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16m

Number of trees Siaya County aims to plant annually for the next 10 years

680m

Amount of money The United Kingdom has injected into various projects in the northern frontier counties.

70

Total number of projects West Pokot County has implemented under the first Marginalisation Policy

500,000

Youth who enter the job market each year according to the Kenya Institute for Public Policy and Research

Sh34.6m

Cost of the fish feed delivered by the government in a bid to boost fish production in Tharaka Nithi County.

12

Number of Junior Secondary School classrooms commissioned by the education CS at Kakamega Primary School



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Sh8.1 billion Equalisation Fund projects unveiled in 34 counties



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (third from right) during the launch of projects funded under the Equalisation Fund at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Government, through the National Treasury, has officially launched the implementation of 1,236 projects valued at Sh8.1 billion.

Funded under the Equalisation Fund, these projects aim to deliver essential services to approximately six million Kenyans living in marginalized areas. The initiatives will span 34 counties, covering 366 wards and 111 constituencies.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi described the projects as a significant step toward improving service delivery in Kenya's most underserved regions. He also highlighted progress under the Equalisation Fund, revealing that 359 projects have already been completed, benefiting over nine million

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Internal Security and National Administration Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo flanked by senior security officials during a press briefing

Government steps up security measures ahead of festive season

BY DIANAROSE NGUNJIRI
(MYGOV)

The Government has enhanced security measures as the festive season approaches.

Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration, Raymond Omollo, stated that measures taken include strengthening security at entry and exit points, such as airports and border crossings, as well as at hotels, shopping malls, public beaches, and tourist sites.

Particular focus has been

placed on Boni Forest in Lamu and the northern frontier counties of Garissa, Mandera, and Wajir.

"The North-Eastern region and the Boni enclave remain under close security surveillance due to the ongoing threat of terrorism," PS Omollo said.

He added that the National Multi-Agency Command Centre (NMACC) at Lang'ata Barracks has been activated to deter security threats and maintain public order during the Christ-

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Government rolls out Sh8.1b Equalisation Fund projects in 34 counties

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people across 14 counties initially identified as marginalized. Of these, 265 projects are fully operational and ready for handover.

"The Equalisation Fund is a key initiative in our mission to ensure that all Kenyans, regardless of their location, have access to the same basic services," Mudavadi stated.

"I am convinced—and I believe all Kenyans share this conviction—that the spirit behind the Equalisation Fund is to enable marginalized areas to enjoy high-impact projects now and for generations to come, just like all other citizens," he added.

The newly launched projects include critical infrastructure such as 115 classrooms, 177 boreholes to provide clean water, 41 water

pans, and 176 health facilities, 53 of which will be fully equipped to serve local communities.

These efforts underscore the government's commitment to a "Bottom-Up" development approach, ensuring that resources are allocated based on local community needs.

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi reaffirmed the government's dedication to the Equalisation Fund, disclosing that Sh900 million had already been disbursed since his appointment.

We acknowledge the challenges, including the tight fiscal space that has hindered the full allocation of funds

Mbadi assured that future requisitions from implementing partners, including county governments, would be funded. He also noted that a clear plan has been developed to address arrears associated with the fund.

"We acknowledge the challenges, including the tight fiscal space that has hindered the full allocation of funds to the Equalisation Fund.

However, we are committed to clearing these arrears and ensuring the smooth implementation of these vital projects," said Mbadi.

He emphasized that the Equalisation Fund exemplifies successful collaboration between the national and county governments, reinforcing the importance of devolution in achieving equitable development across all regions.

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mas and New Year festivities.

The NMACC, supported by regional and county centers, comprises officers from the Kenya Defence Forces, the National Police Service, the Kenya Prisons Service, the Kenya Wildlife Service, the Kenya Forest Service, and the Kenya Coast Guard Service.

The multi-pronged security strategy includes the deployment of 10,317 officers to manage public safety and address violations.

"Kenyans should expect increased police presence and visibility, with specialised units such as the all-female Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and undercover officers working alongside general-duty police to intensify patrols and heighten surveillance in major towns, places of worship, and critical infrastructure," PS Omollo said.

Additionally, all police officers on leave have been recalled to enhance and coordinate security operations across all counties during this period.

The Interior PS noted that in the past, the country has



Internal Security and National Administration PS Raymond Omollo (centre) flanked by senior security officials

experienced isolated cases of increased crime and illegal activities during festive seasons.

These include petty offences such as pickpocketing and mugging in crowded areas, home burglaries, traffic violations, and noise disturbances, among others.

As such, he urged citizens to remain vigilant and cooperate with law enforcement, particularly to protect vulnerable groups, including women, children, and persons with disabilities.

"In the spirit of community policing, we call upon the public to report any crimes or suspicious activities to the nearest police

station or through the police hotline numbers: 999, 112, 911, and the #FichuwaDCI line at 0800 722 203," he said. The PS also issued a warning to traffic offenders, noting that more police and National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) officers have been deployed to enforce compliance with traffic regulations during the festive period.

Dr. Omollo further advised communities to remain vigilant during the school holidays and urged parents and guardians to ensure the safety of children, especially in flood-prone areas.



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Public Notice

Update on Simplification of VAT Return Filing for VAT Registered Taxpayers

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to notify all VAT registered Taxpayers that to simplify the VAT return filing process, the VAT return will be pre-filled with tax information available to KRA starting from the **November 2024** tax period.

We therefore advise all VAT registered Taxpayers to confirm the accuracy of their pre-filled **November 2024** VAT returns prior to submitting the returns by 20th December, 2024.

In addition, we remind all Taxpayers of their obligation to issue electronic tax invoices and transmit the invoice details to KRA as prescribed in law. Please note that any input VAT claim that is not validated through TIMS/eTIMS or against existing customs import declarations for import VAT claims will not be allowed for deduction in the return.

KRA will continue to sensitize Taxpayers on the simplified VAT Return filing process and to support and facilitate all Taxpayers to comply with the electronic tax invoicing requirements. We take this opportunity to appreciate all compliant Taxpayers.

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TENDER NOTICE

No	Reference number	Item Description	Closing Date
1	ADAk/OT/04/ 2024-2027	Registration of suppliers	06/01/2025
2	ADAk/OT/05/ 2024-2027	Provision of specialized international and domestic courier services for biological specimen.	06/01/2025
3	ADAk/OT/06/ 2024-2027	Provision of cleaning, fumigation, garbage collection and sanitary services for Nairobi and Eldoret offices	07/01/2025
4	ADAk/OT/07/ 2024-2027	Provision of calibration services for refractometers	07/01/2025
5	ADAk/OT/08/ 2024-2027	Provision of specialized clearance services for doping control equipment	07/01/2025
6	ADAk/OT/09/ 2024-2027	Provision of air travel and ticketing services Local and International	08/01/2025
7	ADAk/OT/10/ 2024-2027	Provision of services of domain/webhosting and website & E-learning portal maintenance	08/01/2025
8	ADAk/OT/11/ 2024-2027	Provision of conference, accommodation facilities and outside catering services for various regions	09/01/2025
9	ADAk/OT/12/ 2024-2027	Provision of event management (tents, deco, chairs, public address system, TV screens) for various regions	09/01/2025
10	ADAk/OT/13/ 2024-2027	Supply and delivery of drinking mineral water for Nairobi and Eldoret Offices	10/01/2025
11	ADAk/OT/14/ 2024-2027	Supply and delivery of airtime calling cards	10/01/2025
12	ADAk/OT/15/ 2024-2027	Supply and delivery of doping consumables items	10/01/2025

The Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers for the above tenders. Bidding will be conducted through the procedures specified in the The Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act (Revised Edition 2022). Information on this tender advertisement notice can be downloaded from our website at www.adak.or.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) free of charge.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ANTI DOPING AGENCY OF KENYA



Taita Taveta mining firms face closure by the state over illegal operations

**ARNOLD LINGA MASILA,
KNA**

The State Department for Mining has intensified its efforts to combat illegal mining activities in Taita Taveta County.

Director of Mines Gregory Kituku is currently leading an inspection tour in the region.

Kituku ordered Universal Exploration Limited and Apple Mining Group to cease operations, describing their activities as illegal mining.

Speaking at a mining site owned by Universal Exploration Limited, Kituku revealed that the company had been engaging in illegal iron ore mining despite having its operations suspended a year ago.

"The Regional Mining Officer suspended these operations a year ago, but recently, the company resumed mining and transported the minerals to Nairobi without account-

ability," Kituku stated.

He said the State Department for Mining is collaborating with the Regional Mining Office, county authorities, and the national administration to investigate and quantify the amount of illegally mined and sold minerals. Additionally, the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) in Wundanyi has been roped into the investigation.

"From here I will go to the DCI Wundanyi so that I can make a statement so that he can track the directors of this Universal Exploration Limited so that they can account for the mineral that has

‘This is something that we are not going to allow, we will track those directors and prosecute them

been mined illegally. We intend to prosecute them in law because of mining and disposing the minerals illegally without a mining license," he stated.

Kituku emphasized that mining without a valid license contravenes Section 10 of the Mining Act, with penalties outlined in Section 202. He reiterated that convicted offenders face fines of up to Sh10 million or imprisonment for up to two years.

"This is something that we are not going to allow, we will track those directors and prosecute them in a court of law so that they can account for that," Kituku said.

The Director also visited a nearby mining site owned by Apple Mining Group, where illegal mining of mica was uncovered.

Kituku ordered the immediate closure of the site and directed that all minerals already mined not to be sold until the company



Director of Mines, Gregory Kituku (in checked shirt) talking to miners in Kishushe.

fulfills the legal requirements.

"This site must remain shut until Apple Mining Group obtains the necessary mining permits. We cannot allow anyone to exploit resources illegally, disregarding the set regulations," he declared.

Kituku issued a stern warning to all illegal miners in Taita Taveta County,

particularly those operating in Kishushe stressing that mining activities in the county must be conducted within the law, requiring a valid mining license, artisanal mining license, or permit.

"In Kishushe and Taita Taveta at large we have a lot of illegal miners. We are sending a message that any mining that is

going to be undertaken in this county and more so in Kishushe, it must be licensed within the law," Kituku said.

"Failure to that, we are going to track and prosecute and take you to court and you are going to pay the necessary fine or you will be taken to jail for the term prescribed in the law," he warned.



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

TENDER NOTICE

The Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following tender:

Tender No.	Tender Description	Bid Security (Kshs)	Eligibility	Closing Date and Time
MPSP&DM/OT/002/2024-2025	Provision of Group Medical Insurance, Group Life and International Travel Insurance Covers for the Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and other Senior Civil Servants in Job Group "U" and above	1,000,000	Insurance Underwriters	24 th December 2024 11.00 am

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be downloaded from the Ministry of Public Service www.mps.go.ke/tenders or www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

For any clarifications or communications kindly contact: **Head, Supply Chain Management, Telposta Towers, 2nd Floor, P.O Box 30050-00100, Telephone: +254 020 2252299, Nairobi, Kenya.** Email: procurement@psyg.go.ke.

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

**Principal Secretary
Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development
P.O. Box 30050 - 00100 - NAIROBI**

and deposited in the Tender Box situated at Telposta Towers, 2nd floor on or before **Tuesday, 24th December, 2024 at 11.00 am.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address above.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the department's website: www.mps.go.ke/tenders for any tender addenda and clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

**Principal Secretary
Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development**



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	MANDATORY PRE-BID/SITE VISIT MEETING	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.3/OT/09/24-25	Procurement of Bomani Project Materials	Wednesday 11.12.2024	N/A	Thursday 23.01.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KPI/9A.2/OT/009/LS/24-25	Repair of 2No. Microfilm Scanner and 2No. Documents Scanner for the Record Management Section & Repair, Maintenance of 4No. Bulky Fillers for the Records Management Section and Corporate Heritage Section	Friday 13.12.2024	Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting Friday 20.12.2024 at 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. (Stima Plaza 3 rd Floor Meeting Room, Nairobi) Mandatory Site Visit Meeting 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. (Stima Plaza 7 th Floor)	Monday 06.01.2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tender may be obtained from the Kenya Power website (www.kplc.co.ke) from the dates shown above.

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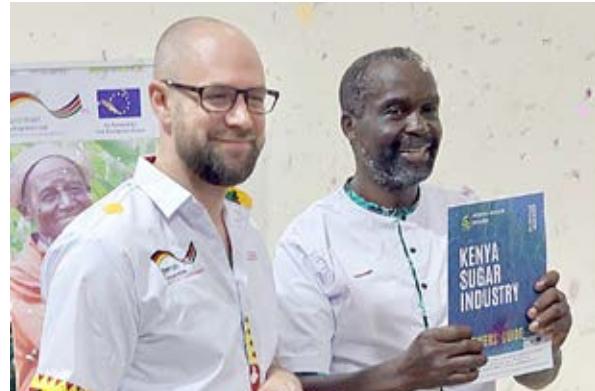
New sugarcane grower's guide set to transform Kenya's sugar sector

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA,
KNA

The Kenya Sugar Board has launched a comprehensive guide to empower sugarcane farmers with best practices aimed at enhancing productivity and sustainability. Developed with support from GIZ and the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO), the document offers practical solutions to common challenges while promoting modern farming techniques that ensure both profitability and environmental sustainability.

GIZ Project Manager David Kersting explained that the Kenya Sugar Industry Grower's Guide covers every stage of the sugarcane farming cycle, from land preparation and planting to harvesting and post-harvest handling.

He added that the guide incorporates the latest agricultural research tailored to Kenya's diverse agro-ecological zones, enabling farmers to maximize yields while preventing soil degradation. Kersting emphasized that the initiative seeks to develop a robust and sustainable sugar sector in



GIZ Project coordinator David Kersting (left) and Kenya Sugar Board Chairman Nicholas Gumbo (right) during the launch of the Kenya Sugar Industry Grower's Guide in Kisumu.

the country, grounded in agroecological principles.

Kenya Sugar Board Chairman Nicholas Gumbo noted that this initiative is part of a broader strategy by the Board to revitalize the sector, which has long faced numerous challenges. Speaking at the launch of the document in Kisumu, Gumbo stated that the guide aims to reduce the cost of cane development, ensuring that farmers receive maximum benefits.

This, he added, was set to double yields per hectare to ensure that the country produces enough sugar to satisfy the local market and for export.

Other interventions, he said, include sugar-

cane value chain development to ensure that farmers and millers reap maximum benefits.

"We want our farmers to stop looking at the crop as just a source of sugar but also to explore other other products along the value chain," he said.

The Board he added was exploring the production of biofuel, Industrial alcohol, spirits, briquettes and paper from sugarcane by-products.

"The potential of this sector is huge. We are just scratching the surface. We now want to train farmers in the production of briquettes from bagasse. That way we shall be able to build a climate resilient economy," he said.

Government authorizes export of raw macadamia nuts for 30 days

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A,
KNA

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has authorized the export of raw (inshell) macadamia nuts for a period of 30 days to enable exporters to service orders that were yet to be serviced.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja (Pictured) explained that on 3rd November 2023, the Ministry lifted the ban on export of raw (inshell) macadamia nuts for a period of 12 months which ended on 2nd November 2024.

Dr. Karanja said between 3rd November 2024 and 9th November 2024, Agriculture and



Dr. Karanja explained that licensed exporters who would wish to export raw (in-shell) macadamia nuts are required to apply in writing to Agriculture and Food Authority - Nuts and Oil Crops Directorate and attach a copy of duly filled and signed stock verification form.

"This intervention will enable verified stocks being held by various exporters to be cleared for export," the CS said.

KPA awards Sh5.5 billion in contracts, boosting inclusivity in procurement



Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) General Manager Procurement and Supply Chain Management Eveline Shigoli briefs the media during the 6th supplies' conference, Mombasa.

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has awarded contracts worth Sh5.5 billion, surpassing the allocated 30 percent compliance budget.

According to Eveline Shigoli, the General Manager of Procurement and Supply Chain Management at KPA, this milestone was achieved by actively involving disadvantaged groups in the procurement processes.

"By exceeding the budget, we reaffirm our dedication to inclusivity and equitable access to opportunities, ensuring that these groups play a significant role in driving the economic growth and development of our country," Shigoli said.

Speaking in Mombasa during the KPA Suppliers Conference, Shigoli noted that their supplier base has now grown to over 7,000, with a significant increase in the participation of persons with disabilities (PWDs), youth, and women.

She added that, when reviewing the matrix in terms of the shares allocated to these groups and their performance contracts, the organization consistently exceeds the 30 percent budget allocation by the end of the year.

Shigoli reiterated that the initiative aligns with the government's directive that allocates 30 per

cent of the annual budget to persons with disabilities, women, and youth with a dedicated two per

cent earmarked for persons with disabilities.

In a bid to enhance supplier development, KPA invited partners from the banking sector to showcase their offers, particularly in LPO financing.

"Our goal is to highlight what KPA has achieved, the strides it continues to make in improving efficiency, and the remarkable contributions of our suppliers in driving this progress," Shigoli said.

In terms of technology, she said KPA takes pride in its Sap System and the Supplier Relationship Management System which allows suppliers to seamlessly access the platform from the comfort

7,000

Current supplier base of Kenya Ports Authority including Women and Youth

of their homes.

Through this system, she noted, KPA shares quotations in real-time, enabling suppliers to view and respond promptly.

The entire process, including submission and devaluation, is conducted within the system, eliminating previous challenges and streamlining operations,

she said, adding that the innovation has underscored its commitment to efficiency, transparency, and fostering strong partnerships with suppliers.

