



► Further, the county government has also murrammed 660 kms, tarmacked 12 kms and recarpeted 11.8 kms in Nyeri and Karatina towns in the last three years.

Kshs. 42.7 million bridges connect Nyeri



Kinyariti bridge in Iria-ini Mathira ward, Mathira East sub county and Matiriongo bridge in Chinga ward, Othaya. These are some of the 14 bridges which have been constructed by the Department of Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure and Energy in the last three years.

By Governor's Press Unit

A bridge is a structure that provides a means to transport animals, agricultural produce and people from one side to another improving accessibility across villages and neighborhoods.

For many years, Nyeri residents have called upon the County Government of Nyeri to build bridges in their areas to ease their movement noting that most of the bridges had not been repaired since pre-colonial times.

It is for this reason that the County Government of Nyeri under the stew-

ardship of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has constructed a total of 14 bridges; seven bridges/ box culverts and seven foot bridges at a cost of over Kshs. 47.2 million in the last three years.

The box culverts/ bridges include; Maragima, Kinyaiti, Kiragati, Njanjara, Kuria-Witemere, Gathambara and Matiriongo.

The foot bridges include; Kirimukuyu, Kirichu-Thagwanja, Ha Kaburia, Kahiga-Kahira-ini, Kimumu-Karunda, Gatei and Mutito.

Nyeri Transport, Public Works, Infra-

structure & Energy CEC, Muthui Karuiuki noted that this is an effort geared towards significantly improving the county's economy through easing the transportation of goods and movement of people consequently improving revenue streams from trade. The county government has built bridges and footbridges in 12 wards in the county as part of the ward specific projects forwarded by the area residents through their MCAs.

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Kirimukuyu Foot Bridge



According to Kirimukuyu ward MCA Hon. Muriithi Ndagita, the new bridges have also improved social interactions promoting intermarriages within communities; however visiting relatives has always been a challenge. With the new bridges, this challenge has since been addressed. The MCA expressed his gratitude to H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga for supporting the construction of the 42-metre Kirimukuyu Foot Bridge along Sagana River noting the significance of this project which has helped connect and ease the movement of the people of Mutathi-ini and Aguthi Gaaki areas.

Aguthi Gaaki MCA Hon. Stanley Wakibia reiterated the importance of this bridge locally known as Nd-unduguthu Bridge adding that it will ease transportation of goods and movement of people.

“The foot bridge has helped connect the areas of Kirimukuyu and Ithekahuno. I also appeal to the county government to murram roads leading to the bridge to ease movement particularly during the rainy season,” noted Robert Gitahi, area resident.

Charles Ngunjiri also echoed Gitahi's words noting that from time immemorial, they have not witnessed such development.

He expressed his gratitude towards the county government for building them the bridge noting that it will significantly boost economic activities between the villages since peo-

ple can easily access each other and engage in economic activities.

Matiriongo Bridge



According to Maingi Karua, a resident from Ngaru, he expressed his gratitude to the County Government of Nyeri and area MCA Hon. Kiruga Thuku noting that this is the first time the Matiriongo Bridge in Chingga ward, Othaya has been built since pre-colonial period. The double box culvert/bridge has benefitted area residents from Mucharage, Gathera and Karuriri areas.

“The bridge which runs along Chingga River has brought forth significant positive effects to the area and has eased the transportation of tea leaves which posed a major challenge,” said Maingi.

“I am very grateful to the county government for this development which has eased the movement of goods and people between the two villages. Previously, we used to take long routes to access either of the villages or transport our tea leaves, but this bridge has now put these challenges to bed,” added Karuno Wairimu.

Edith Wambui, a resident of Chingga ward thanked the governor for this project which has notably made their lives easier.

Kahiga- Kahira-ini Foot Bridge

Bernard Mwangi and Rose Nyaguthii noted that the 36-metre long

Kahiga- Kahira-ini Foot Bridge



Kahiga- Kahira-ini Foot Bridge in Kiganjo/Mathari ward which runs along River Tana has significantly transformed their lives.

“The bridge has provide a safe passage for students particularly from Kahiga Secondary School, who missed school on most days as they could not cross over the river and also eased the residents access to Kahiga Dispensary,” added Mwangi.

