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Gichatha-ini Kwa Duncan double box culvert bridge in Iria-ini ward, Mathira East sub-county which is already complete and accessible. For the last four years, the department has constructed a total of 18 box culverts and seven foot bridges.

CGN injects Kshs. 37.3 million into 12 bridges

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 ensuring accessibility within villages, neighborhoods and across wards.

For many years, Nyeri residents have called upon the County Government of Nyeri to construct bridges in their areas to ease movement noting that most of

the bridges had not been repaired since pre-colonial times while some have never had bridges since time immemorial.

It is for this reason that the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has constructed a total of 12 bridges during the last financial year 2020/2021; eight bridges/ box culverts and four footbridges at a

cost of over Kshs.37.3 million.

Some of these bridges are complete while others are undergoing construction. The box culverts/ bridges include; Gachatha Kwa Duncan, Mukaburo, Ha Kamune, Ria Gatiti, Gitegi-Kamweiga, Kahachu - Kahutini, Gikono and Lusoi bridges.

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NCPWD team courtesy call

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The ongoing Nyeri county projects pictorial.

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The recently completed Gichatha-ini Kwa Duncan Bridge in Iria-ini ward, Mathira East sub-county.

The foot bridges include;

Karangia- Gaturu-turu, Kianjiru, Gati-ki- Gathagana and Chania.

The bridges are being constructed by the Department of Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure & Energy which is led by CEC, Muthui Kariuki and Chief Officer Julius Ringera.

For the last four years, the department has constructed a total of 18 box culverts and seven foot bridges.

The CEC, Muthui Kariuki 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.

Gichatha-ini Kwa Duncan in Iria-ini Mathira ward, Mathira East sub-county

Local residents led by Sam Wanjiru and Rhoda Muthoni lauded the construction of the bridge at Iria-ini Mathira ward and expressed their gratitude to Gov-



Ria Gitutu Bridge in Gikondi ward, Mukurwe-ini sub-county, is now complete.

ernor Kahiga and area MCA Hon. David Kabatha for supporting the construction of the bridge along Ragati River noting that it has helped connect and ease the movement of the people of Gichatha-ini, Kinyota and Gatura areas.

Wanjiru added that transporting their farm produce like coffee and horticultural crops to the market will now be easier. She further lauded the leadership of the county for the project as has eased and ensure pupils safely access their learning institutions including pupils of Kangocho Pri-

mary School.

Rhoda Muthoni said since the completion of the bridge recently, it has been easy to transport goods and movement of people, which has resulted in increased trading activities.

Ria Gitutu bridge in Gikondi ward, Mukurwe-ini sub-county

A resident Joseph Kiai lauded the work of Governor Kahiga and area MCA Hon. Mary Wamuyu for project which was completed

recently.

"The bridge has helped connect



Progress of Mukaburo box culvert in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county.

the areas of Muhito and Gikondi. I also appeal to the county government to murrum roads leading to the bridge to ease movement particularly during the rainy season since Rwarai River sometimes floods. Murraming will also help open up the other side of the bridge," appealed Kiai.

A local farmer Mwangi Ngunjiri noted that the construction of the bridge will boost trade in the area while Kiraithe Kariuki said the bridge has significantly transformed the lives of the area residents.

Mukaburo bridge in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county

Charles Rukwaro who hails from the area noted that this is the first vital project in the area which will be of much help to residents of Tanyai and Karememo areas. The project is almost complete.

"For the first time, we shall have a bridge which is motorable. Crossing over Karememo River will no longer post danger unto us. The pupils from the area will be crossing over the bridge safely even when there are floods," said John Ndung'u who is a local boda boda operator.

Gitegi- Kamweiga bridge in Kiganjo/ Mathari ward, Nyeri Central sub- county

The project is over 90 per cent done



Ongoing Gitegi - Kamweiga box culvert near Nyaribo township at Kiganjo/Mathari ward, Nyeri Central sub county.

“This is very good work which is being done by the county government. The residents of Kimenju and Witemere villages will now be able to connect since transport has been made easier,” noted Charles Kamau, an area resident.

