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ASDSP program propelling Nyeri's agriculture value chain

By Governor's Press Unit

Agriculture sector plays a key economic role for Nyeri County's residents seeing that most engage in the trade in both small scale and large scale. In line with this, under the stewardship of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, the County Government of Nyeri has continued to support Nyeri

farmers through private public partnership with international entities and donors.

One of the notable projects from such partnerships is the Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) which has been running in the

county for the last nine years; financed by the Government of Kenya, Government of Sweden and the European Union.

ASDSP has been implemented in two phases under a cost of Kshs. 75 million, focusing on the three value chains of cow

milk, Indigenous chicken and Irish potatoes. In phase one, the farmers through capacity building spent Kshs. 38 million while in phase two which started in year 2017-2022 has been allocated Kshs. 37 million.

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***H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga together with Gatarakwa MCA Hon. Clement Warutere issuing out potato seedlings at TownHall grounds.
BELOW: Some of the chicken provided to farmers in the Indigenous chicken value chain.***

Through ASDSP, the county government has increased productivity of prioritized value chains, strengthened entrepreneurial skills of value chain actors, improved access to market by value chain actors, strengthened structures and capacities for coordination, cooperation and consultation in agriculture sector.

Further, the programme aims at addressing four key challenges that hinder commercialization of agriculture namely; low productivity along agricultural value chains, inadequate entrepreneurial skills along agricultural value chains and among service providers, low access markets by value chain actors and weak and inadequate structures and capacities for consultation, cooperation and coordination within the sector.

A technical team consisting of representatives from the Swed-

ish Government, the ASDSP National and County teams, Technical advisors from the County Government of Nyeri, Hand In Hand EA among others carried out a visit in Nyeri County whose main objective was to review the implementation of the ASDSP II

programme and ultimately create an action plan.

Governor Kahiga lauded the team for actively pushing the food security agenda in the county as well as putting in place stable and effective agricultural systems

that will eventually produce wide ranging positive impacts such as economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction.

The team then held consultative meetings where different actors in the value chains got to express





Governor Kahiga (centre) with a technical team consisting of representatives from the Swedish Government, ASDSP National and County teams, technical advisors, Hand in Hand EA after they paid him a courtesy call in his office. BELOW: Rebecca Wachira one of the beneficiaries of a home biogas system, a source of energy which uses cow dung to produce heat, hence conserving the environment.

the various benefits they have accrued from ASDSP.

Dennis Wambugu, the chairman of the Narumoru Elite Youth group expressed great pleasure in the facilitation provided by ASDSP through training and technical support. Their group which is in the potato value chain breeds pest free potato seedlings. This ensures maximum productivity and sustainability in the value chain.

Timothy Kinuthia, an actor in the cow milk value chain now has a model farm both in the cow rearing and in biogas production. Kinuthia who only started with two cows expressed his gratitude towards the ASDSP Nyeri team for walking with him through his journey which has not only helped his farm become self sufficient but has also seen him become a consultant in the dairy sector. His cows, which are of the Holstien Friesian breed now produce an average of 32 l/day each. A calf goes for 250,000-300,000

Ksh. The cows also provide the dung required to run his 40 Meter cubic bio-digester which then goes on to provide power for the farm which he uses for cooking, lighting and for heating water for the cow's sanitation. Timothy was proud to add that nothing in the farm goes to waste as the effluent from the digester is then used as manure for his fruit garden. In turn, he also offers training to farmers from his area in Kamak-

wa, Tetu sub-county and beyond. Alice Kiberege, an indigenous chick rearer in Nyeri Central Sub-county, together with her husband, design and fabricate incubators for eggs with 85%+ hatchability rate, was grateful for ASDSP and their technical support in the indigenous chicken value chain for it was in this journey that she noticed the gap in the chick production sector. She was pleased to not that all their

customers were satisfied with their incubators and no longer needed to rely on expensive imported products which may not always provide expected results and are expensive to maintain.

According to ASDSP County Coordinator Robert Wamani, the programme is geared towards coming up with sustainable value chains for both income generation and creation of employment. The ten-year programme ending next year will have benefited thousands of farmers in the county who have been trained through farmers' groups.

