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BY **CHRIS MAHANDAR**, KNA
The Government has assured Kenyans of the safety of the funds already contributed to the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIF), as the rollout of the Social Health Authority (SHA) takes shape.

Public Health and Sanitation Prin-

icipal Secretary (PS), Mary Muthoni, confirmed that the funds are secure and will be carried forward into the new scheme.

"Some Kenyans who paid in advance are worried they will lose their contributions. I want to assure them that not a single shilling will be lost. All balances will be transferred to the new contributions under the SHA," she said.

During the transition, she emphasized that no patients would be turned away from health facilities, urging the public to continue registering for the new scheme. She added that the government aims to have all Kenyans enrolled to ensure the success of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

"NHIF covered 20% of the population, but with this new scheme, we are targeting 100% enrollment so that all Kenyans can access quality medical care, as enshrined in the Constitution," she said.

Speaking during the ground activation drive for the new scheme at Kuoyo Dispensary in Kisumu East Sub-County, Muthoni highlighted the benefits of the SHA, which guarantees free medical care at all level two and level three health facilities.

She further noted that registration is key to accessing treatment at Levels 4, 5, and 6, and added that the government will cater to those who are unable to pay.

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Dual training policy set for Cabinet nod, aims to align TVETs with industry needs

BY **WANGARI MWANGI**, KNA

A Dual Training Policy, providing a roadmap for combining apprenticeships with vocational education, will be submitted to the Cabinet for approval, according to Dr. Esther Muoria, Principal Secretary in the State Department for TVETs.

The PS also mentioned that a Cabinet Memo, detailing strategies to incentivize industries participating in the dual training program, will be presented alongside the policy.

In a speech delivered on her behalf by John Tuwei, Director of Projects and Partnerships at the State Department, during the fifth graduation ceremony

of Mathenge Technical Training Institute in Nyeri, the PS confirmed that the document is in its final stages and will soon be submitted to the Cabinet.

She emphasized that the approval of both documents would firmly integrate dual training into Technical and Vocational Education Training institutions (TVETs).

"The Dual Training Program aims to bridge the gap between training and industry, addressing the issue of relevance. Additionally, it fosters strategic partnerships with industry and ensures that TVET curricula are aligned with the evolving needs of the

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Some of the 2600 graduands who were awarded with Certificates and Diplomas march to the graduation square during the fifth graduation ceremony of the Mathenge Technical Training Institute in Nyeri.

178,000

Number of long-lasting insecticidal nets the National Malaria Control Programme intends to distribute in Soin-Sigowet and Kipkelion West Sub-Counties

477m

Cost of the newly launched Eldoret Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA)

Sh18.8b

Money the Government has released for the construction of 16,000 Junior Secondary Schools classrooms for Grade 9 learners.

The Week In numbers

60

Years of diplomatic relations Kenya and Korea commemorated recently

200,000

Houses the Government will be constructing per year countrywide and 200 units in every constituency.

Sh25m

A grant the County of Nakuru has received from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to improve healthcare service provision

State assures Kenyans of safety of NHIF contributions

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The Ministry of Health (MoH), she stated, has trained Community Health Promoters (CHPs) to assist the public in registering for the new scheme. Additionally, National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) have been tasked with sensitizing and mobilizing the public for the scheme, which was launched on October 1st.

The MoH, she added, has developed a database of all health facilities across the country to ensure the seamless rollout of the SHA.

According to Muthoni, the exercise, conducted by the Digital Health Agency, will allow patients' medical histories to be accessed at any health facility without the need to carry physical records or repeat information to healthcare personnel.

"If you're referred from Kisumu to Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), you won't need to repeat your medical history. Sometimes health matters make us shy, and it's unfair to have to narrate them every time you visit a health facility," she said.

Kisumu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Medical Services, Public Health, and Sanitation, Dr. Gregory Ganda, stated that the new scheme is set to revolutionize healthcare in the country.

By addressing the burden of primary healthcare, he said, many Kenyans who previously could not afford to visit health facilities will now have access to quality medical care. He encouraged Kenyans to take advantage of the new program and register to ensure its smooth rollout.

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job market," said Dr. Muoria. She further stated, "The policy is in its final stages and will soon be submitted to the Cabinet for approval, ensuring that dual training becomes fully embedded in TVET institutions."

Since June 2023, the government has been rolling out the program, which, she explained, will help close the gap between the training provided in TVETs and the demands of the job market.

The PS added that the program also addresses the need for relevance, as the government transitions from traditional classroom-based theoretical learning to a hybrid model, allowing TVET students to spend 30% of their training in class and 70% in industry mentorship.

"Currently, under the collaboration with GIZ-Kenya, dual training is being implemented in 65 TVET institutions, with plans to gradually expand the program to all TVET institutions," she noted.



Mathenge Technical Training Institute Board Members join Director of Projects and Partnership at the State Department, John Tuwei (C, L) and the institute's Principal Michael Njungu (holding microphone) in launching the institution's Five-Year Strategic Plan. Photos by Wangari Mwangi.

On his part, Tuwei reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening technical training in the country. He highlighted that the government is focused on revitalizing the TVET sector to give young people the opportunity to contribute to national development through their skills, whether by producing goods or working as employees in the technical sector. "We are sending a clear message that the youth in this country can enroll in TVETs, acquire skills, and contribute to

industry. We are also encouraging you to either seek employment or start your own businesses and create jobs for others," Tuwei said. During the ceremony, a total of 2,600 graduates were awarded Certificates and Diplomas in various fields.

The institute's principal, Michael Njungu, noted that the institution has embraced Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) by offering 48 CBET courses.

He also mentioned that the institute is working in collaboration with GIZ Kenya to implement

the Dual Training model across all departments.

"We have successfully implemented the Dual Training model in five departments. We started in May 2024 and have now moved to the second cohort. This hands-on approach bridges the gap between theory and practice, ensuring that our students are job-ready upon graduation," said Njungu. On the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Njungu stated that Mathenge Technical Training Institute is on track to becoming an assessment center.



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KR launches project to modernize Nairobi commuter services

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA
The Kenya Railways Corporation has embarked on the rehabilitation of the Nairobi Commuter Rail (NCR) network to modernize the Nairobi Commuter Rail transport system and alleviate congestion on the city's roads.

This project involves the rehabilitation of the railway lines, the upgrading of halts to mini stations, the modernization of the Nairobi Central Railway Station, and an increase in rolling stock as part of the Nairobi Commuter Rail segment of the Nairobi Metropolitan Transport Masterplan.

While commissioning the Nairobi Commuter Rail (NCR) Project and the Madaraka Express Premium Class Service, Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir stated that the project aims to decongest roads within the Nairobi metropolitan area while providing passengers with



Ministry of Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary (CS) Davis Chirchir flagging off the Madaraka Express Premium Class Service

safe, reliable, and affordable transport services in and around Nairobi city.

Chirchir noted that the Nairobi Commuter Rail (NCR) project encompasses the rehabilitation and upgrade of a total of 139 kilometers (km) of railway track. He added that track rehabilitation works were undertaken to improve commuters' riding comfort, increase operational safety, and reduce transit times by eliminating speed restrictions.

"The Nairobi Commuter Railway network is divided into four corridors, including Line One, which runs from the Nairobi Central Railway Station to Kikuyu, spanning a length of 31 km and featuring two intermediate stations: Kibera and Dagoretti," the CS said.

Chirchir said Line Two includes Makadara to Ruiru with a length of 26 km and it has four intermediate stations which are Dandora, Mwiki, Githurai and Kahawa.

Gov't allocates Sh18.8 billion for 16,000 JSS classrooms

BY ANNE KANGERO, KNA
The Government has released Sh18.8 billion for the construction of 16,000 Junior Secondary School (JSS) classrooms for Grade 9 learners to ensure an easy transition.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba has assured Kenyans that the government is well-prepared and committed to meeting its obligations. He emphasized that the funds are allocated for constructing classrooms in primary schools, where JSS is based.

The CS spoke at St. Paul Primary School in Athi River, Machakos County, while inspecting the ongoing construction of JSS classrooms for Grade 9. He stressed the importance of completing the classrooms by January 2025.

"We are supposed to construct 16,000 classrooms, and we have released money for all of them so that by January we have all the classes ready," CS Ogamba said.

Additionally, he noted



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba at St Paul's Primary in Athi River Machakos County

that the Ministry is collaborating with the NG-CDF to fund the classrooms. Out of the Sh18.8 billion, the NG-CDF is providing Sh7.8 billion for 5,000 classes, while Sh11 billion is coming from the Ministry of Education to construct 11,000 classes.



He affirmed that their cooperation would ensure JSS classrooms are completed by January 2025 and that there would be no duplication in the construction of classes within the same school, ensuring that the NG-CDF does not construct classrooms where

the Ministry has already built them.

"We are collaborating with the NG-CDF, and we are sharing data to ensure there is no duplication in the construction of classes," Ogamba stated.

Ogamba also disclosed

that the distribution of books will commence on October 22, and by December 15, all books will have been distributed. Furthermore, he revealed that over 66,000 teachers have been retooled for JSS, with more expected in December in preparation for the January intake.

National Drought Management Authority **FUNDED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION**

TENDER NOTICE

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR - INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE FINANCING

TENDER REFERENCE No . NDMA/DCADR/TA- ICDCF/2024-2025

The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) is a State Corporation established by the NDMA Act, 2016. The Act mandates the Authority to exercise overall coordination over all matters relating to drought risk management and to establish mechanisms, either on its own or with stakeholders, to end drought emergencies in Kenya.


The Authority, with financial support from the European Union-funded Dryland Climate Action for Community Drought Resilience (DCADR) Project, seeks a Technical Advisor for Institutional Capacity Development and Climate Financing. The consultant will provide technical support in strengthening the Authority's institutional and financial sustainability through enhanced resource mobilisation and mainstreaming climate considerations and efficiencies in drought risk management investments.


Interested eligible consultants may download the tender document free of charge from the NDMA website www.ndma.go.ke.

The deadline for submission of tenders is **7th November 2024 at 2.00 pm**.

Tender documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the NDMA Boardroom on 17th Floor, Lonrho House, Standard Street, Nairobi, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives, who choose to attend.

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- PCF does **NOT** charge any fee in its recruitment process.
- Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



Kenyans to begin homeownership under Affordable Housing Program by year-end

BY MUOKI CHARLES, KNA

Kenyans will start owning new homes under the affordable housing program before the end of the year, Government spokesperson Isaac Mwaura has stated.

Mwaura mentioned that the housing agenda is on track, with several houses in the final stages of completion, and they will be ready for occupancy in the coming months.

Speaking in Ruiru town while inspecting the ongoing construction of 1,050 units at Kings Boma Estate, Mwaura said the houses are modern and that the necessary amenities have been constructed on the premises for the convenience of the occupants.

“The demand for these houses is huge, and we have maintained that the process of selling them will be fair and

will follow a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will also be given to those in dire need of affordable units. The two- and three-bedroom houses will be sold for between Sh1.2 million and Sh4.5 million,” Mwaura said.

He reiterated that the Government is keen on constructing 200,000 houses per year, with plans to build 200 units in every constituency.

Mwaura also stated that these projects contribute to significant economic transformation across the country by creating jobs and promoting local businesses.

“For instance, in the Ruiru Affordable Housing Programme, some 1,300 Kenyans have secured jobs and are earning a living while local businesses are thriving through sourcing of materials including cement, sand, ballast, metal bars among others,” he said.

Ministry of Tourism partners with all 47 counties to promote local attractions

ROBERT OJWANG’ (KNA)

The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife has partnered with all 47 county governments to identify and promote new tourism attractions and products to boost local tourism.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary (CS) Rebecca Miano stated that the collaboration aims to encourage Kenyans to explore and appreciate the country’s diverse beauty. She added that the initiative is expected to significantly increase visitor numbers to Kenya’s various tourist sites, thereby enhancing the tourism sector’s contribution to the nation’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

“Our strategy is to bring every stakeholder on board to help expand tourism’s contribution to Kenya’s economy. As we celebrate World Tourism Day, I cannot overstate the need and urgency to resolutely promote domestic tourism,” CS Miano remarked during the 45th World Tourism Day celebrations held in Kisumu County.



Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary (CS) Rebecca Miano (2nd left) joins other leaders to mark the 45th World Tourism Day celebrations in Kisumu County.

She further noted that through the Kenya Tourism Board, the national government is committed to investing in youth through education, training, and entrepreneurial support to promote sustainable growth in the tourism industry.

“Kisumu County is already leading the way by supporting young people in tourism-related ventures through arts, sports, and technology. Young entrepreneurs are driving social change and promoting peace,” Miano said.

The CS reiterated the government’s move to approve free entry into

all national parks and reserves as a strategy to promote local tourism. She urged Kenyans to take advantage of this offer to explore the beauty of their own country.

“The more you tour Kenya, the more you will understand and respect the diverse ways in which people live, fostering peace, mutual respect, and goodwill,” she added.

At the same event, Narok Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu, who chairs the Council of Governors (COG) Tourism and Wildlife Committee, reaffirmed the counties’ commitment to support and promoting the

growth of the tourism sector.

“County governments are committed to working with the national government to further develop, brand, and market tourist attractions to maximize the potential of our tourism assets and position Kenya as a top global destination,” he said.

To support these efforts, Governor Ntutu noted that 17 county governments have already enacted tourism-related policies and strategies, while 12 counties have developed wildlife policies to create a conducive environment for the sector’s growth.



KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE

INVITATION TO TENDER

KWS is inviting interested and eligible national candidates to tender for the following:

NO.	TENDER REFERENCE NO.	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY	BID SECURITY
1.	KWS/ONT/ADMIN/34/2024-2025	PROVISION OF GROUP LIFE ASSURANCE SERVICE FOR YEARS 2024/2025,2025/2026	OPEN TO ALL	500,000.00
2.	KWS/ONT/ADMIN/35/2024-2025,	GENERAL AND LIFE INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES (POLICIES FOR YEARS 2024/2025, 2025/2026)		1,000,000.00

Tender documents containing detailed specifications and requirements can be downloaded for free at the KWS website; www.kws.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information Portal; <https://www.tenders.go.ke/> website; Interested candidates may seek further information from the Procurement office at KWS Headquarters between 8am -1pm & 2pm - 5pm during weekdays, Tel. 020-2379407-15 Cell: 0726610508/9, or email: hps@kws.go.ke.

All clarifications and/or amendments will be published on the KWS website and tenderers are required to check for any addendums or amendments in the course of the bidding period before the closing date.


An original tender Security must accompany all Tenders indicated above and be valid for **126 days** from the date of tender opening, in the form of a bank guarantee from a reputable bank recognized by the Central Bank of Kenya or an Insurance Company payable to the Director General Kenya Wildlife Service. (Self-insured tender securities are not allowed.)

The completed bids in plain sealed envelopes marked with the tender reference number and tender name shall be deposited into the Tender Box located at the entrance of Main Reception, KWS Headquarters, Langata Road P.O. Box 40241, Nairobi on or before **Thursday 18th October 2024 at 11.30 am**.

Tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders’ representatives who wish to attend at the KWS Vet Board Room.

Further information is available at www.kws.go.ke and the PPIP portal; <https://www.tenders.go.ke/> website

DIRECTOR GENERAL



KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE

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2.	KWS/ONT/ADMIN/37/2024-2025	GENERAL INSURANCE SERVICE (POLICIES FOR YEARS- 2024/2025, 2025/2026,2026/2027)		1,000,000.00

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

PS urges departmental heads to lead by example in delivery of service

BY MICHAEL OMONDI, KNA

The Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department of Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani, presided over the signing of performance contracts with heads of departments (HODs) to enhance service delivery.

Prof. Kisiang'ani emphasized the significance of the occasion, as department heads committed in writing to fulfilling their performance obligations. He stated that these leaders are responsible for contributing to the achievement of the

agreed-upon objectives and will ultimately be evaluated based on their commitments.

The PS stressed that performance is crucial, as it allows the public to assess how government officers are utilizing public resources to serve them effectively. He highlighted the weight of the responsibility carried by the HODs' signatures, noting that both the public and the Ministry have high expectations for improved service delivery.

Prof. Kisiang'ani urged the HODs to lead by example by avoiding tardiness and being proactive in their daily operations,

as good results depend on the commitments outlined in the signed contracts. "You should be the first to arrive at the office and the last to leave," he directed, emphasizing that performance indicators cannot be met with tardiness and absenteeism.

The PS appealed to the HODs to act with responsibility, as their conduct sets an example for their subordinates. He likened them to torchbearers of their respective departments, urging them to ensure their work plans are properly executed.

Prof. Kisiang'ani also encouraged the HODs to



The Principal Secretary (PS) for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani (left) and the Director of Information Joseph Kipkoeh sign performance contracts at Teleposta Towers in Nairobi.

provide clear work instructions to their junior officers so they can establish a framework for assessing daily performance. Furthermore, he advised the department heads to lead with solutions rather than by reprimanding or vilifying their staff. He called on the HODs to communicate departmen-

tal goals, visions, and core values effectively to boost morale. The PS cautioned them against discrimination based on ethnicity, gender, or social class, terming it immoral and stressing that everyone deserves equal treatment.

The PS reminded the HODs of the President's commitment to trans-

forming the country through five key pillars: Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Universal Health Care (UHC), Agriculture and Food Security, Housing and Settlement, and the Information Superhighway, with Climate Change and the Environment as a subsidiary focus.



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WILDLIFE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE TRANSFER OF AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO

NOTICE FOR FURTHER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Following a Presidential Directive in August 2023 for the transfer of the Amboseli National Park to the County government of Kajiado, the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife vide Kenya Gazette Notice No. 1939 dated **23rd February, 2024** appointed and gazetted an Advisory Committee to advise on the framework for the transfer of functions of the Amboseli National Park to the County Government of Kajiado.

The Gazette Notice and Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee can be accessed at https://kenyalaw.org/kenya_gazette/gazette/download/Vol.CXXVI-No_22.pdf and also at the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife website, which is accessible at <http://www.tourism.go.ke>.

In line with constitutional and legislative imperatives of ensuring wide consultations and public participation on the Directive, the Advisory Committee conducted public participation between 24th June, 2024 and 10th July, 2024 as notified vide public notice 11th June, 2024.

However, due to prevailing public unrest at the time, the public participation exercise was not undertaken in some areas. Therefore, in order to complete the exercise, the public is hereby notified that the Advisory Committee will be holding further county-based citizen engagement meetings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon on the dates and venues indicated below. Participation by all stakeholders including Members of the public; National and County Government representatives, Private sector; Civil Society Organisations; Non-Governmental Organisations; Professional bodies; Persons with disabilities; Faith-based organisations; Women, Youth and all other persons is encouraged.

NO.	COUNTIES	VENUE	DATES
1.	Isiolo (011) Mandera (009)	Isiolo Venue: Isiolo Social Hall	16th October, 2024
2.	Garissa (007) Wajir (008)	Garissa Venue: Regional Commissioner's Hall	16th October, 2024
3.	Turkana (023) Marsabit (010) Samburu (025)	Samburu Venue: Social Hall	16th October, 2024
4.	Nakuru (032) Nyandarua (018) Laikipia (031)	Nakuru Venue: Regional Commissioner's Hall, Nakuru	16th October, 2024
5.	Narok (033) Kericho (035)	Narok Venue: Social Hall	16th October, 2024
6.	Kitui (015) Tana River (004)	Kitui Venue: Social Hall	16th October, 2024

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HON. FRANCIS MALITI (ENG.) – CHAIRPERSON
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TENDER NOTICE

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

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT	CLOSING DATE
GDC/DO/OT/012/2024:2025	Tender for Supply of Bulk Drilling Cement for Menengai and Baringo Geothermal Projects.	Open to All	Ksh 500,000.00	28.10.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/DO/OT/009/2024:2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of 8.5 Inch Drill Bits (Polycrystalline Diamond Compact (PDC) for Menengai Geothermal Project.	Open to All	Ksh 500,000.00	29.10.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/DO/OT/016/2024:2025	Tender for Provision of Inspection Drilling Rig & Ancillary Equipment.	Open to All	Ksh 100,000.00	30.10.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/DO/OT/017/2024:2025	Tender for Slotting of 7" OD Liners for Menengai Geothermal Project.	Open to All	Ksh 200,000.00	01.11.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/ADMIN/OT/008/2024:2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Mineral Water & Disposable Cups for a Period of Two Years on As and When Required Basis through Framework Contract.	Youth Only	Tender Securing Declaration Form	04.11.2024 at 11.00am

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

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

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

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

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

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

Late tenders will not be accepted.

