- Housing, water, sanitation, and energy use
- Households’ expenditure on consumption

Methodology

Trained enumerators will conduct face-to-face interviews in selected households across the 47 counties. The enumerators will wear identification badges bearing QR Codes for authentication and introduction letters from KNBS. Data will be collected using Tablet Computer.

Target Population

The survey will target scientifically sampled households across all counties and refugee camps. A total of **24,480 households** and **960 from refugee camps** will participate.

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We encourage you to support this exercise by providing the data sought. Our commitment is to hold the data collected in strict confidentiality and use it for statistical purposes only.

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Senior Manager, Nutrition & Environment Statistics	KNBS Level 3	KNBS/SMNES/18/2025	1	Permanent and Pensionable

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County rolls out beekeeping project in climate action push



Kipsomba MCA Mary Gorreti, distributing beehives to farmers during a Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) event in Kipsomba ward, Uasin Gishu county.

BY JEVVAH KIPLIMO, KNA

The County Government of Uasin Gishu has distributed beehives and honey harvesting kits to residents of Kipsomba Ward. This initiative aims to empower local communities through sustainable economic activities while promoting climate-resilient practices. Implemented under the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Program, the county government handed over 220 modern beehives and 22 complete harvesting kits to local cooperative societies.

The move is intended to boost climate-resilient livelihoods and enhance honey production in the region.

Mary Goreti, the area Member of County Assembly, commended the beekeeping initiative as a practical tool for economic empowerment, highlighting its potential to uplift local communities.

"I urge all beneficiaries to take this opportunity seriously and maximize the benefits of bee keeping as a livelihood venture. Honey production is not only profitable but also environmentally friendly," she said.

The MCA distributed motorcycles, tents, chairs, incubators, and other tools targeting youth groups and members of boda boda Saccos.

Eng. Christopher Mbevi, the Climate Change Unit Officer in charge of Soy Sub-County, emphasized the critical role played by bees in supporting climate action.

"Bees are not just honey producers. They are vital pollinators that contribute significantly to biodiversity, food security, and climate resilience. Supporting beekeeping is an investment in both livelihoods and environmental health," he said.



THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING

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Terms of Service:	Permanent and Pensionable

Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have: -

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**The Principal Secretary
State Department for Economic Planning
P.O Box 30005-00100
NAIROBI.**

OR

Hand delivered to the **State Department for Economic Planning, Treasury Building 3rd Floor, Room 324** between **8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. (East African Time) Monday to Friday** on or before **30th July, 2025, 5.00 p.m. (East African Time)**.

OR

Send to email address. recruitment@planning.go.ke on or before **30th July, 2025, 5.00 p.m. (East African Time)**.

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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE

EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD ON THE DRAFT KENYA E-COMMERCE POLICY

The State Department for Trade is in the process of developing an e-commerce policy for Kenya to provide a structured framework to guide the development, growth, and regulation of e-commerce in the country. The policy seeks to enhance consumer protection, promote the development of digital infrastructure, bridge the digital divide, promote digital skills development, create a conducive environment for digital trade, develop a coherent policy framework, support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and respond to climate change and sustainable e-commerce.

A draft Kenya E-Commerce Policy has been developed by the State Department for Trade with input from various stakeholders drawn from key government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), the private sector, and academia.

In line with constitutional requirements and the need to build consensus nationally, the State Department for Trade hereby seeks to subject the draft policy to public participation so as to elicit the views of industry players, citizens, as well as other interested parties for consideration and incorporation into the final policy document. The State Department for Trade wishes to notify the public that the final date for Submission of views and comments on the draft Kenya E-Commerce Policy has been extended from the earlier advertised date of **21st July, 2025 to 4th August, 2025** and the hybrid public participation meeting to collate further views on the policy that had been earlier scheduled for **23rd July, 2025** will now take place on **6th August, 2025** in Nairobi at a venue to be confirmed.

Submission of views and comments on the draft Kenya E-Commerce Policy can be done through the email info@trade.go.ke.

A copy of the draft E-Commerce Policy can be accessed on the State Department for Trade Website <https://www.trade.go.ke/>

State pledges to fast-track mining licenses to unlock mining potential in Nyanza

BY ADDAH AWUOR AND
MAKOKHA KHAOYA, KNA

The government has pledged to enhance the country’s mining sector by supporting small-scale and artisanal miners to generate greater economic benefits from the industry. This announcement was made during the Nyanza Gold Summit held in Migori Town, where policymakers, government officials, miners, and investors gathered to discuss ways to better manage and grow the gold mining sector.

Speaking at the event, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Mining, Harry Kimtai, noted that the Nyanza region holds significant mineral potential and requires structured support to fully benefit from its resources.

He emphasized that gold is a national treasure that should benefit local communities and generate revenue for both levels of government, thereby contributing to the nation’s economic growth.

The summit also addressed issues such as mineral exploration, practical solutions for the mining sector, and the backlog of permits and licenses awaiting approval. Other topics included resolving court cases that hinder the Department of Mining from issuing approvals, and the need to decriminalize small-scale and artisanal mining.

The PS disclosed that the government, through the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, has engaged with the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) to buy gold from Kenyans, adding that the ministry



Principal Secretary, State Department for Mining, Harry Kimtai speaking during the Nyanza Gold Summit in Migori. He said that the Nyanza region holds significant mineral potential and needs structured support to benefit fully from its resources. PHOTO BY ADDAH AWUOR

is working with Kakamega Gold Refinery to achieve the goal.

According to the official, the Mining department is working on reforms to create joint project implementation committees that will meet every month to listen and address challenges within the counties.

The Nyanza Gold Summit also championed the coexistence

between the small-scale, artisan and land scale miners to promote economic benefits to the local communities.

Kimtai disclosed that there is space for everyone in the mining sector, adding that the government will allocate more space to artisanal miners to empower them economically.

The majority of the 32 mining

cooperatives in Migori have either been issued permits and licenses or are awaiting approval from the Mining Department.

The PS explained that the department will recognize the miners if they do not get approval in time to ensure they continue to operate.

The officials acknowledged that the Department of Min-

ing is working closely with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to ensure the mining cooperatives meet the required environmental standards before being issued permits and licenses.

“Cooperative societies provide an organised structure for mining activities, and with the support from NEMA, we are ensuring that these groups comply with the National Environmental Management Act before they receive their licenses,” Kimtai said. The PS, however, raised concerns over illegal mining activities in forests and the pollution of rivers caused by unregulated operations and illegal mines.


He called upon the local community to work closely with the multi-agency security team to seek proper approval and guidance before operating on any government land.

The small-scale and artisanal miners, especially from Nyatike Sub-County operating in forest areas, were urged to obtain consent from the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), while those operating on private land and community lands to seek permission from landowners and approvals from the county government.

Kimtai called upon the community to promote community policing to address illegal mining that may put their lives in danger through the use of harmful chemicals that find their way to the water sources.

He noted that illegal miners have also denied sources of livelihood to individuals who deal with items necessary in the gold extraction process.

“A lot of illegal miners have been importing explosives across the border, denying the local explosive manufacturers and dealers businesses as well as the country revenue,” PS Kimtai said.



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No.	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CLOSING/ OPENING DATES
1.	NMK/T/01/NPI/EMS/2025-2026	Framework Agreement for provision of Event Management Services	5/8/2025 At 12.00pm
2.	NMK/T/02/NPI/RMS/2025-2026	Request for proposals for Resource Mobilization Services for The First International Investment Conference & Trade Fair on Kenya's Indigenous Knowledge Intellectual Assets, 2025 (Re- advertisement)	5/8/2025 At 12.00pm

Interested bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents with detailed specifications and conditions from www.museums.or.ke free of charge or at procurement office upon of non-refundable fee of **Kshs.1000** paid at the **NMK cash office-Heritage Centre building**.

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Note: Persons with disabilities and female candidates who meet the job specifications are encouraged to apply.

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**The Director General
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Kenya launches TechPlomacy connective to champion inclusive digital future

BY KAMAU DANIEL, KNA

Kenya has officially launched the TechPlomacy Connective, a multi-stakeholder diplomatic and innovation platform to integrate diplomacy and technology. This is in abid to address global challenges in the digital era.



Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi noted the strategic role of technology diplomacy in Kenya's foreign policy and development agenda, terming it a catalyst for regional growth and sustainable digital transformation. "Kenya's Sessional Pa-

per No. 1 of 2025 places technology diplomacy at the core of our international engagement, therefore, we aim to transform Nairobi into a global multilateral and financial hub," Mudavadi said. He highlighted Kenya's pioneering contributions in global digital policy, including its role

as the only African country in the International Network of AI-Safety Institutes, and its leadership in championing the first-ever United Nations resolution on Artificial Intelligence. The CS said TechPlomacy Connective will serve as a collaborative framework for policy-makers, tech leaders, and civil society to co-create inclusive and ethical digital policies. The initiative is also expected to foster regional innovation through public-private partnerships and knowledge-sharing

platforms. Mudavadi said the government is establishing a sustainable AI coalition with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). It will also launch Africa's first AI factory in collaboration with Cassava Technologies adding that Kenya was recently appointed as a co-facilitator of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Plasticity Process alongside Albania. Calling for a global re-imagination of mul-

tilateralism, the Prime Cabinet Secretary emphasised that Kenya is well-positioned to be a hub for cross-sector digital cooperation. "With over 300 start-ups, global tech giants, and world-class incubators, Nairobi is powering Africa's Silicon Savannah with renewable energy and innovative solutions," he noted. Making his remarks, Ambassador Philip Thigo, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, echoed the urgency of moving beyond talk to tangible action.



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Exciting Career Opportunities for Commissioner

Kenya Revenue Authority wishes to notify the general public that the job vacancy advertisement published on 17th June, 2025 on MyGov, inviting applicants for the **Commissioner position**, has been cancelled.

We appreciate the interest expressed by all applicants and regret the inconvenience caused.

Kenya Revenue Authority will re-advertise the position in due course.

Commissioner			
No.	Vacancy	Positions	Reference
1.	Commissioner, Micro and Small Taxpayers	1	RA/PKF004/2025

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Additional Requirements



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Re-Advertisement

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Commissioner			
No.	Vacancy	Positions	Reference
1.	Commissioner, Micro and Small Taxpayers	1	RA/PKF004/2025

Deputy Commissioners			
No.	Vacancy	Positions	Reference
1.	Deputy Commissioner, Trade Facilitation	1	KRA/PKF005/2025
2.	Deputy Commissioner, Micro and Small Taxpayers	1	KRA/PKF006/2025
3.	Deputy Commissioner, Tax Dispute Resolution	1	KRA/PKF007/2025
4.	Deputy Commissioner, Revenue Monitoring	1	KRA/PKF008/2025
5.	Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement and Prosecution	1	KRA/PKF009/2025
6.	Deputy Commissioner, Business Transformation and Digital Engineering	1	KRA/PKF010/2025
7.	Deputy Commissioner, Risk Management	1	KRA/PKF011/2025
8.	Deputy Commissioner, Supply Chain Management	1	KRA/PKF012/2025
9.	Deputy Commissioner, Audit and Risk	1	KRA/PKF013/2025
10.	Deputy Commissioner, Information Security and Data Governance	1	KRA/PKF014/2025
11.	Deputy Commissioner, Infrastructure Management	1	KRA/PKF015/2025
12.	Deputy Commissioner, International Tax	1	KRA/PKF016/2025

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Kisumu County secures Sh97.5m grant for Lakefront development

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

The County Government of Kisumu has secured a grant to fund the redevelopment of the Lakefront Project.

The county has received a Sh97.5 million (\$750,000) grant from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to support the project's implementation.