"In collaboration with our partners, we have also focused on matters of inclusivity making sure we engage both the youth and women as well as focus on environmental resilience. We have covered all the eight sub-counties, with over 3,000 farmers benefiting through this programme," added Wamani.

Nyeri farmers have every reason to smile seeing the numerous benefits they have reaped through this programme.



KICOSCA games

8th KICOSCA games kick off in Embu County

In previous KICOSCA games, Nyeri won squash, darts, volley ball, choir performance among others thereby putting Nyeri County on a pedestal.



Nyeri County choir on stage at Kigari TTC in Embu County during the 8th KICOSCA games. BELOW: Nyeri County women during the tug of war game against Nairobi County.

Story | Joseph Wambugu & Photo | Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga joined in cheering the County Government of Nyeri's KICOSCA teams which are participating in the ongoing annual county games in Embu.

The games were officially opened by Devolution CS Charles Keter, Patron of the games who is also the area Governor H.E Martin Wambora and Nyandarua Gover-

nor H.E Francis Kimemia.

Nyeri County is one of the 23 counties participating in the Kenya Inter County Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) which kicked off on Monday.

Nyeri County has assembled a diverse and gallant team to represent the county in various disciplines which include; ball games, netball, badminton, racket games,

athletics, tug of war, darts, pool, squash, chess and cultural dance. In previous KICOSCA games, Nyeri won squash, darts, volley ball, choir performance among others putting Nyeri County on a pedestal.

This annual event provides an opportunity for county staff across Kenya to showcase their talents, socialize, share ideas, and enrich

their experience. This enhances national cohesion and integration as well as promoting patriotism. While delivering H.E Mutahi Kahiga's message, CS Ben Gachichio congratulated the selected teams led by their captains and wished them all the very best. He urged them to ensure they flew high the Nyeri flag just like in the past games.

As per this year's theme 'Achieving a Healthy and Peaceful Nation through Sports and Culture', he added that in the spirit of sportsmanship such as team work and respect for rules, that will be an opportunity to re-shape values while also focusing in service delivery.



Environment

Commendable initiative to conserve the environment

Story | Faith Hiuhu & Photo | Peter Wangari



County Secretary Ben Gachichio was delighted to host a team of youth leaders who had paid him a courtesy call in his office. This was ahead of a clean-up exercise that the group carried out in Nyeri

Town. Gachichio lauded the team led by Fidelis Kanene, saying that

it's quite encouraging to see the youth leading the way on environmental care and conservation

by taking practical steps to look after their community.

Consultative meeting

Kenya Association of Manufacturers consultative meeting

Story & Photo | Brenda Njabara



The Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Cooperatives Development conducted a consultative meeting with the Kenya Association of Manufacturers team Led by KAM Central Region Coordinator Jackson Mutuma and KAM WIM Representative Rose Hilda to discuss the Women in

Manufacturing Conference and Product Parade which was held at the White Rhino Hotel.

The meeting which was chaired by the Chief Officer Trade George

Mwangi discussed about the event which was set to provide a platform for women in the region to showcase their products, address challenges and opportuni-

ties for women to enhance their participation in the manufacturing sector.

Consultative meeting

Consultative meeting between WSPU & CGN

Its objective is to strengthen both National Scout organizations and World Scouting through the influence of parliamentarians

Story | Faith Hiuu & Photo | Peter Wangari

A consultative meeting was held between the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) officials, the Ministry of Devolution and County Government of Nyeri department heads, to meticulously plan for the first ever Baden Powell Marathon and WSPU African Assembly that are both scheduled to be held in Nyeri County in February 2022.

The World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) is an international organization which unites Scout-oriented parliamentarians existing in almost 100 countries worldwide and brings them into closer contact with the World Scout Movement.

Its objective is to strengthen both National Scout organizations and World Scouting through the influence of parliamentarians who believe in Scouting as an effective non-formal educational method and Movement.

The WSPU Africa Assembly aims



A group photo of a team from the County Government of Nyeri, Ministry of Finance of Devolution and the World Scout Parliamentary Union after a consultative meeting held at Town Hall grounds.

to strengthen the image and profile of scouting as a world's leading educational youth movement and secure support, partnerships for its youth programme and sustainability through legislation,

advocacy and financing.

