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Governor Kahiga: My plans for the next five years

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Nyeri County has immense potential for growth, modernization, and prosperity. The growth that will not leave anyone behind; the modernization that secures our future for generations to come; and the prosperity that we can all share and enjoy as we walk together in the development path.

Thank you for the opportunity you have accorded us to serve you for the next five years. Here are some of the highlights in our manifesto for the year 2022 - 2027 which is aimed at immensely transforming the lives of the people of our great county ; Nyeri.

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HOW GOVERNOR KAHIGA WAS RE-ELECTED PER CONSTITUENCY



| CONSTITUENCY | VOTES | % |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| KIENI | 53, 653 | 71.83% |
| MATHIRA | 48, 637 | 66.56% |
| NYERI TOWN | 36, 392 | 65.09% |
| OTHAYA | 25, 939 | 58.88% |
| TETU | 24, 875 | 65.44% |
| MUKURWE-INI | 23, 877 | 59.78% |

TOTAL 213, 373 65.52%

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One home, one biogas project

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Scorecard
My four year score-card

Agriculture

Nyeri County is predominately agriculture-based, comprising of more than 50% of its population being small-scale farmers. Agriculture is the back bone of our economy hence needs to be revitalized to ensure we are food secure and have surplus for value addition, in support of Agribusiness. We shall reorganize our priorities and allocate 10% of the total County budget to the agricultural sector in the next five years. This will strengthen and organize the value

chains to promote high-quality produce and aggregation for easy access to markets.

We plan to transform agricultural productivity to ensure that Nyeri County becomes food secure. This will be achieved by reducing reliance on rain-fed agriculture through highly mechanized irrigation such as drip irrigation, providing input support to farmers, adding value to our products, and expand markets locally, regionally, and internationally.

We will change our approach in order to commercialize agriculture through improved new value chains in terms of production, value addition, and agro-processing for increased income. These value chains include; dairy, coffee, tea, Irish potatoes, indigenous poultry amongst others.

Health Care

I want to commit to you that Health Care will never again be used as a campaign agenda in this county. We have made significant investments in our health system in Nyeri to an extent that about 40% of our hospital traffic is from people from our neighbouring counties.

We shall build on the foundations that we have laid of a strong referral system that stems from the Dispensary to Level Six.

We are on course to operationalize Naromoru Level 4 Hospital to serve a large catchment from Kieni and reduce traffic to Nyeri Referral Hospital. We are cognizant of the fact that Kieni West requires a level 4 hospital at Kiawara and we also plan to set up a specialized eye hospital in Tetu. We shall work hard to realize this dream

together.

Health Services Fund

We have already formed the Health Services Fund that was in its formative stages during our first term. Its impact is already being felt within our health system. This fund will grow to bridge the gaps that caused delays in the procurement of essential life saving drugs and non-pharmaceuticals. To promote effective and efficient Universal Health Care services, my government will implement preventive and promotive health services to mitigate against the spread of both communicable and non-communicable diseases.

We will invest more in cancer treatment to reduce the burden on its treatment, by investing in highly specialized equipment to offer oncology services, ICU, and renal services in the county referral hospital.

My government will similarly ensure equity to access all health care services through stakeholders' engagement in civic education and public participatory forums that will ensure all the county citizens register for the National Health Insurance Fund.

To ensure transparency in the utilization of health facilities and reduce leakages in revenue collection, we shall establish ICT infrastructure to primary healthcare facilities. This will ensure accountability in the operationalization of the Health Fund.