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“I am very grateful to the governor for this project and as the residents of Kiganjo/Mathari ward we are very happy with this development. It has boosted economic activities between the two areas as we can now easily trade farm produce such as milk products and vegetables,” noted Nyaguthii.

Area MCA Hon. Muthoni Kuruga echoed her colleague's sentiments noting that the foot bridges constructed were part of the 2019/2020 ward specific projects and have simplified the movement of people and transportation of goods.

“I wish to thank Governor Kahiga for his continued support and the harmonious collaboration between the executive and the assembly, which has created an enabling environment for development to take place and efficient service delivery to local wananchi. The bridges have addressed challenges faced particularly by students who encounter difficulty while accessing schools while also economically empowering area residents as they can trade freely amongst each other,” added Hon. Muthoni.

Kiganjo- Gatei Foot Bridge



Teresa Wambui a resident from Kiganjo thanked the governor for the Kiganjo - Gatei Foot Bridge which runs along Nairobi River and is 24 metres in length, citing that it will be useful to children who previously faced challenges while accessing school and will make it easy for the residents to access quarry sites as they previously used logs to cross the river which is unsafe and insecure.

Margaret Mbogo from Gikindu area expressed her gratitude to the county government further adding that the foot bridge will ease movement of people especially for school going children who crossed the river on foot which was risky and unsafe.

Kirichu-Tagwanja Foot Bridge

Joseph Githui, thanked the county government for the construction of the 24 metre Kirichu- Tagwanja

Foot Bridge which has simplified the way the residents of Kirichu and Gatei conduct their economic activities and social gatherings.

Maragima Bridge



Another key bridge is Maragima Bridge which runs along Thegu River, which has eased transport in the area; reducing the distance travelled by area residents from 17km to 10km to get to Chaka town.

Thegu River Ward MCA Hon. Richard Kamuhia noted the importance of this bridge as it will facilitate the economic activities of local people who mainly depend on quarry business.

“Before construction of the bridge, residents used to go all the way to Tagwa to get to Maragima. The route was longer and tiresome. However, with this bridge transportation of quarry materials has been improved. In this financial year, we shall also be building two bridges and one foot bridge to ease movement of people between Thegu River and Kiganjo/Mathari ward,” he further stated.

The CEC added that in the financial year 2020/2021, the department has allocated a total of 48 million Kshs for construction of bridges and foot bridges.

Other bridges...



Njanjara bridge in Rugi/Gikondi ward in Mukurwe-ini sub-county.



Ha-kaburia footbridge, in Mahiga ward, Othaya sub-county.



Kiragati bridge in Magutu ward, Mathira sub-county.



Gatitu-Gatura footbridge in Mukurweini West ward.



Gatubia box culvert in Kabarú ward, Kieni East sub-county.

One on one with Waigi Mararo; Fireman Two based at the Control Room, Nyeri town



Mararo has been receiving emergency calls for the last 23 years. These calls are the starting point to saving lives and properties whenever a disaster strikes in the county. Over the years, it has given him a thick skin and the ability to process information at a lightning speed.

Tell us briefly about your office which is the Control Room or the dispatch unit?

The Control Room is the unit where all emergency calls received by the fire station come through. Through the helpline 061 203 2961, I receive calls pertaining to fire, rescues, drowning, collapsing of buildings and road accidents within Nyeri town and its environs. The office is under the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services.

What do you deal with specifically and for how many hours per day do you operate?

I deal with emergency calls only in this control room. We work in two shifts; 9am-5pm and 5pm to 9am to ensure calls are being received 24 hours a day.

After receiving an emergency call, what next?

Upon receiving an emergency call, I dispatch the same information to the officer-in-charge. The duty officer then rings the emergency bell which alerts the other fire officers of the emergency and subsequently gives instructions to the team for departure. The whole process takes only a few seconds.

Do you receive calls on landline or

mobile phones? It seems you only have landline which is charged for any call made. Would you like a toll free line or a mobile phone?

We receive the calls on a landline. The number for Nyeri fire station is 061 203 2961. Yes, we would prefer a toll free line. This is because in a number of cases the people calling do not have enough credit hence we receive half information making it harder to carry out the job, or they lacked the credit to call as such we cannot get to them in time. This landline also does not keep records so you cannot call back in case the information from the caller was not clear.

