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One on one with Nyeri County Legal Officer Mr. Kimani Rucuiya

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H.E Mutahi Kahiga receiving wheat flour donations from Bakex Miller Company's Director Mr. Benju Shah outside his office. The governor assured the team that the flour would only go to those that are genuinely in need.

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Members of Nyeri CPSB led by Paul Kimondo (left) after presenting their donations to H.E Muthahi Kahiga (centre). The effort is geared towards feeding the vulnerable people in Nyeri County in the wake of Covid-19.



County's efforts to cushion needy families, boost health sector

By governor's press team

The Covid-19 pandemic has thrust Kenya and indeed the entire globe into unprecedented times. Nyeri County has not been spared from these trying times, now that the county has also registered its first cases of Coronavirus. As such, there is need for heightened mitigation measures against the pandemic and against the economic implications it has had on the citizenry. To this end, the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Muthahi Kahiga has moved in swiftly to cushion its people from the vagaries of this quagmire. Nyeri has set aside a budget of Ksh. 154 million. Inclusive of that amount is a conditional grant to county governments for Covid-19 emergency response where Nyeri is to receive Ksh. 124 million. Nyeri has also set aside Ksh. 30 million in its supplementary budget for this intended purpose of meeting the health costs of the pandemic as well as for the disbursement of food items and other needs owing to the fact that many have been adversely affected. “We have reorganized our budget to manage the rising health costs and food distribution for the most vulnerable to the tune of a Ksh.154 million. We have

started a program of reaching out to them in a more organized and sustainable manner,” said governor Kahiga. In collaboration with the community, well-wishers and the national government, the governor also launched the Nyeri Emergency Covid-19 Fund which has seen many donations trickle into the kitty for this worthy cause. “We are doing this in the spirit of desiring to be as comprehensive as possible. We are fully aware that 80% of all our small businesses are at risk. We are united with the Central Region Economic Bloc (CEREB) to seek a solution to de-risking and providing the much needed life line to these small businesses,” added the governor. Governor Kahiga added that the donations are in the process of being repackaged and will be distributed to over 10,000 vulnerable families beginning next week. The county government has planned to be giving out the donations every week. The County Government of Nyeri wishes to thank those who have donated during these trying times of Covid 19. This kind gesture only shows the compassion and unity and as a county we do

not take it for granted.

The county government wishes to recognize the following donors who have so far heeded to the call to channel their support towards the Covid-19 kitty; Medlink Labs, Foundation for Dialogue, Kenya Secondary School Heads Association (KESSHA) Nyeri Chapter, World Vision Organization, Medsurge Healthcare Limited, Kenya Breweries Ltd, Bipin Shah of Kasturi Supermarket and Kibos Sugar Company Ltd.

Others are Ephantus Thuku (Adonai Foundation), Bakex Millers, Biashara Sacco, Family Bank, Taifa Sacco, Britam Insurance Company, One Acre Fund, Ministry of Health, Nyeri County Municipal Board, Nyeri County Public Service Board, Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Nyeri Chapter, Friends of the Governor, Maina Wandere among others.

For those who wish to further donate can do so through the Mpesa Paybill number is 400222, account number is 562706#Your Name.

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14,000 youths to benefit from Kazi Mtaani programme

By Jackline Gikunju

Nyeri governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga hosted a team of leaders from the national government in a courtesy call aimed at deliberating on current issues affecting the county. In the discussions, Youth and Gender Affairs Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Rachel Shebesh revealed that 14,000 youth from Nyeri County are set to benefit from the Kazi Mtaani programme which will launch soon. The programme is an initiative courtesy of H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, which seeks to cushion vulnerable youth with a daily income during the pandemic. Local administration such as chiefs, sub-chiefs and Nyumba Kumi will be involved in recruitment of the beneficiaries. Another pertinent issue raised by Nyeri women Representative Hon. Rahab Mukami was Gender Based Violence being on the rise. To address the issue, the leaders agreed to work jointly to

expand the GBV centers available in the county to protect more victims and offer solace especially at such a time when mental health is a relatable issue in the society. The governor took this opportunity to thank the team for the collaboration between the two levels of government, and highlighted that such a seamless cooperation has seen Nyeri enjoying developmental projects such as the ongoing construction of Ruring'u stadium and Chaka market. He also noted that the revitalization of the railway will open up the entire Mt. Kenya region for growth. Later, Hon. Mukami handed over cheques from Women Enterprise Fund, Uwezo Fund and National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) for empowerment of women groups. She encouraged more women to take the loans and congratulated Nyeri women for being in the lead for the uptake of

the loans.