The funding, channelled through AfDB's Urban and Municipal Development Fund (UMDF) programme, will finance a comprehensive feasibility study aimed at transforming the city's lakefront into a climate-resilient and inclusive urban space.

Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, who hosted an AfDB delegation in Kisumu,

described the funding as a significant milestone in the city's efforts to reorient itself towards Lake Victoria.

"We have made remarkable strides in our mission to transform Kisumu and bring our vision of a lake-facing city to life," he said.

The feasibility study empowered us to undertake comprehensive technical, financial, and environmental evaluations of key projects laying the groundwork for a robust pipeline of bankable initiatives that align seamlessly with our development priorities and climate resilience goals," he said.

Kisumu County had completed the city profiling and prioritization stages and entered the feasibility phase, a critical



African Development Bank (AfDB) Senior Urban Development Officer Babati Mokgethi during a courtesy call on Kisumu Governor Prof Anyang Nyong'o. PHOTOS BY CHRIS MAHANDARA

step toward attracting long-term infrastructure investments for its lakefront transformation.

He added that the upcoming study will anchor proposed lakefront projects within Kisumu's Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan, County Integrated Development Plan, and the broader national Public Financial Management (PFM) systems.

Once complete, he said, the feasibility report is expected to



unlock further funding opportunities from multilateral lenders and development partners, positioning Kisumu as a model for climate-smart urban renewal in the region.

The African Development Bank delegation was led by Senior Urban Development Officer, Babati Mokgethi, who reaffirmed the institution's commitment to supporting secondary cities like Kisumu with practical, sustainable urban planning tools.

"We were pleased to support Kisumu in identifying viable projects that strengthen urban resilience, improve service delivery, and attract further public and private investment," Mokgethi said. He emphasized that the feasibility study has been critical in ensuring the proposed initiatives are technically sound, environmentally sustainable, and financially viable.

The Kisumu Lakefront Development Corporation (KLDC), a county government agency tasked with spearheading lakefront development, championed a series of transformative projects to revitalize the city's waterfront.

National Government fast-tracks high-impact projects in Kakamega and Busia

BY MYGOV REPORTER

In its commitment to accelerate development countrywide, the Government has pledged, committed and spent billions of shillings undertaking critical projects in Western counties of Kakamega and Busia.

The ongoing infrastructure, housing, water, education, and industrial projects, are at various stages of implementation, and are tangible signs of the Government's determination to spread development evenly across Kenyan counties.

The Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of Delivery and Government Efficiency, Mr Eliud Owalo, led a high-level delegation of County and National Government officials in assessing the progress of the projects.

In Busia County, the team inspected a Kshs 1.1 billion housing project by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, comprising modern student hostels and supporting infrastructure at Alupe University.

The university is also benefiting from a KES 405 million tuition block under the State Department for Higher Education, designed to expand learning space and accommodate a growing student population.

Other projects visited



Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of Delivery and Government Efficiency, Mr Eliud Owalo (fourth right) leads a high level team of Government officials on a tour of Affordable housing project in Busia. Below, one of the bridges under construction in the County.



included the Kshs 470 Alupe Dam water and sanitation project, which includes a dam, intake and pumping station, treatment facility, and distribution infrastructure, and is expected to dramatically improve access to clean water and sanitation services for surrounding communities.

Also inspected was the

Benga-Akobwait-Papa Primary School Road, a 3 km stretch under KeRRA being upgraded to bitumen standard at KES 108 million, and is expected to boost connectivity in key farming zones of Nambale and Teso South.

The Busia County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) - a joint Kshs 448 million initiative be-

tween the national and county governments, and the construction of industrial sheds and civil works at the Export Processing Zone, at a cost of Kshs 475 million were also assessed by the team.

The other projects inspected by the team included the Kshs 231 million Bumala Strategic Market project that is now 47 per cent complete, the Kshs 2.6 billion Funyula Affordable Housing Programme that is standing at 40 per cent and the Kshs 2.9 billion Lower Nzoia Irrigation Project, among others.

According to Mr Owalo, the Government will continue to monitor the progress of the projects to ensure timely completion



and maximum impact for Kenyans.

"These transformative projects reflect the government's firm commitment to fast-tracking development, enhancing public service delivery, and improving the quality of life for all Kenyans," he emphasized.

In Kakamega County, the government's delivery team assessed multiple infrastructure projects already impacting lives.

They included the Affordable Housing Project in Milimani, Kakamega Town, where the State Department for Housing and Urban Development is overseeing the construction of 220 units at a cost of Kshs 472 million, and is 78 per cent complete, the 10.4 km Malava-Kimang'eti-Ikoli Road which is 88% complete, with a new contractor set to complete the remaining 2.6 km under a KES 542 million budget.

The Mumias-Musanda Road, a 16 km Kshs 628.3 million investment, is now 98% complete, nearing handover, while the Kshs 117 million Lunza

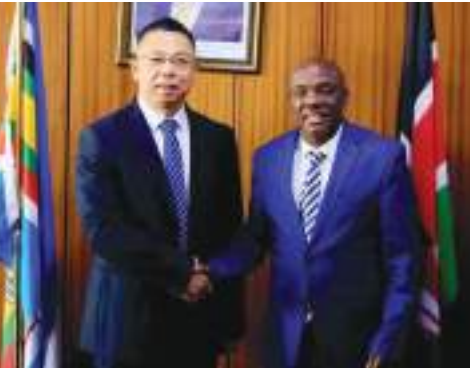
ESP Market is under construction, envisioned as a central hub for commerce and agricultural trade.

In the water sector, two flagship projects; the Malava Water Supply & Sanitation Project costing Kshs 886 million and featuring a 45.2 km transmission network and treatment plant and the Kshs 844 million Namagara Water Supply Project were also visited by the team.

A major highlight was the inspection of the Kakamega Gold Refinery Project at Iguhu, an ambitious Kshs 5.8 billion investment by the State Department for Mining. Once operational, the facility will add value to the region's mineral resources and create new economic opportunities.

From expanding affordable housing and improving learning environments, to enhancing roads, water access, and industrial capacity, the projects in Busia and Kakamega counties are a testament to the government's resolve to ensure no region is left behind, said Owalo.

Government courts Chinese investors to boost food security, agri-tech



Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Kipronoh Ronoh (Right) and Qi Jun of China, during the high-level bilateral engagement in Kilimo House, Nairobi, where he hosted the Chinese Delegation.

BY ANITA OMWENGA, KNA

The Government is strengthening agricultural ties with China through a strategic investment partnership.

Principal Secretary (PS) of the State Department for Agriculture, Dr. Kiprono Rono, said the partnership not only promises to boost Kenya's food production and export potential but also offers Chinese investors access to a vibrant and growing agricultural market in East Africa.

"This investment opportunity with Chinese partners emphasizes Kenya's strategic position as a gateway to the East African Community (EAC) and the continent's growing demand for food security and agricultural modernization," the PS said. He proposed the establishment of an agricultural machinery assembly plant in Kenya to leverage the country's location as a logistical hub for the region.

Dr. Rono noted that the engagement reflects Kenya's vision to modernize agriculture and enhance food security through technology and innovation, as both countries work towards deepening bilateral ties in the agriculture and livestock sectors.

The PS encouraged Chinese investors to explore opportunities in areas such as the production of bio-organic fertilizers, value addition factories, and technology partnerships to digitize agriculture.

"We extend an invitation to Chinese companies to explore joint ventures in sectors such as tea and coffee and to invest in packaging materials," Dr. Rono added.

He further stated that the government is promoting direct Chinese investment in pig production—an area where China possesses vast expertise. He noted that Kenya currently imports pig meat from Brazil to meet domestic demand.

He urged the investment team to take advantage of existing tax incentives under the EAC Common External Tariff, as well as the African Continental Free Trade Area, to maximize returns in the agriculture sector.

The PS also invited Chinese stakeholders to a major agricultural investment conference scheduled for October 2025. He described the event as a landmark platform for strengthening partnerships and driving agritech transformation, encouraging Chinese participation given the country's technological advancements.

Deputy Director at the State Department for Livestock Development, Dr. Dennis Onkundi, emphasized Kenya's openness to Chinese investment in both the dairy and beef value chains.



Kenya National Highways Authority
Quality Highways, Better Connections



Specific Procurement Notice CONSTRUCTION Road Infrastructure Development

Closing Date:	Friday, 22nd August 2025; 1100Hrs East African Time
Country:	Kenya
PREQUALIFICATION	
Subject:	International Open Tender for Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road Project and Adjacent Road Network.
Tender No:	KeNHA/2889/2025
Project Executing Agency:	Kenya National Highways Authority – KeNHA

Project Measures:

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received commitment from the People's Republic of China through the China Export Import (EXIM) Bank to finance the cost of the Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road. The financing agreements shall be signed upon finalization of the commercial contract.
 - Kenya National Highways Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport in the State Department for Roads, established under the Kenya Roads Act 2007, now seeks to invite Eligible Chinese Contractors or Consortia led by Chinese Enterprises in accordance with the financing arrangements set by the People's Republic of China through the China Exim Bank for the proposed Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) road project and Adjacent Road Network to submit their prequalification applications in order to be considered for the execution of these Works.
 - The Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road and adjacent road network will seek to improve traffic flow along the Eastern part of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area as it seeks to ease the longest traffic along the both Kiambu Road and Muthaiga Road. The project will also improve the level of service and reduce travel times, improve road safety and increase accessibility thereby spurring economic growth of both Nairobi and Kiambu Counties with ripple effect to the overall Kenyan Economy.
 - The Project will be implemented through FIDIC Silver Book – Engineering Procurement and Construction Contract Arrangements and will involve the following:
Detailed Engineering Design and Upgrading of the entire Project Road from a two lane single carriageway to a four lane dual carriageway urban thoroughfare including 2 lane service roads on both sides and pedestrian walkways on both sides along the entire project road as follows;
 - Upgrading of the entire project road from a two-lane single carriageway to a four-lane dual carriageway including 2 lane service lanes on either sides and pedestrian walkways along the entire project road section.
 - Construction of new bridges across Muthaiga Golf Club Spur, Mua Road Overpass, DCI Overpass, Coffee Garden U-turn, Tala Road Overpass Bridge, Ridgeways U – Turn Underpass Bridge, Runda U Turn and Kirigiti Junction Bridge.
 - Construction of interchanges at Kamiti Road/Kiambu Road Interchange, Banana Road/Kiambu Road Interchange and Northern Bypass/Kiambu Road Interchange.
 - Provision of Six (6) number Footbridges at various locations along the road
 - Enhancement of key roads in the network abutting the project road as follows:
- Main Project Road**
 - Main Trunk Road**
 - Muthaiga - Kirigiti Junction
 - Kirigiti JN - Kiambu Town
 - Governor's Office - Ndumberi - Sasini
 - Bypasses**
 - Githunguri Road - Sasini - Boma Road
 - Riabei - Kiriguini B Road
 - Spur Roads**
 - Ridgeways Road from Kiambu Road to Thika Road (Roasters)
 - Evergreen – UN Avenue through Runda
 - Wambui Road
 - Muthaiga North
 - Mua Park Road/Serengeti Avenue
 - KIST JN – Kamiti Road
 - JN Boma Road - Kirigiti
 - Access to other public institution and key settlements
 - Maintenance of the existing road during construction period**

