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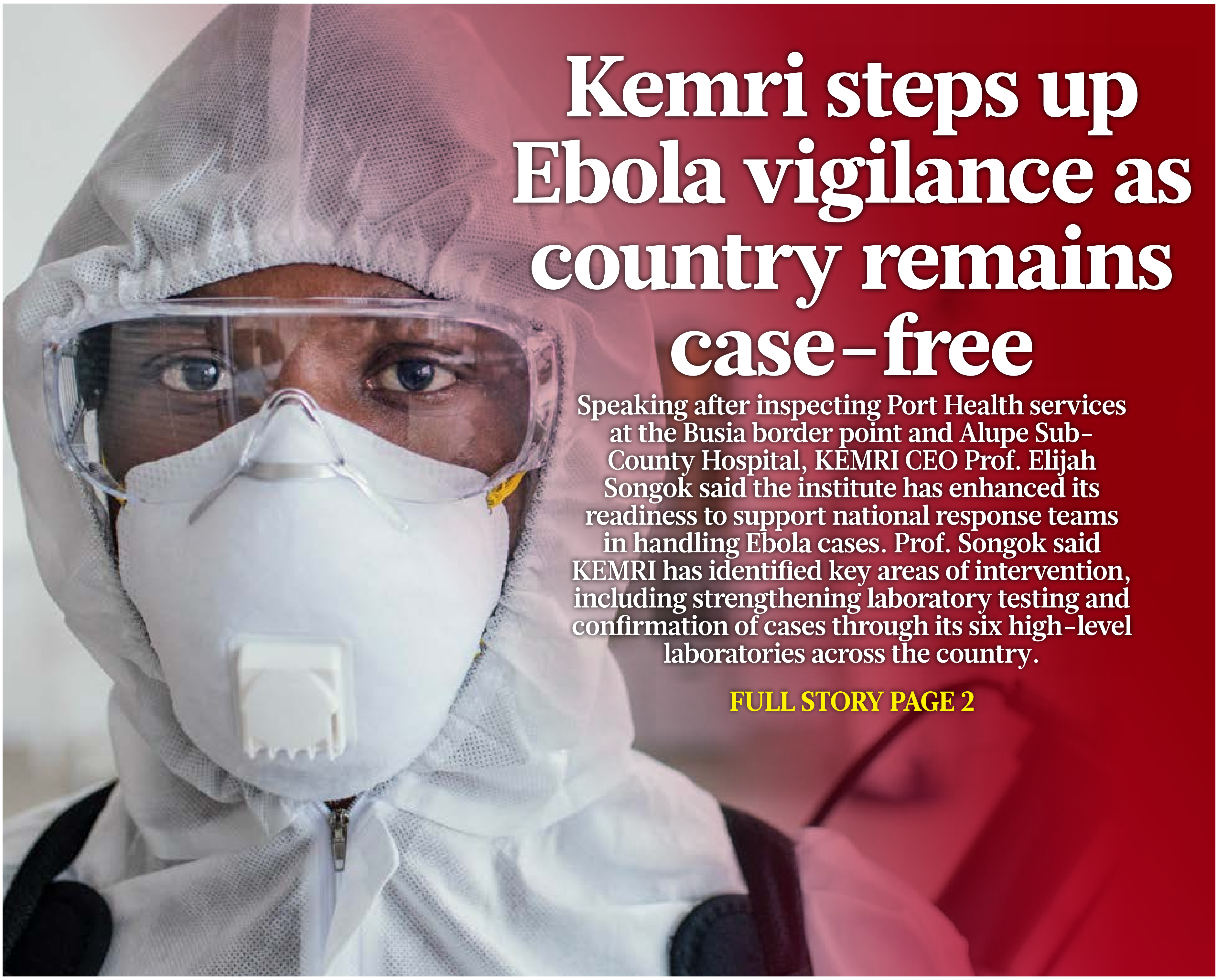

Kemri steps up Ebola vigilance as country remains case-free

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Kenya now on high alert as Kemri tightens Ebola response measures

BY SALOME ALWANDA, RODGERS OMONDI AND DAVID WANDETO

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) has intensified preparedness measures to support the country's response to a possible Ebola outbreak, amid heightened surveillance and emergency response efforts by the government following reported cases in neighbouring countries.

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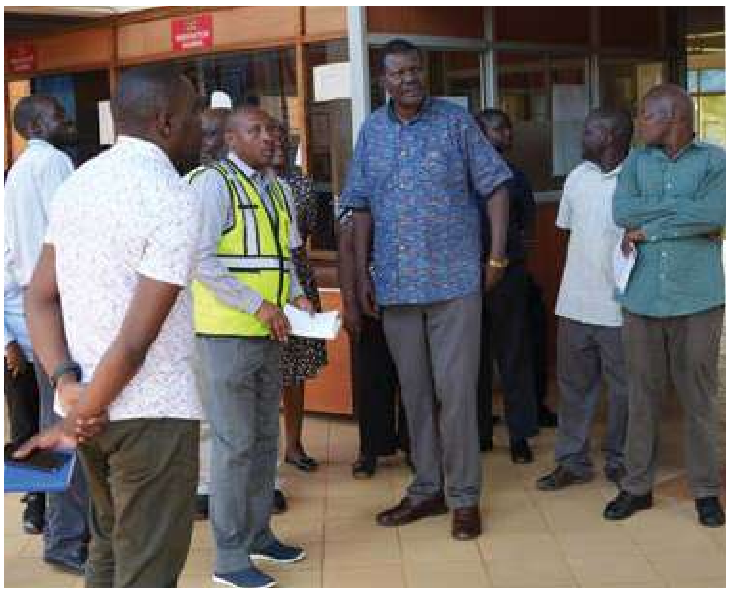

Prof. Elijah Sangok (in checked shirt, third left) during the inspection at the Busia border port health facility on Ebola preparedness.

"We have identified areas where KEMRI can help, including strengthening laboratory testing and confirmation. The virus is handled in BSL-3 laboratories located in Kilifi, Kericho, Kisumu and Nairobi," he said.

He added that the institute is scaling up production of disinfectants for hospitals and port health facilities handling suspected cases, while also developing testing kits to bolster the country's preparedness.

"We are ramping up production of disinfectants for hospitals and port health facilities handling suspected cases. We are also working on testing kits so that we are ready to handle any cases," he said.

The KEMRI boss underscored the importance of well-equipped isolation units to contain outbreaks and protect healthcare workers and the public. He said the institute is collaborating with stakeholders to establish hospitals with high-level containment wards and revealed that wards at Alupe Sub-County Hospital will be renovated to enhance preparedness.

Prof. Songok noted that lessons learned from previous disease outbreaks have significantly improved Kenya's response capacity. He called for enhanced screening at border points and porous entry routes, saying community awareness and multi-sectoral collaboration remain critical in preventing the spread of the disease.

"This requires a multi-sectoral approach. We need to improve communication and community awareness because the community plays a major role in fighting the pandemic," he said.

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He further proposed the establishment of dedicated isolation centres separate from hospitals to reduce stigma and minimise disruption of routine health services during outbreaks.

His remarks come as Public Health Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni assured Kenyans that no Ebola case has been reported in the country despite the heightened alert.

Speaking in Kerugoya, Muthoni said the government has intensified surveillance and strengthened preparedness measures at border entry points to shield the country from a possible outbreak.

"We have not reported any Ebola case in Kenya, but the government remains on high alert and all necessary measures have been put in place to protect

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Kenyans," she said.

The PS said the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with other government agencies, has activated strict screening and monitoring systems along Kenya's borders. She added that health workers across the country have been trained to detect, isolate and manage suspected Ebola cases, while rapid response teams remain on standby.

"Our health workers have been trained on how to handle any suspected Ebola case and response teams are ready to act immediately if any case is detected," she said.

Muthoni noted that the Ministry is working closely with security agencies, immigration officers and county governments to strengthen surveillance and screening at all border entry points and major transit routes.

"The Ministry of Health is collaborating with other ministries and security agencies to strengthen surveillance and screening at our borders to prevent the spread of Ebola into the country," she added. the country against health emergencies.

"Good hygiene and clean environments are key in preventing the spread of diseases. Every Kenyan has a responsibility to help keep our communities safe," she said.

Teachers win big as promotion slots doubled to 50,000 in new budget cycle

BY DICKSON MWITI, KNA

The Deputy President, Prof. Kithure Kindiki, has said the government will promote 50,000 teachers following an improved budgetary allocation in the coming financial year.

Prof. Kindiki assured teachers that their concerns have been factored into the 2026/27 budget to improve their welfare.

"In the coming budget, we have set aside funds for teachers' promotions. The initial target was 25,000 teachers, but after further consultations with unions, the government will now promote 50,000 teachers," he said.

During a thanksgiving ceremony of the newly elected KUPPET Meru Branch Executive Secretary Njira Muthomi, the DP said some of the beneficiaries have been stuck in one job level for over 10 years.

"We are doing everything possible to improve teachers' welfare through better terms of service and increasing their number to reduce the workload of the individual teacher," he added. Prof. Kindiki also assured the teachers that their health concerns have been considered and the government would ensure they receive adequate health cover through SHA.

"We need to improve the SHA packages for teachers. We will expedite resolution of issues raised by teachers to ensure their health is assured because it is paramount to have a healthy teacher," he stated. "Teachers are the only people who spend most of their time thinking about the welfare of children of other people more than they think about their own. Because of this, we salute you because you are the best examples of sacrifice for others," he added.

Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki (right) appreciating greetings from teachers in Meru County. PHOTO: DICKSON MWITI

BY THE NUMBERS

Sh765bn

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Key achievements since 2022, he said, include employment of 100,000 teachers. The DP added that another 20,000 teachers will be employed soon. Kindiki added the government has also constructed 23,000 classrooms and 1,600 laboratories.

He said a further 3300 tutors have been recruited for the TVET institutions and reforms that have enabled higher enrolment have been rolled out.

He also said they are looking into the requests to make Junior Secondary School independent.

"We have heard your requests to make JSS autonomous. We are going to discuss with various stakeholders to see what we can do as we wait for parliamentary intervention," he said.

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NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM /SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATES	TENDER SECURITY IN KES.	TARGETED GROUPS
1	KNBS/ONT/22/2025-2026	Procurement of the new ARCGIS named user license Model **(Re-advertisement)**	16th June 2026 at 10:00 am	100,000	Open
2	KNBS/ONT/23/2025-2026	Provision of Google Apps for emailing services **(Re-advertisement)**	16th June 2026 at 10:00 am	180,000	Open

Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document free of charge from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) at **https://treasury.go.ke** and /or Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) website; **https://www.knbs.or.ke** under ***"Tenders"*** portal. Those who download the document must immediately forward their particulars **(i.e. Name & Contacts of Applicant)** to email; **procurement@knbs.or.ke** for purposes of registration.

Original completed tender document should be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box on 13th Floor, Real Towers addressed to: -

Director General
Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
P. O. Box 30266-00100,
NAIROBI.

so as to be received on or before **16th June 2026 at 10:00am**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the KNBS Board Room- Real Towers, 13th Floor.

Any canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Late tenders will not be accepted.

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The Judiciary invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders;

S.N	Tender Number	Tender Description	Eligibility	Tender Closing/ Opening Date
1.	JUD/OT/058/2025-2026	Provision of Auctioneering services to the Judiciary under a framework contract for a period of three (3) years	ALL	10th June 2026 at 1000 hrs.
3.	JUD/OT/059/2025-2026	Supply and delivery of tyres and tubes for the Judiciary under a three (3) year framework contract	ALL	12th June 2026 at 1000hrs
4.	JUD/OT/060/2025-2026	Disposal of Unserviceable Motor vehicles	ALL	11th June 2026 at 1000hrs

Tendering is open to all qualified and interested tenderers who may view and obtain tender documents from the Judiciary's website **www.judiciary.go.ke** and from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) website **www. tenders.go.ke.** Any request for clarifications must be made in writing at least five (5) days prior to the tender closing dates. All clarifications and addenda will be posted on the Judiciary and on the Public Procurement Information Portal websites.

Bids submitted should be in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes that should remain valid for One Hundred and Twenty (120) days from the tender closing date. Tenders must be accompanied with a tender security as indicated in the tender document **valid for 150 days from tender closing date** in the form of a guarantee issued by Financial Institutions approved and licensed by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) or by Insurance Companies registered and licensed by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) **addressed and payable to the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary.**

Completed tender documents, duly paginated sequentially, are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the tender number and name, and deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Main gate, Supreme Court entrance, City Hall Way, Nairobi and addressed to:

THE CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY
ATT: DIRECTORATE OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
P.O BOX 30041-00100, NAIROBI, KENYA

To be received on or before the dates indicated above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers representatives who choose to attend at the Supreme Court Building 2nd Floor, Room No.74 or as will be advised. **Late tenders shall be rejected**

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CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY

PSC warns senior officials over sexual exploitation of interns in government offices

Public Service Commission Chairman Francis Meja (centre, front row) joined by fellow Commissioners during the training programme held in Naivasha for mentors in Ministries, Departments and Agencies who will be tasked to oversee successful induction and guide interns posted by the Commission. PHOTO: ERASTUS GICHOHI

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI, KNA

The Public Service Commission has warned senior government officials against sexual harassment and abuse of interns deployed across ministries, departments, and agencies.

The Commission said it has received disturbing reports of rising cases of sexual exploitation and psychological abuse targeting interns, with some incidents reportedly ending in suicide.

PSC Chairman Francis Meja said officers found culpable will face disciplinary action, including dismissal from service and prosecution.

Meja, who was addressing tens of mentors under the internship programme during a week-long training, tasked the officers to report any incidents of abuse and take prompt action against those responsible. Meja said the internship programme, which started in 2019, offers graduates a platform to acquire key work experience, noting that more than 37,000 interns had so far benefited.

He added that the Commission has this year deployed 8,268 interns to ministries, departments and agencies, while 3,134 former interns have secured permanent employment in national and county governments.

The PSC Chair also raised concern over laxity at work by public officers, which had negatively affected government productivity, despite fewer than one million workers drawing more than Sh1 trillion in salaries and allowances annually.

"Studies by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission have noted that the private sector is three times more productive compared to the public service," Meja said.

He tasked officers who would serve as mentors to interns under the Public Service Internship Programme (PSIP) to guide and expose the graduates to the requisite experience, and to instill integrity and professionalism in them.

BY THE NUMBERS

8,268

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Thousands in Nyandarua to get electricity in Sh1.6bn in last-mile project

BY KIMANI TIRUS, KNA

Thousands of Nyandarua County residents will benefit from a multi-billion-shilling rural electrification programme.

This follows the government's allocation of Sh1.6 billion for last-mile electricity connectivity projects across the county.

Of this allocation, Olkalou Constituency will receive Sh204 million, which will facilitate the connection of more than 1,700 households to electricity.

Speaking during the launch of the exercise in Manyatta Village, Rurii Ward, Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira said: "The government is determined to ensure remote and previously neglected villages are connected to the national power grid."

Wachira, who presided over the commissioning of the Marewa Village Electrification Project in Ol Kalou Constituency, added that the power connection would improve livelihoods and spur development in the region.

Some 106 households were connected to the grid through the project.

Relief for residents as Sh1.7bn water programme kicks off in Nandi County

BY SAMMY MWIBANDA

The Lake Victoria North Water Works Development Agency has launched a Sh1.7 billion programme to establish three major water supply systems in Nandi County.

The move aims to end chronic water shortages and improve access to clean and safe water for tens of thousands of residents.

The Kipkaren/Chepkiit, Kapkei, and Sarora/Kiptangus water supply systems are being implemented.