Youth and Gender CAS Hon. Rachel Shebesh (second right) and Nyeri Women Rep Hon. Rahab Mukami (right) presenting a dummy cheque of Ksh. 7.2 million to officials of the Nyeri NGAAF office. On the left and top is Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga.



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Governor receives Ksh. 500,000 donation from Britam



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga (left) receiving a dummy cheque of Ksh 500,000 from Britam Insurance team. The governor revealed that the county has set aside Ksh. 154 million to cushion residents from the hard-hitting effects of the pandemic.

Story; Jackline Gikunju | Photo; Peter Wangari

As Nyeri continues to record more cases of Covid-19, measures to mitigate the effects of the pandemic continue being put in place by both the private and the public entities with Britam Insurance Company being the latest to join in the pool of Covid-19 fighters in the county.

A team from the insurance service provider led by their Principal Executive Director Ms. Gladys Karuri handed a cheque of Ksh. 500, 000 to Nyeri governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga, money that will go to the Nyeri Emergency Covid-19 Fund to aid in cushioning vulnerable families from the effects of

the pandemic. It will also be used in procuring protective gear for frontline healthcare workers in the county.

Ms. Karuri said that Britam was happy to support the fight against Covid-19 as the county charts new waters and pledged to walk with the government and Nyeri people every step of the way. She also encouraged Nyeri people to adhere to the stipulated guidelines.

Governor Kahiga expressed gratitude towards this noble gesture and gave an assurance that the funds will be used for the intended purpose. He also noted that everyone has to take personal responsibility in the fight against the

pandemic.

The governor further appreciated healthcare workers for being resilient in the fight and wished quick recovery to three medics who tested positive in the line of duty.

Out of the nine cases in the county, only one is symptomatic and hence this calls for vigilance.

While receiving the cheque from the Britam team, he revealed that the county has set aside Ksh. 154 million to cushion residents from the hard-hitting effects of the pandemic. He also publicized that the county government released 124 people on Tuesday from quarantine facilities after they successfully underwent quarantine and subsequently testing negative.

Nyeri has a bed capacity of 1,018 beds in its public medical facilities and in line with the president's directive, over 300 will be set aside in reserve in case Covid-19 cases spike in the county. The county will also be receiving 2,000 test kits in the next two days to facilitate targeted testing.

Fire brigade



County fire brigade battles out an inferno at Kangemi estate.

The usually unforeseen tragedy of fire struck a family in Kangemi estate in Nyeri town. The fire brigade responded swiftly and contained the situation. The county fire brigade is well equipped with modern engines that are operated round the clock to offer assistance whenever required. In the event of any disaster or emergency, kindly reach out to them through 061 2032961- Nyeri town fire station or 0721367998- Karatina town fire station.

Story and photo| Dynah Mwangi

One on one with Nyeri County Legal Officer Mr. Kimani Rucuiya



What is the difference between the County Legal Officer and County Attorney?

I think depending on context, it may differ from county to county. Some counties have the County Attorney as the head of the legal unit, others director of legal services and others county legal officers as the head like our case. This is however being standardized through the County Attorneys Bill which has already passed at the National Assembly and currently awaiting Senate's approval. The term adopted in the Bill is the County Attorney. This is the term adopted in our recently approved staff establishment. I think it is fancier, and you know how we lawyers hold ourselves with glorious self-importance. Well-earned though.

What are the responsibilities of the county legal officer?

Well, they are quite a number, but let me sum it up by saying he/she is the principal legal advisor to the county government. It involves representing the county government in disputes, legal and legislative drafting, MoU and contract negotiation, general advisory on legal issues and governance and often times due to being in the executive side of government, may include administrative functions.

Are the responsibilities of a county legal advisor different with those of the legal advisor to the governor?

Professionally, maybe not. But in principle the legal advisor is limited to professional advice to the governor. The advisor has no responsibility toward other county executives or county institutions. The county legal advisor/officer or county attorney has greater responsibility as he / she advises the whole county government and its agencies on legal issues. This responsibility extends to advice to the governor as the head of the county government.