- Management and control of traffic during construction period
- Provision and erection of road furniture and road markings, pedestrian walkways, bus bays, and other miscellaneous works
- The Construction period shall be 36months and Defects Notification period shall be 12 months
- Applicants are required to complete the Prequalification Document and demonstrate that they are qualified to perform the services (technical capabilities, financial capabilities, description of similar assignments, experience with similar assignments/conditions, availability of appropriate skills among others). To be considered for prequalification, Applicants must demonstrate that they have achieved a minimum annual construction turnover of USD 250 million for the last five (5) years calculated as the sum of all total certified annual payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed divided by the number of years. A firm may apply for prequalification both individually, and as part of a JV to enhance their qualifications.
- This prequalification for construction of the Works will be guided by the latest version of the "Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Plant, Goods and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries.
- The Executing Agency is under no obligation to shortlist any firm or Joint Venture who submits a prequalification application. Should the Tender be cancelled, tenderers are not entitled to any compensation, nor will any reasons be given for the cancellation.
- The Prequalification Document is available free of charge from the KeNHA website (www.kenha.co.ke) or <https://tenders.go.ke>. Bidders are encouraged to download the Prequalification Document to minimize physical visits to KeNHA Head Office.
- Applicants may obtain further information on the process and e-mails given below during office hours (weekdays, from 8:00 to 17:00 EAT, excluding public holidays):
Director Development,
Kenya National Highways Authority
Barabara Plaza, Block A, Off Airport Road, along Mazao Rd (Opposite KCAA HQ)
P.O. Box 49712 - 00100, Nairobi, Kenya
Phone: +254 20 4954000; +254 700 423606
Email: development@kenha.co.ke and procurement@kenha.co.ke
Prequalification Application shall be clearly marked with the following:
Capacity Enhancement of Pangani – Muthaiga – Kiambu – Ndumberi (B32) Road and adjacent Road Network

Tender No KeNHA/2889/2025 and must be delivered to the address below on or before **Friday, 22nd August 2025 at 1100Hrs East African Time.**

Kenya National Highways Authority
Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor, South Wing,
Supply Chain Management Department,
JKIA, Off Mazao Road (Opposite KCAA),
P. O. Box 49712 – 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA

The Tender closing date will be **Friday, 22nd August 2025 at 1100Hrs East African Time.** Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of Applicants/Representatives who wish to attend at the KeNHA Block C 2nd Floor Boardroom.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any tender addendums or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL



Kisumu launches new fiberglass boats to enhance safety and boost Blue Economy

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o has announced the successful completion of five artisanal fibre fishing boats and one patrol boat to improve safety, efficiency, and dignity among fisherfolk across the region.

The boats, constructed by the Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL), will benefit fishermen across the major landing sites in the county.

Speaking during a courtesy call by Edward Omol of Kenya

Shipyards Limited (KSL) and Lakefront Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Paul Njenja at his Town Hall office, Nyong'o lauded the development as a crucial step toward ending the needless loss of life caused by unsafe softwood boats.

"Far too many lives are lost annually due to the use of unsafe softwood boats. This initiative is a crucial step towards eliminating these tragedies and ensuring our community members can earn a livelihood without risking their lives," the Governor



Artisanal fishing Fibre Boats constructed at the Kenya Shipyards Limited Kisumu. The County government plans to deploy them at major beaches in the area to enhance safety and boost blue economy.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS MAHANDARA.

said. Using wood to make boats, he said, was unsustainable, adding that fibre is the way to go to enhance safety in the lake.

The five artisanal boats will be distributed to fisherfolk in Kisumu Central, Seme, Kisumu West, Nyakach, and Kadibo Sub-Counties.

The strategic landing sites for the new boats include Kichinjio Beach (Kisumu Central), Nanga Beach (Seme), Rota Beach (Kisumu West), Kogura Beach (Nyakach), and Nyamware Beach (Kadibo).

The sixth vessel, a patrol boat, will be assigned to the Directorate of Fisheries for monitoring and surveillance activities on Lake Victoria.

Each of the boats, he said, is powered by 25 to 40 horsepower engines and is fully fitted with safety equipment including life jackets, flares, and other safety gear.

He added that the boats also come equipped with cooler boxes capable of storing up to 500 kilograms of fish, ensuring freshness and reducing post-harvest losses.

Governor Nyong'o praised the workmanship and timely delivery by Kenya Shipyards Limited, saying Kisumu is now "charting a new course towards safer waters, stronger communities, and a thriving blue economy that benefits everyone."

Kisumu to host 'Jumuiya' Market in push for stronger EAC trade

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

Plans are underway to establish a 'Jumuiya' market in Kisumu County to boost trade within the East African Community (EAC). Principal Secretary for East African Community Affairs, Dr. Carolyn Karugu, said the initiative targets the region's 130 million consumers, positioning Kisumu as a gateway to the region's growing trade opportunities.

Dr. Karugu noted that the EAC currently accounts for 29 percent of Kenya's total trade, making it the country's largest trading bloc.

"Our mandate is to broaden this trade space so that we are not limited to markets in China and Europe, while we have a readily accessible market here

in East Africa," she added.

The project's first phase, which is already underway, she said, entails a feasibility and market assessment study to identify viable products, trade volumes, and preferred markets across the region.

"We are initiating a feasibility study and market assessment today. Within about a month, we should be ready with the findings," she said.

The PS described Kisumu as a strategic choice for the pilot phase of the initiative, citing its connectivity by road, lake and air, and its historical role in regional commerce.

"Kisumu is accessible by road, air and water. It is linked to Uganda and Tanzania through Lake Victoria and is poised to become the Dubai of East Africa," Dr. Karugu added.

Jumuiya Market, as has been christened, she stated, will be integrated with Kisumu's Aggregation and Industrial Parks to create a seamless supply chain for locally processed products reaching regional markets.

Dr. Karugu mentioned that the initiative aims to build trader capacity through training on cross-border trade protocols, including the EAC Treaty, rules of origin, and market requirements.

The identified traders will be trained and facilitated to travel to key cities across the region including Dar es Salaam, Kigali and Kinshasa for exposure and networking with their counterparts.

"This will open them to new trading opportunities and enable them to venture into value addition and development of



Principal Secretary (PS) for East African Community Affairs Dr. Carolyn Karugu.

market-specific products," she said.

The PS clarified that the project does not necessarily involve building new markets, adding that the feasibility study will assess whether existing markets such as Kibuye, Uhuru or Jubilee can host the Jumuiya Market operations.

Treasury CS Mbadi unveils reforms to stabilize and grow economy

BY GEORGE GERISH AND
VICTOR KIPLAGAT, KNA

The Government is fully supporting the petroleum sector through comprehensive fiscal and structural reforms. Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning, John Mbadi, said the reforms aim to stabilize and grow the economy. Addressing key stakeholders in the petroleum industry during the second quarter 2025 briefing organized

by the Petroleum Institute of East Africa (PIEA), the CS applauded petroleum stakeholders for their role in job creation and Kenya's economic growth. He noted that PIEA's contributions have significantly shaped Kenya's employment landscape, tax base, and regional capacity in oil and gas. Mbadi stated that Kenya's economy has demonstrated resilience, recording an average growth rate of 5.2 percent between 2023 and 2024—

outpacing both the global average of 3.3 percent and Sub-Saharan Africa's 3.8 percent. He attributed this performance to deliberate policy choices and a diversified economic base. However, he cautioned that external shocks, fiscal constraints, and structural weaknesses in the real economy continue to pose risks to economic stability. Further, the CS cited global conflicts and pandemics as triggers for rising inflation and sup-



Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning John Mbadi speaking during the second quarter 2025 of the Oil and Gas industry briefing organized by the Petroleum Institute of East Africa in Nairobi

ply shortages, which have driven up the cost of essential commodities such as fuel, edible oils, and fertilisers. “Domestically, the country is grappling with a shrinking fiscal space as the public debt ratio reaches 69.7 per cent of GDP (Gross Domestic Product),” Mbadi observed. Additionally, he highlighted that interest payments had overtaken all other recurrent expenditures, including the national wage bill.



KWS LAUNCHES 20 NATIONWIDE FORUMS ON PROPOSED PARK FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Stakeholders Invited to Shape New Conservation Funding Model for Protected Areas

Nairobi – 17th July 2025: The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), under the guidance of the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, has announced a comprehensive public participation exercise on proposed adjustments to park entry and conservation fees. The exercise will feature 20 in-person forums across the country, running from July 29 to August 8, 2025, in a major step toward strengthening Kenya's conservation financing framework.

The consultations are anchored in the draft Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025, and an accompanying Regulatory Impact Statement. These instruments propose a review of conservation fees for entry into national parks, reserves, marine parks, and sanctuaries, marking the first major fee overhaul since 2007.

“These consultations represent our commitment to inclusive decision-making,” said Prof. Erustus Kanga, Director General of KWS. “We particularly want to hear from communities living near wildlife areas, tour operators, conservationists, and the Kenyan public. Every voice matters in shaping the future of our parks.”

Why the Fee Review Matters

Kenya's current conservation financing model is heavily reliant on tourism revenue, which makes up nearly 90% of KWS's internal income. However, challenges such as inflation, climate change, human-wildlife conflict, and revenue volatility have exposed major sustainability gaps.

Key facts driving the review:

- 72% of KWS's annual budget is spent on personnel costs, leaving little room for infrastructure development, wildlife security, and habitat restoration.
- The last review of conservation fees was in 2007, despite a decade of rising operational costs.
- Development spending, including ranger housing, vehicle acquisition, fencing, and surveillance infrastructure, accounts for only 10% of the total budget.
- Top five parks (Amboseli, Lake Nakuru, Nairobi, Tsavo East, and Tsavo West) contribute 73% of all park revenue, subsidizing over 150 field stations and conflict response units.

“We're not just adjusting numbers—we are recalibrating a system to ensure Kenya's wildlife heritage thrives for generations,” Prof. Kanga emphasized.

Public Participation Schedule

KWS will host simultaneous public forums across key counties as follows:

July 29, 2025

- Tom Mboya University Hall – Homa Bay
- Hola Primary School – Hola
- Marsabit National Park Museum Hall – Marsabit

July 30, 2025

- Tom Mboya Hall – Kisumu
- Imenti North CDF Hall – Meru
- Mwanarafa Hall (Lamu Hall) – Lamu

July 31, 2025

- Kitale Polytechnic Hall – Kitale
- Chogoria Social Hall – Chogoria
- Turtle Bay Beach Club Hotel – Watamu, Kilifi

August 1, 2025

- Uasin Gishu County Hall – Eldoret
- Nanyuki CDF Hall – Nanyuki
- Mombasa Beach Hotel – Mombasa

August 4, 2025

- Nakuru County Hall – Nakuru
- Kenya School of Government – Embu
- County Social Hall, Bongwe – Ukunda

August 5, 2025

- Machakos University Hall – Machakos
- Nyeri Cultural Centre – Nyeri
- Dan Mwazo Hall – Voi

August 6, 2025

- Wote Green Park Social Hall – Wote

August 8, 2025

- Kenyatta International Convention Centre (Amphitheater) – Nairobi

Ways to Participate

In addition to physical forums, stakeholders can engage through the following channels:

1. Document Access

- Online:
 - o www.kws.go.ke
 - o www.tourism.go.ke
- Physical copies:
 - o Available **free of charge** at all KWS-managed parks, stations, and sanctuaries countrywide

2. Written Submissions

- Email: rates@kws.go.ke
- Postal Address:

**The Director General
Kenya Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 40241 – 00100
Nairobi, Kenya**

- **Deadline for submissions: August 5, 2025**

Anticipated Outcomes

The proposed changes will:

- Ensure financial sustainability of Kenya's conservation efforts
- Support improved infrastructure in parks and protected areas
- Enhance visitor experiences and safety
- Strengthen human-wildlife conflict response mechanisms
- Expand community benefit-sharing programs, especially in regions adjacent to protected areas

Next Steps After Consultation

Following the conclusion of the public participation process:

1. All feedback will be analyzed and consolidated into a final report.
2. The draft Regulations will be revised accordingly.
3. A final version will be submitted to Parliament for review and approval.