What kind of calls do you receive?

We receive all types of calls including false ones and calls from drunkards. In the emergence of a fake call, the team first responds then warns the caller against such type of behaviour.

Do you have peak hours like most emergency calls are made late at night or morning hours?

Yes, we have most emergency calls coming in at night especially on fires.

How do you identify the scene of an emergency in remote areas?

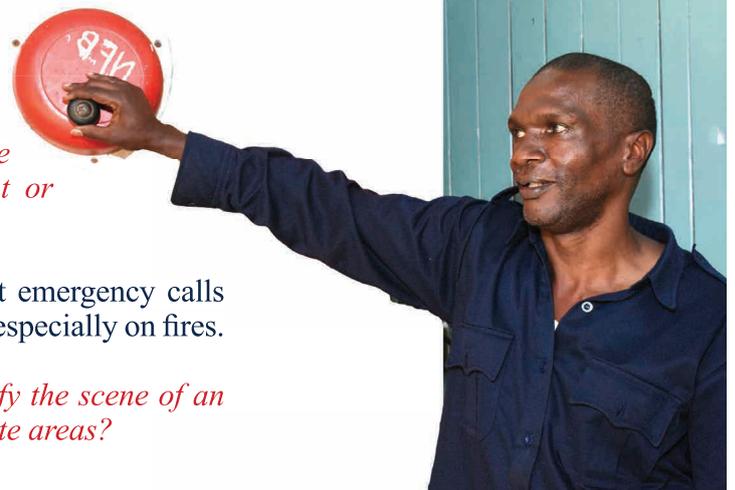
When responding to calls in remote areas, we enquire from the caller a type of identification such as landmark of a public institution for instance a school or church, which will help in easy identification.

For how long have you been in this service?

I have been working in this office as a fireman for the past 23 years working either day or night shift.

What is your memorable call that you ever received on your line of duty?

Eight years ago, there was a gas explosion at Giakanja village, Wamagana ward in Tetu sub-county where we lasted three days since it was such a huge inferno. The gas spread to more than ten acres. With other partners, we were able to contain the fire, unfortunately two people lost their lives and many domestic animals like cows perished during the incident.



Nyeri to benefit after CGN and Hungarian government's collaboration



PHOTO | JOSEPH WAMBUGU

From left Economic advisor Ndirangu Gachunia, Agriculture CEC James Wachihi, Hungary Heads of Trade and Development Zsofia Antal and Tamas Robert, H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, Captain Margaret Isiah of Magnus Aircrafts and Chief of Staff Paul Wambugu in Nairobi after a meeting held in Nairobi.

By Joseph Wambugu

H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga held a meeting with a team from Hungarian Embassy in Nairobi, which was geared towards ensure Nyeri County benefits. The team led by Head of Trade & Development Tamas Robert and Zsofia Antal deliberated on several matters including market access for agricultural products from Nyeri to Hungary such as avocados, coffee and tea.

The two governments also created a partnership with Nyeri TVETs and Hungarian institutions and companies to enhance quality of training.

There will also be technology transfer

The governor welcomed the airshow scheduled for 27 November 2020, noting that it will bring in economic benefits to the county and attract tourists as it will attract participants from all over Africa.

to food traceability and labelling to assure market access and value addition. The governor and the team also discussed the upcoming oncology center by Jubilee government at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology,

funded through a loan by the Hungarian government.

Captain Margaret Isiah of Magnus Aircrafts talked of plans to hold an open day at Nyaribo airstrip, where the Aircraft manufacturer can show case their wares.

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World Tourism Day virtual celebrations

By Samwel Kamwana

The World Tourism Day is recognized worldwide and is celebrated every year on 27th September. To mark this great day, the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development has organized a one-week virtual celebration dubbed "Chera Nyeri". The main objective is to promote Tourism in

the county.

The celebrations entail inviting visitors across the world to visit (Chera) Nyeri and experience the diversity of tourism and culture products in Nyeri County.

The initiative also seeks to engage the public in an interactive social media platform by requesting them to share their experiences of vari-

ous tourism activities undertaken in Nyeri. These activities may include visit to waterfalls, cultural performances, mountain climbing, Mountain Views, game drives, hiking, golfing, Nyeri hotel experiences, and local Nyeri cuisine and farm tours among other exciting Nyeri tourism experiences.