The projects are expected to transform the social and economic livelihoods of communities that have, for years, struggled with inadequate water services.

Handing over the sites, the Agency's Chief Executive Officer Joel Wamalwa said the programme forms part of the government's commitment to expanding access to potable water and improving sanitation standards in both rural and urban areas.

The CEO of Lake Victoria North Water Services Development Agency Joel Wamalwa speaking after handing over three sites in Nandi County for the construction of water supply systems..

He noted that the multi-billion shilling investment would directly benefit tens of thousands of residents by ensuring reliable and sustainable water supply to homes, schools, health centres, markets and trading centres. He said many people in the targeted areas have endured years of hardship caused by water scarcity, with some families being forced to travel long distances daily in search of clean water for domestic use.

The CEO observed that the implementation of the projects would greatly reduce the burden borne by women and children, who in many households spend several hours every day fetching water from streams and other unreliable sources.

"This programme is meant to improve the lives of our people by ensuring they have access to clean and safe water closer to their homes. Water is a basic necessity and no community should continue suffering because of lack of this vital resource," Wamalwa said.

He said the projects would not only address domestic water challenges but also stimulate economic growth by supporting farming activities, livestock keeping, businesses and institutions that rely heavily on dependable water supply.

Wamalwa said access to adequate water is key in improving healthcare and education standards, noting that schools and hospitals in the affected areas have in the past faced operational difficulties due to unreliable water sources.

He said the agency was keen on ensuring that the contractors deliver quality work within the agreed timelines so that residents can begin enjoying the benefits as soon as possible.

Wamalwa further reiterated the government's resolve to achieve universal access to clean water and sanitation services in line with national development goals.

Farmers at Lokipetot and Naurenpuu villages in Turkana Central who have received 53 acres of land in a deliberate move to enhance food self-sufficiency.
PHOTO: PETER GITONGA

Farmers allocated 50 acres of land to boost food security

BY PETER GITONGA, KNA

Over 100 farmers from Lokipetot and Naurenpuu villages in Turkana Central have been allocated 53 acres of land in a targeted initiative aimed at boosting food self-sufficiency in the region.

The farmers expressed excitement after each beneficiary was allocated half an acre of land. They said they were ready to begin farming, taking advantage of the current rainy season.

"There is a need to utilize farm mechanization for farmers to start farming and tap water flowing in River Turkwel," Charles Namus, Lokipetot Irrigation Management Committee Chairperson said.

Rael Amase, one of the beneficiaries, appealed to county officials to support the farmers with seeds and farm tools to enable planting after clearing bushes and managing Prosopis. She noted that most of the beneficiaries are female-headed households.

Committee member Isaya Emanikor praised the county government's initiative, describing it as sustainable and critical in addressing household food insecurity.

He urged the government and KFW to consider increasing the land under crop production to 100 acres from 53, to accommodate more farmers, saying there is enough land for expansion.

Addressing the farmers, Chief Officer for Agriculture and Land Reclamation, David Maraka said the project aims to make farming a complement to pastoralism.

"I find no reason why we are food insecure yet we have water flowing in Rivers Turkwel, Kerio and backflow in Lake Turkana," Maraka said.

He added that he expects bumper harvest in the next three months and farmers.

Maraka further said, "Phase II hinges on the success of the current one, challenging the farmers to be proactive to avoid relying on relief food.

Michael Ekwanga, the County Project Coordinator for Drought Resilience Program on Northern Kenya DRNPK thanked farmers for agreeing to start the project despite months of delay after the site contractor finished work.

"This project is a major step towards food security, working with stakeholders will drive our intentions into reality," Ekwanga remarked.

> "I find no reason why we are food insecure yet we have water flowing in Rivers Turkwel, Kerio and backflow in Lake Turkana

He further noted that Lokipetot will add to other irrigation schemes, tapping potential to increase crop production and feed future generations.

Supporting the project Director of Irrigation and Land Reclamation Richard Lokoyan deployed two irrigation engineers.

He also pledged to solve challenges that come with canals through water scheduling during the project phase.

His counterpart, Aaron Nanok, the Director of Agriculture, assured farmers of seeds and farm mechanization when planting is ready.

The Agriculture Director deployed two agronomists and Officers led by Janet Akipetot, Turkana Central Sub-county Agricultural Officer, to support extension services for the farmers.

Kibet Chepkwony, the Technical Consultant in DRPNK, said the need for expansion of the current land into 100 acres depends on the utilization of the current land.

The consultant clarified the 12-month defects liability covers defects arising from farm operationalization, once handed over to farmers. He advised them to maximize the window period for full farm benefit.

Chepkwony added there is a trained project team on operations and maintenance.

State targets livestock sector reforms to curb diseases and boost markets

BY MUTURI MWANGI, KNA

Principal Secretary for Livestock, Jonathan Mueke, has said the government is committed to strengthening the livestock sector through enhanced disease surveillance and targeted interventions.

Mueke, who was speaking in Nanyuki during this year's Mt Kenya Branch Agricultural Society of Kenya Show, noted that livestock disease outbreaks, rangeland degradation, and poor market access remain some of the major challenges affecting livestock production in the country. "Climate change continues to present serious challenges in agriculture and livestock production through prolonged drought, emerging diseases, pasture degradation and water scarcity," the PS said, adding that there was need to focus on climate smart agriculture and sustainable food production systems.

Some of the livestock being showcased at the Mt. Kenya Agricultural Show in Nanyuki, Laikipia county. Majority of exhibitors are focusing on climate smart farming technologies. PHOTO: MUTURI MWANGI/KNA

Among the interventions is nationwide vaccination campaigns and investment in improved genetics through artificial insemination breeding programmes.

Mueke noted that outbreaks of livestock diseases such as Foot and Mouth remain a major threat that does not only restrict free livestock movement within rangelands but access to major markets where he pledged to promote fodder production and feed resilience to address climate change feed related shortages.

Further, the PS said the government would support digitization, innovation and research in the livestock value chain.

Govt rolls out 10-day mobile ID registration exercise across Nandi

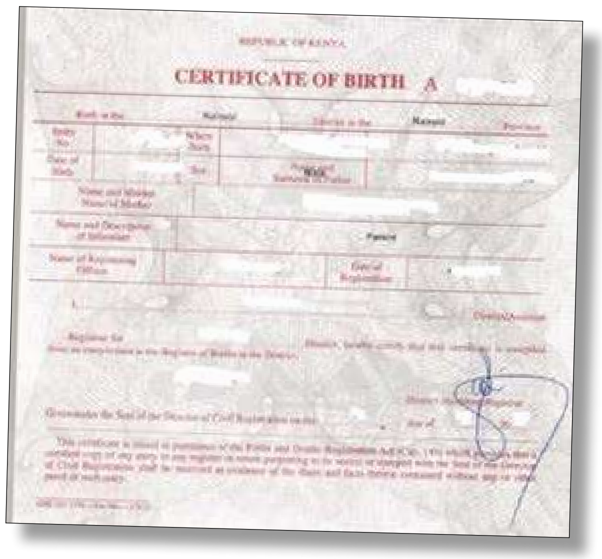
BY SAMMY MWIBANDA

Residents of Nandi County have welcomed a mobile registration exercise for national identity cards and birth certificates being conducted across all wards in the county.

During the 10-day exercise, conducted by the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services, registration officers stationed at selected public institutions, chiefs' camps and market centres were trained to bring services closer to Kenyans, especially those living in remote areas.

In Tinderet Sub-County, hundreds of residents turned up at the designated centres to apply, for the first time, identity cards, replace lost documents and secure birth certificates for their children.

Speaking at Maraba market centre in Meteitei location, community elder Elijah Kiptoo praised the government for decentralizing the services, saying many villagers had for years struggled to travel long distances to divisional or sub county headquarters to acquire the crucial documents.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CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH A

A sample birth certificate. The residents of Tinderet Sub County have lauded the ongoing mobile registration exercise conducted by the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services.

Kiptoo said the mobile exercise had eased the burden on poor families and would help many youths who had stayed without identity cards secure employment opportunities and access government services.

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Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted.

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The Board of ICT Authority now invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons with excellent experience and academic credentials to fill the following position to be based in ICT Authority Headquarters in Nairobi.

No.	Position	Ref	Grade	No. of Positions	Terms and Conditions
1	Deputy Director, Human Resources & Administration	ICTA/DSP/11/2026	ICTA 3	1	Permanent
2	Assistant Director, Programme Management	ICTA/DSP/12/2026	ICTA 4	1	Permanent
3	Principal Internal Auditor	ICTA/DSP/13/2026	ICTA 5	1	Permanent
4	Principal Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	ICTA/DSP/14/2026	ICTA 5	1	Permanent
5	Principal ICT Technical Support Officer	ICTA/DSP/15/2026	ICTA 5	1	Permanent
6	Principal Legal Officer	ICTA/DSP/16/2026	ICTA 5	1	Permanent

Documents to be submitted by the applicants.

Applications should be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae, and shall also include;

1. Application letter
2. Copy of Academic Certificates
3. Copy of Professional Certificates
4. Duly filled and stamped self-declaration/clearance form from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) indicating the above position is under application.
5. Copy of National ID

Application Process

Qualified candidates interested in the above role are required to submit their applications strictly online, on **recruitment.icta.go.ke**. A more detailed brief on the vacancy can be obtained from **www.icta.go.ke**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country:	Kenya
Project Name:	Lake Victoria Basin Development Project (LVBDP)
Grant No.:	E5920
Assignment Title:	Consultancy Services for Socio-Economic Infrastructure Needs Assessment Study for Communities under the Lake Victoria Basin Development Program in Busia, Siaya, Kisumu, Homabay and Migori Counties
Reference No.:	KeNHA/2965/2026

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received a grant from the World Bank towards the cost of the proposed **Lake Victoria Basin Development Program (LVBDP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consulting Services.
2. The Consulting Services ("the Services") comprise undertaking a comprehensive Socio-Economic Infrastructure Needs Assessment for communities situated within the influence area of the proposed project corridors, namely: (i) Matayos–Port Victoria–Nyamonye–Asembo Bay–Otonglo Road and Awasi–Katito Road corridors, with an approximate combined length of 395 km; and (ii) Homa Bay–Nyagwethe–Sori–Muhuru Bay Road corridor, with an approximate length of 350 km. The assignment covers the five counties of Busia, Siaya, Kisumu, Homa Bay, and Migori. For purposes of the assessment, the study area shall be limited to an approximate radius of 10km of the respective project corridors.
3. The period of the consultancy service is **6 months** and the estimated number of person-months of key professional personnel is **forty (40) staff-months**. The Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: **www.kenha.co.ke**
4. The Kenya National Highways Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, 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:
   a) **Firm Registration.** The firm shall have at least ten (10) years' experience in socio-economic infrastructure planning, needs assessments, development studies, or closely related consultancy services for infrastructure-led projects
   b) **Firm Experience.** The firm shall demonstrate capacity and experience in undertaking socio-economic infrastructure needs assessments, sector diagnostics, investment planning, and/or corridor development studies for a period of not less than ten (10) years. The firm shall have successfully undertaken at least three (3) similar assignments in scope and operating environment within the last ten (10) years. Similar assignments include, but are not limited to, socio-economic baseline studies, integrated infrastructure needs assessments, investment plans, or sector development studies for blue economy (lake or ocean) corridors, or similar multi-county/multi-sector contexts in Sub-Saharan Africa.
   c) **Firm Technical Capacity.** The firm must demonstrate a staffing establishment that specifically meets the qualification requirements for all key expert positions defined in the Terms of Reference.

Key Experts will NOT be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

5. Due to the need for brevity, interested Consultants should only provide sufficient information that will enable the Implementing Agency to determine the Consultant's capabilities in the field of the assignment, but legal documents such as certificates of incorporations, power of attorney, or translations of standard brochures should not be submitted at this stage. The maximum page limit for the EOI, including any annexes, shall therefore **not exceed 20 pages**. This limit applies for single entities as well as firms in associations.
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, First Published July 2016 and Revised in September, 2025 (7th Edition) ***("Procurement Regulations")*** setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
7. 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.
8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.
9. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, **Mondays to Fridays from 0800 to 1700 hours (East Africa Time),** excluding public holidays.
10. The Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, clearly marked **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR COMMUNITIES UNDER THE LAKE VICTORIA BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTIES OF BUSIA, SIAYA, KISUMU, HOMABAY AND MIGORI.**

    TENDER No.: KeNHA/2965/2026 by Tuesday, 16th June 2026 at 1100hrs (East Africa Time). Expressions of Interest delivered in person shall be deposited in the tender box at Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor.

There shall be no public opening of the Expressions of Interest.

Supply Chain Management
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Ministry affirms adequate fuel stocks in the country

BY JOYCE LUTOMIA AND FATMA SAID (PCO)

The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum has assured Kenyans that the country has sufficient fuel stocks, dispelling fears of an impending shortage.

Speaking in Nairobi, Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary, Opiyo Wandayi, emphasized that fuel supply remains secure, with deliveries arriving as scheduled and storage levels stable noting that distribution across the country continues uninterrupted.

"On supply, Kenya remains secure. Fuel continues to arrive as scheduled, storage levels are stable, and distribution across the country is ongoing without interruption," Wandayi said.

The Cabinet Secretary reiterated that there is no national shortage, adding that systems at the Port of Mombasa and inland depots are operating normally.

He explained that the Ministry has institutionalized spot checks at all levels of storage and supply to ensure full compliance.

On pricing, Wandayi clarified that fuel prices are determined by global market forces beyond the control of any single country.

He acknowledged that international prices have risen and fluctuated in recent months but assured Kenyans that the country has robust systems designed to mitigate such changes in a structured and predictable manner.

"At a time when global energy markets remain uncertain, Kenya's fuel supply remains secure, stable, and well-managed. The G2G framework is working as intended anchoring supply, reducing exposure to volatility, and providing a buffer during global uncertainty," he stated.

He highlighted that the Government-to-Government (G2G) framework provides Kenya with predictability and stability, which has been crucial in managing supply reliability and cushioning consumers from sharper price shocks.

The Cabinet Secretary explained that the framework has enabled greater diversification in sourcing fuel.

Cargoes are now being loaded from a wider range of international supply points, including Europe, the US Gulf Coast, India, and the Red Sea region.

This diversification, he said, strengthens resilience, reduces reliance on any single route, and ensures continuity even when traditional supply channels face disruption.

Wandayi also pointed out that Kenya's stability in pricing is attributed to the G2G framework.

He noted that while freight and premium costs in Kenya remained relatively stable at approximately USD 78–97 per tonne under pre-agreed arrangements, other markets exposed to open spot purchasing experienced costs rising to USD 250–300 per tonne during the same period.

The Cabinet Secretary urged Kenyans to exercise patience, expressing optimism that global conditions will stabilize and oil prices may decline.

He revealed that the government is also establishing plans to set up a local refinery as a long-term measure to mitigate future escalations in petroleum commodity prices.

"We will continue to engage closely with all stakeholders across the energy value chain including manufacturers, oil marketing companies, transport and logistics players, public transport operators, distributors, and sector regulators while keeping the public informed as the situation evolves," Wandayi affirmed.

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

Country:	Kenya
Project Name:	Mau Summit – Eldoret – Malaba (A8) Road Capacity Enhancement
Contract/Assignment Title:	Consulting Services for Technical Feasibility Study for Capacity Enhancement of Mau Summit – Eldoret – Malaba (A8) Road for Implementation on a Public–Private Partnership (PPP) Basis
Client:	The Government of the Republic of Kenya, through the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
Reference No.:	KeNHA/2963/2026

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya, through the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) has received financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of the Preparation of the above Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services for which this REOI is issued.