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15,000 vulnerable households to receive support for income-generating projects

BY BERNARD MUNYAO AND PURITY MUGO, KNA

Some 15,000 extremely vulnerable households from arid and semi-arid areas across 25 counties are set to benefit from funds to establish income-generating projects.

The families will receive Sh30,000 through the Economic Inclusion program funded by the World Bank in collaboration with the Government of Kenya.

Principal Secretary for Social Protection and Senior Citizens' Affairs, Joseph Motari, stated that the listed households will begin receiving seed capital transfers next month. Each family is also expected to receive monthly stipends of Sh2,000 to help purchase food and other basic commodities.

Motari explained that the program, scheduled to last one year, aims to support the less fortunate in establishing a source of livelihood even after its conclusion. "The pilot program was conducted in five counties in 2020, and we are now implementing a second phase that will involve 25 counties.

The aim of this program

is to help lift individuals out of extreme poverty and enable them to earn an income through small projects," the PS said during a visit to beneficiaries in several parts of Murang'a.

He added, "We hope to expand the program to all counties, but we have started with individuals from arid and semi-arid regions."

The PS further said the beneficiaries have been allocated mentors who will train and guide them on viable business ideas.

"Families which were included in the pilot phase are doing well. Majority established small businesses which currently are growing to medium investments and that's the goal of this programme, of graduating the poor to a better economic level," he added.

In Murang'a County, a total of 1,500 beneficiaries drawn from two sub-counties of Maragua and Murang'a East are included in the programme.

Motari explained that the funds for seed capital will be given in two tranches where initially each household will receive Sh20,000 and later Sh10,000.

"The beneficiaries will be monitored and guided to ensure the seed capital funds are prudently utilised. Our target is to see the families are left in a better financial position," he noted.

The PS averred that the families were selected from an enhanced single register that was done in 2022, which ranked the households in terms of their vulnerability.

"Community leaders and national government

This programme has highly assisted poor families who were factored in Cohort I and we hope those being included in the second cohort will invest wisely the funds they are given," - Nkanatha



Social Protection PS Joseph Motari (left) confers with Mary Nduta who established a water kiosk at Kabuta area after she got support from Economic Inclusion Programme.

administrators have also helped in ensuring we have the most deserving families in the programme," he stated.

Motari called upon the families to prudently utilize the funds and establish sustainable projects which will be a lasting solution from their vulnerability status.

Meanwhile the PS noted that all beneficiaries of cash transfer will start receiving their monthly stipend through mobile money services by closure of this year.

He noted that the caretakers of orphans and vulnerable children and those with disabilities are already receiving their stipend through their

mobile phones.

"Beneficiaries of Inua Jamii are yet to be included in mobile phone money services but we are working out to ensure all the 1.7 million beneficiaries start getting their monthly stipend through their phones come December this year," he remarked.

On his part, Murang'a County Commissioner Joshua Nkanatha said the families listed in the programme from the county were thoroughly vetted to ensure they are the most deserving.

Nkanatha said the small businesses that were established by beneficiaries of Cohort I are doing well, assuring

them of security of their enterprises.

"This programme has highly assisted poor families who were factored in Cohort I and we hope those being included in the second cohort will invest wisely the funds they are given," he added.

One of the beneficiaries of Cohort I, Mary Nduta, appreciated the programme saying when she was given Sh30,000 she started the business of selling water.

Nduta from Kabuta area in Murang'a East Sub-County explained that she approached a local water firm who set up for her a water kiosk where she currently ekes her livelihood.

1.3m residents set to benefit as Thwake Dam project gains momentum

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI, KNA

Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary (CS) Eng. Eric Mugaa has assured Kenyans that the State is fully engaging key stakeholders, including the African Development Bank (AfDB), to fast-track cash flow and hasten the completion of the Thwake Multipurpose Dam.

Eng. Mugaa made this statement during a tour of the multi-billion shilling dam, funded by AfDB and the Government of Kenya, which will benefit nearly 1.3 million residents from the rural areas of the Lower Eastern counties of Makeni, Kitui, and parts of Machakos.

The CS assured the contractor that his ministry would expedite the processing of pending interim payment certifi-

cates (IPCs) to ensure the project is completed as scheduled.

"We have engaged all stakeholders involved to ensure that we complete this project. The fiscal financial space we are currently operating within as a nation cuts across all ministries, including Water and Sanitation. This is why we are in constant communication with the AfDB to expedite payment of pending certificates so that the contractor can complete the work," Eng. Mugaa stated.

At the same time, he acknowledged that the project has faced significant cash flow challenges, adding that the dam embankment settlement is ongoing well and is nearing completion.

"Technically, for the last two months, we had to allow the dam embankment to settle properly hence no work could



Water CS Eng. Mugaa (centre) accompanied by his PS Julius Korir (right) and Water Secretary Eng. Samuel Alima during a tour of Thwake Multi-Purpose Dam.

have been undertaken. Settlement is nearly complete at the edge and the professionals at the Ministry, contractor and the consultant have confirmed that it is nearly complete," he added.

"As a Ministry we are keen to give value for money and for every coin spent here, people must enjoy the benefits of this project," he noted.

Eng. Mugaa disclosed

that the project has made significant progress of more than 94 per cent with variations with the ministry keen to ensure it is completed by mid-June next year.

He further added that the farmers in the Lower Eastern region will contribute to the food security of the country since they will be depending on water from the dam to irrigate their farms.

"Thwake Multipurpose Dam is a flagship project and among the five key dams being constructed in the country. This dam will boost the country's food security agenda whereby farmers will irrigate the good arable and fertile soils to contribute to food security," Eng. Mugaa said.

"The farmers will no longer rely on unpredictable rains and uptake irrigation in farming in the communities in the lower region," the CS added.

Additionally, he observed that the place will also become a tourist attraction place as there will be a road constructed on top of the embankment to connect Makeni and Kitui besides creating job opportunities.

"This will be a tourist attraction. The water impounded here will be a tourist attraction. A road will be constructed here

to connect the Makeni and Kitui communities," Mugaa said.

He revealed that the water supply component will require Sh17 billion and Sh2.4 billion to be spent on the irrigation component respectively. At least 150,000 cubic meters of water will be distributed daily to the residents once the project is complete.

The program is being implemented in four phases including construction of an 80.5 m high multi-purpose dam with a storage of 688 mm³ of water and development of a hydropower generating system with an installed capacity of approximately 20 MW.

He was accompanied by the Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation Julius Korir, Water Secretary Eng. Samuel Alima among others.

Muturi stresses value of timely delivery of government services

BY JEVVAH M. KIPLIMO, KNA

The Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Justin Muturi, has reassured Kenyans of the government's commitment to efficiency in operations and service delivery.

Speaking at Harambee House during a high-level two-year performance contract appraisal review meeting attended by the Secretary to the Cabinet, Mercy Wanjau, and Deputy Chief of Staff, Eliud Owalo, Muturi stated that the Civil Service continues to play a critical role in delivering public services.

He affirmed that his ministry will remain steadfast, vigilant, and alert to indicators ranging from policy and legislative measures to human support and government communication, as agreed upon during the first and second high-level Cabinet retreats in Nanyuki and Naivasha.

Muturi specifically lauded the Huduma Kenya service centers for improving service delivery across the country, noting that this milestone reflects the government's commitment to enhancing efficiency, accessibility, and convenience for citizens.

"These centers have played a vital role in reducing bureaucracy and wait times for government services, allowing citizens to access multiple services in a single location, which



Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Justin Muturi.

improves overall efficiency and satisfaction," he said.

On her part, Wanjau emphasized the critical importance of continuously reviewing the progress of all targets set by various ministries and government departments to ensure that objectives are met in a timely manner.

She stated that the government's performance hinges on efficiency and accountability across all levels of the public service and stressed that delays in delivering key services and development targets could impede national development.

The Secretary firmly asserted that achieving set targets is not optional, adding that it reflects the government's relationship with its citizens.

"This session is aimed at reviewing the progress of key projects and setting benchmarks for the Ministry's future operations," she added.

During the deliberations, several key resolutions were agreed upon to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of public service operations.

Owalo gave an undertaking that the government is keen on ensuring bills are cleared within the current Financial Year (FY), ensuring not more than one per cent of pending bills spill over into the following year's budget.

This move, he said, aims to reduce financial backlogs and streamline fiscal management, with the goal of more timely releases of exchequer funds.

Lobby partners with EACC to enhance internal audit quality in public service

BY ANNE KANGERO, KNA

The Institute of Internal Auditors Kenya (IAK) has partnered with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to train heads of internal audit in the Public Service on new internal audit standards.

According to Dr. Joyce Omina, the CEO of the IAK, the new audit standards incorporated in Domain 2 emphasize ethics and professionalism, particularly focusing on the professional courage required to tackle corruption within organizations.

Omina, speaking to journalists at Machakos University during the first

phase of capacity building for heads of internal auditors, stated that the EACC has issued guidelines on anti-corruption, prompting them to revise their standards to prioritize ethics and professionalism.


"The EACC issued guidelines to the Public Service on anti-corruption, and as the IAK, we have recently updated our internal audit standards in Domain 2 to focus on ethics and professionalism, with an emphasis on professional courage," Omina said.

The IAK CEO underscored the crucial role of internal auditors, who are

at the forefront of uncovering corruption in organizations and are also responsible for implementing controls to help curb it.


She noted that the new audit standards on professional courage will be a boost in dealing with corruption and ethics in different organizations to run the country with accountability.

On her part Emily Moria, the EACC Deputy Director in charge of education and public awareness, added that EACC is training internal auditors to embrace the values of integrity and ethics in their functions.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

State Department for Agriculture ENABLE Youth Kenya Program



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Background:

The Empowering Novel Agribusiness-Led Employment (ENABLE) Youth Kenya Program aims at contributing to job creation, food security and nutrition, income generation and improved livelihoods for youths in both urban and rural areas. ENABLE Youth Kenya Program is currently seeking suitable Agripreneurs as incubatees to be trained and empowered within the supported value chains via a countrywide recruitment exercise. The agribusiness ideas have to be innovative and novel.

The Program focuses on the entire Agriculture Value Chain from production, processing, value addition: input supplies and marketing in the following specific values chains targeted; Poultry, Vegetables, Dairy, Beef, Pasture, Mushroom, Pig, and Fish.

This recruitment will target the following two categories: Standards & Accelerators.

Standard Incubatee	Accelerated Incubatee
A youth Agripreneurs to be recruited as an incubatee into the ENABLE Youth Kenya Program should be one whose business has an annual turn over of less than Kes 500,000	A youth Agripreneurs who has been actively running an agribusiness venture with an Annual Turn Over of above Kes. 500,000.
The incubatee must be willing and available to be capacity built and/or funded to attain economic viability.	The incubatee must be willing and available to be capacity built and/or funded to upscale their business.
The standard Incubatees should be having a running Agribusiness.	The Accelerator Incubatees business should have been in operation for a period exceeding twelve months
This category will undergo incubation and training for a period not exceeding 3 months.	This category will undergo incubation and training for a period not exceeding 3 months.
Must be a holder of a certificate/Diploma/Degree from a Recognized Institution.	Must be a holder of a Certificate/Diploma/Degree from a Recognized Institution.

Eligibility Criteria

1. They must be Kenyan Citizen with a National ID, Aged between 18-35 Years
2. ALL candidates shall be required to meet all integrity requirements.
3. The Program is committed to implementing Affirmative Action. In this regard, Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWDs) and those from marginalized groups with requisite qualification are encouraged to apply.
4. Projects in Value Addition, Aggregation, Marketing, Agricultural Services and Distribution will be highly considered.

Application Process:


The interested candidates shall be required to submit their application by filling the online provided form and submitting it. The form is available through the link: <https://forms.gle/1S5dQUHeEAuoNLN58>

The details for application can be accessed through ENABLE youth website; <https://enableyouth.kilimo.go.ke> (PIU) and Ministry of Agriculture website <https://.kilimo.go.ke> **{VACANCIES OR MEDIA CENTRE – ADVERTISEMENTS}**


All Applications should be received not later than **31st October 2024.**

CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGES TO APPLY HIGHLIGHTING WHETHER THEY ARE STANDARDS OR ACCELERATORS BASED ON THE CRITERIA PROVIDED

Fill and submit an online application form at: <https://forms.gle/1S5dQUHeEAuoNLN58>



School Equipment Production Unit (SEPU)




INVITATION TO TENDER

School Equipment Production Unit (SEPU) Invites tenders from interested bidders for provision of the following;

NO	TENDER NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	CLOSING DATE
1.	SEPU/T/2/2024 -2025	Provision of Medical Cover for Staff and eligible Board members	Tuesday 08/10/2024	Tuesday 15/10/2024
2.	SEPU/T/3/2024 - 2025	Provision of General Insurance services	Tuesday 08/10/2024	Tuesday 15/10/2024
3.	SEPU/T/4/2024 - 2025	Provision of Security services	Tuesday 08/10/2024	Tuesday 15/10/2024

Tender documents detailing requirements may be obtained from SEPU website (www.sepu.ac.ke) Opening of tenders will be done soon after closure time.

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
SCHOOL EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION UNIT,
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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

OPEN TENDER

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROCUREMENT OF A MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATION CONSULTANCY FIRM

TENDER NO.MOALD/SDA/OT/EOI/2024/025

To successfully implement its commitment to advancing Kenya's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda for food security and enhancing the capacity of farmers, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development recognizes the need for a strategic and comprehensive communication approach. Due to its wide mandate within the two state departments, Agriculture and Livestock development, the ministry needs to be supported by a media and communication firm to be able to provide capacity for managing communication in the ministry. A media and communication consultancy firm will provide the expertise necessary to amplify the ministry's initiatives, ensuring that key messages reach the intended audiences effectively and resonate with stakeholders across the agricultural sector. The following points outline the rationale for engaging a specialized media and communication consultancy:

1. Enhancing Visibility of Ministry Projects

The Ministry has been actively involved in numerous citizen-centered policies, programs, and projects aimed at boosting agricultural productivity and ensuring food security. However, the visibility of these initiatives remains a critical factor in gaining public support and stakeholder confidence. By onboarding a media and communication consultancy, the Ministry aims to effectively showcase its achievements and milestones through strategic media engagement and targeted communication campaigns. This will increase public awareness of the Ministry's efforts, helping to align stakeholders with its goals and fostering a supportive environment for agricultural development.

2. Effective Information Dissemination

A key component of the Ministry's mandate is to disseminate crucial agricultural information to farmers, stakeholders, and the general public. Accurate and timely information on best practices, market trends, weather patterns, and technological advancements can significantly improve decision-making at the grassroots level. The consultancy firm will play a vital role in managing the flow of information through multiple channels, including digital platforms, traditional media, and community outreach, thereby enhancing access to relevant information and facilitating the adoption of best practices among farmers.

3. Supporting Technology Transfer and Backstopping Processes

Technology transfer and backstopping are essential in bridging the gap between agricultural research and practical application in the field. The Ministry has implemented various initiatives such as the Galana-Kulalu Food Security Projects, KIAMIS, KAMIS, e-voucher system, climate-smart agriculture promotion, and digital platforms for agricultural extension, all of which rely on effective communication to achieve their goals. The consultancy will support the Ministry in communicating these innovations to farmers, providing troubleshooting and feedback mechanisms to ensure effective adoption. This approach will empower farmers with modern agricultural technologies, enhancing productivity, resilience, and overall food security.

4. Creating a Community of Practice

The Ministry aims to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders through the creation of communities of practice. This involves using digital platforms and in-person forums to facilitate continuous dialogue and the exchange of innovative ideas in agriculture. The consultancy firm will be instrumental in managing these platforms, ensuring active participation, and driving engagement that results in strengthened networks and partnerships across the agricultural sector.

5. Facilitating Learning Events/Events Management

Organizing training, workshops, and learning events is vital for building capacity among farmers and agricultural officers. These events provide opportunities to disseminate the latest knowledge, skills, and technologies, directly contributing to improved productivity and innovation in farming practices. The consultancy will assist the Ministry in planning and executing these learning engagements, providing logistical support, content development, and post-event evaluations to maximize impact and communicate the same to the public.

6. Strengthening the Ministry's Brand Visibility

Branding plays a critical role in shaping public perception and enhancing the visibility of the Ministry's work. A strong, consistent brand presence across all media platforms not only builds recognition but also reinforces the Ministry's commitment to agriculture and livestock development. The consultancy will develop and implement a comprehensive branding strategy that aligns with the Ministry's mission and vision, ensuring that its initiatives are communicated effectively and resonate with stakeholders and the ministry's strategic plan.

7. Proactive Social Media Management

In today's digital age, an active social media presence is essential for engaging the public, disseminating information, and responding to real-time feedback. The consultancy will develop a robust social media strategy, manage platforms, and create engaging content to build a dynamic online presence for the Ministry. This approach will enhance transparency, foster public trust, and enable direct communication with the agricultural community and the wider public.

8. Mainstream Media Management and PR

Managing relationships with mainstream media is crucial for ensuring accurate and positive coverage of the Ministry's initiatives. The consultancy will coordinate media relations, develop press materials, and facilitate media engagements to ensure that the Ministry's narrative is consistently represented in the media. This proactive media management and PR will help build a positive public image, manage reputational risks, and ensure that the Ministry's successes and innovations are highlighted to a broad audience locally and internationally.

Expected Positive Outcomes

Engaging a media and communication consultancy will result in increased agricultural output through the adoption of modern farming techniques, reduced vulnerability to climate change, economic empowerment of farmers, and the promotion of sustainable practices. These outcomes align with the Ministry's broader goals of advancing food security, driving economic growth in rural areas, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of Kenya's agricultural sector.

By onboarding a media and communication consultancy, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development will significantly enhance its capacity to communicate effectively, engage stakeholders, and drive forward its mission of transforming Kenya's agricultural landscape.

SECTION II: TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Introduction

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development seeks to enhance its media visibility and improve its corporate image both nationally and internationally. This initiative aims to highlight the ministry's achievements and milestones in key media outlets, manage its public narrative, and proactively address issues that may affect its reputation.

2. Consultancy Services

The Ministry requires the expertise of a qualified consulting firm to provide technical and advisory support for managing its public reputation and enhancing its stakeholder relationships. The consultancy will play a pivotal role in communicating the ministry's initiatives, including technology transfer to farmers, and creating a cohesive narrative that aligns with the ministry's mission of promoting food security and agricultural development in Kenya.

3. Scope of Work

3.1. Crisis Communications

- Develop and implement a crisis communications protocol tailored to the ministry's needs.
- Provide holding statements and other media collateral, including press releases.
- Coordinate editor briefings to address urgent issues and maintain a positive public image.
- Manage social media platforms to ensure accurate and timely dissemination of information during crises.
- Prepare for parliamentary hearings by supporting the ministry's communication strategy.
- Facilitate stakeholder relations to mitigate potential reputational risks.

3.2. Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relationship Management

- Analyze the ministry's operational context and its impact on communication strategies.
- Monitor social media and manage sentiment to maintain a positive public perception.
- Deliver strategic communications services that align with the ministry's objectives.
- Provide public affairs support to enhance the ministry's engagement with various stakeholders.
- Oversee stakeholder relationship management to ensure cohesive and effective communication across all platforms.

3.3. Content Production

- Produce weekly, monthly, and quarterly content that showcase success stories, milestones, and testimonials from various projects.
- Develop creative messages for posters, blogs, and other digital content, designed to engage the agricultural community.
- Create a comprehensive photography and media database, including images of ministry events, technology transfer initiatives, and field activities.

3.4. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Brand and Public Relation

- Consistently communicate the ministry's milestones and successes through various media channels.
- Foster engagement with stakeholders to strengthen the ministry's public image.
- Highlight success stories and achievements in the media to maintain sustained visibility and promote the ministry's role in food security and technology transfer.