Governor launches Youth Empowerment Program in Iria-ini, Othaya

By Njambi Mugo



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H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined MCA Hon. John Theuri in launching of the Youth Empowerment Program in Iria-ini ward, Othaya sub-county.

The initiative which is part of the ward specific projects is aimed at empowering 13 youth groups with business development merchandise as a source of earning their livelihoods.

Some of the merchandise provided included: car washing machines, public address machines, salon & barbershop equip-

ment, bakery equipment, standby generators, tents & seats, energy saving jikos among others.

Groups which participated in football and volleyball tournaments were also presented with sports gear and trophies awarded to the winning



teams.

Governor Kahiga lauded this program adding that the County Government of Nyeri is fully committed to supporting the youth. He further urged them to exercise prudence in utilization of the merchandise.

He further noted that in the next financial year, he will see to the program's implementation in all the 30 wards as well as start a similar program aimed at empowering women.

Iria-ini MCA Hon. Theuri (Jambo Kenya) thanked the governor for his continued support and urged the youth to maintain accountability with the machines provided to empower themselves.

He also thanked the governor for equipping and fencing of Kaberero Polytechnic which also received materials to facilitate learning.

Governor officially opens policies review workshop

By Jackline Gikunju

Nyeri Governor H. E. Mutahi Kahiga officially opened a two-day policy review workshop for the Department

of Education and Sports.

The department was reviewing five policies which are the Elimu Fund Act, Vocational Training Centres Policy, Sports Policy, Uniform Policy and ECDE Policy.

Elimu Fund Policy seeks to address the issuance of bursaries to secondary school and university/ college students each year. Through the Elimu Fund Bursary, thousands of students benefit annually.

Also through the Governor's Scholarship Program, two bright but needy students (boy and girl) from each ward benefit. So far, 120 bright students have benefitted from the Governor's Scholarship Fund.

The Vocational Training Centers Policy and the ECDE Policy seeks to address the issues of resource mobilization, infrastructural upgrades, training courses as well as staffing of the county's VTCs and ECDEs.

Governor Kahiga congratulated the department for formulating the policies, noting that any successful institution must have a roadmap. He also urged them to streamline the policies to cater for future unprecedented issues such as the Covid-19 pandemic. He is the chair for the Council of Governor's Education Committee, which is in the process of reviewing protocols for the re-opening of ECDEs and VTCs.



Governor launches learning materials at Mukurweini-ini Community Library

► Some of the materials donated were computers, revision books and code readers among others.

