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Farming It enhances achievement of national food and nutrition security

Kieni potato farmers in seed multiplication farming



Makutano-Gaturiri Self Help Group members in Thegu River Ward, Kieni East sorting potato seeds shortly after harvesting. The seeds are commonly used for seeds multiplication.

Story & Photos | Governor's Press Unit

Agriculture forms the backbone of Kenya's economy with many urban, and most rural folks deriving their livelihoods directly or indirectly from the sector. Nyeri County boasts of a vibrant agricultural sector that serves as a main source of livelihood for over 82% of its residents. As such, the County

Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has put in place concerted efforts in a bid to make agricultural transformation a reality while achieving food security and improving nutrition.

The County Government of Nyeri in partnership with the World Bank under

the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Programme (KCSAP) has initiated a programme which has helped in diversification of the farmers' produce in commercialization.

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12 Magutu groups benefit from empowerment items

Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga continued with the distribution of empowerment items to groups in Magutu ward, Mathira East sub-county.

The items have been purchased through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services under the Nyeri County Youth, Women and PWDs Empowerment Programme.

The main goal of this programme is to incubate an assortment of income generating activities into viable economic activities for youth, women and People Living with Disability (PWDs) which will graduate into established businesses for the social economic development of the county. The governor distributed empowerment items which included tents, public address systems, car washing machines, driers & blow dryers, shaving machines to 12 local community groups which will benefit over 200 members. 17 wards across the county will benefit through this programme, while the rest of the 13 wards will be involved in the second phase.



Gaikuyu Dispensary in Magutu ward is now operational

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga together with Hon. Wanjira Wamabati opened the doors of Gaikuyu Dispensary in Magutu ward as part of the County Government of Nyeri's agenda towards supporting the health sector.

This dispensary becomes the 131st health facility under the County Government which will serve over 4,000 persons from the catchment areas of Gaikuyu/Magutu, Gikumbo, Gitunduti, Kagochi, Kiamucheru, Karatina University, Magutu Secondary Girls and Gikumbo.

The facility was previously run by the PCEA church, however, it closed in March 2015. In 2019, the County Government took over the facility and injected money towards renovation of the facility, sanitary block and gate, fencing, renovation of staff quarters, equipping of the facility, electricity and water reconnections as well as hiring of personnel.

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KCSAP is a programme that aims at increasing agricultural productivity and enhancing resilience and coping mechanisms to climate change risks in the targeted smallholder farming and pastoral communities. Further, it enhances achievement of national food and nutrition security as part of the Big Four agenda.

Through this programme, small scale farmers from Kieni East, Kieni West and Mukurwe-ini sub-counties, in the several value chains namely: Dairy Cow, Onions, Irish potatoes, Cabbages among others have continuously been receiving support to enhance their activities in a bid to improve their lives.

Governor Kahiga has continued to urge farmers to form groups so as to benefit from this programme which is notably changing the standards of living for the beneficiaries as well as improving nutrition in their households. He also lauded the KCSAP team led by the coordinator Alice Gichuki, for overseeing excellent implementation of the KCSAP programmes which has resulted in Nyeri County being ranked position one for three consecutive years.

Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries CEC James Wachihi reiterated the governor's words adding that KCSAP is one of the critical projects in the county that has positively impacted the lives of Nyeri farmers. The CEC further added that the project has helped improve productivity across value chains which is one of the departmental objectives.

One of KCSAP's initiatives commonly known as 'Kilimo Biashara', has raised the living stan-



dards, boosted food security as well as created employment of most farmers. Some of the success stories include:

Shangi potatoes, onions, carrots, cabbages commercialization

A potato farmer Rose Mugure from Kiambogo in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county has gone ahead to grow Shangi potato seeds for sale in her three-acre piece of land. Rose chose to plant commercial seeds as the demand is very high so brokers don't chip in to oppress them. After the rehabilitation of Kiria

Dam Irrigation Water Project in Gatarakwa ward, Kieni West sub-county under the KCSAP programme, James Mwangi an onion farmer noted that he doesn't have to rely on natural rain to boost his farming. As such, he is expecting to reap big soon since water is now available round the clock.