#YourParkYourVoice #ConservationForPosterity #KWSFeesReview2025

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Head of Public Service urges civil servants to serve citizens diligently

BY JOYCE LUTOMIA (PCO)

A good civil service stands as the backbone of a just and prosperous society and places public interest at its core.

Head of Public Service Felix Koskei reiterated that good civil servants listen to the people they serve, seeking feedback and involving citizens in decision-making to ensure services meet real needs, saying good civil service is fair and inclusive.

"Services must be accessible and tailored to meet the needs of all, regardless of background, and that responsiveness is equally vital, problems must be addressed swiftly, efficiently, and thoughtfully," he said.

He was speaking during the Advanced Project Monitoring and Evaluation (APME) Workshop for Executives in the Oil and Gas Industry facilitated by the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI).

Koskei said monitoring and evaluation are not just technical processes; they are governance functions. They are the lenses through which the Civil Service validates performance, tests assumptions, refining policy, and responds to emerging challenges.

"As the Head of Public Service, I view monitoring and evaluation not as administrative formalities, but as strategic imperatives that inform public value and policy relevance. Across the government, we must elevate M and E from a compliance exercise to a central pillar of how we design, implement, and assess our programmes. In the petro-

leum industry, this shift is particularly urgent," he said.

The Head of Public Service added that the discovery and exploitation of petroleum resources must go hand-in-hand with mechanisms that guarantee accountability, foster inclusiveness, and safeguard the environment.

He said the State Department for Petroleum is at the heart of Kenya's economic modernization strategy as it oversees the South Lokichar oil field development and supporting the expansion of national LPG usage and ensuring stable fuel supply and attracting upstream investment.

"These programmes must be executed with integrity, efficiency, and measurable impact. That can only be achieved through the kind of advanced monitoring and evaluation competencies you are here to develop," Koskei said.

State Department for Petroleum Principal Secretary Mohamed Liban on his part urged government officials to continue enhancing their skills through training programmes to boost efficient service delivery to citizens.

"The State Department has implemented policy measures and legal frameworks to ensure sustainable growth of the oil and gas sector and encourage investors. Our commitment to transparency, efficiency, and fostering public and investor confidence remains unwavering, underscoring our dedication to continuous human resource development," PS Liban said.

Kenya's petroleum industry, both the upstream and downstream sectors, are

recording significant developments. In the upstream sector, the government has ranked 50 exploration blocks based on their potential, aligning with global best practices to attract new investments.

Kenya has made oil discoveries in the South Lokichar basin (2012) and natural gas discoveries in Block 9 (Anza basin) and offshore Lamu.

PS Liban said the government is actively bringing in investment partners to fast-track these discoveries, particularly getting South Lokichar to the production phase.

He said having secured a strategic partner for the South Lokichar discoveries, the government is finalizing ambitious upstream regulatory frameworks to attract and maintain investment confidence, aiming for a robust regulatory regime for the sector.

In the downstream sector, the government has tapped the Government-to-Government (G-to-G) initiative for bulk petroleum product importation to allow Kenya's oil marketers to trade in Kenya shillings.

This will significantly contribute to the stability of the Kenyan shilling against the US dollar by freeing up dollars for other sectors and curbing market speculation.

The PS said the government has removed VAT on imported Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to promote its adoption.

"To achieve 100 per cent access to clean cooking by 2028, we are investing in large-scale LPG adoption through multi-faceted strategies addressing the entire value chain," he said.

President launches Sh1b leather park in Narok to spur manufacturing



Mr Kiraye Michael, an Institutional capacity Development Expert at the African Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) trains traders and entrepreneurs on Leather Cluster development.

BY GLORIA GICHERU, KNA

Kenya's leather value chain remains largely unexploited despite the growing demand for high-quality leather in the fashion, furniture, and footwear industries.

This demand—spanning the supply of hides and tanned leather—is undermined by the prevalence of low-quality hides, despite the country's competitive advantage of a large livestock population.

To build the capacity of entrepreneurs and traders in the leather and leather products sector, the government plans to organize players into groups in key counties such as Wajir, Narok, and Isiolo to enhance value addition.

"Individual entrepreneurs in the leather industry continuously face numerous challenges, including limited access to finance, a weak entrepreneurial culture, business regulatory constraints, and limited market access.

"Being in a leather cooperative will give entrepreneurs an opportunity to benefit from policy advocacy, national representation, capacity building, and coordination with ministries and financial partners," noted Kiraye Michael, an institutional capacity development and consultancy expert at the Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI).

Kiraye emphasized the importance of cooperatives, saying: "Groups promote a structured way of engaging with the government and development partners while respecting the autonomy of cooperatives.

"They also enhance access to finance and markets through aggregated service delivery, and help build a resilient and integrated leather value chain," he added.

The expert, who spoke during a one-week workshop at a Nairobi hotel, noted that the training was aimed at equipping leather entrepreneurs on formation and management of business cooperatives.

The training, which is a collaborative effort between the State Departments for Industry, Cooperatives and Trade, is being undertaken by the ALLPI.

"The government is committed to building a vibrant and sustainable leather industry that supports livelihoods, drives exports, and positions Kenya on the global leather map," said Peter Wanjohi, Deputy Commissioner for Cooperatives Development.

The traders and entrepreneurs appreciated the government's efforts to mainstream the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and support their growth through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"We are struggling with unethical traders who make corrupt deals especially with the raw material producers, thus affecting market prices and leaving us with zero profits," said John Ngonjo, an entrepreneur from Dagorreti, Nairobi County.

"Being in a co-operative will provide a platform and capacity to access legal assistance to deal with such traders because they are member-centric in nature," he added.

Jackline Mutune, founder and CEO of Thonge Leather, said the biggest challenge the traders face is fluctuation of prices owing to lack of formal structures that mitigate unfairness in raw materials.

"Lack of skilled personnel also limits the quality of output in the sector," she added.

President William Ruto while commissioning the Ewaso Ng'iro Tannery and Leather factory Narok noted that development of leather development parks was meant to boost Kenya's leather industry through local processing and value addition, further reducing reliance on imported leather goods.

The government has injected Sh1 billion for the expansion of the Ewaso Ng'iro tannery and leather factory in Narok County. President Ruto said players will be capacity build and equipped with the right tools to ensure that the quality of the leather produced from the abattoirs meet the international standards.

The tannery has a processing capacity of 2.4 million tons annually and the boost to the tannery would go a long way in reducing Kenya's reliance on imported leather goods and spur economy growth through job opportunities in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) regions.



Head of Public Service Felix Koskei speaking during the Advanced Project Monitoring and Evaluation (APME) Workshop for Executives in the Oil and Gas Industry.



Water Resources Authority (WRA)



PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Water Act, 2016 the Water Resources Authority (WRA) has received the following applications for water permit. WRA invites the public to submit written comments and/or objections to any WRA office, with copies to the local Water Resource Users Association (WRIA) within 30 days of the date of this notice. Any submission must state: The reference number of the application to which the comments apply, Contact of the person making the comments and Grounds for objections, if any. Detailed designs for works can be viewed at the respective WRA Sub Basin offices between 8 am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

NO.	FILE NO	APPLICANT	WATER BODY	SUB-BASIN	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/30/LTK/3G/11436/S	OLMUMUNYI IRRIGATION SCHEME	NGARELEN RIVER	LOITOKITOK	B/406	C	COMMERCIAL	310.8000	ROMBO	ROMBO	ROMBO	LOITOKI-TOK	SW
2.	WRA/20/NAR/2H/11311/S	EWASO WATER PROJECT	KITILIKINI STREAM TRIBUTARY OF EWASO KEDONG	NAROK	Public Land	D	DOMESTIC	120	EWASO	EWASO	KEEKON-YOKIE NORTH	KAJIADO WEST	SW
3.	WRA/30/MSA/3LA/15007/S	Devki Steel Mills Limited	Basement Athi	MOMBASA	Taita Taveta/Mbulia Group Ranch/11	C	INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL	500	MAUNGU	MANGA	MARUNGU	VOI	SW
4.	WRA/30/MSA/3HC/14999/S	NYUMBA FOUNDATION	GALANA RIVER	MOMBASA	Galan Ranch Block 1/1	D	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	100.197	GALANA RANCH	MATOLANI CHAKAMA	CHAKA MA	LANGO-BAYA	SW
5.	WRA/30/MSA/3HC/15031/S	GIRAFFE BIOENERGY LIMITED	GALANA RIVER	MOMBASA		C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	900	DODOSA	BARICHO BUNGALE	MAGARINI	KILIFI	SW
6.	WRA/11/ELD/1CB/11683/S	OMEGA BLOOMS LIMITED	ELGERIN RIVER	ELDORET	10103/3	D	SUBSISTENCE IRRIGATION	4000	KONGASIS	KONGASIS	KAPTAGAT	AINABKOI	SW
7.	WRA/30/NRB/3BA/27175/G	AGAKHAN University Hospital	NAIROBI SUITE	NAIROBI	209/19726	C	DOMESTIC	200	HIGHRIDGE	HIGHRIDGE	HIGHRIDGE	WESTLANDS	GW
8.	WRA/50/ISL/5DA/11316/S	JANGWANI ROSE PLC COMPANY	ISIOLO RIVER	ISIOLO	8092	C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	170	MAILI SABA	MAILI SABA	KITHIMA	MERU	SW
9.	WRA/50/ISL/5DA/11378/S	TIMAFLO FLOWER FARM (TIMA SEVEN)	NGARE NYTHING RIVER	ISIOLO	42125/12	C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	170	KISIMA	KISIMA	KISIMA	MERU	SW
10.	WRA/50/ISL/5DA/11585/G	NAWIRI CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INSTITUTION	BASEMENT	ISIOLO	Arches Post Plot No 4.1	C	DOMESTIC	20	ARCHERS POST TRADING CENTRE	ARCHERS POST TRADING CENTRE	WASOEAST	SAMBURU	GW
11.	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13750/S	FLORAPURA PLC	LAKE NAIVASHA	NAIVASHA	28068/616/617/621	C	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	450	KASARANI	MAELA	NDABIBI	NAIVASHA	SW
12.	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13707/G	QUADCO EIGHTY FIVE LIMITED	LAKE NAIVASHA	NAIVASHA	429	D	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	2,0000	MANERA	MANERA	MALEWA	NAIVASHA	GW
13.	WRA/20/NSA/2GD/13704/G	MARULA ESTATES LTD	LAKE NAIVASHA	NAIVASHA	11367	D	COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	3600	MUNADA	MANERA	MALEWA	NAIVASHA	GW
14.	WRA/30/NRB/3AA/27327/G	MARGARET NJERI KAIRO	NAIROBI SUITES	NAIROBI	Kjd/Oloosirikon/Kitengela/101	C	PUBLIC	200	TUALA	OLOO-SIRKON	ISINYA	ISINYA	GW
15.	WRA/30/NRB/3BA/27326/G	MARGARET NJERI KAIRO	NAIROBI SUITES	NAIROBI	57884	C	PUBLIC	147	KASARANI	KASARANI	KASARANI	KASARANI	GW
16.	WRA/11/KTL/1DD/11574/S	ANZANA ELECTRIC (KENYA) LIMITED	SOSSIO RIVER	KITALE	Elgon/Chemoge/196/183/840	D	HYDRO POWER	146880	KAPTAMA	CHEMOGE	CHEMOGE	MOUNT ELGON	SW
17.	WRA/11/KTL/1DD/11575/S	MIDDLE NZOIA HYDRO POWER LIMITED	NZOIA RIVER	KITALE	Bungoma/Kabisi/64, 97 & 203	D	HYDRO POWER	2306880	KIBISI	KIBISI	MTAKALO	BUNGOMA NORTH	SW

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MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION



AMMENDED DISCLOSURE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE THUCI DAM PROJECT PPP PROJECT IN EMBU COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF KENYA

A. BACKGROUND:

The State Department for irrigation established vide Executive Order No.2 of 2023 with the mandate of National Irrigation Policy and Management; Water Harvesting and Storage for Irrigation; Management of Irrigation Schemes; Water Storage and Flood Control Management; Mapping, Designation and Developing Areas Ideal for Irrigation Schemes; Development of Irrigation Infrastructure and Land Reclamation for food security in Kenya. As part of its mandate, the State Department is desirous to implement the Thuci dam project in Embu and Tharaka Nithi Counties.