3.5. Social Media Engagement

- Develop a robust social media strategy that supports the ministry's goals.
- Manage all social media platforms, ensuring regular and engaging content that aligns with the ministry's initiatives.
- Prepare and execute monthly social media calendars to maintain consistent communication.
- Engage interactively with the public to build a community of practice around agricultural innovation and technology transfer.
- Analyze feedback and social media metrics to continuously improve engagement and communication strategies.

3.6. Media Engagement

Managing relationships with mainstream media is crucial for ensuring accurate and positive coverage of the Ministry's initiatives. The consultancy will coordinate media relations, develop press materials, and facilitate media engagements to ensure that the Ministry's narrative is consistently represented in the media. This proactive media management and PR will help build a positive public image, manage reputational risks, and ensure that the Ministry's successes and innovations are highlighted to a broad audience locally and internationally.

4. Timeframe and Deliverables

The consultancy is expected to provide long-term engagement with key stakeholder groups. Services will be provided continuously, with an annual review of performance and deliverables to ensure alignment with the ministry's objectives and to assess the potential renewal of the contract. After evaluation of performance annually, the contract will be renewed subject to approval by the process owner which is the communication department at the ministry.

4.1. Crisis Communications

- Provide ongoing crisis communications support as required to protect the ministry's reputation.

4.2. Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relationship Management

- Enhance the ministry's reputation through proactive communication and stakeholder relationship management, minimizing risks of operational disruptions.



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5. Consultancy Profile

The selected consultancy must meet specific criteria to ensure the successful execution of the assignment:

5.1. Public Affairs Specialist

- The consultancy should have extensive experience advising government organizations, MDAs in Kenya or East Africa on public policy and managing complex relationships with key audiences.

5.2. Corporate Communications Expertise

- Demonstrated experience in strategic communications, with a blend of project management skills, consulting disciplines, and an in-depth understanding of Kenya's political, media, and business landscapes.

5.3. Content Production Expertise

- Proven record of accomplishment in producing high-impact communications content over the past three years, including videos, photography, social media engagement and creative messaging.

5.4. Brand Strategy Specialist

- Solid experience in brand strategy and management, particularly within the public sector and non-profit organizations.

5.5. Kenyan Stakeholder Relationship Management

- The consultancy should have a strong track record in managing stakeholder relationships with government, community, and investors in Kenya.

5.6. Corporate Strategy Competencies

- Expertise in advising on corporate strategy across both public and private sectors, with a focus on the agricultural and rural development fields.

5.7. Consultancy Staff, Financial Requirements, and Reference Assignments

- The consultancy should have a local presence in Kenya, with a deep understanding of the national context and qualified Kenyan management staff to lead the project.

6 (a) Preliminary Mandatory Requirements

- Valid Tax compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
- Copy of Business Registration/Certificate of incorporation
- Valid trading license/Business permit
- Proof of physical address eg, lease/tenancy agreement.
- CR12 for limited companies issued within the last one-year and the list of Directors and shareholding & copies of Identification Cards (ID) for the listed Directors.
- Provide evidence of experience in providing services (a minimum of 2) of similar nature, complexity, and magnitude within the last five (5) years.
- Demonstrate financial and organizational strength by attaching audited accounts for the last two (2) years.
- Demonstrate the ability, capacity, and experience to undertake the assignment.
- Provide signed Curriculum Vitae of at least five (5) personnel with capacity to undertake the assignment.
- Submission of one original tender document and two copies of each.

Additional Evaluation Criteria

6 (b) The consultancy firm should provide a comprehensive proposal including:

- Comments on the Terms of Reference
- Company profile and expertise description
- Summary of relevant experience in strategic communications and stakeholder management
- Methodology and schedule for the assignment
- Proposed team composition and staff expertise
- Detailed budget with fee structures
- Additional relevant information

7. EOI SUBMISSION

Completed Expression of Interest (EOI) documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked **"EOI PROCUREMENT A MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATION CONSULTANCY FIRM"**. The completed tender documents should be posted to reach the address shown below on or before **Tuesday 29th October, 2024 at 11:00 am** or placed in the Tender Box situated at the Main Reception, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road on or before the said date and time. Expressions of Interest can be submitted to:

The Principal Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
State Department for Agriculture
P. O. Box 30028 - 00100
NAIROBI, KENYA



TENDER NAME:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF PRIORITIZED INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE INTELLECTUAL ASSETS AND BUSINESS PLANS
TENDER NO:	NMK/T/18/CONSULTANCY/2024-2025
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)	

Client:	National Museums of Kenya - Natural Products Industry (NPI) Initiative
Project Duration:	Twelve (12) weeks.
Tender Number:	NMK/T/18/CONSULTANCY/2024-2025

1. Introduction

1.1 Background and Context

The "Natural Products Industry (NPI) Initiative for Kenya" is a flagship project under the Kenya Vision 2030 development blueprint as incorporated in Medium Term Plan IV 2023-2027 and the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BeTA). This agenda is also cascaded in the National Museums of Kenya Strategic Plan 2023-2027. This initiative seeks to fully harness the natural products subsector and thereby build it into a vibrant industry that will significantly contribute to national development priorities including employment and wealth creation, poverty alleviation, improved biodiversity management and attainment of double-digit GDP growth. Hitherto, local initiatives on Indigenous Knowledge Intellectual Assets (IKIAs) operate in the informal sector of the economy and, therefore, there is limited data on the potential contribution of the subsector to the economy and local livelihoods. There is therefore need for data to establish the market outlook (access, current and future) and the potential of this subsector.

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK), through the Natural Products Industry (NPI) Program, seeks a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on the commercial viability of Indigenous Knowledge Intellectual Assets (IKIAs) in thirteen (13) counties. The study will provide evidence-based insights on the potential for IKIAs commercialization and outline the investments required to fully harness and mainstream these value chains, driving grassroots economic and social transformation.

1.2 Goal

The overall goal of the feasibility study is to determine the commercial viability of prioritized IKIAs, and provide a road map towards opening up a new subsector of Kenya's economy through harnessing the IKIAs into market-ready innovations for impactful grass root economic and social transformation.

1.3 Project Objectives

Overall Objective: To conduct feasibility studies to evaluate the commercial viability of IKIAs as Heritage-Based Enterprises at the local, national, and international levels.

Specific Objectives

- To conduct a feasibility study for prioritized IKIAs with product-specific value chains and identify the requirements for successful commercialization.
- To propose product-specific business plans/model for potentially viable assets, including estimated investment levels.
- To identify key factors to ensure the long-term sustainability of these enterprises.

2. Scope of Work

2.1 Consultancy Services

The consultant will:

- Produce a report and present during the inception meeting.
- Conduct a feasibility study on the prioritized IKIAs (under the following five categories: Traditional Foods, Traditional Medicines, Music, Traditional Technologies, and Heritage Sites) in 13 counties namely Kilifi, Makueni, Tharaka Nithi, Garissa, Marsabit, Muranga, Narok, Kisii, Kericho, Turkana, Siaya, Vihiga, and Kakamega. The study will involve assessing product value chains, market analysis, risk assessment, exploring critical sustainability factors among thematic areas of study that need to be investigated. In particular, the consultant will be expected to share ideas on strategies of transforming the IKIAs into services and goods for market uptake. The study will also involve ranking the viability of IKIAs in individual counties and across counties.
- Explore the potential inherent in aggregation of IKIAs within and across counties. For instance, harnessing heritage sites into tourism circuits within which traditional foods, music and dance, traditional attire can be developed as connected economic activities to deliver multiplier effect.
- Develop product-specific business plans for commercially viable products/assets and propose investment models that will bring the products into profitability and ultimately lead to socio-economic benefits including wealth creation, contribution to GDP growth, job creation, increased household income, enhanced livelihood.
- Produce and physically present of the mid-term report
- Prepare a comprehensive feasibility study report and an abridged version of not more than 25 pages.
- Present the key highlights of the report to key stakeholder for validation and ownership and thereafter submit final reports (comprehensive and abridged versions)

2.2 Deliverables

- Inception Report:** A detailed inception.
- Feasibility Study Reports:** A comprehensive report and an abridged version (25 pager).
- Product-specific Business Plans for Commercially Viable Assets:** Detailed product specific business plans reports.

3. Responsibilities:

Role of NMK-NPI and key partners:

- To provide relevant documents needed for the study.
- To avail the list of key informant/respondents and key contacts.
- To organize and host inception and stakeholders' validation meetings.

The role of the consulting firm/consultant:

- Carry out the assignment as stipulated in the terms of reference.

Timelines and milestones: The project will be executed over a 12-week period.

- Inception report within 1 week of contract signing.
- Mid-term report within 7 weeks of contract signing.
- Present reports to stakeholders for validation within 13 weeks of contract signing.
- Final reports within 14 weeks of contract signing.

4. Reporting and Communication

- Reporting Requirements:** The consultant will report to the NPI Secretariat and provide bi-weekly updates on the project's progress.
- Communication Channels:** The consultant will maintain official communication with the NMK-NPI designated officer.



178,000 nets to be distributed in malaria prone areas of Kericho

BY DOMINIC CHERES AND KIBE MBURU, KNA

The National Malaria Control Programme intends to distribute over 178,000 long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) to a population of 291,833 in Soin-Sigowet and Kipkelion West Sub-Counties in the fight against malaria.

Speaking today during a malaria overview and stratification meeting in Kericho, the Kericho County Public Health Officer (CPHO), Mr. Joseph Kilel, stated that the two sub-counties were selected for mass net distribution because these areas were identified as malaria-endemic zones.

Mr. Kilel pointed out that in Soin-Sigowet, for every 1,000 people, 233 tested positive for malaria, while in Kipkelion West, 104 people tested positive for malaria out of every 1,000.

He noted that the other four sub-counties—Ainamoi, Bureti, Belgut, and Kipkelion East—reported low prevalence rates of malaria.

The CPHO stated that



National Malaria Control (NMCP) Program, Monitoring Officer, Christine Wayua speaking during the Malaria overview and stratification meeting in Kericho

before the distribution of the nets, households would undergo a digital registration exercise to ascertain the actual number of recipients per household, assuring that every household will be catered to.

He added that persons with disabilities and street families will also be considered during the registration exercise.

“Every two members in a family will be issued with one net. For families with five members, they

will be issued with two nets assuming that parents will use one net, and the three children will share one net,” Mr. Kilel elaborated.

He further said the nets will be stored at Fort Tenan Hospital in Kipkelion West and Sigowet Hospital in Soin Sigowet where security personnel will provide security around the clock.

Already, the Ministry of Health has captured 58,304 households who will benefit from the mass nets distribution exercise.

Lands CS pledges to resolve title deed wrangles in Eldoret’s Langas Ward

BY CATHERINE MUIINDI (PCO)

Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome has pledged to resolve the longstanding issue of title deeds for residents of Langas Ward in Eldoret.

Wahome noted that the residents of Langas, one of the informal settlements earmarked for infrastructure development under the second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP2), need land tenure documents to secure their parcels for future development.

She made these remarks in Eldoret while officially launching ongoing projects under KISIP2 and assessing their progress.

During the visit, the CS praised Governor Bii for his proactive leadership, describing the KISIP2 initiatives as “transformative.”

Addressing the residents of Langas Ward, the CS highlighted the construction of a two-kilo-

meter tarmac road, along with stormwater drainage and lighting, which will significantly enhance living conditions in informal settlements.

Speaking, Governor Jonathan Bii expressed satisfaction with the advancement of affordable housing projects which are aligned with the President’s objectives.

The tour included key sites in Pioneer, Kidiwa, and Railway City, where they observed significant progress, including the construction of 2,260 low-cost housing units in Pioneer and 220 units in Kapsuswa, Soy Constituency.



These projects aim to improve housing availability and create job opportunities for local youth, thus promoting regional growth.

Highlighting KISIP2’s impact, Governor Bii lauded improvements in road infrastructure, drainage systems, and green spaces, stating, “Our journey under this initiative has benefited numerous settlements, enhancing economic and social livelihoods.”

The Governor also announced plans to install seven high masts in key areas to improve security and support a 24-hour economy.



Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary Ms Alice Wahome (right) in Eldoret.

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

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


Tender Reference Number	Tender Description	Pre-Bid Meeting / Site Visit	Closing/ Opening Date
CAA/OT/MIA/0029/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning Services for General Areas, Fumigation and Pest Control Services at Moi International Airport. <i>(Eligibility Duly Registered Youth Group, Women and People living with Disability Owned Enterprises).</i>	There shall be a site visit on 23/10/2024 at Moi International Airport at 10:00 am	31/10/2024 at 11:00 am
CAA/OT/HQ/0030 / 2024-2025	Proposed Rehabilitation of Kenya Airports Authority Headquarters' Roof for Kenya Airports Authority.	There shall be a site visit on 23/10/2024 at Kenya Airports Authority Headquarters at 10:00 am	31/10/2024 at 11:00 am
CAA/OT/HQ/0031/ 2024-2025	Provision of Debt Collection Services for Kenya Airports Authority.	N/A	24/10/2024 at 11:00 am


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

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

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

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TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) is a State Corporation whose mandate is to plan, design, construct, operate, own, and maintain high voltage national electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors.

KETRACO now invites tenders from interested/eligible firms to bid for the tenders given below:

S/no	Tender Description	Tender Number	Eligibility	Closing Date
1.	Supply of Spare 110Vdc and 48Vdc Chargers and Batteries for Substations	KETRACO-PT-032-2024	Open	30 th October 2024 at 10.30am EAT
2.	Supply of Spares for Substations as follows: • Silica Gel for Transformer Breathers • SF6 Gas with Cylinders • Sling Ropes	KETRACO-PT-034-2024	Open	6 th November 2024 at 10.30am EAT


KETRACO tenders run on SAP ARIBA e-procurement platform and therefore the tender document detailing the requirements may be viewed by clicking on the link provided in KETRACO website (www.ketraco.co.ke) beginning **9th October 2024**.

All enquiries on this tender should be channelled through kettenders@ketraco.co.ke; cc hkisero@ketraco.co.ke or through message board in SAP Ariba.

Complete tender documents shall be electronically submitted through SAP ARIBA platform on or before the dates as indicated in the table above for specific tenders.

Tenders will be opened electronically promptly thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend in KETRACO Procurement Office at Kawi Complex, Block B, Second Floor.

Ag. SENIOR MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN FOR: MANAGING DIRECTOR



New initiative to address unique challenges faced by minority groups

BY **BONIFACE MALINDA**
AND **JACQUELINE ADYANG,**
KNA

The Government is working on a policy paper aimed at addressing the challenges faced by minority and marginalized communities in the country. Officials from the Directorate of Minority and Marginalized Affairs, under the Executive Office of the President, held a two-day workshop in Machakos County to develop a concept

paper designed to facilitate the empowerment and inclusivity of disadvantaged communities.

This initiative reflects a commitment to ensuring that these communities receive the support and resources they need to thrive. The Director of Minority and Marginalized Affairs, Josephat Lowoi, stated that the workshop focused on creating a comprehensive concept paper and matrix specifically for ethnic mi-

norities and marginalized communities. He explained that the document aims to outline a strategic framework and roadmap to address the unique challenges faced by these groups.

Lowoi emphasized, "Through these collaborative discussions and expert insights, the participants worked tirelessly to ensure that the concept paper reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of these communities." He expressed

optimism that the concept paper would establish a framework for fostering an inclusive and equitable society.

Lowoi reiterated that the government remains committed to addressing the needs of minority and marginalized communities, ensuring their concerns are prioritised in policy development.

The Director observed that, "The outcomes of this retreat will play a crucial

role in shaping policies and programmes that promote social justice and equity," Lowoi, said, adding that the Concept Paper would guide the government in effectively addressing the needs of these communities.


The officers developed a detailed matrix which included specific timelines, responsible parties, and resource allocations to ensure the successful integration of minorities and marginalized communities into

the national development agenda.

"The matrix is designed to serve as a practical tool for implementing the strategies outlined in the concept paper," he said.

It includes specific goals, timelines, and measurable outcomes to track progress and ensure accountability," he added.

The retreat marked the pivotal moment journey towards equality and inclusivity, he said.



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TENDER NOTICE

National Government Affirmative Action Fund is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA) under the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affair. The Fund was enacted through Legal Notice No. 24 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and published on 13th February 2015. The fund is one of government initiatives anchored on the vision 2030 development blue print under the social pillar to address the plight of vulnerable groups by reducing poverty and inequality through enhanced access to financial facilities for social economic empowerment among women, youth, persons with disabilities, needy children and elderly persons in the country.



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

PREQUALIFICATION /REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOODS AND PROVISION OF SERVICES

TENDER NUMBER: NGAAF/NRB/PREQ001-017/2024-2026

NO	CATEGORY REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	ELEGIBILITY	DEADLINE
1.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/001/2024-2026	Prequalification for provision of general supplies	Reserved	22/10/2024
2.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/002/2024-2026	Prequalification for supply, repair and maintenance of office equipment (metal filing cabinet etc.)	Reserved	22/10/2024
3.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/003/2024-2026	Prequalification for provision of construction works, repair works and other services	Open	22/10/2024
4.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/004/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of general office stationery and other common user items	Reserved	22/10/2024
5.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/005/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of branded sports kits, sports shoes and other sports equipment	Reserved	22/10/2024
6.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/006/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of promotional materials and branded items (T-shirts, caps, umbrellas, banners, roll ups and teardrops)	Reserved	22/10/2024
7.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/007/2024-2026	Prequalification for provision of branding	open	22/10/2024
8.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/008/2024-2026	Supply and fitting of office equipment	Reserved	22/10/2024
9.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/009/2024-2026	Supply and delivery of bottled water and other dry food stuffs	Reserved	22/10/2024
10.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/010/2024-2026	Prequalification for supply and delivery of posho mills and their accessories	Reserved	22/10/2024
11.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/011/2024-2026	Provision of event management and entertainment services	Open	22/10/2024
12.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/012/2024-2026	Provision of catering services	Reserved	22/10/2024
13.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/013/2024-2026	Prequalification for consultancy and training services	Open	22/10/2024
14.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/014/2024-2026	Prequalification for provision of fabrication of metals	Reserved	22/10/2024
15.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/015/2024-2026	Prequalification for supply of petroleum and other lubricants	Open	22/10/2024
16.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/016/2024-2026	Prequalification for provision for maintenance and repair of vehicles	Open	22/10/2024
17.	NGAAF/NRB/PREQ/017/2024-2026	Prequalification for supply of electronics and their accessories	Open	22/10/2024



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)

ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Consulting Services – Firms Selection)


Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT DIGITAL ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE & E-GOVERNMENT INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-404988-CS-CQS

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("the Services") include Development of Government Digital Enterprise Architecture & E-Government Interoperability Framework. The assignment is expected to take four (4) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke or can be obtained at the address given below.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority through the Program Implementation Unit (PIU) now invites eligible consulting firms ("**Consultants**") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in delivering advisory/consulting services on Open Data or related ICT projects for at least ten (10) years.
 - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate having successfully executed at least two (2) assignments of similar nature and complexity in the ICT sector in similar operating environment in the last five (5) years. Details of the assignments (name and address of the client, scope, value, and period) should be provided.
 - Technical and managerial capability of the consulting firm:** The firm shall demonstrate having the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment (attach company profile).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "**Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers**" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("**Procurement Regulations**"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during the following office hours 0900 and 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours) East African Time (EAT) and public holidays
- Expression of interest must be delivered in written form by **21st October 2024 at 1000hours EAT.** - using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: procurement@ict.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. **For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked Development of Government Digital Enterprise Architecture & E-Government Interoperability Framework; Contract No. KE-ICTA-404988-CS-CQS**

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HOW PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING IMPROVES FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Since 2003, the Government of Kenya has been committed to performance management in the public sector, introducing a series of reforms aimed at making better use of resources for lasting socio-economic development. At the heart of this effort is Performance Contracting, which helps connect key areas like planning, budgeting, implementation, and the delivery of results that benefit citizens.