A garlic onion farmer in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county is expected to make a bumper harvest after KCSAP programme initiated Gatarakwa Water Project. The farmer is also growing other crops like Shangi potatoes and other crops in his farm. The proceeds of the farm produce have helped him educate his children, clear bills and diversify his farm by rearing Merino sheep. He also lauded KCSAP for the water project initiative which has boosted his farming activi-

ties. Another farmer Paul Wanjau from Watuka area noted that local farmers now have enough water to farm for both local consumption and sale which is a great relief for them as they don't have to rely on government for relief food.

On the other hand, Eunice Ngina who is the Chairlady of Muthonja Line Farmers Self Help Group in Kieni East Sub County was given 200 kgs of potato seeds last year noted that soon she will harvest over 1,000 kgs of potatoes for sale. Loise Muthoni who is the Chairlady of Witeithie Ngerima Self Help Group in Gakawa ward is expecting to harvest over 30 bags of potatoes after planting five bags of 50 kgs. This is from her ¾ acres of land. The two groups are affiliated to Sabeke Cooperative Society which is planning to help





in constructing a factory for value addition. The society will also help in purchasing of farm inputs in bulk and also in marketing.

Bio gas project

Cognizant of the adverse effects caused by climate change across the globe, there has been a need to incorporate renewable energy sources into our everyday activities. These kinds of energy sources

which have gained both local and global momentum not only meet the energy demand in a sustainable, reliable and affordable manner but also protect the environment. One type of this kind of energy is the biogas system, as such; it has been adopted by many people because it is a cheap and clean source of energy. Through the KCSAP programme, the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has endeavored to



protect the environment as well as transform the lives of its residents through building such innovative bio-digesters for their fuel needs.

One of the beneficiaries of the project, Miriam Wothaya who is a member of Kiagi Self Help Group in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub county thanked the County Government and the KCSAP team for the project saying it has really helped in conservation of environment. Wothaya noted that the biogas has saved them money that they previously used to purchase firewood and they don't cut down trees hence conserving the environment. The Secretary of the group James Wahome said all the 20 members benefited from the project. The biogas is used for cooking, lighting the house and heating the shower. Some are also using it for operating chaff cutters. Wahome said the members are now planning to package the

Beth Nyawira thanked the County Government for the biogas project which she has been using for two weeks and testified how good it is. As a woman, it has not only simplified household chores such as cooking but it has also saved her from the daunting task of firewood collection. Nyawira added that she has also grown some vegetables using waste product from the biogas production, which has subsequently improved the nutrition status for her family.

Service Provider – Hort Agro Solution Agencies

A service provider, Joram Kimondo from Hort Agro Solution Agencies noted that one acre of land has a capacity of producing between 3,000 to 8,000 Kgs in both Kieni East and Kieni West sub counties if all producers are



gas and sell to their neighbours. Each biogas was installed at a cost of Kshs. 72,000 after the project was funded Kshs. 1.15 million.

Ann Wanjiku also highlighted the benefits of using biogas noting that it is cheap and convenient. Within no time one is able to cook and it does not have a heightened danger of respiratory diseases since there is no smoke exhaled.

At Thegu River ward in Kieni East Sub County, the Chairman of Gatuamba Good Hope Self Help Group John Ndirangu lauded the County Government of Nyeri and the KCSAP team for installing biogas in all the homes of the 20 members. The project was funded with about Kshs. 1 million after writing a proposal.

well utilized. He noted that with the right training, use of farm inputs and extension services, an acre can even produce 10,000 Kgs per acre. The service provider said that he has trained hundreds of farmers on extension services, social and advisory services which has resulted to increment of both quality and quantity of the Irish potatoes. Kimondo also encouraged many farmers to get involved in seed bulking which is more profitable commercially.