She added that KPA has dedicated supplier relationship management officers who provide hands-on training and

support to suppliers.

Whenever issues arise, these officers are readily available to offer guidance and solutions, ensuring a smooth and efficient experience for all, she said.

Khalib Mutangili, a youth beneficiary of the KPA procurement tenders expressed his gratitude for KPA's transparency and commitment to timely payments.

"We have never faced delays, as they consistently settle invoices on time. For the youth, the tenders have been a great opportunity for personal and professional growth. I can attest to how these opportunities have helped me advance in life, enabling me to develop skills and improve my financial stability to even pay my sibling's school fees," Mutangili said.

Micheal Nato, a human rights activist, director of HAKI Kenya organization, and a supplier at KPA, emphasized that the law is clear as he quoted Article 227, Sub-Article 2b, which states that procurement and disposal opportunities should favor groups that have historically faced discrimination or unfair competition.

Nato acknowledged that disadvantaged groups are now being given equal opportunities but noted that some individuals are resisting the system designed to level the playing field.

He urged them to recognize that we are in a new era, one where the law is being followed as it is written, ensuring fairness and inclusivity for all.

Ministry to conduct land audit in bid to secure school properties

BY GEORGE KAIGA, KNA

The Ministry of Education has directed all regional and county directors of education to collaborate with the Ministry of Lands to conduct an audit of all land owned by educational institutions and ensure they have title deeds.

Speaking during the commissioning of 12 Junior Secondary School classrooms at Kakamega Primary School, Dr. Ogamba stated, "I direct all directors of education to conduct an audit of all land belonging to educational institutions, ensure the land is protected, and obtain title deeds for the same."

He emphasized that the Ministry of Education will work with the Ministry of Lands to ensure that all educational institutions and other public lands are protected.

The CS noted that private developers have been targeting land meant for schools, with Mombasa

and Nairobi being the counties where this trend is most prevalent.

"I want to warn those who believe land belonging to institutions is available for grabbing. Start exiting, because we will ensure government machinery takes back this land," he cautioned.

He said the government is doing everything possible to ensure the transition of pupils to Grade Nine is smooth. He said the building of new 16,000 Grade Nine classrooms is on course.

The CS said the government decided to devolve the resources to construct the schools to local contractors so that

What we are doing is re-tooling those available and employing more

the construction helps to support the government agenda of Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"We will continue to work together to improve infrastructure in schools to ensure our pupils get a conducive learning environment," he said, adding that the MOE is currently re-tooling teachers across the country to fit in the new Competency-Based Curriculum ((CBC) system of education.

"Let us not say we do not have teachers for Grade Nine, what we are doing is re-tooling those available and employing more," he added.

Ogamba said already 46,000 teachers employed on internship programmes will transit to permanent and pensionable terms starting January 2025, while another 20,000 science-based teachers will soon be employed.

The CS explained that the government started distribution of textbooks



Education Cabinet Secretary Dr. Julius Migos Ogamba waters a tree he planted at Kakamega Primary school, after commissioning 12 grade nine classrooms at the school that hosts 4,689 pupils. The CS put on notice grabbers of public land to exit as government machinery is set to take back all grabbed land. PHOTO : GEORGE KAIGA, KNA

to all JSS schools way back in October and that the exercise will end by December 15, this year to ensure the ratio of one textbook per subject is met. This is part of the government's efforts to ensure grade nine pupils are adequately taken care of as schools reopen in January next year.

He hailed the National Government Constitu-

ency Development Fund and county governments for supporting construction of additional JSS classrooms and Early Childhood Education Development (ECED) classrooms respectively.

Speaking at the venue, Regional Director of Education Jared Obiero said the region has already completed construction of 483 classrooms, while

another 1,137 under phase two are 75 per cent complete. He added that the NG-CDF is doing another 600 classrooms, while the national government will embark on another 1,237 classrooms in phase three.

The CS said land belonging to Kakamega Primary School that was allegedly grabbed by a private developer will be reverted to the school.



KENYA REINSURANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

The Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited (Kenya Re), wishes to invite all eligible and qualified firms including those owned by Youth, Women and Persons with disability (Special Groups) to submit sealed applications for purposes of registering suppliers of goods, works and services for the period 2025 – 2026 as below.

TENDER No.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE & TIME
KRC/REG/2024/266	TENDER DOCUMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS, WORKS, AND SERVICES 2025-2026	Open/AGPO categories as specified	17 th December 2024 at 10:00 am

Interested and eligible applicants may download the registration document from the Kenya Reinsurance Corporation website www.kenyare.co.ke free of charge or from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) at <https://tenders.go.ke>. Complete registration documents **MUST** be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked: **TENDER No. KRC/REG/2024/.....Category No.....REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR 2025 – 2026** and deposited in the Tender Box located on the 16th floor of Reinsurance Plaza Aga Khan Walk NAIROBI or be sent to :-

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4.	Manager, Corporate Communication	Marketing and Customer Care	KS 4	1

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Vacancy details are to be found on KEBS website www.kebs.org under career page. Applications shall be submitted online through KEBS website/portal to be received on or before **13th January 2025**. All testimonials **MUST** be saved starting with applicant's National Identification Number and submitted with the application.

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State to issue title deeds to residents in 11 informal settlements in Kirinyaga County

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH,
KNA

Residents of 11 informal settlements in Kirinyaga County, who have been living as squatters, now have reason to smile as the government moves to regularize the ownership of the land they occupy.

The residents of the selected villages, previously designated as colonial villages, will be issued title deeds once the beaconing and topographical survey of the land are completed.

A technical team of land surveyors from the County Government of Kirinyaga, the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme (KISIP), and consultants from GeoDev Kenya Limited



Residents of the Ithareini village assist in marking the surveyed areas

have already undertaken the exercise in Kagumo, Kamuiru, Rwambiti, Kiburu, Kimunye, Ithareini, Kiangoma, Mukinduri, and Kibirigwi.

According to Samuel Kanjobe, the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Lands, Physical Planning, and Urban

Development, the beaconing and topographical survey will be completed, with Ndindiruku and Githogondo villages being the last to undergo the process.

A total of approximately 91.2 hectares will be surveyed and subdivided into 1,750 plots. Title deeds will

be issued to 1,664 individual plot owners, while 86 plots will be reserved for public use.

The initiative is being supported by the World Bank (WB) and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) through the KISIP II, which is funding the planning, surveying, and issuance of title deeds.

Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru said the regularization will provide security of tenure for the inhabitants, who have been living on the land as squatters. She added that the initiative aims to improve living conditions and strengthen the security of tenure for the residents.

"Our aim is to ensure people living in the colonial villages get title

deeds, it is a huge step towards improving living conditions in the informal settlements. The land tenure regularisation will also help us improve infrastructure and improve the conditions of living for our people," Waiguru said.

She said her administration will fast-track the process of issuance of title deeds to people living in all informal settlements once all the processes are concluded.

"The residents of these colonial villages will now get security of tenure to those settlements. Together with other interventions that we are undertaking as County Government and under the KISIP programme, we have ignited hope for hundreds of residents living in

the informal settlement in Kirinyaga," Waiguru added.

GeoDev Kenya Limited Technical Lead, Dennis Kimathi, said the team of land surveyors has also cleared out land for access roads and other public amenities to ensure the settlements are accessible and people are able to get government services.

"We are planning and beaconing to eradicate informality. We have created spaces for roads, drainage, power supply and other public amenities," he said.

Eliud Muriithi, the Chairman of the Kiburu Informal Settlement in Kirinyaga West Sub-County, said some of the inhabitants have lived in the village for more than 50 years.

"We are happy that finally our long wait is coming to an end, and we will be able to get title deeds for our land," Muriithi said.

Authority partners with educators to integrate biosafety in new curriculum

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has announced plans to partner with curriculum developers in the country to incorporate aspects of biosafety into learning areas for students.

NBA Acting Chief Executive Officer Nehemiah Ng'etich said the initiative aims to ensure that learners understand the issues surrounding biotechnology and biosafety from an early age, particularly for those who wish to pursue careers in biotechnology.

"We now have a new curriculum, the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), and therefore issues related to biosafety need to be incorporated," said Ng'etich during an internal stakeholder engagement forum.

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) is responsible for developing curricula for the basic and tertiary education sectors, while universities design their own curricula.

The government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) focuses on agricultural transformation and inclusive growth, as well as transforming the micro,

small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sector, housing and settlement, healthcare, the digital superhighway, and the creative economy.

These pillars are all geared towards bringing down the cost of living among Kenyans, eradicating hunger, creating jobs and improving Kenya's foreign exchange balance.

Kenya's Vision 2030 and the millennium sustainable development goals which were crafted on the science and mathematics courses are unlikely to be realized with less knowledge on biosafety and biotechnology.

The Authority also announced plans to step up engagements with county governments on ensuring safety of GMOs and their derived products in the country.

He disclosed that the institution has received two more requests from two public universities for partnership around research and development of biotech-

We now have a new curriculum, (CBC), and therefore issues related to biosafety need to be incorporated

nology. Last month, the High Court dismissed a case against the lifting of a ban on GMOs and their derived products, re-affirming the Cabinet's decision that lifted the ban on GMOs of 3rd October 2022 that Kenya has a robust legal and institutional framework to regulate GMOs.

The Authority has since assured Kenyans in general of the safety of GMOs and their derived products in the country.

He said Kenya has a well-established legal, regulatory and institutional framework which provides streamlined processes for persons dealing in GMOs and their derived products in the country.

Ngetich said the framework outlines specific application requirements, safety assessment procedures and monitoring mechanisms which align to Kenya's commitment to food safety, environmental protection and the socio-economic wellbeing of its citizens.

The Authority's scope includes genetically modified plants, genetically modified animals, animal inputs including veterinary vaccines and genetically modified microorganisms.



TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

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

Tender Reference Number	Tender Description	Pre-Bid Meeting / Site Visit	Closing/Opening Date
KAA/OT/ICT/0057/2024-2025	Framework Agreement for the Provision of ICT Computer Hardware Devices for Kenya Airports Authority as follows:- Lot 1- Laptops, Desktop Computers and Accessories Lot 2- Macbooks and Accessories	N/A	16/1/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/MBD/EOI/0058/2024-2025	Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Development and Management of a Commercially Important Persons Terminal at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	There shall be a Pre-Bid/ site visit on 17/12/2024 at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Parking Garage (Rooftop) at 10:00 am	16/1/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/JKIA/0060/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning Services General Areas, Toilets, Pest Control Services at T1E at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport- Lot 1 . Provision of Cleaning Services General Areas, Toilets, Garbage Collection and Pest Control Services at Primary Screen Yard and KAA Offices at CATIC at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport- Lot 2 . (Eligibility: Duly Registered Youth Group and Women)	There shall be a Pre-Bid/ site visit on 8/1/2025 at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Parking Garage (Rooftop) at 10:00 am	16/1/2025 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/KIA/0061/2024-2025	Provision of Pest Control and Fumigation Services at the Kisumu International Airport. (Eligibility: Duly Registered People Living with Disability Owned Enterprises)	There shall be a Pre-Bid/ site visit on 8/1/2025 at Kisumu International Airport at 10:00 am	16/1/2025 at 11:00 am

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

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

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO



Government to help people with disabilities secure jobs overseas

BY CATHERINE NYONGESA,
KNA

The Government will provide opportunities for people with disabilities to take up jobs abroad, depending on the courses they have undertaken and the available vacancies.

Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua said that,

under the job migration program and for the sake of inclusivity, the government will facilitate persons with disabilities who wish to work abroad by helping them acquire visas to enable them to take up available jobs.

Mutua made these remarks in Bungoma during celebrations marking the

International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

The CS stated that the Persons with Disabilities Bill is currently in its second reading in Parliament and assured that it would be ready by early next year.

He also urged contractors to install ramps in all buildings and along



Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua

roads to ensure ease of movement for people with disabilities who use wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Dr. Mutua asked all contractors to put in place facilities that will make movement for people with disabilities convenient by the end of June 2025.

He said officers from the Ministry of Labour will from 1st July 2025 inspect all buildings and roads to ensure compliance.

Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka said that

the county government will set aside a certain percentage as per the law to ensure that people with disabilities apply and get tenders to take up work with the county government.

Lusaka said those going for physical assessment at the Bungoma Referral Hospital will receive the service for free.

During the occasion, the county government gave out 100 wheelchairs for use by people with disabilities.



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

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project - NAVCDP
Credit No.:	70640
Assignment Title:	Consulting Services for the Saving and Credit Cooperatives (SACCO'S) Strengthening for Business Acceleration
Reference No.:	KE-MOALF-420467-CS-QCBS

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Consulting Services ("the Services) include Consulting services for the Saving and Credit Cooperatives (SACCO's) Strengthening for Business Acceleration.

2. The estimated period of assignment is twelve (12) months.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.kilimo.go.ke

4. The State Department for Agriculture ("the Client") 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) **Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm in the field of agriculture and rural development or related fields for a period of at least Five (5) years.

b) **Experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two (2) assignments similar in nature both in scope and complexity in a similar operating environment in the last five (5) years. Details of the assignments (Name and address of the client, scope, value, and period) should be provided and submitted in the submitted expression of interest (EOI).

c) **Technical and managerial capability of the firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity including relevant equipment, tools, software, etc. and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage

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 Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the World Banks Framework Agreement arrangements described in the procurement Regulations.

8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours East African Time (EAT).

National Project Coordinator
National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)
P.O. Box 8073-00200 NAIROBI
Capitol Hill Towers, 5th Floor, Cathedral Road.
Phone: 0773206315
Email: info@navcdp.go.ke

9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **18th December, 2024 at 1100 hours EAT** and be deposited in the tender box clearly marked State Department for Agriculture located at Kilimo house main reception –Ground floor, Cathedral Road Nairobi or be sent to info@navcdp.go.ke and clearly marked "Consulting Services for the Saving and Credit Cooperatives (SACCO's) Strengthening for business acceleration".

The Principal Secretary
State Department for Agriculture
P.O Box 30028-00100 Nairobi, Kenya.
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project - NAVCDP
Credit No.:	70640
Project ID:	P176758
Assignment Title:	Consulting Services for the Saving and Credit Cooperatives (SACCO'S) Strengthening for Business Acceleration.
Reference No.:	KE-MOALF-420467-CS-QCBS

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a) **Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in the field of SACCO business development or related fields for a minimum period of eight (8) years.

b) **Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two (2) assignments on SACCO business development or similar nature, complexity and in a similar operating environment in the last eight (8) years. Details of similar assignments - Name and address of the client, scope, value/enumeration, and period should be provided and submitted with the Expression of Interest (EOI).

c) **Technical and managerial capability of the firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical and managerial capacity including relevant management tools to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s). Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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State Department for Agriculture
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Head Supply Chain Management
For : Principal Secretary

CEMASTEA nurtures STEM talents with practical innovation projects at boot camp

BY IAN CHEPKUTO, KNA

The Centre for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEA) continues to help young learners unlock their potential in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Speaking during the 6th CEMASTEA STEM Boot Camp at the institution's campus in Karen, Deputy STEM Coordinator Martin Mungai reaffirmed the institution's commitment to supporting young learners in exploring STEM fields by providing opportunities to develop their own projects.

"CEMASTEA is committed to helping students achieve their dreams of becoming future innovators and tech experts. We provide opportunities for them to develop projects that address everyday human challenges," Mungai said.

He explained that learners are encouraged to use the SCAMPER method (substitute, combine, adapt, modify, put to another use, eliminate, and reverse) to foster innovative thinking.

"Learners are not operating in a vacuum. These projects not only help students build self-esteem by presenting their work but also provide a platform for launching their careers," he added.

One standout project is a Smart Walking Stick for visually impaired individuals, developed by Emmanuel Tito, a Grade Eight student from Pearls Academy. The rechargeable stick uses ultrasonic sensors to detect obstacles such as walls, windows, ditches, and holes.

"The purpose of this smart walking stick is to help visually impaired individuals lead normal lives. When the stick detects danger, it emits an alarm, alerting the user to potential hazards. This not only saves lives but also makes it easier for caregivers to manage other tasks," Tito explained.

Yash Asher, a Form One student from Samaj School, is working on a Smart Agriculture project aimed at addressing resource wastage, water conservation, and labor management in farming.

Through the automation of smart irrigation systems, farmers can monitor temperature and moisture levels in crops and adjust water flow as needed. The system can also detect issues such as limited water supply and send alerts.

"In addition to managing water and temperature, the system allows farmers to control lighting for optimal photosynthesis and determine the best time for harvesting," Asher said. He believes that automation and diversification are key to addressing modern challenges like drought, food security, and wealth creation.

Asher also emphasized the importance of smart farming techniques, noting that they enable farmers to compete with developed countries in feeding their populations efficiently.

Wilson Kihanda, a trainer at the boot



Deputy STEM Coordinator Martin Mungai

camp, highlighted the importance of understanding moisture content, water, and light requirements for crops to achieve successful harvests. He urged parents to encourage their children to find solutions to problems instead of solving them on their behalf.

Another innovative project is a Car Parking Intruder Detection System, developed by Patrick Musya, a Form Four student from Kitui School. The system uses ultrasonic sensors to detect potential intruders in parking lots.

"When a stranger or potential thief is detected, the system triggers an alarm and activates an LED indicator, notifying the car owner to take action," Musya explained. He hopes the system will help curb car thefts in Kenya, especially in poorly monitored social spaces.

Krishna Vishal, a Grade Nine student from SCSS, introduced a Robo Car project designed to minimize human error through the use of sensors.