Do you think Nyeri people are enlightened much about the Nyeri county by-laws?

Nyeri people are predominantly law abiding citizens. They are informed and participate actively in governance. They have appreciation of by-laws and by extension subsidiary legislation passed by the County Assembly. I think the onus is on government to do more sensitization and particularly my unit in conjunction with the civic and public participation unit. We have embarked on changes to bolster this aspect of governance.

What leads to people filing a case in court involving any county government?

Whenever people feel they are aggrieved and have suffered as a result of a decision or inaction by the county government they file a case in court. At times this is inevitable simply because the executive is the

implementing arm of government and most likely to interfere with people's rights. Our role is to ensure such scenarios are anticipated and mitigated. To this end, H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga's government has significantly reduced the approximated legal liability from an initial sum in excess of Ksh. 2 billion in 2017 to just about Ksh. 500 million currently. This simply means that if we lost all cases currently in court, we would need to allocate approximately Ksh. 500million to cover the costs. This is a significant improvement to ensuring money is utilized for its principal purpose. It has taken a lot of effort to win cases and settle others out of court to avoid these liabilities. Without the governor's leadership, the achievements this far would not have been possible.

What are the most common cases in Nyeri?

Land cases. Mostly inherited from the defunct local authorities as a result of double allocations of plots, allotment of non - existent plots, missing records on transfers and plot exchanges e.t.c.

Does the County Government of Nyeri have alternative ways of conflict resolution mechanisms?

Yes, we do. The governor for instance is a stellar negotiator based on his background. I am trained in arbitration and have gained professional experience in negotiation. With this and many other professional experiences among the CECs, the County Public Service Board and generally our staff the county government has settled many a dispute before they escalate to court and others out of court.



Tell us about the process of developing a bill at the county level before it becomes a law.

A government sponsored bill is generated by individual departments. A draft is developed by the legal unit on instructions by the department. Stakeholder engagements are done including consultation with the relevant County Assembly committee. The bill is then moved to the Executive Committee by a cabinet paper introducing the legislative proposal. Once approved, technical review is requested to the Kenya Law Reform Commission, if they were not involved from the very beginning, before submission to the County Assembly. From there the bill is now the responsibility of the Leader of Majority at the County Assembly as the driver of government business in the House. The bill moves through readings before the House, the relevant committee, publication, public participation and approval by the whole house before it is presented to the Governor for Assent. Once assented and subsequently published by the executive it becomes law.

What is the role of the legal officer in legislation, research and legal policy issues?

Technical advice on the legal parameters to work within when developing a policy.

For how long should county legislation be reviewed?

Ideally, after three years.

What does it entail when one is preparing legal opinions?

Understanding the context under which the opinion is sought. Understanding the decision, the user intends to take. Understanding the law and application of it to the circumstances of the legal dilemma the user of the opinion wishes to cure.

Having served in the private sector, civil society and now the county government how would you term the experience especially for the youth in public service?

I am a youth. However, and more importantly, with all the negativity surrounding this age group I can proudly say my age, to the best of my knowledge, has never come up in my professional career. It never did when I served in my father's law chambers as an assistant, it never did when I served as a pupil, legal officer and acting Coordinator of the Forced Migration Program at Kituo Cha Sheria and it is yet to be an issue in my current position as the head of the legal unit. I think the knowledge that so much is expected, and the respon-

sibility that only a few young people have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity at this age is a good enough motivation to try and be better day by day and compete in a space where we are predominantly a minority. To say it has been without many challenges would be untruthful but the trust and support my bosses have offered me is immeasurable. I am forever grateful to those I have served under

and now especially, H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga and the County Secretary.

Would you say you have had a career defining moment?

Maybe it is still too early to say so but I think yes, I have. I acted for Kituo Cha Sheria and argued submissions on behalf of Kituo Cha Sheria in the landmark refugee law case of Kenya National Commission on Human Rights & another v Attorney General & 3 others [2017] eKLR.

This was the biggest constitutional case of early 2017 where the court pronounced itself on the right to non-refoulement. It generated a lot of publicity with international journalist interviews with BBC, human sphere and locally with NTV, KTN and the like. It was quickly followed by a win at the Court of Appeal on Dadaab Refugee Camp closure.

TOP: Rucuiya guiding Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga during the signing of contracts for CECs in a past event. BELOW: The County Legal Officer (3rd left) with other officers and the governor carrying out a similar task.