Through Performance Contracting, Ministries, State Departments, State Corporations, and other public sector institutions identify their key priorities as outlined in their Strategic Plans, which align with the Government's policy frameworks, including the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2023-2027, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), and relevant Sessional Papers and Sector Strategies. These priorities are also reflected in the Annual Work Plans and are connected to the budget allocations for Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

The Government continues to leverage Performance Contracting to improve financial accountability and ensure the prudent use of resources in MDAs. This is achieved through results-based commitments, as well as monitoring, reporting, and evaluating financial performance across six key indicators: Absorption of Allocated Funds, Absorption of Externally Mobilized Funds, Appropriation-in-Aid (A-in-A), Pending Bills Ratio, Project Completion Rate, and Revenue Collection.

MDAs to fully utilize 100% of their budgeted

The Absorption of Allocated Funds indicator requires all MDAs to fully utilize 100% of their budgeted and approved funds - whether from the Government of Kenya or generated by the MDA - on the programs, projects, and activities approved by Parliament and planned at the organizational level. This ensures a clear connection between planning, budgeting, and performance. MDAs that score poorly on this indicator, indicating ineffective use of financial resources, must explain their performance and demonstrate their capacity to utilize funds in the following financial year, or risk forfeiting those resources for other programs. By mandating that MDAs use all allocated financial resources, Performance Contracting helps minimize waste and enables the reallocation of unspent funds to other critical areas.

Externally mobilized funds, often



By Eliud Owalo FIHRM FESK EGH

referred to as donor funds, play a crucial role in complementing Government resources and supporting specific bilateral programs aligned with the Government's National Development Agenda. Effectively utilizing these funds is essential for achieving program objectives, especially since some are provided as loans that accrue interest. The Performance Contracting indicator for the Absorption of Externally Mobilized Funds mandates that MDAs use 100% of approved funds (both loans and grants) from Development Partners for the programs, projects, and activities they were designated for. Additionally, MDAs are required to disclose all sources of external funding to enhance transparency in resource management. This process is vital for ensuring the efficient use of externally mobilized funds and demonstrating the Government's commitment to fulfilling its financial obligations in donor-funded programs.

Appropriation-in-Aid (A-in-A) refers to the revenue that MDAs collect and use directly, as well as donor funds reflected as direct payments from Development Partners in the printed estimates. MDAs are encouraged to maximize their A-in-A collections to supplement the resources allocated by the Government from the Exchequer. The Performance Contracting indicator for A-in-A sets targets for the amount to be collected by each MDA in a specific financial year,

along with its sources. This approach reduces dependency on the Exchequer for financial support, frees up resources for other programs, and enhances accountability in managing self-generated funds.

All Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) must fulfill their financial obligations - both from Government allocations and Externally Mobilized Funds - by the end of the financial year. These obligations include payments for goods and services, loan repayments, and statutory deductions to relevant institutions. The Pending Bills Ratio indicator stipulates that the unpaid commitments accrued by each MDA at the end of the financial year must not exceed 1% of the total budget for that year. This indicator ensures that suppliers are paid on time and that the Government meets its loan obligations, which in turn stimulates economic growth, particularly in the private sector, and helps maintain a healthy credit rating.

The Project Completion Rate indicator in the Performance Contract measures the percentage of planned projects that are implemented during the financial year. This assessment is based on the deliverables outlined in the project contract and the approved budget for that year. The indicator helps ensure that Government projects - such as roads, dams, and buildings (including hospitals, schools, and offices) - are completed on time according to the Work Plans. It also addresses resource wastage and reduces the occurrence of stalled projects. Additionally, it enhances the efficiency of resource allocation by prioritizing projects that are more likely to be completed successfully.

The Revenue Collection indicator in the Performance Contract applies only to MDAs specifically mandated to collect revenue as outlined by relevant statutes. These MDAs are expected to maximize their revenue collection to support the delivery of Government services. The indicator helps minimize revenue losses and enhances transparency in the revenue collection process.

In addition to the six Financial Management indicators highlighted before, Performance Contracting has main-

streamed two other financially related indicators with the aim achieving affirmative action in accessing procurement opportunities from Government institutions. These indicators are the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities indicator and the Promotion of Local Content in Procurement indicator.

The Access to Government Procurement Opportunities indicator mandates that all Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) allocate and award at least 30% of their total procurement budget for goods and services, as outlined in the Annual Procurement Plan, to Youth, Women, and Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), whether as individuals or organized groups. Of this 30%, at least 2% should be specifically reserved for PWDs. This indicator acknowledges the unique challenges that these vulnerable groups face in accessing Government procurement opportunities. By reserving procurement quotas for Youth, Women, and PWDs, the indicator ensures that businesses owned by these groups have equitable access to Government contracts, thereby enhancing their capacity to participate in and benefit from larger procurements in the future.

Local producers

The Promotion of Local Content in Procurement indicator requires all MDAs to allocate and award at least 40% of their total procurement budget for goods and services to local producers, as outlined in each MDA's Annual Procurement Plan. This initiative aims to enhance access to Government Procurement Opportunities for local producers and aligns with the Government's BUY KENYA BUILD KENYA campaign.

Performance Contracting significantly contributes to promoting efficiency and effectiveness in the management of public financial resources, enhancing transparency and accountability in revenue collection, and ensuring equitable access to Government Procurement Opportunities. The Performance Management Unit in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management actively tracks these indicators to assess their effectiveness. Additionally, the Unit periodically reviews the indicators to address challenges and respond to emerging issues in the operational environment.

The writer is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management in the Executive Office of The President.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Achievements

National Online Skills Readiness: Youth Trained for Online Jobs

- 8,436 youth were trained for online jobs from an increase from 752 in 2022 to 9,188 in 2024

Labour Migration Strategy

- Six (6) new bilateral labour agreements have been signed with UK, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Germany and Austria
- An additional 70 specialised institutions have been accredited to offer pre-departure training for Kenyan migrant workers
- 202,125 Kenyans have been placed in jobs abroad in Health, Agriculture, Construction, Hospitality and Domestic Work representing an increase of 187,474 Kenyans (1,280%)

Support to Kenyans Working Abroad

- 231,877 Kenyan migrant workers have been taken through pre-departure orientation, an increase of 937% since 2022.

NSSF Transformation

- The monthly average contributions have increased from KShs 1.4bn to KShs 6.5bn and at the same time the benefits



processing time has reduced from an average of 82 days to an average of 10 days.

Social Protection: Inua Jamii Programme; There has been an increase of:

- 66% (482,429) for older persons receiving cash transfers from 732,914 in 2022 to 1,215,343 in 2024
- 65% (168,767) to households with Orphans and Vulnerable Children receiving cash transfers from 259,654 in 2022 to 428,421 in 2024

Commitments

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection commits to carry out the following interventions in the Financial Year 2023/2024: Provide Social Assistance to Poor and Vulnerable Persons (Inua Jamii Programme), specifically to:

- 1,208,816 older persons
- 414,929 households taking care of Orphans and Vulnerable Children

- 57,878 persons living with disabilities

Enhance Delivery of Social Protection Programmes by:

- Finalising the Design of the Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project II
- Finalising Two (2) County Specific Social Protection Policies in Garissa and Machakos Counties

Promote Good Governance in Labour Migration by

- Finalising Four (4) Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs)/ Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)

Provide Care, Safe Custody and Rehabilitation of Children in Need of Special Protection by

- Disbursing Nutrition-sensitive Cash Transfer to 40,500 beneficiaries in 11 Counties of: Tana River, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Samburu, Isiolo, Kitui, Kilifi, Marsabit, West Pokot and Turkana
- Disbursing Presidential Secondary School Bursary for 22,300 Orphans and Vulnerable Children

Coordinate Rehabilitation of Street Families

- Operationalise Street Families

Rehabilitation County Chapters in 12 Counties:

- Machakos, Narok, Kilifi, Marsabit, Trans-Nzoia, Bungoma, Isiolo, Busia, Turkana, Wajir, Nyandarua and Tharaka Nithi

Undertake Community Empowerment for Improved Livelihoods of Individuals and Families by:

- Finalising The Older Persons Bill 2024 and
- The National Policy for Persons with Disabilities

AT A GLANCE

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414,929

Households taking care of Orphans and Vulnerable Children

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE & HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Achievements

Huduma Kenya Service Delivery Platform

- The number of Huduma Centers increased by 5 from 52 in 2022 to 57 in 2024 while the services offered in these centers grew from 128 in 2022 to 152 in 2024 representing a 19% increase.

Kenya School of Government (KSG) Training

- 1,801 additional Public Servants were trained by KSG taking the number up from 15,273 in 2022 to 17,074 in 2024. This represents an increase of 12%.

Public Service: National Youth Service

- An additional 2,950 NYS servicemen and women have been taken through paramilitary training taking the number of those trained from 22,705 in 2022 to 25,655 in 2024.
- New recruits joining NYS has grown from 10,000 in 2022 to 38,205 in 2024, an increase of 28,205

Public Service: Counselling and Wellness Services

- A total of 601 mental health champions were taken through capacity building in 2024 up from 300 in 2022 representing an increase of 100% in mental health champions
- The number of public servants who were able to access counselling services grew from 6,243 to 11,134, representing a growth of 4,891 (78%).

Developed a web based payroll application system for Civil Servants

Commitments

The Ministry of Public Service & Human Capital Development commits to carry out the following interventions in the Financial Year 2023/2024:

Implement Comprehensive Medical Insurance for Civil Servants.

Review the Human Resource Development Policy in order to effectively carry out implementation of Human Resource Strategies in the Public Service.



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Strengthen Counselling Services in the Public Service that will entail:

- Training 300 Mental Health Champions in the Public Service
- Provide counselling services to 8,000 public servants

Consolidate and Roll Out the Human Resource Information System

(HRIS-Ke) Payroll Module to ensure integrity, efficiency and effective management of human resource records and data in the public service Increase the number of Citizens served through Huduma Kenya Service Delivery Platforms from 13,500,434 to 14,000,000 during the FY 2024/25.



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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, CREATIVE ECONOMY AND SPORTS

Achievements

The Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports has realised numerous achievements in the last two years including, but not limited to:

Kenya being selected to host AFCON in 2027 alongside Uganda and Tanzania. This includes hosting the Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) in 2025.

Following the Paris Olympics, Kenyan athletes brought home 11 medals comprising 4 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze in different track and field events. Kenya was ranked 17th position out of 205 nations and 2nd in the athletics category.

FIFA lifted the suspension of Football Kenya Federation in November 2022.

Provision of Business Development Services for the Youth that includes:

- Issuing loans to the youth amounting to KShs 324.5million in 2024. This is an increase of 17.49% from 276.2 million in 2022.
- The number of youth benefitting from these loans has gone up from 21,599 in 2022 to 25,395 in 2024, representing a growth of 18%

Promotion and Development of the Creative Economy which saw:

- 37,000 youth earning from the creative economy in 2024 up from 23,000 in 2022 representing a growth of 60.9%



AT A GLANCE

37,000
Youth earning from the creative economy in 2024

- The number of youth engaging and participating in national development grew from 157,926 in 2022 to 176,505 in 2024, an increase of 11.8%

Sports Training and Clean Sport Education

- 3,983 sports persons were trained at the Kenya Academy of Sports in 2024, up from 2,507 in 2022, representing an increase of 59%
- Further, 15,711 sports persons were reached through clean sport education up from 10,954 sports persons in 2022, a growth of 43%

Commitments

The Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports commits to carry out the following interventions in the Financial Year 2023/2024:

Implement the Talanta Hela Initiative that will identify, nurture and monetize 3,290 talents across sports and creatives in the following categories:

- Music, Dance, Comedy, Pageantry, Poetry, Fashion, Content Creation

Enhance Youth Skilling, Employment and Wealth Creation through the National Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) project. Specifically, this will entail:

- Placing 10,000 youth in apprenticeship and employment

- Providing Business Startup Grants to 20,000 youth
- Introduce a mechanism to promote saving culture among 30,000 youth under NYOTA
- Operationalizing 47 community youth SACCOs
- Training 20,000 youth on Entrepreneurship Skills, including 2,000 in green jobs and 7,500 in

- online jobs
- Training 40,000 youth on Life Skills

Transform Youth Empowerment Centres (YECs) by:

- Establishing and operationalizing 10 innovations and talent hubs.
- Providing 300,000 youth access to friendly services through Youth Empowerment Centres

Develop and Promote the Sports Industry by:

- Presenting 35 national teams to participate in various international sports competitions
- Collaborating with Sports Federations and other Government Agencies to Host 7 international, regional and local sports events that include:
 - The Safari Rally
 - Equator Rally
 - Sirikwa Classic Marathon
 - U 20 Junior World Trophy Rugby
 - 2nd Africa Deaf Athletics Championship
 - U18 CECAFA
 - Nairobi City Marathon
- Implement 10 sports programmes in various fields for persons with special needs

Build Sports Infrastructure by:

Completing the construction of 10 stadia by December 2024, Talanta Sports Stadium by December 2025 and establishing 28 sports Academies by 2027.

MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

Achievements

MINING

- The Ministry spearheaded the lifting of the Licensing ban (moratorium) that had been imposed since 2019. This led to the resumption issuance of Mineral Rights (Licences and Permits. A total of 1,400 Applications were processed thus invigorating the sector. As a result, new investments worth over Kshs. 67 Billion in Limestone, Titanium, Manganese and others were realised.
- The Ministry set up Mineral Value Addition Centres, including a gemstone centre in Taita, a gold refinery in Kakamega, a granite plant in Vihiga, and resumed fluorspar mining in Elgeyo Marakwet, to boost in-country mineral processing and value addition.
- To formalise artisanal mining, the ministry launched a capacity-building program, forming over 228 Artisanal Mining Marketing Cooperatives

BLUE ECONOMY

- Captured fish increased from 174,027 metric tonnes in FY 2022/23 to 191,439 metric tonnes in FY 2023/24. Freshwater fish production rose from 108,203 to 119,032 metric tonnes, while marine fish production grew from 37,992 to 41,791 metric tonnes during the same period.



AT A GLANCE

174,027
Metric tonnes in FY 2022/23 to 191,439 metric tonnes in FY 2023/24 of fish

- 1,263 Common Interest Groups in coastal counties received Ksh 1.17 billion in grants to diversify livelihoods. Additionally, at least seven (7) fish landing sites and markets in Malindi and Likoni were completed and operationalized.

- 445 Beach Management Units were converted into cooperatives through registration with the Ministry of Cooperatives and MSME Development
- Six patrol boats were commissioned to enhance surveillance for both marine and inland waters.

MARITIME AFFAIRS

- 5,989 youths received maritime training, leading to job creation, a 63% increase in foreign

remittances, and greater awareness of opportunities in the shipping and maritime industries.

- 2,798 Kenyans were successfully recruited into foreign-flagged ships, a 13% increase from the previous year.

Commitments

In the financial year 2024/2025, the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs commits to:

1. Conduct Geological Mapping and Mineral Exploration for:
 - Sulfide deposits in Kamser-Seka in

- Homa Bay County
- Copper in Maragwa and Kiamiramba in Tharaka Nithi County
- Coltan in Boka Tana River County
- Ground truthing for mineral occurrences in Siaya, Kakamega and Bomet Counties

2. Undertake Geo-hazard Mapping and Geo-technical assessment on landslide-prone counties to provide proper guidance in regards to investments and disaster risk management

3. Facilitate the Construction of Mineral Processing and Value Addition centres as follows:

- Kakamega Gold Refinery
- Vihiga Granite Cutting and Processing Centre

4. Develop a Maritime Spatial Plan aimed at promoting efficient, effective, coordinated and sustainable use and governance of maritime resources

5. Develop Memoranda of Understanding on Shipping and Maritime to increase the number of seafarers seeking employment and address lack of seetime opportunities

6. Promote Artisanal Mining as a way of creating employment and as a source of livelihood. This entails:

- Coordinating formation of 150 Artisanal and Small Scale Mining (ASM) Cooperatives

- Operationalizing Artisanal Mining Committees in 24 Counties

7. Develop the Coastal Blue Economy and Fisheries Infrastructure including:

- Mwaepo fish landing site in Kwale County
- Kidongo fish landing site in Mombasa County
- Kilifi Central fish landing site in Kilifi County
- Kipini fish landing in Tana River County
- Mkowe fish landing site in Lamu County
- National Mariculture Resource and Training Centre (NAMARET) in Shimoni, Kwale County

8. Develop Lake Victoria Blue Economy and Fisheries Infrastructure including:

- Mainuga, Wakula and Nyadhiwa fish landing sites in Homa Bay County
- Asat and Ogal fish landing sites in Kisumu County
- Wichlum and Asembo Bay/Kokach fish landing sites in Siaya County
- Bumbe fish landing site in Busia County
- Kabonyo Fisheries and Aquaculture Service and Training Center of Excellence



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MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

Achievements

Growth in International Visitors

The number of international arrivals increased by 48.6% from 1.4million in 2022 to 2.08 million in 2024.

- Correspondingly, tourism earnings grew from KShs 268 billion in 2022 to KShs 352 billion in 2024 representing a 31.5% increase

Increase in Hotel Bed Occupancy

Hotel bed occupancy increased by 23.1% from 7.01 million in 2022 to 8.63 million in 2024.

Increase in MICE tourism

- Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism grew from 896 international conferences in 2022 to 977 in 2024 representing a 10% growth
- Correspondingly, conference capacity utilisation improved by 1.3% from 9.9% in 2022 to 11.2% in 2024

Increase in tourism training at Kenya Utalii College

- The number of students trained at Kenya Utalii College increased from 1,901 in 2022 to 2,741 in 2024 signalling a growth of 44.2%.

Rise in Number of Visitors to National Parks and Game Reserves

- The number of visitors to national parks and game reserves has increased by 43% from 2.5 million in 2022 to 3.6 million in 2024
- Revenue collections made by KWS also grew by 43% from KShs 2.35 billion in 2022 to KShs 7.66 billion in 2024. This is also attributable to the onboarding of services to eCitizen.

Improved Wildlife Conservation

- As a result of wildlife conservation activities, the number of black rhinos grew by 4.3% from 963 in 2022 to 1,004 in 2024.
- One Rhino Salient Sanctuary in Aberdare National Park was rehabilitated towards increasing endangered species numbers.

Settlement of Human Wildlife Compensation (HWC) claims

- KShs 480 Million was released by the National Treasury in 2023/2024 FY for settlement of Human Wildlife Compensation (HWC) claims. The entire amount was disbursed to HWC beneficiaries.

Climate Change Mitigation

- Water for wildlife and communities was provided near conservation areas. Twenty-one (21) water pans and 4 boreholes were constructed in the Tsavo Conservation Area in 2023/24 FY

Commitments

The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife commits to carry out the following interventions in the Financial Year 2024/2025:



Wildlife Protection Conservation and Management that will entail:

- Mapping 3 wildlife corridors for restoration
 - Amboseli - Kitenden corridor
 - Laikipia - Lariak Forest Corridor
 - Nairobi National Park - Athi Kapiti Corridor
- Developing the Human Wildlife Conflict Guidelines
- Developing the National Wildlife Strategy 2030 Action Plan II 2024 -2027
- Participating in the development of the Integrated Ecosystem Based Natural Resource Policy

Coordination and Governance of the Wildlife Sector Governance that will involve

- Review of four Memoranda of Understanding between:
 - Kenya - Ethiopia,
 - Kenya - Angola,
 - Kenya - India and
 - Kenya - Uganda (covering the Mt. Elgon Ecosystem)
- Gazettement of three Management Plans
 - Mbokishi Conservancy
 - Mara Ripoi Conservancy and
 - Mbale Conservancy
- Review of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013

Domesticate and Implement Wildlife Multilateral Agreements and Related Processes by:

- Updating and maintaining a Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) register and calendar of events
- Host the 5th meeting of Signatories for the Convention on Migratory Species, (CMS) - Sharks Memorandum of Understanding
- Implement resolutions of the East African Community Sectoral Council meeting of Tourism and

Wildlife Management

- Develop project proposal for GEF 8 (Global Environment Facility) and GBFF (Global Biodiversity Framework Fund)

Human-Wildlife Conflicts Management and Claims Compensation. This will be done by:

- Verifying and paying Human-Wildlife Conflict compensation claims
- Capacity building County Wildlife Conservation Committees on Human-Wildlife Conflict.
- The Ministry commits to piloting and digitalization of a Human-Wildlife Conflict claims database in hotspot Counties (Laikipia, Taita Taveta, Meru, Kajiado, Narok and Baringo)

Combating Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking by:

- Training Kenya Wildlife Service and National Government, Administration Officers as Law Enforcement Agencies on combating poaching and wildlife trafficking
- Developing the National Strategy on Combating Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking

Promote Domestic Tourism through the Tembea Kenya Campaign and Increase Domestic Bed-nights

The Ministry commits to increasing domestic bed-nights to 5 million in the current financial year. The Ministry will also promote affordable travel and accommodation.