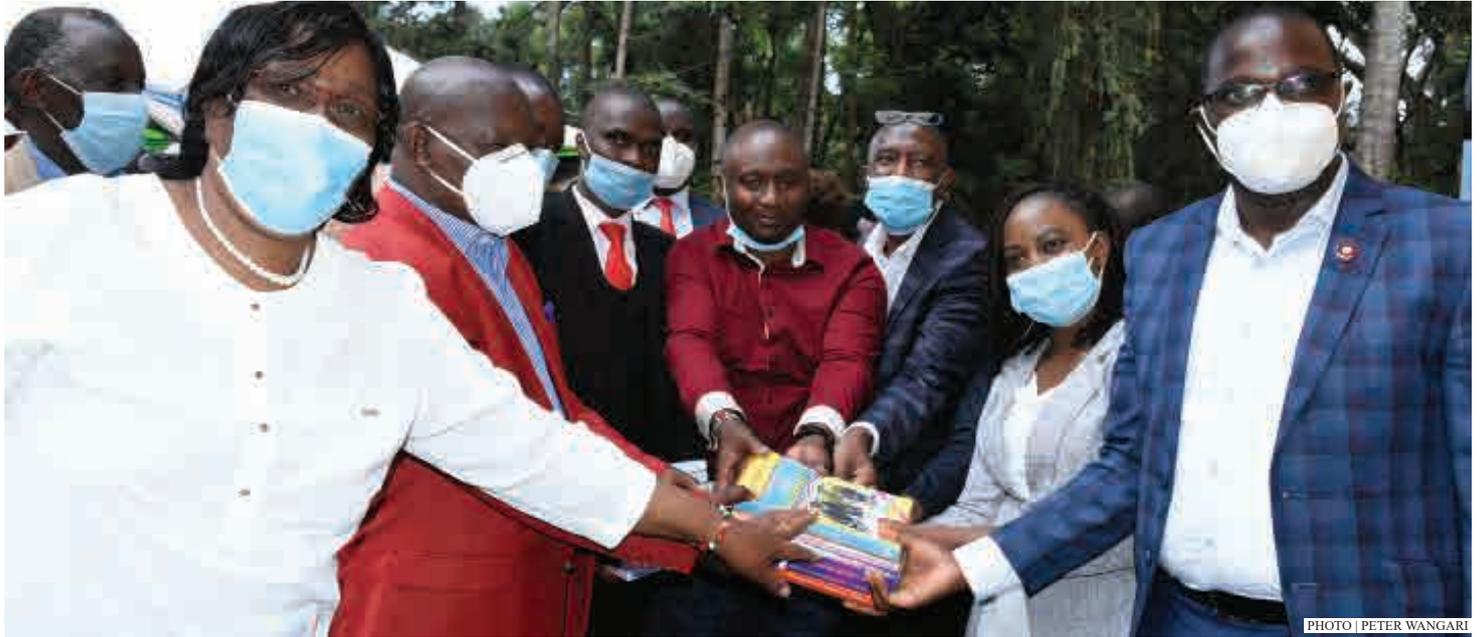


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From left Gikondi MCA Hon. Mary Wamuyu, H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, Mukurwe-ini West MCA Hon. Atanasio Wakabaire, Nominated MCA Hon. Patrick Mutahi, Mukurwe-ini Central MCA Hon. Kenneth Gatheru, Mukurwe-ini MP Hon. Anthony Kiai, Mukurwe-ini Community Library and Resource Centre founder Leah Muthoni and Speaker Hon. John Kaguchia during the launch of learning materials at the library based in Mukurwe-ini CDF office.

By Njambi Mugo

H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined Hon. Kenneth Gatheru in launching of learning materials at Mukurwe-ini Library, Mukurwe-ini West ward, Mukurwe-ini sub-county.

Mukurwe-ini Community Library and Resource Centre was founded by Leah Muthoni in a bid to support school going children adopt a reading culture.

Some of the materials donated were computers, revision books and code readers among others.

Governor Kahiga who was accompanied by Gender, Youth and Social Services CEC Esther Ndung'u, Mukurwe-ini MP Hon. Anthony Kiai and Speaker Hon. John Kaguchia lauded Leah for this noble gesture noting that

her work is bringing great impact to the world.

He also noted that plans are underway to expand the library in order to accommodate more students.

Meanwhile, the governor reiterated that upon school resumption, Elimu Fund bursary cheques will be disbursed.

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OF THE WEEK



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Kiambogo – Mugunda Self Help Group members in Mugunda ward, in Kieni West sub-county harvesting potatoes which were distributed by the County Government of Nyeri in June this year through KCSAP project program.



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Aid for Mathira West fire victims and vulnerable families

By Dynah Mwangi

The Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services visited four Mathira West families, two of whom were fire victims and two were from vulnerable homes. The fire victims received donations of building materials, foodstuffs among others.

The department's officers joined members of Gatunai village, Ruguru ward community in an initiative to build a family of four a more decent dwelling unit. The family has been living in a small, one roomed structure. In support of this initiative, the department donated some building materials and foodstuffs to keep the family going.

The officers also visited an elderly woman at Kaiyaba sub-location, Kirimukuyu ward and donated foodstuffs.

Nine families receive donations from the county emergency kitty

By Dynah Mwangi

The Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services visited nine families, five in Nyeri Central and four in Mukurwe-ini sub-counties, to accord them assistance out of the challenges they have been facing.

The department delivered donations of building materials and foodstuffs to three of the families who are victims of mudslides and two that were affected by fire tragedies in different incidences.

Due to the hard economic times being faced, which has narrowed down some families' resources, the department also extended a lending hand to four vulnerable families. They received donations of foodstuffs to keep them going.

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COUNTY TREASURY

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS, CONTRACTORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CONSULTANTS FOR THE BI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2022

This is to inform prospective bidders for the above mentioned exercise, that the evaluation is now complete.