2. The consulting services ("the Services") include the undertaking of a technical feasibility study for the capacity enhancement of the Mau Summit – Eldoret – Malaba (A8) Road approx. 245km for implementation under a Public–Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement. The study will provide the technical, environmental, social, climate, and tolling inputs required to support subsequent PPP structuring and procurement. The Consultant will undertake all the specific tasks detailed in the Terms of Reference uploaded on the website. The indicative level of effort is estimated at approximately 2000–2200 professional staff-days, comprising a combination of international and local experts across engineering, traffic, tolling, environmental and social safeguards, climate assessment, and PPP technical disciplines. The final level of effort shall be confirmed at Request for Proposals (RFP) stage, and duration of the assignment is expected to be 12 months. The expected start date of the assignment is September 2026, subject to completion of the procurement process and contract signature. Further details on the scope, deliverables, staffing requirements, and implementation schedule are provided in the Terms of Reference (TOR) attached to or referenced in this REOI.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the Kenya National Highways Authority website; www.kenha.co.ke.

4. The Kenya National Highways Authority now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to express 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:

4.1. Technical and managerial capability of the firm:

a. The firm(s) shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capability, which shall entail description of relevant personnel, equipment, software, etc., and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment. Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

4.2. Local operational presence:

a. Given the field-intensive nature of the assignment, including traffic surveys, engineering investigations, environmental and social data collection, land and resettlement assessments, and continuous engagement with national and county-level stakeholders along the project corridor, the Consultant shall demonstrate the capacity to maintain a continuous and effective operational presence in Kenya for the duration of the assignment. This requirement may be satisfied through an existing operations office in Kenya or through a formal association with a Kenyan consulting firm (joint venture or sub-consultancy). Where this is achieved through association with a Kenyan consulting firm, the Kenyan firm shall demonstrate relevant technical capability and experience sufficient to provide substantive support to the assignment and shall not serve a nominal role only. Evidence of such arrangements shall be provided in the Expression of Interest.

4.3. Firm Experience and Technical Capability

a. **General Experience:** The Consultant shall be a firm or consortium of firms with demonstrated experience in PPP infrastructure projects, including toll roads and associated civil works, and shall possess the requisite multidisciplinary expertise in engineering investigations, analysis and design, traffic studies, and topographical surveys;

b. **PPP Transaction Advisory Experience (Toll Roads):** The Consultant shall demonstrate experience of having acted as the lead transaction advisor for at least two (2) toll road or expressway PPP projects that have reached financial close within the last fifteen (15) years. The services provided should have included financial modelling, project structuring, preparation of procurement documentation, support to the procurement process, and support to negotiations leading to financial close.

c. **Highway Design Experience:** The Consultant shall demonstrate experience in the planning, design, or supervision of at least five (5) highway projects in sub-Saharan Africa, each with a minimum construction value of USD 100 million, that are completed, under construction, or in operation.

d. **Experience in Similar Assignments and Operating Environments:** The firm should demonstrate successful execution and completion of projects of a similar nature and in a similar operating environment (Africa Region or other developing countries) in the last ten (10) years;

e. **Environmental, Social, Resettlement, and Climate Assessments:** The Consultant shall demonstrate experience in preparing Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs), Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs), and/or climate or greenhouse gas (GHG) assessments for at least two (2) high risk large infrastructure projects, in accordance with national environmental legislation and international standards or multilateral development bank requirements.

f. **Tolling Infrastructure and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS):** The Consultant shall demonstrate experience in the design or implementation of tolling infrastructure and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) for at least one (1) major expressway project, including electronic toll collection (ETC), traffic monitoring systems, and/or traffic control center operations.

g. **Experience with MDB-Financed Projects:** Experience in projects financed by AIIB and/or other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).

Under each of the above criteria in 4.3 above, firms shall clearly indicate the relevant projects or transactions demonstrating the required experience, includin

- the awarding institution/client,
- Role of the firm (Lead/sub-consultant)
- the country where the project was implemented,
- the stage reached in the PPP project lifecycle.
- Reference letter

Firms shall present this information in accordance with the table below, provide a clear page reference to the section of their submission where the assignment is described in detail, and attach a reference letter confirming the firm's role in the assignment.

No.	Criterion Reference	Project / Transaction Name/ location	Year of the assignment	Country	Role of Firm	Value	Description of how the firm meets the requirement with Page Reference (Evidence)
1	(e.g., a, b, c, etc.)						
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Only firms meeting the above criteria will be shortlisted and invited to submit Requests for Proposals (RFPs).

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section II of the Bank's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR), setting forth the Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

6. 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. The availability of suitably qualified local experts shall be considered an added advantage.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the AIIB's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR), July 26, 2024.

8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0800 to 1700 hours Kenyan time (Excluding public holidays).

9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form and clearly marked with the Assignment Title & Tender No. to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax) by 1100 Hours on 23rd June 2026.

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10. Electronic submission will **NOT** be permitted. Expressions of Interest will be publicly opened in the presence of the Consultants' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on 23rd June 2026 at 1100 Hours Local time.

Kenya National Highways Authority, Headquarters Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Off Mazao Road, Block C, 2nd floor Boardroom.

11. All interested Consultants are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: **www.kenha.co.ke** or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) website **www.tenders.go.ke** for any tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

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Government brings civil registration services closer to Vihiga residents

BY MAUREEN IMBAYI (KNA)

The Department of Civil Registration has established offices across all six sub-counties in Vihiga County to bring services closer to residents. Sabatia Sub-County Civil Registrar Edwin Nganga said residents of Sabatia previously had to travel to Mbale, the county headquarters, to obtain birth and death certificates—a process that was costly and inconvenient.

He said that since April 13, 2026 when the Sabatia office was opened and work started he has issued over 50 birth certificates and six death certificates.

The Registrar advised residents to ensure they go to process and collect the birth certificates of their children within three months of registrations to avoid crowding at the office when the birth certificates are needed in schools for registration.

He asked the area assistant chiefs to ensure they take returns of births and deaths and issued birth notifications and burial permits respectively every month, so that the birth and death certificates are processed on time.

Mr Nganga urged residents to be honest and give the correct information when seeking for birth certificates saying some residents are not producing the necessary documents during registration.

"I will not issue birth certificates to applicants who do not have the necessary documents since child trafficking is rampant in Sabatia Sub-County. I am suspecting some of the people coming to the office without the required documents," he said.

A resident , Jackline Muhonja, commended the government for opening an office close to them saying they do not have to go and crowd in the county office to get services.

Muhonja added that as residents, they are happy since they can walk to the office and have their documents processed unlike previously when they were forced to use a lot of money on transport to go to Mbale to seek the same services.

Sabatia Sub County Civil Registrar, Edwin Nganga, in his office. PHOTO: MAUREEN IMBAYI

Mbeti South farmers to benefit from Sh69.9m Irrigation project

Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire operating a backhoe loader to mark the groundbreaking of Rupingazi-Weru Irrigation Scheme in Mbeti South Ward, Mbeere South Constituency. The Sh69.9 irrigation project targets to benefit over 360 households covering 150 hectares.

BY SAMUEL WAITITU, KNA

More than 360 households in the semi-arid Mbeti South Ward, Mbeere South Constituency in Embu County are set to benefit from a Sh69.9 million irrigation expansion project being implemented by the Embu County Government. The expansion of the Rupingazi-Weru Irrigation Scheme is expected to transform farming activities in the region by increasing access to reliable irrigation water and reducing overdependence on rainfall according to Governor Cecily Mbarire.

The project, which was first initiated in 2013 during the first phase at a cost of Sh146 million initially covered 54 hectares of land and benefited about 137 households in Rwika area.

With the expansion plan, the project is set to cover an additional 150 hectares, opening up more land for farming and increasing the number of beneficiaries significantly.

Speaking during the official handover of the project to the contractor at Rwika Market,

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Governor Mbarire said agriculture remains the backbone of Embu County's economy as it employs a majority of residents either directly or indirectly.

Mbarire however noted that reliance on rain fed agriculture has been the biggest threat to food security in the county and more so in the arid area of Mbeere South and North Constituencies that received little rainfall.

She observed that the changing climate had also negatively affected crop production in upper zones of Embu that previously used to receive adequate rainfall forcing them to go back to the drawing board to come up with a lasting solution.

Moses Kipchumba, the Acting Managing Director of Kerio Development Authority, joins members of a women group at the centre during a live demonstration of honey processing. The MD is seen pouring honey from a jerrycan into a honey processing machine, showcasing the extraction and processing of honey from combs and wax.
PHOTO: ANTHONY MELLY

How beekeeping is empowering women in West Pokot, fighting poverty

BY ANTHONY MELLY, KNA

Women in the semi-arid landscapes of West Pokot are transforming beekeeping into a powerful source of income, hope and environmental conservation..

Through support by the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), hundreds of women have embraced modern beekeeping as a sustainable source of livelihood, helping them achieve financial independence while protecting the region's fragile ecosystem.

For years, many women in West Pokot struggled financially, relying heavily on livestock or depending on their husbands for support.

Honey farmers were also vulnerable to exploitation by brokers and middlemen who bought honey at throw-away prices, sometimes as low as Sh100 per kilogram.

Today, the story is different. KVDA has stepped in to stabilize honey prices, provide markets access, modernize beekeeping practices, and train framers on honey processing and value addition.

The Authority currently purchases more than 130 tonnes of semi-processed honey annually from farmers across the Kerio Valley regions, injecting over Sh45 million directly into local communities.

KVDA Acting Managing Director Moses Kipchumba says the Authority's interventions are aimed at protecting farmers from exploitation while promoting sustainable livelihoods.

"Beekeeping is favorable due to the prevailing ecological conditions, especially the availability of acacia trees. Unlike livestock, bees are more resilient to drought and erratic weather conditions," said Kipchumba.

He noted that KVDA has modernized the sector by introducing Kenya Top bar and Langstroth hives to replace traditional log hives, which were less productive and difficult to manage.

The Authority has also established a honey processing plant at Rokocho in Elgeyo Marakwet County with a capacity to process 150 tonnes of honey annually, helping improve honey quality and support value addition.

Beyond improving livelihoods, the honey value chain is also contributing significantly to environmental conservation.

"The honey value chain is part of conservation and biodiversity protection. Through beekeeping, farmers now value trees because they understand the economic benefits of honey production," Kipchumba explained.

ILO intensifies campaign against child labour in coffee cooperatives

BY MERCY OSONGO AND JANE NAITORE, KNA

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has conducted a training programme for boards of management from nine coffee cooperative societies in Kisii County, focusing on cooperative governance, leadership, and the prevention of child labour.

The training, which is part of the Accelerating Action for the Elimination of Child Labour in Africa (ACCEL Africa) project, was facilitated by cooperative officers and trainers from Kisii who completed a two-week ILO-supported Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in March this year.

Speaking during the training at a Kisii hotel, the National Project Officer for ACCEL Project Duncan Chando said the five-day training had equipped the cooperative boards with governance, accountability and transparency skills, and the integration of child labour prevention into cooperative operations and policies. "The ILO strengthens cooperatives because they improve incomes, promote decent working conditions, and embed accountability at the community level. Strong cooperatives are essential for building transparent, responsible and child-labour-free supply chains," Chando noted. The Project Officer pointed out that the training had incorporated internationally recognised ILO tools including Think.COOP, Start.COOP, and My.COOP, to strengthen cooperative governance.

Kirinyaga courts investors for Sagana Industrial Park

BY DAVID WANDETO, KNA

Some representatives from 13 companies that have pledged to set up factories, accompanied by officials from the Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA), visited the facility to assess progress at the Sagana EPZ.

The County Government of Kirinyaga has begun the process of onboarding investors who have expressed interest in establishing industries at the Sagana Industrial Park. Representatives from 13 companies seeking to set up factories, accompanied by officials from the Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA), visited the facility to assess progress as the county moves to operationalise the park.

County Executive Committee Member for Cooperatives, Trade, Tourism, Marketing, Industrialization and Enterprise Development Calbert Njeru, who hosted the delegation, expressed confidence that the investor onboarding process will be finalised by the end of June.

"The investor onboarding process is progressing well and we hosted another team from EPZA to guide interested investors through the requirements after they expressed interest in investing in Sagana," he said.

Njeru said the county government had made major strides in developing infrastructure needed to support industries within the park. "In terms of infrastructure development, we are now at 90 percent completion. Tarmacking of roads will begin soon after a contractor was awarded the tender. The Governor has also committed resources to guarantee sufficient water supply while electricity is already connected at the site," he added.

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru said the County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) and Export Processing Zone (EPZ) facilities at the park have reached 90 percent completion as the onboarding of investors officially gets underway. Construction of eight warehouses has already been completed, including two cold rooms, two aggregation warehouses and four value-addition warehouses. "Everyone is excited and it is clear that the Industrial Park is developing rapidly. This is the kind of development people can see and feel," she said.

The Governor noted that the facility, situated within the Sagana Agro-Industrial City, a designated Special Economic Zone (SEZ), will create employment opportunities and provide farmers with expanded markets by linking agriculture to processing and manufacturing industries.

Sh7 million motorcycle donation to improve emergency transport for expectant mothers

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

Women in rural Kisumu will now access free and safer transport to health facilities following a Sh7-million motorcycle donation aimed at improving maternal healthcare services and reducing delays in accessing treatment.

The donation of 32 motorcycles to Boda Girls Kenya by Car and General will support trained female riders to transport expectant mothers, children and vulnerable women to hospitals across parts of Kisumu County.

The motorcycles were unveiled during the launch of two new Boda Girls operational sites at Ahero Medical Centre in Nyando Sub-County and Chiga Hospital in Kisumu East Sub-County.

Speaking during the launch at Ahero Multipurpose Training Centre in Nyando Sub-County, Car and General General Manager George Rubiri said the partnership seeks to address transport barriers that continue to hinder women from accessing maternal healthcare services on time.

Car and General, General Manager, George Rubiri addressing journalists at Ahero Multipurpose Centre in Nyando Sub-County during the launch of the initiative.

Rubiri said the programme goes beyond economic empowerment for women riders and directly contributes to improving maternal health outcomes in rural communities.

State unveils mass ID issuance in Igembe North Sub-County

BY KAMANJA MAERIA (KNA)

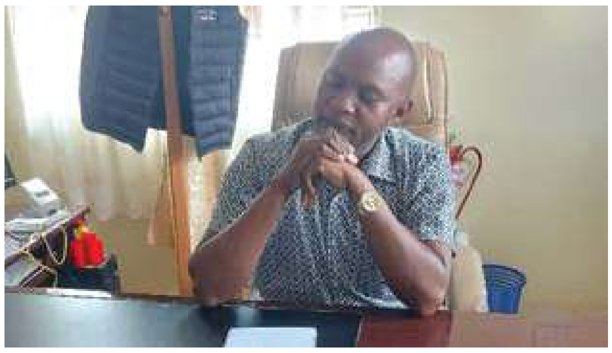
The Government has rolled out a mass national identity card registration and distribution exercise in Igembe North Sub-County, aimed at improving access to identification documents and public services. The exercise targets more than 1,000 youths across the region.

Speaking to the press at his office in Laare , area Deputy County Commissioner Martin Muhia said the exercise has already commenced and will be rolled out across several locations within the sub-county over the next two months.

Muhia said the programme seeks to ensure that youths and other residents without identity cards, including those who lost their IDs, are registered and issued with the crucial document.

"We have started the registration exercise targeting over 1,000 youths so that they can help themselves and access opportunities that require identification documents," he said.

He noted that previous registration efforts had been hindered by a shortage of materials, limiting the number of people who could be served. "We could not register as many youths before due to lack of materials, but currently we have enough materials to sustain the exercise," he added.