Another resident Maina Kahoro said the bridge has shortened the distance by many kilometres. He added that pupils of Nyaribo and Kamatongu Primary Schools who have been skipping classes due to overflowing Kamweiga River during the rainy season will no longer have excuses of absenteeism.

Charles Maina also echoed Kahoro's words noting that from time immemorial, they have not witnessed such development. He expressed his gratitude towards the governor for building them the bridge.

Ha Kamune bridge in Chinga ward, Othaya sub- county

The project is over 80 per cent done.



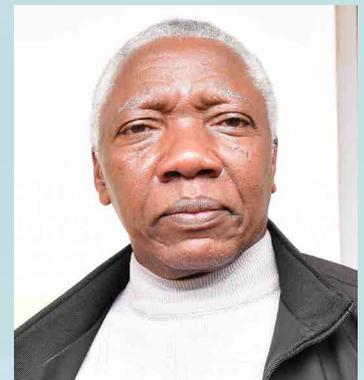
The ongoing construction of Ha-Kamune bridge in Chinga ward, Othaya sub county.

CEC Muthui added that in the current financial year 2021/2022, the department has allocated a total of Kshs. 30 million for the construction of 14 bridges and foot bridges.

Further, the county government has also gravelled/ murrammed 1,058 Kms, graded 3,709 Kms, opened 37 roads and tarmacked/ recarpeted 10.7 Kms in the last four years.

The department has also constructed two bus parks (Mukurwe-ini and Mweiga), installed 2,898 street lights and 207 flood lights.

These projects have transformed the county in a great way.



TOP: Transport CEC, Muthui Kariuki. ABOVE: Chief Officer Julius Ringera.

Kiangonina- Kahiga Foot Bridge in the boundary of Kiganjo/ Mathari and Ruguru ward

This foot bridge which was completed during the financial year 2019/2020 has been of much help to the local residents.

Timothy Mathenge said the project has notably made their lives easier adding that the project has economically empowered area residents as they can trade freely amongst each other as they cross over Sagana River.



Kiangonina- Kahiga Foot Bridge at the boundary of Kiganjo/Mathari and Ruguru wards.

Health

Governor Kahiga inaugurates the Nyeri Health Services Fund board

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Story: Njambi Mugo | Photo: Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga inaugurated the Nyeri Health Services Fund Board which comprises of all chairmen from Level 4 hospitals, representatives from the County Government of Nyeri, a representative of rural facilities

tration of the moneys drawn from the Fund, mobilize resources for the Fund and provide guidance to hospital management boards on proposals on user fees where the Hospital Board seeks to propose new user fees or changes to

tiatives such as the Nyeri Health Services Fund.

The Fund's main purpose will be to improve health care service delivery in health facilities across the county. Subsequently, the Fund will ensure facilities have better

er monies received from a lawful source.

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H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga (seated centre) after inauguration of the Nyeri Health Services Fund Board which will be led by Chairman Anthony Mithanga (seated third left). The governor urged the board to remain dutiful to their responsibilities and to apply holistic approaches in their management.

and the fund administrator.

The Board members are Richard Kimani, Dr. Francis Kimani, Jesse Kamau, Newton Wambugu (Health Chief Officer), Dr. Nelson Muriu (Health Director), Francis Ngugi and (Finance Chief Officer) and is chaired by Anthony Mithanga.

The role of the board will be; to provide oversight of the adminis-

the old fees structure, approve primary health services expenditure plans and receive reports from the Hospital Management Boards for its consideration and adoption.

Governor Kahiga noted that he is committed to promoting affordable health care services, one of the Big 4 Agendas by H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, through ini-

access to financial resources as well as ensure health facilities are more responsive to medical and public health emergencies.

The sources of the Fund shall be: monies received as user fees payable or insurance payments collectable under the Act; any income generated by a health facility from any project initiated by the health facility; or any oth-

lite facilities for running primary health services.

The governor urged the board to remain dutiful to their responsibilities and to apply holistic approaches in their management which will ensure that the objectives of the Fund are achieved.

Courtesy call

NCPWD team courtesy call

They deliberated on areas of partnership, particularly in the education sector and how the sector can be made more inclusive for the people who are abled differently.