Those who participated are advised to check on the County website www.nyeri.co.ke on the status of their application.

Bidders may also pick letters of notification from Procurement Office located in the County Headquarters Building, Second floor, Monday – Friday during normal working hours from (8:00a.m. –5:00 p.m.).

Director, Supply Chain Management Services
For: County Secretary

Cancer management consultative meeting with Health CS

By Kennedy Karanja

Together with counterpart Governors from counties with regional hospitals, H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga held a consultative meeting on cancer management chaired by Health CS Hon. Mutahi Kagwe at the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH).

The KUTRRH will facilitate supply and provision of radio isotopes to the regional county health facilities that will in turn help regional hospitals play a critical role in enhanced detection at an early stage and prevention of cancers that are ravaging our people at the regional level.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) will provide pet scans and other cancer



equipment to the county governments.

These measures are geared towards easing the travelling of cancer patients to hospitals in other cities and countries in search of cancer treatment. Governor Kahiga later signed the MoU

between Nyeri and KUTRRH that was represented by Chair of the Board - Prof. Olive Mugenda and witnessed by CS Hon. Mutahi Kagwe.

HEALTH

By Caroline Kariuki

Counseling for better mental health

Counseling is an important service that should be provided to the society. It focuses on physical, emotional and mental disorders and helps people make informed choices.

Counseling may be short-term or long-term depending on issues at hand. The Department of Health has not been left behind in making sure that this service is rendered to those in

need especially to people living with mental challenges during these times of Covid-19. Let's join hands and advocate for counseling for all!

YOUR SAY ON FACEBOOK



Top fan

Benson Ngure

Thank you for regaining Nyeri's lost glory and improving on confidence from public and private partnerships to catalyze growth and development of our county. Blessings!



Top fan

Haron Mugo

Great vision and great work. keep up my governor. I hope the 600 stalls will be allocated to small traders including the ones who have encroached a learning institution leaving no space at the main gates (St.Mary's Boys).



Top fan

Wanjiku Simon

Keep up the servant leadership style of leadership your Excellency and meeting wananchi mashinani sharing their experiences there,thanks so much for dispelling the wrong impression on the facility being closed,seeing that patients are being attended in all these departments is great.



Top fan

Mwaz Bernard

Welkamu home dispensary my Governor Mutahi Kahiga this place need u most, we love u so much for your good work. Umeona barabara za kuingi ndani vile zimekaa. u are welkamu again here..



Top fan

Solomon Gathiru

Proud of you as our Governor.You have placed Nyeri county in a position all other counties would like to emulate **Congrats** Governor Mutahi Kahiga.



Top fan

David Ihura

People here need to pay Nyahuru and Meru towns a visit, see their roads around CBD, then come back and comment. Thanks for the good roads that we enjoy, Mwalimu.



Top fan

Monica Thumbi

A great privilege and honour from the AMREF to our County. We are glad to have H.E. Kahiga as our Governor, thank you for the collaborations to the benefit of our people. Keep up the good work!



Top fan

Nyamburamake Vickyhope

Mwalimu hongera kwa kazi njema we Nyerians are proud of ur leadership... God bless & keep u save

In brief...



H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga addressing the participants in Narumoro during the official closing ceremony of the two-day policies review workshop for the Department of Education and Sports. BELOW: A group photo of the workshop participants together with the governor. Governor Kahiga congratulated the department for formulating the policies, noting that any successful institution must have a roadmap. The department was reviewing five policies which are the Elimu Fund Act, Vocational Training Centres Policy, Sports Policy, Uniform Policy and ECDE Policy.





COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI



DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

WORLD TOURISM DAY

VIRTUAL

CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2020

Theme

“Tourism and Rural Development”



**Share your touring Nyeri experiences
pertaking the following activities:**

- Visit attraction sites
- Cultural Performance
- Farm Tours
- Best Hotel reviews/experiences
- Game drive
- Cuisines
- Sporting Activities

Post your experiences in form of photos and videos (upto 2minute) to
Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development Facebook page.

IMPORTANT DATES

Make entries - Deadline 28th September
Online polls - 29th Sept - 6th Oct 2020

**Awards: Vouchers for 4 star rated hotels and
game drives in Nyeri County.**

CHERA NYERI! May the best entry win!