"The smart cars, equipped with features like AI-driven systems, QR code scanners, and traffic light detectors, can help reduce accidents, save manpower, and manage urban traffic challenges," Vishal said.

Kimberly Waringa, a Grade Four pupil from St. George Kiringata, is developing an innovative Smart Puppy project. This device detects strangers in a house and sends alert sounds to notify homeowners.

"Besides being fun, the smart puppy can enhance home security. It's programmed for both entertainment and safety," Kimberly explained. She encouraged young children to explore their potential in STEM by joining robotics and creating innovations that bring joy, enhance security, and generate income.

Finally, Amartya Garikipati, a Grade Five pupil from SCLP Samaj School, is working on a Colour Sorter project.

"I developed the idea after noticing that many people, including visually impaired individuals, face challenges distinguishing colors. The colour sorter helps organize colors accurately, making it easier for users," Amartya explained.

These projects provide learners with a platform for launching their careers,



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Internship Program Opportunities (January to December 2025 Intake)

In support of the Government's Initiative to develop a pool of young talent for the Kenyan Labour Market, KRA is seeking applications from fresh Bachelor's Degree and Diploma Graduates for its January to December 2025 Internship Programme.

The programme aims at providing the Youth with an opportunity to acquire practical skills of their respective areas of specialization. The opportunities are open in the following disciplines: Finance, Accounting, Economics, Statistics, Data Analytics, Mathematics, Supply Chain Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing & Communication, Communications, International Relations, Diplomacy, Public Relations, Media Studies, Photography, Videography, Film Production, Animation, Television & Radio, Writing & Publishing, Digital Media, Journalism, Mass Media & Communication, Screen writing & Editing, Music Supervision, ICT, BBIT, Hospitality, Records Management, Records & Archives, Library & Information Science, Security & Safety, Security Management, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Forensics, Business Administration, Business Management, Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, Counselling Psychology, Occupational Health, Disaster Management, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Structural Engineering, Land Economics, Property Management, Quantity Survey, Actuarial Science, Transport & Logistics, Fleet Management, Law, Education, Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry.

Requirements for engagement as an Intern:

- Must be a Kenyan Citizen aged not more than 35 years by next birthday.
- Must have graduated with a first Degree (undergraduate), or Diploma from a recognized institution between January 2023 and December 2024.
- Must be available full time for the twelve months duration of the program.
- Should not have undertaken any other internship or exposed to work experience in their area of specialization, after graduation.

Pupillage Program Opportunities (January 2025 to January 2026 Intake)

Pupillage program is an internship offered to Kenya School of Law graduates to enable them attain admission to the bar. Eligibility is only for Law degree holders pursuing the Advocates Training program (Pupils) at the Kenya School of Law.

(Please note that this program will commence in January 2025, however, the applications must be submitted by 23rd December, 2024)

Requirements for engagement as a pupil:

- Must be a Kenyan Citizen aged not more than 35 years by next birthday noting that this is a youth program.
- Must have a bachelor's degree in Law and pursuing the Advocates Training Program at the Kenya School of Law between January 2023 and December 2024.
- Must be available full-time for the twelve (12) months, the duration of the program.
- Upon selection one must provide an introduction letter from Kenya School of Law.

Please Note the following:

- The deadline for application is Monday, 23rd December 2024.
- All applications must be submitted online (see the application guidelines below).
- You can only apply for the opportunity after successfully registering in our e-recruitment portal.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ONLY selected candidates will be contacted.
- The Authority does not guarantee employment after completion of the Internship program.
- Monthly Stipend payable is Kshs. 25,000 (Degree holder) and Kshs. 18,000 (Diploma holder) and is subject to statutory deductions.
- Once selected, candidates will be required to submit proof of a valid Personal Accident Insurance Cover, Certificate of Good Conduct, Copies of KRA PIN Certificate, SHA, NSSF, ID card and Bank Account Details.
- KRA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Persons with Disability are encouraged to apply.

Disclaimer: The Authority does not charge any fee for this process.

Application Guidelines

Registration:

- Go to <https://erecruitment.kra.go.ke/login> and then click on the 'Register' button to start the application process.
- After registration, you will receive an email enabling you to confirm your email address and complete your registration.

Log on:

- After registration go to <https://erecruitment.kra.go.ke/login>
- Key in your username and password then click on 'Log in' to access your account.
- After successful log in, the system will open the 'Applicant Cockpit'.

Candidate Profile (To create or update applicant detail):

- On the 'Applicant Cockpit' page, go to the tab 'Candidate Profile'.
- Click on 'My Profile' to create and update your profile.
- Follow the instructions to complete your profile.
- The process will end by clicking the tab 'Overview and Release'.
- Ensure you click the check box on the page to complete the profile.

Application process:

- To view the open job postings, click on the tab 'Employment Opportunities' on the 'Applicant Cockpit' page.
- Under the heading 'Job Search' click the 'Start' button to view all available vacancies.
- Click on the Job posting to display the details of the Internship position.
- To apply for the position, click 'Apply' button at the top of the page.
- Follow the instructions to complete and submit your application.
- Kindly note that all mandatory fields must be completed.
- To complete the process of application, click the 'Send Application Now' button after reviewing and accepting the 'Data Privacy Statement'.

In case of any challenge or issues, please send an email query to isupporthr@kra.go.ke Tel. 0709-01-1000

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Nairobi hosts German African Business Summit

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA

Kenya hosted the German African Business Summit (GABS) 2024 last week, which aimed at leveraging business in the global markets and strengthening its position as a key partner for trade, investment and diplomatic relations in Africa.

Speaking at the launch in Nairobi, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (pictured), stated that the gathering happened at a time when Kenya continues to strengthen its position as a key partner for trade, investment and diplomatic relations in Africa.

He said Africa offers immense potential across key sectors such as agriculture, energy, infrastructure, technology and manufacturing.

"But to harness this potential, we need strong partnerships through events like the German African Business Forum. The summit comes at a time when, as a country, we are celebrating 60 years of our diplomatic journey. At this period, we remember that Germany was the first country in the world to recognize Kenya as an independent country," Mudavadi said.

He noted that the relationship between Germany and Kenya has grown significantly in recent years, with German companies actively investing in sectors such as renewable energy, automotive manufacturing and infrastructure.

"We have seen firsthand the positive impact of such collaborations. This partnership has not



only created jobs, but also contributed to the transfer of technology and knowledge, which are vital to Kenya's long-term economic development," he stated.

He said Kenya is committed to its role as a gateway to

East Africa and the broader African market and is steadily advancing its Vision 2030 which seeks to transform Kenya into a newly industrialized middle-income economy.

At the same time, he added that the country is working closely with partners to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those relating to clean energy, climate action and inclusive economic growth.

"We view partnership with German enterprises as a critical element for achieving these ambitions," he said, adding that the bilateral relations between Kenya and

Germany also extend far beyond business with cooperation in areas such as labour migration, climate resilience, education and healthcare which reflects the depth and breadth of the relationship.

Mudavadi stated that through collaboration, some of the world's most pressing challenges have been addressed, adding that the German African Business Forum provides a platform to amplify the efforts and chart new paths for collaborative success.

"As we look ahead, the business community and governments have a unique opportunity to build a more inclusive, sustainable and

resilient future," he said, noting that African youth represent over 60 per cent of the continent's population that drives innovation, embracing technology and shaping a brighter future.

He cited that the role of German businesses in supporting this transformation cannot be overstated since through collaboration, new opportunities can be unlocked including new markets, job creation and building stronger economies while ensuring that growth benefits all people.

Sub-Saharan Africa Initiative (SAFRI) Chairman Thomas Schaefer, noted that this year's summit comes at a crucial time, when the African region is growing rapidly driven by a remarkable entrepreneurial spirit and becoming more interconnected through initiatives such as the African Continental Free Trade Area.

"This momentum can be strengthened by reducing dependency on raw material exports and promoting economic diversification, attracting investment in key sectors such as energy, agribusiness, automotive and manufacturing and fostering technological transfer, skills development and joint innovation," he said.

Kisii County schools to seal excavations and unsafe structures before January 2025

BY PHILIP RUTTO, PCO

Open excavations left behind by incomplete projects and condemned infrastructures in schools within Kisii County will be sealed off to avert accidents ahead of the schools reopening in January 2025.

Speaking after a week-long school assessment exercise, Kisii County Director of Education, Mr. Philip Chirchir, emphasized the urgent need to ensure the safety of all learners by identifying and addressing all risks they face within their schools.

"Today, we have observed that several structures in schools do not meet safety standards and pose an imminent danger to our learners. In this regard, I urge all school stakeholders to immediately begin implementing safety measures before January 2025," Chirchir said.

He explained that condemned classrooms will be demolished, while



CDE, Philip Chirchir inspect the stability and security of the structure in one of the schools in Nyamache Sub-County

excavated sites will be fenced and backfilled.

During the assessment, it was found that many schools have collapsed toilets, open incomplete pits, and loosely hanging stones in condemned structures.

"I urge school heads to lead the coordination of all agencies to complete the inspection of school buildings before learning resumes," the director added.

Earlier in the week another director from Ministry of Education, Martha

Ekirapa ordered for backfilling of two excavated sites in Marani Sub-County, after learning of a case where two pre-primary learners fell into an incomplete, unsecured pit latrine but luckily were rescued.

"Safety of our learners is our priority," she said.

In Nyamache Sub-County, the Education team discovered that most schools are established in swampy areas and a good number of their sanitation facilities have collapsed or are structurally unsound.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

TENDER ADDENDUM

REVISION OF IFMIS NEGOTIATION NUMBERS AND TENDER OPENING/ CLOSING DATE

NO.	DESCRIPTION	TENDER NO.	IFMIS Negotiation No.
1	Proposed Construction of Maternity Block at Ekambuli Health Centre-Kakamega County	MOH/SDMS/OT/10/2024-2025	1688824
2	Proposed Construction of Renal Unit at Kilgoris Level IV Hospital	MOH/SDMS/OT/04/2024-2025	1688823
3	Proposed Upgrading of Lukusi Health Centre-Bungoma County	MOH/SDMS/OT/05/2024-2025	1688822
4	Proposed construction of Jua Kali Health Centre -Kisumu County	MoH/SDMS/OT/06/2024-2025	1688821
5	Proposed Construction of Maternity Block at Bugumbe Health Centre-Migori County	MOH/SDMS/OT/07/2024-2025	1688820.
6	Proposed Upgrading of Chebirir Health Centre Nandi County	MOH/SDMS/OT/08/2024-2025	1688819
7	Proposed Construction of Inpatient Block at Wamba Health Centre- Samburu County	MOH/SDMS/OT/09/2024-2025	1688818
8	Proposed Construction of MCH Block at Sikhendu Health Centre- Trans-Nzoia County	MOH/SDMS/OT/11/2024-2025	1688817
9	Proposed Removal and Disposal of Asbestos, Reroofing and Construction of Kitchen for Kericho County Referral Hospital	MoH/SDMS/SF/OT/01/2024-2025	1688815

Reference is made to the above tenders that appeared on the Star Newspaper on 6th December 2024 albeit with different IFMIS Negotiation Numbers.

This is to further inform interested bidders that the IFMIS Negotiation Numbers have been revised to reflect the ones provided herein and the tender opening/closing date has been extended to **Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 11:00 am**.

Interested eligible bidders are advised to confirm and obtain for themselves the complete revised bidding documents as uploaded on the website www.health.go.ke, Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke and IFMIS portal supplier.treasury.go.ke and search using the unique IFMIS Negotiation Numbers now provided. All other tendering conditions and terms remain unchanged.

Any inconvenience caused is highly regretted.

**HARRY KIMTAI, CBS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**



Government pledges to settle Sh9b debt owed by coffee farmers



Chairman of the Parliamentary Coffee Caucus, Duncan Mathenge (Centre) flanked by Kenya Coffee Platform (KCP) chairman Karugu Macharia (left) and chairman of Mutira farmers' cooperative society Joseph Maina (right) during a breakfast meeting.

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU,
KNA

The Government is committed to clearing the Sh9-billion debt owed to financial institutions by hundreds of coffee farmers in the country.

The Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Wycliffe Oparanya, stated that the government is dedicated to paying the accumulated debt on behalf of coffee growers as part of efforts to boost their morale and encourage increased production.

"In the current financial year, the National Treasury and Planning Ministry has allocated Sh2 billion to help clear the debts. This demonstrates the government's commitment to supporting the coffee industry, which is currently struggling with low production and stiff competition from other beverages," Oparanya said during a cooperative leaders' conference in Naivasha.

The debt waiver is in its second phase, with Sh12.2 billion having been written off in the first phase more than a decade ago.

CS Oparanya stated that the coffee sub-sector, once a leading foreign exchange earner, is now struggling with poor governance and grand corruption, a situation he said is depriving farmers of their hard-earned income.

"The government will ensure that legislation and regulations are fully implemented to provide

a level playing field. We have had cases in farmers' coffee societies where directors and managers have borrowed money to pay growers at a high rate, despite the low income earned," the CS noted. He further said that farmers in these societies cannot meet their daily financial obligations, warning that the government will not tolerate corruption in the coffee industry as it works towards restoring confidence in the sector.

On the debt's waiver programme, the Commissioner for Cooperatives David Obonyo said debts that farmers had incurred from local financial institutions, and mainly Co-operative Bank of Kenya, to finance coffee processing equipment among other needs had reached Sh6.8 billion in January.

To ensure there are no debts left unattended, he explained that the Co-operative Department requested for further information on claims from farmers, coffee cooperative societies and financiers with the deadline in May this year.

This led to the debt portfolio increasing to over Sh9 billion. Obonyo said to avoid duplication

in payment, the Department of Cooperatives and the National Treasury and Planning constituted a seven-member taskforce to validate all the debts and that the team is expected to submit an interim report by the end of this month.

According to the claims by the counties, financiers' and farmers' cooperative societies' accumulated debts stand at Sh9 billion. The figure might remain the same or reduce based on the authentication by the seven-member task force team," Obonyo said.

The coffee industry debt waiver programme was initiated by the former administration of President Mwai Kibaki in 2006 as part of assisting the local farmers overcome challenges disrupting desired growth.

Between 2006 and 2019 government waived Sh12.2 billion through Co-operative Bank of Kenya, though value chain players claimed the written-off debts and other reforms enacted did not motivate desired development in the subsector.

Government waived Sh5.8 billion Stabilization of Export Earnings (STABEX) to Cooperative Bank, money that had been granted by the European Union (EU) under a compensatory finance scheme to stabilize export earnings of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP).

National Cooperative Union (NACCU) Limited

chairman Francis Ngone said debt increase in the coffee industry had contributed to frustrations and lack of morale to farmers.

He hailed the debt waiver programme by the government saying it will boost morale to the farmers and lead to high production.

Ngone confirmed that over Sh10 billion coffee proceeds have been paid to farmers through Direct Settlement System (DSS) between January and now. This is coffee sold at Nairobi Coffee Exchange



First counsellor and Head of trade section at the EU, Filipi Amato speaking during breakfast meeting organized by the Fairtrade and Kenya Coffee Platform (KCP) at a Nairobi hotel.

(NCE).

The payment of the impressive earnings follows aggressive implementation of reforms in the coffee industry initiated in 2016 making it easy for farmers to benefit.

"This year we have recorded a big milestone in terms of coffee payments and enhanced voice of the growers as they are now participating at the market arena," said Ngone.

The DSS, established more than one year ago, has contributed to improvement of payments of proceeds to farmers.



JOB ADVERTISEMENTS AT HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD

The Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) was established by an Act of Parliament – CAP 213A in 1995 with the mandate to provide loans, bursaries and scholarships to Kenyans pursuing higher education in recognized Kenyan universities and colleges and to recover the same after completion of studies to facilitate establishment of a revolving fund.

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1	Director, Operations [Operations Directorate]	HELB/001	2	1
2	Deputy Director, Debt Management	HELB/002	3	1
3	Deputy Director, ICT Infrastructure and Support	HELB/003	3	1
4	Deputy Director, Business Application and Innovations	HELB/004	3	1
5	Deputy Director, Corporate Communication	HELB/005	3	1
6	Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management	HELB/006	3	1
7	Deputy Director, Research and Planning	HELB/007	3	1
8	Assistant Director, ICT Business Application and Innovations	HELB/008	4	1
9	Assistant Director, Information Systems Security & Data Protection	HELB/009	4	1
10	Assistant Director, Customer Experience (Field Services)	HELB/010	4	1
11	Assistant Director, Legal Services	HELB/011	4	1
12	Assistant Director, Research and Planning	HELB/012	4	1
13	Assistant Director, Internal Audit	HELB/013	4	1
14	Assistant Director, Financial Accounting	HELB/014	4	1
15	Assistant Director, External Resource Mobilization and Products Development	HELB/015	4	1
16	Principal Officer, Legal Services	HELB/016	5	1
17	Principal Customer Experience Officer, Digital and Creative Services	HELB/017	5	1
18	Senior Customer Experience Officer, Digital and Creative Services	HELB/018	6	1
19	Internal Audit Officer 1	HELB/019	7	1
20	Driver II	HELB/020	11	2
21	Assistant Customer Experience Officer	HELB/021	9	11

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The Chairman
Higher Education Loans Board
Anniversary Towers, 19th Floor
P.O. Box 69489 - 00400
NAIROBI, KENYA

OR

Email a soft copy of the application and support documents listed above to recruitment2024@helb.co.ke. HELB is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals including Women, Youth, Marginalized Communities and Persons With Disabilities. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Government steps up efforts to improve service delivery with Huduma Mashinani programme

BY LINET WAFULA, KNA

The National Government is stepping up efforts to improve public service delivery through the Huduma Mashinani outreach programmes.