Remarkably, KCSAP is implemented in 24 counties with Nyeri County being awarded the best in implementation of its activities; in both efficiency in implementation of project activities and sustainability measures for the last three years running.

Governor inspects dairy procesing plant at Kairuthi

Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga together with Iriaini ward MCA Hon. John Theuri inspected the ongoing construction of a processing plant at Kairuthi in Othaya. The plant is being constructed by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries.

The new plant will house the first county owned milk pasteurizer and milk cooler for Thuti Kairuthi Dairy, providing a spacious space which will provide room for expansion as well as save cost spent on rent expenses.

The machines have enhanced milk value addition for Kairuthi Dairy Farmers, who produce over 3, 000 litres of milk daily. The cooler has significantly helped in reduction of milk wastage collected from the farmers. The earnings for the small scale farmers have improved as they are now selling their milk at a premium price of Kshs. 40 per litre from the formative Kshs. 25 per litre. The new venture has also created employment opportunities for 10 people who have been hired to operate the machines.

So far, 26 milk coolers have been installed and commissioned in the last three years by the County Government of Nyeri.



Governor meets Mukurweini CHVs

Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga met with Community Health Volunteers from Mukurweini sub-county at Gathukimundu Primary School grounds in Mukurweini Central ward.

Community health volunteers is a network of individuals that play an important role of focusing on health education, creating health awareness, early detection and management of lifestyle diseases for the vulnerable people at the household level.

Governor Kahiga lauded them for their commitment and resilience in promoting health services within the communities across Nyeri County.

Courtesy of the County Government through the Department of Health Services, each CHV received medical kits and merchandise to enable them serve the community better. Further, the County Government is in the process of enacting the Nyeri Community Health Services Bill into the law; a bill that will ensure the CHVs have access to their rights and are protected by the law. We endeavor to improve their working conditions as we continuously realize community health goal that states 'Afya Yetu, Jukumu Letu' through capacity building forums that the County Government has enrolled them in.

Nyeri County Assembly Speaker Hon. John Kaguchia pledged his commitment to continue lobbying for the bill which will help improve the working terms for the CHVs.



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Supporting the youth acquire knowledge & skills

Story - Joseph Wambugu | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga together with Iria-ini MCA Hon. John Theuri commissioned a workshop at Othaya Vocational Training Centre.

The County Government of Nyeri has constructed a workshop to support students undertaking Food Processing. And in a bid to support students pursuing Plumbing, a groundbreaking ceremony for a new workshop was held.

This institution serves as an innovation and education centre for the local youth.

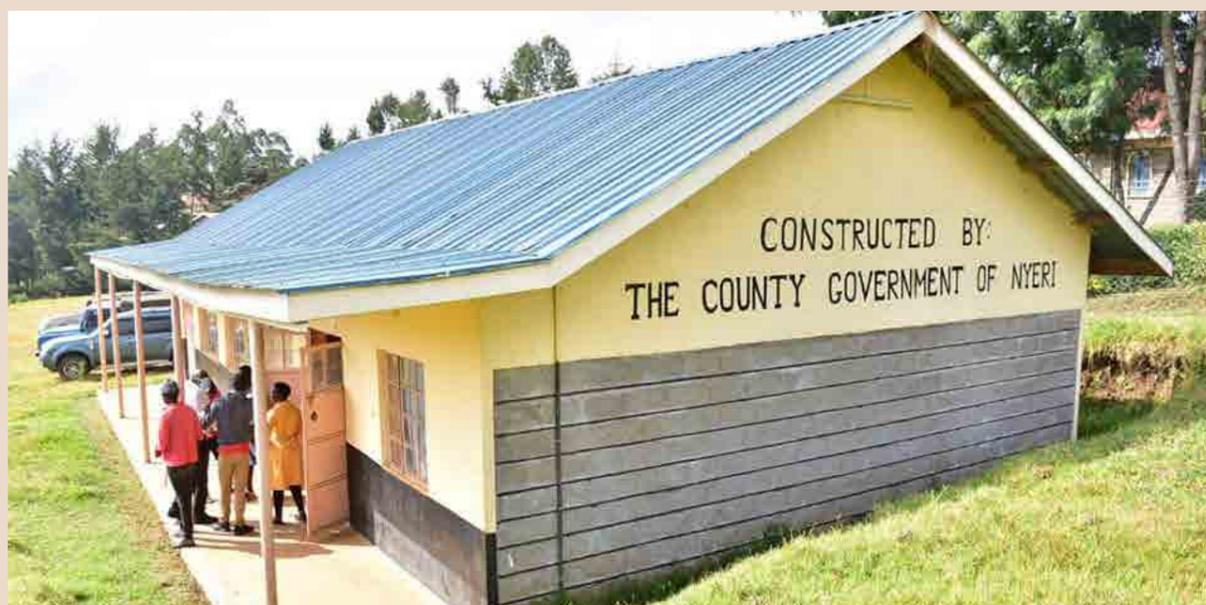
Othaya VTC has been supported by the County Government of Nyeri to a tune of Kshs. 15 Million and therefore continues to impact the youth with the relevant technical skills which will give them a competitive advantage in the job market.