Develop and Promote Tourism Niche Products by:

- Mapping tourism niche products in 15 Counties:
 - Meru, Murang'a, Nyeri, Tharaka Nithi, Kericho, Nakuru, Lamu, Mombasa, Tana River, Turkana, Uasin Gishu, Garissa, Bomet, Homa

Bay, Kakamega, Kisii and Kisumu

- Diversifying and promoting five new tourism niche products:
 - Agri-tourism, Cultural Adventure, Avi-tourism, Gastronomy and Sports
- Developing an annual calendar of tourism events (domestic and International)
- Developing and launching a domestic tourism campaign strategy

Wildlife Conservation Education Participation and Awareness

The Ministry commits to:

- Commemorate six (6) International Environment and Wildlife Days:
- Capacity build wildlife clubs in 40 learning institutions on Financial Management and Wildlife conservation;
- Develop and disseminate education and awareness materials to wildlife stakeholders;
- Train and sensitise 1000 community members around conservation areas on conservation and management of wildlife;
- Train 500 Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) on conservation promotion
- Organise ten (10) wildlife debates with various higher institutions of learning.

Control and Management of Waste in Conservation Areas by:

- Reporting annually on the status of waste management in Mombasa Marine National Park, Tsavo East and Tsavo West National Parks protected areas
- Publishing enforcement notice for plastic ban in in Mombasa Marine National Park, Tsavo East and Tsavo West National Parks protected areas
- Undertaking 3 awareness

campaigns on the plastic ban initiative in Tsavo, Coast and Southern conservation areas

Tourism Legal and Legislative Reforms

- Review the Tourism Policy
- Review the Tourism Promotion Fund Regulations 2019
- Review the Tourism Act Cap 381
- Develop the Tourism Strategy

Coastal Beach Management (Enhance safety and security in the tourism sector)

The Ministry commits to enhancing safety and security through enhanced collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, the private sector and other stakeholders by:

- Enhancing safety and security at Tiwi beach (Kwale County) by providing street lighting, establishing and equipping tourism security booths in collaboration with County Government of Kwale
- Capacity building with 200 beach operators in Mombasa and Lamu Counties on safety and security and other tourism emerging issues
- Developing a Code of Conduct for all beach operators

Increase Tourist Arrivals

During the FY 2024/25, the Ministry commits to increase tourist arrivals to 2.5 million visitors by improving destination competitiveness and enhancing marketing strategies through enhanced collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

Increase Tourism Earnings

During the FY 2024/25, the Ministry commits to increase tourism earnings to KShs 430 billion from KShs 352 billion recorded in 2023.

Promote Tourism Stakeholders Engagements and Capacity Building by:

- Forming a joint technical committee to implement four signed MOUs with other Countries
- Conduct at least three regional tourism capacity building forums on Safety and Security (Central Rift, North Rift and Mt. Kenya Regions)
- Conduct bi-annual tourism stakeholder's forums to evaluate the performance of the sector
- Commemorate the UN Tourism Day with tourism stakeholders
- Create tourism awareness campaigns in 4 emerging markets - 2 in Africa and 2 out of Africa

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48.6% Increase
1.4million in 2022 to 2.08 million in 2024.



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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Achievements

1) Social Health Insurance rolled out under the Social Health Authority with three funds (Primary Care Fund, Social Health Insurance Fund, Emergency, Chronic and Critical Care Fund) with enhanced benefits package, that will improve accessibility and affordability of quality healthcare services.

2) Promoted community health through the recruitment and training of 107,000 Community Health Promoters.

3) Enhanced service delivery at primary level through establishment of 195 out of 315 (61% coverage) Primary Care Networks across all the 47 counties.

4) Digitization of the health ecosystem across all the 47 counties

through the operationalization of the Electronic Community Health information system and the Health information Exchange system that will enhance service delivery.

5) Improved Human Resources for Health by:

a. Enhancing training of health professionals through the increase in the number of KMTCs by 19% from 71 in 2022 to 85 in 2024 and the number of graduates from 15,915 in 2022 to



22,695 in 2024, a 43% increase.

b. Establishment of Kenya Human resources for Health Council.

c. Establishment of the presidential task force on Human resources for health,

d. Signing of MOU with the Kenya National Union of Nurses to enhance industrial harmony in the sector.

Commitments

1) Rollout of Universal Health Coverage by:

a. Improving the purchase of strategic health services, reduce inefficiencies in provider payment mechanisms and increase enrollment in the Social Health Insurance Fund

b. Operationalization of Social Health Authority

c. Providing technical support to counties to establish 50 Primary Care networks

d. Training 10,000 Community Health Promoters on basic modules for community health

e. Developing the Human Resources for Health Policy

2) Improve access to Health Products and Technologies (HPTs) by, among others:

- Disseminating all four HPT lists that include:

- Kenya Essential Medicines Lists 2023,

- Kenya Essential Medical Supplies List 2023,

- Kenya Essential Diagnostics List 2023,

- Kenya National Medicines Formulary 2023 to all Counties

- Disseminating Forecasting

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107,000

Recruitment and training
107,000 Community Health Promoters.

61% coverage

Establishment of 195 out of 315 (61% coverage) Primary Care Networks across all the 47 counties.

400,000

Increase the number of blood and blood components available to 400,0000

and Quantification Standard Operating Procedures/ Guidelines to all Counties

3) Improve local manufacturing by developing the strategic plan for local manufacture of Health Products and Technologies (HPTs).

4) Design a new structure for acquisition of medical equipment through the National Equipment Supplies Program to replace the Managed Equipment Program.

- This will entail equipping the

selected hospitals with state-of-the-art medical equipment that include theater, CSSD, dialysis, ICU and radiology equipment

5) Increase the number of blood and blood components available to 400,000 to ensure increased access to safe blood transfusion services in the Country

6) Increase the number of HIV patients put on Antiretroviral (ARV) Therapy from 1,342,000 to 1,365,000.

7) Provide 3,947 internship opportunities for medical trainees.

8) Increase the proportion of deliveries conducted by skilled birth attendants from the current 72% to 75%

9) Develop the Kenya Health Strategic plan.

10) Increase the number of people with drug susceptible TB on treatment to 100,000.

11) Progress the construction of the Regional Cancer Center at Kisii Level 5 to 50%

12) Implement Malaria prevention measures to reduce the Malaria incidence from the current 104 per 1,000 persons to 80 per 1,000 population

Kenya and South Korea mark 60 years of diplomacy, focus on Green Industrialization

BY GLORY MUKHWANA
AND REBECCA KIBEGWA,
KNA

As Kenya and Korea commemorate 60 years of diplomatic relations, citizens from both nations have been encouraged to strengthen ties for the benefit of their economies.

The Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Investment Promotion, Abubakar Hassan Abubakar, stated that future industries will not only be dynamic but will also operate in a clean environment, aligning with the government's green transition agenda.

Speaking in Nairobi during the commemorative event, Abubakar mentioned that President William Ruto was elected to champion the green industrialization initiative at the 28th Conference of Parties (COP) meeting, aiming to fast-track investments in green industries and technologies.

"This forum provides a unique opportunity for

us to discuss ideas, share experiences, and collaborate on future cooperation initiatives," PS Abubakar added.

He explained that President Ruto led a delegation to the Korea-Africa Summit, where he secured significant funding for the Konza Media City and the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KIAST).

Furthermore, the PS noted that the Kenyan government intends to complete its listing under the employment public system of the Republic of Korea to enhance its labor export agenda.

"The Kenyan government intends to expedite the start of the negotiations of the economic partnership agreement and is devoted to boosting areas such as agro-processing, mineral processing, pharmaceutical technology and the blue economy," the PS said.

State Department for ICT and the Digital Econ-



From left- State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy Principal Secretary (PS), Eng. John Tanui, Korea Ambassador to Kenya, Yeo Sung Jun and Investment Promotion Principal Secretary (PS), Abubakar Hassan Abubakar in Nairobi

omy Principal Secretary (PS), Eng. John Tanui said Kenya and Korea have been collaborating in the fields of ICT, science and infrastructure development.

This has seen the development of KIAST-Kenya

located at Konza Technopolis which is modelled around the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, he added.

"These fields of collaboration have become the cornerstone of our shared

progress, lighting the way towards a brighter, more interconnected future," Eng. Tanui said.

The PS said Kenya's ambitions to become a leading regional hub for ICT innovation has found a steadfast partner in the

Republic of Korea.

"From digital infrastructure to cutting-edge technology, Korea's contributions have not only accelerated our growth but have also inspired new ways of thinking and building for the future," he said. Eng. Tanui noted that KIAST-Kenya is one of the most significant examples of the partnership, a project that will define the future of Kenya's science and engineering, and that of the region.

"This is a very key project, a crucible of innovation, a place where the brightest minds come together to solve our greatest challenges and contribute to our economic growth," Eng. Tanui said.

Korea Ambassador to Kenya, Yeo Sung Jun, said that the celebrations are a golden opportunity to look at the achievements so far and at the same time to work out future strategies.

Kenyan diaspora remittances projected to hit Sh1 trillion by 2027



Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi (left) shaking hands with the State Department for Diaspora Affairs Principal Secretary Ms. Roseline Kathure Njogu during the launch of the State Department for Diaspora Affairs Strategic Plan 2023-2027 at Kenya School of Government (KSG).

BY PATIENCE MABONGA
AND GLORY MUKHWANA,
KNA

Diaspora remittances have increased at a time when the government has assured Kenyans living outside the country of its commitment to enhancing their welfare.

Speaking during the launch of the State Department for Diaspora Affairs Strategic Plan 2023-2027 at the Kenya School of Government in Kabete, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi stated that the plan reaffirms the government's commitment to strengthening partnerships with the diaspora.

He disclosed that remittances grew to \$2.8 billion from January to July 2024, compared to US\$2.4 billion during the same period in 2023.

"Taking a closer look at the trend over the first seven months of 2024 suggests a potential rise in annual remittances from \$4.19 billion in 2023 to \$4.8 billion in 2024, marking a 14.6 percent increase. This exponential growth puts the country on track to attain the remittance target of Sh1 trillion annually by 2027," explained Mudavadi.

He added that the strategic plan places the Kenyan diaspora at the core of government planning, acknowledging its role in achieving Kenya Vision 2030.

"The plan aligns well with various global, regional, and national development frameworks,

Facilitation of social benefits portability will allow the diaspora to migrate back safely and in an orderly manner, in line with Article 22 of the Global Compact for Migration," – Mudavadi

including the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the African Union Agenda 2063, the East Africa Community Vision 2050, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), and Kenya Vision 2030," Mudavadi said.

He urged Kenyans based in the diaspora to take up the leadership role in a regional conversation about a framework that will allow the diaspora to move back to their countries of origin comfortably.

"Facilitation of social benefits portability will allow the diaspora to migrate back safely and in an orderly manner, in line with Article 22 of the Global Compact for Migration," Mudavadi explained.

"Besides remittances, the diaspora is a key source of skills, expertise and technology transfer that are necessary ingredients in our economic transformation. Through the diaspora, Kenya can

attract cutting edge technologies and rare skills that may not be available locally," he added.

Mudavadi said Kenya has made significant strides in addressing the needs of its diaspora as he explained that the strategic plan provides a holistic and robust framework for addressing diaspora-related issues with an emphasis on diaspora welfare as opposed to just remittances.

"Taking advantage of the ever-growing digital space, we have onboarded critical services for the diaspora on the e-Citizen platform, making it easier for the diaspora to access government services seamlessly at anytime from anywhere," Mudavadi emphasized.

He said that extensive discussions have been held on reducing remittance costs to align with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)10 (c), which aims for a maximum fee of three per cent on money transfers.

Mudavadi said efforts made to reduce remittance costs include implementing policies to minimize fees, charges, and hidden costs imposed by remittance service providers ensuring more funds reach beneficiaries.

"Despite these calls, remittance costs remain high, hindering the portability of social benefits," he said.

Mudavadi urged all stakeholders in Kenya and beyond to collaborate and lower remittance costs to three per cent or less.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



National Transport and Safety Authority

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE/ MOTORCYCLE OWNERS

National Transport and Safety Authority, under Section 2 (a) and Section 4 (2) (b) of the NTSA Act, No. 33, 2012 is mandated with the responsibility of registration, licensing of motor vehicles/motorcycles and conducting motor vehicle inspection / certification.

As part of consumer education and provision of information, the Authority has prepared an information guide regarding motor vehicle ownership and insurance requirements.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Should a motor vehicle owner insure his/her vehicle?

A vehicle that is insured against third party risk is deemed to be compliant. A vehicle that has not been insured should be impounded immediately and the owner and/or driver shall be liable upon conviction to a fine or to imprisonment. Additionally, the owner and/or driver shall be personally liable for damages the vehicle causes in the event of a crash.

2. Can one use a vehicle that was purchased but not transferred to the buyer (new owner)?

Section 9 of the Traffic Act Cap 403 in part says that no motor vehicle or trailer the ownership of which has been transferred by the registered owner shall be used on a road for more than fourteen days after the date of such transfer unless the new owner is registered as the owner thereof. It is an offence for the buyer to use the vehicle after the expiry of the 14 days.

3. What can a buyer do, if the person who sold him/her the vehicle cannot be traced/relocated from the country or the seller declined to initiate the transfer of ownership?

If the seller or buyer decline to accept and/or initiate the transfer ownership it would be a contravention of the law. In instances where the previous owner/seller cannot be traced, the Authority has introduced an alternative/forced transfer service which is accessible through the NTSA service portal.

4. What can a registered motor vehicle owner do, if the buyer did not / refused to initiate transfer the vehicle before the digitization of the process?

The Traffic Act provides that registered owners shall be considered the prima facie owner of the vehicle and shall be liable for any acts or damage caused by the vehicle unless evidence to the contrary is produced. Additionally, in the event the vehicle is used in the commission of a crime, the registered owner of the vehicle may be treated as a suspect.

To avoid any liability, the registered owner may present an official letter informing the Authority of the past transaction and request placement of a caveat. The registered owner must provide the motor vehicle sale agreement, the buyer's KRA PIN and a copy of the National Identification card.

5. Do the particulars in the certificate of ownership (logbook) eg colour, model, engine number, tax class, capacity e.t.c must match the vehicle details?

The Traffic Act requires that in the event of any change of circumstance which affects the accuracy of the registered particulars of any vehicle, the Authority must be informed. The registered owner must initiate the change of particulars inspection application through the NTSA service portal. Motor vehicle Insurance cover will be not issued if the details contained in the logbook differ with physical features of the vehicle.

COLLECTION OF LOGBOOKS AND NUMBER PLATES

Motor vehicle/ motor-cycle owners, Financial Institutions, Companies, Dealers , Government Agencies among others are directed to collect processed Certificate of Ownership (logbooks) and Reflective Number Plates from the centers identified during the registration process.

For more information and service support, the Public may reach the Authority through info@ntsa.go.ke or by visiting the nearest NTSA office or NTSA Desk at the Huduma Centres.

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Sh25m grant from USAID to strengthen healthcare in Nakuru

BY JANE NGUGI KNA

The County Government of Nakuru has received a Sh25 million grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to improve healthcare service provision.

The grant, awarded through the USAID Tujenge Jamii program, will be used to enhance the county's capacity to improve maternal and child health interventions and the quality of care at primary health facilities.

Deputy Governor Mr. David Kones stated that through the program, which has been running since March 2021, the county government has been able to provide public healthcare facilities and healthcare workers with resources and incentives to deliver quality services efficiently.

Mr. Kones disclosed that the Sh25 million grant, which will run from Oc-

tober 2024 to August 2025, supplements the Sh44 million grant received in July 2023 under the same program. He spoke while signing for the award at the county headquarters.

According to the Deputy Governor, the funds will also be directed toward strengthening critical health programs across all sub-counties, focusing on tuberculosis, HIV, family planning, maternal and child health, nutrition, and improvements in water and sanitation.

"This financial support strengthens Governor Susan Kihika's administration's commitment to improving healthcare services and systems. We have been working with USAID and Deloitte & Touche LLP, among others, who have been providing technical expertise and oversight during the implementation of the project," Mr. Kones pointed out.

USAID Tujenge Jamii (UTJ) is a five-year (March

2021-2026) project made possible by the support through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

The project is being implemented through Deloitte and Touche LLP and Goldstar Kenya (GSK) to strengthen health and human capacities in Nakuru, Baringo, Laikipia and Samburu Counties.

It focuses on HIV, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH), Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and nutrition services.

In Nakuru, the project is implementing HIV prevention, care and treatment services, RMNCAH, WASH and nutrition, while in Baringo, Laikipia and Samburu counties, the project is implementing HIV prevention, care and treatment services only.

Mr Kones stated that the



Nakuru County Deputy Governor David Kones, signs an award for a Sh25 million grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

devolved unit's leadership had put in place structures and policies that enhance the impact of public expenditure on health by establishing a direct link between the funding for health care and delivering health services of the defined quantity and quality, especially high impact interventions for accelerating the attainment of health goals.

The deputy governor, who was flanked by County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health Services Ms Roselyn Mungai, USAID

Tujenge Jamii Program Chief of Party Dr Moses Kitheka, USAID Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR) Mr Dunstan Achwoka and Director at Deloitte and Touche LLP Ms Bernadette Wahogo, said the devolved unit had through public-private partnerships rolled out several initiatives focusing on closing gaps in health service delivery.

"This latest award further highlights Nakuru's pioneering role in public health administration, following comprehensive compliance health

systems strengthening to enhance financial accountability under USAID's Fixed Amount Award Mechanism," Mr Kones indicated.

The signing of the award was also witnessed by County Secretary Dr Samuel Mwaura and Chief Officer for Medical Services Dr John Murima.

The Deputy Governor added that the county has continued to allocate a lion's share of resources to the health sector with the department receiving Sh6.8 billion allocation in the current financial year.

New irrigation scheme to enhance food security in West Pokot County

BY ANTHONY MELLY, (KNA)

The Government has expanded the Lomut Irrigation Scheme from 350 acres to 1,000 acres as one of the ways to address the perennial food shortage in the country.

Speaking during the launch of various projects in West Pokot County, overseen by the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), Beatrice Askul Moe, the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL), and Regional Development, emphasized that the expansion of the Lomut Irrigation Project is designed to improve agricultural productivity.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that the irrigation project seeks to provide a reliable water supply, which is crucial for crop cultivation, particularly in a region prone to drought.

She emphasized that the expansion of the irrigation scheme is also intended to generate employment opportunities for the local community,

thereby enhancing their economic conditions, reducing poverty, and improving their overall quality of life.

She added that the project presents an opportunity for farmers to increase their cultivation of various crops, including maize, sorghum, peas, green grams, and beans, with the objective of enhancing their food security.

CS Askul observed that the project is in harmony with the wider governmental initiatives aimed at fostering sustainable agricultural practices and improving resilience against the effects of climate change.

The Lomut Irrigation Scheme expansion is, as she stated, a forward-thinking initiative designed to promote self-sufficiency in food production and to guarantee that communities in ASALs have access to adequate and nutritious food.

In West Pokot County, the Cabinet Secretary inaugurated multiple projects over the weekend, which are overseen by

KVDA.

These projects include the extension of the main conveyance for the Lomut Irrigation Initiative, which has a budget of Sh80 million, the rehabilitation of the Sangat water intake project costing Sh50 million, and a Sh9 million water borehole at Sigor market.

Additionally, a cheque for Sh10 million was presented to the farmers of Weiwei.

The CS commended the projects overseen by the KVDA, highlighting its significant impact on improving food security and creating employment opportunities for the local communities in drought-affected regions.