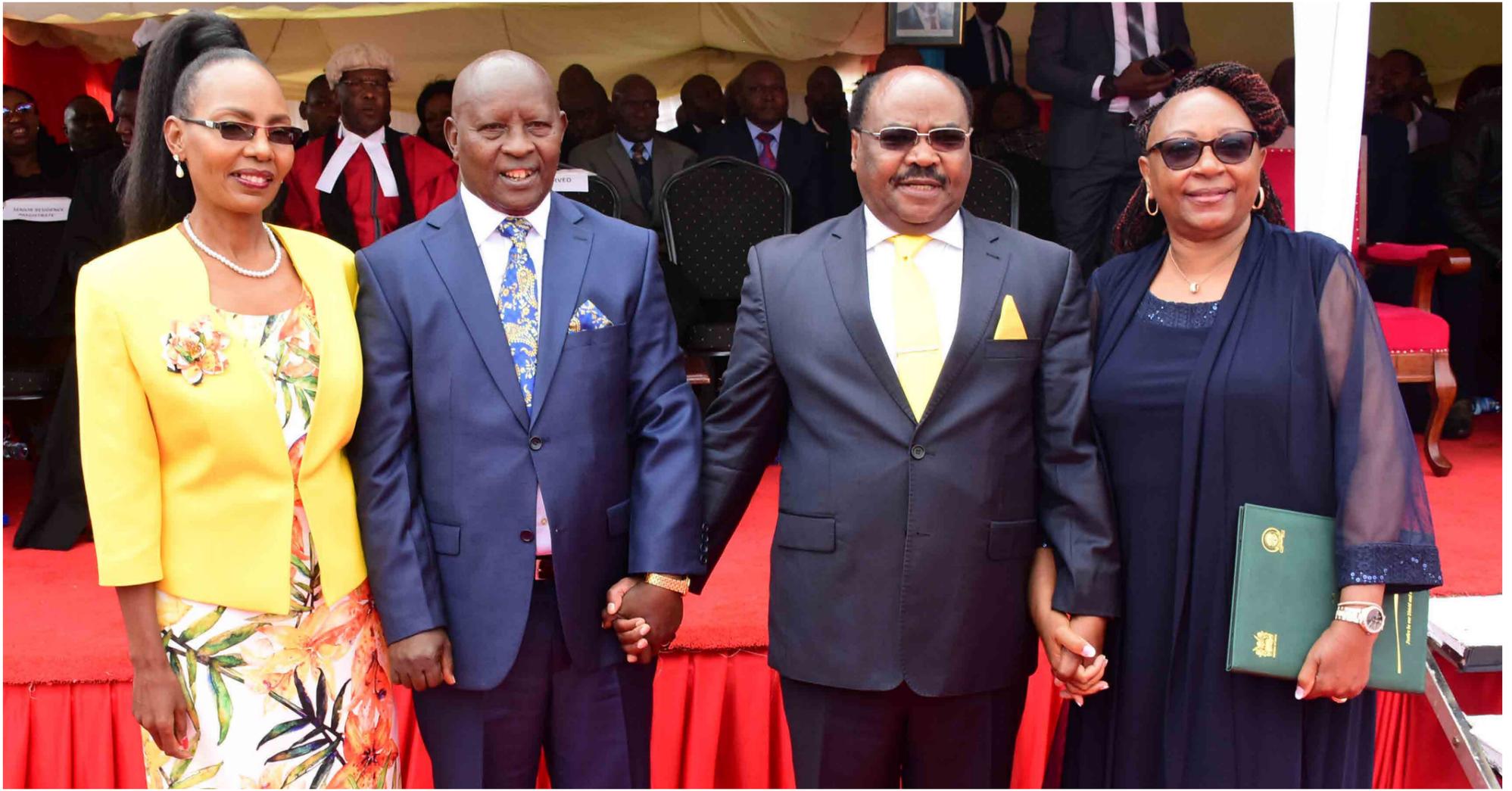
Health Management Information Systems (HMIS)

Similarly, we will establish Health Management Information Systems (HMIS) to strengthen data collection as a one-stop-shop service, analyzing data in real time related to vaccines, drugs stock and restocking of pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceutical products. We are also aware that with the incoming national administration, we will slay the behemoth called KEMSA that bedeviled the health sector to allow counties to manage the health sector without bottlenecks from the center. Our new focus will be to implement preventive and promotive health services to mitigate against the spread of both communicable and non-communicable diseases, and implement a "best practice" plan for quality improvement and patient safety.

Economic Transformation Pillar

On the Economic Transformation Pillar, we pledge to transform Nyeri County to a resilient, middle income and investor-friendly county. We shall achieve this by engaging the public in the county budget process and in developing an Economic Development Blue Print at the ward level namely; 'Ward Focus for Accelerated Development'. The blueprint will consider the comparative advantage as well as the competitive advantages of every ward and sub-county to generate programs addressing the value chains.





FROM LEFT: First Lady Carol Mutahi, H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri and Second Lady Margaret Mwangi after they took the Oath of Office at Asian Quarters Bus Park. **BELOW:** Governor Kahiga is demonstrated to the workings of one of the state-of-art machines procured for making leather products at Rukira VTC in Mahiga ward, Othaya.

Youth and Cottage Industries

To create employment opportunities for the youth and cottage industries, we will increase the Enterprise Development Funds (EDF) lending from Kshs. 55 million to Kshs. 500 million at an interest of 5% by 2027. The EDF lending is projected to have a ripple effect that will create

job opportunities for more than 100,000 people at the same time we shall review its efficacy and increase its availability to lower income groups. We shall work in tandem with the UDA manifesto to empower our population from the bottom up.



Water Sector

Towards this end, we plan to increase and expand water connectivity from 65% to 90% for rural and from 70% to 98% in urban areas. This, we shall achieve by completing the 20-large-scale dam construction program, support small-holder agricultural drip irrigation, and work with the private sector to enhance commercial agricultural production on at least 100,000 hectares. We will rehabilitate 30 dams and 100 water pans to increase water supply for irrigation, power generation, and increase acreage under irrigation to 20,000 Ha from the current 5,000 Ha. This will benefit over 80,000 families through irrigation, consequently, increasing food production to sustain the people in the county. We shall also provide and distribute certified seeds to farmers to boost agricultural production with the aim of making Nyeri a food basket.