Furthermore, this institution helps to curb unemployment as those who gain meaningful skills will be self employed and also create job opportunities for others in their businesses.



Kabebero VTC workshop commissioned

Story - Joseph Wambugu | Photo - Kennedy Karanja



The County Government of Nyeri led by Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga continues to forge key partnerships which have seen various sectors in the County benefit.

The Governor accompanied by Iria-ini MCA Hon. John Theuri commissioned a workshop at Kabebero Vocational Training Centre, Othaya.

The workshop will support hairdressing and beauty therapy students. The Centre also offers Electrical Installation & Electronics & ICT courses. The Department of Education also equipped and fenced the institution.

Governor Kahiga encouraged the youth to take up more technical courses as they are quite marketable and to apply for the bursary funds, provided by the County Government, which supports learners from vulnerable homes.

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KCSAP VALUE CHAINS

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI UNDER H.E GOVERNOR MUTAHI KAHIGA, HAS REMAINED COMMITTED TO CONTINUOUSLY MAKE AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION A REALITY.

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Governor presides over innovation and certificates awards ceremony

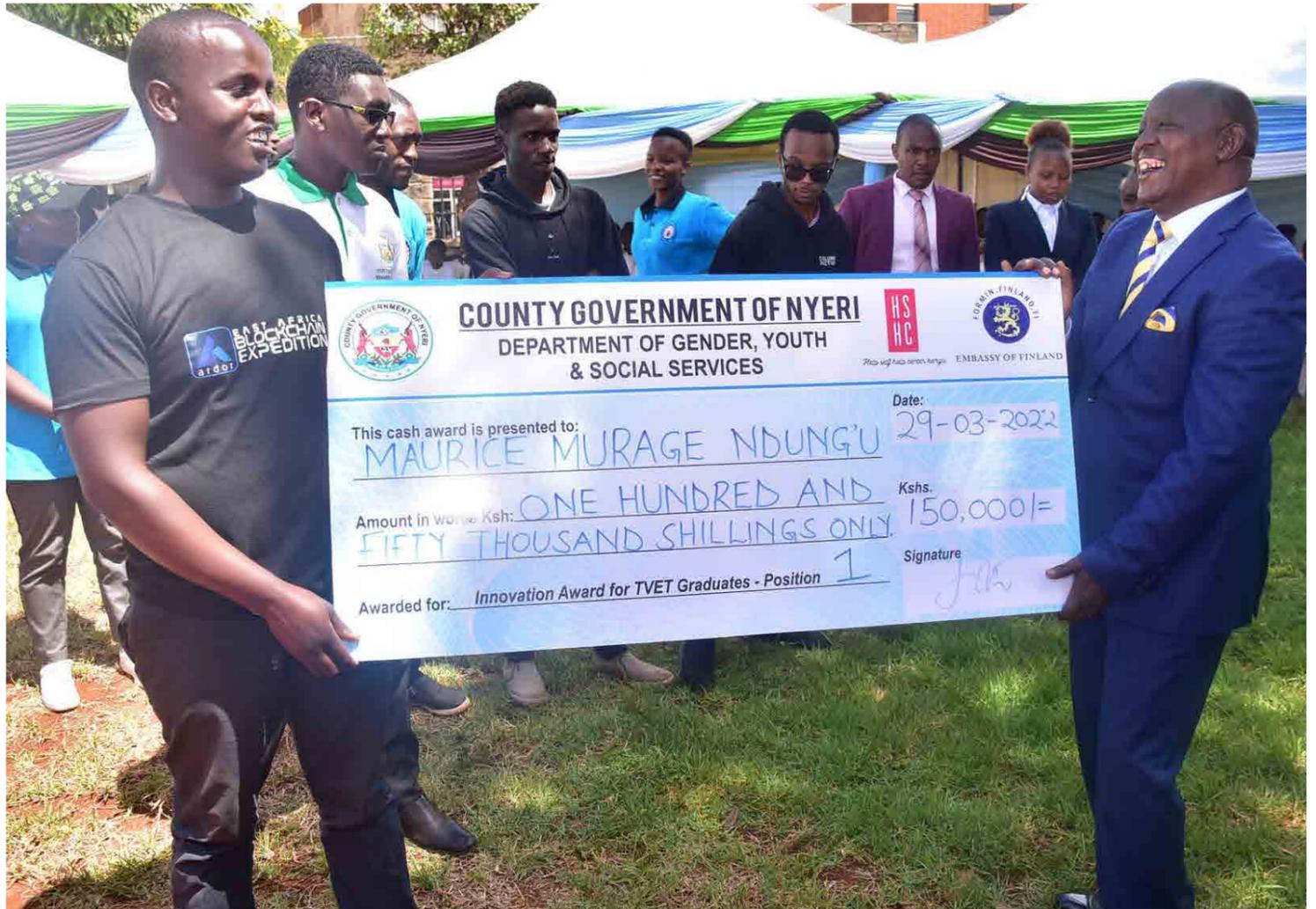
Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga presided over the Innovation Awards for TVET graduates ceremony and certificates awards for employability soft skills training under the theme Improving Employability Skills for TVET Graduates at Town Hall Grounds, Nyeri. Governor Kahiga remarked that he is cognizant of the fact that TVET institutions play a critical role in churning out hands-on skills that are needed in all sub sectors of the economy; as such, they are the key drivers for social economic transformation. On the other hand, employability skills have been proven excellent in developing youth to become productive citizens as these skills are critical to the youth as they enter the workforce or start their own businesses.

In this regard, the Governor thanked Help Self Help Centre through the Embassy of Finland for the employability soft skills training to 250 graduates throughout the Nyeri's 39 VTCs on the areas of critical and creative thinking, communication, problem solving, leadership skills, resume writing and job search among others. He emphasized that the initiative played an integral part in equipping Nyeri youth with the much needed employability skills as well as encouraged the innovativeness of TVET students and graduates through the competitive call for innovation.

He also congratulated the 20 innovators who showcased their talents emphasizing on the need for people to keep abreast and adopt technical innovations that improve efficiency, in order to remain competitive in the global markets. The innovation award provided opportunities for TVET institutions students and graduates to showcase their innovation out of which six best were awarded cash awards. The winners were James Njuguna of Mathenge TTI, Adrian Baaru and Isaack Miano of Mung'aria VTC, Raphael Mwai of Karundu VTC, Simon Rukwaro and Mourice Ndung'u of Nyeri National Polytechnic.