Through this initiative, Huduma centres will partner with national government administration officers (NGAOs) to bring innovative, seamless, and efficient services closer to the people, particularly in rural areas.

The Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Justin Muturi, stated that the outreach programme aims to address the needs of citizens at the grassroots level and ensure they receive quality services with ease.

Muturi, who was addressing Huduma staff in Kapsabet town during a tour to assess the level of service delivery to citizens, applauded the programme, stating that it would enhance efficiency and accountability in pub-



Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Justin Muturi addressing the media at Kapsabet Huduma Center.

lic service despite potential challenges.

"We will continue to address issues as they

arise and continuously improve our service delivery. Huduma Mashinani is about ensuring that every Kenyan, no matter their location, can access government services conveniently," he said.

Huduma Kapsabet, which serves approximately 400 people daily, is one of the centres leading the charge.

CS Muturi announced plans to collaborate with Members of Parliament (MPs) through Constituency Development Funds (CDFs) to construct office buildings.

He said the government will provide necessary infrastructure to further reduce service delivery time.

The CS emphasised the importance of effective and customer-friendly service delivery saying, "Government exists to serve the people. If you have the privilege to serve, you must give your best. When you serve someone with enthusiasm and compassion, they leave with a smile—a true bless-

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Total number of Huduma Centres nationwide that CS Muturi will visit personally to evaluate their operations

ing. We must continue to innovate in the way we deliver services to ensure greater efficiency," he said.

The Chief Executive Officer of Huduma Kenya, Benjamin Chilomo, urged Huduma Centre staff to approach their work with zeal and dedication.

"Our goal is to reduce the time it takes to deliver services and ensure every citizen is treated with respect and professionalism. Effective service delivery is at the heart of our mandate," Chilomo stated.

He also encouraged more government institutions to on-board their services to the Huduma Center platform, highlighting that the current 48 centres are working towards meeting the ever-growing demand for efficient services.

He said the collaboration between NGAOs and Huduma Centre staff will be critical in ensuring the success of the Mashinani outreach initiative, with both the parties committed to ensuring seamless service delivery in all corners of the country.

CS Muturi pledged to visit all 48 Huduma Centres nationwide to evaluate their operations and identify areas for improvement.

"Our customer satisfaction rates for this quarter have been impressive, but there is always room to do better. Let's ensure we provide services with a smile and keep innovating for the benefit of the citizens," he said.

As the Huduma Mashinani programme rolls out, Kenyans can expect a significant transformation on how they access government services. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to making public service delivery more accessible, efficient, and citizen focused.



KOITALEEL SAMOEI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of the University of Nairobi)

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

Koitaleel Samoei University College invites interested and qualified bidders for the following tender.

Tender Reference Number	Tender Description	Eligibility	Tender Security Amount	Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting/ Site Visit	Closing/ Opening Date
KSUC/T/01/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Administration Block and Lecture Halls at Koitaleel Samoei University College – Nandi Hills Campus	Open to All	Kshs. 20,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Twenty Million)	Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at Koitaleel Samoei University College – Nandi Hills Campus	Friday, December 20, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at Koitaleel Samoei University College – Mosoriot Campus

The tender documents with detailed information may be obtained from the Procurement Office at Koitaleel Samoei University College – Mosoriot Campus during normal working hours (**Monday to Friday between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.**) upon payment of non-refundable fee deposit of **Kshs. 1,000.00**. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from [Website: www.ksu.ac.ke/tenders](http://www.ksu.ac.ke/tenders) or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the tender documents from the website shall email their names, contact details and tender number to procurement@ksu.ac.ke for records and any further tender clarifications and addendum.

The completed tender documents both "Original" and "Copies", enclosed in plain sealed envelope, marked with Tender Reference Number shall be addressed to:

**PRINCIPAL
KOITALEEL SAMOEI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
P.O. BOX 5 – 30307 MOSORIOT, KENYA**

The tender documents should be deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Procurement Office, Mosoriot Campus so as to be received on or before **Friday, December 20, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.** Tenders will be opened immediately after the closing date and time in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at Koitaleel Samoei University College – Mosoriot Campus in the Staff Parlour.

All Bid documents MUST be sequentially serialized/paginated.

**PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
FOR: PRINCIPAL, KSUC**



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TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR JOB EVALUATION

TENDER NUMBER: MEWASSCO/10/12/2024

Meru Water and Sewerage Services Company Ltd invites sealed **Request for Proposal for Consultancy Services for Job Evaluation** as detailed in the tender document.

A complete tender document may be obtained by interested tenderers free of charge by downloading from MEWASSCO Website: www.mewass.or.ke or at public information portal www.tenders.go.ke and forward their particulars for record and for purposes of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums to: meruwater.procurement@gmail.com

Application clearly marked the Tender Number and Tender Name on a sealed envelope should be addressed to:

**The Managing Director,
Meru Water and Sewerage Services Company Ltd
P. O Box 859 – 60200
Tel: 064-3132591, 0717527707
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Should be deposited in the tender box at the office reception so as to be received on/before **Thursday, 19th December 2024 at 11.00 am.** The bid documents will be opened thereafter. Tenderers or their representatives are free to attend.



LREB governors call for review of public-private partnership framework



From left, Siaya Governor James Orengo, Busia Governor Dr. Paul Otuoma, Kisumu Governor Prof Anyang' Nyong'o, Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka, Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa, Vihiga Governor Wilber Otichilo, Nyamira Governor Amos Nyaribo and Bomet Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok during the LREB summit at Alupe University in Busia County.

BY SALOME ALWANDA /RODGERS OMONDI, KNA

County County Governors from the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB) have urged the Senate, National Assembly, and the Council of Governors to review the public-private partnership framework to make it more user-friendly for the counties.

LREB Chairperson and Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang Nyong'o, in his address during the 12th LREB summit at Alupe University in Busia County, said there was a need to remove the unfair legal procedures currently required for the use of public-private partnerships in counties.

"Public-private partnerships are available in Kenya and should be utilized by both County and National governments to implement projects," he stated.

Siaya Governor James Orengo noted that the devolution process was failing because resources from the ex-chequer were not being provided on time.

Orengo highlighted the recent challenge in Parliament, where counties were allocated Sh380 billion instead of Sh400 billion out of the Sh3 trillion national budget, a paltry sum considering

We must continue to fight for the counties and focus on flagship projects for us to be successful,

the constitutional responsibilities of the counties.

"We must continue to fight for the counties," he said, adding that the region has a lot of resources but without a financial basis and legal framework, the member counties cannot do much.

He added that it was very difficult for counties to engage in public-private partnerships, yet the legal framework allows only the National Government to use it.

Kakamega Governor, Fernandes Barasa said that the region's resource mobilization starting from an equitable share of revenue was a challenge.

Barasa stated that the region has opportunities and can also approach other partners to support their programs.

"We will be looking forward to engaging more with our development partners and colleagues so that we can finance our activities," he said.

He noted that there was a need to eliminate the bureaucracies and inefficiencies at the office of the Controller of Budget so that there are no delays in the release of funds.

Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka stated that the region should focus on flagship projects to be successful.

Experts push for laws on digital gender violence

BY DOMINIC CHERES AND KIBE MBURU, KNA

University students have been urged to explore emerging trends, propose innovative solutions, identify research gaps, and discuss strategies to create a safer digital environment in the fight against Technologically Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV). Speaking during the official opening of the TFGBV Conference at Kabianga

University, the Advisor to the President on Women's Rights, Harriet Chiggai, called for proactive measures to combat the misuse of technology that facilitates harmful acts against women and children. Ms. Chiggai appealed to internet service providers, data protection units, and the information, communication, and technology (ICT) sectors to implement protective measures against online vices, such as sextortion, cyberstalking, body-sham-



THE STATE LAW OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NOTICE

DECENTRALIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Office of the Attorney General is established under **Article 156** of the **Constitution of Kenya** and the **Office of the Attorney General Act, CAP 6A** as the Principal Legal Advisor to the Government and the legal representative of the National Government of Kenya in all legal matters.

Article 156 (6) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the Attorney-General shall promote, protect and uphold the rule of law and defend the public interest. Further, **Article 6(3)** of the Constitution of Kenya requires all national state organs including the Office of the Attorney General to ensure that their services are reasonably accessible in all parts of the country. Further, **Section 6(3)(b)** of the **Attorney-General Act** on the Powers of the Attorney General implores on the Attorney-General to establish such county or regional offices as may be necessary.

To this end, the Attorney-General sought Cabinet approval to establish offices in the **47 counties**. On 27th June, 2023, the Cabinet approved the establishment of decentralized offices of the Attorney General & Department of Justice at County level in the 47 Counties.

Currently, the Office is present in thirteen (13) counties: **Malindi, Mombasa, Garissa, Machakos, Embu, Meru, Nyeri, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kisumu, Kakamega, Kisii and Kericho**. The Office provides **Civil Litigation, Public Trustee, Registrar General - Marriages section** in these counties.

In an effort to enhance access to justice in other parts of the country, the Office shall decentralize its services of **Civil Litigation, Public Trustee, Registrar General - Marriages section** and **National Legal Aid** services to the following **15 Counties** beginning **1st January, 2025**:

COUNTIES:

S/NO	COUNTY	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	EMAIL	MOBILE NUMBER
1	Nyandarua	Nyandarua County Civil Registration Services Building, Ol Kalou.	nyandarua@ag.go.ke	0116445440
2	Narok	Old Judiciary Building, within the County Commissioner's Compound, Narok.	narok@ag.go.ke	0116445441
3	Tana river	Sub-County Education, office building, Hola.	tanariver@ag.go.ke	0116445442
4	Tharaka Nithi	County Commissioner Headquarters Building, 1st Floor, Kathwana.	tharakanithi@ag.go.ke	0116445443
5	Baringo	Baringo County Commissioners Office, 1st Floor, Kabarnet.	baringo@ag.go.ke	0116445444
6	Trans Nzoia	Ardhi House, 1st Floor, Next to County Commissioner Building, Kitale.	transnzoia@ag.go.ke	0116445445
7	Makueni	County Commissioner Building, 4th Floor, Wote	makueni@ag.go.ke	0116445446
8	Lamu	Huduma Centre, Lamu.	lamu@ag.go.ke	0116445447
9	Vihiga	County Commissioner Building, 1st Floor, Vihiga.	vihiga@ag.go.ke	0116445448
10	Kajiado	Old Judiciary Building, Namanga Road, Kajiado.	kajiado@ag.go.ke	0116445449
11	Marsabit	County Commissioner Offices, Ground Floor, Marsabit.	marsabit@ag.go.ke	0116445500
12	Isiolo	Regional CDF, Building, Ground Floor, Isiolo	isiolo@ag.go.ke	0116445511
13	Wajir	County Commissioner Building, Wajir.	wajir@ag.go.ke	0116445522
14	Elgeyo Marakwet	KVDA Plaza, Eldoret	elgeyomarakwet@ag.go.ke	0116445533
15	Kiambu	Sheria House Head Quarter	kiambu@ag.go.ke	0116445544

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Gov't aligns Kenyan skills with local and global job market demands

BY CATHERINE KAMAU PCO

The Government is assessing and aligning the skills of Kenyans with the demands of both local and international job markets. This move, according to Labour and Skills Principal Secretary Shadreck Mwadime, aims to ensure that the Kenyan curriculum remains relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of various industries.

"It is immoral for a young person to spend 14 years in school only to face unemployment afterward," PS Mwadime said. He emphasized the need for young people to be guided in selecting courses that will increase their chances of employment after graduation.

Speaking at Buguta Social Hall in Taita Taveta County, where he distributed free seedlings to the community, PS Mwadime revealed that

the government, through his State Department, has established Sector Skill Committees. These committees will focus on key industries such as agriculture, construction, and other vital sectors within Kenya. The committees are made up of experienced practitioners who will carefully assess each sector, identify skill gaps, and propose solutions to bridge them.

"Once these gaps are identified and addressed, we will see growth in these sectors," Mwadime said.

"The Sector Skill Committees will also serve as sector growth committees, contribut-

ing directly to economic development," he said.

The PS also said these committees will be officially launched on Jamhuri Day this year, with a focus on the theme of "Jobs, Labour Migration, and Entertainment."

This is part of a broader strategy known as the National Strategy for Skills Development, which aims to optimize Kenya's labour force and prepare the youth for the increasing demand for skills in the global job market, he said.

According to PS Mwadime, these initiatives will directly contribute to the country's economic growth in the next three years, creating a more favorable environment for job creation and reducing unemployment rates.

"There is hope for our economy. We have seen a positive shift with inflation dropping from double digits to single digits.

"I'm encouraging



Labour and Skills Principal Secretary Shadreck Mwadime (Right) donates a tree seedling to a community member in Taita Taveta County

young Kenyans to realize that our economy has immense potential. There are increasing opportunities for them to be absorbed into the workforce," the PS reiterated.

"Our economy is on a positive trajectory, and this will create more opportunities for Kenyans," he added.

Further, Mwadime urged parents in Taita Taveta to encourage their children to seize available opportunities, whether

skilled or unskilled, as these experiences will provide valuable skills for the future.

"There's no sense in idling and turning down opportunities. It is unrealistic to expect the government to absorb every worker immediately. Young people should take on available jobs, whether in Kenya or abroad, and gain experience," he said.

Mwadime also highlighted the importance of small economic ventures,

encouraging parents to engage in income-generating activities.

He shared an example of how he had bought the seedlings he distributed from local farmers, whom he had encouraged a year ago to start planting.

As the government continues to implement these strategies, there is renewed hope that Kenya's youth will soon be better equipped to navigate the job market, locally and globally, the PS stated.



KENYA PLANT HEALTH INSPECTORATE SERVICE (KEPHIS)

KEPHIS VIRTUAL SENSITIZATION FOR YOUTHS, WOMEN AND PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KEPHIS is a government parastatal formed by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service Act, 2012. Our mission is to assure plant health, quality of agricultural inputs and produce towards food secure nation and safe trade.

KEPHIS intends to hold an online sensitization forum for the aforementioned special groups. This exercise aims to build awareness, build capacity, increase transparency and promote competition with regard to 30% allocation of public procurement opportunities reserved for the disadvantaged groups.

Description	Date
Youths, Women And Persons Living With Disability Sensitization On Access To Government Procurement Opportunities.	Tuesday, 28 th January, 2025 11:00am-12:00 noon

Interested special groups should confirm participation on or before close of business on **Tuesday, 21st January, 2025**. In order to receive the link, you are requested to register by sending an email to supplies@kephis.org. Ensure to provide your Company Name, Director/s Name/s, Telephone Contacts and Category (i.e whether Youths, Women or PWD)

**PROF. THEOPHILUS MUTUI, PHD
MANAGING DIRECTOR**



AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Affordable Housing Board (AHB) invites Proposals for the following consultancy that has been uploaded to the State Department for Housing and Urban Development website: www.housingandurbandevelopment.go.ke and the Public procurement Information Portal: www.tenders.go.ke.

PROPOSAL NUMBER	PROPOSAL NAME	CLOSING/OPENING DATE
AHB/RFP/T/012/2024-2025	Provision of Financial Advisory Consultancy Services for Investment and Financing of the Affordable Housing Program and Fund.	Monday 13th January 2025 at 10:00AM Kenyan Local time
AHB/RFP/T/013/2024-2025	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Enterprise Resource Planning System for the Affordable Housing Board	Monday 13th January 2025 at 10:00AM Kenyan Local time
EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE		
AHB/RFP/T/011/2024-2025	Provision of Consultancy Services for the Institutionalization and Transition Strategy for the Affordable Housing Program.	New closing date is Tuesday, 17th November 2024 at 10:00 AM Local time
AHB/RFP/T/009/2024-2025	Request for Proposal for Provision of Property Agent Services Panel for Affordable Housing	The new closing date is Tuesday, 17th November 2024 at 10:00 AM Local time
AHB/RFP/T/010/2024-2025	Request for Proposal for Onboarding Estate Agents for Marketing, Sales and Property Management (Framework Agreement)	The new closing date is Tuesday, 17th November 2024 at 10:00 AM Local time

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information and inspect the proposal document at the Affordable Housing Board (AHB) offices at Prism Tower, 23rd floor, 3rd Ngong Avenue, Nairobi

Any requests for clarification may be sent to the Ag. Chief Executive Officer, Affordable Housing Board (AHB), or email to: procurement@affordablehousingboard.go.ke so as to be received not more than 4 days before the deadline date of submission.

Ag. Chief Executive Officer

KENHA automates weighbridges to ease traffic congestion in Northern Corridor

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI, KNA

The Kenya National Highway Authority (KENHA) has fully automated the weighbridges along the Northern Corridor, a strategic move aimed at addressing persistent traffic congestion. The corridor, which connects the Port of Mombasa to landlocked countries such as Uganda, Rwanda, and South Sudan, is crucial for regional trade.

However, frequent traffic jams and long queues for both personnel and trucks at the weighbridges have posed significant challenges for motorists and cargo transporters.

In response, KENHA has installed high-speed weighing sensor systems at key weighbridges, including those at Gilgil, Mai Mahiu, and Suswa, and increased the number of mobile weighbridges

along the corridor to improve efficiency. These measures come in the wake of recent incidents in which motorists have spent several hours on the busy route, prompting calls from Kenyans for the government to improve efficiency on the highway. Danka Africa Kenya Limited, the company contracted to manage the weighbridges have now reported a load compli-

ance rate of 99 per cent among local and transit truck drivers.