Karatina town residents laud government for improvement of infrastructure



PHOTOS| JOSEPH WAMBUGU

Residents of Karatina town in Mathira East sub county have thanked the government for improvement of local drainage system, street lighting and roads within the town.

The residents said they are happy with the County Government of Nyeri since the residents have witnessed major projects within the town which are benefiting local wananchi directly.

“We are happy with the work of governor Mutahi Kahiga. Women were very much affected initially due to poor drainage but now we can see ongoing work. Kibaki road is now being upgraded to bitumen standard. Most of the roads have been recarpeted. Let us keep politics aside,” said Veronicah Kiprono, a local trader.

Others said street lighting projects have also improved security in the town and also extended working hours.

Another resident Geoffrey Munyiri said this is the first time to witness such major projects in town for the last 50 years he has been living here.

He said the projects have improved business working operations.

The residents also told off those criticizing the erection of the sign boards saying they are necessary and mandatory for any project.



Stakeholders planting trees at Githwariga Primary School, Nyeri town to commemorate World Environment Day.

World Environment Day commemorated

Story and photo| Rahab Muthoni

The World Environment Day which is commemorated on the 5th of June annually, was celebrated in Nyeri at Githwariga Primary School whereby various officials and those from the Department of County Public Service Management, Environment and Sanitation (CPSMES) gathered for tree planting.

The universal theme for the day was ‘time for nature’, with ‘biodiversity for sustainable livelihood’ being the Kenyan slogan which emphasized on the need to give nature time to heal.

100 tree seedlings of the Grivellea species that had been donated by Wambugu Farm were planted at the school’s environment.

However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the number of people who took part in the exercise was limited hence members of the community and the school pupils were not involved.

Various issues were highlighted such as the need to educate people on the need for environmental conservation and the need to increase forest cover not only in Nyeri but also the entire country to achieve a forest cover of at least 10% noting that planting of trees should be a personal responsibility.

The department’s CEC, Madam Beth Karimi, who was leading the team, emphasized on the need to take care of nature. She also added that we are in the world for a reason hence we should leave a positive mark behind.

The CEC noted that there is need to consider including fruit trees while planting trees in school environments for nutritional purposes as well as to attract more children from needy backgrounds to school.

Vocational Training Centres revitalization

Education CAS Zack Kinuthia (right), Nyeri Education CEC Margaret Macharia (left) and Education director James Kiretai during a recent visit of CAS in Nyeri.



Story & photo | Rahab Muthoni

Education Chief Administrative Secretary, Zack Kinuthia, paid a visit to the CEC for Education and Sports, Margaret Macharia, where they discussed the revitalization of Vocational Training Centers (VTCs) in Nyeri County. The CEC briefed the CAS on the progress that has been made in the VTCs in terms of establishment of workshops, infrastructural develop-

ment and equipping of the VTCs. The CAS commended the efforts made by the County Government of Nyeri noting that it is doing well compared to other counties. He also urged the county government to put more effort so as to give an equivalent of what the National Government is giving, that is, shilling for shilling. However, the CEC explained the challenges that hinder

this, such as salaries that take up to 50% of the total amount but assured that the amount that is left is put to maximum use to improve the VTCs. Mr. Kinuthia also visited Mbaaini VTC in Wamagana ward, Tetu sub-county and was impressed by its status. He urged the VTC's management to do what is in their power to make the institution a better learning environment.

Donation

H.E Mutahi Kahiga (left) receiving donations in terms of health care fittings and food stuffs from Nyeri businessman Mr. Maina Wandere (WanderJoy). The healthcare fittings will go to the local medical facilities to help patients who are in need of them while the food stuffs will go directly to vulnerable families adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in Nyeri County.



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From left Lands Chief Officer Hannah Maranga, officer Miriam Wambugu and Lands CEC Dr. Kwai Wanjaria during the meeting.

Physical planning of Chaka and Othaya towns

Story & photo | Andrew Kariuki

The County Government of Nyeri through the department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urbanization (LHPPU) held a preliminary meeting with physical planners from the national government tasked to assist in the planning of Chaka and Othaya towns. The planning of such towns is done in accordance to measured guidelines in the Physical Planning Act 2019 and Urban and Cities Act.

The team, led by Miriam Wambugu, is tasked to oversee the proper planning and survey so as to create a better urban spatial plan for these towns.