The County Government of Nyeri has formulated and implemented policies in various sectors in support of youth empowerment in-



cluding:

- Ensuring that 30% of government procurement is set aside for Youth, Women and PWD
- Annual internship programme which has benefitted over 800 youths
- The ward specific youth empowerment programmes, geared to-

wards empowering youth, women and PWD groups with business development merchandise as a source of earning their livelihoods

- Public-private partnerships which have resulted to vital programmes that have benefitted Nyeri youth including Kuza Kazi in collaboration with CocaCola Limited, USAID on Kenya Youth

Employment and Skills

- In support of Nyeri youth with businesses, the County Government provides them with the Enterprise Development Fund, loan which is payable in flexible timelines and with an interest rates of only 5%.

Governor distributes items for youth, women and PWDs empowerment



Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga together with Hon. John Theuri distributed empowerment items to 16 youth, women and PWDs groups in Iriaini ward, Othaya sub-county.

The items have been purchased through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services under the Nyeri County Youth, Women and PWDs Empowerment Programme. This programme was first piloted in this ward and has since been expanded to 16 wards in the first phase. 13 wards will be involved in the second phase.

The main goal of this programme is to incubate an assortment of income generating activities into viable economic

activities for youth, women and People Living with Disability (PWDs) which will graduate into established businesses for the social economic development of the county.

The governor distributed tents, chairs, laundry machine, sufurias, developer mixers, 10 litre tea-urns, printer, photocopier, drier and blow drier to the benefiting groups.

The Governor also distributed ECDE learning materials as well as balls and uniform kits to football and volleyball teams including Kihuri, Ruruguti, Thunguri, Gitundu, Osuta, Green Santos, Western, Kairuthi, Gathumbi, Waihara, Kaberero and Jumbo teams.



In support of Othaya CHVs

Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

The County Government of Nyeri led by H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga continues to celebrate all its Community Health Workers for the noble role they play in promoting health care at the household level. At Othaya Teachers College grounds in Iriaini ward, Governor Kahiga commended CHVs from Othaya for their dedication in providing services to their assigned community health units through screening, early detection and management of lifestyle diseases which is a huge burden especially in Nyeri where the prevalence is higher. He also applauded their efforts particularly during this Covid-19 pandemic era. Each CHV received medical kits and merchandise to enable them serve the community better in realization of the community health goal Afya Yetu, Jukumu Letu. Further, the County Government is in the process of enacting the Nyeri Community Health Services Bill into the law that will ensure the CHVs have access to their rights and are protected by the law.



Consultative meeting with Gatitu - Muruguru opinion leaders

Story - Joseph Wambugu

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga held a consultative meeting with over 300 opinion leaders from Gatitu - Muruguru ward, Nyeri Central sub-county. The leaders lauded the work which has been initiated by the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of the Governor.

The ward has been transformed after improvement of roads, water projects, markets, street lighting etc. Governor Kahiga pledged his commitment to continue initiating developments in the ward.

Official opening of Gatiko dispensary in Kirimukuyu

Story - Carol Nderi | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

It was a joyous moment for the residents of Kirimukuyu and its environs in Mathira West sub-county as they witnessed the official opening of Gatiko Dispensary, an expansive facility that will serve a catchment of 5,000 people.

This is a project that had stalled for more than a decade until the County Government of Nyeri swooped in and saw to it that the dispensary's construction was completed. The area MCA Hon. Muriithi Ndagita worked in conjunction with the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga to realize the dream of providing a health facility to the residents of this area and beyond. The initial CDF kitty also aided in the project at the initial stages; more than a decade ago. The community also assisted in the progression of the facility.

Gatiko dispensary now becomes the 130th health facility in Nyeri County. There are now 125 Rural Health Facilities and 5 hospitals;



1 Level 5 and four Level 4s. Plans are underway to set up a laboratory and upgrade the maternity wing and in time, Gatiko Dispensary will be upgraded to a health

center. In line with Nyeri County's vision; A wealthy county with happy, healthy and secure people, Governor Kahiga's led administration is

committed to enhancing this for the welfare and improvement of livelihoods.