Sammy Naporos, the Managing Director of the Kerio Valley Development Authority, emphasized that the government projects managed by the KVDA in West Pokot County including the ones in Kamusuwet in Elgeyo Marakwet County and Napuu in Turkana County, will significantly enhance food production in the country.

Jitume Digital Hub launched at Narok's Maasai Mara College

BY ANN SALATON, KNA

The Ministry of ICT has trained 1,200 youths at the Maasai Mara Technical and Vocational College in digital literacy. These young people are among 450,000 trained by the Ministry of Information Communications and the Digital Economy through the Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA).

Speaking at the launch of the Jitume Digital Hub at the college in Narok East Sub-County, ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary (PS) Eng. John Tanui stated that through the partnership with KoTDA, over 450,000 young people across the country have been trained in digital literacy, and 14,000 computers have been installed in 148 digital hubs nationwide.

The newly launched digital hub is equipped with 50 computers and high-speed internet, enabling users to be effective and efficient when using the machines.



ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui launch a digital hub at Maasai Mara Technical College, looking on is Narok East MP Ken Aramat

"By January next year, we will add another 50 computers as demand is increasing. Additionally, we will install Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) systems so that users can continue working even during temporary blackouts," he said.

He was accompanied by the Director of ICT Software Development and Digital Services from the State Department of ICT and Digital Economy, Evan Gichuki; Narok East Member of Parliament (MP) Ken Aramat; area National Government Constituency Develop-

ment Fund (NG-CDF) Chairman Stephen Punyua; Deputy County Commissioner Musa Salat; and other senior government officials and leaders.

PS Tanui urged the youth to take advantage of digital space to better their lives and grow the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The Narok East Sub-County hub is the second to be launched in the county after the first one was operationalized at Emurua Dikir Technical Training Institute last year.

Nakuru County unveils Sh52m water project to benefit 6,000 households

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND FELISTAS KAHUNGU, (KNA)

At least 6,000 households in Visoi Ward, Rongai Sub-County, Nakuru, will have access to a clean and reliable water supply after the Nakuru County Government commissioned a water project worth Sh52 million in the area.

Governor Susan Kihika, who inaugurated the Umoja Water Project co-funded by the county government and World Vision, stated that similar projects are being initiated in all 11 sub-counties to ensure that both humans and livestock have access to clean water.

The Governor regretted that Rongai residents, who primarily depend on seasonal rivers, are among those most affected by water scarcity in the county. She added that

other groups in the sub-county, including water user groups and local institutions responsible for providing water services, would also benefit from the project, along with an enhancement of their capacity and efficiency.

She emphasized that the county aims to ensure that at least 80 percent of households have access to clean water for domestic and commercial use within the next three years.

“We are optimistic that this project will radically change the lives of our people,” Ms. Kihika said.

100,000

Families residing in Bahati, Rongai and Subukia sub-counties will also benefit from the Sh15 million Morop Dam Water project

The Governor explained that the rehabilitation of the project serving over 12,500 residents across seven villages, including Lusaka, Umoja, and Tumaini, involved drilling three boreholes, installing solar systems, constructing elevated steel tanks, and setting up automated water kiosks to provide clean and reliable water to households, schools, and health-care facilities. Ms. Kihika said for many years, most rural parts of Nakuru had to contend with the threat of water-borne diseases including bilharzia, diarrhea and others and was happy that Rongai residents would have a sigh of relief since the diseases have been controlled by the availability of the clean water from the new project. Ms. Kihika affirmed that her administration is working with



Nakuru County Governor Susan Kihika (L) commissions the Sh52 million Umoja Water Project that was co-funded by the County Government and World Vision.

the national government, development partners and donors to alleviate water problems in Nakuru County and assured improved livelihood for the locals. According to the county boss, the devolved unit has spent more than Sh800 million in the improvement and establishment of water supply infrastructure with over 70 percent of the water

projects having been completed and commissioned across the 11 sub-counties, while a few others are nearing completion. She disclosed that more than 100,000 families residing in Bahati, Rongai and Subukia sub-counties will also benefit from the Sh15 million Morop Dam Water project which was expected to supply water to over 50 com-

munal water points, seven secondary schools, 12 primary schools, dispensaries and Kabarak University, which have been afflicted with perennial water shortage for a long time.

The Governor said the move to find long and short-term water shortage solutions would contribute to sustainable development in the county.

Industry leaders establish new association of Special Economic Zones in the country

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

Industry players have launched the Association of Special Economic Zones (ASEZ), which is mandated to drive the future of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Kenya and attract both local and foreign investment.

ASEZ is a non-profit organization established to promote the development, management, and sustainability of SEZs in Kenya. This launch marks a critical milestone for Kenya's industrial sector, as it aims to boost economic growth, create jobs, and position the country as a top destination for global investors.

The ASEZ brings together SEZ developers, operators, investors, and service providers, creating a unified voice to advocate for better policies, streamlined regulations, and infrastructure improvements.

Speaking during the launch, Principal Secretary Abubakar Hassan Abubakar from the State Department for Investment Promotion in the Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry stated that the launch of ASEZ is not just a milestone for the association but a major leap for the country.

“SEZs are a central pillar in the government's



Principal Secretary, State Department for Investment Promotion (Standing) Abubakar Hassan Abubakar, looks on as Dr. David Langat, Chairman of ASEZ and Solomon Mahinda, Executive Vice-Chairman of Tatu City sign an agreement during the launch of the Association of Special Economic Zones.

economic agenda, and we see them as champions of Kenya's journey towards becoming a globally competitive investment hub,” he added. Abubakar noted that President Ruto's vision for the nation is deeply rooted in industrialization, job creation, and economic growth.

“We are committed to ensuring SEZs receive the full backing of the government,” he said. Tatu City

and Konza Technopolis are SEZs covering 5,000 acres in the country which are subject to different and more favourable economic regulations compared to other regions which include tax incentives and opportunity to pay lower tariffs. They are designed to generate positive economic growth. Dr. David Langat, the Chairman of ASEZ, placed a special focus on the manufacturing

sector as the backbone of Kenya's industrial growth.

“As the key driver of industrial growth, manufacturing within SEZs has a ripple effect across the economy, creating jobs for our youth and positioning Kenya as a regional powerhouse,” he said.

Through ASEZ, Dr. Langat added that the government aims to strengthen the sector and build on its potential to deliver long-

term sustainable growth.

“ASEZ is committed to ensuring that SEZs operate in a globally competitive, business-friendly environment, and we are excited to work with the government to further drive growth in this critical sector” Dr. Langat said.

Solomon Mahinda, the Vice Chairman of Tatu City, and the elected vice chair of ASEZ said, “SEZs are critical to our coun-

try's industrialization efforts, offering fertile ground for investment and job creation. With ASEZ, we now have a unified voice to advocate for policies that will unlock the full potential of these zones.” The event was also attended by industry players in various sectors namely: Dr. Kenneth Chelule, the CEO of SEZ Authority, and Madam Florence Were, the acting managing director of KenInvest, Kenya Revenue Authority and founding members of Tatu City and Africa Economic Zones (AEZ) who all emphasized the importance of the association in shaping the future of SEZs in Kenya.

The Association committed to advocacy, networking, and capacity building to connect SEZ developers and investors with global partners and offer tailored solutions to address the unique challenges faced by SEZ stakeholders.

ASEZ members will enjoy favourable investment support and close collaboration with relevant government entities. They will also access global best practices, networking opportunities, and trade facilitation.

However, the members such as zone developers, operators, enterprises or service providers must attain the necessary licenses and approvals within the SEZ ecosystem.

With many more SEZ enterprises in the process of becoming members, the diverse and growing membership un

Ministry of Labour and Social Protection embarks on vetting ministerial performance contracts

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, in collaboration with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Performance, and Delivery Management, has started vetting ministerial performance contract commitments for the 2024/2025 financial year.

During an event attended by key government officials, Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Dr. Alfred Mutua highlighted achievements under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), among them the training of over 9,000 youth on online jobs in 2024.

He said that there was a significant increase from 752 youth trained in 2022, in the initiative aligning with the government's efforts to enhance digital employment opportunities for young people.

In the labour migration sector,

he said the ministry has secured six new bilateral labour agreements with the UK, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Germany, and Austria.

As a result, over 200,000 Kenyans have been placed in jobs abroad, representing an impressive 1,280 per cent increase.

"The transformation of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) saw monthly contributions rise from Sh1.4 billion to Sh65 billion. Furthermore, the processing time for benefits has been significantly reduced from an average of 82 days to just 10 days," Dr Mutua said.

He added that the number of older persons receiving cash transfers under the Inua Jamii program has increased by 66 per cent, from 733,000 in 2022 to 1.215 million in 2024.

Dr. Mutua announced that by the end of the year, the process would be digitized, enabling older people to receive their stipends on mobile



Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Dr. Alfred Mutua (seated 2nd right) flanked by Deputy Chief of Staff Eliud Owalo and PS Joseph Motari.

phones.

He said the Ministry of Labour will expand the Inua Jamii program by increasing the number of vulnerable persons receiving state assistance by at least 50 per cent.

Additionally, the ministry plans to roll out a nutrition-sensitive cash transfer program, targeting 40,500 beneficiaries across 11 counties in the current financial year.

"The ministry is set to operationalize street family rehabilitation county chapters in 12 counties and finalize the Older Persons Bill, 2024 as well as the National Policy for Persons with Disabilities.

The performance contracts will be based on the commitments agreed upon during the event, Dr Mutua said.

Present were Mercy Wanjau, Secretary to the Cabinet, and Principal Secretaries Shadrack Mwadime and Joseph Motari of the State Departments of Labour and Social Protection, respectively and Deputy Chief of Staff Eliud Owalo.

MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development - State Department for Public Works. Intends to construct Five (5No.) Public Participation footbridges as described here below: -

S/No.	Tender No.	Description	NCA	Bid Bond in Kshs	Closing Date
1.	MoLPWHUD/SDPW/002/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Ololunga Olepolos Footbridge in Narok South Constituency, Narok County	NCA 3 - 6 (Builders and Road works)	1,500,000.00	24/10/2024
2.	MoLPWHUD/SDPW/003/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Kokwa Island Footbridge in Baringo South Constituency, Baringo County	NCA 1 - 4 (Builders and Road works)	3,000,000.00	24/10/2024
3.	MoLPWHUD/SDPW/006/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Gatono Nazareth Footbridge in Kiambaa Constituency, Kiambu County	NCA 4 - 6 (Builders and Road works)	1,400,000.00	24/10/2024
4.	MoLPWHUD/SDPW/008/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Adole Footbridge in Garsen Constituency, Tana river County	NCA 3 - 5 (Builders and Road works)	2,100,000.00	24/10/2024
5.	MoLPWHUD/SDPW/009/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Handaraku Footbridge in Garsen Constituency, Tana river County	NCA 3 - 5 (Builders and Road works)	2,100,000.00	24/10/2024

The Tender Documents with detailed specifications shall be downloaded free of charge from Ministry's website www.publicworks.go.ke and Public Procurement Information portal www.tenders.go.ke.

Tenders in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the name of the project must be addressed to the **Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Works P.O Box 30743 - 00100, Nairobi** and deposited into the **Tender Box on the 9th floor, Works Building** so as to reach him on or before **24th October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.**

Tender Opening will take place at **Kenya Building Research Centre (KBRC), Ground Floor, Boardroom, Transcom House**, soon after the above stated closing date and time in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

Prices quoted must be net inclusive of VAT and all Government taxes and must remain valid for a minimum period of one hundred and twenty (154) days from the closing date of the tender.

Tenderers **must** submit a Bid Bond of as per the above schedule in form of a guarantee from a reputable bank approved by PPRA, valid for a minimum period of one hundred and fifty (154) days from the date of tender opening.

The Government reserves the right to reject any tender giving reasons for the rejection and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Head of Supply Chain Management
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS

MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM (AHP) PROJECTS

The Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, State Department for Housing and Urban Development, invites tenders from interested eligible tenderers for the following tenders:

No.	Project Name	Tender No.	No. of Units	Category
1.	Proposed Construction of the Proposed Maili Tatu Affordable Housing Project in Saboti Constituency, Trans Nziya County	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/AHP/025/2023-2024	1,000	Open Tender
2.	Proposed Construction and Finance of Proposed Bungoma Smart City Affordable Housing Project in Kanduyi Constituency, Bungoma County	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/AHP/026/2023-2024	2,000	Open Tender
3.	Proposed Construction of Kehancha Affordable Housing Project (with associated infrastructure) in Kuria West Constituency, Migori County	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/AHP/027/2023-2024	264	Open Tender
4.	Proposed Construction of Marigat Affordable Housing Project (with associated infrastructure) in Baringo South Constituency, Baringo County	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/AHP/028/2023-2024	267	Open Tender
5.	Proposed Construction of Archer's Post Affordable Housing Project (with associated infrastructure) in Samburu East Constituency, Samburu County	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/AHP/029/2023-2024	226	Open Tender
6.	Proposed Construction of 20No. Classrooms in Mwiki Primary School, Ruiru Constituency, Kiambu County	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/SUD/030/2023-2024	N/A	Open Tender
7.	Proposed Construction of 10No. Classrooms in Mwhiko Primary School, Ruiru Constituency, Kiambu County	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/SUD/031/2023-2024	N/A	Open Tender

1. Prospective tenderers can access the tender documents from the State Department's website www.housingandurban.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) <https://tenders.go.ke> **free of charge**. Tenderers who download the tender documents from the website and are required to provide their details by registering with the Supply Chain Management Office, located at Ardhi House 6th Floor Wing B, 1st Ngong Avenue, during normal working hours. All enquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: procurement@housingandurban.go.ke.
2. Completed Tender documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description shall be delivered to the address below and/or be deposited in the Tender Box located on the 6th Floor, Ardhi House, 1st Ngong Avenue so as to be received on or before **18th October, 2024 at 9:00am**. Bulky documents shall be delivered and Registered at the Office of the Head, Supply Chain Management Services Ardhi House 6th Floor, Wing B.
3. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at State Department for Housing and Urban Development **Boardroom, located at Ardhi House, 6th Floor "Wing B"**, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. Late tenders shall be rejected.
4. The State Department for Housing and Urban Development may cancel the tender proceedings at any time before award. Clarifications and addendums related to this notice shall be posted in the State Department's website www.housingandurban.go.ke.

Head Supply Chain Management Services
For: The Principal Secretary
State Department for Housing and Urban Development.
P.O. Box 30119 -00100 NAIROBI, KENYA

Peace and security are cornerstones of thriving tourism

BY KITHURE KINDIKI AND REBECCA MIANO

Tourism is a vital sector for many economies around the world. However, the sector thrives best when the assurance of safety—as a fundamental prerequisite—is guaranteed. That is precisely why two weeks ago, we inked a joint pact between the Ministry of Interior and Administration of National Government and the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife to boost the safety—and peace of mind—of our visitors.

Adventure seekers naturally prefer to visit destinations that afford them relaxation, exploration and leisurely immersions that are shielded from yawning threats of blow-ups and uncertainty. Peace and security are, therefore, of critical significance to a thriving tourism enterprise.

A fortnight ago, through a memorandum of understanding set to revolutionise the oversight of the tourism sector, our two ministries commenced a journey aimed at unlocking the potential of Kenya's tourism. Coincidentally, the MoU was signed when Kenya was celebrating the United Nations World Tourism Week whose 2024 theme was 'tourism and peace.'

On our part, on behalf of our two ministries and for the greater good of Kenyans,



we are committed to ensure that safety for our tourists, both domestic and international, is beefed up all the time. This will encourage more of our own to tour Kenya and more tourist arrivals in our country.

But why exactly are peace and security crucial to Kenya's tourism sector?

One, tourist destinations ought to inspire confidence and trust for visitors to flock. When a destination is perceived as peaceful and secure, travellers feel more confident to venture. Such confidence translates into increased bookings, longer stays and higher spending.

Two, travellers who experience placidness in a given

destination become the best marketers through their positive word-of-mouth recommendations. In the world of marketing, word-of-mouth endorsements are particularly powerful in driving traffic be it in tourism or other sectors. Peace is innately a dividend to be experienced not just casually told about.

Three, in a peaceful and secure environment, infrastructure in the transport and hospitality sectors as well as key tourist attraction sites can operate without disruptions. This ensures a seamless experience for visitors who would otherwise be wary of looming strife. The last thing leisure and adventure seekers want is incertitude.

Four, businesses in the tourism sector, be it hotels, restaurants or tour-related outfits do well when their operations are not threatened by instability or violence. A certain level of certainty is necessary in establishing enterprises in the tourism sector. Such is the atmosphere we should strive to create and maintain.

Five, peace and security foster open borders thus enabling easier cultural exchanges and understanding between visitors and locals. Modern-day tourism

is more about deep immersions and enriching travel experiences. Such cannot take root in a



tense environment susceptible to aggression or undue suspicion. Tourism flourishes better where peace abounds and where security and safety are more guaranteed.

The 2021-2025 Kenya tourism strategy is founded on four strategic shifts, all of which need peace and safety for our tourism to contribute more to the economy. These are, making Kenya an all-year-round tourism destination, creating new and more diverse customer experiences and products, building a refreshed brand image and developing enablers to unlock unexplored tourism potential.

Globally, tourism is one of

the largest industries, generating over US \$ 9 trillion in revenue and supporting millions of jobs. Destinations that prioritise peace and security often enjoy greater economic stability and prosperity. The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) maintains that regions with low levels of violence and political stability tend to attract more visitors, leading to increased spending in local economies.

Meanwhile, countries plagued by conflict, terrorism or civil unrest experience a sharp decline in tourist arrivals. The 2015 terror attacks in Paris, for instance, caused a significant drop in tourism, not just in France but also across Europe, as potential travellers perceived the neighbourhood as unsafe. Conversely, nations that maintain peaceful conditions, such as Iceland, continue to see tourism flourish, highlighting how security can translate into economic gain.

The importance of peace and security in growing tourism and bagging the potential gains it heralds cannot be gainsaid.

Prof Kindiki is the CS for Interior and Administration of National Government and Rebecca Miano the CS for Tourism and Wildlife.



NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

TENDER NOTICE

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

Tender Ref No.	Tender Description	Closing/Opening Date and Time	Reservations
NSSF/ONT/ERP/04/2024/25	Provision of Implementation Services for SAP ERP Optimization Upgrade to SAP S/4 HANA and Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Additional SAP Modules and Provision of Software Licenses.	22 nd October 2024 at 11:00 A.M. local time	Open

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

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

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Kenya Forest Service (KFS)



INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Forest Service (KFS) is a State Corporation established by the Forest Conservation and Management Act 2016. The Service is mandated to conserve, develop and sustainably manage forest and allied resources for the social economic development of the country.

Kenya Forest Service invites sealed tenders from all eligible candidates for the following tenders:

No.	TENDER REFERENCE NO.	TENDER NAME/ DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
1.	KFS/03/2024 – 2025	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC FENCE FOR MASAI MAU FOREST BLOCK	Open - National Tender	Thursday, 24 th October 2024 at 11:00 A.M.
2.	KFS/04/2024 – 2025	PROVISION OF GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER (GMIC)	Open - National Tender	Friday, 18 th October 2024 at 11:00 A.M.

The tenders are open to all those who meet the requirements for eligibility.

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

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs 1,000.00** in cash or bankers cheque payable to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya Forest Service. The document can also be downloaded from the KFS website www.kenyaforestservice.org or from the public procurement Portal: www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Those who download the document and intend to submit their bid are required to forward their contact details to Supply chain department's office, KFS Headquarters for the purpose of receiving further clarifications and/or addendums.

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with tender number and name and should be deposited in the Tender Box located at KFS headquarters, reception area, or be addressed to the:

**Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kenya Forest Service
P.O. Box 30513-00100, Nairobi**

so as to be received on or before the dates indicated in the table above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of candidate's representatives who wish to attend the opening at Kenya Forest Service headquarters canteen, located in Karura, off Kiambu road. All bidders are required to serialize their documents.

Chief Conservator of Forests



World Bank applauds KISIP2 for transforming lives in slums



A delegation from the World Bank Mission tours one of the informal settlements being upgraded in Trans Nzoia County.