Social visit for two Kieni West families

By Dynah Mwangi

Officers from the department of Gender, Youth and Social Services visited two Kieni West families one of which is a vulnerable family at Bondeni village, Mweiga ward. The family of four has two of the siblings living with mental disability. This family received donations of beddings and foodstuff.

Afterwards, the officers joined the Endarasha community in an initiative to raise building materials for the victims who were hit by a fire tragedy recently at Mwi-yogo village, Endarasha ward. The fire suspected to have been caused by electrical defaults razed down the entire family's dwelling unit. Nothing was rescued from the house but no casualties were reported. This family received donations of some building materials.

Kikuyu Council of Elders offer donations

Story: Njambi Mugo | Photo: Peter Wangari

Following the governor's call for well-wishers to join in the fight against Covid-19, the Kikuyu Council of Elders, Nyeri chapter donated assorted food stuffs to the Nyeri Emergency Covid-19 Fund.

The team led by the chairman Dr. Eng. David Muthoga lauded the governor for the good work he has been doing, further adding that the donation will go a long way in feeding the families adversely affected during this pandemic. Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga thanked them for this noble gesture assuring them that the donation will be distributed to families who are genuinely in need following the negative effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. The governor added that the donations

are in the process of being repackaged and will be distributed to over 10,000 vulnerable families beginning next week. The county government has planned to be giving out the donations every week. He further noted that plans are underway through the Department of Health to find a 300 bed capacity as recommended by the Ministry of



Nyeri Governor H. E Mutahi Kahiga (left) receiving donations from Kikuyu Council of Elders, Nyeri Chapter Chairman David Muthoga (right).

Health (MoH) for symptomatic patients while asymptomatic patients are being referred to home-based care.

Home-based care guidelines for patients with Covid -19

By Muthoni Kanja



As Kenya sees a surge in number of persons with Covid-19, it has come to a point where accommodating all patients for hospital based care is challenging. As such, the Ministry of Health is seeking to prioritize cases of those with the highest probability of a poor outcome who include; patients with underlying chronic conditions.

A safe home based care should therefore be considered as an alternative for patients with suspected Covid-19 with mild or no symptoms. However this should be done with guidance from accredited medical and public health officials.

Before making any decision on home based care, a careful clinical judgment based on the diagnosis and an informed assessment of the home environment should be considered for suitability. In case of an informal settlements where households share small spaces an institution that meets the criteria will be identified and recommended. In rural setups the 'Nyumba kumi' initiative will support care in the communities.

A trained health care worker should conduct assessment to identify whether the set up is suitable for providing care by ensuring that, the patient is stable to receive care from home, appropriate caregivers are available, the patient does not share immediate space with others, the patient and other members of the household have access to recommended personal protective equipment and that there is no household member who is at an increased risk of complications from COVID-19 infection like individuals above 65 years of age, young children, pregnant women or people with immunocompromised conditions.

While the patient is under home based care programme they should strictly adhere to some procedures which are:

- The room they are in should be well- ventilated.
- Limit movement of the patient in the house, shared spaces should be well ventilated, only a caregiver is allowed into the isolation room until the patient has fully recovered and tested negative as per the protocol.
- Perform hand hygiene at all times and preferably use a disposable paper towel or use a single clean cloth towels which should be washed with soap and water.
- Ensure the patient is wearing a facemask at all times and for those who cannot tolerate a facemask, they are advised to cover their nose or mouth with a disposable tissue or a handkerchief that should be washed and disinfected using 0.5% chlorine bleach.
- Care givers should always wear a facemask covering their nose and mouth when in the same room with the patient. The mask should not be touched and if it gets wet or dirty through secretions, it should be replaced immediately. Remove the mask from behind, discard it and wash or sanitize your hands immediately. Do not reuse masks or gloves.
- For patients, a dedicated linen for beddings and clothing as well as utensils should be used. After use, they should be cleaned using regular laundry soap and water or machine wash at 60-90 degrees. The linen should be thoroughly dried and stored in a laundry bag. Do not shake soiled laun-

dry to avoid contaminated materials from coming into contact with skin or clothes.