The objective of the dam project is to provide reliable irrigation water supply by conserving water during the rainy seasons and release it for irrigation purposes. It shall support the existing farmers 16,500 acres (6,600ha) of irrigation land in Runyenjes Constituency and 11,000 acres (4400ha) in Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency adoption efficient irrigation systems. Other goals are to supply domestic water (treated water) to the nearby residents of both Tharaka –Nithi and Embu counties as well as to generate hydropower. All the technical designs, socio-cultural and Economic studies together with the Environmental-Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in fulfilment of the requirements of the Environmental Management & Coordination Act of 1999 (EMCA), 1999 and Environmental management and coordination (EIA and EA) Regulations, 2003 have been carried out.

The project had been proposed for implementation under the Engineering, Procurement, Construction plus Finance (EPC-F) model however it could not progress due to change in policy and limited fiscal space for capital investments. Following the Presidential directive on implementation of 100 dams under the PPP framework, there is an opportunity to implement the project.

The PPP Act 2021 allows the private sector to participate in the design, financing, construction, equipping, operations and maintenance and transfer of infrastructure. Section 25 (1) enables a national government contracting authority to prepare a list of projects that it intends to undertake on a priority basis under the Act and submitted to the Directorate for approval.

1.1 Statement of the Problem:

The proposed Thuci dam on River Thuci is expected to conserve water during the rains and release it for irrigation purposes during the dry months of the year. It shall support 6,600ha of irrigation land in Kaagari-Gaturi Irrigation project area and beyond in and a further 4,400 ha on contract farming to be established in Mugomoni and Igamba Ngombe in Tharaka Nithi County. Currently, with the water stress exhibited in the irrigation scheme catchment, the run of the river flow can only support 900ha of subsistence irrigation farming. The farming system practiced in the project area is household production system whereby individual farmers manage their farms with major crops within the project area categorized as; food crops, industrial crops and horticultural crops. To tap the full potential, as provided in statutes, there is need to provide a water storage facility, promote enhanced agricultural production and value addition to the harvest as poor prices and waste is witnessed during high yields as there is no ready market for all the produce. In this regard, the project will have a second component as Phase 2 to provide the value addition needs as described in these studies.


1.2 Prerequisite Conditions:

The proposed Dam project is contained in the country's vision blueprint of Kenya Vision 2030 as it supports the food security Agenda and value addition through agroindustry. Section 25(2) and 66(2) of the PPP Act, 2021 requires that a Contracting Authority only submit a project, which is part of the national development agenda. This is and within its legal mandate and the Kenya government ambition to construct 100 Dams and other water facilities across the Country.




The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in Kenya is mandated to provide for the development, management and regulation of irrigation, to support sustainable food security and socio-economic development in Kenya. The Ministry operates within the framework of the Irrigation Act Cap 347 and aims to ensure that water resources are developed, managed, regulated, protected, and equitably allocated.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
	Item	Description
1.	Project Name:	Thuci Dam
2.	Contracting Authority:	State Department for Irrigation, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation.
3.	Project Location:	Runyenjes Constituency in Embu County and Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency in Tharaka Nithi County.
4.	Project Description	<p>The main objective of the project is to design a water reservoir to hold water during the rains and release it during the drought to irrigate 6,600ha, of land in Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi Irrigation schemes in including Iriari, Kanyuambora among others in Embu County and also increase reliability of irrigation water in Chuka Igambang,ombe irrigation schemes comprising of Magumoni, Thuita, Mukuuni, Magenka, Kavando, Thuci range, Itugururu, Kamaindi- gitogo, Mvienderi Thuci range, among others to cover 4,400ha in Tharaka Nithi County. This will meet irrigation, domestic, institutional and commercial and aqua farming demands. Through the construction of Thuchi Dam, the investors aim to harness, conserve, control and utilize the waters of Thuchi River for provision of water storage and to supply irrigation water.</p> <p>The amount of water required to effectively support the 11,000 ha was estimated in consideration of the crop, weather and irrigation areas of various climatic zones of the project as well as adopting efficient irrigation systems such as drip irrigation. The water demand for the proposed project is categorized into the; rural domestic water demand, urban domestic water demand, commercial water demand, and institutional water demand.</p>

	Item	Description
	Project Description	On the proposed main dam site, the dam shall be constructed to provide irrigation requirement for a drought with a return period of 1 in 5 years. From the analysis done of demand and available water in the river at the proposed dam site, it was realized that the proposed dam site will have a capacity to hold 23 million m³ of water with an estimated production of 80 million m³ annually.
5.	Project Need/ Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The proposed Thuci dam is expected to supply all water demands in its designated command area within the confines of Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi project in Embu County and in Chuka Igambang'ombe irrigation schemes in Tharaka Nithi County. These demands shall include irrigation, domestic, institutional and commercial and aqua farming demands.The water demand for the proposed project is anticipated to be useful to various beneficiaries as follows;<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rural domestic Water,Urban domestic Water,Commercial Water, andInstitutional Water149,000 m³/day of water was determined for both Irrigation and domestic demand for the project area. The total estimated yearly water demand is 54,620,742 m³/year, which is an average of 149,500 m³/day. However, the dam shall be designed to cater demand of 262,000 m³/ day to accommodate the demand during the dry months.Major benefits that will accrue to farmers when the project is implemented include increased yields from irrigated crops, additional production of crops that are currently not produced and improved Gross Margins and net farm incomes. With the implementation of the project, farmers will also realize increase in incomes both at the farm level and at the scheme level. High incomes will be as a result of increased production and better marketing arrangements.For the project to remain viable at the dam Option the farmers should be encouraged to produce high value crops. Other major benefits that farmers will get include;Higher cropping intensity,Growing high value crop such as tomatoes, passion fruits, water melon, etc.Additional irrigation area from the current 900ha to 11,000 ha to satisfy the agroindustry and Biomass power plant raw material supply needs.Domestic water supply for the communities living nearbyTourism attractionFishingWater sporting
6.	Project Output Specifications and Performance Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide irrigation water for 11,000ha of land in Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi project in Embu County and in Chuka Igambang'ombe irrigation schemes in Tharaka Nithi County.It is along Thuci River in Embu County. The initial works will be to renovate the Weir (Small dam 5mt high in the Mt. Kenya Forest to serve farmers on higher altitudes that will not be reached by the main Dam water supply. Main Dam is 84 m high rock fill dam with a storage capacity of 23 MCM (million cubic meters).Recharge Dam is 60 m high rock fill dam with storage capacity of 20 MCM (million cubic meters).149,500 m³/day of domestic water to serve a projected ultimate water demand by 2065.The Power Plant generating 14,483 GWh per year.
7.	Project Duration:	A maximum of Thirty (30) Years as provided for under the PPP Act, 2021. (The final Term shall be as determined in the evaluation and negotiations culminating in the Project Agreement to be signed by the Parties.)
8.	Legal Aspects	A comprehensive legal and regulatory framework has been put in place by way of the Public Private Partnership Act, 2013 and the Public Private Partnerships Regulations, 2014. The Act provides for the participation of private sector in the financing, construction, development, operation and maintenance of infrastructure through a range of contractual arrangements. In addition, the act provides for the establishment of the PPP Committee as an oversight body and PPP unit as the technical arm of the PPP Committee. The PPP Unit provides technical, financial and legal expertise to the PPP Committee and various Contracting Authorities at both National and County levels of Government in the structuring and implementation of PPP Projects.



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION



AMMENDED DISCLOSURE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE THUCI DAM PROJECT PPP PROJECT IN EMBU COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Item	Description
9.	<div>Payment Mechanism</div> <div>Primary<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bulk water supply tariffhydro power tariffOthers<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tourist resort revenueCarbon credit revenueAgro-industry revenueBiomass Power Plant revenue</div>
10.	<div>PPP Delivery Model</div> <div>DBFOMT model. Under this model, the private sector partner will be responsible for the design, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of the infrastructure and associated facilities for a defined period of 30 years, after which the infrastructure will be transferred to the public sector.</div>
11.	<div>Environmental and Social Aspects</div> <div><p>A full ESIA study was conducted at the proposed dam location and in the vicinity to identify the positive and negative effects to the environmental and society caused by the development of this dam. Resettlement action planning is a necessity for the project</p><p>According to the ESIA, the project will bring a number of important positive socio-economic impacts such as; power generation, irrigation, water supply and upgrading of roads, Improved local trade. Moreover, during the construction period employment for local community will increase and the possibility of job skills improvement for young people.</p><p>The ESIA identified and assessed several impacts on different environmental elements, for each one mitigative measure has been proposed in order to reduce or eliminate the negative effects. The impacts with a high magnitude include: change in hydrological patterns, impeded faunal movement, alteration of aquatic and fish ecology, clearance of vegetation and reduced water regimes.</p><p>The Environmental Management Plan will ensure that the negative impacts can be controlled and mitigated effectively. Negative impacts of the project are largely compensated by the mitigate and compensatory measures, particularly taking into consideration the large socio-economic benefits that will be obtained by the dam.</p><p>Environmental Management & Coordination Act of 1999 (EMCA) calls for Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) (under Section 58) to guide the implementation of environmentally sound decisions and empowers stakeholders to participate in sustainable management of the natural resources. Projects likely to cause environmental impacts require that an environmental impact assessment study to be carried out. It is under this provision that the study on Environment and Social Considerations has been undertaken. A report has been prepared for submission to the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). Study approach & methodology adopted included:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Screening and scoping to determine the extent of the project;Desktop data search and analysis for the baseline bio-physical;Social environmental parameters of the project area;Project design approaches to be used; andMulti-faceted public consultation process which included interviews.<p>Mitigations have been proposed for the identified negative impacts that include:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Noise & Vibrations;Air quality;Water quality;Waste management;Terrestrial & Aquatic Ecology; and Cultural</div>
12.	<div>Stakeholder Mapping</div> <div><p>The National Irrigation Authority (NIA) Provide irrigation support services including technical advisory services in design, administration, operation and maintenance under appropriate modalities</p><p>Embu & Tharaka Nithi Country Governments Role in the project areas: The County governments will collaborate with the National Authority to provide capacity building for farmers and support establishment of viable farmer organizations, Irrigation Water Users Associations (IWUAs) to develop and manage irrigation schemes including actively participating in conflicts resolution within irrigation schemes. The County governments will further assist in setting up measures to implement adaptation and mitigation to climate change, and enhance sustainable environmental management to actual the carbon credits initiative.</p><p>Irrigation Water Users' Associations (WUAs) The Irrigation Water Users Associations (IWUAs) will have full responsibility for water supply and distribution, as well as operation and maintenance activities, produce marketing, and linkages. The association will also provide farmers with the chance to be involved in the process of irrigation management.</p></div>

12	Stakeholder Mapping	<p>Community/Farmers:</p> <p>The community, farmers and land owners, who are the key beneficiaries of the project are expected to create awareness among general public on the importance of the project, provide security, engage environmental initiatives in tree planting, prepare themselves to enter into contract farming with the investors as community based organizations (CBOs), engage in trading as the local private sector alliance (traders, cooperative societies /farmer organizations) and provide labour force as construction site and factory workers.</p> <p>They will be involved in production support initiatives such as; input supply, agricultural credit, land preparation, agricultural extension, post-harvest handling/storage, processing and marketing services.</p> <p>The County governments will sign cooperative agreements with the investor on management of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) to be delivered to the Biomass power plant location.</p> <p>The National Treasury Mobilize and allocate public financial resources for implementation of the as the public representative in this PPP partnership, issue project approvals, guarantee and all contractual agreements required by the proponent for mobilization of private capital for PPP projects.</p>
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C: DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON THE SUBMISSION OF PRIVATELY-INITIATED PROPOSALS MINISTRY OF WATER SANITATION & IRRIGATION:

The Proponents namely, the Consortium of Elevation Engenharia SA (Elevo group - Portugal) and Weihai international Economic & Technical Corporation (WIETC-China) have submitted Thuci Dam Project proposal to be developed at Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi project in Embu County and in Igamba Ngombe irrigation schemes in Tharaka Nithi County in two phases;

Phase 1: a) Dam construction & Hydro power generation.
b) Irrigation network

Phase 2: Value Addition Developments
a) Tourist Resort
b) Carbon Credits Initiative
c) Agro-industrial Park
d) Biomass Energy Plant

The Privately Initiated Proposals will be subjected to the PPP procurement process which entails: evaluation of proposals, project development activities, evaluation of the project development report, negotiations and drafting of the project agreement, stakeholder engagements and finally obtaining requisite approvals required under the PPP Act, 2021. Having undertaken the above processes, the PPP Committee will render its decision to the Ministry of Water Sanitation & Irrigation in accordance with the Act. The Ministry of Water Sanitation will abide by the provisions of Section 69 of the PPP Act which requires a Contracting Authority (CA) to publish information relating to the projects upon award. This will be disclosed at the appropriate time upon conclusion of the statutory processes.