The Igembe North Deputy County Commissioner Martin Muhia addressing the Press at his office in Laare..

The programme has been sponsored by Zoe Organisation, a non-profit organisation known for supporting community empowerment initiatives.

Muhia further reveal that more than 2,000 processed identity cards have already been received at the sub-county registry and distributed to chiefs for easier collection at local administration offices.

"We have handed the IDs to chiefs for smoother distribution in their respective offices. This will help curb the build-up of uncollected identity cards at the registry," he said.

Youth and influencers in Kwale taught how to fight digital abuse

Participants follow proceedings during a three-day training on technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) organized by Search for Common Ground in Ukunda, Kwale County. The workshop brought together youth leaders, digital influencers, community organizations, and stakeholders to promote responsible online behavior and strengthen awareness on cyberbullying, online harassment, and digital safety.
PHOTO: CHARI SUCHE

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

Youth, community leaders, journalists, and social media influencers in Kwale have been trained on technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV). The training comes amid growing concerns over online harassment, cyberbullying, and digital abuse in the country.

The three-day training, organized by Search for Common Ground under the Catalyst Project, brought together TikTok, Facebook, and YouTube administrators, community-based organizations, journalists, and security stakeholders to discuss the dangers of harmful online behaviour and ways to create safer digital spaces.

Speaking during the training in Ukunda, Collins Mureithi, the founder of Change Makers Hub and Tech Center in Kinondo, said the sessions helped him understand the importance of responsible technology use among young people.

He added that as a community leader, he intends to train fellow youth and volunteers on responsible online behaviour to reduce cyber harassment, bullying, and other risky digital practices.

Mureithi said many young people engage in harmful online activities without understanding the long-term consequences. He noted that the training had empowered him with knowledge on how youth can protect themselves online while also helping others avoid dangerous online conduct.

Another participant, Marion Sidi from Ukunda, said the training opened her eyes to forms of abuse she previously considered normal social media behaviour.

Marion admitted that before attending the training, she viewed insulting comments and online body shaming as ordinary online interactions. She praised the role of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) and other organizations in supporting victims of online abuse, urging women and girls not to suffer in silence.

Another participant, Lucy Ndanu, a student from the Technical University of Mombasa Kwale Campus, described TFGBV as an emerging issue that many people still underestimate.

Ndanu emphasized the need for more public awareness campaigns, especially targeting women who may not recognize that they are victims of online abuse.

State moves to tackle GBV, suicide deaths and illicit brews in Central Kenya

BY SAMUEL MAINA AND SHARON NASHIPAE (KNA)

The Government has launched a 90-day Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) aimed at curbing the rising cases of gender-based violence (GBV), suicide deaths, and widespread consumption of illicit brews in the Central Region.

Speaking at the end of a Central Region stakeholders' workshop in Nyeri, Gender Principal Secretary Dr Ann Wang'ombe said the time had come to confront the challenges decisively and eliminate them.She reaffirmed the Government's commitment to tackling GBV and the abuse of illicit alcohol in the region.

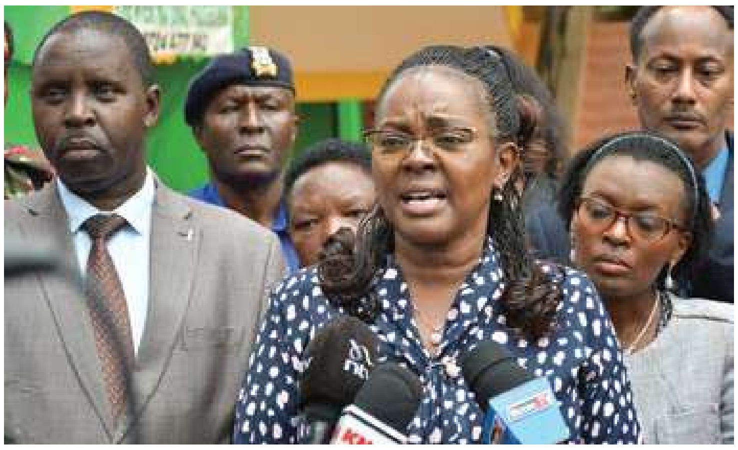
She said it is disheartening that the Central region has recently been in the news for all the wrong reasons with reports of children being abducted, defiled and later killed in a gruesome manner.

The PS pointed out that the region is currently grappling with a rising number of suicide cases with 680 people having been reported to have committed suicide since June 2024.

Retrogressive cultural practices such as female genital mutilation (FGM) which is alien in the region have reportedly been creeping in some counties within the region.

The PS clarified that the RRI was going to be replicated in other regions since the social problems being experienced in Central are being reported in other areas.

Among urgent recommendations expected to be implemented during the quarter include closing down of unlicensed drinking joints and those found selling illicit brews.



Gender Principal Secretary, Ann Wang'ombe (centre) addressing the journalists on the sidelines of one-day stakeholders' engagement forum on GBV, Suicide, and Child protection held at the Nyeri National Polytechnic. To her immediate left is Central Regional Commissioner Joshua Nkanatha.

State urges broadcasters to embrace new digital era to stay competitive

BY NICHOLAS OCHIENG AND MIKE NJARIA, KNA

The Government has challenged African broadcasters and media stakeholders to embrace emerging technologies to position the continent competitively in a rapidly evolving global broadcasting landscape.

Speaking during the opening of the Broadcasters Convention – East Africa 2026 in Nairobi, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke noted that Africa's media industry has already entered a new digital era driven by data, AI, and cloud-enabled technologies.

Isaboke noted that the transition from traditional broadcasting to digital-first media ecosystems is fundamentally changing how content is created, distributed and consumed.

"When we talk about AI and digital transformation, it is no longer about what is coming in the future. The transformation is already here with us," Isaboke stressed.

The PS explained that conventional broadcasting models centred on transmission infrastructure are steadily giving way to cloud-enabled and platform-driven systems that support greater efficiency, scalability and audience engagement.

He recalled Kenya's migration from analogue to digital broadcasting in 2015, describing the move as one of the country's most significant technological milestones despite legal and operational challenges experienced at the time. According to Isaboke, Kenya's early adoption of digital broadcasting positioned the country among Africa's leading digital economies and laid the foundation for rapid internet expansion and innovation.

The PS emphasized that the government continues to prioritize digital transformation under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), where the digital superhighway and creative economy form key pillars of national development.

He disclosed that the government is accelerating the roll-out of digital infrastructure through expansion of fibre optic connectivity, establishment of digital hubs and installation of public Wi-Fi hotspots across the country.

Isaboke said the State is rolling out about 100,000 kilometres of fibre optic cable nationwide, including underserved rural areas, to strengthen connectivity and bridge the digital divide.

He further revealed that digital hubs equipped with computers and internet access are being established in wards across the country so as to equip young people with digital skills and support innovation.

In addition, the government is setting-up 5,000 free public Wi-Fi hotspots in markets, schools, hospitals and other public spaces to enhance internet accessibility.

"These investments are intended to strengthen connectivity, support innovation ecosystems and create an enabling environment for the creative and media industries to thrive within the digital economy," he explained.

The PS observed that Kenya's mobile connectivity had expanded significantly, driven by increased smartphone penetration, 5G rollout and rising data consumption.

He noted that changing media consumption habits, especially among young people, were compelling broadcasters to rethink traditional business models and adopt mobile-first and digital content strategies.

"The younger generation consumes content differently. Their lives revolve around mobile technology and digital platforms, and broadcasters must adapt to this reality," he added.

Isaboke said emerging technologies are transforming the media value chain through automated production, real-time translation, audience analytics and personalized content delivery.

He cited advancements in AI-powered translation technologies, that now enable audiences to consume foreign productions seamlessly in local languages.

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Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary, Stephen Isaboke, speaking during the opening of the Broadcasters Convention for East Africa 2026 in Nairobi. PHOTO: ARON KINYAMASYO/KNA

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Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCRP)

EMPLOYER	STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WATER AND SANITATION
NAME OF PROJECT	COASTAL REGION WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT (CRWSCRP)
CONTRACT TITLE	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PANS IN MWACHE, KWALE COUNTY
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COUNTRY	REPUBLIC OF KENYA

1. The Government of Kenya (hereinafter called ***"Borrower"***) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCRP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Construction of Water pans in Kwale County. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing.

2. The State Department for Water & Sanitation now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Contract No. KE-MOWI-CRWSCRP-005-2025-2026-CW-RFB; Construction of Water pans in Kwale County as follows:
   - LOT 1 – Chikomani at Chikomani Village in Kasemeni Ward
   - LOT 2 - Gona B Water Pan at Gona B Village in Kinango Ward
   - LOT 3 – Kwa Beboga Water Pan at Kwa Beboga Village in Kasemeni Ward
   - LOT 4 – Kwa Bedenge Water Pan at Mudzalani Village in Kasemeni Ward
   - LOT 5 – Madewani Water Pan at Madewani Village in Kasemeni Ward
   - LOT 6 – Makuluni Water Pan at Makuluni Village in Kinango Ward
   - LOT 7 – Mrabaini Water Pan at Mrabaini Village in Kasemeni Ward
   - LOT 8 - Mkanyeni/Heko Water Pan at Heko Village in Kinango Ward
   - LOT 9 – Kwa Jawa Water Pan at Amani Village in Kasemeni Ward

3. The Construction period is 10 calendar months and the construction location is Mwache Dam Area of Kwale County, Coordinates: Latitude 3°57'12" S and Longitude 39° 25'15" E.

4. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Procurement in Investment Projects Financing" dated September 2025 Seventh Edition (***"Procurement Regulations"***), and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from The Project Manager; Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCRP), Project Manager - E-mail: procurement@kwscrp.org and inspect the bidding document during office hours i.e. 0800 to 1700 hours East African Time at the address given below.

6. The bidding document in English may be downloaded freely from the website below or state portal for **www.tenders.go.ke** or **www.water.go.ke**

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below tender box located at Maji House Building, Fifth Floor Reception, to The Project Manager, Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCRP), on Ngong Road on or before 1100 hours East African Time (EAT) on 2nd July, 2026. Electronic Bidding will **NOT** be permitted and Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below; Maji House Building, Fourth Floor, Board Room 449 at 1100 hours EAT on 2nd July, 2026.

8. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security issued by a reputable financial institution in Kenya and valid for 30 days beyond the Tender Validity period in form of a bank guarantee of Kenya Shillings Five Hundred Thousand Shillings (Kshs. 500,000) per Lot or an equivalent amount freely convertible currency and be delivered to the address below by the 2nd July, 2026 at 11.00 am EAT. Bidders can bid for one Lot or multiple Lots. Bidders bidding for multiple lots must submit a separate document for each lot.

9. All Bids must be accompanied by a Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Declaration.

10. Site visits will be conducted on 8th June, 2026 in Kasemeni Ward and on 9th June 2026 in Kinango Ward.

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

i) The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information
The Project Manager
Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (CRWSCRP)
P. O. Box 49720-00100, Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone: 020 2713878 , Email:procurement@kwscrp.org

Address for Submission of Tenders.
Name of Procuring Entity: State Department for Water and Sanitation,
Physical address for hand: Tender Box located at the 5th Floor
Courier Delivery: Maji House, Community Area, Ngong Road.
For Bulky tenders: Maji House, Community Area, Ngong Road Room Number 513, 5th Floor
Attn: Head, Supply Chain Management Services

Address for Opening of Tenders.
The Project Manager
Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project
State Department for Water and Sanitation Maji House Building, Ngong Road
P. O. Box 49720-00100, Nairobi, Kenya
Floor Number: 4th Floor Room Number: 449
Date: 2nd July, 2026
Time: 11.00 am

KENYA VISION 2030

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION

TENDER NOTICE

State Department for Irrigation which is mandated among other activities, Water Harvesting and Storage for irrigation, management of irrigation schemes and infrastructure as outlined in the Executive Order 01/2023 invites interested and qualified bidders to tender for the following tenders.

S / No	Tender ID No.	Tender Name/Description	County	Tender Security (kshs.)	Eligibility
1.	23441	Karima Kabutu Irrigation Project- Othaya	Nyeri	5,000,000	Open
2.	23438	Nyamaji Phase 2 Irrigation Project-Suba North	Homa Bay	5,000,000	Open
3.	23432	Subego Irrigation Project- Ndaragwa	Nyandarua	5,000,000	Open
4.	23448	Nyandiwa Irrigation Project- Suba South	Homa Bay	5,000,000	Open
5.	23428	Teso Rhamu Waterpan-Mandera West	Mandera	600,000	Open
6.	23455	Chiracha Waterpan- Banisa	Mandera	200,000	Open
7.	23446	Turguda Dayah Waterpan-Wajir South	Wajir	200,000	Open
8.	23442	Wehir Waterpan-Wajir West	Wajir	200,000	Open
9.	23445	Simbi Primary School Community Irrigation Borehole Nandi Hills	Nandi	200,000	Open
10.	23459	Hajilo Primary School Community Irrigation Borehole-Wajir West	Wajir	200,000	Open
11.	23420	Kapkoros Primary School Irrigation Borehole	Uasin Gishu	200,000	Open
12.	23456	Nkirana Primary School and Thaicu Primary School Irrigation Borehole - Igembe North and Igembe South	Meru	400,000	Open
13.	23434	Kinene Primary School and Mporoko Primary School Irrigation Borehole – Tigania East and Igembe Central	Meru	400,000	Open
14.	23430	Consultancy Services for a Community Liason Consultant for Bura Irrigation Scheme	Tana River	Tender Securing Declaration	RFP
15.	23426	Consultancy Services for Technical Advisory for the expansion and commercialization of Bura Irrigation Scheme	Tana River	200,000	RFP
16.	23421	Kwa Kimoni Earth Dam Irrigation Project – Machakos Constituency	Machakos	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Women)
17.	23436	Ing'ulioni Water Pan – Machakos Town	Machakos	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Women)
18.	234444	Kikuuni Earth Dam – Masinga Constituency	Machakos	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Women)
19.	23452	Kithatani Earth Dam – Kangundo Constituency	Machakos	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Women)
20.	23461	Komu Earth Dam Irrigation Project – Kitui West Constituency	Kitui	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Women)
21.	23463	Kiio Dam Irrigation Project-Mwingi West Constituency	Kitui	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Youth)
22.	23470	Munyuni Dam, Kaliku Location Irrigation Project – Mwingi West Constituency	Kitui	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Youth)
23.	23419	Kwa Kiluva Dam Irrigation Project – Kaiti Constituency	Makueni	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Youth)
24.	23423	Kaumoni Dam Irrigation Project – Kaiti Constituency	Makueni	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Youth)
25.	23433	Nzaikoni, Makindu ward Irrigation Project – Kibwezi West Constituency	Makueni	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (Youth)
26.	23435	Kwa Matinga Earth Dam Irrigation Project – Makueni Constituency	Makueni	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (PWD)
27.	23437	Yikivumbu Dam Irrigation Project-Kibwezi East Constituency	Makueni	Tender Securing Declaration form	Reserved for AGPO (PWD)

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

I. Electronic government procurement system: **URL://egpkenya.go.ke**

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

Completed tenders shall be submitted through the e-GP system as per the requirements contained in the tender document.

The Closing / Opening date will be on **15th June, 2026 at 11.00 a.m.**

Bids will be opened immediately electronically thereafter the closing date.

Bidders who may experience challenge in accessing and uploading tenders on e-GP platform should contact the e-GP Help desk at KISM towers, Ngong Road.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION

KENYA VISION 2030

Government committed to uplifting marginalized groups, says CS Miano

BY MUTURI MWANGI

Tourism and Wildlife CS Rebecca Miano has assured marginalized communities in the country of the Government's commitment to uplifting their livelihoods. Miano, who was speaking in Rumuruti, Laikipia County, during the Minority Festival, pledged that through her ministry, she will ensure minorities are not neglected as had been the case in the past.