Kamukunji market officials meet governor



H.E Mutahi Kahiga met with Kamukunji Hawkers Market Management Committee members who had paid a courtesy call to his office.

The County Government of Nyeri is committed to creating conducive business environment for traders in the county, where their businesses can grow and thrive.

The officials led by Chairman Bernard Wairagu lauded the leadership of Governor Kahiga for his concerted efforts towards improving business activities in the county.

Nyena Sacco AGM



Story - Carol Nderi | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Cooperative societies are at the epicenter of the socio-economic transformation agenda. SACCOS are key drivers of economic progression and play a key role in empowering livelihoods.

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was pleased to join the fraternity of Nyena Sacco for their Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is an entity that has been in existence since 1973 and remains an important player in the transport industry. Since the inception of a capacity building

program by the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Trade, Tourism & Cooperatives to support the management of saccos, CGN has been able to train over 900 cooperative leaders and staff and plans are underway to incorporate more so as to aid them in good governance and productivity. Government plays a facilitative role to provide a conducive environment and my government is committed to continue providing an enabling environment.



Rite of passage 14 of the boys are part of the street children

Rite of passage for 26 boys

The County Government under the able leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services fully supported and sponsored 26 boys from vulnerable homes and former street families undergo the rite of passage for two weeks at Kamoko Health Centre in Othaya sub-county.

14 of the boys are part of the street children who were rescued from the streets by Governor Kahiga in 2020 at the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and relocated to Thunguma Children and Rehabilitation Centre.

Thunguma Children's home has been running since the year 2006 as a home for street families. It is well equipped with accommodation facilities, catering facilities, a health unit and enough space.

During the 2 weeks, they were capacity build on Self Awareness, Effects of Drugs and substance abuse, HIV and Aids, personal Hygiene, Countering Violent Extremism, Gender Based violence, the Kikuyu Culture and Heritage among others.

Capacity building for co-operative societies in the county

The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga through the Department of Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives Development has organized a 12 days co-operative leaders' capacity building program at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology.

This is an annual program initiated in the year 2019 aimed at promoting good governance in cooperatives. The training is fully funded by the County Government of Nyeri and implemented by Dedan Kimathi University of Technology.

The trainees are categorised in to 6 sectoral groups as follows:

Coffee cooperatives, Dairy cooperatives, Transport Saccos, Rural Saccos, Urban Saccos, Investment/Housing cooperatives.

Each sectoral group will be trained

for two days.

The training kicked off on Monday 21st March, 2022 and ended on 5th April, 2022. So far, Coffee and Dairy cooperatives have completed the training.

While officially opening today's session for the Transport Saccos, CECM Department of Trade, Tourism and Co-operative Development, Diana Kendi Tarichia urged the participants to take advantage of the program to improve their leadership skills for the benefit of their membership. She emphasized the importance of building resilient cooperative businesses that are indeed the backbone of the Nyeri economy. She further re-affirmed the County government's commitment towards supporting the cooperatives' movement socio-economic growth.

Nyeri key areas of partnership & milestones on forest restoration

Story - Joseph Wambugu

The County Government of Nyeri understands the importance of forests bringing back to life the barren and degraded areas- what forest and landscape restoration is all about. CGN under the stewardship of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga understands the importance of these forests in supporting its other sectors such as water, agriculture, energy among others and re-establishment and existence of boundary markers plays in dealing with the challenges affecting forestry sustainable management and other measures to protect and conserve the resources.

The Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment & Climate Change know what this means as a climate change mitigation measure and a means of restoring biodiversity and revitalizing local communities and their daily land activities, noting that agriculture is the backbone of Nyeri's economy.

It is for this reason that the Department has initiated:

- **Development of Forest Policy and Bill:** Under the auspices of our development partners UNDP, who facilitated the process of development of the bill, stakeholder engagement and validation, the county Government has now the County Forest Management and conservation Act 2021 which is guiding community and farm forestry.

- **Actualization of MoUs:** The county government has partnered with KEFRI who have adopted a section of Karima Forest, in which it seeks to rehabilitate by planting indigenous tree seedlings.