According to the company's Assistant Operations Manager Jackson Kimuyu, 99 per cent of trucks passing through the corridor now undergo preliminary filtering through the automated system.

"The stringent measures have curbed overloading," Kimuyu said.



A long-distance cargo truck passes through one of the recently installed high-motion sensors to detect load weight and ensure compliance with strictly enforced load weight for both local and transit transporters



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SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS COMMON USER ITEMS FOR THE PERIOD 2024-2026

The Principal Secretary, National Treasury invites sealed bids from eligible candidates under framework contract through open tender for Supply and Delivery of Various Goods for the period of two (2) years as follows: -

S/ NO	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND (KSHS)	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1.	NT/KEPDA/001/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Firefighting Equipment	OPEN	1,000,000	31 st December, 2024 at 10.30 a.m.
2.	NT/KEPDA/002/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Newspapers	OPEN	1,000,000	31 st December, 2024 at 10.30 a.m.
3.	NT/KEPDA/003/2024-2026	Supply of Delivery of Agricultural Equipment and Accessories	OPEN	1,000,000	31 st December, 2024 at 10.30 a.m.
4.	NT/KEPDA/004/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Timber and Timber Products	OPEN	1,000,000	31 st December, 2024 at 10.30 a.m.
5.	NT/KEPDA/005/2024-2026	Supply of Canvas and Camping Materials	OPEN	1,000,000	31 st December, 2024 at 10.30 a.m.
6.	NT/KEPDA/006/2024-2026	Supply of Insecticide, Chemicals & Spraying Equipment	OPEN	1,000,000	31 st December, 2024 at 10.30 a.m.
7.	NT/KEPDA/007/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Locally Assembled Tipper	OPEN	1,000,000	31 st December, 2024 at 10.30 a.m.

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents from the Supply Chain Management Services Office 2nd floor, KEPDA Headquarters, Likoni Road, Industrial Area, Nairobi during normal working hours except on public holidays. The tender documents may be downloaded from Supplies Branch website www.suppliesbranch.go.ke and PPIP portal free of charge.

Tender bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly labeled with the tender number and tender name and be deposited in the tender box located on the ground floor at Supplies Branch Headquarters in Industrial Area marked:

The Head- KEPDA
P.O Box 30743-00100
Nairobi

Bids can be posted to the above address so as to be received on or before the specified date of closing.

Tenders will be opened immediately in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. AGPO Groups are encouraged to participate.

All bidders whose applications will have been received by the closing date and time will be advised in due course of the results of their applications.

Bidders are also advised to visit Supplies Branch website regularly for updates.

Head/Supply Chain Management Services – KEPDA
For: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY:	Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.
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The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites tenders for Contract Names and Description as listed in the tender schedule below;

RFX No.	Tender Description	Tender Security Amount (Kshs)	Closing/ Opening Date
1000001237	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lighting in Machakos, Kitui, Nyeri And Narok Counties.	Lot 1:1,000,000.00 Lot 2:800,000.00 Lot 3:600,000.00 Lot 4:900,000.00	31.12.2024@10.00am
1000001238	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lighting and Solar Streetlights in Machakos, Kiambu, Kitui, Tharaka Nithi, Siaya, Kericho, Bomet, Makueni, Nandi, Garissa, Elgeyo Marakwet, Meru, Trans-Nzoia and Nakuru Counties.	Lot 1:500,000.00 Lot 2:1,000,000.00 Lot 3:900,000.00 Lot 4:1,000,000.00 Lot 5:900,000.00 Lot 6:180,000.00	31.12.2024@10.00am

1. Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
2. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours **8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday** at the address given below.
3. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>
4. Tenderers who are not yet registered with REREC must register their companies in order to participate in the tender using link below that can be found from the website www.rerec.co.ke Procurement Supplier registration:[https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal\(bD1lb1zjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==\)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP](https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal(bD1lb1zjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP)
5. All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security in the amounts prescribed above and in the tender documents. Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road,) on or before the date and time indicated in the schedule of tenders above.
6. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
7. Completed tenders must be delivered to Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation electronically through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> on or before the date and time indicated in the schedule of tenders above.
8. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
9. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and times specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
10. Any addendum to these tenders shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.
11. Late tenders will be rejected.
12. The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

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

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

Address for Opening of Tenders. Online

Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, **online opening system**

Dr. Rose N. Mkalama
Chief Executive Officer



Gov't to launch national livestock vaccination drive next month

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU,
KNA

The Government will roll out a national livestock vaccination exercise starting in January 2025, Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Andrew Karanja has said.

The country-wide vaccination initiative, introduced by President William Ruto, aims to vaccinate 22 million cattle against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and 50 million sheep and goats against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) across the country.

Speaking during his tour of the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI) to assess preparations, Dr. Karanja said the livestock industry is one of the sectors with significant potential to contribute to economic development and job creation, and should therefore be safeguarded.

"We need to trade the animals for meat, and in order to do so, we must create a disease-free country. That is why we are advocating for the vaccination of our animals," Karanja said.

The CS urged wananchi to disregard the propaganda peddled by detractors, stating that the negative claims about the vaccinations are not true and labeling them as conspiracy theories. Veteri-



Dr Allan Azegele - DVS (L), CS Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr. Andrew Karanja and KEVEVAPI Board chairman Prof Kimathi Mbogori when the CS toured the premises



Agriculture and Livestock Production Cabinet Secretary, Dr Andrew Karanja speaking when he toured KEVEVAPI.



Dr Allan Azegele Director Veterinary Services. He said that KEVEVAPI will roll out the vaccination exercise for livestock in January

nary vaccines, he noted, have had, and continue to have, a major role in protecting animal health and public health, reducing animal suffering, enabling efficient production of animals to feed the

growing human population. "This process greatly reduces the need for antibiotics to treat food and companion animals. The achievement of a dis-

ease-free status will facilitate access to markets for our livestock, livestock products and by-products and job creation along the value chain," he added.

The CS assured those who are saying the government will import the vaccines that all the vaccines will be sourced from KEVEVAPI since it has enough locally produced vaccines and even more as they are exporting to nine countries in Africa.

He explained that the production of major vaccines has increased steadily over time due to an increased demand by the counties as well as enhanced access to regional and international markets particularly in Uganda, Mali, Senegal, Somaliland, UAE, Sudan and Southern Sudan.

"Our vaccines are not expensive, they are affordable, and counties are able to access them across the country," he noted and asked KEVEVAPI to also go beyond and have centres across the country as a last mile initiative of being closer to the users.

Dr Karanja further said that KEVEVAPI has put in place systems where vaccines are tested locally and externally by the African Union Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre (AU-PANVAC) and have been found fit

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for use in the country and beyond.

Over the years, the CS noted that the government has supported the Institute to grow its vaccine manufacturing capacities. And currently has capacity to produce up to 75 million doses of vaccines that are also sold to private veterinarians, counties, as well as exported to countries in Africa and beyond.

The CS told livestock farmers that the government means well in carrying out the vaccination exercise and that KEVEVAPI, which has been around since 1964, has the expertise and facilities to produce fifteen (15) livestock vaccines that are considered important in the country and internationally.

"The vaccines are safe, there is nothing to worry about and we want to ensure that all are comfortable, so we are engaging the County Governments and stakeholders, as we roll out this exercise and so am urging farmers to come out in large numbers and offer their animals to be vaccinated," the CS said.

Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) Dr Allan Azegele said this is the first time in the country that the government has deliberately taken steps towards facilitating vaccination programmes for animals in the country.

CS urges innovative solutions to combat youth unemployment in Kenya

BY ANITA OMWENGA, KNA

The Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy, and Sports, Kipchumba Murkomen, has called for innovative approaches to tackle youth unemployment in the country. He emphasized that addressing unemployment requires the government to continuously advocate for creative, innovative solutions that not only generate much-needed jobs but also foster a culture of innovation and self-employment.

Speaking at the Fourth Kenya Innovation Week 2024 Africa Edition in Nairobi, Murkomen highlighted the importance

of cultivating an innovation-driven culture that encourages young people to pursue entrepreneurship.

"The youth are the foundation of our vibrant innovation ecosystem, making Kenya a leading destination for venture capital," Murkomen said.

According to the Kenya Institute for Public Policy and Research, between 500,000 and 800,000 young people enter the job market each year. However, the economy has struggled to provide enough employment opportunities.

Murkomen added that the government is leveraging technology and

innovation to create opportunities, reduce inequality, and drive the country's economic growth.

"The innovation week is an annual convention that energizes our innovation ecosystem. It has become a stage for showcasing cutting edge innovations that spur job creation," the CS said.

He said the government will continuously support innovation and that Kenya Innovation Week (KIW) has evolved into a dynamic forum contributing to the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

The CS divulged that the government is finalizing



Cabinet secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Kipchumba Murkomen speaking at the 4th Kenya Innovation Week 2024 Africa Edition, at the Edge Convention Center in Nairobi.

the national intellectual property policy to ensure innovators and creators get reasonable returns from their innovation and solidify our position as the leading startup destination in Africa.

"The Intellectual Property Policy, now in its final stages of development, will robustly protect intellectual property and cement our position as the startup capital of Af-

rica," he said. Murkomen said countries that have grown have been proper protectors of intellectual property. "Most of this research if not patented, if it is not given a trademark, if not copyrighted and is not given geographical indications, may not have the potential to really attract venture capitalists," he further said.

Murkomen challenged the youth to take advan-

tage of online opportunities to uplift their lives instead of using social media to spread hate.

The CS acknowledged the role of Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) in transforming academic institutions and ideas in educational research to working ideas through innovation acceleration.

"Kenya Innovation Week established by the government, convened through Kenya National Innovation Agency serves as a premier platform to assess, celebrate and energize the national innovation ecosystem," he added. On his part, KeNIA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr Tonny Omwansa said Kenya's 10 Year Innovation Masterplan will bolster the country's innovation ecosystem and propel it towards achieving targets for job creation, economic growth and global competitiveness.

New programme in Oloitoktok to promote sustainable agriculture

BY DIANA MENETO KNA

The Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, ASALs, and Regional Development, Beatrice Askul, has inaugurated the Oloitoktok Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Programme. The ten-year programme aims to promote sustainable environmental practices, improve resource management, and provide income-generating opportunities for the local community through a variety of projects. Speaking during the inauguration at Entarara Primary School, the CS said the programme will fo-

cus on capacity building, sustainable agriculture, eco-tourism, and green technologies to promote long-term environmental and socio-economic resilience in the region. "By enhancing key value chains in agriculture, livestock, and eco-tourism, this initiative will provide the local community with practical tools to adapt to climate change while also contributing to the national agenda of economic development," said the CS. To conserve the environment, the programme will work to protect forests, promote reforestation and afforestation,



The Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, ASALs and Regional Development Beatrice Askul signs the Collaboration agreement between the World-Wide Fund for Nature Kenya (WWF-Kenya) and Regional Authorities

safeguard wildlife, and support biodiversity. It will also significantly contribute to combating desertification and reversing land degradation through sustainable land management practices. The CS further remarked that the project aims to enhance household incomes by developing key agricultural and livestock value chains, focusing on value addition and processing for tomatoes and mangoes, dairy and beef production, beekeeping, and the leather value chain. The programme will address drought mitigation by improving access to

water through the development of water pans, dams, and boreholes. These efforts will support livestock management during dry seasons and ensure a more resilient water supply system for both humans and animals. The initiative aligns with Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, specifically Goal 17, which emphasizes revitalizing global partnerships for sustainable development. It was inaugurated in collaboration with the Ewaso Ngiro South Development Authority (ENSDA), Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA).

Kwale to promote seaweed farming among coastal communities to boost livelihoods

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI, KNA

The Kwale County Government is seeking to boost seaweed farming, which is operated by coastal communities along the shores of the Indian Ocean, in order to enhance sustainable livelihoods.

The species cultivated by these communities include red, brown, and green seaweeds, which are used for both domestic and industrial purposes, offering profitable opportunities.

Stakeholders in the maritime industry contend that seaweed, also known as "climate-smart algae," plays an important role in the marine ecosystem by absorbing significant amounts of carbon, thus reducing ocean acidification.

Roman Shera, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture and Fisheries, says the devolved government is aiming to unlock seaweed's potential for food sustainability.

He adds that the devolved government is working to enhance seaweed farming through collaboration with farmers and key stakeholders to improve production and value addition. Shera says seaweed farming is 'Kwale's untapped treasure' and that efforts are underway to harness the potential of seaweed by integrating it with fisheries.

"We have been assisting local seaweed farmers, many of whom are women and we intend to intensify efforts to bolster seaweed farming and empower coastal communities," he



Nancy Gitonga, CEO of the African Women Development Program (L), with Celestine Rono, Director of Corporate Services, Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency holding seaweed. They said seaweed farming can be an alternative livelihood for coastal communities by integrating seaweed farming and fishing activities.



Kibuyuni seaweed farmers display harvested seaweed at the Kibuyuni seaside village in Kwale County. Seaweed found on rocky coastlines and in shallow marine waters offer a renewable source of food, energy and chemicals.

said.

Addressing farmers at a restorative of seaweed aquaculture for livelihood diversification forum, Shera said that the seeds

have been gaining global recognition as a wonder plant of the ocean that supports marine biodiversity by acting as breeding and feeding grounds.

He, however, noted that people are unaware of seaweed's commercial and ecological value and underscored the need to raise awareness of its uses

and benefits. For instance, seaweed has the potential to be an animal feed and a packaging replacement for plastics that pollute the marine ecosystem. The extracts from dried seaweed can also be used in the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries, as well as soil fertilizer.

Nancy Gitonga, the CEO of the African Women Development Program, highlighted the importance of equipping seaweed farmers with knowledge and skills to boost the burgeoning seaweed industry.

She said seaweed farming can be a renewable resource for coastal communities, offering them a more stable income compared to the fluctuating fisheries markets that are increasingly affected by climate change.

Ms Gitonga called for more support to the local struggling fishing communities with alternative, sustainable livelihoods through seaweed farming initiatives.

The CEO of the African Women Development Program says through accelerating restorative aquaculture her organization is supporting fishing communities to take more control of the seaweed production value chain.

Nancy says seaweed can clear and purify the sea and increase oxygen content making the environment fresher and greener besides generating new income streams for coastal communities.

"We are seeking to empower local coastal communities to adopt seaweed farming to boost livelihoods and create jobs," she said.

Celestine Rono, Direc-

tor of Corporate Services, Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency, assured farmers that her organization is ready to collaborate with the County to secure international markets for their produce.

"Through branding, product development, and packaging, we can link the sewed farmers to the global markets through strategic partnerships," she said.

Celestine says they envision a situation where sea farms are

We are seeking to empower local coastal communities to adopt seaweed farming

operated by local coastal communities with local processing and selling products to high-value markets thus boosting incomes and fostering growth.

Seaweed farming has been identified as a good prospect for the social and economic development of coastal areas of Kwale and Kilifi counties.

Marinda Bakari, a seaweed farmer in Kibuyuni fishing village, welcomed the efforts by the County and other stakeholders to boost Kwale's nascent seaweed industry.

"To augment our incomes and self-sufficiency from the more sporadic and unreliable fishing sector we need modern seaweed cultivation equipment and relevant technology for seaweed farming and processing," he said.

KenGen, NACADA win FiRe awards

BY MYGOV REPORTER

Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) and the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) have won the Financial Reporting (FiRe) awards.

KenGen was named the top State Corporation for financial reporting under IFRS Accounting Standards while (NACADA) received a Certificate of Recognition under the category of Unqualified Report - International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

Speaking during the event, the company's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Peter Njenga said, "These awards are more than recognition, they are proof of KenGen's dedication to financial responsibility, integrity, innovation, and sustainable development".

He said the awards are a testament to KenGen's commitment not only to grow but to exceed stakeholder expectations and advance Kenya's sustainable development goals.

The accolades come as the state-owned company forges ahead with its ambitious 10-year 'Good to Great (G2G) strategy, aimed at transforming operations and scaling renewable energy capacity.

Njenga emphasized that the accolades align with KenGen's strategy of operational excellence across all business dimensions, from financial transparency to environmental stewardship. He added, "This recognition inspires us to continue leading by example, setting new benchmarks for

corporate responsibility for the good of all Kenyans."

KenGen also emerged victorious at the 2024 Kenya Institute of Supply Chain Management (KISM) Awards, earning the Sustainable Procurement Award, recognizing its exemplary efforts in embedding environmental stewardship into its supply chain operations.

On his part, NACADA CEO Dr. Anthony Omerikwa expressed pride in the achievement, crediting the milestone to the Authority's unwavering adherence to government policies and guidelines on resource utilization.

"This award is a testament to the robust systems and frameworks we have established to ensure prudent management of resources entrusted to us," Dr. Omerikwa said.

"At NACADA, we understand that transparency and accountability are non-negotiable in delivering our mandate to fight against alcohol and drug abuse. This recognition motivates us to keep raising the bar," the CEO said.

NACADA's recognition is particularly significant as it underscores the Authority's commitment to aligning its financial reporting with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), the globally accepted accounting framework for public sector entities, Omerikwa said.

The CEO emphasized the efforts NACADA has undertaken to enhance resource management which include strengthening internal controls and governance structures, continuous capacity building for staff in financial

management and compliance, leveraging technology to improve efficiency and accountability in reporting and regular audits to ensure adherence to legal and regulatory requirements.