The two events will further forge the partnership between the county government and WSPU as they continue working together in a mutually beneficial arrange-

ment through a spirit of trust and cooperation. These events will also significantly transform livelihoods through promotion of high moral values and wealth creation.

Humanitarian aid for fire tragedy victims

Officers from the County Government of Nyeri visited families in Gakawa ward, Kieni East sub-county who were recently affected by a fire tragedy. The families received the standard county emergency kit inclusive of iron

sheets and assorted food items. While the cause of fire remains unknown, two people suffered injuries and are recovering well after being discharged from hospital.

The disaster management unit in

the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services thanked the fire brigade from Laikipia County for intervening and managing the fire as they were closer in proximity.

These recent fire outbreaks call

for individual responsibility. It may not be possible to predict when a tragedy occurs, but we can help control the outcome by adding the county emergency hotlines to our contact list.

Vaccination

1,550 vaccinated as moonlight vaccination ends

Story & Photo | Muthoni Kanja

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Health Services joined hands with Amref Health Africa in rolling out Covid -19 moonlight vaccination program, whereby 1,550 persons were vaccinated.

The ten -day -exercise was carried out along the busy Gakere road (near vehicle inspection centre), Nyeri town from 3:30PM - 9:00PM daily.

The exercise was carried out in a bid to target a larger population who could not access the vaccine



during daytime due to commitments.

Some of those vaccinated thanked the County Government

of Nyeri and Amref Health Africa for organizing the exercise since they easily and freely accessed AstraZeneca and Moderna vaccines while heading home.

The County Government of Nyeri appreciates all those who received the jab and encourage those who have not to avail themselves in their nearest Health Facilities and get vaccinated as a measure towards curbing the spread of Covid-19.

Departmental performance review workshop

Story & Photo | Zipporah Mwangi



The Department of Education and Sports led by the CEC Margaret Macharia conducted a three - day departmental workshop for its staff

which aimed at conducting departmental performance review, evaluating departmental achievements and effectiveness in the workplace,

staff appraisal forms as well as to review the departmental strategic plan.

Members of the County Public Ser-

vice Board were also invited to elaborate on matters promotions and review of the staff establishment.

The staff also deliberated on the way forward, amidst the Covid-19 pandemic and discussed the measures to put in place with the resumption of activities.

Education Chief Officer Simon Wachira emphasized on the need for continuous trainings especially to personnel at the management level, as a way of enhancing good governance and leadership.

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Internship

Third cohort of interns sendoff ceremony

Story | Faith Hiuhu & Photos | Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga presided over the farewell ceremony of the third batch of interns, who successfully completed their one-year-paid internship programme with the County Government of Nyeri.

The 173 interns present are now ready to face the job market after the vigorous training offered to them to which they have gained immeasurable experience.

In accordance with the constitution which requires the state to take measures such as affirmative action programmes to ensure the youth gain access to relevant education, training and employment; the county government initiated the internship programme in 2018, with the aim of giving 200 young Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor's Degree holders an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the work environment annually.

Over the course of their internship period, the interns gained real-world work experience by working closely with their super-



H.E Governor Kahiga (centre) with 3rd cohort Interns leaders after the send-off ceremony held at Town-Hall grounds. So far the County Government of Nyeri has trained over 500 youth and is in the process of recruiting the 4th cohort. BELOW: Some of the interns during the sendoff ceremony.

visors. They attended Departmental meetings, participated in daily Departmental works and special projects, and also voiced their thoughts and ideas. The day to day situations they engaged in were real and gave them an opportunity to engage in concept-to-production experience as well as problem-solving and crisis

management.

Further, the county government endeavored to build the capacity of the interns through training, whereby they were taken through engagement forums on cross cutting issues, including: Prevention of Violent Extremism, Corporate Social Responsibility, Psychosocial Support, Employability Tac-

tics and Covid-19 Management.

Governor Kahiga called upon the interns to remain good ambassadors for the County Government of Nyeri and assured them that they will be considered in future once there are job opportunities at the government since they have already gained the necessary experience. He also called upon state and non-state to initiate similar programmes so that more youth may gain work experience as they remain safe from exploitation as they establish a valuable network.