"I want to vow and pledge that we will walk together through the Tourism Fund, the Bomas of Kenya, KWS, and other sectors within my ministry," she said.

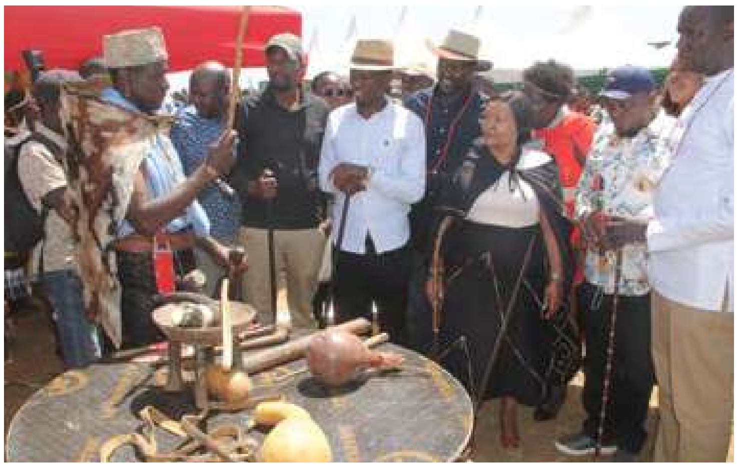
The CS added that through such initiatives, all communities will benefit and none will feel left out of Government support.

Laikipia North Member of Parliament Sarah Korere cautioned marginalized communities against selling their land, while also saying that all grabbed land would be repossessed by all means possible.

The MP further urged residents to remain united in order to tap into Government resources.

"If you don't own Laikipia, you will continue being edged out all the time. Our unity is our strength; if we don't unite, we will be weakened," she noted.

Korere highlighted that President Dr. William Ruto had restored peace in the region after prolonged conflicts, and development had started trickling in including Huduma Centre , markets construction among other benefits. The Uasin Gichu Senator Jackson Mandago, who had accompanied the CS, also reiterated the need for unity among the minorities, noting that if they lacked unity, they will not be able to advocate for their support. He urged marginalized communities to register for national identity cards, so as to get government services.



Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Sscretary Rebecca Miano (third right) accompanied by Uasin Gichu Senator Jackson Mandago(fifth left) and Baringo Senator Vincent Chemitei (far left) during minority cultural festival in Rumuruti, Laikipia County.

Josphat Lowoi, Head of Executive Office of the President, Minority and Marginalized Affairs Unit, emphasizing that the existing National Policy on Ethnic Minorities, Indigenous and Marginalised Communities, is tailored to facilitate equal distribution of resources to all regions across the country.

He said that the President had pledged Sh500 million in bursaries to boost education level among the marginalized communities in the upcoming financial year 2026/2027.

At the same time, the Director revealed that over two hundred thousand minority people would get enrolled to Social Health Insurance scheme.

Some of the communities which participated in the colorful festival, where they showcased their artifacts, songs and dances and their way of life, included Yiaku community from Laikipia , Pokot , Turkana, Samburu, Maasai , Borana and Kalenjin.

Other leaders who had accompanied CS include Baringo Senator Vincent Chemitei, Former National Assembly Speaker Francis Ole Kaparo among other high ranking government officials.

FEATURE: TURNING WOOD INTO ELEGANT HOME PIECES

Inside Kericho workshop where craftsmanship meets creativity

BY DOMINIC CHERES AND GILBERT MUTAI, KNA

The rhythmic hum of sewing machines, the scent of freshly cut timber, and the steady tapping of carpentry tools fill a modest furniture workshop in Kericho town. Customers walk in to inspect elegant sofa sets, polished wall units, and customized furniture carefully arranged for display.

At the centre of the buzz of activity stands William Ochieng, confidently guiding his workers and discussing designs with clients.

Few of the customers streaming into his workshop know that just a few years ago, the soft-spoken craftsman was behind prison walls serving a lengthy sentence that seemed destined to define the rest of his life.

However, Ochieng's story stands as a powerful testament to the transformative power of faith, determination, vocational training and second chances. His journey from inmate to employer, mentor and entrepreneur demonstrates how rehabilitation can unlock human potential and create opportunities that benefit not only individuals but also families, communities and the wider economy.

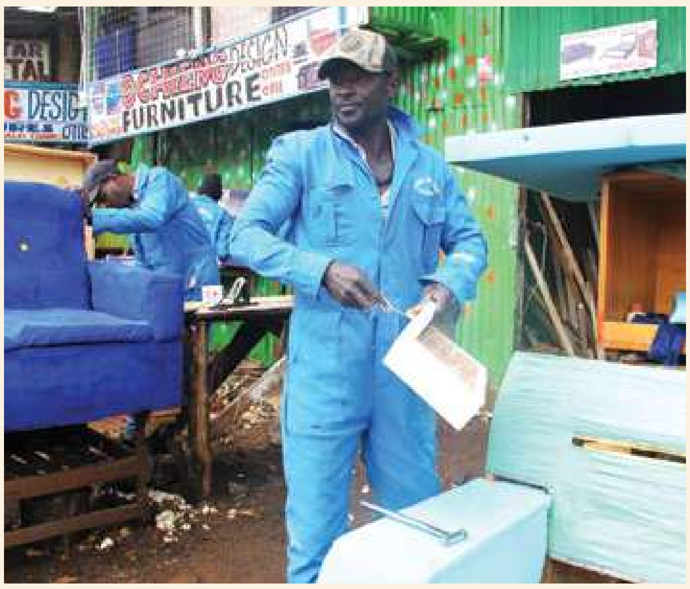
For Ochieng, prison did not become the end of his story. Instead, it became the unlikely springboard from which he rebuilt his life.

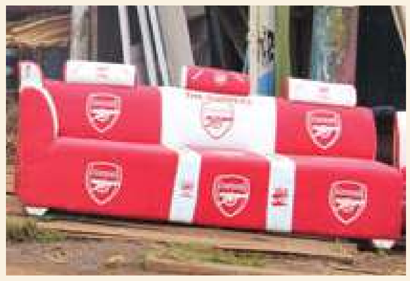
Born in 1989 in Homa Bay County, Ochieng grew up in a humble household where life revolved around hard work and survival. Like many children from disadvantaged backgrounds, his educational journey was interrupted by financial challenges. He completed his primary education but could not proceed further.

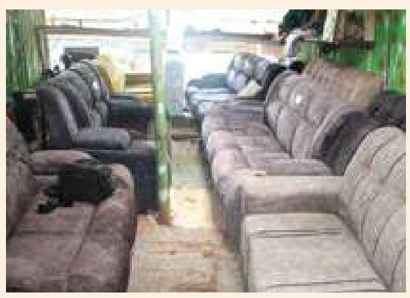
Despite the setbacks, he nurtured dreams of creating a better future for himself and his family. Those dreams, however, appeared to collapse in February, 2019 when he was convicted of defilement and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment at Kericho Main Prison.

The custodial sentence came as a devastating blow.

Suddenly separated from his family, friends and the outside world, Ochieng found himself confronting a bleak and uncertain future. The prospect of spending more than a decade behind bars was psychologically overwhelming. For many inmates, such circumstances can breed hopelessness, bitterness and despair.







1. **A customized Arsenal-themed sofa set crafted by furniture entrepreneur William Ochieng at his workshop in Kericho town. Ochieng has carved a niche in designing football-inspired furniture for sports enthusiasts, transforming skills acquired during his time in prison into a thriving business.**
2. **Some of the sofa sets on display at William Ochieng's furniture workshop in Kericho. The entrepreneur now manufactures a wide range of customized furniture products and has created employment opportunities for local youths through his growing enterprise.**
3. **William Ochieng works on a furniture project at his workshop in Kericho town. After acquiring vocational skills while serving a prison sentence, Ochieng rebuilt his life through entrepreneurship and now mentors young artisans and supports his family through furniture-making.**

PHOTOS: GILBERT MUTAI

But somewhere amid the challenges of prison life, Ochieng made a decision that would alter the trajectory of his future.

Rather than allowing his circumstances to consume him, he resolved to use every available opportunity to improve himself. He chose growth over self-pity, discipline over despair and learning over regret.

"I told myself that if I ever got another opportunity in life, I wanted to be prepared for it," he recalls. That decision marked the beginning of a remarkable transformation.

Inside prison, Ochieng immersed himself in vocational training programmes, determined to leave the correctional facility with skills that could support him and his family. He enrolled in every practical course he could access and quickly discovered a passion for technical work.

Over the years, he received training in joinery and carpentry, upholstery, masonry, tailoring, architecture and house planning. He learnt how to frame furniture, stitch sofa materials, interpret building plans and create functional designs. What began as a way of passing time gradually evolved into a personal mission.

Each new skill strengthened his confidence and expanded his vision for the future.

Fellow inmates and prison officers began recognizing his dedication. While others viewed prison as a place of confinement, Ochieng viewed it as a classroom where he could prepare for life beyond the prison gates.

His transformation extended beyond vocational skills.

As a committed member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ochieng found strength and guidance in his faith. He eventually became a church leader within the prison community, encouraging fellow inmates and helping nurture a sense of hope among those struggling with their circumstances.

He says spirituality became one of his strongest anchors during the difficult years of incarceration.

"There were moments when things seemed impossible, but faith kept reminding me that in every situation, God has a purpose," he says.

FEATURE: A ROOM OF JOY

Playroom brings healing and hope to young patients at Homa Bay hospital

BY SHANEL KWAMBOKA AND SITNA OMAR, KNA

Inside the children's ward at Homa Bay Teaching and Referral Hospital, laughter rises above the usual hum of hospital monitors and hurried footsteps.

Young patients gather in a brightly painted playroom, some seated on the floor colouring pictures, others reading numbers written across the walls, while a few stack toy blocks under the watchful eyes of smiling parents.

For children battling illnesses such as malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea, the room offers more than entertainment. It provides comfort, emotional support and, according to healthcare workers, a faster path to recovery.

The colourful play room stands in sharp contrast to the crowded hospital ward outside. Its walls are covered with cheerful paintings of animals, flowers, birds, and numbers.

Small child-sized chairs and tables fill one corner, while shelves carry books, crayons, puzzles, and toys. For a moment, the children forget they are patients.

"We realize that children heal not only through medicine but also through happiness and emotional support," says Carolyne Adongo, the director of Nursing Services at the hospital, as she watches a group of children singing together.

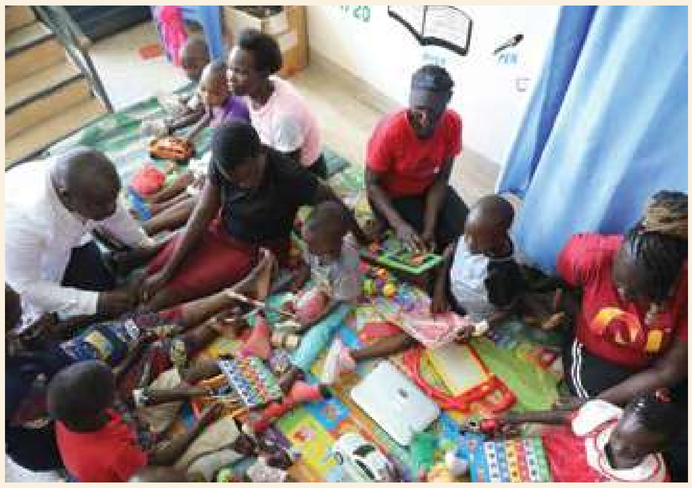
The play room was introduced about six years ago as part of a therapeutic approach aimed at helping children recover while receiving treatment. According to Adongo, many children arrive frightened, stressed, and resistant to treatment.

"Some cry whenever they see doctors or nurses approaching with medication. But after spending time in the play room, they slowly become comfortable with the environment and begin interacting freely with healthcare workers," she explains.

The room allows children to play alongside their parents, creating a strong emotional support system during treatment. Mothers and fathers sit beside their children reading numbers aloud, colouring pictures, and joining simple games to encourage them.

One child bursts into laughter when he identifies animals painted on the wall. Nearby, another carefully colours drawings using crayons as his mother gently guides him.

For many parents enduring sleepless nights beside hospital beds, these moments offer rare relief and hope.



1. **Children playing with their parents in a playroom at the children's ward in Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital.**
2. **Carolyne Adongo, Director of Nursing Services at the County Referral Hospital speaks about how a playroom is speeding recovery in children.**

Despite the success of the initiative, the pediatric ward continues to struggle with severe overcrowding.

The ward was designed to accommodate only 35 children, but admissions often rise sharply during peak malaria seasons.

"Sometimes we admit between 89 and 95 children. Because of congestion, some children are forced to share beds. In some cases, three children sleep on one bed, which is not comfortable," Adongo says.

The pressure stretches both parents and staff. Nurses move quickly from bed to bed trying to attend to every child, while parents struggle to find enough room to sit beside their sick children.

"We are also facing a challenge of human resources. The number of nurses and healthcare workers is not enough compared to the number of patients we receive every day," Adongo says.

Despite these challenges, the healthcare workers remain committed to ensuring children receive not only medical attention, but also emotional care.

According to paediatric nurse Josiah Orwa, the play room has transformed the relationship between young patients and healthcare workers.

"When children interact with us through play, they stop fearing doctors and nurses. It becomes easier to give medication because the children are already comfortable with us," Orwa says.

He explains that some children are admitted at the hospital withdrawn, refusing medication and food. But after spending time in the play room, their moods begin to change.

"Without playing, recovery may delay. Children need interaction and happiness to heal emotionally and physically," the nurse adds .

He points toward a young boy quietly arranging toy blocks beside other children. The boy had reportedly refused to speak or eat after being admitted with pneumonia. After several days in the play room, he slowly began opening up and interacting with both nurses and other children.

Parents say the changes are visible. "When my child was admitted, he was weak and unhappy. But after coming here to play with other children, he became active and cheerful again," says Cynthia Obana, whose son is receiving treatment at the hospital.

As she speaks, her son who is seated on the floor laughs while colouring pictures.

"My son is able to interact with other children and engage in little activities like reading numbers and colouring. This has greatly improved his recovery," she says.

For Obana and many other parents, the room eases emotional stress during an otherwise difficult period.

"The room creates a positive environment not only for the children but also for their families," she adds.

The initiative aligns with broader efforts to promote nurturing care and child-friendly healthcare spaces across Homa Bay County.

The hidden struggle of Sickle Cell disease and the hope in new treatments

BY MABEL KEYA – SHIKUKU AND PETER OMONDI ODHIAMBO, KNA

Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a group of inherited blood disorders that cause red blood cells to become hard, sticky, and crescent-shaped. Instead of flowing smoothly through blood vessels, these abnormal cells can block circulation, restricting oxygen delivery and leading to severe pain, tissue damage, and chronic anaemia.

Treatment for the condition focuses on managing pain, preventing complications, and addressing the underlying genetic cause. Approaches include daily medications such as hydroxyurea, blood transfusions, supportive lifestyle care, and potentially curative options like stem cell transplants and emerging gene therapies.

According to the Ministry of Health, sickle cell disease (SCD) affects an estimated 14,000 newborns annually in Kenya. The overall national prevalence of SCD is approximately 0.9 per cent, but the trait (SCT) reaches 10 per cent to 40 per cent in high malaria-endemic areas like Coast, Western and Nyanza regions. Without early screening, 50 to 90 per cent of these children do not survive past age five years.