- **During this calendar year in partnership with Ministry of Education, KEFRI among others, 5,000,000 tree seedlings will be raised and planted in Nyeri County in an effort to increase the national tree cover to 10%.**

The Current programmes promoting Forest & Land Restoration include;

- **The Wangari Maathai 10 Million Tree Challenge:** The program targets raising 4,000,000 seedlings in 235 secondary schools in Nyeri; 5,000,000 to be raised by KFS and 1,000,000 by the Water Service providers. It will also enable the county to achieve a target of 42% tree cover as stipulated in the CIDP (2018-2022) from 38.3%.

- **The program is envisioned to be a great milestone for the county in enhancement of climate change adaptation and mitigation.**

- **Training of near forest communities:** Nyeri County in this year's budget is set to train members of communities living close to the county forests and help them come up with Community Forest Associations.

- **Issuance of an additional 12 improved cooking stoves to learning institutions:** This is in a bid to reduce the volume of wood fuel used and eventually reduction in tree cover loss.

- **County greening programme:** The programme looks forward to distribute fruit tree seedlings for on farm forestry and also bamboo for riparian conservation.

Water CEC Fredrick Kinyua who represented Governor Kahiga noted that Past Interventions by the County Government to promote FLR include School Greening and County Greening programme which saw over 100, 000 seedlings of Indigenous, exotic and fruits distributed in public institutions, restoration of riparian areas.

Kienjero Solar Powered borehole commissioned

Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga together with MCA Hon. Joseph Ndiritu commissioned Kienjero solar powered borehole in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county.

The borehole, constructed through the Department of Water, Environment, Irrigation & Climate Change is one of the 46 boreholes drilled in the county. Kienjero borehole has a water discharge capacity of up to 41,400 litres per hour and is installed with solar energy to pump the water as it is renewable with zero energy bills. The County Government has constructed the boreholes in a bid to increase water supply from 65% three years ago to 80% by 2022 in rural areas and from 80% to 90 % in urban areas.

Out of the 46 boreholes, 29 have been done fully by the county



government while 17 have been done in partnership with International Fund for Agricultural

Development (IFAD) and Tana Water Works Development Agency (TWWDA). 42 boreholes are

in Kieni East and Kieni West sub-counties while four are in Mathira East sub-county.

More Nyeri health facilities receive medical supplies



Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The County Government of Nyeri has been replenishing pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals supplies across all the county health facilities.

Drugs have been restocked in Muruguru dispensary in Nyeri Central sub county, Thageini and Aguthi dispensaries in Tetu sub county, Kiamabara Health Centre in Mathira West sub county, Karindundu dispensary in Mathira East sub-county and Tambaya dispensary in Mukurwe-ini sub-county.

Some of the essential drugs being distributed include antibiotics, painkillers, antihypertensives and ant-diabetics.

Some of the non-pharms procured include gloves, syringes, bandages and bin liners. This noble exercise is ongoing aiming to reach all health facilities across the County.

Mutitu B Masonry water tank project commissioned

Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga commissioned Mutitu B masonry water project in Kiambogo, Mugunda ward in Kieni West sub-county.

The 225m³ capacity water tank will benefit over 500 area residents with water for domestic and irrigation purposes boosting farm production and subsequently improving their lives through more earnings.

Mutitu B masonry water tank has been constructed through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries under the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KSCAP) in the sub-project category.

In the next financial year, funds will be allocated to purchase water pipes which will

ensure all beneficiaries are connected with water at the homestead level.

KCSAP is a programme which aims at increasing agricultural productivity and building resilience to climate change risk in the targeted smallholders farming and pastoral communities in Kenya, and in event of an eligible crisis or emergency to provide immediate and effective response.

Other projects in the ward include Biricha Dam Water Project, micro project funding to farmers groups in the value chains of Dairy Cow, Indigenous chicken, Irish potato value chain, beans value chain and natural resource management.