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The World Bank has praised the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2) for enhancing the lives of Kenyans while fulfilling its mandate to upgrade and improve the living conditions of urban informal settlement dwellers nationwide.

The World Bank made these observations during an in-depth tour of ongoing projects in informal settlements across thirty-three counties.

In Nairobi, the KISIP2 World Bank Joint Implementation Support Mission visited the Kahawa-Soweto informal settlement, a sprawling slum located approximately nineteen kilometers northeast of Nairobi City County, which is “poised to be the poster image of tales of informality to formality.”

In this slum, KISIP2 has already initiated the tarmacking of 538 meters of roads, the installation of 283 meters of drainage lines, the construction of footpaths, a 1.27-kilometer sewer line, and the installation of 43 streetlights to improve the residents’ quality of life.

“We want to understand how the works are progressing and assess access to the settlement. We are pleased that you have begun the works, as this will change the lives of the residents,” said KISIP2 Task Team Leader at the World Bank, Ms. Beatriz Eraso Puig, while addressing a meeting at the Soweto Resource Center Hall.

Ms. Puig was accompanied by a team from the Project Implementation Support Mission, which included specialists in procurement, urban planning, safeguards, land tenure, and the environment. The project is spearheaded

by the Government of Kenya through the State Department of Housing and Urban Development in collaboration with county governments, and is funded by the World Bank, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the European Union (EU).

Also present during the site tour were members of the National Project Coordination Team (NPCT) led by KISIP2 National Project Coordinator George Arwa, the County Project Coordination Team (CPCT), Settlement Executive and Grievance Redress Committees, contractors and supervising consultants.

In his remarks, Mr. Arwa stated that KISIP 2 will turn Kahawa Soweto settlement into a sustainable neighborhood through its interventions. “Kahawa Soweto will be a model settlement. The idea of social housing is at the heart of the Government and through block titles, residents will have the powers of ownership,” stated the Co-ordinator.

In Trans Nzoia County, the Mission assessed pro-

gress of KISIP2 interventions where an estimated Sh940 million is being spent to upgrade five informal settlements including Kipsongo, Matisi, Tuwan, Shanti and Mitume.

The county, through KISIP2’s interventions, aims to improve the lives of over 52,705 residents in the five settlements

In Bungoma County, the Implementation Support Mission visited Mjini and Landi Matope informal settlements.

The Mission lauded the transformative work being undertaken by KISIP2 in spearheading efforts to improve the livelihoods of residents. “These transformations we are seeing is not only aimed to make the environment more habitable but also create an enabling environment for economic activities, contributing to the local economy’s growth,” the Mission noted.

In Nandi County, the team visited Mosoriot town and was impressed by the ongoing works which the delegation termed as a “reflection of commitment by KISIP2 to provide dignity through improved access to clean water, enhancing road infrastructure, and proper management of waste.” “These changes not only make the environment more livable but also create an enabling environment for economic activities and contribute to the local economy’s growth,” the Mission further noted. In Uasin Gishu County, the Mission was impressed by development in Eldoret Town where KISIP2’s interventions include road construction, drainage systems, construction of ablution blocks, green spaces and high masts which have been erected in several areas.

“We want to understand how the works are progressing and assess access to the settlement. We are pleased that you have begun the works, as this will change the lives of the residents,” - Ms. Beatriz Eraso Puig,

East African states commit to combat transnational threats on Lake Victoria



State Department for Interior and National Administration Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

The Governments of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania have united to address transnational threats on Lake Victoria. The three countries vowed to strengthen border security and improve coordination among themselves to ensure a safer and more secure region for all stakeholders.

Speaking at the Fourth Regional Working Group meeting held in Mombasa, State Department for Interior and National Administration Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo, who also serves as the Chairperson of the Border Control and Operations Coordinating Committee (BCOCC), stated that the three-day conference aimed to underscore the need to protect Lake Victoria as an environmental priority, given its significant impact on the socio-economic lives of communities that depend on it.

“The focus of our meeting, which is supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), is to address the gaps and concerns related to transnational organized crimes in the lake,” Omollo said. He added that the three countries will explore how to coordinate better, build capacity, create a common understanding within the communities around the lake, and ensure that these communities can benefit from the lake’s resources while minimizing and eventually eradicating the crime that is a common challenge in the area.

The PS said tackling crime is a key priority, emphasizing that the agencies involved will maintain strong cooperation and work collaboratively with law enforcement officers to combat the challenge and address any deficits that have risen over the past three years since the inception of the program.

He highlighted that the establishment of the Regional Working Group program from the key border agencies from Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania represented at the conference has played a pivotal role in advancing the three nations’ regional security and cooperation.

“Your dedication has ensured

that our initiatives remain aligned with both national and regional priorities. The teams are going to take stock of some of the developments that have happened over the three years that the program has been running. Look into how to take forward the positive lessons and can visit parts of Mombasa County,” he said.

He added that the forum was looking forward to documenting the agreed points as takeaways from the meeting.

Omollo noted that Kenya is committed to expanding its blue economy, recognizing Lake Victoria’s potential to drive both the local and regional economy.

The Directorate of Immigration Services and Head of Kenyan Delegation, Evelyn Cheluget, noted that it is important to focus on the mission to strengthen the capacities of border authorities in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania to be able to detect and deter transnational crimes in the Lake Victoria sub-region.

“This project underscores the shared commitment of our nations to uphold security in our region. Since the inception of this program in November 2022, we have made significant strides in achieving our desired outcomes,” she said.

She said through effective coordination between the three nations, the group has been able to enhance information sharing, conducted joint patrols, and addressed issues related to transnational organized crime and trade facilitation at Lake Victoria ports.

Cheluget reiterated that the formation of the working group has been instrumental in guiding the execution of the project, ensuring alignment with national and regional priorities.

Uganda was represented by the Assistant Commissioner for Immigration Control and Head of the Ugandan Delegation, Marcellino Bwesigye, while Tanzania was represented by the Head of Training, Advocacy, and International Cooperation and Head of the United Republic of Tanzania’s Delegation, Ahmad Mwendadi.

Government plans legal action against illegal occupants at Mombasa's Kipevu Oil Terminal

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

The Government has committed to resolving the ongoing safety concerns at the Kipevu Oil Terminal and the adjacent Kenya Pipeline Refinery Limited (KPRL) storage facilities at Port Reitz.

Approximately five acres of land have been illegally invaded and occupied by squatters around the two facilities.

Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi stressed that this illegal occupation poses a significant safety risk to both the residents and the two facilities.

Speaking at the KPRL offices in Mombasa during a familiarization tour, the CS stated that he is well aware of the court order requiring the residents to evacuate the area. He mentioned that the Ministry of Energy will work closely with the County Government of Mombasa and the local leadership in Changamwe to establish a mechanism for relocating the residents to another area.

He emphasized that the government will take necessary measures, even if it means going to court, to clear the site and protect lives and the facilities.

"The main culprits are the big fish who have gone ahead to put up rental houses on that piece of land. These are individuals with the means to relocate

“We are now at the last stage of amalgamating the KPRL with KPC where eventually the management of KPRL will be fully taken over by KPC for purposes of building synergy and efficiency,” he highlighted. CS Wandayi

and conduct their business elsewhere. Start arranging to relocate; the innocent tenants will find alternative places to rent,” he reiterated.

The CS noted that he is keen to gain a better understanding of the infrastructure related to petroleum and its products.

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Wandayi added that KPC is now the company in charge of logistics, storage, and transportation of all petroleum products for



(From L to R) Principal Secretary (PS) for petroleum Mohamed Liban, Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) Managing Director Capt. William Ruto, Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Energy Opiyo Wandayi, and KPA board Chairperson Benjamin Tayari when they toured Kipevu Oil Terminal (KOT II), Mombasa.



CS for Energy Opiyo Wandayi flanked by (PS) for Petroleum Mohamed Liban (L) and Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) Managing Director (MD) Joe Sang briefs the media after a familiarization tour of KPC, Kipevu Oil Terminal (KOT II).

the country.

“The visit here has been wonderful, and the infrastructure being run by KPC is part of our wider strategy to build capacity to handle more petroleum and its products, not only for Kenya but the entire region,” Wandayi said.

He highlighted that the Rwanda market is soon coming back to Kenya and that it will further the objective of capturing the region.

Currently, he said, Kenya serves Uganda through a different model, party DRC, and South Sudan.

Wandayi stated that under the G2G management, elaborate mechanisms have been put in place to ensure that there is a steady supply of fuel in the country, for both domestic and regional use.

The CS visited the petroleum handling facilities in Mombasa including KPC, Gapco, the Kipevu Oil Terminal, and KPRL and Lake Gas in Kilifi.

He was accompanied by Principal Secretary for the State Department for Petroleum Mohammed Liban.

Kenya Pipeline Company seeks stakeholder input on proposed tariff review

BY PATIENCE MABONGA AND REBECCA KIBEGWA, KNA

The Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) has begun collecting views and comments from stakeholders regarding its proposed tariff review. The review is expected to affect import handling, primary storage, and truck loading.

Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) Director General Daniel Kiptoo stated that the Kenya Pipeline Company manages several common-user petroleum logistics facilities that are crucial to the storage, transportation, and distribution of petroleum products across Kenya. These facilities include the pipeline network, storage depots, jetties, and loading terminals.

“KPC charges tariffs for the usage of its infrastructure, and these tariffs are re-

viewed and approved every three years through a public participatory process facilitated by EPRA,” Kiptoo explained.

While speaking in Nairobi during a consultative workshop on the review of KPC tariffs, Kiptoo noted that under the Energy Act of Kenya 2019, EPRA is mandated to ensure fair and reasonable tariffs for KPC services.

“Further Section 11B of the act empowers the authority to set, review and approve tariffs and contracts related to common user petroleum facilities and products,” explained Kiptoo.

He noted that all refined petroleum products imported into the country, premium motor spirits, automotive gas oil; and dual-purpose kerosene come through Kipevu Oil Storage Facility (KOSF), Kenya Petroleum Refinery Lim-



Kenya Pipeline Company Chief Planning Officer Ms Elizabeth Akinyi speaking in Nairobi during a consultative workshop on the review of KPC tariffs.

ited (KPRL) as well as VTDI Kenya Terminal based in Mombasa.

“In addition, KPRL has petroleum products, truck loading and LPG import handling facilities,” said

Kiptoo.

He highlighted that KPC uses the rate of return approach in its determination of tariff. This method involves calculating the allowed rate of return of KPC’s

regulated assets, considering factors such as depreciation, operating costs and throughput projections.

“For the controlled period 2024-2025 to 2026-2027, KPC has proposed tariff in-

creases for its import handling and primary storage services. These increases will be 24 per cent in 2024-2025, followed by eight per cent in 2025-2026 and one per cent in 2026-2027,” he said. Kenya Pipeline Company Chief Planning Officer Ms. Elizabeth Akinyi noted that the core mandate of KPC is to handle petroleum products that are imported for local consumption.

“We have storage facilities in Mombasa that include Kenya Petroleum Refinery Limited and Kipevu Oil Storage facility,” she said.

She added that there is also a hydrant system at Jomo Kenyatta and Moi International Airport that is used to fuel products directly from the depot to the aircraft.

“We recently constructed an Oil Jetty in Kisumu in efforts to serve and open up the region,” said Ms. Akinyi.

KMA set to boost maritime safety and security

BY MICHELLE WANGA (PCO)

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) has received five state-of-the-art search and rescue (SAR) boats from the European Union (EU).

The vessels are part of the EU-funded Go Blue Project and were provided through Expertise France to enhance Kenya's capacity to respond to emergencies at sea.

The search and rescue boats, which consist of two large and three smaller vessels, are equipped with cutting-edge navigation and technology to operate efficiently both near the shore and in deeper waters.

The vessels will be stationed along key points of Kenya's coastline, ready to respond to emergencies with speed and precision.

The event held in Mombasa was graced by the European Union Ambassador to Kenya, H. E Henriette Geiger, Expertise France Project Manager for Go Blue, G elle Pasquier, and representative, J r me Michelet, the Governor Lamu County, Issa Timamy, the Principal Secretary- State Department of Shipping and Mar-



European Union ambassador to Kenya, H. E Henriette Geiger and Principal Secretary, State Department of Shipping, Mr. Geoffrey Kaituko.

itime, Geoffrey Kaituko, the Kenya Maritime Authority Chairman Hamisi Mwanguya, and Acting Director General for KMA Julius Koech, Mombasa County Commissioner Mohammed Nur Hassan and the Kenya Coast Guard Service Director General, Bruno Shioso.

"The European Union is proud to partner with Kenya in supporting its maritime safety and security. By investing in modern equipment and capacity building for key personnel, we are ensuring that more lives can be saved in emergencies at sea," Henriette Geiger, the European Ambassador to Kenya said.

He noted that the European Union has committed

Sh600 billion to strengthen integration and effective maritime law enforcement and improvement of cooperation and interoperability between maritime agencies.

Mr. Kaituko, on his part, assured attendees that maritime agencies will work together to increase the number of search and rescue on Kenyan waters.

"The delivery of the SAR boats is a game changer for Kenya's maritime safety. With these resources, we are better equipped to respond quickly and save lives. Our trained personnel will utilize these boats to their full potential, ensuring swift and coordinated responses to any distress at sea, Koech said.



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Fringe Benefit Tax and Deemed Interest Rate

FRINGE BENEFIT TAX

For the purposes of Section 12B of the Income Tax Act, the **Market Interest Rate is 16%**. This rate is applicable for the months of **October, November and December 2024**.

DEEMED INTEREST RATE

For purposes of Section 16(2)(ja) of the Income Tax Act, the **prescribed rate of interest is 16%**. This rate is applicable for the months of **October, November and December 2024**.

Withholding tax rate of **15%** on the deemed interest shall be deducted and paid to the Commissioner within 5 working days.

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR KWALE URBAN WATER SUPPLY

TENDER REFERENCE NO. KE-MOWI-431584-CW-RFP

State Department for Irrigation through Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (KWSCRCP) invites interested and qualified bidders to bid for **Tender Reference No. KE-MOWI-431584-CW-RFP FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR KWALE URBAN WATER SUPPLY**.

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: **Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants, January 2011**, and is open to all Bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

A complete set of Tendering Document(s) may be obtained by interested Tenderers by downloading from the website **www.tenders.go.ke**. Tender Documents downloaded from the website will be free of charge and should be registered by sending an email to **procurement@kwscrp.org** in order to receive clarifications and/or communication, where necessary before the closing/opening date, **8th November, 2024**.

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

Project Manager,
Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project,
Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation
KWSCRCP Office ACK Garden Annex 1st Floor, 1st Ngong Avenue.
P.O Box 49720 – 00100, Nairobi
Nairobi, Kenya.

and be delivered to KWSCRCP Office ACK Garden Annex 1st Floor, 1st Ngong Avenue, Nairobi.

So as to be received on or before **8th November, 2024 11.00 a.m.** Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in the presence of the Tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at KWSCRCP Office at ACK Garden Annex 1st Floor, 1st Ngong Avenue, Nairobi.

Principal Secretary



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Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy (IHCC) is implementing Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the Asals (SWASAP) Programme, targeting Garissa County funded by Water Sector Trust Fund (Water Fund) supported by Government of Denmark through DANIDA. The Programme is aimed at increasing community resilience and adaptation to climate change through sustainable, peaceful use of natural resources including improved access to water and sanitation services in the target ASAL Counties.

Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy invites tenders from eligible bidders as described in the table below.

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
ISHAQBINI/WSTFS-WASAP/01/2024	Tender for Excavation and Construction of Bulla Warade 40,000M3 capacity Water pan in Kotile, Ishaqbini Conservancy, Garissa County	Date: 18th October, 2024 Location: Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy, Kotile Time: 10:00 am Contact: 0729991806

Tender Documents are available Free of Charge to all qualified contractors and can be downloaded from website [://https://ishaqbiniconservancy.org](https://ishaqbiniconservancy.org) or www.nrt-kenya.org/vacancies. Bidders who may want to obtain further information or seek clarification can do so by sending an email to Ishaqbini Conservancy ishaqbini@nrt-kenya.org

Completed Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be submitted in two - Original and copy clearly marked **"Do not Open Before 18th October ,2024 at 10am."** showing the Tender No, Description and Lot No. addressed to:

Conservancy Manager,
Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy Office
Kotile, Masalani Ward, Ijara Subcounty.
P.O Box 46-70105

Bidders will also be required to register their details as they drop their bids. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or representatives who wish to witness the opening. **Late tenders will be rejected.**



Eldoret's EPZ project kicks off with Sh 477m investment

BY JUDY TOO AND GRACE WAMBUI, KNA

The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Investments, Trade, and Industry (MITI), Salim Mvurya, has laid the foundation stone for the much-anticipated Eldoret Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA). The project is estimated to cost Sh 477 million and is expected to be completed by the end of November 2024.

The CS stated that the economic zone will not only help Eldoret retain its status as an industrialized area but will also contribute to the overall transformation of the country's economy.

"It is easier to undertake the construction; however, we now need to work with the county government to mobilize the backward linkages.

This way, when we focus on avocado or cotton, we can prepare farmers in those sectors, ensuring that the export and manufacturing of these products align with the construction being done here," said the CS.

He further confirmed that the government has allocated Sh 1 billion for the creation of 19 County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) nationwide to create more opportunities for rural industrialization and manufacturing.

"Together with the county government, we will also work on backward linkages to ensure the aggregation products are prepared in advance. This way, when construction is completed, we can have the products ready in all the parks," he continued.

The CS urged farmers and entrepreneurs to ensure that their produce is of high quality, as it will be processed and exported from the industrial zone to meet export standards.

The initiative is part of a broader national strategy to increase Kenya's manufacturing capacity and collaborate with local stakeholders to help farmers achieve the required quality standards for accreditation and export.

He called upon the county leadership and farmers to align with the industrial agenda to support the growth of the local economy, emphasizing that his ministry will play a pivotal role in this initiative.

Mvurya further noted the job creation potential of the industrial zone, stating that more than 100,000



The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Investments, Trade, and Industry (MITI) Salim Mvurya unveiling the laying of foundation stone of the EPZA in Eldoret.

jobs would be generated, providing opportunities for both skilled and semi-skilled workers thus reducing youth unemployment in the county.

He assured the public that the Ministry will continue to support farmers and entrepreneurs as the industrial project advances. Eldoret's transformation

from a vibrant agricultural center to a key industrial player is well underway, setting the stage for significant economic growth and prosperity.

Alarm over spread of invasive weeds in arid and semi arid rangelands



invasive weed species in arid and semi-arid (ASAL) rangelands

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI, KNA

The Government has warned of the spread of invasive weed species in arid and semi-arid (ASAL) rangelands due to the overstocking of livestock. The situation has significantly reduced grazing pasture and negatively impacted livestock productivity, which accounts for 70 percent of the country's ruminant livestock population.

Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock, Dr. Andrew Karanja, stated that data from state agencies indicates a concerning trend of overstocking among pastoralist communities, with many of the animals being of low body weight. This practice, he noted, is intended to mitigate risks among pastoralists but has resulted in land degradation and the proliferation of invasive species that have affected grazing lands. Dr. Karanja warned that if this trend is not reversed, it could further jeopardize Kenya's ability to meet international livestock export

demands—a key market for these communities—and the economic impact through foreign exchange inflows. "Although the government has secured various international markets for livestock, we are unable to meet the demand due to the low body weights of our animals," he said. Kenya heavily relies on livestock exports to the Middle East, particularly United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia, which generate billions of shillings annually.

To address the issue, the CS said the Ministry of Agriculture is spearheading initiatives to rehabilitate degraded lands and secure sustainable pasture production, a critical component of the livestock sector. The CS called on local research institutes to develop suitable technologies to combat invasive species in rangelands and promote reseeding efforts to boost forage availability.


He also urged the pastoralist communities to invest in breeding programs and feed production to raise livestock that

can meet market demands thereby improving the incomes and livelihoods of ASAL residents.

Dr. Karanja's remarks were delivered by Prof. Abdi Guliye, the Advisor for Livestock and Rangeland Management in the Office of the President during a stakeholder engagement organized by AU-IBAR RAFFS project on emergency responses to the anticipated depressed rainfall from October 2023, to February next year.