Data shows roughly 21per cent of children in Kisumu carry the sickle cell trait, and approximately 4.5 per cent are born with the disease. Experts say it is highly prevalent in the county because the trait provides natural protection against severe malaria which is endemic in the region.

The entrance area of the Victoria Annex Hospital in Kisumu which offers hope for sickle cell patients.

This makes the Lake Region, particularly Kisumu, to have the highest prevalence of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) in Kenya. Because of this, some county health facilities such as Jaramogi Odinga Oginga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) and Pap Onditi in Nyakach have rolled out newborn screening and ultra-modern testing technologies to detect the disease early.

Local management programs focus on the distribution of Hydroxyurea drug to the patients, community health promoter training, and regular blood transfusions in order to save lives.

For thousands of Kenyan families, sickle cell disease is more than a medical condition. It is a daily fight against pain, stigma, poverty, and limited healthcare access. The SCD treatments in the county are supported under the essential drugs list. To access continuous care and medication, patients must ensure their Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) contributions are up to date.

To improve cancer treatment and management in the region, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Training and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) in March this year set up the JOOTRH Victoria Annex. This facility is a dedicated facility equipped for comprehensive care, research, surgeries, and bone marrow transplants to support cancer treatment especially in sickle cell patients.

The Victoria Annex Hospital (an extension of JOOTRH) is a specialized Level 4 public health facility in Kisumu, located near Jamhuri Park.

KENYA RAILWAYS

(CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Country	REPUBLIC OF KENYA
Name of Project	KENYA URBAN MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (KUMIP)
Credit No.	V4940
Assignment Title	AS LISTED IN THE TABLE 1
Reference	AS LISTED IN THE TABLE 1
Tender No.	AS LISTED IN THE TABLE 1

1.The Government of Kenya (GOK) has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Urban Mobility Improvement Project (KUMIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services ("the Services") include the individual experts listed in the following table:

Table 1: Individual Consultant Services

S No.	KR Tender No	Reference No/Description	Assignment Duration (Months)	Submission date and time
1.	KR/SCM/WB/018/2025-2026	KE-KRC-548696-CS-INDV / Rail Civil Engineering Expert	24	11:00 a.m. (EAT) 10/06/2026
2.	KR/SCM/WB/016/2025-2026	KE-KRC-548690-CS-INDV / Railway Electrical Systems Expert	24	2:00 p.m. (EAT) 10/06/2026
3.	KR/SCM/WB/015/2025-2026	KE-KRC-548695-CS-INDV / Transit Oriented Development Expert	24	11:00a.m. (EAT) 11/06/2026
4.	KR/SCM/WB/009/2025-2026	KE-KRC-546277-CS-INDV / Sustainable Urban Mobility Expert	15	2:00 p.m. (EAT) 11/06/2026
5.	KR/SCM/WB/010/2025-2026	KE-KRC-548691-CS-INDV / Signaling & Telecommunication Engineering Expert	24	11:00 a.m. (EAT) 12/06/2026
6.	KR/SCM/WB/014/2025-2026	KE-KRC-548694-CS-INDV / Mechanical Engineering Expert	24	2:00 p.m. (EAT) 12/06/2026
7.	KR/SCM/WB/017/2025-2026	KE-KRC-548697-CS-INDV / Railway Operations Expert	24	11:00 a.m. (EAT) 15/06/2026

The start date for the services is September 2026 and the duration of the assignment is as indicated in the Table 1 above.

3.The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: **Kenya Railways portal https://krc.co.ke/tenders/ or Public Procurement Information portal www.tenders.go.ke. or World Bank external website.**

4.Kenya Railways, (the "Client"), now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consultants should provide:
- A cover letter expressing interest;
- Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV);
- Copies of academic and professional certificates;
- Details of similar assignments undertaken;
- Contact information for at least three referees.

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, dated July 2016 revised September 2025 (7th Edition): (Procurement Regulations') setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers.

7. Further information and/or ToRs can be obtained in writing at the address below from Monday to Friday, excluding weekends and public holidays from 0900 hours to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT):

**Managing Director, Kenya Railways,
Attention: General Manager-Supply Chain Management,
Kenya Railways Headquarters Office,
Workshops Road off Haile Selassie Avenue,
Opposite Technical University of Kenya,
P. O. Box 30121-00100,
Nairobi, Kenya.
Email: procure@krc.co.ke
Tel. No: +254 709 907 000, +254 709 907 114**

8. Expressions of interest must be submitted in written form to the address below in person, or by mail or by e-mail on or before the dates indicated in table 1 above, East African Time (EAT).

**Tender Box at Block C, Main Reception
Kenya Railways Headquarters Office,
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9. All submissions should be clearly marked "Consultancy Services'' with the Assignment Title and Tender Number indicated. For email submissions: Assignment Title and Tender Number should be quoted in the subject row.

**The Managing Director
Kenya Railways**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT (EME)

The Government of Kenya (GoK) in partnership with the World Bank intends to finance the implementation of the Kenya Urban Mobility Improvement Project (KUMIP).

The project objective is to improve urban mobility within the Nairobi Metropolitan Area and land use planning along the identified commuter corridors. The project will support urban policy formulation, institutional strengthening, and improvement of commuter rail services, station access roads and transit-oriented development (TOD) around railway stations.

The key project activities will include:-
i. Development of Nairobi Central Station – Thika Commuter Line.
ii. Electrification of the Nairobi Commuter Railway Network.
iii. Acquisition of Trainsets (Electric Multiple units and Diesel Electric Multiple Units).
iv. Planning and development of Transit Oriented Developments along the Nairobi Central Station – Thika Commuter Corridor.
v. Development and equipping of maintenance workshops for Electric Multiple Units and Diesel Electric Multiple Units.
vi. Development of manufacturing unit for rolling stock spare parts and permanent way fittings and fasteners.
vii. Construction of prioritized access roads to the commuter railway stations including required multi-modal transfer facilities.
viii. Construction of Likoni Road over Railway Bridge and the associated road approaches.
ix. Development of concrete sleeper manufacturing plant.
x. Acquisition of maintenance rolling stock (locomotive, ballast hopper wagons, low sided wagons, low loader)

Kenya Railways Corporation in conjunction with other implementing agencies and County Governments within the Nairobi Metropolitan Area will spearhead the implementation of the project activities.

The procurement of the project activities will follow the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Projects Financing (IPF) Borrowers.

To this end, Kenya Railways Corporation hereby invites interested private sector stakeholders and industry players to a consultative meeting on **June 24 2026 at Railway Training Institute, South B, Nairobi from 0900am to 1300hrs Eastern African Time (EAT).**

The objectives of the meeting are to;
- Relay general information on the project to private sector stakeholders,
- Present details of expected procurement packages and implementing arrangements,
- Obtain feedback from the potential vendors regarding suitability and sustainability of the proposed project design.
- Obtain feedback on the proposed procurement approaches and Borrower's PPSD findings/perceptions
- Obtain indicative current prices, pricing methods and other factors influencing price
- Obtain feedback on market trends and regional differences (including other major procurements they are considering bidding for which may impact capacity etc.)
- Obtain feedback on availability of alternative goods and services (product differentiation);
- Obtain feedback on any current or potentially innovative developments or new technologies in the market; and
- Obtain feedback on common or prevalent risks within the supply chain(s).

The consultation will also serve as a market sounding exercise to obtain industry feedback for the preparation of Project Procurement Strategy.

Stakeholders are strongly encouraged to participate in this process and to use the meeting as an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding this upcoming project procurement opportunity.

To confirm your attendance and facilitate online participation, interested parties are requested to email **procure@krc.co.ke by 1700hrs EAT of June 21 2026.**

Participants are notified that all discussions during the engagement will be non-binding and intended for consultation purposes only and that any resulting procurement will be conducted competitively.

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KENYA RAILWAYS**

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TENDER NOTICE

Sports Kenya (SK) is a body corporate established by the Sports Act 2013 with the mandate of harnessing Sports development, encouraging and promoting sports and recreation, providing for establishment of sports institutions, facilities, administration and management of Sports in the country and for connected purposes.

Sports Kenya invites eligible and competent firms for Supply and Delivery of Goods and provision of Works and Services. Interested eligible bidders may obtain tender documents from the office of the Supply Chain Management, Head Office, Kasarani, upon payment of a non-refundable fee (cash or bankers cheque) of Kenya Shillings one Thousand (KShs.1,000/=) only, during normal working hours (8.00AM- 5.00PM) from Monday to Friday. The tender documents can be downloaded free from **www.sportskenya.org**, or **www.tenders.go.ke**

except for provision of cleaning services which will be through the Electronic Government Procurement System (eGP)

OPEN TENDER

TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS, CONSULTANCY AND NON-CONSULTANCY SERVICES & WORKS	ELIGIBILITY
eGP generated	Provision of Cleaning Services at Sports Kenya	Open
SK/FRAM/001/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for The Supply and Delivery of Foods Items for The Stadion Hotel	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/FRAM/002/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for The Supply and Delivery of LPG gas for The Stadion Hotel	Open
SK/FRAM/003/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for the Supply and Delivery of Swimming Pool and Water Treatment Chemicals	Open
SK/FRAM/004/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for the Supply and Delivery of Soft Drinks (Soda) and Mineral Water	Open
SK/FRAM/005/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for Provision of Travel and Related Services	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/FRAM/006/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for Supply of Prepaid Airtime	Open
SK/FRAM/007/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for Supply and Delivery of General Stationery and other Consumables	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/FRAM/008/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for Supply and Delivery of Detergents, Disinfectants and Cleaning Materials	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/FRAM/009/2026-2028	Framework Agreement for Print Management Services	Open

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS, CONSULTANCY AND NON-CONSULTANCY SERVICES & WORKS	ELIGIBILITY
SK/PREQ/001/2026-2028	Supply And Delivery of Computer, Printers, Laptops and Accessories	Open
SK/PREQ/002/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of general Furniture and Fittings	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/PREQ/003/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Branded Uniforms, Sports kit and Protective Clothing	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/PREQ/004/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Hardware, Electrical and Electronic Items	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/PREQ/005/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Goat Manure, Fertilizers and River Sand	Open
SK/PREQ/006/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Bed Linen and Upholstery Materials	Open
SK/PREQ/007/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Fuel, Gases, Lubricants, Motor Vehicles Tires, Tubes, Batteries	Open
SK/PREQ/008/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Cutlery and Crockery	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/PREQ/009/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Sports Equipment	Open
SK/PREQ/010/2026-2028	Supply, Delivery and Servicing of Firefighting and fire protection Equipment, Materials and training services	Open
SK/PREQ/011/2026-2028	Designing and Printing of Branded Merchandising Items, Promotional Materials and Communication Publication and Signages	Open
SK/PREQ/012/2026-2028	Provision of Transport, Car Hire and Taxi Services	Open
SK/PREQ/013/2026-2028	Servicing, Maintenance, And Repair of Motor Vehicles	Open

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

SK/PREQ/014/2026-2028	Repair and Maintenance of Computer Equipment, Printers and Ups	Open
SK/PREQ/015/2026-2028	Supply, Delivery and Installation of ICT Software's	Open
SK/PREQ/016/2026-2028	Provision of Valuation Services	Open
SK/PREQ/017/2026-2028	Provision of Sanitary and Fumigation	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/PREQ/018/2026-2028	Provision of Repairs, Servicing and Spares for Generators, Pumps, Boiler Spares, Kitchen Equipment and Laundry Machines	Open
SK/PREQ/019/2026-2028	Small Works, Mechanical Plumbing, Civil, Electrical Electronic, Building and Painting	Open
SK/PREQ/020/2026-2028	Provision of Garbage Collection Services	Open
SK/PREQ/021/2026-2028	Provision of Pitch Maintenance Services	Open
SK/PREQ/022/2026-2028	Provision of Team Building Facilitation Services	Open
SK/PREQ/023/2026-2028	Provision of Hotel and Conferencing Facilities	Open
SK/PREQ/024/2026-2028	Provision of Tents, Chairs and Décor	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/PREQ/025/2026-2028	Provision of Insurance Brokerage for General & Motor Vehicle Insurance	Reserved (Youth, Women, PWDs)
SK/PREQ/026/2026-2028	Provision of Training Services, Management Consultancy Services in Research, Performance Contracting, Job Evaluation and Strategic Planning	Open
SK/PREQ/027/2026-2028	Provision of Communications Related Consultancy Services (Website Development, Brand Development, Media Relations, Public Relations Etc.)	Open
SK/PREQ/028/2026-2028	Provision of Engineering Services, Civil & Structural, Surveying, Mechanical and Electrical Services	Open
SK/PREQ/029/2026-2028	Provision of Charter Plane and chopper services	Open
SK/PREQ/030/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of media equipment (audio equipment, public address system, Cameras, tripods etc)	Open
SK/PREQ/031/2026-2028	Estate Management (Rent Collection)	Open
SK/PREQ/032/2026-2028	Hire of Generators	Open
SK/PREQ/033/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of Security Equipment	Open
SK/PREQ/034/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of Metal Barriers	Open
SK/PREQ/035/2026-2028	Supply, delivery, testing and commissioning of Ups	Open

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with Tender name and reference number and deposited in the Tender Box at the reception, Main Office, SPORTS KENYA, KASARANI or to be addressed to:

Director General
Sports Kenya,
Private Bag, KASARANI
NAIROBI.

so as to be received on or before **Monday 15th June 2026 at 11.00am.**

Provision of Cleaning Services tender; will close on 16th June, 2026 at 11.00am. Tenderers are requested to view and download a complete set of the tender documents for this tender alone from the website https://egpkenya.go.ke free of charge. Completed tenders should be submitted electronically via the same website.

Applications will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend the opening meeting, at the Director General's Boardroom.

Global polio cases fall to historic low as Rotary International pushes for final eradication drive

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI {KNA}

Global polio cases have fallen dramatically from approximately 1,000 children infected each day to just 35 reported cases annually, thanks to coordinated international efforts led by governments, health agencies, and humanitarian organisations. According to Rotary International, which has played a leading role in the fight against polio for decades, only two countries—Pakistan and Afghanistan—have reported endemic cases of the disease in recent years.

The organisation expressed confidence that polio could be fully eradicated within the next year if global vaccination and disease surveillance efforts are sustained. Speaking in Naivasha , Yinka Babalola, the president-elect of Rotary International, said worldwide immunisation campaign had made significant progress in controlling the highly infectious viral disease, which mainly affects children under the age of five.

Babalola said that Africa was certified polio-free in 2020, and that eradication of the disease remains Rotary's number one external initiative that the foundation is marshalling financial support to undertake.

Former Health CS James Macharia administers a polio jab to a kid during the launch of the National polio vaccination campaign at Karagita slums in Naivasha. Rotary International Foundation has joined the global drive to eradicate polio fully through supporting initiatives that ensure a world free polio.
PHOTO BY ERASTUS GICHOHI/FILE

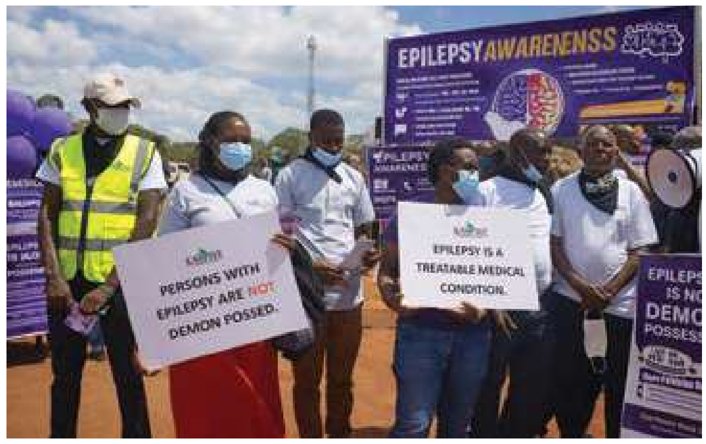
"We made a promise to the world that we would eradicate polio. When we began this campaign, the disease was paralysing and killing nearly 1,000 children every day across 125 countries. Today, it remains endemic only in Pakistan and Afghanistan," he said. However, he cautioned that the disease still poses a threat if countries become complacent, stressing the need for continued vaccination programmes and stronger disease surveillance systems. "Soon, the poliovirus will exist only in laboratories and history books, but we must continue immunising our children and strengthening surveillance efforts," he added.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, launched in 1988 and supported by organisations including World Health Organization, UNICEF and Rotary International, has reduced global polio cases by more than 99 per cent over the past three decades, he said.Health experts, however, continue to warn that gaps in immunisation coverage, conflict and weak health systems in some regions remain major obstacles to complete eradication.