Sewer Master Plan

We will develop a Sewer Master plan that will map the connection of all urban towns in the 8 sub-counties in Chaka, Naromoru, Mweiga, Kiamariga, Kiawara, Giakanja, Riamukurwe, and Gatitu. To exploit our water comparative advantage, and in partnerships with stakeholders in the water sector, we will establish water bottling plants for sale regionally and internationally. The rip-

ple effect of this project will create formally and informally over 200,000 jobs due to the related value chains.

Forest Cover

We will create new jobs in the carbon trade by harnessing forest cover from the current 38% to 42% by planting 50 million trees, establishing community Forest Associations for all the 12 County forests, and establishing green parks spaces in major towns. To mitigate the effects of climate change our focus will be to partner with Kenya Forest Services to adopt and reforest the large sections of the Aberdare Forest that suffered great destruction causing our rivers to dry up, affecting our farming activities downstream.

Cooperative Sector

These value chains include; Dairy, coffee, tea, Irish potatoes, indigenous poultry amongst others. We plan to increase our investment in the cooperative sector to enable the cooperatives access the market through value addition. We experienced a great return on investment during my first term when we disbursed Ksh. 64.5 million to support cooperatives like Wakulima Dairy, Kieni Dairy Product Ltd, Sabeke Co-operative, Nyeri South Banana, Mukeni Poultry, and Mwikuria Grains Cooperative Societies which have grown to mature institutions with good management to cement our legacy as the County with the best run cooperatives. I have been a cooperator and will always protect cooperatives which I believe are efficient vehicles for building and enhancing our economy.

Technology

On Technology, Nyeri is shaping up to become the Business Process Outsourcing capital of Kenya. Our collaboration with the institutions of higher learning continues to give us an edge in creating high paying jobs in technology and puts Nyeri on the world map.

ECDE sector

We will further introduce a Free School Milk program for every ECDE child twice a week to improve their nutrition, construct 50 CBC model classrooms, 100 ablution blocks, and improve on existing sanitary facilities.

Title deeds

In order to secure our people and increase access to capital we commit to issue out title deeds to all colonial villages in Nyeri County by 2027. This includes individual holdings, churches, schools, other public institutions, and digitization of lands records. This will give people the freedom to organize their lives with a sense of permanence and they will be free to use their property to access credit and grow their businesses.

Public Service

We will create and sustain a highly motivated and responsive Public Service that ad-

heres strictly to the laid down rules and regulations. We will always uphold the rule of law and promote equality in service delivery and sharing of resources. We will continue to invest in training and capacity building of the County Staff to equip them with skills and competence for effective service delivery. We plan to set up Community Information and Service Delivery Centres at the Sub-County, Ward and Village levels in order to bring services even closer to the people. We have further forged a working partnership with the County Assembly of Nyeri as the elected representatives of the people at the grassroots level. We shall foster this relationship and maintain peace and harmony in order to deliver services to the people who elected us together.

County Spatial Plan

We shall operationalize the robust County spatial plan that will guide in the mapping of all county projects and programs for the next 10 years. The Local Physical and Land Use Development Plans will guide human settlements through the provision of social and physical infrastructure. This will be the basis on which we shall process title deeds and development applications that comprise building plans, subdivisions, amalgamations, change/extension of use, and renewal/extension of leases. We shall implement and maintain the legal requirements to maintain an updated valuation roll to keep our towns competitive and attractive to investors.



H.E Mutahi Kahiga (Right) and H.E David Kinaniri displaying their Certificates of Inauguration after they were sworn in as the 4th Governor and Deputy Governor of Nyeri County respectively.



CLOCKWISE: The new face of Kiandu Vocational Training Centre in Wamagana ward, Tetu sub-county., Nyeri County Firemen stand guard during a parade and some of the leather shoes being produced at Rukira VTC in Othaya.

Empowering the youth through Vocational Training Centers

About 40% of our county comprises of the youth. To empower them, we will strengthen and increase the vocational training centers for the provision of relevant skills training and development, support the youth in identifying and nurturing talents, train and empower 250 youth in VTC with employability soft skills annually and train 100 youth in AGPO annually. We have set up a leather Industry in Othaya Rukira VTC that

has the capacity of making 900 shoes per day of 20 people per shift working three shifts per day. This, we shall replicate to make every sub county have a cottage industry to their name. We shall make sure this Nyeri shoe will be worn by all our children as they join nursery schools and form one. All our bursary recipients will adorn the Nyeri shoe proudly as we move our county to the next face of industrialization.

People Abled differently

For the people living with disability, we will purchase assistive devices, provide relief support to vulnerable homes with food and non-food items, and medical

cover for vulnerable persons. We will continue to restore the dignity to a vulnerable group of girls and women by providing dignity kits, constructing and equipping a safe house for sexual and gender-based violence survivors.

Disaster Management

We will purchase five new firefighting engines and emergency rescue vehicles to reduce the distances of firefighting services across the county. We shall recruit more trained disaster management officers and at the same time sensitize the community on disaster prevention and mitigation measures.



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