"The public entrusts us with the responsibility of addressing alcohol and drug abuse, a critical issue affecting our communities," the CEO noted.

"We must demonstrate integrity in every aspect of our operations, including how we manage financial resources. This award reflects our dedication to that responsibility," he added.

Omerikwa said the recognition also re-affirms NACADA's alignment with the government's broader agenda of promoting transparency and fiscal discipline across public institutions.

"This recognition is not just for NACADA as an institution, but it is a collective win for everyone who has contributed to our success. From the Board to management and staff, your commitment to excellence continues to make a difference," the CEO noted.

The FiRe Awards is a prestigious annual event jointly organized by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), the Capital Markets Authority (CMA), and the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) to celebrate excellence in financial reporting, corporate governance, and sustainability.

It aims to encourage organizations to adopt high standards of financial reporting and compliance with international accounting principles.

CS- Government to improve leather sector to achieve manufacturing sector targets

BY KENNEDY NYAMBANE (PCO)

The Government has identified the Leather Industry as a flagship project with the potential to help it achieve its manufacturing sector targets.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Dr Andrew Karanja said the industry is among the largest global enterprises, driven by its extensive value chain and vast opportunities for value addition, wealth creation and employment generation.

Internationally, leather ranks among the most traded commodities, with an estimated annual value of \$130 billion - surpassing the combined value of other major agricultural commodities such as meat, coffee, sugar, rice and tea.

Karanja, who was speaking while launching the Leather Development Policy and the Kenya Leather Development Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development in Nairobi said in Kenya, the leather industry stands as one of the oldest and most re-

silient sectors of the economy.

"During its peak in the 1970s and early 1980s, the sector's performance was remarkable, with local footwear production meeting over 80 per cent of the national demand.

"Leather exports was ranked among the country's top five foreign exchange earners. However, despite these early successes, the industry has yet to fully harness its vast potential," the CS noted.

Dr. Karanja said the leather sector has been prioritized due to its immense potential, supported by Kenya's position as home to one of the largest livestock populations in Africa as well as its significant potential in value addition, job creation, wealth generation, import substitution and enhancing foreign exchange earnings.

Additionally, the CS said it drives growth in secondary industries within its extensive supply chain, amplifying its overall economic impact.

Karanja said the government underscores the leather industry's immense potential, estimat-

ing its value at Sh120 billion by 2027, a significant increase from its current estimated value of Sh15 billion and in terms of employment, the sector has the capacity to create 100,000 jobs but currently supports only 17,000 positions comprising 7,000 formal and 10,000 informal jobs.

Since independence, the CS said, Kenya has implemented various policies and development plans to advance industrialization.

"However, the lack of a dedicated leather sector policy has hindered the industry's growth, resulting in poor coordination among stakeholders and an unpredictable business environment that has discouraged investment," Karanja said.

To address the gap, the CS noted, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, through the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC), with support from the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), has developed the Kenya Leather Development Policy.



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BY JOYCE LUTOMIA
(PCO)

Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and South Sudan have been urged to actualize the construction of the Eldoret-Kampala Refined Petroleum Products Pipeline to facilitate the evacuation of refined petroleum products from Kenya seamlessly, faster and in an environmentally-friendly manner.

The Principal Secretary for Petroleum Mr. Mohamed Liban noted that the Eldoret-Kampala pipeline which was conceptualized in 1995 remains vital to addressing challenges of loading refined petroleum products on trucks.

The PS who was speaking in Entebbe, Uganda, during a ministerial meeting of the Refined Petroleum Products Pipeline Development Cluster under the Northern Corridor Integration Projects said currently petroleum products are imported from the producing regions in the Middle East and Mediterranean regions to the Port of Mombasa.

From Mombasa, these refined petroleum products are transported by pipeline to the hinterland of western Kenya where they are loaded on trucks for distribution to the local market in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan and the DR Congo by oil marketing companies.

This mode of transport, however the PS noted, is not ideal for environmental reasons and is prone to truck accidents and spillages.

Liban recalled that in 2013, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda

entered into a tripartite agreement to develop the pipeline under the NCIP framework and during the inaugural Tripartite Infrastructure Summit, it was agreed that a common refined petroleum products pipeline was critical for serving the region's energy needs.

He noted that the Heads of State of Kenya and Uganda revived bilateral discussions on the Eldoret-Kampala Pipeline during a state visit in May 2024.

"In August 2024, it was agreed to include the Kampala-Kigali segment in these discussions and following this, the first meeting on the Eldoret-Kampala-Kigali (EKK) pipeline was held in Nairobi in July 2024 during which it was agreed that a Joint Steering Committee and a Joint Technical Committee on the development of the Eldoret-Kampala-Kigali pipeline be formed," Liban noted.

He said utilizing Lake Victoria as part of the Lake Victoria Intermodal Transport System (LVITS) was deemed essential to provide an alternative and sustainable route for transporting petroleum products, this includes the construction of oil jetties in Kisumu and Mahathi in Uganda and the rehabilitation of ports to provide alternative transport routes.

"During the 14th Heads of States Summit in June 2018, it was decided that pending consultations on rescoping the EKK Pipeline, partner states would prioritize developing LVITS," the PS said.

He further noted that Kenya has since constructed the Kisumu Oil Jetty (KOJ), which was commissioned in February 2018.

Germany lauds Kenya for her strong leadership and investments in geothermal energy

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU AND ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

Germany will continue to offer Kenya financial and technical expertise support to enable it to expand geothermal power and exploration capacity in its bid to transition to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030.

Germany Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Dr. Robert Habeck, speaking during his visit to geothermal wells in Olkaria, Naivasha, said

Germany, through the German Development Bank (KfW) has pumped more than €248.1 million equivalent to Sh33.9 billion into ongoing energy projects in the country.

The Vice Chancellor, who

led a delegation of more than 800 members of the German Investment Forum in Nairobi, said Kenya has been an important partner country of the German Development Corporation since 1963 as an important economic hub in Eastern Africa and a world leader on renewable energy.

Data from the Energy

Ministry shows that in the past six decades, Germany has made a total of 2.5 billion Euros (Sh342.7 billion) to Kenya, especially in the energy sector.

During a round of government negotiations on development cooperation held in 2022, the German government committed another 153 million Euros (Sh20 billion) as part of new funding for the period 2022-2024.

It is worth noting that Kenya is placed at number six globally in geothermal production, with the United States leading the pack with 3,900 megawatts (MW), followed by Indonesia and Philippines at 2,418MW and 1,952MW respectively.

Kenya leads Africa in geothermal exploration and production.

Kenya Electricity Generation Company (KenGen) Managing Director (MD) Engineer Peter Njenga on his part said the company has already launched its ambitious 10-year strategic plan (2024 - 2034) that seeks to add an additional 1,500MW of electricity sourced from green sources to the country's national

grid in order to meet the growing demand for energy in the country, which he said is expected to grow exponentially in these 10 years.

The MD noted the production will include 840MW from geothermal, 140MW from hydro sources and the rest from solar and wind in those 10 years.

He further said the company is committed to further exploring geothermal energy and already. He said there is an investor working on exploration at Menengai in Nakuru and will put an additional 300MW to the national grid.

"This initiative is a testament to the Government's commitment to achieving a 100 per cent transition of tapping electricity from green sources by the year 2030 and turning away from fossil sources," the MD stated.

Engineer Njenga noted the company has also earmarked 342-hectare parcel of land to establish a green park where investors will manage to tap 100 per cent of their power needs from geothermal power plants at a lower cost.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

KENYA LIVESTOCK COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT (KeLCoP)

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

DESCRIPTION	PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NO
PROCUREMENT OF PASTURE GRASS SEEDS AND FODDER TREES SEEDS	MOA&LD/SDL/D/KELCOP/NCB/01/2024-2025
PROCUREMENT OF IMPROVED BREEDS OF MEAT GOAT (GALLA), DAIRY GOATS AND DORPER SHEEP	MOA&LD/SDL/D/KELCOP/NCB/02/2024-2025

1. The **Government of Kenya (GoK)** through the National Treasury has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of the financing to this purchase. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with **Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP)** under the **State Department for Livestock Development**.

2. The Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) is a six-year project jointly funded by: Government of Kenya (GoK), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Heifer International, and Participating Financial Institutions (PFI) and Beneficiary communities. The Project came into force on 05 March 2021 with a Completion date of 31 March 2027 and Loan Closing date of 30 September 2027. The Project Goal is to contribute to the Government's agriculture transformation Agenda of increasing rural small-scale farmers' incomes, food and nutrition security. The development objective is to increase incomes of 110,000 poor livestock and pastoralist households, especially youth and women, in an environmentally friendly manner, in selected project areas of the 10 participating counties. The Project areas are Semi-Arid counties (Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo), Arid counties (Marsabit and Samburu) and other areas are Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega, Siaya, Nakuru and Trans Nzoia.

3. This IFB follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared on the IFAD website on 7th November 2024, the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) website on 7th November 2024 and The Star Newspaper (MyGov publication) on 12th November, 2024.

4. The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for the provision of **PASTURE GRASS SEEDS AND FODDER TREES SEEDS AND IMPROVED BREEDS OF MEAT GOAT (GALLA), DAIRY GOATS AND DORPER SHEEP**. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.

5. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the procurement.

6. Bidding will be conducted using the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

7. Please note that a pre-bid conference **will not** be held as described in the bid data sheet (BDS), Section III of the bidding document.

8. Bidding documents may be viewed and obtained electronically for free from the www.kilimo@go.ke, www.ppip@go.ke, www.kelcop.or.ke websites. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to pmcu.kelcop@gmail.com to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

9. All interested bidders are required to **continually check every Tuesday** the mentioned websites for any bid addendums or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

10. Bidding documents obtained electronically will be **free of charge**.

11. Bids **shall be chronologically serialized/paginated** including the attachments.

12. Bids must be delivered to the address below and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than **11.00a.m East African Time, 13th January 2025** to:

**Project Coordinator,
Project Management and Coordination Unit (PMCU),
Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP),
P.O. Box 12261-20100 Nakuru, Kenya**

13. Bidders shall be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance and will be returned unopened at the written request and cost of the bidder.

14. All bids must be accompanied by a bid Security (as required) in the manner and amount specified in the bid data sheet in the form of unconditional bank guarantee.

15. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

16. Please note that electronic bids **SHALL NOT** be accepted. Hard copies only.

Yours sincerely,

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For: Principal Secretary, State Department for Livestock Development



National Transport and Safety Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE ON UNREGISTERED VEHICLES BY MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS

Pursuant to Sections 23(1) and 24(c) of the Traffic Act, Cap 403, the National Transport and Safety Authority is mandated to licence and regulate motor vehicle and motorcycle dealers.

In undertaking its mandate, a multi-agency revalidation exercise comprising of National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Financial Reporting Centre (FRC), Directorate of Immigration Services (DIS) and Security Agencies was initiated. The aim of the exercise was to ascertain compliance with relevant provisions of the law and to weed out non-compliant dealers operating illegally within the country.

Following the completion of the initiative, the Authority notes that several motor vehicle dealers are holding **UNREGISTERED** vehicles within their premises (showrooms and yards) contrary to the requirements of the Traffic Act, Cap 403.

To this end and through this Notice, the Authority directs all motor vehicle dealers to complete pending motor vehicle registration applications by **Monday 16th December 2024**. Law enforcement agencies are advised to impound vehicles operating without registration plates, those illegally using Kenya Dealer Plates (KD) and charge the respective dealers and owners. KD plates details as per the Movement Register may be checked through www.ntsa.go.ke – Dealers & Garages Licensing (<https://app.ntsa.go.ke/revalidation/>).

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New Africa Centre of Competence to equip 100,000 public servants with digital and Artificial Intelligence skills

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI,
KNA

The Government, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Timbuktoo Africa Innovation Foundation, has launched the Africa Centre of Competence for Digital and Artificial Intelligence Skilling at the Kenya School of Government, as well as the Timbuktoo GreenTech Hub at Konza Technopolis. These hubs will offer digital and artificial intelligence (AI) entrepreneurship skills across the African public

sector, aiming to advance Africa's inclusive digital and green transformation.

The skilling will be carried out through the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, UNDP, and Timbuktoo Africa Innovation Foundation, according to Ms. Anna Nylander from the Centre of Competence at UNDP.

She explained that the Africa Centre, which aims to equip at least 100,000 public servants with essential digital and AI skills over the next three years, will use a cohort-based

curriculum to provide tailored training and mentorship to participants.

Training will begin with representatives from Kenya, Uganda, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Nigeria, with plans to include other African nations in the coming year.

Nylander added that the Centre's vision is to accelerate inclusive digital transformation and revolutionize public service delivery across Africa by enhancing the digital competence of staff to address inconsistencies and inefficiencies in service

delivery.

She also mentioned that the program will foster innovation and entrepreneurship, promote digital transformation projects, and establish a regional collaboration network for public sector digital skilling, among other initiatives.

"The training will help to increase efficiency and productivity in government, increase sustainable regional collaboration technologies and access to technologies in the continent," she said.

Expressing confidence

that the skilling will also increase citizen engagement and satisfaction with public service delivery, the digital transformation analyst further noted that the center will improve governance, and boost Africa's global competitiveness.

Mercy Kimalat, a UNDP Consultant and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Start-ups and SME Enablers of Kenya (ASSEK) said Timbuktoo GreenTech Hub targets to mobilize and invest \$1 billion to support 10,000 startups and scale 1,000 of

the startups over 10 years with the aim of impacting over 100 million livelihoods and to create \$10 billion value on the African continent.

She further said the Timbuktoo hub will focus on startups, creating job employment for youth while involving people with disabilities and the marginalized.

"The hub will connect with universities where ideas are being backed up to an innovation ecosystem so that we can achieve one common objective," she stated.

Government delivers fish feed worth Sh 34.6m to Tharaka Nithi County farmers

BY DAVID MUTWIRI AND
BLAISE GITONGA, KNA

The Government has delivered fish feed worth Sh34.6 million and announced plans to make available fingerlings to Tharaka Nithi County in a bid to boost fish production in the country.

The Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Ali Hassan Joho, noted that the county had great potential in aquaculture.

He was commissioning the Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) - Mutonga Research Centre and Chuka Fresh Fish Market both in Tharaka Nithi County.

The CS said the government is ready to invest more to enhance the fish production potential into commercial viability, as part of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

In his tour of the county, CS Joho said besides the fish feed, the government has already put in place plans to make available fingerlings worth Sh145.2 million to farmers through an ongoing project.

"The greatest challenge left is fish feed. I have launched KMFRI to assist in extension services as well as equip farmers with knowledge and research. The fish production potential in this county is high and that tells you we need to do more here," the CS Joho emphasized.

He added that as much as coffee, tea and dairy farming were key sectors of production in the country, there is a need



Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Cabinet Secretary, Ali Hassan Joho and Tharaka Nithi Governor, Muthomi Njuki, fish feeds to Tharaka Nithi County farmers, during the CS's tour of the County.

to concentrate on fish farming to diversify investment and minimize risks.

Tharaka-Nithi Governor, Muthomi Njuki, requested the CS through his Ministry to intervene in finding a market for fish products, which is a major challenge to farmers in the county.

The Governor noted the need to have an organized system that includes cooperative and value addition through a fish processing plant that will guarantee maximum returns to farmers.

The Principal Secretary (PS), State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries, Betsy Njagi, said that the government would collaborate with the Tharaka Nithi County Government to ensure more development projects for the over 5,000 fish farmers in the County,

fish products when they are in the market to fetch considerable returns," the Governor said, adding that he hoped, through KMFRI, that Tharaka Nithi farmers will get the much-needed assistance to boost their productions as well as necessary research towards the same venture.

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Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Cabinet Secretary, Ali Hassan Joho addressing Tharaka Nithi farmers and other residents at Chuka Picnic grounds.

by supporting them with farming inputs, as well

KURA's road improvements drive economic boom in Murang'a

BY MATHEW CHEPKEWEL
(MYGOV)

The Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) has upgraded 53.8 kilometers of urban roads in Murang'a over the past four years. This has significantly improved the town's infrastructure, with another 3.3 kilometers planned for completion. This infrastructural development by the Authority has greatly impacted the fortunes of Murang'a residents, increasing property values, creating employment, and improving the standard of living.

The roads include access to the Murang'a University loop, access to Majengo, the recently completed Kandundu-ACK Road, Vidhu-Kambirwa Road, Vidhu-Ramji-Kiangage Road, Murang'a High to Police Patrol Base, Mukuyu-Muchungucha Road, Kigumo Township Roads, Mukuyu-Kambwe to Sewerage Road, MTN-Grogan-Jakasa Road, and Mjini-Bishop Kairu Road, among others.

KURA Deputy Director for the Central Region, Eng. Anthony Mwai, lauded the cooperation KURA has enjoyed with the leaders and residents of Murang'a. "This has enabled KURA to achieve significant progress in the implementation of road infrastructure. KURA has been able to construct several roads, serving and upgrading the status of Murang'a town. This aligns with our efforts to transform urban mobility," he said. The upgraded roads have been modernized with walkways, drainage systems, and speed bumps, which have improved road safety and the overall urban landscape within the town.

TBK urges smallholder farmers to prioritize quality for higher bonuses

BY SARAH NJAGI, KNA

Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) has advised smallholder tea farmers in the western Rift Valley region to focus more on quality rather than quantity in order to earn higher bonuses.