- Avoid direct contact with body fluids, especially oral respiratory secretions and stool.
- Daily clean and disinfect "high-touch surfaces" where the patients are cared for such as bed tables, bed frames and other bedroom furniture.
- Clean and disinfect bathroom and toilet surfaces at least twice a day.
- Gloves, masks and other waste generated during homecare should be placed into a waste bin lined with yellow or red with a lid before disposing it as infectious waste under the guidance of a public health officer.
- Avoid other exposure to contaminated items from the patient's immediate environment, example do not share toothbrushes.
- A caregiver should immediately contact a healthcare worker in case the patient develops any complications.

The County Government of Nyeri is working round the clock to ensure a conducive transition for those patients who will undergo homebased care programme. The leadership wishes to assure Nyeri citizenry of a partnership especially at this time of the pandemic. Healthcare workers have also been sensitized and armed with information useful for the success of this program. Proper communication channel has been established for easy monitoring and follow up for patients under home based care.

Nyeri benefits with 109 km tarmac road from the national government



Story; Njambi Mugo | Photo; Peter Wangari

H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga hosted leaders from the national government led by Transport CS James Macharia, who was inspecting the progress of the ongoing Mau Mau road.

This is a historical road and is set to honour our freedom fighters. Nyeri will benefit with 109 kilometres which will be tarmacked, from a road that will link the four counties of Kiambu, Mu-

rang'a, Nyeri and Nyandarua and is set to be complete by December.

This project will greatly benefit Nyeri County as it will connect with the other three counties significantly improving the economy of the County and the wider Mt. Kenya region. Further, the youth will directly benefit through employment in road construction works.

The governor thanked H. E President Uhuru Kenyatta for this project and

others including the modern Chaka Market, Ruring'u stadium and revival of Nairobi-Nanyuki railway which will be a great boost to Mt. Kenya region.

He also requested the national government if funds are available to allocate it to the building of a new modern bridge at Chania River which will open up Nyeri town.

Inspection of Ruring'u stadium as work resumes

Story; Njambi Mugo | Photo; Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga together with Sports and Culture CAS Hassan Noor visited Ruring'u stadium in Nyeri Central sub county to check on its progress.

The CAS urged the contractor to ensure he completes the

work within the shortest time possible since a lot of time has already been lost before he resumed work recently. Work at the stadium had stalled for three years.

The CAS who was accompanied by National Sports Fund Board CEO John Mark Wambugu also emphasized on the timeline saying that the contractor only had 90 days to complete the stadium even if it meant increasing labour. He encouraged him to work on the football pitch subsequently with the pavilion.

Governor Kahiga, also urged the contractor to commit himself fully to complete the project noting that the county government has done its part in constructing the perimeter wall which is almost complete.

Nyeri Town MP Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu echoed these sentiments adding that nothing should delay the completion since all resources are available.



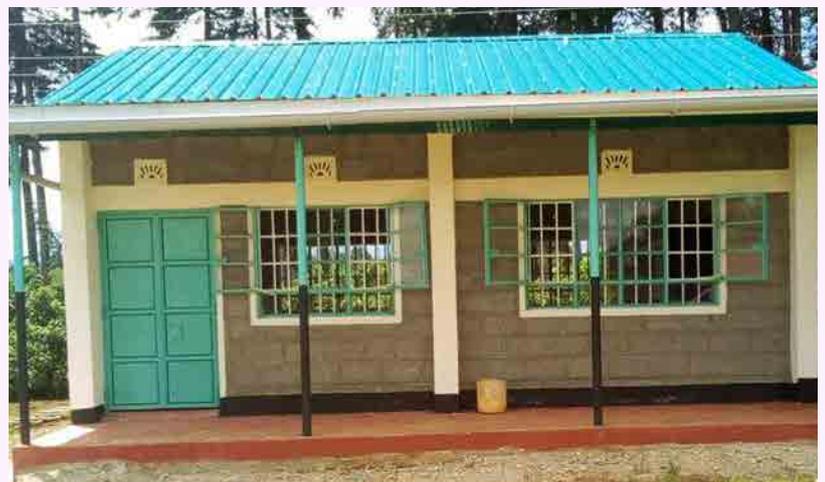


The new face of Ragati ECDE centre classes in Karatina ward, Mathira East sub-county. This will provide a conducive learning environment for learners once schools resume.

Renovation work of Unjiru ECDE classes in Karatina ward, Mathira East sub county in progress. This will provide a conducive environment for learners.



Kahara ECDE toilets in Konyu ward, Mathira East sub-county almost complete. The toilets which have been in a poor state are now better and safer for use by the learners.