E: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Project Implementation Proposal (PIP) was received by the Contracting Authority on 26th May, 2025 any other private party interested in submitting a similar proposal for the project should express their interest to the Contracting Authority within 21 days from the date of the notice.

In line with the provisions of the PPP Act, 2021, the Circular dated **24th April 2025** on Public Disclosure Requirements on PIPs and in line with Government of Kenya's desire for transparency in all its initiatives, this disclosure has been made to notify members of the public of the Privately-Initiated Proposals (PIPs) submitted by Proponents; the Consortium of Elevation Engenharia SA (Elevo group - Portugal) and Weihai international Economic & Technical Corporation (WIETC- China)

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Government courts Indian investors in pharma, agriculture and textile sectors

BY GLORIA GICHERU AND ANGELA OMONDI

Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana has urged investors from India and other nations to consider investing in Kenya's pharmaceutical, agricultural, and textile sectors.

Dr. Mukhwana, who attended the 5th India-Africa Entrepreneurship and Investment Summit in Nairobi, underscored the potential of these sectors. He noted that investors would benefit from trade agreements offering quota- and duty-free exports to the United Kingdom (UK), United Arab Emirates (UAE), China, and other global markets. These agreements would give investors a competitive edge in accessing markets for their products, thereby enhancing profit margins.

Citing Kenya as a gateway to Africa and beyond, Dr. Mukhwana said, "Kenya has ripe investment opportunities, especially in the pharmaceutical sector. It has been ranked as the second most advanced health system in Africa."

"With Kenya being the leading producer and exporter of avocado in Africa, there is great investment potential in this field," he added.

"The government is enhancing value chain through development of the County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPS) to bridge the gap between producers and manufacturers and prevent harvested produce wastage. This will enhance the quality and quantity of avocado exports," he said.



At the event was Bidco- Africa CEO, Mr Vimal Shah, who said investors should treat Africa as a long time investment partner. He emphasized the value of the existing trust with not only Kenya but also Africa at large.

"Africa is a safe space to invest," he added. Busisa Moyo, the CEO of United Refineries Zimbabwe, said Africa being a young continent is ready to welcome investors from all over the world.

He called upon stakeholders to join the rest of Africa to develop mutually-beneficial business partnerships. He said it is time to change the narrative and realize the investment potential



in Africa.

The event brought together entrepreneurs, investors and industry experts.

India is one of Africa's largest trading partners, providing

1. Industry PS, Dr. Juma Mukhwana addressing participants during the 5th -India-Africa Entrepreneurship & Investment Summit in Nairobi.

2. Dr. Juma Mukhwana with investors at the 5th -India-Africa Entrepreneurship & Investment Summit in Nairobi.

African countries with technology, knowledge and support in healthcare and pharmaceutical.

"There is great value in developing healthy business ecosystems and trust networks," the Chairman, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, Ravi Venkatesan, said.

Weatherman advocates for collaboration to mitigate on adverse weather

BY JACOB SONGOK, KNA

The Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) has urged stakeholders to strengthen collaboration in order to effectively mitigate the impacts of extreme weather.

Speaking at a weather forecast workshop in Garissa, KMD Deputy Director Kennedy Thiong'o noted that the department has consistently shared its forecasts with relevant government agencies and humanitarian organizations to support timely planning and response to adverse weather conditions.

He emphasized that humanitarian organizations, including the Kenya Red Cross, in collaboration with farmers' representatives, government departments led by the National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs), and other relevant institutions, need to work closely to ensure the timely dissemination of weather information to affected communities.

According to the department, severe weather events in recent years has led to losses and wreaked havoc by destroying property and infrastructure, triggering major economic losses for communities in the affected regions.

Thiong'o noted that county-level officers interpreted weather forecasts for their specific jurisdictions and translated them into simplified language to effectively reach farmers and rural communities.

"The stakeholders use the media, especially the local FM radio stations that are popular among the rural folks to pass this information to allow for mitigation measures from relevant humanitarian organizations in coordination with the government," he said.

He added that the department also utilizes social media platforms such as WhatsApp groups to share localized weather forecasts interpreted by field officers, ensuring timely access to critical information.

Zakaria Misiani, a scientist from the Kenya Red Cross said early warnings on adverse weather enables the organization to prepare early and mobilize resources necessary for humanitarian assistance to the victims.

"As an organization we would want to minimize casualties and human suffering in the event of drought, floods or any other disaster.

Kenya partners with Korea to boost rice seed production

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

Kenya is developing a seed system for rice production to bridge the current import deficit, which stands at 85 per cent.

The Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO), Dr. Eliud Kireger, said the organisation has partnered with the Korean government, which is supporting the initiative by providing certified, high-quality seeds.

Speaking during a one-day symposium on rice production in Nairobi, Dr. Kireger noted that rice consumption is rising, particularly among the younger generation, who are less inclined to eat ugali.

"We have developed some local varieties, but the Koreans have very good quality and high-yielding rice varieties. We are currently testing these varieties before introducing them to Kenya," he said.

He added that the development of a facility in KALRO



From left, Mr. Hyung-shik Kang, The Korean Ambassador, KALRO Director General Dr. Eliud Kireger, and Dr. Eunha Yoo, Director, Division for KOPIA, RDA.

Mwea will enable production of certified seeds for the farmers not only for Mwea but for other areas at the Coast, Ahero, and Nyanza. "The key thing here today is to concentrate on how we can empower our farmers to increase their production from the current 2.5 to 3 tons per hectare to 4.5-5, up to 7 hectares," he added.

Dr Kireger said the Korean government is supporting KALRO in infrastructure and

seed production, cleaning, and seed storage. "We are also investing in research to produce quality certified seeds. Bringing in several varieties for trials here. Looking at which one performs best, it adopts it and produces it for the farmers," he said. Korean Ambassador to Kenya, Hyung-Shik Kang, said the cooperation between the two countries dates back to 60 years, a major milestone in bilateral relations, especially

cooperation in the agriculture sector. "This important symposium on improving the rice seed production system in Africa is very necessary because in Africa, the agricultural sector has a very important role, accounting for more than 40 per cent of employment," he said.

Kyung-Shik said the two projects, namely the K-Rice Belt to enhance food production and address the food shortage crisis, also account for the seed production system complex.

He said the K-Rice project will be expanded in the future to contribute to addressing food shortages, especially rice shortage problems. He said there is a huge potential for more collaboration between the two nations in areas of trade and investment.

"The Korean companies are seeking to explore opportunities in the agricultural sector and the food processing manufacturing, and I want to promote more business opportunities to Kenya, which is a very favorable investment environment," Kyung-Shik said.

Kenya to roll out new long-acting HIV prevention drug

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

Kenya is among nine countries selected to introduce Lenacapavir, a groundbreaking long-acting injectable antiretroviral medication for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), by January 2026.

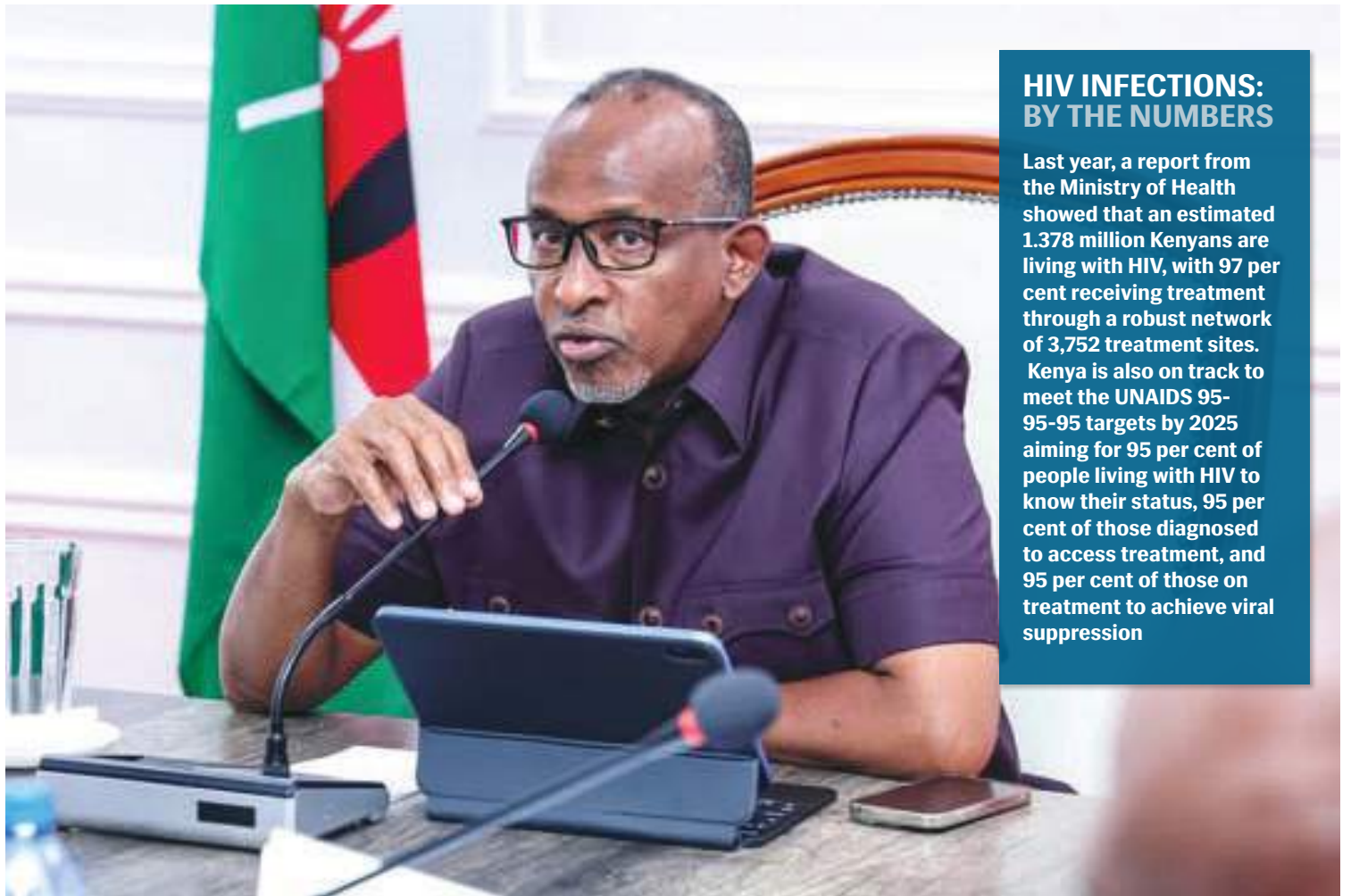
The other eight countries are Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Health Cabinet Secretary Adan Duale, in a statement, said the milestone underscores the government's collective commitment to expanding access to effective, discreet, and sustainable HIV prevention options across the region.