In collaboration with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), the Tea Research Foundation of Kenya (TRFK), Kenya Tea Development Agency-Holdings Limited (KTDA), the Independent Tea Producers Association Kenya (ITPAK), and the East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA), the Board is leading a farmer-centered sensitization campaign to restore tea quality and improve the earnings of tea farmers in the western Rift region.

The training at Momul Tea Factory, which targeted selected smallholder tea farmers from KTDA-managed tea factories in the western Rift Valley region, focused on farm management, pruning, fertilization, plucking, tea handling, transportation, and pricing.

In an interview with KNA at the Kiptome Tea buying center, TBK Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Willy Mutai revealed that the government is making deliberate efforts to ensure small-scale tea farmers focus on leaf-quality plucking in order to earn higher bonuses. He added that the difference in bonus payments between regions is directly linked to the



Nyandarua Governor Dr. Moses Kiarie Badilisha gives apple tree seedlings to a resident of Murungaru ward, amid a heavy downpour.

quality of tea harvested.

Momul Tea Factory, located in Belgut Sub-County, Kericho, paid its farmers a bonus rate of Sh50.30 per kilogram for the financial year 2023/2024, the highest in the western Rift Valley region. The lowest bonus paid to farmers was Sh20 per kilogram of green leaf.

"This leaf quality campaign is a deliberate effort by the government to ensure that all farmers understand the tea business, where they should know that quality drives the price. At the end of each day, the average price determines what the farmer will be paid. The price starts at the farm and ends at

the tea auction. We have brought various farmers from Nandi, Nakuru, Kakamega, Kisii, Nyamira, Bomet, and Kericho to visit Momul Tea Factory."

"Momul factory's performance last year was very good. They earned a bonus of Sh50.30 plus a monthly pay of Sh24. The price difference is because of the quality of tea plucked. This is a factory that has really embraced harvesting of good quality leaf, and their performance is very encouraging," Mutai said.

The CEO challenged farmers to adhere to the provisions of green leaf agreement with their factories, entrench tea quality practices and

support competent leadership in their respective factories.

He hinted that Kenya is in the process of reclaiming the Iran Orthodox tea market and expand its presence in the China market.

Orthodox tea is quickly emerging as a sought after variety in the global tea market as it is distinguished by its traditional production methods that upholds the integrity of the tea leaves, resulting in a sharp distinguishable flavor profile.

In an interview with a small holder tea farmer, Mzee Henry Too, he commended the Board for their campaign, adding that he was able to produce quality green

leaf from his five acres of tea plantation, as he keenly engaged teasers on his farm for advice on the best agronomical practices.

"I started tea farming in 1988, where I planted my first tea bushes and the last tea bush that I planted was in 1994 and all the way in my tea journey as a small-holder tea farmer I have been involving the teasers. One tea bush should give a farmer who goes for the best agronomical tea practices two kilograms per year. I have educated my children as well as clear loans using the tea bonuses, I earn from the good quality that I deliver to Momul Tea Factory," said Mzee Too.

KenTrade adopts the National Electronic Single Window System to ease business

BY MATHEW CHEPKEWEL (MYGOV)

Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) has implemented the National Electronic Single Window System and InfoTrade Portal to enhance the ease of doing business and to make Kenya more globally competitive.

National Electronic Single Window System is an online platform which has automated information exchange that controls the flow of goods across the Kenyan borders to improve efficiency.

It acts as a single point of entry for parties engaged in international trade and transport logistics to submit documents electronically for processing, approval and making payments electronically for fees, levies, duties, and taxes owed to the government on goods imported or exported into the country. As such, KenTrade hosted a trade facilitation sensitization forum in Eldoret to educate the local business community on the trade facilitation initiatives.

The event, led by CEO David Ngarama, aimed to empower businesses and traders to enhance capacity for national economic growth. Ngarama further reiterated that the System has automated trade facilitation processes and procedures at partner government agencies which has increased from a pre-single window level of 14 per cent to the current level of 95 per cent.

"The System has over 18,000 active registered users including banks," he noted.

New regulations to integrate digital health services and secure patient data

BY MANU MUMBA AND ALLAN WANDERA, KNA

The Ministry of Health conducted a public participation exercise on the proposed regulations for the Digital Health Act, which seeks to establish an integrated digital healthcare system and ensure well-protected data.

The regulations for the Act, which was enacted on October 19, 2023, are designed to provide a framework for digital health services and establish comprehensive, integrated digital health information systems.

The framework in-

cludes key drafted Digital Health Regulations on data exchange, the use of e-health applications and technologies, and health information management.

Speaking during a meeting held in Nairobi, Dr. Patrick Amoth, the Director-General (DG) for Health, stated that the Act aligns with the country's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), as it addresses the digitization of the health system. "With the digital health law, we will be able to achieve better healthcare through the use of advanced technology, which underpins the

rollout of our Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF)," he said.

The DG further explained that the Ministry has formulated the Primary Health Act, which will deliver efficient healthcare services through the primary healthcare approach and care networks.

Dr Amoth noted that the Ministry wants to develop a digital superhighway where all forms of technology from multiple streams are intertwined to ensure transparency of data from any facility.

"We are working together with the Office of

the Data Protection Commissioner to ensure that the data sharing process will have several steps of approval before it is shared," he stressed.

The Director General stated that the Ministry, through the Digital Health Agency, is working with other relevant bodies to ensure that an individual's data is secure from cyber criminals. "Our wish in the future is to have a system that can identify a doctor, his registration number and the facility where he or she is based and whether the person is qualified to offer the service," he said. During

the meeting, the Ministry of Health Legal Division Representative Justice Thuranira said the Data Exchange Regulation, has a mandate of not only providing the exchange of health information within the system, but also ensuring the administration and management of the system.

"In the administration of the system, the Digital Health Agency shall be guided by digital health standards issued by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Information Communication and Technology (ICT) the Digital Economy," he stated.



The Director General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth addresses stakeholders during a meeting on the regulations for the Digital Health Act

Youth urged to leverage global startup networks at Latitude 59

BY GIFT MAINA AND PATIENCE MABONGA, KNA

Kenyan youth in the innovation startup space have been urged to capitalize on partnerships with key stakeholders, which will enable them to turn their ideas into viable business ventures. Emmanuel Kata Kimeu, Secretary for ICT - Security and Audit Control at the State Department of ICT and Digital Economy, stated that the youth play a crucial role in driving the country's economic

growth and supporting the government's digitalization agenda. Speaking in Nairobi during Latitude59's event to celebrate the local technology ecosystem and connect startup communities around the world, Kimeu expressed appreciation for the Estonian delegation. He noted that events like this inspire and equip the youth with the tools and networks needed to transform their innovative ideas into impactful enterprises. "This event, held in Nairobi, reinforces Kenya's position as one of the most preferred destinations for

startups globally. We appreciate Latitude59 for its aim to support the growth, impact, and global recognition of the local startup ecosystem and business," Kimeu said. Kimeu explained that Latitude 59, Estonia's flagship startup and tech event, held in Nairobi, was the second satellite edition.

"The inaugural event last year attracted nearly 800 participants, and this year, we expect to welcome over 2,000 technology and startup enthusiasts from across the globe. This gathering serves as



CEO Latitude59 Liisi Org, speaking in Nairobi during the 2nd edition of their satellite event to celebrate the local tech ecosystem and connect startup communities around the world.

a bridge between Estonia and Kenya's startup ecosystems, fostering collaboration and the exchange of ideas. Kenya's

dynamic and youth-led tech community presents unique perspectives and solutions that can enrich the global tech land-

scape," he highlighted. Latitude59 provides a platform for not only African but also international founders to make valuable connections. Participants have the opportunity to discuss their innovations, forge partnerships, and build international relationships. During a media engagement on the sidelines of the workshop, Liisi Org, CEO of Latitude59, called on all startups to prioritize sustainability in their business practices and position themselves positively in the eyes of prospective investors.

KWS strengthens conservation efforts with historic recruitment of 1,274 rangers

BY ARNOLD LINGA
MASILA, KNA

For years, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has been at the forefront of protecting the country's biodiversity. However, the organization's impact is no longer confined to conservation alone. Its broader mission now includes community empowerment, job creation, and economic diversification through eco-tourism, which plays a pivotal role in realizing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

By blending conservation with community development, KWS is shaping a more sustainable future for both wildlife and local populations. It is demonstrating that preserving natural resources can fuel long-term economic growth.

One of the most striking initiatives under KWS's broader mission is the recruitment of 1,274 rangers from all 47 counties, a historic milestone in the organization's 35-year history. These rangers represent a new generation of wildlife protectors who will combat poaching and wildlife trafficking, while also contributing significantly to Kenya's fight against climate change, according to Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Tourism and Wildlife Rebecca Miano.

The recruitment process saw the inclusion of many youth, particularly women, into the conservation field, marking a transformative shift in the sector. The exercise focused on improving security and served as a



President William Ruto inspects a guard of honour mounted by graduating rangers at the KWS Law Enforcement Academy at Manyani, Taita Taveta County.

powerful tool for addressing unemployment and empowering young Kenyans, the CS added.

She added that in addition to the ranger recruitment, 150 cadets are in the recruitment process and will soon report to the Manyani Law Enforcement Academy for nine months of training which will enhance operational efficiency and capacity to address conservation challenges.

In her speech at the passing-out parade of the new rangers at the KWS Law Enforcement Academy at Manyani in Taita Taveta County the Cabinet Secretary (CS) emphasized the importance of

gender inclusivity in the conservation workforce, noting that it is the surest way of preserving Kenya's heritage.

"This passing-out parade has the highest percentage of ladies ever in the history of Kenya's ranger recruitment. We aim to bring on board as many young women to the wildlife conservation space as possible. Women are born and wired to nurture and groom, and it is fitting that they play an active role in preserving Kenya's heritage," said the CS. KWS champions gender inclusivity and emphasizes the organization's commitment to equity and empowerment,

ensuring that youth and women are integral to the future of conservation.

While tourism remains one of the most important contributors to Kenya's economy, KWS is working tirelessly to ensure that the sector continues to thrive while promoting sustainable development.

Through its eco-tourism initiatives, including the opening of 122 new sites for private investors, KWS is not only increasing bed capacity in national parks but also creating new revenue streams for local communities.

These sites provide opportunities for private sector engagement in eco-tourism, hospital-

ity, and other conservation-related enterprises.

These investments are projected to increase bed capacity from 1,800 to 4,031, driving job creation, stimulating the local economies, and enhancing Kenya's position as a premier tourist destination, CS Miano said.

Further, in a bold move to diversify tourism offerings, KWS

Our wildlife is nature's savings account, an irreplaceable fountain of life and vitality.

is rebranding key parks to premium status, making them more attractive to international tourists.

At the same time, the Service is also focusing on lesser-known parks like Mt. Elgon, Ruma in Homa Bay, Central Island in Turkana, Sibiloi in Marsabit, Ndere Island in Kisumu, among others, which are expected to benefit from a surge in tourism, efforts that are a win-win, ensuring that even the most remote regions of Kenya reap from the benefits of tourism not only through increased visitors but also through infrastructure improvements, job creation and the development of local businesses, she said.

Speaking at the KWS event, President William Ruto highlighted the immense economic potential of wildlife, stating that the sector is an investment and not just a cost.

"Our wildlife is nature's savings account, an irreplaceable fountain of life and vitality. Every conservation act is a thoughtful deposit into this account, yielding invaluable returns such as thriving habitats, clean air, pure waters, robust ecosystems, and a flourishing tourism sector," he said.

On the other hand, human-wildlife conflict remains a significant challenge in many parts of Kenya, particularly in areas close to wildlife habitats.

However, KWS has developed a multi-faceted approach to mitigate these conflicts by providing technological solutions and community support.

KVDA commissions Sh80 million boreholes to boost food security in drought hit Pokot Central

BY ANTHONY MELLY AND AGNETA CHEBET

The Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) has commissioned two Sh80-million boreholes in Masol Ward, Pokot Central Sub-County. This initiative aims to improve the livelihoods of local communities, promote peace, foster agricultural activities, and enhance overall food security.

According to the Authority, the two boreholes are part of the government's broader efforts to combat the effects of climate change and mitigate the severe droughts experienced in the region, which is considered one of the most arid and semi-arid areas of West Pokot County.

Speaking during the launch of the boreholes at Kalas village in Masol Ward, the Managing Director of the Kerio Valley Development Authority, Sammy Naporos, stated that the two boreholes, along with the ongoing rehabilitation of water banks, aim to improve local livelihoods, promote peace, foster agricultural activities, and enhance food security.

He further explained that access to water is expected to reduce competition over scarce resources, especially water.

Naporos said the initiative is part of the government intervention that represents a crucial step towards enhancing resilience against climate



KVDA commission borehole at Kalas village to improve livelihoods and foster peace and agriculture in West Pokot County. Photo by Anthony Melly.



impacts and improving the quality of life for the residents of Masol Ward.

He said for decades, Masol Ward faced marginalization, largely due to the migration of many individuals from the area in response to banditry attacks along the West Pokot-Turkana border.

"Masol Ward is char-

acterized by the most arid and semi-arid lands within West Pokot County, suffering the most severe effects of drought compared to other areas in the Kerio Valley region," Naporos said.

He indicated that KVDA is undertaking several drought mitigation ini-

tatives in the Kerio Valley region, facilitated by government intervention aimed at addressing the impacts of climate change in the nation as well as fostering peace among communities.

Naporos announced the launch of five programs, which include the construction of two boreholes in Kalas and Amuto villages, as well as three water pans located at Chepkuei, Selenka, Lodong'ot, and Chepserum.

"The total investment for these water projects amounts to Sh80 million," Naporos highlighted.

He expressed gratitude to the government and

parliament for support, which has enabled KVDA to execute the water project and other development projects through the allocation of necessary funds and resources.

"This initiative is expected to benefit 5,000 households for domestic use and provide water for 200,000 livestock," he said.

The managing director emphasized that the water project will significantly enhance livelihoods in the region.

He said Sigor Constituency faces persistent drought challenges and border insecurity, particularly in the Kerio Valley border areas, in-

cluding Sigor, Turkana South, and Turkana East.

He noted the existence of various collaborative programs in these border regions, particularly dams that foster community cohesion, such as those in Kadeng'oi and Lodong'oi, which serve both Sigor and Turkana East Constituencies.

Naporos added that the water project offers relief to communities that have struggled to access water, often having to travel long distances in search of it and supports peace initiatives along the borders of West Pokot and Turkana Counties.

Additionally, the Chairman of KVDA, Mark Cheserion, stated that the water projects commissioned are part of the government's drought mitigation program, which aims to provide the residents of the Kerio Valley area with access to clean water for both domestic use and livestock.

Cheserion emphasized that the authority will prioritize the implementation of its projects throughout the regions covered by KVDA.

He noted that the initiative is a long-term commitment by the government to assist residents in the more remote areas of the county, where water scarcity is primarily exacerbated by the impacts of climate change, thereby facilitating access to water for their needs and development plans.

UK injects Sh600m into Northern Frontier Counties' development project

BY ERICK KYALO, KNA

The United Kingdom has injected over Sh600 million into various projects in the northern frontier counties.

Speaking in Garissa after viewing an exhibition where beneficiaries showcased the products they acquired through UK-funded programs, the United Kingdom's High Commissioner to Kenya, Neil Wigan, said that the UK government had also started a program called Deris Wenaag to enhance peace and stability along the Kenya-Somalia-Ethiopia borders.

Deris Wenaag is a Somali word meaning "good neighborliness," and the program also seeks to strengthen the economic dynamics in the border

areas.

"We have amazing programs here in Garissa to help people from poor communities start businesses and improve their lives. We know the people are living in difficult conditions following years of drought and the insecurity threat from Al-Shabaab," Wigan said.

"We have talked to the regional commissioner and the county government about how they are providing security and how they are working with communities to build peace and better lives for themselves," he added.

Wigan was on a two-day tour of Garissa County to inspect various livelihood programmes funded by his government that aim to improve the lives of the citizens in the area.



UK High Commissioner to Kenya Neil Wigan and Northeastern Regional Commissioner John Otieno during an exhibition in Garissa by beneficiaries of UK-funded programmes. The High Commissioner is on a two-day tour of the county to inspect the projects.

He said the UK government has directly and indirectly partnered

with government and non-governmental organizations to set up programmes, among them a nutrition programme for children, and Kuza

Jamii, a loans' programme which advances credit to individuals to set up business.

North-Eastern Regional Commissioner, John Otieno, said the Kenyan government has been working closely with the UK on several issues including peace, cohesion and security.

"The UK government is funding organizations that are implementing programmes that go a long way in improving peace and development. We have programmes geared towards improving the livelihoods of the vulnerable groups," Otieno said.

"These projects will help in transitioning those below the poverty line to go beyond the poverty and become self-sustaining," he added.

Migori County Government partners with Rotary Club to establish a public library in Migori town

BY GEORGE AGIMBA,
KNA

The County Government of Migori has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rotary Club of Suna Migori to set up a modern public library within the County.

Chief Officer for Gender, culture and sports, Prof. Rose Odhiambo and the President of the Rotary Club, Peter Gwengi signed the MoU that will see a first-ever public library established within Migori town.

Currently, the County with a population of over 1.2 million people only boasts one small Public Library in Awendo town, about 20km away from the Migori County headquarters.

According to details contained in the MoU, the devolved government would be required to provide the building for the library, staff and fully manage the operations of

the Library in favorable conducive environment for learning.

On their side, the Rotary Club of Suna Migori would donate about 60,000 books (both foreign and local), provide 100 computers complete with internet gadgets, buy furniture and fix book shelves.