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga (third left) with the team from National Council of Persons with Disabilities led by CEO Harun Hassan (centre) and other officers during a courtesy call to the governor. Governor Kahiga noted that the County Government of Nyeri is ready to partner with NCPWD to achieve more inclusion for PWDs adding that his government is committed to promoting and protecting the rights of PWDs.

Story: Njambi Mugo | Photo: Kenneth Ngatia

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga hosted a team from the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) led by the CEO Harun M. Hassan.

They deliberated on areas of partnership, particularly in the education sector and how the sector can be made more inclusive for the people who are abled differently.

To further this agenda, the corporation, in the spirit of 'leaving no one behind' and in the chase of realizing Sustainable Development Goal 10 'Equity for all', has organized a round table forum with stakeholders in the education sector where they will discuss the possibilities that can be exploited to improve access to education for persons with disabilities.

The workshop is also geared to-

wards taking stock of the gains made and improve on the existing work by all stakeholders in Kenya's education sector to promote the admission, retention and transition of PWDs in the educational journey.

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Workshop

Nyeri WSPs joint boards of directors' workshop launch

While addressing the attendees, Governor Kahiga commended NYEWASCO for being the best water service provider in the past 13 years and urged the other WSPs companies to follow suit.



H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga (centre in red coat) with joint board of directors after an induction workshop for the Nyeri County Water Service Providers.

Story & Photo | Kenneth Ngatia

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga officially opened the joint Boards of Directors Induction Workshop for the Nyeri County Water Service Providers (WSPs).

The workshop lasted for three days and brought together five fully constituted boards for OMWASCO, NYEWASCO, TEAWASCO, NAROWASCO and MAWASCO sought to address key areas that include; roles and functions of di-

rectors, code of ethics, leadership and management, financial management for non-financial managers, board committees and their mandate, corporate governance training and board evaluation.

While addressing the attendees, Governor Kahiga commended NYEWASCO for being the best water service provider in the past 13 years and urged the other WSPs companies to follow suit.

He wished the new team in the respective companies the very best as they fulfil their mandate, emphasizing that they need to exercise due diligence, team work, integrity and professionalism.

Governor Kahiga also restated that the county government will continue to support WSPs as they seek to accomplish their vision, mission and objectives.

Water CEC Fredrick Kinyua reit-

erated that the department will ensure there is sufficient water for all Nyerians which is one of the department's vision.

The Nyeri WSPs have remained committed to their core values and through their leadership, they unanimously attributed one of the key factors contributing to their success is the immense support from the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of Governor Kahiga.

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Meeting



Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio (centre holding a document) with a team from NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat. The team had paid a courtesy call to the CS. The CS noted that the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has embraced the concept fully and urged the team to implement the project.

NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat meeting

- Nyeri County is among the counties that have been picked to be part of this process that will be called the County Peer Review Mechanism (CPRM). Others are Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru.

Story: Faith Hiuhi | Photo: Joseph Wambugu

Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio hosted a team from the NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat to discuss cascading of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) as a tool for promoting good governance aimed at championing transformative leadership and sustainable development in the counties.

The CS noted that the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has embraced the concept fully and urged the team to imple-

ment the project to showcase how governance and development are playing out in the county.

Nyeri County is among the counties that have been picked to be part of this process that will be called the County Peer Review Mechanism (CPRM). Others are Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru.

The Director NEPAD/APRM Peter Kimemia noted that the implementation of this review seeks to independently evaluate the counties based on standard pa-

rameters of development, placing them at the interest of investors.

CPRM will also provide a platform for knowledge sharing and help counties to comply with the constitution, enabling pieces of registration as well as reporting requirements to the summit, the National Assembly and the Senate.

NEPAD/APRM KENYA Secretariat is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under The National Treasury and Planning which

was reconstituted in June 2016 by merging the NEPAD National Steering Committee and the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) National Governing Council into one body.

The final county review report will be compiled and presented at the National Summit of the CPRM for peer review by the governors and the president as an observer in mid-January 2022.

Social aid

Social enquiry in Tetu sub-county

Story & Photo | Jane Baru

Officers from the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services, led by the Social Welfare Officer in charge of Tetu Ann Wangari, paid a visit to two vulnerable homes in Wamagana and Dedan Kimathi wards.