He added that with the current national HIV prevalence at 3.7 percent, 1.4 million people living with HIV, and a concerning 41 percent of new infections occurring among youth under 24 years, the urgency for impactful and tailored solutions is critical.

Lenacapavir received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in June 2025 and has been subsequently endorsed in the updated World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on long-acting HIV prevention, released in July 2025. Administered just twice a year, Lenacapavir represents a paradigm shift in HIV prevention, especially for populations vulnerable to stigma and adherence challenges.

Importantly, Lenacapavir will complement existing PrEP



Health Cabinet Secretary Adan Duale.

options, providing additional choices to meet diverse needs.

"It's integration into our national HIV response strategy reaffirms our commitment to equity, innovation, and community-led health solutions," the CS said, noting that the bi-

omedical breakthrough marks a significant milestone in Kenya's fight against HIV, offering individuals at substantial risk a highly effective and discreet alternative to daily oral PrEP.

Duale added that the Ministry of Health has already developed

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HIV INFECTIONS: BY THE NUMBERS

Last year, a report from the Ministry of Health showed that an estimated 1.378 million Kenyans are living with HIV, with 97 per cent receiving treatment through a robust network of 3,752 treatment sites. Kenya is also on track to meet the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets by 2025 aiming for 95 per cent of people living with HIV to know their status, 95 per cent of those diagnosed to access treatment, and 95 per cent of those on treatment to achieve viral suppression

King Fahd Hospital conducts first laparoscopic kidney cancer surgery in Lamu

BY MOHAMED HASSAN, KNA

King Fahd Hospital has successfully performed its first laparoscopic radical nephrectomy surgery — a minimally invasive procedure to remove a cancerous kidney.

In a groundbreaking milestone for healthcare in Lamu County, the Urology team led by Dr. Omar Bin Salman conducted the surgery on a 65-year-old patient diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma (cancer of the right kidney). The complex procedure was carried out in Lamu at a cost of just Sh180,000, fully covered under the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), making advanced medical care both accessible and affordable for local

residents. This medical breakthrough is the result of strategic investments by the Lamu County Government to upgrade healthcare infrastructure across the county.

Notably, the minimally invasive theatre at King Fahd Hospital—one of the first in the region—is now fully operational, enabling procedures that previously required referral to distant facilities.

Deputy Governor and Health CECM Dr. Mbarak M. Bahjaj hailed the achievement as a significant step forward for the region's health sector.

"This is a proud moment for Lamu. It reflects the impact of deliberate investment in local capacity. Our people no longer have to travel far or spend heavily to access specialized treatment," Dr. Bahjaj said.

He said the county government had heavily invested in upgrading its key health facilities in Faza, Witu, Mokowe and Mpektoni.



Doctors and other medical team conducting a surgery on a 65-year-old patient diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma (cancer of the right kidney) at King Fahd Hospital in Lamu County.

an implementation plan and, through a consultative process with stakeholders, is finalizing national guidelines to facilitate a smooth scale-up.

"The Ministry of Health, through NASCOP and our partners, is actively working to ensure this innovative product is accessible to Kenyans by January 2026, and we remain committed to ensuring equitable access, strengthening community engagement, and integrating Lenacapavir into our national policies to reach priority populations effectively," the CS said.

The ministry, he added, is also mobilizing the necessary systems and resources to guarantee the timely availability of the life-changing intervention.

"We call upon all stakeholders to align efforts, enhance delivery platforms, and support this transformative journey as we forge a path towards a future free of HIV," Duale said.

He said Kenya has remained steadfast in its commitment to ending the HIV epidemic through innovative, people-centered approaches.

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Government unveils guidelines to combat human trafficking

BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

The Government has unveiled guidelines to combat labour trafficking in the country. According to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, the move underscores the growing concern of trafficking in persons (TIP) for purposes of labour exploitation as one of the most pervasive forms of human rights violation and serious crimes. Mwadime said the guidelines will act as tools for Labour Officers and Occupational Safety and Health Officers and assist them to recognize and detect potential labour trafficking situations at the workplace. Launching the guidelines in his office, the PS noted that labour inspection has largely remained underutilized in the national anti-trafficking response, despite their potential to play a crucial preventive and protective role. “The complex and evolving patterns of trafficking for labour exploitation have often been insufficiently addressed, particularly through the lens of workplace inspection and enforcement. “It has therefore become evident that there is a critical need for formal guidance to support labour inspectors in identifying, responding to, and preventing labour trafficking,” the PS observed. He said the guidelines recognize labour inspection services as crucial allies in combating trafficking in persons. The PS reaffirmed Kenya’s commitment to eradicating trafficking in persons and safeguarding vulnerable individuals from exploitation, saying labour



Labour Commissioner Ms. Hellen Apiyo, PS Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime, CIVIPOL National Coordinator Ms. Michelle Koiange and Secretary Directorate of Occupational safety & Health Dr. Musa Nyandusi at the Launch of Guidelines to address Trafficking in Persons.

officers are well placed to help in identifying and addressing labour trafficking. “When inspecting the application of labour law in workplaces, labour inspectors should act as the eyes and ears for law enforcement and for victims at the places they visit and should provide assistance to presumed victims by cooperating in the investigation process conducted by police and prosecutors,” he said. The PS regretted that a lot of people from around the world, including Kenya, are being exploited by criminal groups

through human trafficking, noting that forced labour is now the leading form of trafficking accounting for 42 per cent of all detected global trafficking cases in 2022, surpassing sexual exploitation. “In Kenya, Labour trafficking accounted for 96 per cent in 2020 and 98.3 per cent in 2021,” he said. The guidelines were developed with assistance from CIVIPOL—a technical cooperation operator of the French Ministry of Interior within the framework of the Better Migration Management (BMM) Programme implementing partners and funded by the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). CIVIPOL National Project Coordinator, Ms. Michelle Koiange, Labour Commissioner Ms. Hellen Apiyo and Secretary, Directorate of Occupational Safety & Health, Dr. Musa Nyandusi attended the launch. The PS called on all inspectorate teams to ensure effective use and implementation of the guidelines.

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS
CREATIVE ECONOMY AND SPORTS



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL ELECTRONIC SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM (FEE REDUCTION AND EXEMPTION) REGULATIONS, 2025

The Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) is a State Corporation under The National Treasury and Economic Planning, mandated with establishment, implementation, and management of the National Electronic Single Window System (NESWS) and to facilitate trade.

PURSUANT to Section 11 (2) of the National Electronic Single Window System Act, The Cabinet Secretary, for The National Treasury and Economic Planning, in consultation with the Agency, has developed the draft National Electronic Single Window System (Fee Reduction and Exemption) Regulations, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as “Proposed Regulations”).

The main objective of the proposed regulations is to provide for reduction and exemption of fees payable for use of the System and the conditions for reduction and exemption of the fees payable for the use of the System.

In accordance with Article 10 (2) (a) of the Constitution that highlights National Values and Principles of Governance including public participation of the people, KenTrade through this Notice invites members of the public and stakeholders to various public participation forums on the proposed Regulations to be held as per the below schedule. The forum venue details, and the meeting time will be communicated to the public in due course.


No.	Region	Town	Venue	Date	Time
1.	North Rift Valley, Central Rift Valley and South Rift Valley	Eldoret	Uasin Gishu County Hall	11 th August 2025	9am
		Busia	Busia Agricultural Training College	12 th August 2025	9am
		Malaba	Malaba Township Primary School	13 th August 2025	9am
2.	Nyanza & Western	Kisumu	Tom Mboya University	14 th August 2025	9am
		Isebania	Bukumburi Assistant Chief Office	15 th August 2025	9am
3	Coast	Mombasa	Kenya School of Government	5 th September 2025	9am
4.	Nairobi, Central, Eastern & North Eastern	Nairobi	Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC)	12 th September 2025	9am

The proposed Regulations are available on the Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) website www.kentrade.go.ke and on request at the **KenTrade headquarters First Floor, Embankment Plaza, Longonot Rd, Upper Hill, Nairobi**, during working hours.

This is to request the public to take note of this notice and request all persons likely to be affected by the proposed Regulations to submit written comments by way of email to regulations@kentrade.go.ke or submission of a written memorandum to be delivered to KenTrade offices, during working hours so as to reach the undersigned not later than **fourteen (14) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

For more information on the public participation forums, members of the public may contact KenTrade through the channels indicated below:

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KENYA
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State deploys inspectors nationwide to tackle child labour



BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has deployed Labour Inspectorate Officers across all 47 counties to monitor and enforce labour laws, including those related to child labour.

To further safeguard children from economic exploitation, the government has developed the National Policy on the Elimination of Child Labour, which provides a coordinated, multi-sectoral response framework to enhance the tracking, reporting, and response mechanisms at the community level for all matters related to child labour abuse.

Principal Secretary for La-

1. A child sends out clear message during commemoration to mark World Day Against Child Labour in Mombasa's Uwanja wa Mbuzi grounds.

2. Secretary Administration State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Herman Shambi who represented PS for Labour Shadrack Mwadime at the commemoration.

bour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, acknowledged that child labour remains a significant challenge despite the government's commitment to eradicate it through the ratification and adoption of various



international conventions.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Secretary for Administration in the Department, Mr. Herman Shambi, during this year's commemoration of World Day Against Child Labour in Mombasa, the PS revealed that agriculture, tourism, domestic service, fishing, transport, and informal businesses are some of the high-risk sectors witnessing high incidences of child labour.

Recognizing that child labour is both a symptom and cause of poverty and inequality, the PS revealed that the government is in the process of reviewing labour laws to ensure alignment with international standards and respond to evolving labour dynamics and other issues in the world of work, with an aim of advancing social justice for all.

"Promotion and protection of human rights and labour rights is an indispensable pillar for sustainable development which should not be treated as a privilege but a universal entitlement inherent to every individual by virtue of their humanity," the PS noted.

The PS said human rights are enablers of sustainable development as they ensure inclusive, participatory and equitable development.

"Unfortunately, and despite significant progress globally, the world continues to witness persistent violations in the form of exploitative labour practices, discrimination, unsafe working conditions, and exclusion of vulnerable groups from decent work," he said.

The PS committed to ensuring that the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection remain steadfast in enforcing child labour laws, raising awareness, and supporting community-led protection systems.

"Let us create a Kenya where every child can learn, thrive, and pursue their dreams in safety and dignity," he said.

Over 400,000 Turkana residents to benefit from new mobile ID initiative

BY PETER GITONGA, KNA

The Government has rolled out a new mobile identity card registration unit to ease the process of issuing national IDs. Speaking in Lodwar, Turkana County, during a Jukwaa la Usalama forum, Interior Cabinet Secretary Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen said the new technology will assist the over 400,000 people in the county who do not have IDs despite having attained the requisite age.

According to the CS, applicants will now be able to receive their cards within three to seven days after applying.

"The devices will be taken

to remote areas to ensure that every eligible person receives their card and can participate in the country's development," Murkomen said.