Construction of an ECDE classroom at Kimahuri, Kabaruru ward, Kiambu East sub-county is now complete and ready for use.



Interior and exterior plastering of building blocks is ongoing at Nyeri Bus Termini in Nyeri town. Also, construction of waiting bays and SACCO booths is nearing completion.

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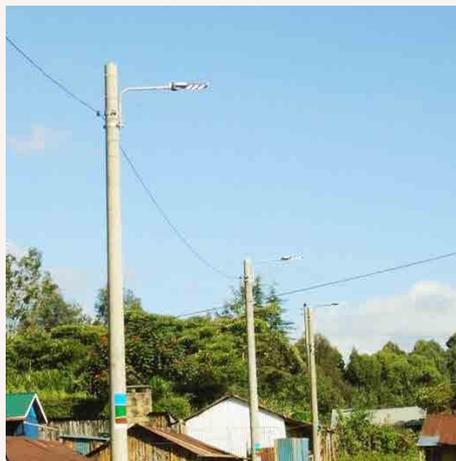
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Recently upgraded Dry Junction Kimahuri Road in Kabaruru ward, Kieni East sub-county.



Recently installed high mast flood light (Mulika mwizi) at Expages shopping centre in Mweiga ward.



Newly installed streetlights in Karandi Shopping Centre in Ruguru ward, Mathira West subcounty. The streetlights will advantage the residents of the area through advanced security and longer trading hours.



The recently upgraded Kareko - Kinyua road in Thegu River ward, Kieni East sub county.



Ongoing upgrading of Kamuyu Jericho Road in Kamakwa ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.



The recently upgraded Saigon Road in Karatina ward, Mathira East sub-county.

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The recently upgraded Giakairu Road in Karatina town, Karatina ward in Mathira East sub county.



The newly installed street lights at Lusoi trading Centre, Thegu River ward, Kiini East sub county. Other areas which have benefited with similar projects include Kwa J, 15 Farm, Brookside Chaka among others.



Access roads leading in and out of the new Nyeri Bus Termini in Nyeri town are under construction with sections undergoing full primal works and patchwork.



Recently upgraded Kiruhiga access road in Chinga ward, Othaya sub-county. Height barrier has also been installed to keep off heavy vehicles which will use an alternative route that is already tarmacked.



Ongoing upgrading of Soweto Njuki road in Naromoru/Kiamathaga ward, Kiini East sub-county.



Ongoing murraming of Kiangondu-Keeni access road in Mukurwe-ini Central ward.



Ongoing upgrading of Mortuary- Mosque - Old - Sewage road in Rware ward, Nyeri Central sub-county, culverts are also being installed on the road to ease drainage.

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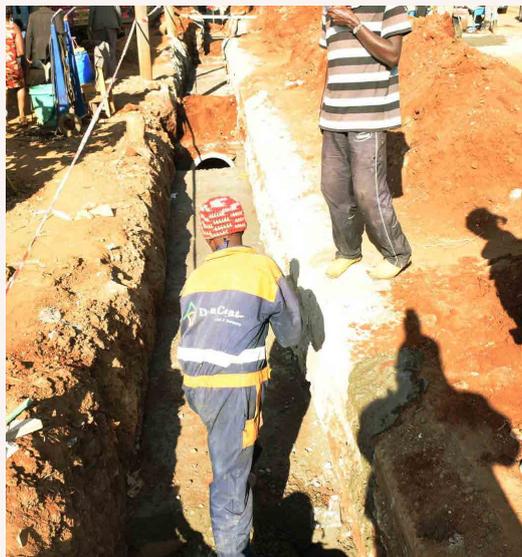
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Ongoing culverts installation and upgrading of Kamuya bridge-road which connects Sagana and Iruri sub-locations in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub-county.



Ongoing biogas project in Aguthi / Gaaki ward, Tetu sub-county. Five sub-locations will benefit with phase 1 of the project.



Improving and maintenance of drainage system in progress along Kibaki Road in Karatina town, Karatina ward, Mathira East.



Ongoing upgrading of Kinyogondo road in Gikondi ward, Mukurwe-ini sub-county.



Ongoing upgrading of Muriru PCEA road in Gakawa ward, Kieni East sub-county.



Ongoing upgrading of Kagayo Circuit road in Ruring'u ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.