As these interns complete the program, the County Public Service Board is in the process of selecting the fourth batch of 200 interns who will be joining the county later in the year.



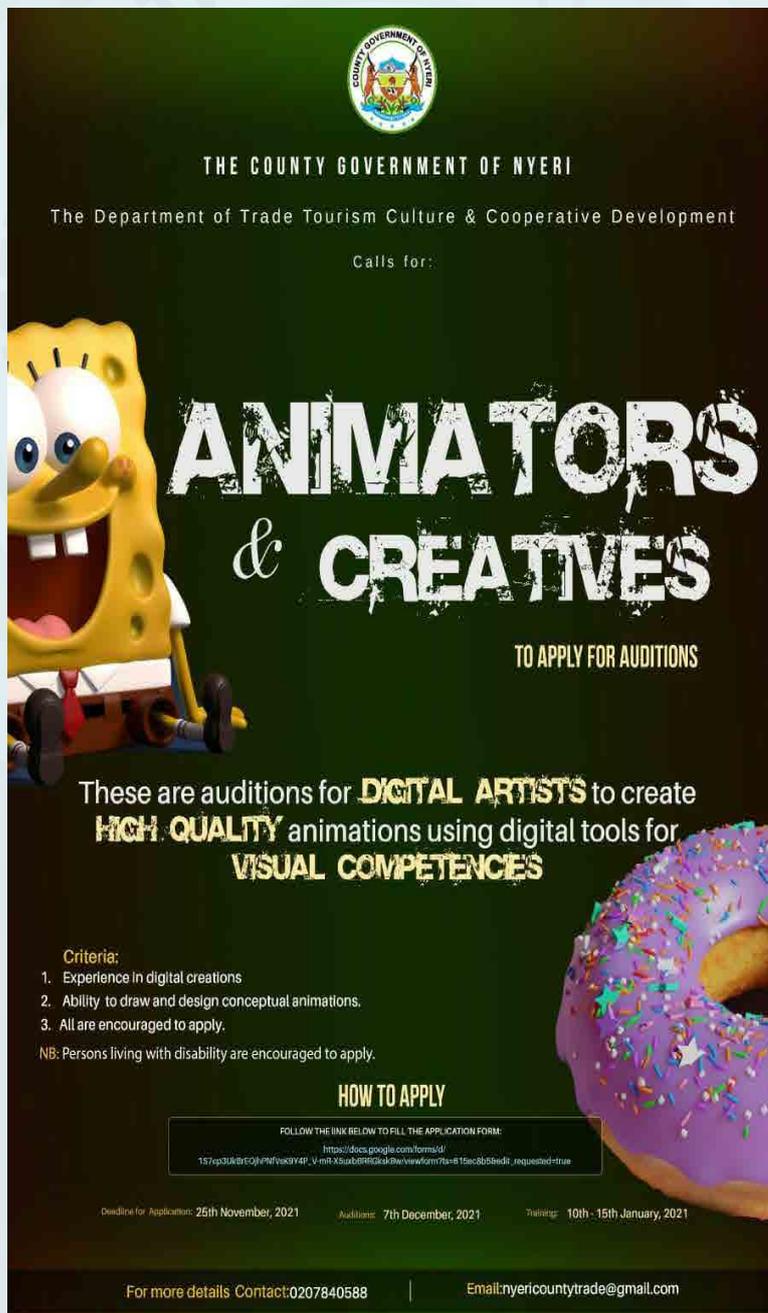
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Dream! Innovate! Empower!

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Cooperatives Development is mandated to develop and promote visual artists in the county for wealth and job creation in the creative industry.

In line with this, the Directorate of Tourism and Culture has planned to build capacity for visual artists targeting to train animators and creatives. We are therefore calling upon interested citizens in Nyeri County to apply for consideration which will entail auditions and training for the successful candidates.

We encourage all to apply and wishing them all the best. Below find the poster and link for application.



THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI

The Department of Trade Tourism Culture & Cooperative Development

Calls for:

ANIMATORS & CREATIVES

TO APPLY FOR AUDITIONS

These are auditions for **DIGITAL ARTISTS** to create **HIGH QUALITY** animations using digital tools for **VISUAL COMPETENCES**

Criteria:

1. Experience in digital creations
2. Ability to draw and design conceptual animations.
3. All are encouraged to apply.

NB: Persons living with disability are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO FILL THE APPLICATION FORM:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/157ep3l8@FQjHPfYuk9V4P_V-m3Xsuabzmsok8Wvwwkrm7u-615ac8256edk_requested/edit

Deadline for Application: 25th November, 2021 Auditions: 7th December, 2021 Training: 10th - 15th January, 2021

For more details Contact: 0207840588 | Email: nyericountytrade@gmail.com

Health



CGN receives 5,000 face shields courtesy of AMREF

Story & Photo | Muthoni Kanja

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Health services received 5,000 face shields from Amref Health Africa in Kenya.

The donation comes after an endowment from WavinGroup and Netafim Netherlands through Amref Netherlands. Netafim is the worldwide market in precision irrigation solutions for a sustainable future while WavinGroup is an innovative solution provider for the building and infrastructure industry across multiple continents. Both entities are part of Orbia, a community of companies bound together by a shared purpose: to advance life around the world.

Dr. Nelson Muriu, the County Director of Health Services while receiving the consignment appreciated Amref Health Africa in Kenya and the donors for this honorable gesture. He noted that the equipment will go a long way in ensuring heightened safety for health workers not only for those working at the Covid-19 isolation centers but also those at other departments like maternity.

Joram Onditi, the Project officer at Amref Health Africa has noted the cordial working partnership between the County Government and Amref Health Africa that has resulted to reaping of tremendous positive benefit to the Nyeri Citizenry.

Face shields are plastic face visors that provide full face protection. They play key role in offering a higher level of protection especially for the personnel working in a medical set up.

Amref Health Africa has continued to support the County Government of Nyeri especially during the pandemic. Currently, Amref is implementing a program on the deployment of Covid-19 vaccine that aims at ensuring acceleration of the uptake by the public.

Trade

Mweiga market management committee meeting

Story & Photo | Brenda Njabara

The Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Cooperatives Development conducted a consultative meeting on the management of the market at Mweiga.

The meeting was chaired by the Chief Officer Trade George Mwangi who was able to welcome the committee and introduce himself as the new Chief Officer of the Department.

The market management committee was able to bring forth the grievances and issues that the market has been facing and how they can be resolved.

They also discussed on how the market should be managed and run by the committee including maintenance.

The Chief Officer also met with the leaders of the stage kiosks and mitumba traders.



Trade



Bench marking of market allocation and management by Nyandarua County

Story & Photo | Brenda Njabara

Officers from the Department of Trade in Nyandarua County benchmarked with a team from Nyeri County Trade department on the process of market allocation and management ahead of the opening of a new market being constructed in Nyandarua.

During the meeting which was chaired by the Chief Officer Trade George Mwangi, they discussed the process of managing markets and fair allocation of spaces including call for applicants, balloting and placement of traders. They also visited Chaka market to understand the process better in view of the discussion.

World Diabetes Day 2021 celebrated

Story & Photo | Muthoni Kanja

14th November every year, the world marks diabetes day by engaging in various activities that are aimed at raising awareness of diabetes and employing strategies to control and prevent it.

During this year's annual celebration day, the Department of Health Services in conjunction with various partners engaged in various activities held at Narumoru Health Centre in celebration of World Dia-

betes Day.

Several services were offered to the public including; Blood Pressure and Diabetes screening, Health Education, Nutrition Counseling, Eye Check-up, Diabetic foot care and Covid-19 vaccination.

Nyeri County has been ranked with a high prevalence of Non-communicable diseases with the leading being Diabetes and Blood Pressure. In an effort to control and man-

age these conditions, the County Government of Nyeri has ensured screenings are carried out in all health activities and even at the health facility level before patients are treated. Capacity building for health workers and community health volunteers has been enhanced to ensure they are abreast with any dynamics and ensuring credibility whenever they are required to offer advice.