The first case entailing a fire tragedy was in Gathaithi village where a single-roomed house was burnt to ashes by a fire whose cause remains unknown. The county fire



department responded to the case, however, nothing was salvaged from the inferno.

Later, the officers visited a needy home in Gatumbiro village. Humanitarian aid was extended to a single mother who lives in a deplorable state with her children and is unable to fend for them; she would greatly benefit from well-wishers too.

Briefly

Story & Photo: Stacy Wambui

A consultative meeting was held by environmental officers to discuss Msitu Africa Project, a long-term project which will be implemented in partnership between the project team, County Government of Nyeri and all stakeholders who may be impacted positively or adversely.



The Project Manager Mr. Haron Wachira noted that Msitu Africa Project seeks to plant 2 million trees (in Kenya, Uganda and Burundi) every year for the next six

years and will distribute 100,000 energy efficient Hifadhi cookstoves.

In addition to this, the project will contract community youth

groups to grow the seedlings that will be planted through this project, and also employ an army of young people to provide agronomy training for coffee farmers and to conduct the monitoring

and restoration services required to ensure long-term survival of the trees.

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Ongoing projects...



A new milk cooler has been installed at New Ruguru Dairy Collection Centre in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub county.

The department of Agriculture also rehabilitated and completed the dairy centre which is situated at Kiamariga trading centre.

This has greatly increased the milk quantity and quality.



Queens Hostel at Karatina Vocational Training Centre in Karatina town, Karatina ward, Mathira East sub county is now complete.

The hostel had initially stalled due to lack of funds.

The Department of Education & Sports has completed the hostel for the girls' students.



The recently renovated Mweiga slaughterhouse in Mweiga ward, Kieni West sub county.

A new changing room (inset) has been constructed and drainage improved.

This has greatly improved the working environment for those involved in slaughtering of animals like goat, sheep and cows.

Department of Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure & Energy



Upgrading of Gichati - Muthondeki road in Iria-ini Othaya ward in Othaya sub-county is now complete.



Ongoing upgrading of walkways within Asian Quarters, Rware ward, Nyeri town. This will be done using cabro paving blocks.



Recently upgraded Miringa - Kabutei road in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub-county.



Recently upgraded Karindi road in Gikondi ward, Mukurwe-ini sub-county.



Ongoing rehabilitation of street lights in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county.



Stand alone street lights at Wamagana trading centre in Wamagana ward, Tetu sub-county.

Department of Transport, Public Works, Infrastructure & Energy



The newly renovated Njathe-ini Tea Collection Centre in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub-county.



The recently completed Gathaji-ini access road in Iria-ini ward, Othaya sub-county.



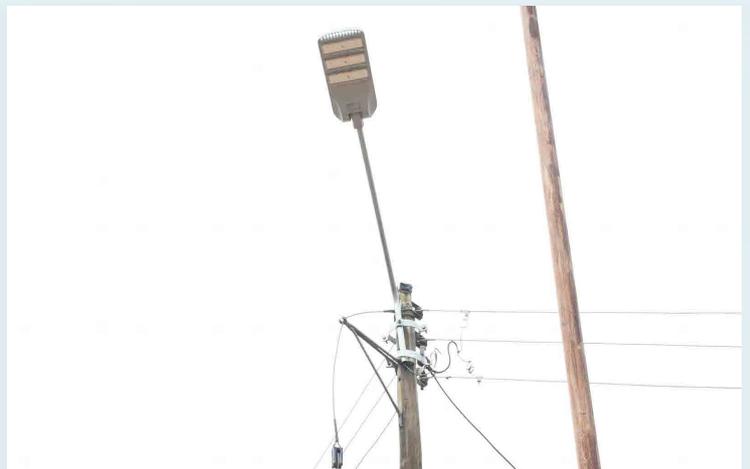
The recently installed street lights at Gatumbiro shopping center in Dedan Kimathi ward, Tetu sub-county.



Ongoing upgrading of Kamondo road in Kairuthi, Iria-ini ward in Othaya sub-county.



Recently upgrading of Gatung'ang'a - Ngorano road in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub-county.



Newly installed street lights at Gatung'ang'a trading centre in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub-county.