Babalola said equipping a digital laboratory support for Naivasha-based Mirera Primary School aimed at equipping learners with modern technological skills.

The school, which has more than 4,000 pupils and is among the largest public primary schools in the country, has faced numerous challenges, including shortages of teachers and learning materials.

Health workers trained to enhance epilepsy support



Kenya Association for Welfare of People with Epilepsy (KAWE) officials conducting sensitization and awareness at Il Bissil market Kajiado Central..

BY ROP JANET, KNA

The Kenya Association for Welfare of People with Epilepsy has trained Community Health Promoters (CHPs) and primary healthcare workers in Kajiado on epilepsy to strengthen community-level understanding, response and management of the condition.

The initiative targets frontline health workers, who are often the first point of contact for persons living with epilepsy, with a focus on strengthening early identification of cases, timely response during seizures and appropriate referral to health facilities.

During the exercise conducted at Il Bissil, participants were trained on recognition of epilepsy symptoms, seizure management and first aid response and referral procedures for patients requiring specialized care.

The training is expected to improve early detection of epilepsy cases at the community level by equipping CHPs with practical skills to identify warning signs and respond appropriately during seizure incidents.

It is also expected to enhance emergency response during seizures within households and public settings, where immediate intervention is critical in preventing injuries and complications.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27 BUDGET

This is to notify the general public that the Budget Statement for the financial year 2026/27 will be delivered by the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury on **Thursday, 11th June 2026** from **3:00 p.m.** in Parliament.

HON. FCPA JOHN MBADI NG'ONGO, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION OF ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM FOR GLOBAL FUND PROGRAM

TENDER NO. TNT/GF/ONT/032/2025 - 2026

1. The National Treasury invites sealed Tender for Procurement of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System for Global Fund Program.
2. Tendering will be conducted under the Open Tender Procurement Method using a Standardized Tender Document. Tendering is open to the eligible and qualified Tenderers.
3. Eligible and Qualified tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs at the address given below.
4. The interested tenderers must forward their particulars immediately to **procurement@treasury.go.ke** to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
5. The Tenderers shall **chronologically serialize all pages** of the Request for Proposal documents submitted.
6. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Kenya Shillings Three Hundred Thousand Only (Kshs. 300,000.00) from a reputable Bank or by an insurance company registered and licensed by the Insurance Regulatory Authority listed by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in Kenya valid for 30 days beyond the Tender Validity period.**
7. Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **11.00 a.m. East African Time** on **Friday 5th June, 2026.** Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
8. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
9. Late tenders will be rejected.
10. The addresses referred to above are as follows:

The Principal Secretary
The National Treasury
Treasury Building, Harambee Avenue
P.O. BOX 30007-00100
Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: 2252299
Email: **procurement@treasury,go.ke**

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

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Insurance Regulatory Authority

IRA

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) is a State Corporation established under the Insurance (Amendment) Act, Cap 487 of the Laws of Kenya with the mandate to regulate, supervise and promote development of the insurance industry in Kenya.The Authority wishes to invite sealed tenders for the following works:-

No	Tender No.	Tender Description	Closing Date & Time	Target
1.	IRA/112/2025-2026	Provision of Partitioning Works at IRA offices, Zep Re Place Nairobi	10th June 2026 at 11:00 a.m.	AGPO

Interested bidders may view and download the above tender documents from the IRA website (**www.ira.go.ke**) or Public Procurement Information Portal (**www.tenders.go.ke**).

Interested and eligible bidders are required to download the tender document from the websites free of charge and immediately email their names and contact details to: **procurement@ira.go.ke** for purposes of any clarification, communication or addenda.

Complete tender documents in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and description should be deposited in the tender box situated on 3rd Floor, Zep-Re Place, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Nairobi on or before the closing date and time and addressed to:-

Chief Executive Officer,
Insurance Regulatory Authority,
3rd Floor, Zep-Re Place, Longonot Road, Upperhill,
P.O. Box 43505-00100,
Nairobi, Kenya

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders' representatives who may choose to attend at the Board Room located on 3rd Floor, Zep-Re Place, Longonot Road, Upperhill, Nairobi. Late tenders will not be accepted.

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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PSSF
PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND
Empowering Futures

INVITATION TO OPEN NATIONAL TENDER

The Public Service Superannuation Fund is established under the Public Service Superannuation Scheme Act, No. 8 of 2012 to provide retirement benefits to Civil Servants, Teachers employed by the Teachers Service Commission and Disciplined Services Personnel (Kenya Police Service, Kenya Prisons Service and National Youth Service).

PSSF invites interested and eligible firms/tenderers to bid for the following tenders for the public service superannuation fund.

S/ NO	TENDER NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1)	PSSF-T-003-2025-2026	PROCUREMENT OF SPECIALISED OFFSHORE AND ACTIVE TRADING SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS RENEWABLE YEARLY UPON SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS RENEWABLE YEARLY UPON SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE.	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026 AT 10.00AM

1. All Interested and Eligible bidders may download **free of charge** the Tender documents from the PSSF Website: **www.Psss.go.ke** and forward their particulars for records to: **procurement@pssf.go.ke** The Particulars should include Name and address of the Firm, Tender Name and Number.
2. Completed bid documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with Tender Name and Tender Number should be addressed to:

   The Chief Executive Officer
   THE PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND
   CBK PENSION TOWERS,Harambee Avenue
   P. O. Box 3561-200, NAIROBI.

   And be deposited in the Tender Box located at the **Public Service SuperAnnuation Fund offices, CBK Pension Towers, Harambee Avenue, 2nd floor**, so as to be received on or before **TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026 AT 10.00AM** (EAST AFRICA TIME).NB : All Large Tender documents that cant fit in the Tender Box Must be delivered to the Supply Chain Management Office on 2nd Floor and registered Accordingly.
3. The Tender will be opened at the same venue, on the same day and time in the presence of **ONLY ONE (1)** bidder representative from each firm who will be allowed to witness the tender opening exercise. Opening Minutes may be circulated to tenderers upon request in writing.

The Chief Executive Officer

UK Aid backs African innovators to expand clean cooking solutions

BY HAMISI JUMA – MYGOV

At a pivotal moment for climate action, public health, and economic development, three African clean cooking ventures have secured investment to scale affordable solutions across the continent.

The funding, led by the UK aid-funded Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) programme, will support Ecobora, PowerUp, and Sun-Power Box in advancing electric cooking technologies and expanding access to modern energy.

The investment comes as more than 600 million people in sub-Saharan Africa continue to rely on wood, charcoal, and other biomass fuels for cooking.

This dependence drives deforestation, contributes to respiratory illnesses, and imposes heavy economic burdens on households and institutions.

Electric cooking (e-cooking) offers a cleaner, more efficient alternative, but early-stage ventures often face financing challenges that hinder their ability to scale.

MECS' intervention aims to bridge this gap by funding research, testing, and validation. The programme will help the three companies strengthen their technologies, generate evidence, attract new investments, and ultimately expand their reach.

Nyamolo Abagi, Director of Clean Energy Access at CLASP and member of the MECS Investment Committee, said the support was timely.

"The MECS Investment Committee is pleased to support these three trail-blazing ventures. All three companies demonstrated potential to scale up their businesses and make significant strides in accelerating the adoption of clean cooking technologies across Africa," she noted.

The investment also signals a shift in how clean cooking is financed, de-risking innovation at an early stage to unlock larger-scale capital.

It builds on growing momentum in the sector, including a recent partnership between the Government of Makueni County and CLASP to accelerate Kenyan institutions' transition to clean cooking.

Over the next year, the R&D venture building support will focus on product testing and validation, alongside market access, financial, and policy research.

Findings will contribute

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UK Aid backs clean cooking solutions

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to the evidence base needed by the wider clean cooking sector and prospective investors to move forward with confidence.

Professor Rachel Kyte, UK Special Representative for Climate, emphasized the broader significance of the investment.

"Clean cooking technologies transform lives and protect the planet by improving health, generating jobs, and avoiding deforestation. Innovative UK-African partnerships advancing viable and affordable electric cooking solutions are more important than ever at a time of price shocks and supply disruption for LPG and other fossil fuels," she said.

The clean cooking sector is entering a decisive period, with governments seeking to deliver on climate, energy access, and health goals, while investors look for scalable solutions with real-world impact.

Ecobora Operations Manager Erastus Ong'era demonstrate how a solar-powered cookstove works to partners of the UK-Aid funded Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) programme at the Ecobora Factory in Kajiado

MECS' investment is seen as a clear signal that clean cooking is a viable and investable opportunity. However, experts caution that increased capital, innovative finance models, and stronger partnerships are needed to fully unlock the sector's potential.

MECS has invited impact investors, development finance institutions, and technology partners to engage with the supported ventures and explore how their capital can help accelerate the clean cooking transition across Africa.

Government's commitment to food security

BY PENINAH KIHIKA - PCO

Kenya's push for food security cannot succeed without sustained investment in water infrastructure and irrigation systems, Water Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Mugaa has said.

Speaking during the opening of the two-day conference dubbed Getting Wise: Measuring Human Experiences with Water to Support the African Union's Water Vision 2063 at the United Nations Headquarters in Gigiri, Nairobi, Eng. Mugaa underscored the central role of water access in transforming livelihoods and driving economic growth.

He said the Government is prioritizing water security as a cornerstone of its food production agenda.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that access to water goes beyond being a constitutional right, describing it as a key driver of dignity, economic empowerment and national development.

"It is a way to feed the nation because without water, there can't be irrigation, especially for Kenya, without water storage. Food security is key to this administration's agenda," he said.

Eng. Mugaa emphasized the need for the country to move beyond discussions on water availability and focus on actual infrastructure development, financing mechanisms and strategic partnerships that guarantee reliable access to water for all Kenyans.

He revealed that the government is developing the Kenya Resilient Irrigation and Sustainable Economies (K-RISE) programme aimed at strengthening water security and supporting sustainable livelihoods.

"We are in the process of developing what we are calling K-RISE, the Kenya Resilient Irrigation and Sustainable Economies, which is first of all to ensure there is water security," the CS said, adding that the government is also working towards establishing a centralized water data system.

The Cabinet Secretary, who described himself as both a practitioner and consumer in the water and sanitation sector, called for a shift in how the country measures water access, arguing that connectivity statistics alone do not reflect the real experiences of citizens.

"Percentage connectivity in the country is around 74 per cent. Does this tell the true story? That young woman in Turkana, Kondele in Kisumu or in Kajiado might tell a very different story from all of you attending this conference," he said.

"Our major concern is about percentage connectivity, the number of beneficiaries and connections. Does anybody care to follow up on how stable that connection is? We need a paradigm shift and a genuine conversation on how we measure efficiency and access to water," he added.

Eng. Mugaa further disclosed that the Ministry has entered into a cooperation agreement with Northwestern University to develop new approaches for measuring human experiences with water, saying the focus should not only be on infrastructure but also on how communities access and use water in their daily lives.

The CS added that the Ministry is exploring partnerships with development agencies, county governments, the private sector and other stakeholders to promote innovation, integrated water resource management and sustainable systems, particularly targeting opportunities for young people.

"We live in a global village where progress can be accelerated through partnerships instead of reinventing the wheel," he said.

Laikipia Governor Joshua Irungu, who chairs the Council of Governors' Committee on Water and Natural Resources, said many communities across the country still face severe water challenges, with women in some counties walking more than 15 kilometres in search of water.

"In some places, people compete with elephants and donkeys for water, and the animals drink first," Governor Irungu said.

He noted that in many rural areas, the main concern remains water availability rather than quality, and called for inclusive water management approaches that involve all stakeholders, including communities living both upstream and downstream.

Urban support programme to strengthen municipal capacity and refugee integration

A community leader speaking during the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP II) stakeholder engagement in Kakuma, Turkana County.

BYNELLY MANGA (MYGOV)

The Government, through the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, has rolled out the second phase of the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP II), a flagship initiative designed to strengthen urban institutions and promote sustainable development across the country.

KUSP II builds on the achievements of the initial program that concluded in December 2023 and now covers 79 municipalities in 45 counties, including two refugee-hosting municipalities—Kakuma in Turkana County and Dadaab-Hagadera in Garissa County.

The programme's development objective is threefold: to improve the delivery and resilience of urban infrastructure and services, enhance private sector engagement in urban planning, and support the transition of refugee camps into integrated host community and refugee settlements.

The financial agreement for KUSP II was signed on 21st December 2023, with the programme becoming effective on 14th March 2024 after all pre-conditions were met.

It is structured around three components: national-level urban policy and capacity building; sub-national urban development and investments; and a dedicated Window for Host Communities and Refugees (WHR), which will run until June 2028 in Kakuma and Dadaab-Hagadera.

Officials note that the refugee-hosting municipalities present unique challenges due to their land administration arrangements.

Lands in Turkana and Garissa are largely classified as community land under the Community Land Act of 2016.

However, refugee camps were surrendered to the national government through consultative processes and gazette notices, and are currently administered by the Directorate of Refugee Services.

The integration of host and refugee communities has been further anchored by the Refugees Act of 2021 and the Shirika Plan launched by President William Ruto in March 2025.

To operationalize the programme, the National Program Coordination Team (NPCT), with no objection from the World Bank, resolved to convert land from community to public land in the refugee-hosting municipalities.

This process involves a multi-sectoral team comprising officers from the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, State Department for Lands and Physical Planning, Department of Refugee Services, National Land Commission, Council of Governors, and the county governments of Turkana and Garissa, working in collaboration with community institutions.

The urgency of the programme is underscored by the challenges facing unregistered community land in Garissa, Wajir, and Mandera counties.

Without formal registration, land is prone to encroachment, conflicts, and exclusion from donor-funded projects.

In refugee-hosting areas, tensions have also emerged as host communities feel sidelined compared to refugees, who often receive donor-funded services such as water, food, and livelihoods.

With dwindling donor support, integration-oriented frameworks like KUSP II are seen as vital to bridging humanitarian response with long-term urban development.

Stakeholder mapping has been conducted from national to local levels, ensuring that all affected parties—including refugee leaders—are engaged. While refugees cannot legally be registered under community land frameworks, their inclusion in consultations ensures transparency and responsiveness to their concerns.

By aligning with Kenya's constitutional, legal, and governance frameworks including the Urban Areas and Cities Act, Physical and Land Use Planning Act, Environmental Management and Coordination Act, and the Refugees Act KUSP II is expected to deliver sustainable infrastructure, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen resilience in municipalities.

The programme represents a significant step in Kenya's broader urbanization and integration agenda, positioning municipalities not only as centers of service delivery but also as engines of inclusive growth.

Health-centred infrastructure key to safer communities

BY JUDY SHERI - PCO

Architects, engineers, planners, and quantity surveyors have been urged to place health, dignity, inclusion, and resilience at the heart of infrastructure development, as the built environment plays a critical role in shaping public health outcomes and community wellbeing.