The agreement will also allow the two partners establish small community libraries in selected rural set ups within the county with available excess books and equipment.

President Gwengi, speaking shortly after signing the partnership before the County attorney Mr. Gradus Oluoch, said that the transformative partnership is an initiative that promises to enhance access to educational resources and promote a culture of reading among the people of Migori.

He further noted that his organization had decided to make a significant con-



Migori County government officials and Rotary Club of Suna-Migori members pose for a group photo outside County attorney's office soon after signing an MoU to establish a public library in Migori town. Photo by Clare Atieno

tribution to the local education sector through the assistance of an international donor, the Rotary

Club of Redondo Beach in USA that has donated about Sh8 million towards this course.

"We are happy that our sister Club from Redondo Beach who is our international donor, agreed with

our proposal to support the Migori County Government establishes a modern Library in Migori town to promote the culture of reading and boost learning among the people of Migori," he said.

On her part, M/s Odhiambo hailed the Club for honoring them with the noble project that she affirmed would go a long way to help the people of Migori learn more from the foreign books and especially those doing research works, "This library will form the foundation of a worthy learning trajectory for the local people this century, as it will offer a conducive environment for learning and doing research papers for people of all ages. We appreciate this gesture and thanks to the International donor," said the Chief Officer who was flanked by the Migori County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Education, Mrs. Rahab Robi

MoH calls for Stakeholder input on the proposed Digital Health Act 2023 regulations

BY DOUGLAS NAMUNANE (PCO)

The Ministry of Health is inviting members of the public to submit their views on regulations proposed in the Digital Health Act 2023.

State Department for Medical Services Principal Secretary Harry Kimtai said the ministry values feedback, underlining the Ministry's commitment to a robust public participation.

In a speech read on his behalf by Health Ministry Director General Dr. Patrick Amoth, the Principal Secretary said the ministry has planned extensive consultations with the public, healthcare providers, and key stakeholders on the proposed piece of legislation.

"We urge Kenyans to participate in all upcoming forums and share their feedback to refine these regulations further," the PS explained.

Mr. Kimtai said

the proposed regulations aim to establish a Comprehensive Integrated Health Information System to streamline data collection, storage, analysis, and sharing, while ensuring data security and patient privacy.

He said the Act will also facilitate seamless sharing of patient information while enhancing diagnosis, treatment, and continuity of care.

"The proposed regulations aim to empower individuals to securely access and share their medical records, giving them greater control over their health data," the Principal Secretary added.

Mr. Kimtai noted that once in operation, the proposed regulations seek to expand healthcare access through digital platforms, to underserved and remote areas, addressing disparities in healthcare delivery.

He said, to operationalize the Digital Health Act, 2023, the Ministry of Health,

in consultation with the Board of the Digital Health Agency and county governments, has developed the Digital Health Information Management Regulations, 2024 to ensure the safe management of health information through the Kenya Health Data Governance Framework.

"They provide procedures for the disclosure of personal health data and the management of complaints related to digital health," the Principal Secretary said.

He further stated the Digital Health Data Exchange Regulations, 2024 will govern the administration, management, and secure exchange of health information within the CIHIS while at the same time establishing guidelines for the implementation of the data exchange component of the system.

Also developed is e-Health applications and technologies. Mr. Kimtai described the use of e-health applications and technology regula-

tions as vital, reiterating that such regulations will apply to the provision of healthcare through certified digital health solutions, such as telemedicine and M-Health applications.

He said the proposed regulations in the Act is a transformative step towards leveraging digital technology to enhance healthcare delivery and equity across Kenya.

"The Digital Health Act, 2023, takes this commitment further, providing for the establishment of the Digital Health Agency.

"This agency is tasked with developing a comprehensive integrated digital health information system as well as ensuring robust data governance and the protection of personal health information," Mr. Kimtai stated.

The Principal Secretary said the proposed regulations further seek to support service delivery through digital health innovations, including telemedicine, e-waste disposal, and health tourism.

Nandi County issues nets to residents to combat malaria

BY LINET WAFULA (KNA)

The Nandi County Government has started a mass mosquito net distribution campaign.

The program, launched by Nandi Deputy Governor and Acting County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation, Dr. Yulita Cheruiyot, aims to protect residents from malaria in Tindiret and Aldai Sub-Counties, which bear the highest malaria burden in the county.

"Health is our top priority. As we kick off the distribution of mosquito nets across the county, let us use them to combat malaria, one of the greatest killer diseases in the country," she said.

The launch event was held at Kobuoj Forest Dispensary, marking the start of the 2023/2024 Mass Distribution Campaign of Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs).

The initiative is a collaborative effort between the county government, the national government, and other key stakeholders in the fight against malaria.

According to Dr. Cheruiyot, the program prioritizes vulnerable groups, including children under five, expectant mothers, and low-income households, ensuring equitable access to these life-saving nets.

"This initiative demonstrates our commitment to reduc-

ing malaria cases in Nandi County. By targeting the most affected areas and providing comprehensive education on prevention, we are taking a significant step toward improving public health," she stated.

The nets will be distributed through health facilities across the county. Residents have already started receiving text message notifications about collection dates of the nets.

The program also emphasizes community education, focusing on the proper usage and care of the nets as well as other preventive measures.

Malaria remains a major health concern in Kenya, particularly in regions like Nandi, where high-risk areas are more prone to outbreaks. Through the campaign, local authorities hope to reduce the prevalence of malaria, prevent deaths, and promote healthier communities.

Residents of Aldai and Tindiret Sub-Counties have welcomed the program, expressing optimism that the initiative will bring much-needed relief to affected families.

The exercise is digitised through a system which is an end-to-end process. This prevents the loss of the nets through corruption. Beneficiaries are required to produce their identification cards (IDs) for their details to be captured before they receive their nets.



INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY: Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites tenders for *Contract Names and Description as listed in the tender schedule below;*

Tender Reference No (RFX No.)	Tender Description	Bid Security	Closing/Opening Date
10000001232	Tender for Provision of Internet and Wide Area Network (WAN) Connectivity Services	Ksh. 540,000.00	07.01.2025
10000001233	Tender for Provision of Annual Support Maintenance on ICT Equipment (Laptops, Desktops and Printers)	Ksh. 40,000.00	07.01.2025
10000001234	Tender for Provision of Annual Support Maintenance on Server Room Precision Cooling Systems	Ksh. 36,000.00	10.01.2025
10000001235	Tender for Supply, Installation and Configuration of Teleconferencing Facility	Ksh. 2,000,000.00	07.01.2025
10000001236	Supply, installation and Renewal of Antivirus Software Licenses	Ksh. 73,000.00	10.01.2025

1. Tendering will be conducted under National open competitive method using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
2. Qualified interested tenderers may obtain further information during office **8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm- 4.00pm Monday to Friday** at the address given below.
3. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under March, 2024 tender documents, through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>.
4. Tenderers who are not yet registered with REREC must register their companies in order to participate in the tender using procurement supplier link that can be found from the website www.rerec.co.ke Supplier registration.
5. Tenders to be accompanied by a tender Security as stated above.
6. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender document submitted.
7. Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.
8. Completed tenders must be delivered to the SRM portal; <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> with scanned documents uploaded to the collaboration folder on or before closing/opening date and time as indicated above. A guide on tender submission labelled (Quick bidding reference) can be found in the REREC website <https://www.rerec.co.ke/Supplier-Bidding-Quick-reference-quide.pdf>
9. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
10. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line 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 and the results relayed electronically.
11. Late tenders will be rejected.
12. The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

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

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

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

Name: **Dr. Rose N. Mkalama;**

Designation: **Chief Executive**



MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, CREATIVE ECONOMY AND SPORTS

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SPORTS

VACANT POSTS

The State Department for Sports invites application from suitable qualified persons for the following vacant positions in the office of the Sports Registrar and Department of Sports.

1. Senior Assistant Sports Registrar six (6) posts

Basic Salary Scale	: Ksh.52,330 to Ksh.96,130 p.m. (CSG8)
House Allowance	: Ksh.35,000
Commuter Allowance	: Ksh.8,000
Non-Practising	: 15,000
Leave Allowance	: As provided in the Civil Service
Annual Leave	: 30 working days per financial year
Medical Cover	: As provided for in the Civil Service
Terms of Service	: Permanent and Pensionable
No. Posts	: Six (6) Posts

(a) Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this grade, an officer must have:-

- Served in the grade of Assistant Sports Registrar II Job Group 'I' or a related and comparable position in the Civil Service for a minimum period of three (3) years or its equivalent in the wider Public Service;
- Bachelor's degree in Law (LLB) from a recognized institution;
- A valid Practicing Certificate from Law Society of Kenya;
- Advocate of the High Court of Kenya;
- Diploma in Law from the law Council of Legal Education; and
- Certificate in computer Applications.

(b) Duties and Responsibilities

Duties and responsibilities at this level will entail-

- Analysing and processing applications for registration of sport organizations;
- Analysing and processing applications for licensing of professional sports bodies and professional sports persons;
- Undertaking litigation on behalf of the Office;
- Verifying information submitted by sports organization and sports persons to ensure compliance;
- Conducting name search for registration of new sports organizations and professional sports bodies; and
- Carrying out search on information contained in the registers for sports organization and bodies.

2. Principal Sports Officers Four (4 Posts)

Basic Salary Scale	: Ksh.52,330 to Ksh.96,130 p.m. (CSG8)
House Allowance	: Ksh.35,000
Commuter Allowance	: Ksh.8,000
Leave Allowance	: As provided in the Civil Service
Annual Leave	: 30 working days per financial year
Medical Cover	: As provided for in the Civil Service
Terms of Service	: Permanent and Pensionable
No. Posts	: Four (4) Posts

(a) Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this grade, an officer must have:-

- Served in the grade of Senior Sports Officer for a minimum period of three (3) years; and
- Demonstrated merit and ability as reflected in work performance and results.

(b) Duties and Responsibilities

Duties of an officer at this level will involve assisting the Director for Sports in the planning, formulation and implementation of the general policy on the promotion of sports and recreation in the country; establishing and maintaining continuous sports programmes and activities; preparing budgets and annual reports; coordinating bilateral agreements in the areas of sports development and training and development of personnel working under him/her.

3. Senior Sports Officer Eight (8) posts

Basic Salary Scale	: Ksh.46,120 to Ksh.65,860 p.m. (CSG 9)
House Allowance	: Ksh.28,000
Commuter Allowance	: Ksh.6,000
Leave Allowance	: As provided in the Civil Service
Annual leave	: 30 working days per financial year
Medical Cover	: As provided for in the Civil Service
Terms of Service	: Permanent and Pensionable
No. Posts	: Six (6) Posts

(a) Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this grade, an officer must have:-

- Served in the grade of Sports Officer I or in a relevant and comparable position in the public service for a minimum period of three (3) years; and
- Bachelor's degree in any of the following disciplines; Physical Education, Sports Science or Leisure and Recreation Management from a recognized institution;

Or

Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Sports Administration and Management lasting not less than two (2) years from a recognized institution;

- Certificate in Computer applications; and

- Demonstrated merit and ability as reflected in work performance and results.

(b) Duties and Responsibilities

For the officer at this level duties and responsibilities will entail: coordinating and evaluating fitness testing for trainees; maintaining and updating documentation centre for sports; developing sports talents; preparing teams and organizing sports competitions; advising on use of facilities and equipment; and recommending exceptionally talented athletes, sports federation, clubs or sports academies for further training; coordinating activities of sports federation; sensitizing sports fraternity on matters of national interest relating to HIV/AIDS, drugs and substance abuse; and coordinating programmes for vulnerable sports groups.

The advertisement can also be found in the Public Service Commission Website www.publicservice.go.ke and State Department for Sports' website <http://moyasa.go.ke> and My Government. Interested and qualified persons are requested to download PSC 2 forms from the Public Service Commission Website www.publicservice.go.ke in Duplicate fill them and attach copies of certificates, testimonials and copies of ID/Passport.

Duly completed forms should be forwarded to:-

**Principal Secretary
State Department for Sports
Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sport
P. O. Box 49849 – 00100 Nairobi**

Hand delivery forms should be submitted at Kencom House Second Floor Central Registry.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. They will be required to present original of their National Identity Card/Passport, academic and professional certificate, transcripts and testimonials during the interview.

Applications should be received on or before **3rd January, 2025, latest 5.00 pm.**

**Peter K. Tum, CBS
Principal Secretary
State Department for Sports**

CS Barasa urges stakeholders to support SHA rollout nationwide

BY EMMANUEL MASHA,
KNA

Health Cabinet Secretary Debora Mulongo Barasa has called on all partners and stakeholders to collaborate with her Ministry to achieve 100 percent Universal Health Coverage through the Social Health Authority (SHA).

Speaking after launching a SHIF registration initiative at the Garsen Market in Tana Delta Sub-County, Dr. Barasa emphasized the need for a whole-of-government approach and political goodwill for the successful implementation of SHA across the country.

She sought the support of development and implementing partners to ensure the success of the initiative.

Dr. Barasa appealed to political leaders to advocate for the SHA rollout in their counties and constituencies and urged all health workers across the country to provide quality services of international standards.

She also called on private healthcare providers who have not yet contracted their services with the Social Health Authority to do so, while encouraging Kenyans to register with and contribute to the Social Health



Health Cabinet Secretary Deborah Mulongo Barasa (standing centre in black headgear) witnesses the launch of a SHA registration campaign for Tana River County at the Garsen Market in Garsen Constituency

Insurance Fund (SHIF).

Acknowledging that many private facilities had not yet signed contracts with the Health Insurance Authority (SHA), Dr. Barasa noted that more than 2,700 had joined the initiative.

She assured healthcare providers that the payments for services rendered in October this year, amounting to Sh1.7 billion, had been released, and clarified that both public and contracted private facilities had started receiving payments.

The CS added that the process of settling outstanding

NHIF bills had started, and further said capitation for the primary health care fund was ongoing.

Dr Barasa highlighted that over 15,640,000 Kenyans had registered under SHA but noted that the number of dependents was relatively low, with only about two million registered.

She urged all Kenyans to register with the SHIF to protect themselves and their families, emphasizing the financial benefits of health insurance in avoiding financial burdens due to health-related conditions.

"We want to make sure that all Kenyans have 100 per cent quality services, access to essential medicines, human resources for health, and a digital platform for a healthy environment and digital ecosystem," she stated.

She emphasised the need to refine data from the defunct National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) and collaboration with the Ministry of Education to ensure children are included in the Social Health Authority for the country to achieve universal health coverage.

Migori County launches digital learning program for early childhood education

BY GEOFFREY MAKOKHA,
KNA

Migori County has launched a partnership with the technology-based platform EIDU to provide digital content to half of the early childhood development education (ECDE) centers in the county.

Speaking during the launch of the program, which will benefit ECDE learners in 348 learning centers in 2025, Migori County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Education, Sports, and Youths Rahab Robi, said the partnership will benefit younger learners.

Robi acknowledged that digital learning skills will equip ECDE learners with



Migori County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Education, Sports and Youths Rahab Robi (in red) exchanging digital materials with EIDU official Lilian Avugwi during the launch of the EIDU programme.

digital knowledge and empower them to shape their developing minds.

EIDU is a technology-enhanced platform that integrates various high-impact interventions into a single, coherent system that is

easy for teachers, students, and supporting staff to use.

EIDU aims to empower the county government's education system to improve learning outcomes through public education systems, starting with

foundational literacy and numeracy at the ECD levels.

Robi disclosed that the partnership will initially target 50 percent of the ECDE centers across the county, with the program being gradually rolled out to ensure that all learners have access to digital learning.

She noted that quality learning is the way to go in the 21st century, adding that the county will be recruiting more ECDE teachers to ensure learners have enough trainers for their tender age education.

EIDU official Lilian Avugwi said the Sh41-million programme will support 50 percent of all the ECDE centres in the county to give digital literacy to younger minds in pre-primary education (PP1 and PP2).

BRIEFS

Wajir unveils reseeding for livestock pastures

Wajir County's pastoralist communities have embarked on a rain-fed rangeland reseeding initiative aimed at replenishing depleted soil seed banks and promoting forage for their livestock.

Speaking during the launch in Wagalla Ward, County Administrator Abbey Yusuf emphasized the importance of the initiative in restoring pasturelands to support livestock-dependent livelihoods.

"Today, we have mobilized the communities in Wagalla and Qanyurey, and we are extending the reseeding initiative to other villages facing challenges with depleted natural pastures," Yusuf stated.

"The community is eager to participate since livestock keeping has been their traditional livelihood," he added. The reseeding program relies on indigenous grass seeds familiar to the local pastoralist communities, ensuring ecological suitability and sustainability.

By Hamdi Buthul, KNA

Majengo residents benefit from modern library

Residents of the Majengo informal settlement in Nanyuki, Laikipia County, have benefitted from a state-of-the-art library that is expected to cater to the learning needs of children in the area courtesy of AMG realtor's foundation.

Speaking during the official launch, Laikipia Governor Joshua Irungu noted that the library will promote education in informal settlement since children lack opportunity due to inaccessibility of facilities stocked with learning materials in the community.

"The facility is built at the heart of the informal settlement and will serve as an opportunity for the children here since they are the majority who lack such chances to learn," Irungu said.

The county boss revealed that the facility was stocked with more than 5,000 books and 30 computers to hone information technology skills and cultivate the culture of learning in the Majengo area.

Irungu added that the facility was equipped with all sorts of books including Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) syllabus targeting to ensure learners don't miss the opportunity despite economic hardship.

By Muturi Mwangi, KNA