In addition, Dr Karanja said Kenya has been grappling with recurrent droughts, driven by the escalating effects of climate change, challenges that have severely impacted the livestock sector, particularly in ASAL regions which face an over 50 per cent feed deficit. The CS emphasized the need for feedlot promotion, commercialization of land for feed production, and better storage practices to cushion farmers from losses to support the livestock sector which contributes approximately 12 per cent to Kenya's GDP.

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Water Act 2016, Section 139

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE REGULAR TARIFF APPLICATION

TWO (2) No. WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS (WSPs)

The public is hereby informed that the following Water Service Providers (WSPs), licensed by the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), have applied for a regular tariff review in accordance with Section 72(b) of the Water Act 2016:

- Nyahururu Water & Sanitation Company Limited
- Naivasha Water & Sanitation Company Limited

These WSPs are seeking a tariff adjustment to ensure full cost recovery for sustainable water services and to support essential investments for improved service delivery.

To engage stakeholders and gather feedback, WASREB will conduct hybrid public consultation meetings with both in-person and virtual options. Details are as follows:

Water Service Provider	County	Venue		Day Date and Time
Nyahururu Water & Sanitation Company Limited (NYAHUWASCO)	Laikipia	Physical meeting	Thomson Falls Lodge in Nyahururu Town	Tuesday, 5th November 2024 at 10:00 am
		Virtual Meeting	WSP to provide links	
Naivasha Water & Sanitation Company Limited (NAIVAWASCO)	Nakuru	Physical meeting	Wildlife Research & Training Institute in Naivasha Town	Tuesday, 5th November 2024 at 10:00 am
		Virtual Meeting	WSP to provide links	

Important Information:

- Participants should be seated by **10:00am**. Personal identification will be required.
- Public members are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask questions related to the provision of water services in their areas.
- Details regarding the proposed tariff adjustment, minor investments, and performance targets are available at www.wasreb.go.ke

Submit Your Feedback


Written comments on the applications can be emailed to the **WASREB** at info@wasreb.go.ke and cc to tariffs@wasreb.go.ke. Hard copies can be submitted to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,
Water Services Regulatory Board,
5th Floor NHIF Building,
Ngong Road,
P.O Box 41621 -00100,
NAIROBI.**

The closing date for receipt of comments is **30 days** after the publication of this notice.

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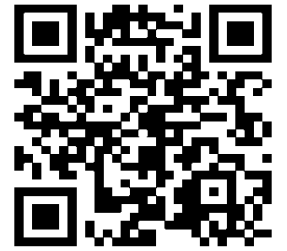
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Huduma Kenya to start issuing out National Identity Cards to first timers

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Youth engage in Climate WorX clean up exercise in Nairobi.

CLIMATE ACTION

Greening the nation, creating jobs with Climate Worx

Government steps up the fight against climate change using the programme that has kicked off in earnest in Nairobi

No doubt, climate change is one of the most devastating challenges Kenya faces today.

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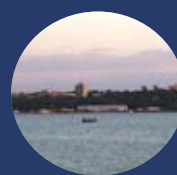
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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



KISUMU COUNTY

1,155,574

Kisumu's population as per KNBS 2019 Census



New tourism circuits reveal hidden gems in counties

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Ministry of Energy officials plant trees as part of 15 billion tree planting initiative.

INSET: President William Ruto during the launch of Climate WorX initiative.

GREEN JOBS

Programme to employ over 200,000 youth every year

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The youth are employed in three main areas namely environment, roads and infrastructure and housing and urban development.

Participants earn a daily wage while contributing to projects that make a tangible impact on communities and the environment.

Those focusing on the environment are engaged in nursery development, seedling

tubing and the nurturing of planted trees.

The goal is to enhance forest cover and reverse the damage caused by decades of deforestation.

Meanwhile, participants in the roads and infrastructure sector are involved in greening road projects.

In Nairobi, where the project has taken off in earnest, the youth are rehabilitating riparian areas as part of a broader effort to restore the Nairobi River Basin.

Up to 20,000 young people will in the long run work to rehabilitate the river's 47-kilometre stretch, creating park buffers, green spaces and pedestrian walkways along its banks.

"Climate WorX is a game-changer, it actively integrates local communities in the hiring process, fostering a shared sense of responsibility and accountability in every project," said Muturi Junior, a grassroots image activist in Nairobi.

The youth earn Sh7,000 every two weeks, with supervisors taking home Sh7,700, with the payments made via mobile money.

National Government Administration Officers are overseeing the implementation of the project, ensuring that it is carried out fairly, inclusively and without interference from political or tribal interests.

Climate WorX complements the 15 billion tree planting project launched by the Government in 2022 as part of its strategy to reduce greenhouse gasses and fight climate change.

The ten-year tree planting initiative is the cornerstone of the country's climate action strategy.

The long-term goal of the initiative is to restore over 10 million hectares of degraded landscapes, increasing Kenya's forest cover to 30 per cent over the next decade.

It has already made significant progress, and the Government is taking further steps to encourage public participation. The "Plant Your Age" campaign, for example, invites Kenyans to plant as many trees as their age, turning birthdays into meaningful opportunities for environmental stewardship.

Impressively, digital tools are being used to track Kenya's progress on climate mitigation.

The Government's Jaza Miti mobile app, launched by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, enables individuals to register

their tree-planting efforts, with plans to introduce a rewards scheme for those who contribute most actively. "Individual action is important in tackling the climate crisis. Every tree planted propels us toward a greener, more resilient Kenya," said Environment and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale.

To enrol in the initiative, one needs to visit the CRSP

website (<https://www.crsp.go.ke/>) to access the application portal:

You then provide your full name, gender, phone number and date of birth.

Thereafter, submit national identification: Enter your National Identity Card Number/ Maisha Number.

Provide location information: Submit your county and area of residence.

Submit education and skill level: Fill in your educational background and current skill level.

Successful applicants will be notified through the contact details provided.

Climate WorX has been greeted with enthusiasm among young people.

The programme embodies a vision of a greener, more resilient Kenya, where young people are not just passive victims of unemployment and environmental degradation, but active participants in creating a sustainable future.

"This is our chance to turn the tide on climate change, and we are placing our trust in the hands of the youth because they are the ones who will inherit this earth, and they are the ones who must save it," President Ruto said. ■



INFOBOX

CLIMATE WORX INITIATIVE

► MAIN AREAS OF FOCUS:

- **Environment: Tree nursery development, tubing, stewardship, river clean-up**
- **Roads and Infrastructure: Greening, construction, and maintenance**
- **Housing & Urban Development: Affordable housing, riparian rehabilitation**
- **DAILY WAGE: Sh7,000 for every two-week work shift; Supervisors earn Sh7,700 every two weeks**
- **GOAL: Foster climate resilience, restore natural habitats, and reduce youth unemployment**
- **DURATION: 1-year engagement per youth cohort, with life skills training for future employment opportunities**

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook, UNESCO Commission explore areas of collaboration

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) continues to strengthen its strategic partnerships in its mandate to document the work of the Government. In a recent meeting with the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO (KNATCOM), KYEB laid the groundwork for future collaboration on projects of national importance.

The KYEB delegation, led by Dr Victor Nzomo (Corporation Secretary), met with KNATCOM's team led by Dr Patrick Kasyula, Deputy Director of Research and Consultancy, to explore areas of



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This collaboration would help KYEB achieve its goal of not only documenting the history and work of the Kenyan Government but also providing vital resources to the nation. Working closely with KNATCOM, a global leader in promoting education, science, and culture, aligns with KYEB's broader objective to deliver impactful publications while leveraging partnerships that drive national development. ■



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto (front row, seventh right), Director of UNESCO for Eastern Africa Alexandros Makarigakis (tenth right) and Ag Sec-Gen/CEO KNATCOM, Dr James Njogu (fourth left), among other dignitaries during the recent launch of KNATCOM's Strategic Plan 2024-2029 in Nairobi.

Huduma Kenya to start issuing out National Identity Cards to first timers

Huduma Kenya is set to roll out issuance of first-time National Identity Card (ID) across all Centres in Kenya. This initiative aims to streamline the process of obtaining crucial identification documents for citizens, ensuring greater accessibility and convenience.

Currently, only Huduma Centre Machakos facilitates first-time ID applications, while other centres handle the issuance of duplicate IDs. Recognising the need to expand this critical service, the National Registration Bureau (NRB) is now in the process of rolling

out first-time ID applications, also known as New Person Registration (NPR) IDs, to the other 56 Huduma Centres nationwide.

The expansion is expected to greatly benefit Kenyans, particularly those in remote and underserved areas. To achieve this milestone, the NRB is conducting comprehensive capacity-building programmes for staff to ensure they are well equipped to handle the new service efficiently and effectively.

The roll out will be gradual, with different regions coming online in phases to ensure a smooth transition. ■



HUDUMA CORNER

Huduma Kenya staff during training to ensure all Centres offer ID cards to first-timers.

TOURISM

New tourism circuits reveal the hidden gems in counties



Giraffes in a national park.

CS Tourism Rebecca Miano (inset), who is also the Chair for Tourism at the Council of Governors, unveil the nine tourism circuits.

The launch of the circuits is not just about expansion but also securing the future of Kenya's tourism

The tourism sector has been rejuvenated with the unveiling of nine regional circuits that promise to transform the country into a year-round destination for both the international and domestic travellers.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife under the "Tembea

Kenya" programme, comes at a crucial time when there is need for resilience in the tourism sector. With global uncertainties and increased competition in the sector, the launch of these circuits is not just about expansion; it is about securing the future of Kenya's tourism.

Tourism is one of Kenya's foreign exchange earners, with the country recording Sh142.5 billion revenue in the first six months of 2024. In 2023, Kenya earned Sh352.6 billion.

This income is expected to rise with the unveiling of the new circuits – Nairobi, Central, Coastal, Northern, Western, Southern, North Rift, South Rift and Eastern, which cover all the 47 counties.



The circuits represent a comprehensive effort to diversify Kenya's tourism offerings by highlighting lesser-known gems and encouraging tourists to delve deeper into the rich cultural and natural landscapes of the nation. The North Rift Circuit, in particular, embodies the spirit of resilience, showcasing the beauty, diversity and untapped potential of this often-overlooked region.

The North Rift Circuit stretches across the northern towns of Kenya, from Laikipia to Marsabit and Turkana, encompassing a stunning variety of landscapes, wildlife and cultural experiences.

It features notable attractions such as Lake Turkana, Lake Bogoria, and Lake Baringo, along with national parks like Sibiloi, Nasolot and South Turkana.

These areas are rich with biodiversity, from hippos and crocodiles to a variety of bird species, making the North Rift a haven for nature enthusiasts and adventure-seekers.

Unlike the more popular tourist destinations in Kenya, such as the Maasai Mara or the beaches of Mombasa, the North Rift Circuit presents an authentic, raw side of Kenya, one that is deeply connected to its people and natural environment.

At the launch of the circuits in Kisumu County, which coincided with the Kenya Tourism Week, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife Rebecca Miano emphasised the importance of the new circuits in reshaping Kenya's tourism narrative.

The circuits are designed not only to attract tourists but also engage local communities, particularly the youth, in the promotion and development of regional tourism. This approach is a departure from traditional models of tourism that often focus solely on international visitors and established attractions.

The circuits aim to distribute the benefits of tourism more evenly across the country, ensuring that local communities are both participants in and beneficiaries of tourism growth.

The event in Kisumu was marked by a sense of excitement and optimism. Cultural showcases, street art displays, and hackathons for young innovators were all part of the celebrations, highlighting the role of local culture and creativity in shaping the future of Kenyan tourism.

Youth engagement is a key component of the Tembea Kenya initiative, and the emphasis on involving young people in the tourism narrative shows the Government's commitment to making tourism a driver of economic growth and opportunity, particularly in regions like the North Rift, where employment prospects can be limited.

One of the central themes of the new tourism circuits is sustainability. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook undertakes Q1 performance appraisals

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) has undertaken employee Quarter One Performance Management appraisals for the financial year 2024/2025 as part of efforts to enhance productivity in the organisation. The appraisals were done as KYEB prioritises a high performance culture as outlined in its Strategic Plan for the period

2024-2028. The plan proposes three key results areas named informed citizens, relevant products, platforms and services and high performance culture. Employees' performance was measured against set indicators, which assess them on service delivery in the key result areas. According to the Strategic Plan, performance monitoring enhances accountability and ensures workers are assigned clear responsibilities and the

targets are achieved. "The goal in realising our vision of Editorial Excellence in Public Communications requires collective efforts, resilience and commitment to constantly improve," KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto said. Performance management helps to improve service delivery in the Public Service by ensuring that workers are accountable for their performance. ■

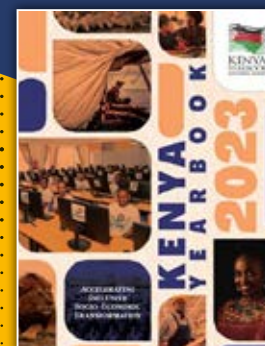


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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (second left) when he hosted Ali Gholampour, the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in his office.



Head of Public Service and Chief of Staff Felix Koskei (centre) and Deputy Chief of Staff Eliud Owalo (left) when they met with all Principal Secretaries (below) for updates on Government development programmes.



Sports and Youth Affairs Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen (left) when he met with a technical team from the Confederation of African Football which was in the country to assess Kenya's readiness to co-host the African Nations Championship in February 2025.



Coffee cooperatives set to challenge international firms in export market

BY **WANGARI NDIRANGU,**
(KNA)

The Government will license primary farmers' coffee cooperative societies as new agents to export Kenyan coffee. However, this initiative is likely to ignite a new business conflict with both established local and international companies.

The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) board chair, Cornelly Serem, stated that as part of a new era in the coffee sub-sector, the government intends to allow primary coffee societies to market their produce directly to key segments of the international market.

Serem added that the organization will work with county governments and established farmers' coffee cooperative societies to ensure they meet all required regulations before permitting them to export their coffee.

For the last two years, the government under a coffee reform agenda has been re-organizing the milling and marketing of Kenya coffee as part of empowering local farmers. The AFA Chair noted that some farmer coffee cooperative societies



Coffee berries

have managed to integrate their business as part of reducing cost and thus increasing farmers income in the development of the coffee industry in the country.

Serem, who made the remarks during the celebration of International Coffee Day in Kirinyaga said, "We have coffee societies that have processing units, mills and brokerage companies. Licensing agents to export the commodity will advance their profile both locally and internationally," he added.

The Government, he confirmed, is fast-tracking the reform agenda to ensure the industry is free of distor-

tions by cartels and unscrupulous traders.

Kirinyaga County Co-operative Union Limited chairman Geoffrey Munyagia confirmed that his organization has made strides in selling coffee for farmers through the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE).

The union has been selling its coffee through Kirinyaga Slopes Coffee Brokerage Company Limited, -one of the 16 coffee brokers registered by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) to market Kenyan coffee at NCE.

Since it was established in October 2023, the company has traded most of the coffee

at NCE with the clean beans fetching some of the highest prices at the auction.

By establishing its own mill, Munyagia confirmed the union has reduced milling costs by five per cent from 22 per cent to 17 per cent in the last one year.

"We decided to adopt the integrated business model following frustrations in the coffee arena by other local and international companies which could charge us exorbitantly in terms of transport and milling cost.

"Our next move is to register an agent for exporting our coffee to other segments in the international market. In this way we stand to benefit a lot in terms of expenses that are charged our coffee by exporting companies," Munyagia said.

By mid-August this year, Kirinyaga Slopes had sold coffee worth \$35,737,558.64 (Sh4.6 billion) out of \$167,029,940.10 (Sh21.5 billion), representing 21.43 per cent.

The chairman confirmed that out of the total coffee sold through the auction out of 18 societies in the county paid over Sh100 with the highest paying almost Sh130.

BRIEFS

Graduates urged to seize opportunities in the 4IR

The Principal Secretary (PS) of the State Department for Higher Education and Research, Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala, has urged fresh graduates to embrace technology as they enter their respective fields.

During the eighth graduation ceremony at Kirinyaga University, the Principal Secretary highlighted that the university's motto reflects the realities of the current global landscape, advising the graduands to align themselves with the changing market needs.

"Pursuing education in business, health sciences, and engineering presents great opportunities to leverage technology and uncover infinite possibilities. I commend the university for its focus on science, technology, and innovation," the PS stated.

Dr. Inyangala emphasized the university's pivotal role in training professionals across various fields, including health, engineering, and education. She noted that these practitioners would contribute to different government de-

velopment agendas, such as universal health coverage and the digital superhighway, among others.

She reiterated the government's dedication to fostering a supportive policy environment for universities, ensuring that research evidence is utilized to continuously enhance policies and programs.

Dr. Inyangala challenged the graduands to seize every opportunity to refine their skills, upskill, multi-skill, and broaden their horizons to adapt to the fast-changing world of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Kirinyaga University Vice Chancellor (VC) Mary Ndung'u stated that the university's programs are intentionally developed to address and contribute to the achievement of Kenya Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). The VC said the development of high-quality teaching and research programs naturally comes with a requirement for excellent facilities

By Mutai Kipngetch, KNA

New tile making factory to support Murang'a housing sector

The Government, through the Ministry of Mining and Blue Economy, plans to establish a tile-making factory in the Gatari area of Murang'a County. The factory will utilize the clay soil mined in the area, which is currently transported to factories in other counties for the manufacturing of tiles and other construction materials.

Mining Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi stated that his ministry is in discussions with the local county government to secure land for the factory's construction. Speaking at Gatari Primary School, Mwangi noted that they are also seeking a private partner to establish the facility, which will provide employment opportunities for thousands of local young people. "Gatari has been a source of clay soil primarily used to manufacture tiles and other earthen construction materials. Having a factory will greatly benefit the local community in terms of employment opportunities as well as returns from the mined soil," said the PS. Mwangi further stated

that the factory will play a crucial role in reviving the local construction sector, noting that many workers have abandoned quarrying activities due to a shortage of essential materials like sand and stone.

The tile-making factory, the PS observed, will absorb those who were previously engaged in mining construction stones and sand since the clay is sourced locally and is abundant, creating many employment opportunities.

"There is high demand for tiles in the construction industry, and we are optimistic that the factory will revive the local construction sector and create employment for the community," he added.

He continued, "The ministry is at an advanced stage of reaching an agreement with the Murang'a County administration to allocate land for the project. Once the land is identified and handed over, construction of the factory will commence." For his part, Gatari MCA Gathee wa Njeri underscored the County Assembly's full support for the project.

By Bernard Munyao, KNA

Innovative science kits to transform Junior Secondary Schools without lab facilities

BY **ERASTUS GICHOHI,** KNA

The development of science kits specifically designed for all Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) in the country that lack physical laboratory facilities is nearing completion. According to the Schools Equipment Production Unit (SEPU), this initiative follows the successful development and rollout of a user-friendly science kit for grade four, five, and six students across the country for use by both teachers and pupils.

SEPU CEO Dr. Joel Mabonga stated that the development of these mobile kits aims to address gaps in public and private schools that lack physical laboratories, which are expensive to construct amid budgetary constraints.

Data from the Ministry of Education shows that learners in remote areas of the country and those living in informal settlements are the most affected by inadequate infrastructure, including classrooms and laboratories, due to high pupil numbers.

Dr. Mabonga noted that the current kits, which have been harmonized to align with the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), will provide public schools with "mobile laboratories" starting in January next year, targeting grade nine students.

The CEO emphasized that the revamped program is a key component of the government's broader strategy to address the infrastructural challenges faced by JSS institutions by offering an affordable kit, each cost-



SEPU CEO Dr. Joel Mabonga [right] with KICD CEO Prof Charles Ong'ondo assesses a mobile science kit developed for learners enrolled in Junior Secondary Schools.

ing Sh70,000. As part of its commitment to improving the learning environment in public schools, the government has pledged to construct over 16,000 new classrooms and recruit more than 46,000 teachers to fill staffing gaps in JSS.

Speaking in Naivasha

during a meeting with education stakeholders, Dr Mabonga explained that the agency has partnered with other state organs in the education sector to develop a cost-effective mobile laboratory solution that addresses the needs of the students.