Speaking during the opening of the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors Continuous Professional Development Seminar in Nairobi, the Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards emphasized that the design of buildings, roads, hospitals, schools, and public spaces directly influences the health, safety, productivity, and quality of life of communities.

The two-day seminar, themed "Health, Dignity and Inclusion in the Built Environment," brought together professionals to explore how infrastructure can advance healthier, safer, and more inclusive societies.

She warned that poorly designed environments continue to fuel disease outbreaks, respiratory illnesses, injuries, poor sanitation, and compromised learning and healthcare outcomes, underscoring the need to integrate public health considerations into planning and construction.

"The built environment is not merely about structures and aesthetics; it is fundamentally about life, health, safety, and dignity," she said.

The Principal Secretary noted that global health systems are shifting focus from treatment to prevention, adding that investments in healthier infrastructure, sanitation, safe housing, and climate-resilient public spaces reduce future healthcare costs while boosting resilience and national productivity.

She urged professionals to prioritize natural lighting, proper ventilation, thermal comfort, accessibility, safety, and inclusive public spaces in all projects, while aligning development with Ministry of Health standards, the National Building Code, and Kenya's climate adaptation priorities.

She stressed the importance of universal access and gender-sensitive design, saying infrastructure must equitably serve children, women, older persons, and persons living with disabilities. She encouraged adoption of emerging concepts such as trauma-informed and neuro-inclusive design, noting that physical environments can either support healing and emotional wellbeing or contribute to stress and anxiety.

Collaboration between public health experts, architects, engineers, planners, quantity surveyors, and policymakers, she said, is essential to deliver infrastructure that protects lives, promotes wellbeing, and supports sustainable development.

Healthier built environments, she added, are critical not only for disease prevention but also for improving educational outcomes, patient safety, social inclusion, and long-term economic growth.

The seminar is expected to strengthen cross-sector collaboration and deepen professional engagement on integrating health and human wellbeing into the planning, design, construction, and management of Kenya's built environment.

KENAS to strengthen accreditation and quality systems in the manufacturing sector

BY KOBILO JEPTUMO (MYGOV)

The Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) has stepped up its engagement with the manufacturing sector, underscoring the critical role of accreditation in driving quality assurance, regulatory compliance, and global competitiveness.

This follows a strategic visit to FullCare Medical (Kenya) SEZ Limited at the Tatu City Special Economic Zone, where KENAS officials highlighted the importance of internationally recognized conformity assessment systems in supporting Kenya's industrial growth.

The visit forms part of KENAS' ongoing stakeholder outreach programme aimed at deepening awareness of accreditation requirements across priority economic sectors.

The initiative also seeks to enhance the capacity of conformity assessment bodies to deliver services that meet global standards.

FullCare Medical, a Kenyan-based manufacturer with more than 20 years of experience in producing and distributing medical care and protective equipment, has recently commissioned a modern facility at Tatu City SEZ.

The 5,000-acre mixed-use industrial hub continues to position Kenya as a regional manufacturing and export destination.

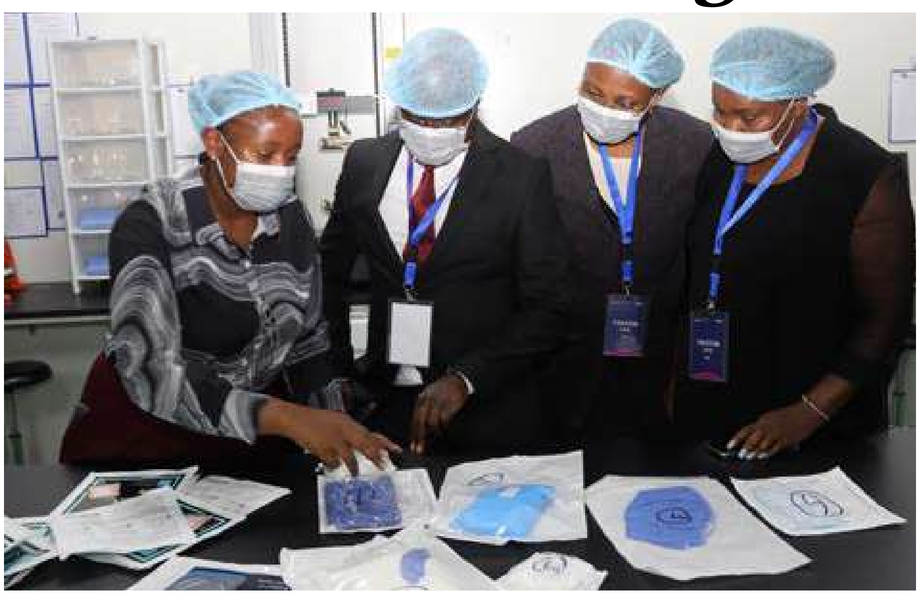
The new facility represents an investment of USD 30 million in its first phase and has already created approximately 1,800 jobs, with projections of up to 7,000 jobs in subsequent phases.

Designed to serve both regional and international markets including Africa, Europe, and the United States, the plant is expected to generate export output worth USD 60 million annually.

The scale of such investments, KENAS noted, highlights the growing need for robust conformity assessment systems to ensure product safety, regulatory compliance, and acceptance in global markets.

Special Economic Zones such as Tatu City are playing a strategic role in strengthening Kenya's industrial base, where adherence to international standards is essential for trade facilitation and improved market access.

FullCare Medical's investment also reflects confidence in Kenya's industrial ecosystem, supported by USD 100 million in financing from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank Group.



From Left to Right: Fiona Munyalo, FullCare Medical (Kenya) SEZ Limited, KENAS CEO Dr Walter Ongeti, KENAS Chief Manager Laboratories Lucy Namu, KENAS Manager Testing Laboratories Felista Nyakoe

Speaking during the visit, KENAS Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Walter Ongeti, emphasized that accreditation has become a critical requirement for market access in today's global economy.

"Accreditation is no longer a technical formality, it is a market access requirement. It determines whether products are trusted, accepted, and traded across borders. Our engagement with industry is therefore intentional, to ensure that no compliant manufacturer is excluded from markets due to lack of internationally recognized conformity assessment systems," he said.

Dr. Ongeti noted that Kenya's industrialization and export agenda, including opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), depends on a strong and credible quality infrastructure system.

"To compete effectively in global value chains, Kenya must continue strengthening its quality infrastructure. Accreditation remains a key pillar in achieving this objective," he added.

Chief Manager, Laboratories at KENAS, Ms. Lucy Namu, highlighted the importance of laboratory competence in supporting industrial growth and export readiness.

"What we observed at FullCare Medical reflects the increasing sophistication of Kenya's manufacturing sector. Our role is to ensure that laboratories supporting such industries are competent, reliable, and internationally recognized through accreditation," she said.

Ms. Namu stressed that strong laboratory systems are fundamental in building trust in products and markets.

"When laboratory systems are strong, industries are strong. This translates into safer products, stronger regulatory confidence, and improved access to both local and international markets," she added.

Manager, Testing Laboratories at KENAS, Ms. Felista Nyakoe, underscored the importance of testing systems in safeguarding product integrity and compliance.

"Testing laboratories are central to verifying that products meet required standards before reaching the market. As manufacturing becomes more advanced, particularly in high-risk sectors such as medical products, testing systems must remain robust, responsive, and aligned with international standards," she said.

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Homa Bay intensifies reforestation drive amid invasive species threat

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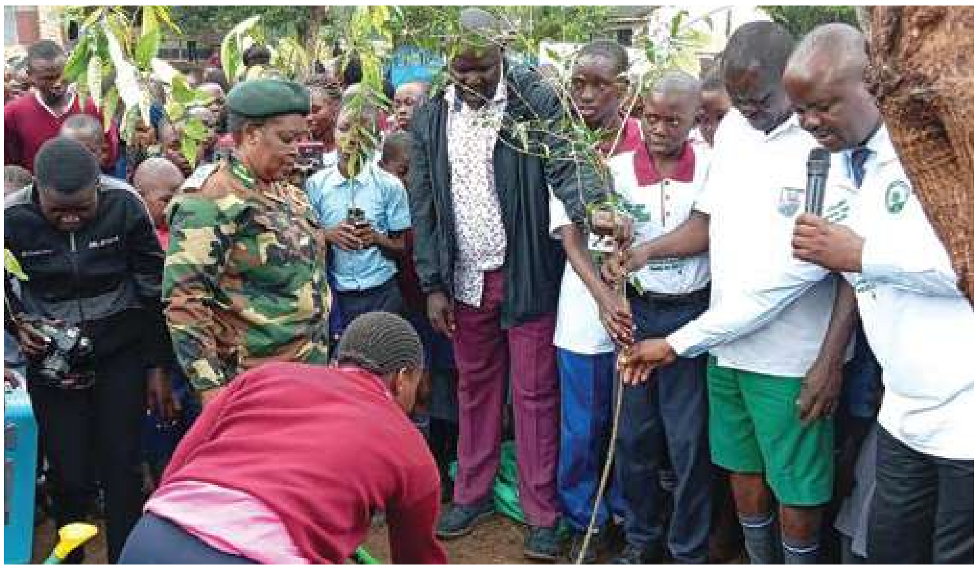

Homa Bay County Chief Conservator, Sharon Cheluget (second left), Commissioner Eli Kisulu, Tree Ambassador and Nuhu Omollo Masoud, Patron, Plant trees for a better Environment CBO during a tree planting initiative at Lake Primary School in Homa Bay town.

Kenya Forest Service has intensified efforts to restore degraded forests in Homa Bay County amid growing challenges posed by invasive plant species particularly Lantana camara.

Speaking during a 'Back to School with a Seedling' tree planting initiative at Lake Primary School in Homa Bay town, County Conservator of Forests Sharon Cheluget said invasive species continue to threaten several forest stations in the county.

According to Cheluget, forests most affected include Wire, Kodera, and Homa Hills forest stations, where illegal activities such as deforestation and charcoal burning have further undermined conservation efforts.

She noted that inadequate resources and limited monitoring have also affected the survival rate of planted trees in some areas. "To address these challenges, stakeholders are working together to clear affected areas and promote sustainable planting practices," she said

"We are working tirelessly to ensure the challenge of invasive species is overcome. We will continue bringing stakeholders on board to help clear the affected land," she added.She stated that KFS has stepped in to support restoration efforts through seedling production, establishment of tree nurseries, and provision of technical guidance.Cheluget highlighted major progress made in the restoration of Lambwe Forest Station, where approximately 420 hectares of the 703-hectare forest have been replanted since 2024.

"If the rains continue as expected, by the end of this rainy season we will have cleared the remaining less than 300 hectares. Lambwe will be completely reforested," she said.

Wire Forest Station is undergoing similar restoration through multi-sectoral stakeholder initiatives, she said. Early this week, she said, the Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (KETRACO) planted trees on 20 hectares, while community forest associations continue participating actively in reforestation efforts.

At Kodera Forest Station, at least 10 hectares had been replanted by the end of last year. Cheluget said some forest areas, including Gembe and parts of Gwassi in Suba have been earmarked for natural regeneration instead of intensive plantation programs."We realised the best way to restore these stations is to allow natural regeneration. If protected, the forests can recover naturally without the high costs associated with tree planting," she explained.

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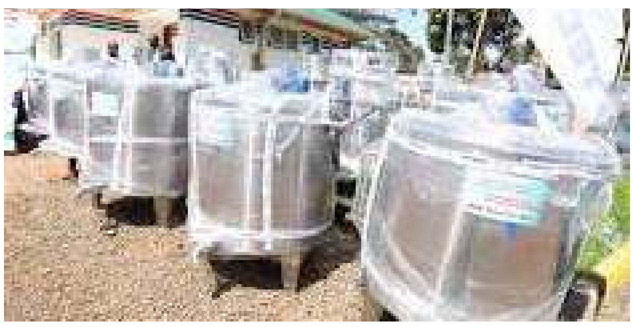
She further disclosed that Kinjororio area in Gwassi had previously been invaded by illegal cultivators of cannabis in 2024. However, a joint security operation led by former County Commissioner Moses Lilan successfully flushed out the illegal farmers.

State delivers five milk coolers to Nyamira dairy farmers

BY DEBORAH BOCHERE, KNA



Five milk coolers for dairy farmers in Nyamira have been delivered under a nationwide dairy support programme to reduce post-harvest losses. PHOTO DEBORAH BOCHERE

The Government through the Livestock Value Chain Support Project (LVCSP), has delivered five milk coolers to dairy farmers in Nyamira County, to improve production, reduce post milking losses and accelerate market access for their milk.Livestock Development Principal Secretary (PS), Jonathan Mueke, while presiding over the handing over ceremony at Gesima Market in Nyamira County, stated that for farmers to gain value and maximize profits from their dairy farming venture, a milk cooler is mandatory, because milk is highly perishable and must, therefore, be handled prudently to ensure it is fresh by the time it gets to the end consumer.

"Dairy farming is one of the core economic activities for the majority of Kenyans and Nyamira farmers are part of those dairy farmers, who solely sustain their livelihood on dairy farming. They, therefore, need support and empowerment so that they can sustain high milk production and attain projected profits, to enable them to live decently," Mueke said.

"Farmers must be empowered, supported, trained on the best dairy farming practices and government is in full support of their farming and we are consequently providing them with coolers, so that they preserve this highly perishable product," he said.

The PS also confirmed that, the government had launched a national vaccination programme against the deadly foot and mouth disease affecting cattle in Kenya.

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Governor calls on miraa farmers to join co-ops to increase income

Meru County Governor, Rev Isaac Mutuma M'Ethingia (left) holding hands with Meru Senator Kathuri Murungi during a church service at Kathatene Methodist Church of Kenya in Igembe North Constituency PHOTO: LENAH KANARIO

BY KAMANJA MAERIA, KNA

Meru Governor Isaac Mutuma M'Ethingia has urged miraa farmers to join cooperative societies to strengthen their bargaining power and improve marketing of the crop as leaders push for revival of the sector.

Speaking in Antobetwe Kiongo Ward, Igembe North Constituency, Governor Mutuma said miraa farmers have continued to face economic hardships despite investing heavily in the crop.

Heaid cooperative societies would help farmers to access better markets and thus better prices besides enhancing value addition initiatives aimed at increasing earnings from miraa products.

Mutuma expressed confidence that the county leadership jointly with national government and other stakeholders, would address the long standing challenges affecting the miraa sector and improve the livelihoods of farmers across the region. Meru Senator Kathuri Murungi said the Senate had already passed the second reading of a Bill seeking to remove miraa from the list of drugs regulated by National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA).

He said the proposed legal changes would pave the way for value addition through the production of miraa juice, wine and other flavoured products, creating more income opportunities for farmers.

Govt to modernize tea sector with Sh4.5bn to boost farmers' pay

BY GILBERT MUTAI, KNA

The Government is mobilizing Sh4.5 billion to modernize tea processing and value-addition infrastructure to boost farmers' earnings.

It also aims to lower production costs and strengthen Kenya's position in the global tea market.

The upgrade programme, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, targets ageing factories and weak value addition capacity within the smallholder tea sub-sector.

It was unveiled during this year's International Tea Day celebrations at Momul Tea Factory in Kericho County.

The Principal Secretary for Agriculture Dr. Paul Rono said the Government has already secured Sh1 billion for the programme.

Dr Rono said the planned investment seeks to modernize tea factories, reduce production costs, improve operational efficiency and strengthen value addition.

"The Budget Committee Sector Working Group is working on the Sh4.5 billion programme. Already Sh1 billion has been secured and efforts are ongoing to mobilize the remaining funds," Dr Rono said.