Denying deserving residents the issuance of the identity cards amounts to discrimination, the CS said, dismissing allegations that the move aims to shore up support for the government ahead of the 2027 General Election.

The promised to review the curfew hours affecting parts of Turkana South.

He was responding to concerns from the residents who claimed that the curfew had negatively affected their businesses.

The government declared a



Interior Cabinet Secretary Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen

6.00 pm to 6.00 am curfew as part of the operation 'maliza uhalifu' to restore security in parts of Kerio Valley.

"We are businesses men and our perishable goods like vegetables normally go to waste

We are businesses men and our perishable goods like vegetables normally go to waste as a result of the curfew.

as a result of the curfew. We are asking the government to consider lifting the curfew now that we have security along the Kainu-Lodwar Road," Mohammed Ali said.

The CS said the curfew might be extended to 10.00 pm to 4.00am. The review will be done within three months, he said.

He, however, noted that the curfew has helped arrest cases of highway banditry

The CS said the government is committed to addressing insecurity in Todonyang and Napeitom areas of Turkana North and East respectively.

He said a multi-agency security team would be deployed in Todonyang to protect the residents against external aggression.

He said the government has commenced reconstruction of schools that had been burnt down by bandits and that the remaining ones would be completed soon.

Gov't supports decentralising specialised medical services

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL
(MY GOV)

The Government has committed to decentralizing access to specialized medical services to achieve the Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Through the National Equipment Service Program (NESP), the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Council of Governors is rolling out advanced medical equipment across public health facilities at the national, county, and sub county levels.

MoH will deploy an initial 98 Diagnostic Imaging CT Scan Machines (two per county), two Diagnostic Imaging Mammogram Machines, 400 operating theatres, and 400 laboratories across the country.

"Our integrated approach ensures that healthcare providers receive seamless support throughout the entire process," said the CEO of Sunview Medipro Mr. Sirat Amin.

Sunview Medipro International is a partner in the project.

"The program is not just about equipment delivery, but also includes installation, setup, comprehensive training, maintenance, spare parts, consumables, and continuous consultation to ensure uninterrupted and high-quality healthcare delivery," he said.



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale (Right) flanked by Lamu County Governor Issa Timamy during the commissioning of a CT Scan machine(below) under NESP initiative..

Under a Fee for Service (FFS) model, the government designed the initiative to modernize healthcare infrastructure while strengthening early diagnosis and treatment of prevalent conditions in public facilities.

Principal Supply Chain Officer at the Council of Governors, James Kamau said, "With the FFS model in place, public health facilities will now deliver high-end medical services without heavy capital costs.

"This will save counties

millions in maintenance costs, which can be reallocated to hire more health workers and procure essential medical supplies," he said.

According to Kamau, the first phase will prioritize Level 5 and key referral hospitals with installations underway in four county referral hospitals which include Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (Kisumu), King Fahd Lamu County Referral Hospital, Kerugoya County

Referral Hospital and Wajir County Referral Hospital.

The ministry expects the upgraded facilities to enable reverse referrals, allowing patients who would typically seek services at national referral or private hospitals to access comparable care locally.

He said the shift will support one-stop, quality, and free public healthcare services at the county level, aligning with the goals of the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

Kamau said county governments are actively facilitating registration with the Social Health Authority (SHA) to ensure that the public fully benefits from improved healthcare services.

"This proactive approach guarantees that no expectant mother or sick patient is denied care due to inability to pay," he said.

Health Principal Secretary, Dr. Oluga said, "Equipping our health facilities with the right tools is a cornerstone of effective care. This is how we build a responsive, resilient health system."

The equipment will support specialties including cardiology, oncology, neurology, pulmonology, urology, and gastroenterology enhancing diagnostics and treatment capabilities across county-level public health facilities.

BRIEFS

Murang'a youth service marks fourth graduation

BY PURITY MUGO AND
SUSAN MUGAI, KNA

Over 1,000 youth have graduated after completing training under the Murang'a Youth Service (MYS) initiative.

The county has graduated over 6,300 youth through the MYS since its launch three years ago. The county recently recruited its fourth cohort during a vibrant ceremony at Murang'a Level V Hospital grounds.

The event was presided over by Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata.

The governor praised the youth for their discipline and commitment. He noted that the initiative aims to provide economic empowerment, skills development, and moral grounding for the local youth, positioning them for meaningful community service and future opportunities.

"This is more than just a graduation. It's the begin-

ning of a new chapter. You now have the tools to build your dreams, with a one-year tax holiday and a solid start-up package," he said. Launched in 2022, the MYS program engages youth in cleaning urban centres, planting trees, and participating in community development projects before enrolling them for vocational training in polytechnics across the county.

The initiative aimed to equip young people with practical skills while promoting civic responsibility and environmental stewardship.

Recruited through a transparent balloting process, while offering a daily wage of Sh400 of which Sh300 goes directly to the youth, and Sh100 is sent to the parent or guardian.

"We want our youth to earn, save, and have a support system at home," Governor Kang'ata said.

Vihiga launches Ebukholi water supply and conservation project

BY WELTER TIEMA,
KNA

The County Government of Vihiga has launched a water and climate resilience initiative to boost clean water access and conserve vital water sources in North East Bunyore Ward. Vihiga County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Environment, Water, Energy, Natural Resources, and Climate Change, Dr. Jairus Amayi emphasized the county's commitment to sustainable development through climate-responsive interventions.

"This project reflects our commitment to sustainable development and climate resilience through improved access to clean and safe water," he said during the unveiling of the Ebukholi Water Supply and Catchment Conservation Project. Key components of the project include rehabili-

itation of the Wamaina spring, construction of a 100-cubic metre masonry water tank, installation of a solar-powered water pumping system, laying of a rising main to the Ebukholi elevated steel tank, erection of a 100-cubic metre elevated tank at Esibuye primary school, catchment conservation of Wamaina Spring and Water connectivity to at least 100 households.

The project forms part of the county's fourth cycle under the Climate Change Resilience Programme, designed to boost sustainability, environmental conservation, and favourable climate at the community level. It is set to benefit over 500 residents by drastically reducing the distance to access clean water, enhancing hygiene, and supporting small-scale agricultural productivity through better water availability.

KDF to supervise completion of Kakamega Level 6 Hospital

BY JEDIDAH MUMIA AND
JAMES INGUSU, KNA

The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) will supervise the construction of the Kakamega Level VI hospital to ensure its completion within six months.

The initiative builds on the joint intervention by the national and county governments to revive the project which had stalled in 2022. "The county government has allocated Sh300 million to top up the Sh500 million that the national government has committed to complete the facility,"



Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa said.

The 750 bed hospital is expected to create 5,000 jobs, boost medical tourism, and offer hands on learning and practical exposure for medical

1. Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa together with the Principal Secretary State Department for Medical Services Ouma Oluga and his Defence counterpart Dr. Patrick Mariru, during an inspection of the Kakamega Level 6 Hospital.

2. An aerial view of Kakamega Level 6 hospital whose construction will be supervised by the Kenya Defence Forces and completed within a period of six months.

PHOTOS COURTESY KAKAMEGA COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

students. "Although people from Kakamega will greatly benefit from the Hospital, it remains an important facility for the whole country," Defence Principal Secretary Dr. Patrick Mariru said.

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI



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INVITATION TO INTERVIEWS FOR THE ADVERTISED VACANCIES

The Kitui County Assembly Service Board wishes to notify all applicants for the various positions advertised in the local dailies on **5th May, 2025** that the shortlisting exercise has been concluded and interviews will be held from **28th - 31st July 2025** and from **4th - 8th August, 2025** at the County Assembly Boardroom. The names of the shortlisted candidates and the interview schedule are available on the County Assembly's website www.kituiassembly.go.ke.

Shortlisted candidates are invited for the interviews as per the dates and time indicated against their names. Those whose names do not appear in the list should consider themselves unsuccessful.


Shortlisted candidates are required to bring along their original identification card/ passport, academic certificates and professional certificates as well as relevant testimonials on the day of interviews.

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
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION FOR CULTIVATION OF POTATO (*solanum tuberosum* L.) WITH RESISTANCE TO LATE BLIGHT (*phytophthora infestans*) DEVELOPED THROUGH MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY.

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

The proponent, **Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization** proposes to introduce production of a variety of potato that has been developed through modern biotechnology by introducing three Late Blight (LB) resistance genes derived from wild relatives of the potato (RB, Rpi-blb2 genes from *Solanum bulbocastanum* and Rpi-vnt 1.1 gene from *S. venturii*) into the farmer and consumer preferred variety shangi. After Commissioning, the late blight resistant variety will be grown in the potato growing areas of Kenya including the Counties of Bomet, Bungoma, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Kiambu, Meru, Embu, Kirinyaga, Nakuru, Narok, Bomet, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Taita Taveta, Trans-Nzoia, Uasin Gishu and West Pokot.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:-

Impacts	Proposed mitigation measures
Soil Erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Install drainage structures properlyEnsure management of excavation activities
Loss of Vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restore/re-establish vegetation in some parts of the disturbed areas through implementation landscaping program.
Air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All trucks and any other mode of hauling soil sand and other loose materials to and from the site should be covered.Sprinkling of water on dry soils in excavated areas, pavementsUse of clean fuels for machines and equipmentStockpiles of earth should be sprayed with water or covered during dry seasonsProvide dust masks for the personnel in dust generation areasSensitize construction workers on pollution control measures
Emission of greenhouse gas emission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Less use of agrochemicalsImplementing energy efficiency mechanisms to reduce energy consumption.Undertaking annual energy audits to monitor progress and exploit opportunities for energy efficiency
Traffic disruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Properly plan for transportation of materials to ensure that vehicles are optimally filled to reduce the number of trips done or the number of vehicles on the access roadsEmployment of formal flagmen/women to ensure the public safetyPlace clear signage's at the gate to alert drivers to be cautious about the construction and to look out for entering and/or exiting vehicles
Public health, occupational health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Train staff/workers on occupational health and safety.Provide full protective gear & workmen's compensation cover in addition to the right tools and operational instructionsDesign of sewerage system should be as provided in the plans and should be constructed to approved size and design, standard and of approved materials.Avoid undesirable, substandard, hazardous or unauthorized materials during farming activities
Contribution to Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water management; The project should invest in water management strategies like rainwater harvesting, storage facilities, and efficient water use practices. These measures aim to mitigate water scarcity during dry periods and reduce flood risks during heavy rainfall events.Infrastructure Design: Incorporate resilient features to withstand extreme weather like flooding, storms, and high temperatures. Energy Efficiency: Implement technologies and practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependency on fossil fuels.Biodiversity Conservation: Protect and enhance natural ecosystems to preserve biodiversity and ecosystem services, including reforestation, habitat restoration, and sustainable land management practices.
Insecurity and social impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provision of security guards, CCTV cameras, security lights and other security apparatus during the entire project cycle.Adhere to work timings in line with the NEMA licensing conditions.
Increased Water Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A motion sensor tap would cut up to 85% of annual water compared to conventional taps.Rainwater harvesting: The harvested water would be used for cleaning, flushing toilets, watering plants, etc.Avail storage tanks.
Increased generation of waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Build farm workers capacity on sanitation and hygiene practicesSegregation of waste at the source during the project cycle.Special attention shall be paid to the sanitary facilities on siteGarbage shall be disposed periodically.Contract a NEMA licensed waste handler

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

1. Principal Secretary,
State Department of Environment and Climate Change,
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry,
NHIF Building, 12th Floor
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2. Director General.
National Environment and Management Authority (NEMA)
Popo Road, off Mombasa Road
P.O. Box 67839-00200,
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A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke.

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote ref. No. **NEMA/EIA/5/2/2272**

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