The day was a success courtesy of partnership with Amref Health Africa in Kenya, Medtronic Labs, Archdiocese of Nyeri Consolata Mathari Hospital, Ujamaa and Alliance (k).

World Diabetes day was established in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation with support from The World Health Organisation. It was later made official UN day in 2006.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING/HEAD OF COUNTY TREASURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

WAIVER OF 100% INTEREST ON LAND RATES FOR REGISTERED AND NON REGISTERED PLOTS WAIVER PERIOD: 18TH NOVEMBER 2021 – 17TH DECEMBER 2021

The County Government of Nyeri with the approval of H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga as part of the post-Covid economic recovery strategy hereby gives notice to all Land Rates defaulters that 100 % interest sums outstanding as at **18th November 2021 – 17th December 2021** will be waived on the following conditions:

That the Rate payer clears in full the total principal land rate arrears and pays 10% administrative costs based on principal amount payable.

All Land Rate defaulters are hereby **WARNED** that upon failure to pay, legal consequences will be instituted which include but not limited to:-

1. Compel Land Rates defaulters tenants to pay directly to the County Government until the Land Rates and interest are fully paid.
2. Cancel or withdraw any license/permit granted in the premises in which Land Rates have not been paid.
3. Withhold any development approval until full payment of Land rates are received for the said Land.
4. Charge the property over unpaid rates plus interest until the full amount is cleared.
5. Deny all other services offered by the county Government of Nyeri.

The County Government of Nyeri operates a Cashless Payment system of Revenue. All payments should be made through our County Revenue Collection A/C held at Cooperative Bank Nyeri Branch, Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) Nyeri Branch or Mpesa Pay Bill.

COOP BANK ACCOUNT No. 01141666594400 BANK CODE: 11000
KCB BANK ACCOUNT No: 1140760319 BANK CODE : 01
EQUITY BANK ACCOUNT NO.: 0110280843674 BANK CODE : 011
MPESA PAYBILL No. 191900

Concerned property owners should make payments upon obtaining Bills/Invoices from their respective Sub-County Revenue Offices and forward the banking slips for issuance of an official receipt within the waiver period. Kindly comply. For Mpesa payment you **MUST** indicate the Sub-County, Block and plot number as your account number (**e.g for Nyeri Town Block 1 Plot no. 2 indicates NYR 1/2**). For more information on Mpesa payment contact **Mobile No. 0714952473**

NB: Failure to present the banking slip for receipting immediately after payment will not relieve the obligation to pay late payment penalties where applicable.

Pay your rates in time for efficient service delivery and development of our County.

Thank you.

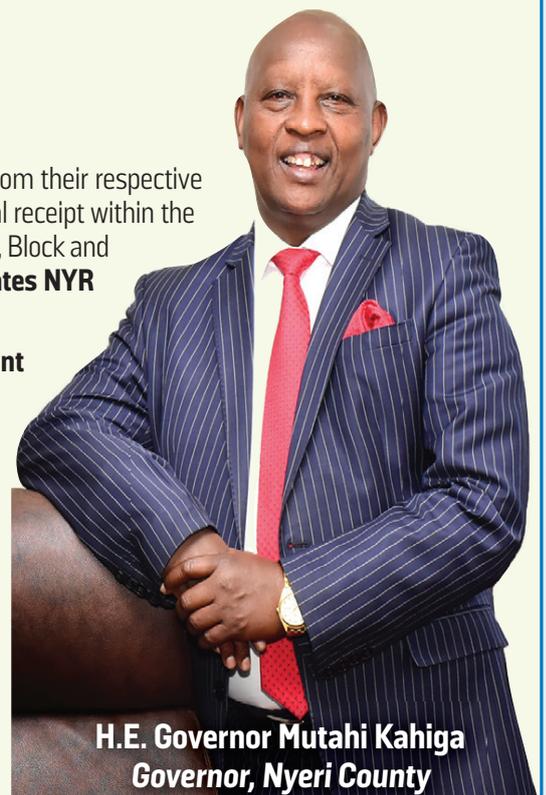
Sincerely,



Robert Thuo Mwangi

County Executive Committee Member

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING/HEAD OF COUNTY TREASURY



H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga
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